

Iz glavnega urada JSKJ

From the Supreme Office of SSCU

Imena kandidatov— Names of Candidates

Za mladinsko konvencijo:	Za atletično konferenco:	86	\$0.31	20.00	126	50.49	52	.30	41 Frank Kaplar	35.00	36 Frank Zupanec	15.00		
For Juvenile Convention:	For Athletic Conference:	88		105.00	127	47.56	54	9.00	64 Peter Butala	18.00	36 John Tominc	35.00		
	Okrat — 1 — District	90		62.30	92.00	128	101.67	57	14.25	72 Marko Miskulin	50.00	36 Jernie Lindic	21.00	
Se nobeden.	Se nobeden.	92			56.00	129	128.20	61	5.25	75 Matija Lesjak	21.00	36 Martin Jagar	16.00	
None as yet.	None as yet.	94				1,035.00	132	349.05	66	57.30	114 Mary Evanschek	20.00	36 Mike Derjani	19.00
Se nobeden.	Se nobeden.	96				116.00	133	172.09	69	.60	116 Mary Fisher	20.00	36 Apolija Prosen	21.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	103				159.00	134	74.96	70	9.90	190 Mary Benich	27.00	36 Albert Widmar	15.00
Francis Arch (26)	Francis Sneler (26)	105				53.00	135	13.00	71	19.05	200 Joseph Matetz, Sr.	31.00	36 John Tomec	30.00
Isabella Arch (26)	Joseph W. Maticich (26)	106				74.50	137	205.52	75	6.15	200 Agatha Urbas	20.00	37 Alojzijus Bajt	9.00
Robert Jurgec (26)		107				9.00	138	118.33	76	3.70	200 Frank Srsen, Sr.	30.00	37 Ignacij Plahutnik	40.00
Albin Sever (26)		111		155.71		1,006.33	139	38.81	79	.30	202 Mary Gilmartin	44.00	37 Martin Gregoric	38.00
Se nobeden.	Se nobeden.	114				140		114.64	81	1.80	202 Mary Gilmartin	65.00	37 Alois J. Pirc	35.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	116				63.00	141	128.56	82	4.80	231 Anna Progar, Beneficiary	12.00	37 Frank Mirtic	35.00
Okrat — 2 — District	Se nobeden.	118				167.00	142	42.16	83	3.45			37 Mary Strah	44.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	119				39.00	143	37.24	84	21.90	2 Joseph Perme	23.00	37 Mary Kriev	62.00
Okrat — 3 — District	Se nobeden.	120				312.53	145	236.10	86	1.35	2 Johana Maticich	7.00	37 Frank Ivancic	71.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	121				39.30	146	30.00	87	7.35	2 Anton Seme	19.00	37 Anton Muzic	35.00
Okrat — 4 — District	Se nobeden.	122				80.27	148	29.95	88	12.90	2 Mary Zbushnik	37.00	37 Bozena Piszelzeit	33.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	123				56.41	149	69.08	92	6.75	2 Joe Glinshek	22.00	41 Frank Lekan	65.00
Okrat — 5 — District	Se nobeden.	124				63.50	151	239.19	94	18.30	2 Mary A. Bachar	26.00	41 Frank Lekan	34.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	125				107.00	152	35.34	99	6.75	2 Elizabeth Musich	20.00	42 Alojzija Baudek	19.00
Okrat — 6 — District	Se nobeden.	126				21.00	153	16.47	101	1.05	2 Julia Pervoshek	15.00	42 John Vidic	20.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	127				75.00	154	89.13	103	3.15	12 Mary Eutkovich	30.50	42 Felix Perko	20.00
Louis Kuznik (138)	Rudolph Kuznik (138)	128						106		2.25	12 Frank Frankovich	30.00	54 Caroline Kern	35.00
Victor Scartoz (138)		129						107		1.50	21 Anton Marinsek	22.00	66 Joseph Rozich	26.00
Okrat — 7 — District	Se nobeden.	130				68.87	155	66.33	108	4.60	21 Frank Kocjan	20.00	66 Edward Witczak	17.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	131				126.30	156	32.76	110	2.85	21 Frank Kocjan	65.00	71 Anton Lavric	10.00
Okrat — 8 — District	Se nobeden.	132				405.00	159	60.87	112	2.55	21 Kate Mrse	52.00	71 Louis Blatnik	14.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	133				107.00	160	60.79	114	6.45	21 Jakob Jelnikar	44.00	71 Louis Blatnik	65.00
Okrat — 9 — District	Se nobeden.	134				217.00	162	178.26	116	7.10	21 Frank Tanko	27.00	71 Terezija Bals	24.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	135				48.00	164	49.36	117	2.25	21 Frank Tanko	18.00	71 Terezija Bals	65.00
Okrat — 10 — District	Se nobeden.	136				53.26	165	14.64	118	3.55	25 Matt Kozar	14.50	71 Charles Jevnikar	34.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	137				114.69	166	22.00	119	1.50	25 Matt Kozar	27.00	71 Anton Mikus	23.00
Okrat — 11 — District	Se nobeden.	138				33.03	168	113.38	120	1.50	25 Matt Kozar	12.00	71 Anton Mikus	65.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	139				79.50	170	67.06	124	10.35	25 Martin Skerjanc	20.00	71 Anton Mikus	65.00
Okrat — 12 — District	Se nobeden.	140				35.00	172	52.33	125	2.40	25 Anton Skerjanc	19.50	71 Anton Mikus	15.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	141				74.00	175	80.95	126	3.00	33 Jernej Albreht	33.00	71 Frank Vigel	15.00
Okrat — 13 — District	Se nobeden.	142				53.26	176	143.66	127	1.80	53 Paul Osredkar	33.00	71 Anton Kristof	15.50
None as yet.	None as yet.	143				14.00	179	19.81	128	1.80	53 Jacob Gabrovec	16.00	92 Mary F. Shetina	7.00
Okrat — 14 — District	Se nobeden.	144				36.88	180	158.85	129	4.80	57 Jacob Bele	12.00	92 John Brozman	39.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	145				32.76	182	74.79	130	21.30	57 Vincent Paschich	18.00	92 John Brozman	17.00
Okrat — 15 — District	Se nobeden.	146				14.82	183	68.49	131	5.55	57 Jennie Bitens	35.00	92 Joseph Matjas	55.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	147				30.00	184	228.26	132	6.00	88 Francis Gillen	5.00	99 Anton Margole	21.00
Okrat — 16 — District	Se nobeden.	148				46.00	185	146.37	133	1.80	94 Karol Kozlevar	35.00	99 Frank M. Dolence	17.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	149				37.00	186	137	134	4.80	106 Frances Tekavec	20.00	103 Anna Pierce	33.00
Okrat — 17 — District	Se nobeden.	150				36.00	187	37.97	135	1.35	120 Anna Grahek	28.00	106 John Semlich	35.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	151				82.33	188	104.79	136	1.20	120 Katarina Slogar	6.00	124 Mary Vogrich	26.00
Okrat — 18 — District	Se nobeden.	152				18.00	189	57.51	137	1.20	120 Anna Majerle	12.00	125 Elizabeth S. Melissa	35.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	153				14.82	190	29.93	138	8.10	120 Frances Fink	45.00	126 Pierina Dalponte	42.00
Okrat — 19 — District	Se nobeden.	154				3.00	191	102.01	139	1.15	144 John Struel	17.50	125 John Telban	30.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	155				46.00	192	102.01	140	1.15	144 Mihael Majerle	31.00	126 Anthony Penich	7.00
Okrat — 20 — District	Se nobeden.	156				37.00	193	45.60	141	.90	144 Frances Perhaj	16.00	132 John Nos	15.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	157				54.38	194	111.65	142	.50	172 Steve Yukins	15.50	137 Rose Verbil	26.00
Okrat — 21 — District	Se nobeden.	158				209	195	57.53	143	.50	175 Jennie Slivsek	65.00	138 Math Kobe	48.00
None as yet.	None as yet.	159				41.00	196	25.10	144	.50	176 Tony Pullich	29.00	140 John Sadošek	14.00
Okrat — 22 — District	Se nobeden.	160				430.00	197	69.45	145	.50	176 George Forza	19.00	140 Frank Speiser	35.00
None as yet.	None as													

Iz urada gl. tajnika
From the Office of
Supreme Secretary

Nadaljevanje z 2. strani

PREMEMBE V ČLANSTVU
MESECA NOVEMBRA 1938.
CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
1938.

Odrasli Oddelek.—Adult Dept.

Dr. št. 84: Joe Fatur, Diana Brakoc

ek.

Dr. št. 92: Frank Muha.

Dr. št. 94: Rose Marie Grum.

Dr. št. 99: Justina Likovich.

Dr. št. 101: Karl Kovac.

Dr. št. 116: Frank J. Fisher.

Dr. št. 126: Robert Penich.

Dr. št. 130: Josephine Slatner.

Dr. št. 141: Mary Klepec.

Dr. št. 148: John Measic.

Dr. št. 155: Ursula Matos.

Dr. št. 175: Josephine Kirn, Frank

Arn.

Dr. št. 184: Edward A. Pirsht.

Dr. št. 186: Frank Korosec, Mildred

Kufa, William Cetina, Joseph Kuhar,

Dr. št. 190: Geni Chelini.

Dr. št. 216: Louis Lenzotti.

Dr. št. 218: Helen Korach.

Dr. št. 231: Joseph J. Kobe.

Dr. št. 233: Pio Padanelli.

Dr. št. 234: Stanley Kralnz, Angeline

Karn, Katherine G. Plankar.

Novi člani načrta "E" — New Members

Plan "E"

Dr. št. 1: Albert Ferderber.

Dr. št. 6: Mary Baraga, George Vino-

Dr. št. 12: Frank A. Baselj.

Dr. št. 30: Peter S. Popovich.

Dr. št. 77: Joseph Merhar.

Dr. št. 78: Anna Bradish.

Dr. št. 122: Frances Gorichan.

Dr. št. 138: Thomas Kuznik.

Dr. št. 149: Edward Sustrich.

Dr. št. 221: Alice Righi, Mary Putz-

cker.

Dr. št. 234: Anna H. Bahor, Fred Pod-

nikar, Elizabeth A. Skoryanc, Frances

Skoryanc.

Novi člani načrta "F" — New Members

Plan "F"

Dr. št. 57: Vincent M. Poschich.

Dr. št. 159: Paul Vranescic.

Dr. št. 168: Mary Malovich.

Dr. št. 176: Tony Kern.

Dr. št. 234: Edith Nagel, Joe Nagel,

John Nagel, Josephine Ozanich, Mary

Timae.

Zopet Sprejeti—Reinstated

Dr. št. 18: Matt J. Schultz 39260.

Dr. št. 26: Thomas Fabac 39431, John

Kocis 36388, Stephan Kocis 31152, John

Koller 25917, Mary Mlysek 34483, Anton

Juge 26798, Jacob Savar 33224, John

Komazec 35585.

Dr. št. 39: Anne Chopp 37557, Katherine

Fossatti 29369, Matt Vulkonich 30668,

Julia Vulkonich 12178.

Dr. št. 44: Elsie Franck 36982.

Dr. št. 47: John Gregorich 34239.

Dr. št. 61: Ludwig B. Zukina 36216.

Dr. št. 66: John F. Trzcinski 36994,

Josephine Trzcinski 36368.

Dr. št. 70: Joseph Kotzian 26545, Ka-

rosh Kocjan 17738, Joseph Bevitch

443, Mary Bevitch 38404.

Dr. št. 71: Jacob Jerina 33937, Frances

Hudman 33281, Joseph Rudman 34440,

John Stihle 19716.

Dr. št. 125: John Girardi 30440.

Dr. št. 132: Matija Orazem 5497, Fran-

çois Orazem 34887, Frank Orazem 35252,

Josephine 38554, John Krince 39367,

Dr. št. 145: Andy Curaney 36754.

Dr. št. 148: Franck Mozina 26598.

Dr. št. 160: Anna Ponikvar 36765, John

Tranek 25650, Josephine Franetich

3637, Karl Zakrajsek 34385.

Dr. št. 182: Josephine Staresinic 39618,

Grebenec Benetec 33860.

Dr. št. 201: Edward A. Cuba 38100.

Dr. št. 209: Kristina Zidar 37584.

Dr. št. 225: Julia Soltak 24265.

Dr. št. 229: Mike Galich 37406.

Dr. št. 230: Stefania Brusacoram 39629

Suspendirani—Suspended

Dr. št. 3: Helen M. Tomec 40475.

Dr. št. 16: Stana Vojkovic 34146,

Mario Vojkovich 34145, Katherine Vuj-

tic 40531.

Dr. št. 18: Carl Bozner 39636, John

Bozner 39635, Frank Jelovcan 40286.

Dr. št. 22: Anton Oberman 5653,

Thomas Korakas 33952.

Dr. št. 26: Minka Bizjak 37352, Sidon-

ja Jevnikar 34770, Louis Coghe 39473.

Dr. št. 29: Andrew Yankel 31876, Jos-

eph Yankel 29130, Josephine Yankel

3722, Margaret Yankel 37232, Mary

Yankel 8999.

Dr. št. 30: Adele F. Nosan 39942, Joe

Nosan 40877.

Dr. št. 33: Alvin R. Kacin 37134, Ver-

silia Kacin 38037, Victoria Kacin 38036,

Dr. št. 36: James E. Clark 40361, Mary

Clark 40262, Frances Parko 29716,

Dr. št. 37: Anton Branislav 30530, Fran-

cesphine Steklasa 38762.

Dr. št. 44: Vera Kukec 39589.

Dr. št. 57: Leonard Ayers 39437.

Dr. št. 71: Blaz Godec 33237, Matt Hri-

tnik 36832, Albina Hribar 40000, August

Knezev 41039, Anton Mikus 34023, John

Mikus 34290, Rok Obraznic 38790,

Frank Serclj 12482, Matilda Smerdel

4563, Joseph Tekaucic 20530.

Dr. št. 72: Pauline Gregurich 32175.

Dr. št. 99: Jederet Debevc 34844, Frank

Debevc 34322.

Dr. št. 106: Frank E. Belinc 38168.

Dr. št. 109: Mihail Medved 34044, John

Zorich 40101.

Dr. št. 114: Anton Gradishar 3714.

Dr. št. 126: Peter Zorich 40101.

Dr. št. 132: Frank Zagor 24000, An-

ton Striekar 24865, Julia Gorec 22431,

Julia Jazbec 28855, John Babic 35308,

Theresa Guadagnoli 17834.

Dr. št. 84: August Guadagnoli 17833,

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Dr. št. 93: Marilyn J. Sepich 17474.

Dr. št. 144: Ludmila Yuvan 35852, John Smoltz B-576.

Dr. št. 166: Frank Mivc 41000.

Dr. št. 172: Cristina Beve 38640, Jose-

phine Beve 23377, Louis Beve 36350, Ed-

ward Golob 39982.

Dr. št. 176: Joe Kalich 26756.

Dr. št. 199: George Kalec 41092.

Dr. št. 204: Theodore Moravitz 32935.

Dr. št. 204: Kuzma Varlien 37794, Mary

Varlien 40077.

Dr. št. 218: Theodore Kukich 34672.

Dr. št. 222: Henry Evans 40321, Mich-

ael Evans 38752, Ruth M. Evans 39224,

Virginia Funk 36059, Josephine Klanec

35914, Joseph Zakaits 35916, Mary Za-

kaits 35915.

Dr. št. 204: Tanas K. Varlien 19089.

Dr. št. 208: Agnes Bevcic 11630.

Dr. št. 218: Aldo Draghi 16176, Frances

Draghi 16171, Lorraine Draghi 16177,

New Era

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Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



A Parting Tribute to Strabane Plans Johnny English

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — Like heavy dark clouds which usually precede a storm, the news flashed to the four corners of the earth. Radio announcers and newspapers poured forth the sorrowful news of a youngster's plucky but losing battle for life. For in Chicago's Mercy Hospital, our young and dear juvenile friend, Johnny English, a member of Lodge No. 70, who attracted the attention of a nation in his plucky battle for life, had passed away.

He was the second of juvenile delegates who attended the 1937 juvenile convention here in Ely to pass into the great beyond. First was Bro. Louis Martincic, Jr., of Lodge No. 66, Joliet, Ill. His also was a battle for life to the end.

Our SSCU will miss these fine youngsters. They stand up as remarkable ideals, and their names shall stand on the pillars of our organization — immortal forever. So sorrowful and striking was the news, that we who knew these two young men, felt it difficult to hold back those catchy lumps in our throats.

But like a silver lining comes the sun! It makes us reminiscent of the days of 1937. Memories of these two young men flash to the front again. Take Johnny English. He came with the delegation from Chicago. On the train with all the delegates from the east new acquaintances were made. If I remember correctly, Johnny always had a sunny smile on his face — a smile that made you like him the minute you laid your eyes on him. He was kinda lonesome for home, too, at times. But isn't it natural that a 12-year old boy would be a bit homesick after being away from home a few days? But we livened things up; even put on an Indian War Dance, and Johnny's smile was back. Hundreds of other events seemed to scurry by. The train, and our 87 fine juvenile friends were whisked back to their homes, their minds vivid with many wonderful memories. Some even shed uncontrolled tears at the thought of having to leave so soon. Smilingly, through tear-filled eyes, they bade us farewell.

The wheels of time continued to turn. Pages of Nova Doba were filled with interesting accounts of the convention. And many looked forward to another fine event in 1939. We smile a bit when we remember that Teddy Palcic and Louis Martincic missed the train in Duluth, and how they finally caught the next. Just a little story they could tell when they returned to their homes.

Then suddenly we learned that Bro. Martincic was ill in St. Ambrose college in Iowa, where he was continuing his brilliant career as an athlete and scholar. Complications set in, blood transfusions were necessary, but the hand of fate which may take us away into the land of mystery at any moment would not be denied, and Bro. Martincic passed away.

More sorrowful news was forthcoming. For last October Johnny English was taken ill, suffering from an incurable disease — termed neurona, or can-

Strabane Plans Gigantic Campaign

By Stan Progar

Strabane, Pa. — History was recorded Sunday, January 15th, 1939. In a special meeting of the Boys Club of Strabane, held at the home of John Terrell, secretary-treasurer of the Boys Club, thirteen over enthused new and old members of the SSCU and their biggest booster, Bro. Frank Mikec, met in a three-hour session and laid their plans for the greatest campaign ever sponsored by a branch unit of the SSCU. Strabane HAS become conscious of the fact that the SSCU is on the up-climb, but at the conclusion of the campaign, June 30th, Strabane will KNOW of only one organization — the grand SSCU.

From the outset of the meeting, the firey spirit of the boys proved their boasts that they will not stop or lose any of their vim and pep. They all arrived on time and at the moment Henry Mikec, our president, opened the meeting, the overflow of spirit was "let loose" in many ways and means to increase the membership. But the most conclusive proof to a very successful campaign was the way the boys acted on every suggestion. Never a "hurry and get this through" but every suggestion was turned over and over again to view all sides and to get all the advantages and disadvantages every motion had to offer. The high intelligence proved one thing. Nothing will be done in a slip-shod manner; in fact, all evidence will be weighed carefully and whatever plan will be carried out, will be done in the manner of the most successful business methods.

A gigantic advertising campaign was proposed and after exhausting every possible avenue of discussion, the boys agreed one hundred percent that that is what the JSKJ Jrs. should do. And so it is. A campaign that will tax everyone's faith and loyalty to the SSCU will be launched soon but the writer has no fears for its success. The boys understood clearly the work they will face in working out every minute detail and all showed that willingness and pleasure will go hand and hand as the advertising campaign is started. So prepare to see the way the Boys Club of Strabane go after an objective.

The campaign adopted by the Strabane JSKJ Jrs. will take on the aspects of a big business drive. It will use every form of advertisement except that of magazine and radio. Posters and broadsides will tie-in with billboard and newspaper ads. Huge and attractive banners will repeat and emphasize what the boys will state in personal conversation. House organs and personal letter ads will reach every home and re-emphasize what other forms will prove to the Strabaneites. Then to bring the campaign to a very successful close, the JSKJ Jrs. will sponsor a huge picnic at the Drenik Park in Strabane with the honor guests being the members enrolled during the campaign months of January through June. They will be presented with two dollars worth of refreshment tickets with the best compliments of the grand SSCU. So save a day for the Strabane SSCUers. Exact day of this victory picnic will be

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Betsy Ross News

BRIEFS

Two more months to enter as candidates for delegates to either the juvenile convention or the athletic conference. The supreme board, in a surprise move, postponed the deadline from January 31 to March 31, to enable more of our members, between the ages of 16 and 35 in the adult department, and between 12 and 18 years in the juvenile department, in Minnesota, from age 10, to file their candidacy. Our supreme secretary again emphasizes the rule that only adults enrolled in the adult department will count for candidates to the athletic conference; and that juveniles enrolled in the juvenile department only will be credited to juvenile candidates. Also, that the states of New York, Ohio and Idaho are the only three states requiring a medical examination for new juvenile members; all other states do not require one.

The annual meeting of the SSCU supreme board will begin Monday, January 30, at the home office in Ely, Minn.

Lodge 45, SSCU of Indianapolis, Ind., will commemorate its 35th anniversary with a dance on Saturday, January 28.

Mary Sustarsich, member of lodge 120, SSCU, of Ely, Minn. stopped at the Nova Doba office last week while visiting in Cleveland. Although this is her first visit to Cleveland, Mary prefers Ely. Another agreeable surprise visitor to the Nova Doba office from Ely was Mrs. Louis Champa, wife of SSCU supreme treasurer Louis Champa. She recently became a grandmother for the first time and is spending two weeks with her granddaughter and her son and daughter-in-law.

Phil Sirca,
No. 186, SSCU.

A Message of Thanks

Joliet, Ill. — I wish to take this opportunity to report that the play "Troyek," which was dramatized in the "Slovenija" hall, Sunday, January 8, met with great success. All those who contributed to the play deserve a vote of thanks and acknowledgment. Special thanks go to Paul Bartel, supreme president of the SSCU, for his speech; Frank E. Vranichar, supreme trustee, SSCU; players from Chicago; "Preseren" quartet of Chicago; men's choir of St. Joseph's church in Joliet, under the direction of professor Anton Rozman; juvenile members of lodge 66 and 92, SSCU; Bro. Louis Zefran of Chicago and Mrs. Josephine Erjavec of Joliet; cooks of Joliet and Rockdale, bartenders, the ladies who baked the cakes and other pastry; and Mr. and Mrs. John Russ.

Thanks go also to those who in any way contributed to the program's success. Thanks to the out-of-towners for their attendance from Chicago, Milwaukee, La Salle, Waukegan, Aurora, etc., as well as those from the hometown of Joliet and Rockdale.

John Adamich, Sec'y
No. 66, SSCU

Shame on You

Uncle: "And how do you like school, Johnny?"

Johnny: "Closed, Uncle."

Lodge 149

Canonsburg, Pa. — As already mentioned in the last issue of Nova Doba, our lodge "Bratska sloga", No. 149, SSCU will observe its fifteenth anniversary on Saturday, January 28, with a dance in "Po-stojnska jama" hall in Strabane. Admission will be 25 cents a person. The lodge has decreed that each member of the adult department must purchase at least one admission ticket, regardless of attendance. This admission will be collected with the assessments during this month and February. If any member should purchase an admission at the door, and I am not there, let him tell the ticket taker that he is a member and a record will be made of it. Members who forward assessments by mail should add the price of admission with their assessments for February. The dance ticket is in nature a lodge assessment, which shall go into the lodge treasury, and one which all members must pay.

Although the treasury is not completely empty, it is best that we begin to fill it before it is devoid of funds.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, come to the dance on Saturday evening, January 28, and bring along your friends.

Let us show that we have good members in our SSCU — active ones among whom the spirit of brotherly love is very much alive.

Martin Zagar, Sec'y.

With the Cardinals

Struthers, O. — At the annual meeting of Cardinals lodge, No. 229, SSCU, the following officers were elected for 1939: Frank Glavic, president; Joe Zilogar, vice president; Edward Glavic, secretary; Amelia Slabe, recording secretary; Emil Mikolic, treasurer; Anne Glavic, Stan Pogaenik and Pete De Lost, trustees. Dr. C. F. Yuanan, medical examiner. Stan Pogaenik, athletic supervisor.

A lot of members failed to attend the first meeting of the year. What seems to be the difficulty? Let's see more members at the next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pogachik, 32 Grace St., Struthers, O. Meetings are held every second Friday of the month, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Cardinals wish to thank the Girard Golden Eagles, West Point Cadets, Youngstown, Warren, Sharon-Farrel, and Cleveland, and all the friends who helped make their dance a success. I am sure all guests enjoyed themselves.

On the sidelines: Pinky sure is a good salesman, and possesses what it takes. More power to him. Imagine Eddie Glavic doing the jitterbug. Why don't you enter a contest? Some of the Cardinals would like to learn the horse-and-rider polka. How about teaching us the fine points, H. Rupert? It looks like Steve (kike) Millison is going to a five and ten. He's making a collection of jewelry. Maybe it is just a hobby.

Amelia Slabe, Rec. Sec'y.

car; treasurer, Mrs. William J. Lausche; advisor, Anthony J. Klanear.

Magic Carpet Starts Roundup;

Colorado Miss Leads Juveniles

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — the time for announcing candidacy for delegateship has been extended has been confirmed by secretary Anton Zbasnik. That means you should enter the field right now. Read the rules, and go out and work. You'll find the reward more than you expect.

Congratulations to the new English-speaking lodge which has been organized in Roslyn, Washington. Now there's a real trip—all the way from Washington State to Ely, Minnesota. With a new lodge formed, the next thing in line would be a membership drive — and that means qualifying one or more delegates to the third juvenile convention and second athletic conference.

Last week we left the famed Magic Carpet flying through the skyways. It started out towards Montana to begin the round-up of juvenile delegates for the convention. And to make the round-up a real round-up it started in Round-up, Montana, to tell the people there to hop on. Reference made in particular to Rose Banovetz, who was a delegate in 1937; to her sister Anna Maé, a delegate in 1935, who is now in Buffalo, Wyoming, and who could well qualify for delegate to the athletic conference. Then to Butte, Montana where Mrs. Katherine Penica is much surprised at this unexpected visit and in no time at all has that steaming cup of coffee and that dish of potica ready. Cause the Magic Carpet and Stan do get hungry you know. She promised the two general visitors that she would take them to Little Mary Petritz, Dorothy Stefanich, then she would hop on the Carpet with us, and we'd go to Helena to visit Jennie Smith. But all this took a little time, and Little Stan will have to hurry back in order to give a complete account. So while we're resting, we'll plan for next week. Be with us, cause the Magic Carpet is going to visit with you all. If you don't take long before we hit your community. Making a clean sweep around the west, and then later to the midwest and east. Hope to be in Cleveland by the time the bowling tournament rolls around, if we have to use our thumbs.

In bowling, there isn't much Little Stan can say this week except that the Arrowhead Girls continued their unbeaten pace by taking three straight from Forest and Lakes, SNPJ lodge; and the Gophers took three more from the Lodge Slovenec girls. Big guns in the A victory were Christine Merhar who got off to a slow start by getting a 113 in her first game, then getting her eye in their she cracked a 178 and a 174, to really bury the alleys. Marie Kuzma again bowled a high single game for the Gophers with a 163.

For the Forest and Lakes, Dolly Jenko's 182 was high. Shirley Barieh who cracks 'em for this outfit beat Christine Merhar's high alley score by three pins. The new record: 223 for women. SSCU bowlers, although not in their own league, are scattered throughout the city's 14 team independent league, and they are making a name for themselves. Four of the six bowling for the Ely Sweet Shoppe, who this week occupied

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STRABANE PLANS GIGANTIC CAMPAIGN

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published in the near future. Watch for it . . .

Bratska Sloga Dance

While awaiting for the victory banquet, make it your pleasure to visit Strabane beforehand and get acquainted. It's a swell town and where swell friends attend dances. Just a few days from this reading the Bratska Sloga lodge of Strabane will sponsor a dance in lieu of the fact that Strabane IS SSCU CONSCIOUS. Come out and give us the encouragement that the SSCU is noted for. The dance is to be held at the Strabane home, January 28th, Saturday at eight o'clock. Remember the fun you had or missed at the Electrons and Ramblers anniversary dance? If you attend both dances, then come to Strabane on the 28th and repeat. But if you missed out on both and was one of the many that resolved that would never happen again, here is your opportunity to prove yourself. Be at the Strabane home on the 28th.

Campaign Dance

To raise the necessary working funds in order to carry out their advertising campaign, the Boys Club of Strabane will sponsor a dance at the Slovene Home in Strabane on the third Saturday in February. The date is February 18th and practically the last dancing day for about two months due to the season of Lent. The dancing will start at eight and to the rhythmic strains of the Center City Four. Those that heard the Biggest Little Band of Center know just what is in store for them but for the few that haven't, "Boy you sure have been missing good music."

The Boys Club chose this band because it is undoubtedly one of the best when it comes to playing polkas and popular tunes. Then, too, they are one hundred per cent SSCU. Here in Strabane they are not new. At the Bratska Sloga dance last July Fourth, the boys were forced to play till the wee small hours simply because the dancers wouldn't let them quit. So come to Strabane January 28th for the Bratska Sloga dance and then repeat on February 18th for the JSKJ Jrs. campaign dance. Remember, you will be here for the victory picnic some time in July so come and pick your partner for the biggest social event in the history of the Strabane's SSCU. A final tip. The Bratska Sloga dance is two days away and dancing starts at eight.

A Thought

Show your loyalty to the SSCU and help make this present campaign the greatest in fraternal history by attending all campaign dances and by being active in the campaign itself.

Lodge 45

Indianapolis, Ind. — At the last meeting of "Sv. Jozefa" lodge, No. 45, SSCU the members decided to celebrate the lodge's 35th anniversary with a dance, to take place on Saturday, January 28.

All members of the adult department are invited to attend this dance. Absentee members will be required to pay 50 cents into the lodge treasury, as decided at the last regular meeting. Let us all be present at the dance and spend the evening in entertainment. Invited to this dance is also our Bro. Anton Struna, the lone living charter member, who is now nearing his eightieth birthday.

All members and friends of neighboring lodges are cordially invited to attend. Excellent music will be provided for the oc-

Ramblers' 8th Anniversary Dance

John English Loses Fight With Death

Unity, Pa. — January 28 is drawing near and with it comes the commemoration of Center Ramblers' No. 221 SSCU eighth anniversary with an attractive dance to take place at Schmidt's hall in Center.

A large crowd is anticipated. In the past Ramblers always had a good turnout. A good time is in store for all. What do you say, Claridge? The Claridge boys always know where they can have a good time. We look forward to a large turnout from Claridge. What do you say, Pete, Nino, Whitey, Ozzie, Rudy and all the others. We will have plenty of good "klobase" on hand, and do the Claridge fellows go for them. What do you say, Electrons, Pittsburghers, Braddock, Export and all the neighboring lodges and friends! can we depend on you? Let's all turn out January 28 and from a composite happy SSCU family, out for a good time.

Center Rambler girls' bowling team motored to Claridge for a match game, and a return game in Center between the boys and girls teams also is in order. Results of the games will appear in next week's issue.

I hope to see the entire dance committee in charge of arrangements, at Schmidt's hall on Thursday night, to decorate the hall. A lot of work is required, but with the co-operation of a number of members, the detailed work can be spread through many hands.

Once more I want to remind our members and friends, from Center and neighboring vicinity, to reserve Saturday, January 28 with us at Schmidt's hall in Center.

Be a SSCU Booster.

Mary E. OBlock, Chairman

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Louis Rode, 930 Victoria St., Waukegan, Ill., Lodge No. 94.

MICHIGAN

Katherine Plenkar, 75 E. Dakota, Detroit, Mich., Lodge No. 234.

NEW YORK

John Voneina, Beech St., Gowanda, N. Y., Lodge No. 222.

casion. Remember, the dance takes place on Saturday, January 28, and begins at 6 p. m.

Anton Hren, president; Louis Banich, secretary; Jacob Lekse, treasurer; Frank Urainar, recording secretary.

A PARTING TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY ENGLISH

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On Tuesday, January 17, John English, juvenile member of Lodge 70, SSCU of Chicago lost a heroic battle for his life in Mercy Hospital, and closed his eyes in everlasting sleep.

Johnnie was a delegate to the second SSCU juvenile convention, and among the happy and carefree delegates in Ely during the summer of 1937. That many delegates remembered him was attested by the large number of articles written about him in the Nova Doba juvenile section, and by Little Stan Pechauer, chairman of the national juvenile publicity committee, who wrote also in the regular English section about Johnnie, and an open letter welcoming him to Ely to the third juvenile convention.



John English

Last Fall, Johnnie English appeared to rally from his strange malady, and attracted nationwide interest. Reports about him were given front page news, radio commentators spoke about the sport fan who was pulling for the Cubs to win. Shirley Temple telephoned him a personal message of greetings and a wish for a speedy recovery.

The Chicago sports writers reported that in the death of Johnnie English, the Chicago Cubs lost their No. 1 fan.

Johnnie English will always be remembered by the juvenile delegates and readers of Nova Doba as the smiling boy who never forgot to smile even in the face of life's most persistent obstacles.

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

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the top spot in the league are SSCU Bowlers. They are Mike Bachar and Little Stan, Gophers; Frank Jenko and John Balas, Arrowheads. Other bowlers who may be in some other SSCU lodge are John Palcher and John Lozar. Of the five, four are in the big ten.

Doc Zgong of the Rangers has the best bowling average in the city, and it's a sweet one—an average of 198 in 46 games.

In basketball, the Gopher boys bowed to the Lodge Slovener team by a score of 18 to 16 in a tussle that needed one more overtime period to decide. The girls have their basketball and volleyball team, and you'll be reading a lot about them.

The dance sponsored by the Gophers in the National Home two weeks ago was a decided success financially and otherwise. The Gophers really mean business, so watch their smoke. They're following right up to 'cause they've engaged Frankie Kromar and his Swing Band to play for a PRE-LENTEN Dance in the National Home on Saturday, Feb. 4. Better be there folks, and then settle down with the Gophers for forty days during the Lenten season to enjoy lively monthly sessions.

Arrowhead Get-Together

Another event you must mark your calendar for is the annual

"As A Secretary Sees It"

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Blawnox, Pa. — Of President Roosevelt's recent mid-week message to Congress, many comparisons have been made. Those who awaited the "paper" with zeal, to take cognizance of not only what he says, but how he says it as well, have since made their interpretations of the message; both pro and con to the subject matter . . . Writers of note lost little time to regard the message as the first page in a new book on world history . . . Criticism was, and should in all instances be expected; however suffice it to say, one's adversary can expect no more than to have his rebuttal dressed with the identical comb used in "raising" his rebuttal . . . We can thus dismiss the "brainchild" of the few who allow their mind to warp due to the damp prejudice that beclouds their thoughts and motives.

The many excellent columns that have been moulded by the more brilliant minds of the country—among them Walter Lipmann's copyrighted feature—and the international as well as national attention and interest it received, conveys much as the true weight of this communication. More authors may coin new and finer eulogistic comments for this masterpiece, but it will remain for history to record the event which can hardly fail to play an important role in the international theatre.

We, as members of the South Slavonic Catholic Union and American citizens as well, cannot fail to grasp and enjoy the President's views as to "that practice of self-government," namely Democracy. He very simply describes it as ". . . a covenant among free men to respect the rights and liberties of their fellows . . .".

Hesitate just a moment and allow that definition to take effect . . . RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF THEIR FELLOWS . . . How many citizens of how many countries enjoy that privilege? . . . How many members of how many fraternal organizations enjoy that prerogative? . . . Important questions on important issues . . . It is to your advantage to become alert and digest some of the food for thought that is "dished" out along these lines . . .

The South Slavonic Catholic Union was given birth, nourished and raised to the strong and healthy stage it now enjoys, by adhering to just that one set of principles: Respect the rights and liberties of their fellow members! . . . As our supreme secretary informs you in "What every secretary of local lodge should know"— Which makes good reading for all the members—Applicants of the white race between the ages of 16 to 55 may be admitted notwithstanding their nationality, religious or political belief . . . In brief, the Slovene or Irish, Catholic or non-Catholic, democratic or what have you, all can become brothers and sisters in the SSCU; so long as they are mentally and physically sound.

It is important that these features are stressed when you solicit new members. Our organization is ready to offer death, accident and health insurance under the most liberal rates; and as for fraternalism, espousing and promulgating a democratic form of government, can best be served only by the application and administering the spirit and letter of the covenant mentioned earlier in this article.

And now with the deadline time slipping away, Little Stan has to do some slipping to. He's got to go to Winton to take a picture of a big bad Timber Wolf, weighing 109 pounds shot today by a game-warden. So be seeing you, No, dear fans, don't worry, the Timber Wolf won't eat up your Little Stanley—it's dead . . .

Our cards are not stacked. Most liberal terms and benefits in a fraternal organization that

Export Majestics

Export, Pa. — After a short layoff, our bowling team made another try at White Valley. When the smoke cleared our lodge came through on top. We were fortunate to win from Lodge 116, and to add another victory to our record.

EXPORT MAJESTICS

R. Calderer	104	119	170
N. Lapcevic	145	129	186
Zucco	152	131	127
T. Kukich	111	96	121
Chas. Rebich	138	145	140
	650	620	744

WHITE VALLEY			
Bill K.	137	109	179
Al K.	99	110
Ed. K.	102	94
Skerly	100	181	145
Paul K.	154	119	116
Fisher	181	149
	592	684	699

Our athletic supervisor would like to arrange match games with neighboring lodges. All persons interested in bowling our team either at home or away should get in touch with our supervisor Nick Grubich, Box 628, Export, Pa. We are looking forward anxiously to bowling games with other lodge teams.

The following members were elected officers for the year 1939: Sam Grubich, president; Dorothy Stanovich, vice president; B. J. Marcelio, secretary; John Biesuz, recording secretary; Nick Grubich, treasurer; Della Caldren, chairman, Dorothy Merrich and John Mangene, trustees. Visiting sick committee supervisor, Raymond Caldren; Nick Grubich, athletic supervisor; Dr. C. W. Dixon, medical examiner. We are sure the foregoing officers will continue to work for the benefit of our lodge and Union, and with the cooperation of the membership, our unit will continue to progress.

Bert J. Marcelio
Sec'y, No. 218, SSCU

Cleveland Bowling

Cleveland, O. — Two records were broken last Sunday in the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League. One, by the Dolgan Hardware, who collected 2709 pins for three games, to take

two games from the Euclid Dairy. Second, by Euclid Dairy, with a high single game of 981. Frank Sluga with a 246 was high for the winners; also collecting a 621 series. Adolph Perdan with a 583 series, including a 210 single game, was high for the losers, followed by Al Jelercic, with a 551, including a 224 game.

POKLAR SERVICE			
F. Beniger	161	168	124
J. Hrvatin	1		

RADIVOJ REHAR:

SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

Janko N. Rogelj:
Med pogrešanimi



J. N. Rogelj

Tako je hodila dolgo, naposled je pa prestrašena obstala. Mrzel znoj ji je obilj celo. Pod seboj je zagledala na dnu prepada, pod navpično, najmanj sto metrov visoko pečino, vhod v Arikdinilino podzemlje, iz katerega je prihajala skrivenostna, meda svetloba. Groza, ki je poprej ni čutila, ji je strla pogum, in misel, da bi se vrnila, pobegnila iz tega žrela, se ji je kar sama porodila. Okrenila se je nehote in hotela že nazaj, toda neka čudna usodna vera, da ji more samo čarownica pomagati, ji je zopet zaustavila korak. Premagal je grozo pred strahom in se odločila:

"Dalje pojdem, k njej, pa naj se zgodi karkoli!" je sklenila in odtavala v globino.

Tako je naposled dosegla dno prepada, posuto z drobnim peskom. Ob strani nekje je žuborel studene, sicer je pa bilo vse tisto. Tudi iz votline prihajajoča svetloba je bila nekako mrtva, negibna. Nefteta je bilo sreco tako močno, da je čutila vsak utrip kakor sunek v grudi. Dihala je neredito, dušeče, a šla je vendal dalje proti vhodu. Meda svetloba je razganjala temino in naraščala. Dospela je do vhoda in zajela polna pljuča zraka, kakor človek, ki je po dolgem potapljanju pod vodo zopet dosegel površino. Zavedala se je, da je napočil najtežji trenotek, ko bo potreben ves napor poguma. Sunkovito je prestavila nogo in se odločila. Misli so ji ugasnile in občutje groze se je umaknilo nekudan otrplosti čutov. Šla je dalje topo, kakor stroj.

Vhod v votline je bil tako prostoren, da bi bil mogel skozi največji atlantski slon. Izgubljal se je v dolg raven hodnik. Skrivenostna svetloba je narascala in skoraj slepila. Neftetine teme navajene oči. Favoritka je šla dalje, enakomerno prestavlajoč noge ter napenjala oči in ušeša, pa ni ne videla ne slišala ničesar. Hodnik se je naposled razširil v prostorno votline. Od visokega stropa so viseli dolgi in ozki kapniki, svetli ter prosojni, kakor da bi bili napravljeni iz samih motnih bisarov. Nekateri so se dotikali tal in spreminali votline v svetlošče z mogočnimi stebri. Nefteta je stopila v to podzemelsko čudo in obstala. Ozrla se je naokoli, da bi zagledala čarownico ali vsaj našla pot do nje. Tako je stala več ko celo minutno, potem pa je kriknila in planila naprej. Za njo se je oglasilo tuljenje, tako silovito, da so se ji zježili lasje, in ko se je okrenila, je zagledala pred seboj pošast, mnogo večjo kakor vsa živa bitja, ki jih je kdaj videla. Bila je podobna orjaškemu kameleunu in porasla po vsem telesu z roženimi luskinami. Znašla se je od neznanokod, zastavila s svojim trupom obsežni izhod in iztegovala proti njej svojo razmeroma majhno, na dolgem kačjem vratu nasajeno glavo. Potem jo je nenadoma dvignila proti stropu in znova zatulila.

Nefteta so drevene moči. Živci so ji odpovedali, oči so se ji izbulile, usta odprla in ni se mogla ganiti. Obstala je kakor prerasla k tlu in srce ji je od groze skoraj nehalo biti. Še trenotek, in onesvesčena bi se bila zgredila na tla, da je ni predramil glas za njenim hrbtom.

"Ne boj se mojega malega čuvaja, zapuščena ljubljanka Semisa Ofirisa! Samo tuli, ne grize."

Nefteta se je okrenila in obstala pred novim čudom. Znašla se je pred Arikdinilino ter z enim samim kratkim pogledom zajela vso njeneno nenavadno pojavilo. Čarownica je bila visoka in še precej ravna, dasi je bila vsa njena koža nabrana v tisoč gub in gubic in ni bila skoraj čisto nič več podobna človeškim bitjem. Kakršna so živel tam onstran Gore prihoda v faraonovem Semisirisu. Njene oči so gledale vanjo sprevo, kakor oči plazilca. Njihov pogled je ledene kri v žilah. Favoritka je odprla usta, da bi spregevorila, a iz sebe ni mogla izdaviti glasu. Čarownica je spoznala njenogrozo in se je zasmajala.

"Vedela sem, da prideš," je dejala nato. "Zato sem te pričakovala. Da, pričakovala sem te dolgih sto let. Pozdravljeni v mojem kraljestvu podzemlja, lepa Nefteta, hčerka moja najljubša! Pridi, da se pogovorite!"

Arikdinila je prijala odreveno favoritko za roko in jo kakor otroka odpeljala s seboj v ozadje votline. Skozi krajši naravnihodnik sta dospeli v manjšo, a prav tako s kapniki okrašeno votline. Na sredi prostora se je dvigalo žrtveniku podobno ognjišče in na njem je plapolal rdečkasti ogenj.

"Udobnosti dvora faraonov semisirske ne poznam," je dejala starka. "Skromno je moje domovanje, zato je silnejše po moči čudes in varnejše po svoji skrivenosti. Ne morem te posesti na mehke blazine in tudi ne na udobne kože zveri divjih gozdov. Sedi z meno na kamen in pripoveduj mi, če hočeš! Če pa nočeš bom govorila sama..."

"Oprosti, skrivenostna," je zajecjala Nefteta in sedla na ponujeno jstro, "da te še pozdravila nisem. Prestrašila sem se..."

"Mene ne pozdravi nihče in prestraši se vsak, kdor me prvič obiše. Ne opravičuje se."

"Prišla sem..."

"Ker si morala priti."

"Da ti povem..."

"Da si nesrečna, zavržena in hrepeniš po maščevanju."

"Zapustil me je..."

"On, ki si ga ljubila v vsem srečem in z vso dušo, potomec Semov, faraon faraonov, Semis Ofiris."

"Vzljubil je drugo..."

"Divjaško Evalasto, princeso azteško."

"Ti veš vse to?" se je začudila Nefteta.

"Vse to in vse drugo, tudi tisto, cesar ti ne veš in cesar ne ve om, ki te je zapustil."

"Kje si izvedela? Kdo ti je povedal? Odkod me poznaš, saj te nisem še nikoli videla?"

"Ti mene še nisi, a jaz sem tebe že neštetokrat. Še nočoj sem te videja, ko si se prikradla v njegovo spalnico, ko si ga prosila ljubezni in te je užalil in ponižal. In videla sem te potem, ko si se napotila na Goro prihoda in sklenila, obiskati me v mojem podzemlju, da me poprosiš sveta in pomoči."

"Ti si zares čarownica," je vzkliknila favoritka.

"Samo čisto navadna starka sem, hčerka moja lepa. Čemu bi morala biti čarownica? Da bi vedela vse to? Ne, ni potreben. Vse, kar ti govorim, je človeško. Tu ni nobene čarownicije."

"Kako me potem poznaš, kako si me videla, kako veš..."

(*Dalje prihodnjič.*)

Janko N. Rogelj:

Med pogrešanimi

Z menojo pojedite! Od hiše do hiše bomo šli. Gremo iskat sorodnike, prijatelje in znance moje zornice mladosti. Stope na pot, na kateri mi je značna vsaka udrtina, sleherna zemeljska guba, vsi beli kameni, ki kažejo obraz iz materje zemlje. Ni vse tak, kakor je bilo pred leti, premenilo se je po pet in dvajsetih letih. Drevesa so prerastla iz živih mej, drevesa hirajo in razpadajo, tu in tam jih ni več, zapele je brušena sekira zadnjih pesem. Izpremenjeni so pogledi in slike, katere sem nosil v spominu toliko let. Le zemlja je še ista, starata in zvesta, po kateri hodijo vaščani naše vasi.

Tudi hiše so izpremenile svoja lica. Stoji še tam, kjer so bile pred leti. Kjer so pred časi evetieli drci nageljki, dišeči rožmarini, zijajo pusta in prazna okna. Pa so zopet hiše, kjer nekoč ni bilo cvetja na oknih, danes pozvanjajo in vabijo dišeče cvetke. Tu je hiša, katero je objihla spomlad, tam čepi koča, ki diha jesensko meglo. Večna izprememba — stare obraze so namenili mladi — nepoznani; iščeš nekdanje obličeje, pokaže se izza hiše starikast, oval in stisnen obraz mojega prijatelja ali znamenja.

Trpk in mučni so ti visti. Človeka bolijo oči, ker iščejo v obrazu nekdanjo sliko. Nova razočetja silijo v težko misel. Čutim prav tako, kakor je zapisal Simon Jenko:

Hiro obrača se časa kojo, naši duhovi ž njim se vrtijo, dan na dan sebe same menjijo, sami ne znajo zakaj in kako.

S prijateljem greva skozi vas. Hiša se skriva za hišo, skoro da ne poznam vseh hiš po imenu. Vprašujem po tem in onem. Otroci stoe ob hišah, meni tuj in nepoznani. Vprašam, kje je staros, ki nam je trgal kisl gozdje. Ni ga več — umrl je pred leti. Iščem znanca, s katerim bi rad spregovoril nekaj besed — ni ga več — izselil se je v drugo deželo. Ustavim se pri hiši, kjer sem poznal vso družino tako dobro, kakor vse bližnje sosedje. Ne vidim vseh. Vprašati si ne upam. Na cesti srečavam ljudi, ki so mi znani, oči jih izdajajo, toda treba jih je predstaviti, da se iz zastarelega obraza izoblikuje nekdanji obraz. Včasih se zamaknejo moje oči v daljo, obstanje ne premiče, silno težke in okorne. Zakaj vse to? Čemu iščem v povprašuji?

Tu so sama razočaranja; zakaj sem prav za prav prišel nazaj v rojstno vas ubijat tiste lepe in nepozabne spomine na mojo mladost? Vse, kar sem puštil za seboj, vse se je izpremenilo, izginilo ali umrlo.

To so tesnobne misli. Ni čuda, da miselnega človeka ubijejo v par dneh. Danes se ne čudi mojemu prijatelju, ki se je poslovil od mene, odpotovoval v domovino, bil tam sam tri dni ter se vrnil v Cleveland tako hitro in nepričakovano, da sem misil tretinu, da se je vrnil njenih "duhov," ko je potrkal na hišno vrata. Vprašal sem ga, zakaj se je vrnil tako brzo. Odgovoril mi je, da mu ni bilo obstantka v rojstno vasi. Tako močno ga je prijelo notranje čustvstvo, da je zavladalo nad njim z vso svojo močjo ter ga prignalo nazaj. Sedaj tudi jaz čutim in vem, kaj se je zgodilo z njim.

Tako hodim po domači vasi ter hočem obnoviti staru znanstvo. Žena hodi z meno, kakor bi sledila moji senci. Ona ne more razumevati vsega tega, kar iščem jaz.

Stopiva na vaško pokopališče. Tudi to se je preobrazilo. Novi grobovi, nova imena. O, tu so vse oni, katere sem iskal. Kar v

vrstah leže, drug poleg drugega, prijatelji in sovražniki. Vsa imena so mi znana. Sedaj oživi moj spomin, slednji mi stopi pred oči.

Nimam časa, da bi čital vsa imena. Oko mi občlane na nagnobnem spomeniku, kjer je slika moje sestričine Johance. Ta je pa se tako, kakršna je bila tukrat, ko sem odhajal v tujino. To je dekle, s katero sva preživelajela najina otroška leta tako sočutno in skupno, da mi je bila druga rodna sestra. Še danes jo vidim, kako mi je segla v roko, kako je solzilo njeni oko ob zadnjem slovesu.

Naprek! — Tam leže v skupnem grobu, tam me čakajo oče, mati in tetja Johana. Vsi so tukaj. Oče je umrl kmalu po momen odhodu v Ameriko, mati je bila še živa ob mojem prvem prihodu v domovino, tako tudi teta Johana. Sedaj so vse skupaj. Samo enega manjka. Brata Francelja, ki je padel na ruski fronti.

Ali mi še sledite? Postojmo tukaj. Zamislimo se, vsak po svoje. Koliko naših očetov in mater počiva v tej slovenski zemlji, a njih sinovi in hčere v daljni Ameriki misljijo o njih, kadar so otočni in tepeči od težkih razmer v tujini. Vse to je nepopisna tragedija malega naroda, male, a lepe rodne zemelje. Počagali so naše očete in mater v te domače grobove, ne da bi bili mi navzoči. Le nepričakovano pismo, mrtve črke, namočene s solzami, so nam povedalo žalostno resnico. Sedaj počiva moj in tvoj oče, moja in tvoja mati daleč in daleč od mene in tebe. Kaj neki so mislili ti očetje in mater, ko jim je smrtni pot oblikoval mrzlo čelo, ko so pripriali trudne oči! Ali ni bila njih poslednja misel pri sinu ali pri hčeri, katerima rodna zemlja ni mogla dati potrebnega kruha. Ali ni bila poslednja želja naših staršev, da bi pogledali v obraz sinu ali hčeri, ki mu ni bilo dano, da bi ostal na rodni zemlji. Marsikater oče je naročil pred smrto: Pozdravite ga! Koliko mater je s tresočimi rokami oprijemalo sliko sina ali hčere, da se za vedno poslovijo od enega, ki še živi, toda je "mrtev" za domačo hišo.

Da, tu so vse, katere sem počesil na vasi. Mir vlada med njimi. Vsakemu so dali dovolj zemlje, ni jim potreba več prečiščati srednje vodne površine. Večina točk so krasne narodne pesmice, vsem priljubljene. Zvečer se pa vrši prostata zabava v ples.

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