

Carrick is Scene of 7th SNPJ Pin Tourney

The End of Another Decade and of Our Anniversary

A little more than a week from now the 1930-1939 decade will come to an end, and with it the end of the anniversary year of our Society. With 1940, a new, the fifth decade of this century will begin.

During the past ten years our Society marked three major milestones: in 1934 its 30th anniversary, in 1937 the 25th anniversary of its juvenile department, and this year its 35th anniversary. All these were observed with appropriate celebrations and membership campaigns. Our lodges and federations cooperated actively on all three occasions, spreading the Society's influence and building up its ranks.

To say that during the past decade we have gone through a series of hardships the like of which has never been witnessed within our memory, would be repeating the all too well-known facts. For no one can forget the hard times that every worker experienced directly or indirectly. During this gloomy period of economic dislocation and industrial depression our members suffered much with the rest of the population, but with the help of the Society a great deal has been accomplished in alleviating their plight and keeping them in the Society, although during the first few years of the depression some members were forced to drop their obligations. It was at the 1933 convention that emergency measures were adopted to forestall further inroads threatened by the conditions.

The dying decade will, no doubt, go down in history as the period of the worst economic and industrial depression in modern history. The entire economic structure of the country was not only rocked to the bottom, but it actually crashed to the ground leaving in its wake innumerable victims. Private system based on "rugged individualism" received a deadly blow burying under its ruins untold numbers of well-entrenched interests and highly entrenched economic royalists. It was not until the government administered a shot in the arm that they recovered somewhat to continue their exploitation at the expense of the masses; while the meager social reforms instituted by the government are being savagely attacked by the Tories and Bourbons.

Throughout this period our Society has stood the test. With its progressive and farsighted provisions it was able to keep its own, aiding its members in many instances. As for instance, with direct help for assessment from its special fund, with assessment loans and in many other ways. And just as it has been able to weather the storms until now, it is ready to withstand anything that may come. It is certainly reassuring to be a member of such a sound and solid fraternal cooperative organization as the SNPJ!

Conemaugh Valley SNPJ Lodges to Have Large Representation at 7th Nat'l Duckpin Tourney at Carrick

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—It was good news to read in last week's issue of Prosveta of the requests for entry blanks, rules and bowling procedure pouring in for the 7th annual SNPJ Duckpin Bowling Tournament to be held on Jan. 1, at Carrick, Pa.

Here, in Conemaugh Valley, the interest for this affair runs something like this:

Joe Culkar, Friendly City lodge: "We'll have at least 4 teams represented and possibly six."

Bob Swaney, lodge Triglav: "We're going down to bowl, have a good time and bring back some of the prize money." Okay, Bob, but how about that second team?

Stan Klueck, Flood City lodge: "About 4 car loads and all bowlers, too; among them will be Larry Langenhole, the guy that hit 245 last year."

John Pullin, Kelso lodge: "Steve Smear and I will try our best to round up the fellows for a lot of fun at Carrick, Pa."

George Resick, So. Fork: No comment. They may surprise us though and show up with a couple of teams.

Tony Dolenc, St. Michael: "We don't know much about bowling, but I'll try to get five fellows and go down and see what's it all about."

There are other lodges in this district

such as Bon Air and Cambria City from which we haven't heard. They've got good bowlers in their midst and I am hoping to see them at the tournament.

And how for the girls. The "fairer sex" of Flood City lodge are plugging hard to have two teams represented and we understand that Friendly City will also have that many teams if not more. Last year only one girl team participated from this district.

Such is the interest in Conemaugh Valley for the 7th annual SNPJ Duckpin Tournament. A similar response is shown in Strabane, Library, Verona, Universal, Ambridge, Sygan, Sharon and other Pennsylvania towns. And it looks like Ohio will again send its legions from Girard and Barberton. It certainly looks like this affair is going to be one of the largest tournaments ever held in Western Pennsylvania.

We urge every team to elect a captain to work in close cooperation with the committee. This will avoid a lot of delay and confusion as we want to finish all events in due time. After that we'll hike over to Eagles Hall and dance to the tunes of the Vadal Quartet and talk about our bowling scores and why we missed so many strikes and spares. JOHN RAK, Nat'l Athletic Board Member.

EXCELSIOR LODGE ELECT OFFICERS; PLAN ACTIVITIES

Members' First Duty to Lodge; Pin Tourney at Carrick

ALIQUIPPA, PA.—Three cheers for our 1940 officers! The coming year our SNPJ lodge 721 will be under the supervision of Mike Zakreysek, president; Frank Struble Jr., vice president; Theresa Zakreysek, secretary; Josephine Struble, recording secretary; Justine Struble, treasurer; Ann Groznik, sergeant-at-arms.

The officers and committees plan bigger and better activities for the coming year.

The attendance at the early meeting was small, nevertheless the meeting showed progress. Every true Excelsior seemed to realize that their first duty was to the Lodge and we feel justified in praising each and every member present for the attentiveness and consideration that was shown during the meeting.

We want more new members. If you have a friend, give him a treat by interesting him in your lodge. By doing this, you will not only gain a lifelong pal, but be one of the outstanding. Do your share today—get that new member.

The Federation Bowling Tournament at Carrick is a much talked about coming attraction. See you all at Carrick on Jan. 1st. In the meantime "Keep smiling."

JOY, Lodge 721.

'Fraternalites' to Install Officers

NEWARK, N. J.—Lodge "Fraternalites," SNPJ 756, held their yearly meeting on Dec. 14 and elected their officers for the coming year. I wish to thank the 1939 officers for their successful work, and I am sure the new officers will do everything in their power to make the coming year twice as successful, for we are certain that our past experience will help us along.

Our President is Anthony Molek; Vice President, Thad Letkowiak; Financial Secretary, Anthony Karshina; Recording Secretary, Justina Kavie; Treasurer, Bernie Poeter. Auditing Committee: Zarl Prestavec, Chairman; Louise Bryant and Angie Kalinekar. Publicity Committee: Louise Bryant and Anthony Karshina.

Now it is really up to each and every one of the members to help these folks along. Another thing I would like to stress is this point: Every member is compelled to pay his dues by the 30th of each month. If the dues is not received by then Bro. Karshina has the right to suspend the delinquent member. But we do not want this to happen. So please cooperate with him.

The meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month at 8 o'clock. But our future meetings will take place at the Bohemian Hall, 17th St. and 19th Ave., Newark. Every one should make an effort to attend the first one, and make it a point to start the new year right. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody. LOUISE BRYANT, Lodge 756.

Very Special Meeting

PRESTO, PA.—On Thursday, Dec. 28, at 8 o'clock the Jolly Juniors will hold the last meeting of the successful year 1939. This will be a SPECIAL MEETING for all members, and it should be the interest of more than a few.

Let us all get prepared for attending the meetings of the coming year by being present at the last one of this year; then it may be a good plan to make a resolution to become an active member. We have a large number of members; what we need now is better attendance at meetings and more action in making our events a success. As has already been said, meetings are also educational.

Now, for the good of the lodge and for your own pleasure attend the meetings and become an active member. Don't forget the special meeting.

S. AUBEL, Lodge 660.

Three Week-End Yule Affairs on Pa. Pioneer Bill

STRABANE, PA.—As the time approaches for the Pennsylvanian Xmas festivities to begin, every Pioneer member is impatiently waiting for this gala occasion. What we think will be one of the grandest holiday affairs ever sponsored by the Pioneers, will start Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Yes, just look what we have lined up for this 13th Annual Xmas Affair sponsored by the Pioneers.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 23, the Pioneers will hold a "Sadie Hawkins Nite." As we told you before, the affair is held especially for the ladies as it will help them get prepared for Leap Year. Also the dance committee planned "Sadie Hawkins Nite" so that at this merry season, both young and old can enjoy themselves to their heart's content. This is one of the reasons why Joe Novy and his Royal Serenaders were secured to provide the music for the dancing. This popular group of musicians are very capable of rendering both polka and popular tunes. So popular is this band that the Pioneers outbid two other groups for their services.

To wind up the Xmas celebrating, the Pioneers are presenting Stan Vinton and his orchestra on Mon., Dec. 25, for your evening's dancing pleasure. A good many of you will remember Stan Vinton's swell tunes at our Armistice Day Dance. The committee hearing so many favorable comments on his playing that they rehired him for our Xmas Day Dance.

So remember "SADIE HAWKINS NITE," Sat., Dec. 23, and STAN VINTON'S ORCHESTRA on XMAS NITE Monday, Dec. 25. Also, the day before, Dec. 24, the Juvenile Circle party.

Through this column the Pioneers wish to extend to all of you a very Merry Xmas and a most Prosperous and Happy New Year.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Attention, Strugglers!

CLEVELAND, O.—Dues for the month of December will be collected Dec. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p. m. at Slovene Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo. Wishing all the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. FRANK KOSS, Secretary.

Silver Stars to Mark Anniversary

YUKON, PA.—The Silver Stars' annual meeting has passed, and with it a party that will be remembered far into the future by the S. S. and their friends. We did not know that there were so many S. S. members. How about becoming active members? Then we might be able to promise more of these after-meeting parties.

Wondering back a little I'll wager you're all smacking your lips remembering that delicious baked ham. As far as bakers of hams are concerned, we vote for Theresa K. We'd also like more of Betty's cake. Grace has promised us one of scrumptious date and nut cakes for a future party. And of course, the boys want more and lots more of that amber liquid called beer. And we all want more dance music by Joe Koracin, Herman and Paul Brandstatter and Leslie Taulk. A regular Slovene orchestra to satisfy all dance lovers. If your lodge duty does not call you to future meetings, the promise of all these delicacies should.

The officers were all re-elected with the exception of the V. Pres. Mary Matkovich was elected for that position.

Amidst the S. S. we have as a new member Rose Taulk, and as transfer members, Frank Kostello and Mark Negro. Also coming are Mitzi Vodopivec and Louise Marvich. Welcome, people. We're delighted to have you with us.

We're glad to reveal to you the joyful tidings that the S. S. have secured the Vadal orchestra of Cleveland to furnish music for the S. S. 9th anniversary dance on Jan. 27. That promises to be one of the biggest events in the S. S.'s 9 years of life.

And so we'll close with our most sincere holiday greetings. May the coming year be one of success and happiness for all.

FRANCES PRESEREN, Lodge 720.

STAGE SET FOR ANNUAL NATIONAL SNPJ NEW YEAR'S DUCKPIN SPORT CLASSIC TAKING PLACE IN PITTSBURGH'S SUBURB

Bowling Events Will Take Place at Carrick Stanley Alleys; Vadal Quartet of Cleveland, Ohio, Will Play at Annual Dance at the Nearby Carrick Eagles Hall

UNIVERSAL, PA.—The approach of the Yuletide Season and New Year's, the annual season of joy and good cheer, are all the more welcome for simultaneously SNPJ sponsors its National Duckpin Tournament, on New Year's Day, January 1st. Recognized as a permanent SNPJ institution originally launched seven years ago by the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania, our National Duckpin Tournaments have steadily been promoted with greater enthusiasm, better cooperation, and with more fruitful success. This annual contest of bowling wits has with in recent years taken on a new aspect and a new interest in SNPJ.

Formerly regarded as a tournament of local character, the constant success for, and widespread interest in, the national duckpin tournament has gained for it a place among the foremost activities of our SNPJ. Today it is definitely national in scope; its bigness is acknowledged by the entire membership; and its influence is formally recognized by our Supreme Board.

Here we are now on the eve of the SEVENTH ANNUAL SNPJ NATIONAL DUCKPIN TOURNAMENT. Sponsored by the original sponsors, the E. S. FEDERATION OF SNPJ LODGES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, real progress is being shown to assure another and bigger success. The date, as you must well know, is January 1, 1940, in the Stanley Alleys, 2036 Brownsville Road, Carrick (Pittsburgh), Pa.

The Stanley Alleys is the ideal place for our National Duckpin Tournament. We will overflow with appreciation when we see those twenty-eight alleyways; a feeling of gratitude will be profoundly appealing even from the most critical bowlers when they begin to bowl on these slick, glass-like alleys. Stanley Alleys, to be sure, provide the best facilities and conveniences for a full day's bowling. Here we will spare them—strike them—miss them—and ditch them from early morning until the evening.

All practice games must be rolled before 10 a. m. The actual tournament will begin at that hour. Five person teams will be scheduled to bowl first, followed by the doubles, and then the singles. Organize your five-person teams, doubles, and singles, and arrange to be at the Stanley Alleys before ten o'clock. As before, the tournament is open to ALL SNPJ members—boys and girls, ladies and men. Please NOTE, however, that all teams and doubles must comprise members from the SAME lodge.

In an endeavor to entertain its lodges and members, the E. S. FEDERATION OF SNPJ LODGES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA will pay the entry fee for one five-men's team and one five-women's team in the five person event. We have received definite information that many lodges are following the example set by the federation. We suggest that other federations and lodges follow this example and enter teams because of bowling ability or lodge and society activity. We will, thus, be assuring another outstanding success for SNPJ.

Herein are presented the rules and prizes covering the Tournament.

RULES

1. The tournament is open to all SNPJ lodges and to all members who were admitted into the SNPJ at least two months prior to Jan. 1st, 1940.
2. Lodges may enter five-person teams of each sex in the five-person event at a fee of 50c per person.
3. Each lodge may enter as many doubles' teams in each sex as desired at a fee of 50c per person.
4. Each lodge may enter as many bowlers in the singles' events as desired at a fee of 50c per person.
5. Members of a five-person team or doubles' team must be from the same lodge, and the same bowlers must complete the entire three games of an event to be eligible for prizes.
6. The five-person team event will start promptly at 10 a. m., followed immediately by the doubles' and singles' events.
7. Entrants may participate in all events and be eligible for all prizes.

WELCOME

We said before that this is an SNPJ tournament—and we meant just that. It is not restricted to anyone SNPJ section, but is open to all SNPJ members. A throng of W. Pa. bowlers is assured; Johnstown will have a larger number than ever before. But we want visitors and bowlers from SNPJ cities in Ohio; we want Detroit and the Midwest SNPJ to be with us. W. Pa. enjoyed the ten-pin tournament held in Cleveland last May, and now we want to reciprocate the hospitality. And already plans are being made here to attend the tournament scheduled for Waukegan, Illinois. Four are scheduled to travel in a 1940 Pontiac; two are planning to go by plane; and there will be the two athletic board members from Penna. and others. We extend everyone a friendly greeting and cordial welcome to celebrate New Year's Day at the SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL DUCKPIN TOURNAMENT. This is the time to make merry. Bowl, dance, and shout with joy; eat, drink, and be merry; let fun reign supreme. A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

8. The foul line will be observed.
9. Entry blanks have been mailed to all lodges, but more can be gotten by writing to John Barufaldi, Morgan, Pa. These entry blanks and the accompanying entry fees are to be sent to John Barufaldi by Wednesday, Dec. 27.

PRIZES

1. In the men's division: Five-man: First prize, \$20; second prize, \$10. Doubles' event: First prize, \$10; second prize, \$5. Singles' event: First prize, \$5; second prize, \$4. Individual high score for three games of an event, \$5; individual high score for single game of all events, \$5; individual low score of all events for three games, \$1; individual low score for all events for a single game, \$1. (NOTE: To be eligible for low score prizes, participant's low score must exceed 60 pins.)
2. In the women's division: Five-women's team—First prize, \$15, second prize, \$10. Doubles, events—First prize, \$8, second prize, \$4. Singles' event—First prize, \$5, second prize, \$3. Individual high score for

three games of all events, \$4, individual high score for one game of all events, \$5. Individual low score for three games of all events, \$1; individual low score for single game of all events, \$1. (NOTE: Low score must exceed 40 pins.)

3. In the older folks' division: Only five-person teams entered: First prize, \$15; second prize, \$10. This division was created two years ago and helps appreciably in interesting our senior members in this annual tournament. It is open only to members of the senior SNPJ lodges.

A WORD ABOUT PRIZES

We have enumerated above the prizes that will be distributed following the tournament. They are the most attractive prizes ever offered; no previous SNPJ duckpin tournament nearly equals the large variety and sums ready to be given away. Here's what you can do to increase this prize list for the 1940 tournament: Begin organizing your bowlers, oldsters and youngsters, to make this SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL DUCKPIN TOURNAMENT a complete success. Its complete success will bring bigger and better prizes next year. For the appropriation we secure from our SNPJ Athletic Fund depends entirely upon the vastness of this tournament. So, the more tournament lines we bowl, the bigger the appropriation will be, and thus the bigger the prizes will be in 1941. All right now, let's all get busy!

AND THEN THE DANCE

A magnificent climax to the SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL SNPJ DUCKPIN TOURNAMENT is the dance scheduled for the Carrick Eagles Hall. We'll walk there from the Stanley Alleys and spend a good time together dancing to the Vadal Quartette of Cleveland, Ohio. The hall will please the most particular individual. Its bigness and convenience to the site of the bowling tournament (1 block away) makes it a perfect spot for enjoyment.

As for the music to be featured at the dance, ask your SNPJ friends about the Vadal Quartette. They have real musical talent, and the very best in music. Be sure to make plans to attend the dance; you'll miss something if you don't. Admission in advance is only 35c; at the door only 40c. Write to John Barufaldi, Morgan, Pa., for your dance ticket requirements.

MICHAEL R. KUMER, Fed. President.

Golden Eagles Enjoy Successful Year; See Bright Future, Elect New Officers; to Hold Juvenile Party

GIRARD, OHIO.—As far as the Eagle calendar is concerned the year 1939 is already a matter of ink and paper and if you engaged in its social activities, if you aided in the organization of these same activities or contributed labor or time, if you found time to attend out-of-town dances, if you discussed questions honestly and sincerely even though contrary to the majority, then you can say that the lodge year has been a very pleasant and entertaining one.

There were a few additions to the roster which do not appear in the totals because several broke away, there was a substantial increase in the lodge treasury (this through hard work and lots of it) and our Circle, "Dawn of Youth," was inflated several degrees so that although results are satisfactory generally we must, more of us, be prepared to assault this advancement with more vigor during the next year.

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My Week

By Louis Beniger

The program presented at last Sunday's federation Christmas party went over big, and the pantomime played made quite a hit with the children and parents who jammed the SNPJ hall to capacity. What surprised me most was the large group of young people at the dance in the evening, among whom were some who attended the Slovene school conducted by the Pioneer lodge several years ago, and whom I failed to recognize. They have really grown up.

Speaking of our lodges and their activities, it is interesting to know that the first Slovene lodge was organized in this country in 1882 in Calumet, Mich., that is 57 years ago! An interesting article in the 1940 American Family Almanac (Ameriski Društinski Koledar) by Ivan Molek reveals important historical facts concerning this Slovene pioneer in our fraternal field, picturing its background and progress, its merger and demise.

In this week's Call, official organ of the Socialist Party, Upton Sinclair, author of some sixty books on social trends and of late supporter of Stalin's tactics, is answering his son David's open letter published last week in the same paper and addressed to his father. David justly takes his father to task for his stand. I remember David as a classmate at the University of Wisconsin 'way back in 1925 where I knew him as a straight forward young man, who would rage with anger at the mere mention of H. L. Mencken, this father's vehement critic.

David is condemning Soviet Russia for the unprovoked invasion of Finland, while his father was trying to "justify" this brutal attack on the Finns. Nevertheless, Upton is proud of the fact that he has "raised a young man with a social conscience" and that he has "taught him to think and speak for himself." But finally Upton agrees that the invasion of Finland "is worse than a crime; it is a blunder."

The Finns are known the world over for their achievements in all fields of human progress. With their total population smaller than that of Chicago and its vicinity, they have shown during their brief independence what can be done on a cooperative basis. Their democratic institutions are remarkable successes. There are more than 600,000 cooperative stores in Finland, 75,000 cooperative dairies, and the cooperative credit societies have 145,000 members. The Finns maintain that these cooperatives are one of the pillars of democracy, and they are!

Many of our people in this country have had fine experiences in dealing with the Finns. Quite a number of years ago I worked in Diamondville, Wyoming, where there were many Finnish people. My partner in the coal mine was a Finn whom I later described in one of the Ameriski Društinski Koledars several years ago. I have nothing but praise for these people, their organizational ability, sobriety and perseverance.

2 Keystone Lodge Affairs in Offing

SHARON-FARRELL, PA. — Are you looking for a place to go in the near future? If so, here are a few SNPJ affairs that you should attend.

On Dec. 24, the "All-Around" Juvenile Circle of Sharon and Farrell, Pa., will hold their annual Xmas program at the Slovene Home at 7 o'clock. The juveniles have arranged a very interesting program and in order to make this event a success, we need the attendance of all friends who are interested in our young Slovenes. Free treats will be distributed to all children present, by Santa Claus, who will also be present to make this event a grand success.

On Jan. 1st that Annual Duckpin Tournament sponsored by the English Speaking Fed. of Western Pa. will be held at Carriek, Pa., and according to the Tournament Committee, this event will by far surpass the other duckpin tournaments held here in Penna in past years.

The "Keystoners" are playing a very important part in this event by sending 2 teams and many expect to make the trip to view the spectacle.

Friendly Views: Something to think about, that is that "Keystoner" Midwinter Dance to be held Jan. 27. We agree with Detroit that they were the better team after defeating Ohio State. After making 2 trips to Barbenton to bowl ten pins, a game which we do not play very often, we the 2-K's, are still waiting for a return duckpin game. Can you help us out? Bro. Adie Yersin, those gals seem to be bringing to you! The Caboose bowling team and the Wolverine lodge of Detroit sure carry a strong lineup. Such noted athletes as the Kern brothers, Steffler, Obed, Kovac. What an aggregation and how tough! So until then this dept. wishes you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. H. RUPERT, Lodge 755.

Let's Make Up in 1940 What We Missed in '39

Our Jubilee Campaign is almost over, and many lodges, in spite of unsettled economic conditions, are credited with satisfactory gains and success in the endeavor to increase their membership. After preliminary review of our campaign, we have noticed that in certain English Speaking lodges in communities where there is a broad field and opportunity to increase their membership, no important progress is recorded. What is the reason, Brothers and Sisters, for this inactivity? Is there a lack of leadership in some of your lodges, or, perhaps, your energies are concentrated elsewhere instead of devoting more time to your own organization? This year the Society contributed more money for various sports, activities than ever before in one year, as an incentive for active participation in the membership drive. The result, however, is none too optimistic.

Members of the English Speaking lodges have much better chances of getting new members than the Senior. In spite of this fact, results speak differently. Remember that no matter what you have for sale and how good is the quality, if you will not offer it to the public, you will never get a buyer.

Our Society enjoys a good reputation due to the various assistances given to members, financial stability, etc. All we have to do is to go out and explain these facts to people who are not yet our members. Naturally, without agitation, without efforts, we cannot anticipate progress.

According to various reports, Fraternal Societies are getting more and more popular among the masses of the American people, especially among the working class, who are gradually realizing what Fraternal Insurance means to them. In order to give you a better idea of the strength of Fraternal organizations in the United States, we want to quote a few figures recently published in the Fraternal Age, showing the Fraternal Societies' standings in 1938, which are as follows:

Total membership (including 368,783 Social Members).....	7,952,869
Number of local lodges throughout the Country.....	101,773
Total Assets.....	\$1,280,937,113.00
Current Liabilities.....	28,007,940.00
Certificate Reserves.....	939,941,658.00
Benefits Paid in 1938.....	118,809,184.00
Benefits paid since Organization.....	5,309,731,178.00
Membership admitted in 1938.....	752,881
Insurance written and increased in 1938.....	\$ 573,017,657.00
Total Insurance in Force December 31, 1938.....	6,627,512,081.00
Fifteen of the largest Commercial Life Companies show:	
Average ratio of Assets to Liabilities.....	1.0516
Average premium, Ordinary Life, at age 35.....	\$26.67
Eighty-Five Fraternal Benefit Societies belonging to Fraternal Congress of America:	
Average ratio Assets to Liabilities.....	1.1255
Average premium, Ordinary Life, at age 35.....	\$23.85

Almost eight million people on this continent are members of Fraternal Benefit Societies, with full rights to govern themselves, while a considerably larger number is insured with private commercial insurance companies without any voice in management. Too bad that many people cannot see this yet.

In the above figures, special attention is called to the average ratio of assets to liabilities and the difference in the amount of monthly dues on the average Ordinary Life between Fraternal and Commercial Life Insurance Companies, at the age of 35 years.

Brothers and Sisters of our younger generation! Our Jubilee Campaign closes at the end of this month. This does not mean, however, that our work is done and that we don't have to agitate for new members any more. Our campaign should never cease. If private commercial insurance companies, whose primary aim is profit, are able to gain in membership, there is no reason why Fraternal Benefit Societies, organized not for profit but to help their members and other unfortunates, should not have the advantage.

We sincerely appeal to you members of the English Speaking lodges of the SNPJ, especially to those located in communities which failed to obtain results during the campaign as anticipated, to act now! You are young and able to increase the membership in your lodges, providing that you are willing to sacrifice a little of your time for your Society. Don't miss the opportunity! F. A. VIDER, Supreme Sec'y.

SNPJ Flood City Elects Officers

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Our last meeting was very well attended. The officers for 1940 are as follows: Pres., John Rak Jr.; Vice-Pres., Josephine Bigjack; Secretary, John Langerholc Jr.; Treasurer, Genevieve Korosec; Recording Secretary, Ann Hovevar; Sergeant-at-arms, Larry Langerholc.

Flood City will have at least three teams entered in the Bowling Tournament at Carriek on New Year's Day. This affair promises to be even bigger and better than the last. We'll be looking forward to meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

Have you secured your ticket for Flood City's New Year's Dance which will be held in the Moxham Slovene Hall on December 30? Do you know that we are having a new orchestra again? And that it is Johnny Brulits and his Paramount orchestra from Uniontown? And that Johnny Brulits and his Paramount orchestra play the latest tunes as well as the polkas?

THIS AND THAT: I'll bet that Fred Zecker won't miss our New Year's Dance. Sorry to hear that Frank Seibert was injured in a mine accident. Hope you'll be up and around soon, Frank. We got a transfer from Christine Betts last month. Incidentally, she's one of the bowlers on our team. Stan Kluek's team is still in first place in the lodge league. Here's a last reminder—Don't forget our New Year's Dance on December 30!

JOHN LANGERHOLC, Lodge 712.

Juvenile Circles

Jolly Kansans' Yule Party

Saturday, Dec. 23, at Frontenac GIRARD, KANS.—The Jolly Kansans Circle has finally reached the "Road to Success." Its last climb will take place on the evening of Dec. 23, Saturday, when our Circle will hold its second annual Christmas affair. This party and dance will be held at the Slovene Hall in Frontenac and will climax our 1939 social activities.

Let our Circle be your hosts Saturday. Santa Claus is coming to town and will make his appearance promptly at 7 o'clock, with plenty of nice gifts for our good boys and girls. We are having a large Christmas tree, and every member of the circle will get a present, provided they will have their identification pins. A very fine program will be presented, more than 40 members taking part. Henry Jelovchian will introduce the officers, a tableau will be presented, Slovene and English songs by the Girls' Trio; a minstrel, "Stick to Your Word, Gal," will be staged, several musical numbers, mixed chorus and, finally, the hit of the evening, the Slovene play, "Kmet in Fotograf."

After the program free refreshments and drinks will be served. Admission for the party and dance only 10 cents for women and 20 cents for men. We have secured the kind of orchestra that can play polkas, popular tunes, waltzes and fox trots, the newly organized orchestra, "Kansans Playboys." So you see, da se bomo lahko vsi prav dobro zabavali, pill in jedli. You simply cannot afford to miss this affair. Bring your friends and relatives for a real grand time with our Circle Saturday evening, Dec. 23, at the Frontenac Slovene hall.

Our goal for the new year of 1940 is to climb up to the Mountain of Success. We can and we will do it!

With approximately 50 members present at our Dec. 3-meeting, at Yalo, the members have elected very capable leaders for the new year. Henry Jelovchian is President; Valarya Humar, Vice President; Dorothy Karlinger, Secretary; Jennie Lampe, Treasurer. Our past Adviser, Sis. Mary Shular, had turned in her resignation on account of her school work. We wish to thank Miss Shular for her help and patience in making our circle so outstanding. Her work is highly praised and we are very grateful to her. She is now attending college in Pittsburgh and we wish her much success in the future years. In her place, a juvenile member, Olga Marie Knapich, has been elected as Adviser. More on this meeting in the near future.

OLGA MARIE KNAPICH, Adviser, Circle 11.

Circle No. 22 Has Successful Affair and is Thankful to All

MIDWAY, PA.—To all our friends and neighbors who attended our program last Sunday, we wish to express our appreciation. A very fine attendance was on hand making the affair a success.

I also wish to thank all the members of our Circle who participated in the program. I know it took patience and hard work, but don't you think it was worth while? Seeing our parents and friends enjoy every minute of the program and, also, getting a huge lift financially—why, of course it is worth while.

Last, but not least, thanks to our kind and patient directors, Mrs. Irene Lukian and Mrs. Joseph Janeshek, who worked very hard to make this program interesting. We only wish we could do something nice for them some day. We all love them and here is hoping both will remain our pals and directors for a long, long time to come.

WILMA KOSEK, President, Circle 22.

Walsenburg Circle No. 1 to Give Yule Party Sunday

WALSENBURG, COLO.—All members of Juvenile Circle No. 1 are invited to attend the Christmas party given by our Circle on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m. at Kapusin's hall. There will be plenty of refreshments and entertainment for all who attend. After the party there will be a dance at the Pavilion. We are hoping to see you all there.

ANN URBAN, Sec'y, Circle 1.

Juvenile Circle No. 11 Will Give Yuletide Party Saturday

GIRARD, KANS.—'Twas the night before Xmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." Well, Jolly Kansans, here are the final plans for our Yuletide party. It will be held at Frontenac in the Slovene Hall on Dec. 23. The program will begin at 7 o'clock and we are expecting a large crowd. The program will consist of English and Slovene songs, accordion solo, introducing new officers, Christmas Carols, two plays, "Askin' her Father" and "Kmet in Fotograf," played by Olga Knapich and Henry Jelovchian. After this Santa will appear and distribute the presents to the children.

HENRY WM. JELOVCHIAN, President, Circle 11.

Little Fort Lodge

Comments on Officers

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 21, is the annual meeting of the Little Fort Lodge, SNPJ No. 368. Tonight there will be elected the officers who will carry out the decisions of the Little Fort members (who will meet in serious deliberation in large number for perhaps the first time this year). Therefore, we would like to comment in general on the duties and obligations of some of the officers.

An officer is elected to serve for a period of twelve months. An officer is elected and paid usually on the assumption that he will attend every monthly meeting, and some special meeting. It has come to the attention of some of the members of this staff that mere attendance at the monthly meetings is not the "big" thing of the job.

In the case of the President—he, as a member ex officio of all committees should watch over all committees, and when (as has happened too often in the past year) the committee is slow to function or to even come together, he should politely prod them into action. He should be very careful of his actions at the meeting and should never attempt to dominate the discussion. Particularly should he be careful to judge accurately when and just how much a motion is out of order.

The general assumption of the Secretary's job by our members is incorrect. To most of the members the Secretary is hired for 365 days in the year, twenty-four hours a day, and woe unto him if he dares to leave his home during the day or night when some straggling member may happen to decide to pay his dues.

We have always maintained that the Secretary should have definite hours during which to collect dues—say, for instance, Meeting night, the following Sunday afternoon, and the following Monday night (up to 8 o'clock only). Too often must the Secretary collect dues early in the morning or late at night; too often must the Secretary leave his "company—friends who happen to call" in order to mark in the little black book the monthly assessments; too often must the Secretary break an engagement so that a member can come to pay his dues; and too often must the Secretary collect some of the dues on the final few days, anxiously awaiting for them to come so that they need not be suspended from the lodge. Something must be definitely decided upon tonight in order to remedy this outrageous situation. We feel that the main duty of the Secretary is not to collect dues—the main job of the Secretary is to contact new members; to settle various disputes between his books and the words of a member; to devote a good deal of time to the "Juvenile Circle"; and to learn and understand the by-laws of the SNPJ. But, how in the world can he do this if at almost any hour of either night or day he must needs collect from Little Fort members who refuse or neglect to pay them at the monthly meeting and on time.

The Executive Board of the Lodge should meet before every monthly meeting and make recommendations to the lodge on the various topics to come before the meeting, such as: the correspondence, motions which are certain to come up, and to decide upon some method of making each meeting interesting. It is not proper that one or two members should be required to present most of the suggestions and motions at the meeting.

Co-op Xmas

The Educational Committee of the Waukegan-North Chicago Co-operative Association will hold its annual Xmas Party for its members on Sunday night, Dec. 24, at the Slovene Hall, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Of course, Xmas Night is for the youngsters, so the Co-operative has provided for them quite well. The biggest tree (it almost reaches the high ceiling of the Slovene Hall) has been beautifully decorated. The "Co-op Santa Claus" has promised the Committee that he will be there in person with a toy and gifts for all the young Co-op people in Waukegan and North Chicago. And also, a "mystery prize package" will be awarded to the lucky adult who will hold the lucky Co-op ticket.

The "Co-op Entertainment" will be: two or three reels of one of the funniest and most beloved of all the screen comedians—his name is "—". But then, come and see him for yourselves. The SNPJ "Jolly Juveniles," No. 24, of Waukegan are particularly invited; and the Committee wants them to bring all their young friends. And, of course, be sure to bring your mother and father with you, for they will also enjoy the "Co-op Xmas Party." The admission charges are nominal and will entitle the holders to a chance for the "prize."

New Year's Eve

The Slovene National Hall Library Club will hold a New Year's Eve party on "The Eve" at the Slovene Hall. A grand band will play, a beautiful "—" will be awarded to the lucky persons; and, of course, the New Year will be ushered in the way the Slovenes have a reputation for doing! "ACRES," Lodge 568.

An Open Letter to Brother "Acres"

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—My Dear Bro. Acres: One Sunday a good

A Column

By MARY JUGG

Can anything be more heart-breaking than Christmas for children of parents with little means living in a big city? For here the signs of the season are upon every hand and turn. The store windows laden with lavish and brilliant articles dear to the heart of every child stretch endlessly and endlessly. Downtown the streets are adorned with enormous garlands aglow with red and green lights. Loudspeakers carry Yuletide concerts. And the counters of the department stores are veritable fairylands of glitter and dazzle such as only childhood's dreams are made of.

There are toys that rumble and clatter, toys that make music, toys you build for yourself. Rocking horses, dollies, cowboy outfits, and footballs. The list grows until you become weary from the sheer extravagance of it all.

There are articles to wear, foot-stuffs to eat. And so much of it all. So much!

Then Christmas morn comes for the children of the poor and Santa has given so very, very meagerly of the things from his limitless storehouse. The fairyland—where did it go?

The bit of candy and nuts and the woolen muffler look bleak away from the Land of What-Might-Have-Been.

Where is he who can even briefly share the disappointment and tragedy of youth's blasted hopes at this darkest moment of his life?

Can anything be more cruel? —Nothing. Nothing except the distress of the parents of the disappointed child.

Fr. C. Lodge Elect Officers; to Hold Leap Year Dance

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—The yearly meeting of Dec. 10 proved to be a very interesting one, drawing many of the old members together again. The meeting was smoothly conducted. We would hit a rough spot occasionally, but came through with flying colors. Pres. Jos. Culkar sure proves his popularity when it comes down to the Friendly City members. He was again elected as our President and we look forward to him as our leader. We members dedicate the song "A Good Man is Hard to Find" to our past, present and future president.

The other officers elected were: B. J. Jacoby, Sec'y; Stella Sudnick, Treas.; Elsie Culkar, Rec. Sec'y. Frances Bombach, Chaignan, Auditing Committee. We look forward to the year 1940, as being a very promising one.

A Leap Year dance is enquired on our social calendar. An exciting time is being arranged by the committee in charge.

We have had, and still have Sis. Jos. Urban on the sick list. Who falls in line, but her brother Frank. Here's hoping he isn't what you might term "sick company." When a guy is sick, he isn't well, hold true with Andy Mele (our last home run hitter). If "Just Keep Smiling" is a cure, I feel sure you will make the grade. We members join in wishing you all a speedy recovery.

We find Sis. Jos. Jernejec happily married. Wishing you all the luck to your future happiness.

When you hear some one speak of being Carriek bound, you will know that it must be a Friendly City member. So, Bro. Kumer, make reservations for about 20 perfect score bowlers. We are coming down with the intention of having a "Darn Good Time."

Merry Xmas to all, wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. BEANIE B. JACOBY, Secretary.

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning. —LOWELL.

should need more funds than this to carry on our activity, either present or contemplated?

I have tried here to present to you the argument against the special assessment. What effect it will have I do not know, since you have come falsely to regard the passage of the special assessment as a point of personal honor. There are many members, however, who think as I do on this issue and it is only fair that their point of view be expressed, lest you think that their silence is an endorsement of your position.

With kindest regards, I am Fraternally yours, EL PAJARO.

P. S.—I've heard that the executive committee will propose at the annual meeting that some kind of a "Bank Nite" scheme be adopted to draw members to lodge meetings. At the same time the Committee will propose a special assessment for the ensuing year. So we shall lure members to meetings by the promise of cash awards, and finance these bank nights by special assessments? I, for one, should like to know what kind of folded this is anyhow! Some one apparently is not only talking but also thinking "like a sausage." Is this another one of your "suggestions," Brother "Acres"?

