

Uradne vesti društva SNPJ

NOKOMIS, ILL. — Društvo 209 SNPJ vabi vse članke, da se udeležijo letne seje dne 16. dec. Volitev odbora za 1946. Ne pozabite na članstvo. Naša kvota je 9 novih članov, kar lahko dosežemo s skupnimi močmi.
JOHN DEZELAK, tajnik.

TACOMA, WASH. — Pozivam članstvo društva 403 SNPJ, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje dne 19. dec. ob 8. zvečer. Na dnevnem redu bodo volitve odbora in druge važne zadeve, ki jih moramo rešiti.
JOSEF DUKIC, tajnik.

RACINE, WIS. — Naznanjam članom in članicam društva št. 68 SNPJ, da se bo letna seja vršila 16. dec. ob 2. popoldne. Želim, da se bi v velikem številu udeležili vsaj enkrat v letu.
FRANCES SLANA, tajnica.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — Članstvo društva št. 47 SNPJ se vabi, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje dne 16. dec. ob 2. popoldne. Na dnevnem redu bodo volitve odbora in druge važne zadeve. Prihodnje leto bomo praznovali društveno 40-letnico, zato je potrebno, da ste vsi navzoči.
JOHN GORSEK, tajnik.

DE PUE, ILL. — Pozivam članstvo društva št. 59 SNPJ, da se v velikem številu udeležijo letne seje dne 16. dec. ob 10. popoldne v Slovenskem domu. Volitve odbora za leto 1946. Dobili boste jedrnatost kolektarje. Ukrepali bomo o prireditvi za članstvo; 8 izmed 25 se jih je že vrnilo, 4 so nazaj pristopili. 4 pa se še niso prijavili. Opozorite svoje sinove, naj se zglasijo pri meni v dobi 90 dni po odpuštilu iz vojaške službe.
JOHN ZUGICH, tajnik.

E. WORCESTER, N. Y. — Članstvo društva 393 SNPJ se vabi, da se udeležijo letne seje dne 16. dec. ob 10. popoldne. Imeli bomo volitve odbora in dolžnost slehernega člana je, da se te važne seje udeleži.
JAMES MILAVEC, tajnik.

E. PITTSBURGH, PA. — Pozivam vse članke društva 629 SNPJ, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje dne 16. dec. ob 1. popoldne. Izvoliti moramo odbor za leto 1946 in rešiti razne druge zadeve. Udeležijo naj se tudi bivši vojniki.
VJEKOSLAV TRUMB, tajnik.

WARWOOD, W. VA. — Letna seja društva 353 SNPJ se bo vršila 16. dec. ob 10. popoldne in dolžnost vseh članov je, da se gotovo udeležijo. Na dnevnem redu bodo volitve odbora za leto 1946.
PAUL SOBOL, tajnik.

CANTON, O. — Članstvo društva 315 SNPJ je vabljeno, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje dne 16. dec. ob 10. popoldne na 1037 Rowland ave. N. E. Volili bomo odbor in razmislili o važnih zadevah.
PETER CHUPAR, tajnik.

LEETONIA, MINN. — Godišnja skupščina društva 125 SNPJ se bo odražala 16. dec. u 10. sati prije podne u školski dvorani Morton. Pozivljamo vse članove, da dodajo i izaberu čim bolji odbor. Plašite svoj nasenent na vrijeme, da budu računai na čistu za dodjuču godinu. Na zadnjof skupščini je članstvo protestiralo proti zdravniškoj pregledbi odpuštenih vojnika; veterani naj budu prosti ovne pregledbe.
PETER CHOPP, tajnik.

GILBERT, MINN. — Letna seja društva št. 61 SNPJ bo 16. dec. v navadnih prostorih ob 1. popoldne. Udeležba je bila slaba vse leto, zato upam, da se udeležijo vsaj glavne seje, ki je resnično važnega pomena.
ANDREW ZAGER, tajnik.

STRABANE, PA. — Vabim vse članstvo društva 138 SNPJ, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje 16. dec. ob 10. popoldne. To velja za člane.

PRESENEČENJE

Podpisana se najpričneje zahvaljujeva najinima sinovima ter bratim in sestram, ki so nama ob priložnosti 25-letnice zakonskega življenja pripravili presenečanje dne 23. novembra 1945, na domu mr. in mrs. Anton Flisek. Niti najmanj nista slutila, da se kaj takega pripravlja, ko so naju na zvit način spravili k Fliseku. Ko sva stopila notri in zagledala vse najine sorodnike, brate in sestre in njih sinove in hčere, je zadonelo "Surprise!" Kako sva se počutila, vedo le tisti, ki so to poskusili.

Neodpušljivo bi bilo, ako bi ne izrekla najine prisrčne zahvale za darila, ki so nama bili podarjeni, in sicer: najinima sinovima, Williamu in Paulu Kausu in njihovima ženama, mr. in mrs. Tom Salomon, mr. in mrs. Anton Flisek, mr. in mrs. James Riddle, mr. in mrs. Paul Kranker, mr. in mrs. John Rogina, mr. in mrs. Frank Komatz, mr. in mrs. Carl Komatz, mr. in mrs. M. John Kaus, mr. in mrs. John Zorch, mr. in mrs. Anton T. Kaus, mr. in mrs. Andy Bergine, mr. in mrs. Anton Sorch, mr. in mrs. Harold Emrick, Tom Salomon Jr., Carl Flisek, Paul Zorch, mrs. Chas. Mataluso, Torej, je enkrat najlepša hvala vsem. Ta dan nama ne bo nikdar pozabljen in bo ostal v trajnem spominu. Ob priliki eva Vam pripravljena povrniti Vašo prijaznost. Vaša hvaležna: Anton in Antonia Kaus, Oakmont, Pa.

in članice, kakor tudi za one članke, ki so prestopili v oddelke odraslih, da bodo na tej seji vpeljeni in zaprisoženi; stari naj jih na to opozorijo. Dobili boste jedrnatost kolektarje. Vsi na to važno sejo.
JOHN ZIGMAN, tajnik.

CHISHOLM, MINN. — Pozivam vse članke in članice društva 110 SNPJ, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje 16. dec. ob 9. popoldne v Mahnetovi dvorani. Volitev odbora in druge važne zadeve. Sodelujmo tudi mi v članski kampanji, da dosežemo našo kvoto 20 novih članov!
FRANK JENKO, tajnik.

MIDWAY, PA. — Glavna seja društva št. 89 SNPJ bo 16. dec. in dolžnost članstva je, da se gotovo udeležijo. Poleg volitev moramo rešiti tudi druge probleme. Pridite vsi! Dne 22. dec. pa društvo priredi vsajpoino prostro zabavo ob 7.30 zvečer za stare in mlade, da se medsebojno poveselemo in pogovorimo.
LOUIS CAPUDER, pred.

ELIZABETH, N. J. — Glavna seja društva št. 89 SNPJ bo 16. dec. ob 8.30 popoldne v Newarku, N. J. Apelirajmo tudi, da prispevate za jugoslovanski relief in da plačate članarino podružnice 97 SANS. Za relief sem letos prejel in odposlal \$91.50 (imena prispevatelev in vste bodo v dnevniku).
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CLEVELAND, O. — Letna seja društva 126 SNPJ bo 16. dec. ob 8.30 zjutraj, pol ure prej kot navadno. Pridite v velikem številu, kajti 400 članov in članic bi moralo napolniti tri zborovalne dvorane. Člani in članice, ki so prestopili v oddelke odraslih, naj bodo tudi navzoči, da bodo sprejeti po enotnih pravilih. Pomnite, da imamo člansko kampanjo, zato pomagajte v pridobivanju novih članov.
JOHN GABRENJA.

LIVINGSTON, ILL. — Glavna seja društva 96 SNPJ bo v nedeljo, dne 16. dec. ob 9.30 popoldne v navadnih prostorih. Vabim vse članke, da se gotovo udeležijo. Poleg volitev odbora bomo imeli obilo dela z drugimi problemi. Dobili bomo filme, določiti pa je treba razne podrobnosti in datum. Dobro bi bilo, da bi izvolili odbor za nabiranje prispevkov v pomoč bednim v stari domovini.
JOHN WIDMAR, tajnik.

ST. LOUIS, MO. — Letna seja društva 679 SNPJ bo 16. dec. ob 2. pop. v dvorani Jeffel, Jefferson in Lafayette, tajnik pa bo tam že ob 1.30 pop. Udeležite se vsi, ker bodo volitve odbora in druge važne zadeve.
FRANK PAVLETICH, tajnik.

VIRGINIA, MINN. — Vabim vse članke društva 338 SNPJ, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje 16. dec. ob 2. pop. v navadnih prostorih. Volitve odbora za 1946, po seji pa bomo imeli domačo zabavo. Vsaki naj prinese darilce!
ANGELA SCHNELLER, taj.

PURSGLOVE, W. VA. — Pozivam vse članke in članice društva 368 SNPJ, da se udeležijo letne seje 16. dec. v velikem številu, ker bomo volili odbor in dolžnost vseh članov je, da se gotovo udeležijo. Na zadnjof skupščini je članstvo protestiralo proti zdravniškoj pregledbi odpuštenih vojnika; veterani naj budu prosti ovne pregledbe.
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ROSE SELAK, tajnica.

CENTRAL CITY, PA. — Pozivam članstvo društva 247 SNPJ, da se v velikem številu udeležijo letne seje 16. dec. ob 2. pop. v Unijski dvorani. Volitev odbora; na zadnji seji je bilo sklenjeno, da izvolimo mlade moči; dne 29. dec. društvo priredi veselico v Unijski dvorani v Carinbrook; dalje bomo ukrepali o vprašanju zgraditve skupne društvene dvorane in v to svrhu se vabijo tudi člani drugih društev na našo sejo. — **FRANK YUNKO**, tajnik.

SPRING GLEN, UTAH. — Naznanjam članstvu društva 296 SNPJ, da bo letna seja 16. dec. ob 2. pop. v navadnih prostorih. Udeležite se vsi, da izvolimo odbor za leto 1946; pridejo naj tudi oni, ki niso bili navzoči vse leto.
MARK PATRICK, tajnik.

CLEVELAND, O. — Letna seja društva Svobode 748 SNPJ se bo vršila 14. dec. v običajnem prostoru; pričetek ob osmih zvečer.
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JOSEPHINE TERBIZAN, taj.

SUMMIT, ILL. — Glavna seja društva 707 SNPJ bo 16. dec. Udeležite se vsi in izvolite odbornike, ki bodo posekali seje. Bodimo složni in udeležimo se seji, da bo uspeh v vseh ozirih. Na svidenje na seji!
JACOB ADAM, tajnik.

CLEVELAND, O. — Društvo 312 SNPJ bo imelo glavno sejo 21. dec. ob 7. zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes ave. Poleg volitev odbora bo več važnih stvari, ki jih moramo rešiti, po seji pa bomo imeli nekoliko prigrizka in pijače. Udeležite se vsi! — **JOHN STRANCAR**, tajnik.

FREDERICKTOWN, PA. — Pozivam članstvo društva 288 SNPJ, da se udeležijo v velikem številu letne seje, ki se bo vršila 16. dec.; pričetek ob dveh popoldne v običajnem prostoru. Na dnevnem redu bo volitev odbora za prihodnje leto in več drugih važnih stvari, katerih

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ANTON SKVARCH, tajnik.

BRYANT, ILL. — Pozivam članstvo društva 261 SNPJ, da se v velikem številu udeležijo letne seje, da bomo lahko izvolili dober odbor za prihodnje leto.
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ŠESTA NAGRADA

Pueblo, Colo.—Kontest za povojne načrte SNPJ me je napeljal da povem svoje mnenje, kaj bi se lahko izboljšalo naša jednota. Mogoče sem v pravem, mogoče ne. Ker ima pa tajnik ali tajnica veliko upogleda v te stvari, bom napisala naslednje: Če bi na bolniških nakaznicah bilo besed: "Bolnika so obiskali . . .", bi imeli več uspeha pri pridobivanju mladine, ki je brez dvoma bodočnost jednote. Ko je mlada oseba vprašana, ako bi pristopila v jednoto, dobi agitor postokrat odgovor: "Kaj, da bi me hodili gledat, kadar bom bolan, kot pridejo moje starše—tega pa že ne! Ko bi bilo tako tam, kjer delam, potem bi te pristopil. Tam grem v urad, zdravnik izpolni predloženo listino in je vse gotovo."

Ce pomislimo, da se gl. bolniški tajnik ravna strogo po zdravniških beležkah, od prvega do zadnjega zdravniškega obiska, je obiskovanje bolnikov popolnoma brez podlage in starodavno. Bolniki so različni. Pri vsaki bolezni je več ali manj nemožnosti. Če nemožen človek sedi doma in premišljuje, da mu je prepovedano obiskovati svoje prijatelje, gotovo ni v njegov prid, ampak v podaljšanje bolezni. Če pa gre kljub temu, se pa najde "prijatelj", ki pove na društveni seji, da ta ali oni ni bolan. Če mora biti bolnik v postelji, je pa do dokaz, da ne simulira. Zdravnik pa tudi drži toliko na svoj poklic, da ne bo izpolnil nakaznice drugače kot bolezen zahteva.

Lepo je, če člani obiščejo člana iz bratstva in sočutja do njegove bolezni, ne pa, da mu dajo vedeti, da je pod nadzorstvom. Starejši člani to nadzorstvo še nekako prenesejo, ker so mu varen, mlajša generacija se pa zaveda, da je v deželi svobode—Ameriki.

Drugo vprašanje se tiče verskega prepričanja. Če bi bilo to vprašanje popolnoma odstranjeno v vsakem oziru, bi naša jednota štela še enkrat toliko članov, ker je brez vsakega dvoma najboljša slovanska podpora organizacija v Ameriki. Da je najboljša, so o tem prepričani naši nasprotniki prav tako kot smo mi.

Pomislirno, da so bili naši rojaki večinoma rojeni v strogo katoliški deželi. Nekateri so se otresli vere in verskih predsodkov, drugi ne; nekaterim je vera v Kristus, kar se ne da tako lahko ostreiti. Oni so kolikor toliko vplivali na vzgojo svojih otrok. Njih otroci morda mislijo prav tako kot mi, a vendar imajo nekaj v sebi, kar jih drži od jednote—nekak nerazumljiv strah, ki je v sredi votel, ob kraju ga pa nič ni. Vzemimo primere, da je gospodar družine svobodničanec, mati pa stroga katoličanka. Dokler so njuni otroci v mladinskem oddelku, se gre, vse nekaj drugega pa je, ko pride do odločevanja glede pristopa v oddelke. Človek dokazuje in dokazuje, da vera nima nič opraviti z zavarovanjem, toda berejo drugače in zopet se izgubi nekaj članov.

Pravilno bi bilo, da bi vero pustili na stran na sejah in v dopisih. Človek je svobodni in lahko veruje, v karkoli hoče. Svoje prepričanja naj ne nosi na rokavo, ker to ni v splošno korist, marveč le vsiljevanje svojih načel drugemu. Nekaj takih stvari morali imeti v mislih tudi naši prvi pionirji, ker drugače bi jednoti ne bili dali imena Slovenska narodna podpora jednota.

Rose Radovich. (21).

Konvencija, volitev delegatov in glavnih odbornikov

ŠESTA NAGRADA

Pittsburg, Kana.—Konvencija SNPJ naj bi se vršila vsaki dve leti v državi, kjer ima jednota več članov—v Illinoisu, Ohiju in Pennsylvaniji.

Volitve delegatov naj se vrše

po okrožjih pod nadzorstvom federacij—vsaka federacija v svojem delokrogu—in po navodilu iz glavnega urada, ki naj bi preskrbel potrebne listine za volitve.

Vsako društvo do sto članov lahko nominira enega kandidata in na vsaki naslednjih 200 članov nadaljnega kandidata.

Federacija naj bi vodila volitve pri društvih pismeno. Pričel naj bi se dovolj zgodaj, da bi bilo dovolj časa za ožje volitve. Delegat, ki bi ne bil izvoljen popolnoma pravilno, bi ne dobil pooblastila za delegata od federacijskega odbora.

(Federacije naj bi dobile več moči od jednote in njen odbor naj bi opravil delo distriktnega predsednika in bil za naloženo delo primerno plačan.)

Število delegatov na konvenciji naj bi bilo v sledeči proporciji: tri četrtine delegatov in ena četrtina gl. odbornikov. Tako bi, recimo, lahko gl. predsednik doletel, koliko članov bi bilo treba za izvolitev delegata—400, 500 ali 600. Če na primer federacija šteje 900 članov, za izvolitev delegata pa bi bilo potrebno 500 članov, tedaj lahko pošlje društvo, ki se ne spada k federaciji, ali pa dobi še sto novih članov; ako ne, bi izvolili samo enega delegata ("izposoditi" si članstvo od druge federacije bi moralo biti prepovedano).

Od vsake skupine (federacije) delegatov bi lahko skupno delali in se po potrebi eden ali dva oglašila za besedo na konvenciji.

Službena doba vsakega gl. odbornika naj bi bila 4 leta, kot je sedaj in vsaka konvencija naj

bi izvolila polovico gl. odbornikov—konvencije se udeležijo vsi. Konvencija, katera bi izvolila predsednika, bi na primer ne izvolila podpredsednika—ena konvencija izvoli predsednika, druga pa podpredsednika. Prav tako tudi v vseh drugih oddelkih. Službena doba za gl. zdravnika in gl. urednika bi bila lahko dve leti, ker nimata namestnika—in pa radi hitrih sprememb. Službena doba gl. tajnika ne sme preteči takrat kot gl. blagajnika ali pomožnega tajnika.

Glede spremembe pravil naj bi konvencija vzela v pretres samo one točke, katere bi priporočila gl. odbor in federacije. Članstvo lahko priporoči svoji federaciji skozi Prosveto.

Po tem načrtu bi se federacije, društva in članstvo živahno gibal vse leto pred konvencijo. Zdaj smo takorekoč tri leta tihi, ko pride konvencija leto, smo pa mlajši namesto živahni za SNPJ.

Razlog za tako spremembo v jednoti je, ker je štiriletna medkonvencijna doba predolg. Ko je bila jednota še šibka v članstvu, je imela konvencije na dve leti. Če je bila to potreba malega članstva, je sedaj za veliko jednoto še toliko bolj večja, to je, če hočemo imeti aktivno članstvo, katerega sedaj pogrešamo. Temu so v dokaz tudi pogoste spremembe v jednoti v preteklosti. Bilo bi bolj umestno, če bi jih rešila konvencija kot pa gl. odbor. Te primere so: Bolniška podpora za 50c, odprava sobotne izdaje in smernice Prosvete, Molkova zadeva, volitev novih uradnikov, zadeva z vrhovnim zdravnikom, ki je prišla tožba. In še mnogo drugih sprememb bi lahko konvencija rešila, če bi se vršila. Tako pa delajo gl. odboru veliko dela, za katero ga razdvojen članstvo kritizira in izgublja veselje do aktivnosti za jednoto. Lahko bi še veliko pisal, toda naj zadoštuje.

Frank Rugel. (72).

Glasovi iz naselbin

DELNIČARSKA SEJA SDD

Detroit, Mich.—Opozarjam vse tiste delničarje Slovenskega delavškega doma, kateri ne bi prejel naznanila za letno delničarsko sejo SDD, ki se bo vršila 23. decembra, pričetek ob dveh popoldne, da mi izročijo naslove, da jih lahko obvestim z dopisnico.

Naj še omenim, da bosta SDD in gospodinjstvi odsek SDD priredila skupno zabavo na Silvestrovo večer, 31. dec. Igrala bo godba "Pink". Podrobnosti bomo poročali.

Frank Tehovnik, tajnik.

JUBILEJ NAPREDNIH SLOVENK 137 SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Vijudno vabim vse članice in prijateljce, da se gotovo udeležijo naše veselice, na kateri bomo obhajale 35-letnico obstoja našega društva.

Sestre, naše vrste se krčijo, posebno med ustanoviteljicami, zato je priporočljivo, da se skupaj snidemo vsaj na jubilejnih priredbah in oživimo naše spomine. Od časa zadnje proslave, to je od 30-letnice, smo izgubile tri ustanoviteljice. Te so: sestra Zaletek, ona je bila naša prva računarska nadzornica, sestra Jerab, ki je bila več let blagajnica in neutrudljiva društvenica, in sestra Smole, tudi dobra za društvo.

Ziveče ustanoviteljice so: sestra Erste, Černe, Majzel, Oblak, Martinčič, Mežnaršič in Škrjanc. Slednja je sedaj pri drugem društvu.

Tiste čase smo agitirale za društvo s korakanjem v narodnih nošah in z znaki na prsih, da smo opozorile žene in dekletke na se. Dostikrat je bil dober uspeh; ko so nas videli, kako smo mlade in brhke, so se strnile v naše vrste.

Prirejale smo tudi piknike in bile smo oblečene v narodnih nošah, da so drugi videli, katera je bila Napredna Slovenka. Sedaj pa je vse bolj moderno in vme se laže dela kot tedaj, ko smo me orale. Sedaj so veselice dobro obiskane, ko imamo svoje narodne domove, kjer se lahko zabavamo starejši in naša mladina.

Zal mi je, ker se nisem mogla udeležiti glavne društvene seje, kajti si moram celiti rebra, sicer pa gre že na bolje.

Kaj pa je z našo predsednico? Še meseca februarja je obljubila, da bo napisala dopis v Prosveto, ali do sedaj še ni zagledala belega dne. Morda je pozabila, sicer pa vem, da je zelo zaposlena, vendar pa si naj vseeno vzame nekoliko časa in kaj napiše!

Na koncu pa ponovno vabim vse članice in brate in sestre drugih bratskih društev, da ne pozabijo Naprednih Slovenk na dan 15. decembra v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave. Pričetek veselice ob osmih zvečer.

Josie Mesnarsic.

BOŽIČNICA IN SEJA FEDERACIJE

Farrell, Pa.—Slovenski narod v stari domovini bo letos po dolgih letih trpljenja veselo praznoval božične praznike. Boril se je štiri dolga leta proti krvočolnemu okupatorju in domačim izdajalcem in končno zmagal. Toda koliko krvi je bilo prelito, koliko vasi požgane!

Danes je ta junaki narod svoboden, toda za svoje osvobodjenje je drago plačal, zato mu moramo mi, njihovi bratje in sestre, pomagati v vseh ozirih.

Tukajšnji mladinski krožek 21 SNPJ bo priredil na sveti večer priredbo v korist slovenskega naroda v stari domovini. To je že četrto leto, ko prireja mladinski krožek priredbo v korist slovenskega naroda. Program bo vseboval kratko igro in pevске točke. Otroke uči in pripravlja za ta nastop krožkova voditeljica Frances Novak.

Kakor vsako leto, tako bo tudi letos priredba vsem ugajala. Na priredbi bomo pobirali tudi prostovoljne prispevke za našo razdejano staro domovino. Kdor čuti, da je slovenske krvi, se bo gotovo udeležil priredbe.

Odborniki podružnice SANSa pa naj bodo na mestu, da bodo zapisali imena darovalcev. Odpri srce, otiraj bratovske solze!

Na koncu pa nas bo obiskal Miklavž. Upam, da bo vsakega obdaroval.

Opozarjam zastopnike društev, ki spadajo k federaciji za vzhodni Ohio in Penno, da se gotovo udeležijo seje, ki se bo vršila 30. decembra v Girardu, O., v Slovenskem domu; pričetek ob dveh popoldne. Na dnevnem redu bo tudi volitev odbora za prihodnje leto.

Ob tej priliki tudi opominjam vsa društva, ki še niso včlanje-

na pri naši federaciji, naj sedaj pristopijo, kajti federacija vrši delo v korist društev in jednote. Naša federacija že pol leta daje nagrado za nove člane, in sicer za odrasli oddelek 50c, za mladinski pa 25c. V združenju je moč! Pristopite k federaciji!

Joseph Garm, predsednik.

DRUŠTVO ŠT. 126 SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Člani društva Cleveland št. 126 SNPJ se na drugem mestu te izdaje opozarjajo na letno sejo, to bo 16. dec. ob 8:30 zjutraj, pol ure prej kot navadno. Pričakuje se, da bo udeležba obila. Vojna je končana in zaposlenost tudi ni tako velika, da ne bi mogli na sejo; naše seje so vselej zanimive in podučilne.

Ali veste, da se nahajamo v kampanjski dobi? Ali ste se že odločili, da pridobite novega člana ali članico v društvo? Pomnite, da ta kampanja velja tudi za otroke, nagrade pa so dovolj privlačne, da pridobite nove člane za oba oddelka. Zavijajte rokave, požurite se takoj in uspeh bo povzročil za društvo in jednoto! Naša društvena kampanja traja do zadnjega decembra. Kandidati v mladinski oddelki so zdravniške preiskave prosti.

Poleg tega pa je v teku tudi velika jednotna kampanja za nove člane in tudi tu so na razpolago lepe nagrade. Želim opomniti tiste, ki so obljubili in prošnje že vposlali, da store svojo dolžnost in pripeljejo nove kandidate na društveno sejo, da jih vjemo.

Na naši letni seji se bodo oddale nagrade tistim, ki so sodelovali v društveni kampanji. Sedaj imate dovolj časa, da nekateri storite za svoje društvo v vseh ozirih.

Naši fantje se polagoma vračajo z bojišč. Od našega društva jih je bilo 50 v vojaški suk-nji, dosedaj se jih je vrnilo deset, nobeden pa ni izgubil življenja ali da bi bil pogrešan. Doslej so se vrnili Stanley Smrdel, Victor in John Dobre, Louis J. Gabrenja, John Yuko, Jos. Dežman, Joseph Pogačar, John Debeljak, Robert Spelič in Anthony Pirc. Društvo je sklenilo, čim se jih vrne polovica, da priredi banket njim v počast, tega pa bodo deležni tudi njihovi starši oziroma žene, ako so člani ali članice društva.

J. J. Gabrenja, tajnik.

O ZDRAVNIŠKI PREISKAVI IN DRUGE VESTI

Slovan, Pa.—Leto 1945 gre proti koncu; smo namreč že skoro v sredini decembra. Prineslo nam je precej spremembe v življenju in več slabih kot dobrih novic. Od društva 241 SNPJ, ki ima svoj sedež v Slovanu, smo izgubili v tekočem letu štiri članice: dva sta izgubila življenje v vojni, Mike Boril je umrl na Novi Gvineji, John Borto pa v Nemčiji. K večjemu počitku pa smo spremili Mika Dubiča in Johna Pirata.

V armadi smo imeli 19 članov, do sedaj pa se jih je povrnilo šele osem. Tudi naši člani-vojaki, ki so se povrnil domov z raznih bojišč, se protivijo zdravniški preiskavi. Nekateri, ki se želijo zavarovati za bolnišni in odškodninski podpora, se pritožujejo, češ, zakaj so se samo podpisali, ko so odšli v armado, sedaj pa se naj podvržejo zdravniški preiskavi, katere se je že vsak vojak naveličal. Torej bi bilo pravilno, da bi glavni odbor nekaj spregledal in naredil olajšave za tne naše mlade člane.

Dne 25. novembra sta praznovala John Sage in njegova žena iz Burgettstowna, Pa., 25-letnico zakonskega življenja v krogu svoje družine in prijateljev. Povabljen je bila tudi podpisana in sem se udeležila s svojo polovico in nečakom Atol-

fom Papežem iz Clevelanda, ki se je nahajal te dni pri nas na dopustu. On je prišel namreč iz Evrope. Povedal nam je mnogo zanimivega, kajti doživel je marsikaj. Adolf je član društva Naprej 5 SNPJ v Clevelandu. Nazadnje pa smo se zabavali še v Slovenskem domu. Čestitali in želeli smo Johnu Sagu in njegovi ženi še nadaljnjih 25 let, da bi srečna in zdrava dočakala tudi zlato poroko. (Ostalo bo priobčeno v dnevniku.—Ured.)

Karolina Papež.

ODBOR DRUŠTVA 474 SNPJ SE ZAHVALJUJE

Blanford, Ind.—Odbor društva 474 SNPJ se zahvaljuje vsem članom in članicam, ki so se udeležili letne seje v tako velikem številu.

Elizabeth Makuc, blagajnica.

PRIREDITEV V POMOČ SLOVENSKIM SIROTAM

Cleveland, O.—V petek, dne 28. dec. ob 8. zvečer bodo Progresivne Slovenke s sodelovanjem vseh tukajšnjih podružnic SANSa priredile "Baby Shower" v SND na St. Clairju v korist bednim otrokom v Sloveniji. Vijudno vabimo vse slovenske žene in dekleta, da se udeležijo. Po programu bo domača zabava, na katero se vabijo tudi moški.

Jugoslovanski rdeči križ poroča, da je v Jugoslaviji okrog 800.000 osirotelih otrok, med temi tudi približno 10.000 slovenskih, ki so nujno potrebni hrane in obleke. Mnogo teh nedolžnih žrtv vojne je videlo na lastne oči, kako so bili ubiti nje-hovi starši po fašisti in nacistih. Postali so brezdomci in tavajo po deželi brez doma; nekateri so tako majhni, da ne vedo svojih imen, ne od kje so doma. Poznaio le strah, lakot in mraz.

Mnogi izmed vas pošiljate zavoje svojem v Slovenijo, kar je vse hvale vredno. Toda me vas prosimo, da se za božič spomnite tudi teh nesrečnih sirot, ki so ostali sami. Usmilite se jih, pomagajte jim olajšati njih bedno stanje! Obleka, ki jo zanje darujete, naj bo čista in dobra za jabo, mra vsake velikosti, za dečke in deklice. Sprejemajo se tudi denarni prispevki v ta namen; kupili bomo primerno blago in ga tja odposlali.

Na večer prireditve se pričakuje obila udeležba; navzročje bo nagovoril govornik ali govornice; silšali boste lepo petje; servirali se bo prigrizek. Pomagajte plemeniti stvari! Poskušajte za letošnji božič obelci vsaj eno siroto v Sloveniji!

Josie Zakralšek, preds.

Joyce E. Gorshe, tajnica.

Millie Bradac, blagaj.

PROTI ZDRAVNIŠKI PREISKAVI

Lloydell, Pa.—Društvo 60 SNPJ se je na redni seji z dne 12. novembra z veliko večino izreklo proti sklepu glavnega odbora, ki določa, da se morajo člani vojaki zdravniško preiskati, predno so sprejeti v bolnišni in odškodninski oddelki.

Na tisoče mater in očetov je proti temu sklepu glavnega odbora. Sedaj je čas, da odpremo naša vrata na stežaj in sprejmemo naše brate veterane v naročje naše matere jednote. Dajmo jim tiste ugodnosti in pravice kot so jih imeli pred odhodom in jih sprejmemo v omenjena oddelka brez zdravniške preiskave. Na ta način bomo pridobili ljubezen naše mladine do SNPJ. (Glejte naznanilo gl. tajnika in uredniški članek.—Ured.)

Vse je bolj živahno in veselo, odkar je konec te strašne vojne. Sedaj naši fantje in možje prihajajo domov. Veliko pa jih je, ki se ne bodo nikdar več povrnil. Tudi mi smo izgubili brata moje soproge Louisa Onusica. Zapolnila pet let starega sinčka. Mati pa je umrla pred nekaj leti, tako da sedaj nima ne matere in ne očeta. Izrekam sožalje vsem očetom in materam, kateri so bili prizadeti v tej vojni.

Od vojakov so bili častno odpušteni: Louis Svigel, Tony Zalar, Frank Zalar, Anton Zalar, Tony Svele, Frank Svele, Andy Ferfila, Dominik Likovic, Frank Meden, Steve Kvoni. Vsi člani SNPJ. Časno so bili odpušteni tudi sledeči Slovenci: Karol Brema, Adolf Hribar, Joe Hribar, Joe Guzel, John Vicio, Joe Onusic, Rudolf Onusic, Frank Onusic in Leo Jereb.

Ralph Jorman, tajnik.

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Kampanja za relief v polnem razmahu

Poročila od naših tajnikov iz raznih naselbin nam kažejo, da se je naš narod v Ameriki z veliko vnamo odzval klicu za zbiranje obleke, obuvila in drugih potrebščin za revne in trpeče ljudi v Jugoslaviji, ki so v obupnem pomanjkanju. Kako dobrodošla je vsaka pomoč iz Amerike, nam jasno pričajo številna pisma, ki prihajajo iz Slovenije in drugih delov Jugoslavije. Vendar pa vse prejete in razdeljene potrebščine še od daleč ne zadostujejo. Če je v eni družini le ena obleka, ki je dostojna za obisk v mesto, ostali člani družine pa se morajo doma zadovoljiti z navadno cunjjo za kritje golote, tedaj je pomanjkanje pač obupno. Koliko dobrega zmečemo v Ameriki na smetišče, za kar bi nam marsikateri revež v stari domovini bil hvaležen do smrti, če bi le tam imel!

V vseh važnih središčih našega življa v Ameriki so odprte nabiralne postaje, kamor lahko prinesete svoje prispevano blago. Kjer ni takih postaj, je treba poslati naravnost v skladišče: WRFASD WAREHOUSE, 161 Perry st., New York, N. Y.

Kdor hoče poslati reliefne potrebščine naravnost svojim sorodnikom, se mora poslužiti pošte. Zavitki so omejeni do teže 11 funtov. Poleg naslovljenca je treba dostaviti še eno ime in naslov, kamor naj bo zavitek oddan, če bi ne bilo mogoče slediti naslovljenca. Na zavitek mora biti prilepljeno tudi pismo z znanko od 5c in v njemu zapisano, da so poslani potrebščine DARILO. Na vidno mesto blizu naslova naj bodo tudi od tianjene črke "G. L. V. V." kaj je označba, da poslano ni podvrženo carini.

Brez razlike kako in komu pošljete te reliefne potrebščine, pošljite ali oddajte jih brez oblašanja. Pomoč bo največ koristila, če pride ob pravem času.

V tej koloni bi rad omenil razne naselbine in naše vrle in poštovne delavce in delavke, ki so se zopet z vso marljivostjo lotili tega človekoljubnega, a naporega in neprijetnega dela. Rad bi omenil vse one dariljive in blagodušne ljudi, ki niso samo sedaj, temveč že večkrat prej na široko podprli našo kampanjo in res plačali svoj narodni davek v pomoč svojim tr-

pečim sobratom v Sloveniji in Jugoslaviji. Toda to je nemogoče. Naš prostor je omejen, naši dnevi štejejo le po 24 ur, drugega neobhodnega dela pa je veliko. Včasno priznanje zaslug teh delavcev in delavk, darovalcev in prispevalcev naj bo neizpodbitno dejstvo, da vam je vsem slovenski narod neizmerno hvaležen ter da se vam s solznimi očmi iskreno zahvaljuje.

Vsi oni pa, ki se še niste zganili, zadnji čas je, da pokažete svojo človekoljubnost! Zadnji čas je, da se tisti kamen-srce omeha, da pozabite na vse kaprice, izgovore in odlašanja ter postanete človeško bitje, ki ima dušo in srce, razum in sočustvo, usmiljenje in ljubezen do svojega bližnjega. To naj bi bila vaša božična misel.

Predsednik skupščine se zahvaljuje

Dne 6. decembra je SANS prejel iz Beograda brzojav, oddan 5. decembra. Glasl se:

V IMENU USTAVODAJNE SKUPŠČINE SPREJIMATE, PROSIM, ISKRENO ZAHVALO ZA VAŠE TOPLE ČESTITKE IN DOBRE ŽELJE.

DR. IVAN RIBAR, PREDSEDNIK.

A Nation of Nations

Adamičovo novo knjigo o Ameriki "A Nation of Nations" je večina ameriških kritikov sprejela z veliko pohvalo. Je pač to nekaj novega v ameriški literaturi. Odpira marsikateremu popolnoma nov videk o naši novi domovini in njeni zgodovini, razprostra med nami polje migracije in njenih doprinosov pri zgradbi Amerike. In na tem polju je prvak-delavec Louis Adamič, naš častni predsednik.

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Mirko G. Kuhel, tajnik.

obeh predvajanj filmov, v Claridgeju in Herminieju!

Anton Zornik.

PREDVAVANJE FILMOV V PENNI

Herminie, Pa.—Obveščam vsa društva v westmorelandskem okraju, da bomo predvajali filme "Osvobodjenje Belgrade" in "The Star and Sand" v Claridgeju 22. decembra zvečer, v Herminieju pa 23. dec. zvečer. Kazanje filmov se bo vršilo v slovenskih domovih v obeh naselbinah.

Prijatelji, bratje in sestre, glejmo da bomo napolnili obe dvorani do zadnjega kotička, kajti ves čisti dobiček je namenjen za naše siromake v Jugoslaviji. Na platno bomo videli žrtve grozne vojne, mučenje miroljubnih ljudi itd.

Sovražniki Jugoslavije in Slovanov pa še niso bili zadovoljni s plenom, temveč so svoje žrtve mučili na vse mogoče načine in s tem daleč prekosili neko tako krvočolne Turke.

Bratje in sestre, pokažimo našim bratom in sestram v stari domovini, kateri so preživeli to strašno vojno, da cenimo njihov boj in jim priskočimo na pomoč z denarjem in drugimi potrebščinami. Pomagajmo jim takoj, danes, tako da bodo deležni pomoči še v tej zimi, ki trka na vrata. Res, drago so plačali jugoslovanski borci za svojo svobodo, ampak ti junaki in junakinje bodo živeli še stoletja, strahopetni izdajalci pa bodo pozabljeni še preden zginejo njihove kosti.

Polkovnik Hout, ki je spisal knjigo "Guns for Tito," je dejal med drugim tudi to: "Kakor slavimo Georgeja Washingtona kot očeta naše republike, tako bodo slavili jugoslovanski narodni hrabrega Tita."

Torej ne pozabite udeležiti se

Draga prijateljica, počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti bo ameriška zemlja! Ostali družini pa izrekam moje globoko sožalje.

John Goršek st.



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VAŽNE VESTI

Bridgeport, O.—Priredba podružnice 33 SANSa, ki se je vršila 24. nov., je sijajno uspela, najbolje, kar smo jih še imeli v tem kraju v ta namen. Dan pred priredbo je snežilo, nakar je pritisnil mraz in ceste so bile kot iz stekla. Bilo je dosti nezgod z avtomobili. Mene pa je silno skrbelo, da bo škodovalo naši priredbi. V soboto dopoldne so bile ceste še precej ledene, nenadoma pa je postalo toplo in led je izginil.

Naša kolekta je znašala več kot kdaj poprej. Nekateri so mi prinesli denar celo na dom, mnogi, ki niso mogli priti na priredbo, so pa vseeno kupili vstopnice. Več o tem bo poročal John Vitez, tajnik-blagajnik naše podružnice. Najbolj sta se postavila Rose Skoff, ki je darovala \$10, in Joseph Skoff, ki je prispeval 320.

Programi nismo imeli nič, razen da je podpisani apeliral na zavzoče za pomoč. In odziv je bil dober. Vendar pa ni s tem rečeno, da smo sedaj gotovi. Pomoč je potrebna, zato bomo skušali pridobiti še ostale, ki se niso mogli udeležiti naše priredbe tisti večer. Morda bo naša kolekta znašala \$400, kar je zelo lepa vsota za tako majhno podružnico. Vsa stvar se je izvršila v najlepšem redu. Delavci in delavke so izvršile svoje delo do pike, odbor društvene dvorane pa je nam dal dvorano zastoj.

Prejeli smo tudi nekaj daril, ki so nam prinesla nekaj dolarjev. V imenu podružnice 33 SANSa in trpečega naroda v stari domovini se najlepše zahvaljujem vsem, ki so pripomogli do tako lepega uspeha. Imejte zavest, da ste storili svojo dolžnost do svojih bratov in sester v stari domovini.

Letna seja društva 13 SNPJ je bila povoljno obiskala. Izvoljen je bil sledeč odbor: Peter Kroflich, predsednik, John Blatnik, podpredsednik, Joseph Snoy, tajnik, Frank Wočko, blagajnik. Nadzorniki: Frank Matko, preds., Alfred Bradač, Rose Mihečič, zapisničarica, Mary Potnik, vratarica, Matt Strauss, maršal, John Grill, zastavonoša, dr. Frank Harris, društveni zdravnik.

Društvene seje se bodo vršile kot v preteklosti, to je prvo nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne. Enako je ostalo po starem glede letne seje in pogrebov. V odboru ni dosti sprememb, razen podpredsednika, zapisničarice in en nadzornik, ki je bil prej podpredsednik.

Društvo je povoljno napredovalo v tem letu v obeh oddelkih. Upam, da bo s skupno kooperacijo napredovalo tudi v prihodnjem letu. V teku leta smo izgubili samo enega člana, in sicer ustanovitelja društva Louisa Terhlena, ki je preminul 3. septembra.

Po seji smo imeli malo proste zabave in tudi zavrteli smo se nekajkrat. Imeli smo svojega godca, ali ker se je ravno nahajal v naselbini brat Frank Koran s svojim sinom iz Salema, sta nam igrala lepe slovenske valčke in polke, tako da je bilo zelo prijetno razpoloženje.

Društvo 13 ima še lepo bodočnost, ako bomo skupno delovali. Naj še omenim, da prevladuje pri društvu mlada generacija in bomo morali prej ali slej pričeti z angleškim poslovanjem. Starih članov je vedno manj, ostali pa imo zgarijeni in utrjeni. Tudi tiste navdušenosti ni med nami, kot je bila prejšnja leta.

Seje sta se udeležila tudi brata poročnik Albert Blatnik in sergent John Blatnik, ki sta bila prav na dopustu. Poročnik Blatnik je moral drugi dan nazaj, kajti odpoval bo v Nemčiji.

Iz armade je bil odpuščen Fred Bende, ki je doleto služil v Franciji in Nemčiji. Slišal sem, da je bil tudi odpuščen starejši sin Josepha Skoffa iz Barton. On bo starejši v veliko pomoč, ker sta bila sama na farmi. Mlajši sin pa se še vedno nahaja v Nemčiji. Moja hčerka pa je še vedno v službi Strica Sama kot

poročnica-bolničarka, en sin v mornarici in drugi v armadi. Oni bodo morali služiti še dolgo časa. Sin, ki je v mornarici, je profesionalni igralec žoge. Letos igra z minnesotsko univerzo v Minneapolisu, kjer se nahaja ves čas. Mlajši sin pa je v častniški šoli in ako bo izdelal izpite, bo graduiral 17. januarja.

Joseph Snoy.

V DOBROHOTNO
POJASNILLO

Gillespie, Ill.—Neki član, ki spada k društvu 356 SNPJ, mi je sporočil, da je bilo precej viharja na seji omenjenega društva radi mojega dopisa, ki je bil priobčen 28. novembra v Prosveti. V dopisu sem zapisal, da je dotično stvar priporočal zastopnik, ne vedo, da omenjeno društvo ne pripada več k federaciji centralnega Illinoisa. Pripravljen sem popraviti stvar in preklicem besedo "zastopnik", kajti glasi bi se morala, da je bil dotični samo član društva 356, ki se je na svojo iniciativo udeležil federacijske seje dne 10. junija v Gillespiju in podal svoje mišljenje in priporočila v korist članstva SNPJ.

Naj omenim, da je dovoljeno priti vsakemu članu na federacijske seje in ne samo zastopnikom in sleherni član lahko poda svoja priporočila v korist članstvu in jedrju. To popravek naj bo v dobrohotno pojasnilo vsem prizadetim.

Peter Menchak.

BOŽIČNICA MLADINSKEGA
KROŽKA V KANSASU

Arma, Kansas.—Med vojno so naše društvene veselice zaradi raznih potožkov skoro popolnoma prenehale, pa smo se tolažili, češ, se bomo pa po vojni spet "potegnili iz hlač" in nadomestili kar smo zamudili, ko pridejo normalni časi.

Ampak—kot za druge stvari, tako tudi v tem oziru le počasi prihajamo v "normalne čase". Prvi večji skok bomo naredili v soboto večer, 22. decembra. Ta večer se bo namreč vršila božičnica ml. krožka SNPJ v Franklinu v dvorani Community.

Vljudno torej vabimo vse članke okoliških društev SNPJ, in prijatelje mladine, da pridijo na to veselico. Imeli boste spet nekaj dobre zabave, kakršne smo bili vajeni prej leta in zlek pogrešali med vojno. Obenem boste pa tudi pomagali kriti stroške Miklavža, ki bo obdaril aktivne članke ml. krožka. Ta mladina je že med letom na svojih sejah razpravljal glede božičnice in se veselila te priredbe.

Za federacijski odbor in ml. krožek:

A. Shaler.

O REPREZENTACIJI

Cleveland, O.—Zanimalo me je poročilo o reorganizaciji konvencije, ki ga je podal Blaž Novak. Torej po Blažovem pripočitju bi imeli še več konvencij—narodne in mednarodne. Ni nam povedal kaj je glavna priroba proti konvencijam. Plače delegacij?

Vprašanje je, kdo bo plačal okrožnim delegatom, ko bi obdržali narodne konvencije, kakor priporoča br. Novak. In to vključuje vojnjo. Kam bi nosilo društvo iz Blocktona, Alabama, svojega zastopnika, ker je v državi Alabami samo eno društvo? V Samsu, Fla., prav tako samo eno v Hardburyju, Ky., eno v Eckhartu, Md., eno v Omah, Nebraska, eno v Bishopu, Virginiji, eno in pa v Kanadi v Alberto, Britič Columbia Nova Scotia in Ontario je primeren prostor za federacijske konvencije, posebno ako bi jih sklicali v Torontu in bi bil poslan delegat iz Princetona, B. Columbia?

Ali se naj bi take narodne konvencije obdržale le radi tega, ker se tako strahoma ljubimo med seboj in za kratek čas? Mala društva ne bi imela nič več prilike, da bi bili njihov delegat izvoljen za glavno konvencijo, ako bi velika društva lahko poslala toliko več zastopnikov,

ker zastopniki bi volili po svojih družtvih. Edino kar bi imeli, bi bila še večja konfuzija. Blaž ima prav, ko pravi, da članstvo ne poseja sej v velikem številu. Zakaj ne? Može se starajo in ni več tiste energije kot je bila včasih. Torej povejmo po pravici tako kot je! In kako naj bi se zanimali za narodne konvencije? Oh, da bi mogli vsaj vršiti to tako kot bi morali, pa bi bilo dobro.

V Prosveto se lahko napiše veliko, toda pisati je ena stvar, delo izvršiti je pa teže! Kdor dela, ta ve!

Frank Barbič.

BESEDA O KAMPANJI

Livingston, Ill.—Sedaj je v teku članska kampanja in društva ter člani in članice si privzadevajo, da pridobijo čim več novih članov v oboji oddelka, da tako dosežejo svoje kvote. Razume se, da v marsikateri naselbini to delo ni lahko, so razne težave in neprilike, kljub temu pa moramo z delom naprej.

Moje mnenje je, da se malo preveč piše o tistih društvih, ki se niso naznanila svojih kampanjskih aktivnosti oziroma rezultatov. Zato se ne morem strinjati s kampanjskim direktorjem glede kampanjskega dela. Zapiše se lahko marsikaj, težje pa je agitirati. Jaz poskušam kadar morem, pa če je uspeh ali ne. Treba je vedeti tudi to, da smo nekateri vedno na agitaciji, ne samo sedaj v kampanji. Mi agitiramo vseh 365 dni v letu, dočim to delo vršijo testamenti samo v kampanji, k je določena za dobo šest mesecev.

Večkrat človek naleti na ljudi, ki to odgovore, češ, ali imate že spet kampanjo. Nisem nasproten kampanjam, izkušeni pa vem, da niso vselej zaželjene ne pri agitatorjih ne pri novih kandidatih.

Drugo važno vprašanje glede te zadeve tiči v tem, koliko časa bodo tisti člani, ki so pridobljeni v kampanji, ostali člani. To je važno: ni dovolj, da agitiraš in pridobiš, treba je skrbeti, da člani v društvu in jedrju tudi obdržijo. Zavedajmo se dejstva, da vsako društvo dela za svoj in jedrni uspeh.

John Widmar, 96.

NEDELJSKA VPRIZORITEV:
NAŠE DRUGE PRIREDITVE

Chicago.—Dramski odsek kluba št. 1 JSZ je preteklo nedelje vprižril tridejansko veseligojo "Hiša gospoda Harringtona" na odru dvorane SNPJ. Igra je prevedena iz angleščine in njen originalni naslov je bil "Roxy". Udeležba je bila prilično velika in z igrjo je bilo občinstvo zadovoljno.

Snov igre je zajeta iz tipične ameriške "boljše" družbe, zato so osebe temu primerno opravljene: dame v večernih oblekah in gospodje v salonskih, kadar gredo na bal v country klub. Zakonca Harrington imata dvojčeta, Grace in Roxy, obe godni za močitev. Dočim uživa starejša (Grace) vso svobodo, je Roxy vedno zapostavljena. Diktator v hiši je gospa Harringtonova, dočim njen "stari" pleše kot ona gode, tako tudi Roxy.

Grace si po mili volji izbira ženske in se končno, zaradi z Billom Caldwellom, v rezervi pa ima Tonija Andersona za slučaj potrebe. Na Tonija pa ima piko Roxy. Čim se Grace ženomom sure in se zateče k Toniju, ji njena sestra Roxy pove, da je Toni njen, nakar nastane ogenj v strelhi. Mati "drži" s svojo starejšo hčerko, oče pa z mlajšo. Nastane prepir, v katerem se "stari" otrese diktatorskega režima svoje žene, tončno pa se vse lepo izteče. Zobjublenci se objamejo, "stara" pa objubi svojemu "staremu", da ne bo več tako diktatorska. Finitis.

Če bi kdo morda hotel iskati kakih "globokih" idej v tej igri ali pa "naukov", bi jih morda ne mogel najti, saj veseligoje tudi niso zato spisane; spisane in napisane so vendar izključno zato, da nudijo razvedrilo in zabavo, mar ne?

V igri nastopa sedem oseb, štiri ženske in tri moške. V nedeljskem dramati personae je Charles Pogorelec igral g. Williama Harringtona, Minka Alesh njegovo ženo, Frances Vider njuno hčerko Grace, Ann Medvesek hčerko Roxy, Anton Andres Billa Caldwellia, Milan Medvesek ki je igral režiral, Tonija Andersona, Dorothy Sod-

nik pa Mary Baxter. Vsi so se potrudili in svoje vloge dobro izvršili, zlasti pa ženske moči, ki so res bile vsaka v svojem elementu, kakor so pač zahtevali njih karakterji.

Suflerja je bila Angela Zaitz, masker pa Philip Godina. Po igri je bila prosta zabava in ples po taktih godbe Možinove trojice.

Nedeljska vprižoritev je bila druga večja kulturna prireditve v dvorani SNPJ v tej sezoni, vmes pa je bila vrsta manjših in večjih prireditev varijantnega in splošnega značaja. Mladinski krožek št. 26 SNPJ pod vodstvom Ann Sannamannove in Ruth Medicove je imel že dve ali tri prireditve, sodeloval pa je skoro na vseh ostalih.

Dne 4. nov. je moški pevski zbor "France Prešeren" v isti dvorani priredil svoj redni jesenski koncert z velikim uspehom. Na sporedu je bilo več zborovih pesmi, vokalnih in instrumentalnih duetov, tako tudi potrkani ples, ki ga je lepo izvajal mali Frankie Sternisha. Zbor "Prešeren", ki je menda edini te vrste v Chicagu in ga vodi Frank Kubina, se ponaša z dobrimi močmi in podal je vrsto divnih melodij z zanosnim sozvočjem.

V drugem delu Prešernovega programa je nastopila mlajša generacija, naš naraščaj, ki je vprižorila znano slovensko komedijo v enem dejanju "Doktor Hribar" v angleškem prevodu. V tej igri so nastopili William Kovacič, Wilma Zeschke, Myra Beniger, Marion Cervenka, Richard Zasadi, Johnny Rokavec, Edward Udovich in Tec Gradišek, vsi člani mladinskega krožka št. 26 SNPJ, razen Gradiška in Wilme Zeschke, obenem pa so imenovani fantje člani Prešerna.

Prevod te igre je preskrbel Edward Udovich, ki jo je tudi režiral, sufliral pa je Ann Sannemann.

Mladinski krožek št. 26 SNPJ spet nastopi v nedeljo, dne 16. dec. v dvorani Sokol Havliček-Tyrš, na redni božični prireditvi čikaške federacije društev SNPJ. Ker se vsled velikega števila članov mladinskega oddelka SNPJ, ki so včlanjeni v raznih društvih, pričakuje obila udeležba, se bo letošnja božičnica vršila v omenjeni dvorani, ki je prostornejša. Program bo zanimiv. Udeležite se!

Louis Beniger.

VABILO NA PRIREDBO:
SMRT NEČAKA

Detroit, Mich.—Dne 16. dec. bo društvo 121 SNPJ priredilo tombulo v korist društvene blagajne, katero smo precej izpraznili. Društvo je pridno kupovalo vojne bonde, katere pa ne bi bilo patriotično izmenjati sedaj, ko je prav kampanja za novo posojilo. Poleg tega smo podpirali pomožno organizacijo v prid jugoslovanskega ljudstva, prav tako različne druge organizacije, na primer Ameriški rdeči križ, Community fund itd. Da spravimo potrebno vsoto za društvene potrebe, smo sklenili, da priredimo tombulo.

Apeliram na vse članke in druge rojake v Detroitu in okolici, da nas obiščejo in odnesejo vsak vsaj en dobitek domov, ako ne zadenejo purana. Nekaj članov je objubil, da bo darovalo nekaj dobitkov. Kaj bo notri, boste videli, ko ga dobite v roke. Ker bo naša prireditve prav pred božičem, bo toliko lepše, ker boste smatrali, da je dobitek za eno božično darilo. Imeli boste torej dvojno veselje, ako boste dobili darilo.

Te vrstice faktično pišem v West Mineralu, Kans., kamor sem prišla na pogreb mojega nečaka Vincenca Zalokarja, kateri se je pred kratkim vrnil z južnega Pacifika in bil častno odpuščen iz mornarice.

V nedeljo, 2. dec., so odšli na lov on in trije sorodniki njegove žene. Toda ko so izstopili iz avtomobila, mu je padla puška na tla in se sprožila. Kroglja ga je zadela naravnost v srce in bil je mrtve na mestu. Nesreča se je pripetila v Haskelu, Tex., kjer je dom njegove žene.

Pokojnik je bil v službi Strice Sama štiri leta in pol, in sicer na južnem Pacifiku. Domov je prišel s Filipinskega otočja pred petimi tedni in bil častno odpuščen. Njegovo truplo je bilo poslano iz Texasa na dom njegovih staršev v West Mineral. Pogreb se je vršil 5. decembra na

pokopališču v Pittsburgu, Kans. Zadnji čast mu je izkazala Ameriška veteranska liga z vojaškimi častmi.

Rojen je bil 31. julija 1927 v West Mineralu in član SNPJ. Zapuška starše, tri sestre v Washingtonu, D. C., in v Wichita, Kans., enega brata na Filipinih ter mnogo drugih sorodnikov. Poleg žene tudi leto dni staro hčerko, katere ni videl, dokler se ni povrnil domov z južnega Pacifika.

Moje iskrene simpatije njegovi ženi, staršem in sorodnikom. Vem, kako boli, ako človek izgubi ljubljenega člana družine, ker sem sama izgubila sina v tem letu.

Katherine Krainz.

AKTIVNOSTI DRUŠTVA 115
SNPJ IN LETNA SEJA

Joliet, Ill.—Blizu se konec leta in treba bo spraviti vse v red, poplačati dolgovce itd. Prosila bi vse one, ki dolgujejo za assessment in knjižice, da se pred koncem leta poravnajo.

Ob tej priliki se zahvaljujem vsem, ki so prodali knjižice in tako pomagali našim članom-vojakom. Nekaj je sicer takih članov med nami, ki niso pripravljani žrtvovati ničesar za dobro stvar, toda v splošnem pa moram reči, da je članstvo dobro kooperiralo in pripomoglo, da smo napravili lepo vsoto za naše fante.

Dne 16. decembra se bo vršila letna seja našega društva 115 SNPJ, zato je potrebno, da se je udeležite stoodstotno, da bomo lahko izvolili dober odbor za prihodnje leto. Na tej seji boste lahko izvolili tudi novega tajnika; če se bo vam videlo potrebno.

Reči moram, da je naše društvo lepo napredovalo do sedaj. Kdor tega ne verjame, naj pride na sejo in bo slišal poročilo, da ima društvo lepo vsoto v društveni blagajni, dasiravno je majhno društvo. To je dokaz, da je sedanji odbor dobro skrbel in varčeval.

Naj še omenim, da je prišlo do mene več oseb na zadnji veliceli 27. oktobra, ki so izrazile občudovanje, ker smo imeli tako lepo udeležbo. Vprašali so me, kako delamo, da smo tako uspešni. Prav tako sem slišala pohvalo našega društva ob priliki pogreba našega člana. Nekdo je dejal, da bi rad pristopil k našemu društvu, ker je videl tako lep pogreb, toda je prestar. Vse to kaže, da imamo dober odbor pri našem društvu, odbor, ki se zanima in dela roka v roki. Složnost je več vredna kot vse bogastvo sveta!

Torej pridite na letno sejo 16. decembra!

Helen Sterniša, tajnica.

BOŽIČNICA ČIKAŠKE
FEDERACIJE

Chicago, Ill.—Kot običajno so tudi letos čikaška društva poklicala Miklavža iz daljne severne strani in mu naročila, da nas obišče ter malo razveseli otroke SNPJ. In res, Miklavž je objubil, da bo v Chicagu v nedeljo, 16. decembra, in sicer v dvorani Havliček-Tyrš, katere se nahaja na 2619 S. Lawndale ave.—pol bloka severno od dvorane SNPJ.

V tej dvorani bomo obdržali našo božično prireditve, katere bo letošnji bolj vesela, ker darila bodo deljena dečkom in deklicam kot v nekdanjih dobrih časih. Lansko leto je bil Miklavž v zagati, kajti daril ni bilo na razpolago, temu pa se je letošnji odpomoglo.

Pripeljte v nedeljo svoje otroke v dvorano na 2619 S. Lawndale ave., kajti mnogo bo veselja tam za otroke in za odrasle. Otrkom bo preskrbljena in serviranja večerja brezplačno, pač pa naj vsak otrok prinese s seboj listek, katerega bodo od društvenega tajnika, kajti za tega bo vsak dobil darilo.

Krožek št. 26 bo pripravil lep program "Christmas Fantasy". Ta krožek se je že večkrat postavil s programom, katerega smo občudovali ter se čudili njihovem lepemu proizvajanju. Za godbo bo skrbel Možinove trojke, kateri vedno zadovoljijo plesalce. Pijače in jedrje bodo dovolj na razpolago tudi za nas odrasle; torej vsega bo dovolj, samo poskrbite, da se tudi vi udeležite te lepe priredbe.

Določimo si vnaprej, da pridemo uravčasno v dvorano na 2619 S. Lawndale ave. v nedeljo, 16. decembra, pričetek ob treh popoldne.

Ann Trojar.

Gl. odbor rešil zadevo članov-veteranov

Na drugem mestu današnje Prosvete je objavljen sklep glavnega odbora, s katerim je odpravil zdravniško preiskavo za one članove-veterane, ki so ob vstopu v vojaštvo podpisali tako zvali "waver" ali odstopno listino, po povratku v civilno življenje se pa žele zopet zavarovati za bolniško in operacijsko podporo.

To zdaj lahko stori vsak član-veteran, ki je bil prej zavarovan za bolniško in operacijsko podporo, brez vsake zdravniške preiskave. Tudi mu ni treba pošiljati v glavni urad v pregled svoje vojaške odpustnice (discharge paper). Vse, kar mu je treba storiti, je to, da pri tajniku svojega društva izpolni in podpiše posebno listino, s katero izjavlja, da je zdrav. Te listine v kratkem prejmejo iz glavnega urada jednote vsi društveni tajniki, kakor izjavlja gl. tajnik br. Vider. Glavni odbor je namreč šele zadnje dni odglasoval o predlogu, ki mu ga je predložil upravni odsek.

Ta zadeva glede teh članov-veteranov je torej sedaj rešena; in rešena je povoljno za njih same kot tudi za organizacijo. Kot smo že zadnjič omenili, se k sreči člani vračajo bolj zdravi v civilno življenje kot smo pričakovali. Od več kot 150 veteranov, ki so se prijavili za zopetno bolniško in operacijsko zavarovanje, je bil na zdravniški preiskavi samo eden zavrnjen, in še ta radi alkoholizma. Pri sprejemanju teh članov za to zavarovanje brez zdravniške preiskave je rizika torej malenkostna. Ta rizika je več ali manj pokrita s tem, da si bo jednota prihranila stroške teh zdravniških preiskav.

V zvezi z "waverji" smo zadnjič zapisali na tem mestu, da se tisti odlok glavnega urada ni upošteval pri vseh društvih. To je resnica. Ampak kak član je mogoče dobil napačen vtis, to je, da je bil glavni urad "popustljiv" napram nekaterim društvom, napram drugim pa strog. V resnici ni bilo nič takega. Tisti sklep je veljal enako za vsa društva in se je s strani glavnega urada enako izvajal napram vsem. Ampak kot niso vsi državljani spoštovali prohibicije, tako se tudi pri vseh društvih ni enako izvajal ta sklep. In kakor je bila vlada brez moči pri izvajanju tega sklepa, tako je bil tudi glavni urad brez moči pri izvajanju tega sklepa. Zanimalo se je moral povsem na društva. Podpis "waverja" bi bilo mogoče enforsirati na vsej črti le z izključitvijo takih "punitarjev", kar pa bi bilo dvomljive legalne vrednosti. Ampak glavni odbor ni sprejel takega sklepa; in če bi ga bil, bi bil med članstvom povzročil pravo revolto. Končno pa je gospodar le članstvo.

Ta zadeva je sedaj za nami. Tisti člani, ki so podpisali "waver", niso s tem ničesar izgubili, kajti na podlagi 75. točke pravil bi itak ne bili upravičeni do podpore, če bi dobili poškodbo ali bolezen na bojišču. Po vrnitvi v civilno življenje pa je priporočljivo, da se zopet zavarujejo za bolniško in operacijsko odškodnino, ker to bo v njih lastnem interesu, kakor tudi v interesu njih družin.

Zelo potrebna akcija

Naše članstvo bo gotovo razveselila novica, da je bila v New Yorku zadnje dni ustanovljena zadrufna religijna organizacija, oziroma zadrufna matica 22 sličnih religijnih organizacij kot je Združeni ameriški odbor za pomoč Jugoslaviji (United Yugoslav Relief Fund of America).

Namen te organizacije je, da bo v razbito in lačno Evropo pošiljala pakete živeža pridruženih religijnih organizacij in tudi opreme mešnikov, ki bodo namenjeni posameznikom ali pa za splošno razdelitev. Paketi bodo tehtali okrog 40 funtov in njih živež bo vseboval 40.000 kalorij (redilne znovi) in bo stal \$10.

Kadar bo prišla poslati ta organizacija, bo skozi njo lahko vsakdo poslal paket živeža svojem—ali komur koli—in Evropo (menuje se: "Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe" ali skrajšano "CARE"—v slovenščini: Zadruga za ameriške pošiljke v Evropo). Enostavno je, ko pošilja desetak in naslov osebe kateri želi poslati paket. Sam ne bo imel nobene sitnosti z nakupovanjem, zavijanjem, tehtanjem, odposiljanjem in popisovanjem: raznih poštnih ali transportnih formul.

Vsakdo bo lahko siguran, da ne bo plačal desetaka za kakšno mačko v žakiju. Zadruga bo točno navedla, kaj bo poslala v paket za določeni denar. In siguran bo lahko tudi radi tega, ker zadruga ne bo delala za profit kot delajo "podjetni" posamezniki ali mnoge družbe, ki so bile zadnje čase ustanovljene za pošiljanje paketov v Evropo. Od te zadruge ne bo imel nihče drugi koristi kot lačni ljudje v Evropi. Kar bo napravila preostanka, ga bo sama porabila za pomožno akcijo.

Kot rečeno, je ta zadrufni "mail order house" ustanovilo 22 religijnih organizacij, med katerimi je tudi naš Združeni ameriški odbor (ali fund) za pomoč Jugoslaviji. Prav tako sta tudi vključeni v ta odbor ADF in CIO. In organizirana je, bila predvsem zato, da se preneha izkoriščanje posameznikov in kovanje profita na račun tujcev. Nakupovala bo na debelo, delala pakete v svojem skladišču v New Yorku in skrbela, da bodo šli čim prej preko oceana.

Pravzaprav to velenabavne religijne zadruge je Murray D. Lincoln, predsednik Ameriške zadrufne lige, ki v ameriški zadrufni ligi igra lepe vloge kot Philip Murray v CIO ali William Green v ADF. Razlika med njimi je v tem, da je Lincoln poleg praktičnega zadrufarja tudi—socialni "sanjač", kajti gradi in sanja o novi človeški družbi, katere ne bo razjedalo profitarstvo in druge socialne bolezni.

Glavni ravnateljstvo te religijne zadruge je prevzel Donald M. Nelson, prvi načelnik zveznega odbora za vojno produkcijo in prvi načelnik Sena s Relukovne družbe. Nelson je dejal, da bo vsak član, ki želi učeno bo zadruga toliko urejena, da bo lahko poslal paket v Evropo. Svoje delo bo vršila s pomočjo delavcev-deputirancev in UNRRA. Kakor hitro bo prišla s pošiljkanjem paketov v Evropo, bomo sporočili v Prosveti.

Future Through Juvenile Membership

OUR JUBILEE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN, which is being conducted in celebration of the twentieth birthday of the youth movement within our Society, is rapidly nearing its halfway mark, which will be reached by the end of this month.

It is very important that in this drive we lay considerable stress on securing juvenile prospects not only to replace transfers into the adult class but also to increase our juvenile ranks. For this reason an intensive campaign must be waged by our lodges everywhere. Our juvenile department requires that we are constantly at work in seeing that its membership remains intact.

We must realize the fact that our juveniles are the keystone of our organization. We all know that the years between early childhood and maturity span a most important and interesting period of life. During these early and impressionable years is laid the foundation of future success or failure. Youth must depend upon parents and teachers for the kind and quality of its training.

If education and preparation for adult life is the foundation of good citizenship, the same principle applies to the training of future fraternalists. Our adult lodges must guide our young people through these perilous days, keep them encouraged, interested and thinking straight, and they will be doing a wonderful piece of work—not only because we depend on youth to perpetuate our organization, but because the teachings of fraternalism are the fundamentals of democracy.

During the current campaign we must exert all our efforts to enroll all insurable children into our lodges.

OUR JUVENILE DEPARTMENT was established in the fall of 1912 when the members in a referendum approved a juvenile department; it went into effect on Jan. 1, 1913.

The following year, in 1913, there were already 1,407 members in the juvenile department.

Today, our juvenile department is approximately 18,000 strong!

Ours was the first fraternal society to see the need for a juvenile department more than 32 years ago, and soon thereafter all other fraternal societies followed suit. Thus we see that the SNPJ was the leader in juvenile protection as well as in many other fields.

Ever since that time more than three decades ago our Society has been alert to juvenile activities. In 1921, our Society began issuing a juvenile monthly magazine for its young members. About ten years ago, the idea of juvenile circles received attention, and there are now a number of these circles in various communities.

Our active juvenile circles are doing an important job within our organization. They hold interesting, well-conducted meetings, parties, picnics, hikes, entertainments, as well as educational programs. As a rule the children's meetings are better attended than those of adult lodges.

Right now many of our circles are in the midst of preparations for Christmas programs. The adult lodges are urged to help arrange these programs in order to attract others to attend with a view of eventually enrolling them into their midst.

NOTWITHSTANDING ENROLLMENT exceeding 1,200,000 juveniles in various fraternal societies, it is a fact that not all members of fraternal societies insure their children in their own fraternal society.

Why this is so—is indeed hard to explain. The ideal situation would be for parents to seek admission of their children as soon as born. Many of them do, but usually it requires the lodge secretary or a campaign worker to visit the family to secure the application.

We must consider the fact that the enrolling of juveniles into our Society is the greatest factor in regenerating our fraternal system. That's why it must be pushed harder. The rates are small and the benefits are large. The SNPJ offers the best fraternal protection to juveniles at the lowest rates possible. Moreover, it publishes a monthly magazine for its juvenile members.

Let us remember that juvenile members grow up and, under normal circumstances, become adult members with adult insurance. That ought to guarantee the future of our organization.

We must look to the future of our Society through juvenile membership. Let's make the best of the opportunity offered in the current campaign by adding a large number of juveniles to our lodge rosters.

Excelsiors

ALIQUIPPA, PA.—This being the last month of this year it should remind every member of each lodge that their presence at the December meeting is of utmost importance. In the Excelsiors as in every lodge there are certain loyal members that don't have to be reminded about the coming election of officers for the following year.

The merging of the Senior Lodge 122 Grodz into the Excelsiors has now been in effect since August of this year and the attendance at the last four monthly meetings has been very large. The third Saturday of this month the Excelsiors are holding their regular gathering and here's to better cooperation in the much bigger Excelsiors. Let's see more new faces and top our last month's record attendance.

Members buying tickets for the ESL 20th anniversary banquet and then not attending this affair in Syng missed hearing a fine quartet (Mike and John Kumer, Elmer Eiffler and Donald J. Lotrich) and the accordion playing of Mr. Watkins from Verona.

The SNPJ address delivered by Donald J. Lotrich revealed many fine points on what our Society has done in the past and will continue to do in the future. Bro. Lotrich suggested the Western Penna Federation send a congratulatory note to the new Republic of Yugoslavia. This was unanimously approved by

the members attending this banquet.

The women of Lodge 6 of Syng deserve their share of credit for helping prepare and serve the cats at this affair.

Last week's Prosveta revealed that the Excelsiors need only five more new applicants to reach their quota. Our goal can be topped before the new year providing the present campaign spirit is maintained. We have one of our members placed on the Honor Roll, let's see a few more right alongside of her. MIKE ZAKRAJSEK, 721.

Sharon Keystoneers

SHARON, PA.—The Keystoneers, SNPJ Lodge 755, will give a Christmas dance this Sunday, Dec. 16. Music will be for the time furnished by Stan Novak and Bill Basilone. We hear that they are good. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and enjoy yourselves at our dance. Be seeing you.

If you are looking for an orchestra, the old gang of Jack Persin's is still together with the Macek girl as an accordionist. Get in touch with Mrs. Mary Macek, R. D. 1, Girard, Ohio. Phone 5-3259, or call Stan Kopal, phone 5-6894.

It was decided at the last meeting that a Christmas treat was to be given to the Lodge's juveniles, which now number over 50.

(The annual meeting report as well as other news items will appear next week.—Ed.)
FRANCES NOVAK, Pres.

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Nak

CHICAGO, ILL.—Once again it is time for the annual Christmas Party for juveniles of the Chicago Federation of SNPJ Lodges. It will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, at the Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs Hall, 2619 S. Lawndale Ave.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS of Perfect Circle 26 SNPJ under the direction of Ann Sannemann and Ruthie Medic, will present an appropriate program. It will commence at 2:30. It is called "Christmas Fantasy."

THERE WILL BE a huge tree decorated. Santa Claus will be there in person, and will present some very lovely gifts to the juveniles. In addition, a free supper will be served to the children in the dining room. You won't want to miss all the fun that's connected with these activities.

FOR THE GROWNUPS there's going to be plenty of entertainment, refreshments and dancing to the Mozzina orchestra. Admission is only fifty cents for adults.

SNPJ MEMBERS of Chicago District Federation are cordially invited to attend and to help make this occasion a grand reunion of old and young in this first peacetime holiday season in four years.

"HOUSE OF HARRINGTON"—Last Sunday afternoon the dramatic section of Branch 1 JSF presented a three-act Slovene play entitled "House of Harrington." From the applause received, the audience was well satisfied with this comedy. The younger set was especially amazed at the beautiful gowns the ladies wore so attractively. We had visitors here from Detroit, Milwaukee, and Waukegan. The Mozzina Trio played for dancing.

PERFECT CIRCLE—The annual meeting of the Perfect Circle group will be held on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 7 p. m. The highlight will be the election of officers and after a short business meeting, the members will have their own little Christmas party. Don't forget, boys and girls, there's another good time in store for you.

SERVICEMEN—The newly discharged Pioneers are Stanley Maly, Frank Jirmasek and Frank Widmar. We understand that Tony Pirman is in New York from Europe and will soon be out of army too.

ALL-AROUND—The Anton Andres family has had their telephone number changed and would like their friends to know their new number: Pensacola 6561.—Louis Macek and his father from Nokomis and Taylorville, respectively, spent the weekend in Chicago visiting Mary E. Novak, their sister and daughter. Mary is recuperating at home now after a very serious operation. A speedy recovery is wished for Mary, who is the secretary of the Victorians.—Our condolence to Frank Benčina whose wife Augusta Benčina passed away recently.—It was nice seeing Kristina Podjavorsek and her Milwaukee group at the affair last Sunday. During the JSF convention back in '32, I had the pleasure of being their guest while a delegate from the Johnstown Branch.—Dr. and Mrs. Furlan were in to see the play from Waukegan, and from Detroit it was Mrs. Katy Krainz.—We also met a discharged serviceman from Irwin, Pa. He's staying for a while with cousins in the Windy City. His name is Frank Babinch.—Evidently the Christmas Party isn't the only big thing in Edward Udovich's life for this Sunday. He's going to celebrate his eighteenth birthday that day, and here's our congratulations.

Hoosierland Echoes

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—First of all, the Hoosier Pals, SNPJ lodge 575, want to welcome all the returning servicemen and wish them lots of happiness. Since the list is quite long, I'm sorry that all the names cannot be listed. Maybe now the Hoosier Pals can get the ball rolling and go places once again as in prewar years.

As you probably remember, we are known as the Hoosiers, from the land of Hoosier hospitality. I see the keggers are getting in shape by their daily practice at the Ozolan Alleys. So I think we will be well represented at the national SNPJ bowling tournament at Cleveland in April.

Congratulations to Adolph Madley, the handsome manager of the bar at the Slovene National Home, and his wife, the former Antonette Mervar. It looks like wedding bells will ring soon for our congenial president.

GUS POWELL.

Down Alabama Way
"Grandpa, why don't you get yourself one of them hearing devices advertised in the papers?"
"Hells bells, son, I'm hearing more now than I can understand. What do I want with one of them things?"

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Circle 26 Will Stage Christmas Program at Federation Party Sunday, Dec. 16

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle members are swinging into the last week of rehearsals for the Federation's Christmas party and program. There have been many members absent in the past weeks because of illness, and we hope some will be back in time to participate on this program. This week's rehearsals are taking place at the New Lawndale Hall (Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs), as that is where the program will be presented this Sunday, Dec. 16.

This program promises to be a little different than the usual Christmas fare, and the party to follow should please all. Mary Andres is in charge of the kitchen and that is a good sign that there will be good food, and she is especially giving special thought to the children's supper.

The gifts chosen for the children are very appropriate, and Anne Beniger is to be commended for her part in preparing long lists, many tickets and other details that crop up when you are helping "Santa" distribute close to 700 gifts to children whose ages range from a few months to 18 years of age. The persuasive letters that were sent out advertising this Christmas party are also the work of Anne, and the artistic touch was added to them by Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director, who saw to it that they were cut and mimeographed.

All in all, everything is progressing along smoothly, and it will be a good idea for all our SNPJ families to be on hand this Sunday afternoon to spend a nice holiday celebration together. It's a grand way to see many friends, both young and old, and it's a grand way to be able to say "Merry Christmas" to all of them, too. Here's hoping all of you can make it.

ANN SANNEMANN, Mgr.
Perfect Circle 26 SNPJ.

Circle 50 to Present Yule Program-n-Dance at Slovene Hall Sunday, Dec. 16

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The time draws near, when the Junior All Americans shall present their Christmas program and dance, at the Slovene Hall, 253 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 5 p. m. the curtains shall part and the show shall begin.

The program is a carefully planned and rehearsed show which should offer entertainment to every person attending. Every active member of the Circle shall participate in one way or another and it shall be a show full of cheerful holiday spirit.

This is the first time the Junior All Americans have ever attempted to produce a Christmas program, and therefore you are assured it will be a program of novel and entertaining ideas. This is the first Christmas in four years that we can spend when the world is at peace, therefore it is one time which deserves much celebration.

Santa Claus shall be there, he assured us he will come bright and early so that he can hear all the children's Christmas wishes, and also to give just a little gift to all the children who come up to the stage. But before Santa shall come a very nice program shall be presented. I could very well tell you all; just what shall be included in all the surprises, but that would spoil your fun, so you just come and witness this magnificent show for yourself.

After the show, an orchestra shall play for dancing and everybody is invited to remain in the evening.

JENNIE PADAR, Mgr.
Circle No. 50.

Hayride Party of Circle No. 24 Was Lots of Fun

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—On Saturday night, Nov. 24, the Jolly Juveniles, Circle No. 24, accompanied by Josephine Bezek, their director, went on a hayride.

At 6:30 p. m. all the members met at the Slovene National Home. From there they went to catch a streetcar and then got off at the place where they were to meet the haywagon. When they arrived there, the haywagon was already there, waiting to take them out for an evening of fun. They all got on the wagon and were soon on their way. While riding along, they all sang popular songs. Although everyone seemed to be dressed very warmly, they soon became quite cold, with

Comrades' Note Book

By J. F. Fildet

CLEVELAND, O.—Annual meeting Saturday, Dec. 15. Last call to attend Comrades' annual meeting Dec. 15 at 8 p. m. sharp. Music, food, refreshments will be on tap. Old friends, new friends will be there. You are expected. Don't fail us please.

Calendar. New calendars for 1946 have arrived. They are very neat and attractive looking. Ask for one the next time you see me.

Dues Nite. Dues collection nite will be Wednesday, Dec. 26. We are sure you do not intend to be one of the few members behind in dues.

Postwar Plans. Congratulations to John Alden, Mary Meklan, Jennie Padar, Ann Sannemann, Mary Brinocar and Frank Rezek on their prize winning essays. Many of the ideas advanced are good. The next thing is to see that all of them are followed up to some definite conclusion, either they can or cannot be put into effect. At any rate arguments pro and con should be advanced by the executive committee.

The thing for the executive committee to do is to list all the suggestions made and keep them on an active agenda until disposed off one way or another.

Several essays were also submitted in Slovene. It could not be a bad idea for the executive committee to print these in English and the English essays in Slovene. Many unfortunately are not able to read Slovene, however, are much interested what the older members have to say.

Federation Meeting. A subject widely discussed all over the country was talked about at the last federation meeting. "What can be done to show the boys that we appreciate their efforts?" Tentatively it was agreed that some time in March 1946 a banquet will be staged with all the trimmings. More on this later.

Christmas party being staged by the SNPJ Juvenile Singing Chorus was also mentioned. Everyone felt that next year and thereafter the federation should sponsor an affair patterned somewhat along the line of those put on by the Chicago federation.

SNPJ Farm. The dollar bills are rolling in for the SNPJ farm building program. Contributions thus far received from Pauline Spik, Joe Fildet, Frank Rozic, Alice Popotnik, Frances Presern, Joe Zorman, Dani Fildet, Jean Beljan, Joe Prijatelj, Gus Valentine, Frank Elersich, Christine Weeder, Mary Mahne, Joe and Josephine Papes, Joe Malovac, Louis Malovac, Josephine Malovac and Rudy Malovac.

You certainly want your name to be included. Bring your saw back to our annual meeting Dec. 15 or at the dues collecting night. We want Comrades represented 100%.

General. Don't forget the Progressive Women's affair Dec. 28. They need kids' clothing bad for shipment to Yugoslavia.—A stop at the Waterloo alleys recently to watch the girls in action. The style of their dresses was classy but for their bowling, let's stop right here. Then again it could have been an off night.—Later a visit on Sunday night to watch the boys in action. Ed Grum grinning gleefully over his 205 game. The boys despite being in last place are right in there pitching.—A chat with Shorty Zadel and Stan Zupun, back from the service. They promised that it was their intention to make things hum out Holmes Ave. way again. Glad to see you back, boys.

Midway Lodge No. 89

MIDWAY, PA.—Our Dec. 16 meeting will be of great importance to all members. Election of officers for 1946 will be held and discussions which should interest all members will be on the program. Be present.

A most speedy recovery is wished Sis. Martincic and Bro. Frank Kosmer Sr. who have been ill the past few weeks.

Our Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 22, at 8 p. m. Everyone is invited. Juvenile Circle please note. Santa promised to be there in person and will be expecting all of you.

Our Lodge Glas Naroda No. 88 extends the season's greetings to all SNPJ members and friends.

Mrs. STANLEY PIKE, Treas.

the exception of a few who really piled on a lot of warm clothing. One member was smart enough to bring a blanket along. After they rode for two hours, they took the streetcar back to SNH.

When they got there, they danced for a while; then they went down to the kitchen where they had delicious hot cocoa, doughnuts, and cookies. Since everyone was cold, they all felt better after drinking the hot cocoa. After finishing their refreshments, they went upstairs to the large hall and danced to the music of popular records and a few Slovene polkas.

Around midnight they all left after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

VIRGINIA NAGODE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LODGE SECRETARIES AND MEMBERSHIP

All local lodge secretaries and membership in general are officially notified that by a referendum vote the Supreme Board has made the following provisions for those members, who at the time of induction into the armed forces signed waivers for sick and disability benefits and who, upon discharge from military service, wish to be reinstated in said benefits:

Ex-service members, who desire to be reinstated for previous sick and disability insurance shall not be required to submit medical proof of insurability or discharge papers to the Main Office of the Society. They shall, however, sign an application prepared by the Office of the Supreme Secretary, certifying that they are in good health at the time of reinstatement, providing that application is made within 60 days from date of discharge from military service.

This decision became effective on December 5, 1945. From that date on, discharge papers do not have to be sent to the Main Office, and medical examinations are no longer required of the ex-servicemen who wish to be reinstated for previous sick and disability benefits.

Lodge secretaries are requested to notify the Main Office immediately, approximately how many applications for their ex-servicemen members they need, so that we may send them at once and thus avoid possible delay.

F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

Strugglers' News

CLEVELAND, O.—Our last meeting of the year proved to be the best in many a year, by that I mean the attendance was beyond our fondest expectations. So many old-timers were present and the meeting proved to be very interesting, also.

The three Marolt brothers, namely, John, Frank and Louis kept the meeting from getting dull. Louis brought up a subject which will be publicized in later editions of the "Prosveta." Among some of the real old-timers were Paul Golob and Eddie Leskovec who kept the members in good humor with their timely quips. Why not come more often, boys?

We noticed Ann Hovevar conversing with Frances Ponikvar and the Krmel sisters. Louis and Ann Yappel coming from "way out Maple Hts. and promising us they will come more often now that gas rationing has ended. That's the real Struggler spirit!

Ex-serviceman Al Strumble coming in with Andy Sila, who was Strugglers' prey in 1940 and now is serving Uncle Sam in the Navy. Rather quiet and taking it all in were Lou Starman and Stanley Zalinkonec. Freddy Marinka coming in later with his wife and Bart Karlinger and Tony Zaman coming in with the roast beef.

The officers elected to lead the Strugglers in 1946 are as follows: Zupancic, Sec'y Ted Lauric, Treas. Florence Zaman, Rec. Sec'y Anne Zele. Board of Trustees: Paul Golob, Ed Leskovec and Ann Karlinger.

We have decided to hold our meetings the second Wednesday of the month; cards will be sent to the members notifying them of the change. Please pay your dues on time so Sec'y Lauric will be able to close his books on time and have a clean slate to start the new year right.

Don't forget Strugglers' Nineteenth Anniversary on Sunday, April 28, 1946, at Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. It's a date!

ANNE S. ZELE, Rec. Sec'y.

United Slovenes

ST. MARYS, PA.—The annual election of lodge officers will be held at our next meeting Sunday, Dec. 16, and we request all members to try and be present. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Our lodge will have its 20th anniversary in May and that calls for a celebration. Plans should be completed and any suggestions will be welcome. Co-operation of all members is needed.

Few of the boys who were in service are back with us again. Louis Bon, Edward Kramar, George Vidmar, Louis and Frank Rollick. Louis Hribar and Gabriel Marich of Bessemer and George Mehocic of Youngstown, Ohio, paid us a visit while hunting in this vicinity.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fay Ross on the arrival of a son. Ludwig Bon Jr. is recuperating from his recent operation.

Recent new juvenile members are Georgetta Vidmar and Jerome J. Troba.

Don't forget our next meeting Dec. 16.

GABRIEL ULJON, Sec'y.

Nothing is certain except that it won't happen as the experts predict.

You don't have to nurse a grouch very carefully to make it grow.

News From Newark

SNPJ Fraternalities

NEWARK, N. J.—Hello everybody! No, we aren't out of circulation, but one would think so, however, I hope the new year will change things for us.

We are again approaching the end of another year with high hopes for a brighter and more peaceful future. This depends solely on the cooperation of all peoples and the wisdom of the men who represent these peoples.

And, once again we have the election of new officers for the Fraternalities, SNPJ lodge 756. I am urging you most sincerely to attend the December meeting and help put in office the officers you want to represent your lodge. Without your spontaneous interest and support your lodge may be a failure. During the war those of us who held office were truthfully the most loyal in attendance—granting that many members could not attend for many good reasons, namely, their jobs did not allow time for much outside activity. Although we were not the only offenders of poor attendance, other lodges have had their troubles too. But, we have been dormant long enough and must now rise to new levels and greater success than even before the war.

It's very gratifying indeed to see the faces of those with whom we shared so many good times and friendships. Some of these smiling faces include none other than Bernice Poeter, Francis Williams, Joe Kaltnecker—and some others whose names I'll have to take at the next meeting. Also, another faithful friend, Frank Laben. To all of you, we want to extend our very best wishes and good luck and that life will be good to you.

With the return of these members and friends we want to discuss and plan for a grand party in the near future. So you see, there are so many things to do and we must have your support to make them a success. So often during the war I received letters from these very same fellows and they would always mention the good times they used to have at our affairs. Now is our chance to really show them a super welcome.

So—fellow members please make it your business to be prompt and attend the Dec. 16 meeting at 2 p. m. at the Bohemian Hall, 56 19th Ave., Newark.

The Fraternalities also want to extend their sincerest sympathy to the Bettyas family.

JUSTINE PETARDI, Rec. Sec.

Waukegan News

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The annual meeting of the Little Fort Lodge No. 588 SNPJ will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 8 p. m. at the SNH. At his meeting, election of officers will take place and many important matters will be discussed. All members are urged to be present at this very important meeting.

This Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p. m. at the SNH, a social meeting of the Cooperative will take place. Don't forget to attend. This too is an important meeting and all members are requested to be present.

The mass meeting for the Yugoslav Relief held last Saturday, Dec. 8, at the SNH auditorium, was a huge success financially and morally. At this rally, atrocity films were shown and also the films of the liberation of Belgrade. About 600 people were present and the collection totaled \$650, which is a nice sum for a very good cause.

ALBINA L. FURLAN.

Our Times

By Louis Bessinger

BORIS KIDRIC, premier of Slovenia, one of the six federal states of the new democratic Republic of Yugoslavia, has recently replied to the Catholic bishops who attacked the government.

Kidric's answer appeared in Prosveta in three installments last week. The bishops say in their "Pastoral Letter" that there is no freedom in Yugoslavia, that their property has been confiscated, that there is a strict censorship, etc., etc. In the main, the bishops are denouncing Hitler's collaborationists and the traitors of the Slovene nation. The bishops have in mind Bishop Rozman of Ljubljana who openly collaborated with the enemy, and Gen. Rupnik, the Slovene quisling, who led his White Guard of traitors against the Slovene people. Both Rozman and Rupnik along with their handful of misled followers are now in exile in Italy and Austria.

Kidric's reply is as convincing as it is effective. Step by step he relates the events as they followed one another during the occupation and struggle for freedom in Slovenia.

KIDRIC POINTS out that if there was no freedom in Yugoslavia and if censorship existed—the Catholic bishops certainly would not be able to publish their "Pastoral Letter" which is full of lies.

Moreover, he states that certain property of Catholic organizations and of churches was taken by the government not because it was Catholic but because the owners openly collaborated with the enemy of the people. Those Catholics, be it priests or laymen, who were siding with the people, have nothing to fear and their property, within the limits of the new land reforms, remains intact.

It must be stated here that not all of the Catholic priests in Slovenia and Croatia were traitors, but many of them were and they most certainly deserve what they got. Those priests who listened to Rozman and the Pope, who, by the way, was the one who gave orders to his Catholic gaudieries, are now paying the price for the crimes committed against the people.

One can easily see that it was the Pope in the Vatican who conducted the attack on the people through his apparatus of churches. If Bishop Rozman and his lesser fellow quislings were so blind as to follow the instructions from the Vatican, let them now suffer the consequences.

BORIS KIDRIC in his reply relates many facts—which are as horrible as those atrocity crimes committed in Nazi concentration camps. For instance, Kidric states: "I remember the Catholic priests who with their own hands were killing captured Partisans in Dolenjsko and who were shouting: 'In the name of Christ's wounds—Let the Partisan perish!'"

"I remember," writes Kidric, "the Catholic seminary students in Ljubljana, who not only tortured Slovene girls thrown into prison, with the whip, but who attacked them."

Yes, Boris Kidric, who is a Catholic himself, tells the tragic story in his reply to the Catholic bishops. It shows the leaders of the Catholic hierarchy in Slovenia as morally debased.

And now these bishops who did not compromise themselves with the enemy as openly as Rozman and remained at their posts, have the audacity to speak of moral rights, justice, freedom and democracy for their debased brothers and misguided followers.

We must remember that the Catholic church is a totalitarian institution, devoid of any and all democracy. Its acts in Slovenia during the four year occupation reveal this structure.

We have many young members both male and female who have married in the last few years, whose wives or husbands have not joined our lodge. We wonder why not? We are asking these fine people to join us for social as well as beneficial reasons. Think it over and join before another month goes by.

There will be a social after the December meeting, which makes it a very nice time to join us.

ANNE PROSPER, Sec'y.

Free Movies at Toman Library

CHICAGO.—Free movies will be shown at the Toman Library, 27th and Pulaski, beginning Friday, Dec. 14. Sound pictures on traveling and interesting spots of the world will be included. Admission free, starting time 8:30 p. m.

335 MEMBERS ENROLLED IN NOVEMBER

12 Lodges Attain Quotas; 21 Contestants on Honor Roll

The drive for new members in November, the second month of the ESL 20th Anniversary Campaign, resulted in a total gain of 335 members, of whom 203 were juveniles, 72 new adults, and 60 transfers from the Juvenile Department. This is an improvement over the opening month of the campaign when 183 juveniles, 44 new adults, and 69 juvenile transfers were enrolled for a total of 296 members.

Deducting the juvenile transfers, to whom adult certificates were issued in the first two months of the campaign, leaves 227 new members for October and 275 for November, a combined total of 502 or an average of 251 new members per month. This figure is 83 less than the average we must maintain for six months if we are to succeed in attaining the goal of 2,000 new members set for the campaign.

With less than four months of the membership drive remaining, we can no longer afford to proceed at a losing rate. This being the closing month of 1945, let us strive with all our energy and capacity to surpass the required monthly average of 334 new members, plus the juvenile transfers who would become members of the Society whether a campaign is conducted or not. Let us all buckle down to real effort and work and close out the old year with a "bang" that will resound and be felt throughout the jurisdiction—a record of which we will be proud to carry into the new year as an achievement worthy of the SNPJ.

The campaign record shows that, so far, a total of 148 Slovene and 32 English-Speaking Lodges are on the active list, the biggest percentage of which have enrolled three or less members.

There are now 21 contestants on the Honor Roll, an increase of fourteen over the previous month, and there are now a total of 11 lodges, three of whom are English-Speaking, who have reached or surpassed their assigned quotas and qualified for the Honor Roll, nine more than were reported for the first month. In addition to these there are 15 lodges (listed separately) who have gained from 5 to 11 new members each, but lack a few more of attaining their respective quotas.

A number of extra good gains were reported in the last two weeks, one of the outstanding of which was that of Lenhart Werdinek, Secretary of Lodge 29, Thomas, W. Va. A month ago he had one new member to his credit and needed 9 more to fill the lodge's quota. That is exactly the number Brother Werdinek enrolled in November and so, for the fourth time in as many years, he successfully qualified his lodge for a place on the Honor Roll. It takes an "old-timer," as has been proved time and again in this and previous campaigns, to show us how it's done.

Another of our new contestants who deserves a "bouquet of compliments" this week is Louise Dezelak, Treasurer of Lodge 209, Nokomis, Illinois, who went out and secured 5 new members for the SNPJ, as her initial contribution towards attaining the lodge's quota. That's the spirit, Sister Dezelak!

A good beginning was also made by Matt Marovich, President of Lodge 223, Greensburg, Pa., who enrolled 4 new members; this, and one more by Angela Sever, gives the lodge a total of five, only six less than its assigned quota. Judging by past campaign performances, the quota is as good as in the "bag," right now.

And up in Chisholm, Minn., Ivana Zobitz, President of Lodge 322, got off to a fine start by gaining 5 new members in her opening bid for higher honors. Jennie Petrich, Secretary, has credit for two members and so this lodge, which has a splendid campaign record in past years, is once more on its way to a quota-smashing drive that will come to a halt only when success has been assured.

In the runner-up position trailing the campaign leader, John Shaffer, by 16 members, is Rose Radovich, who, in the past two weeks became the second contestant to attain the maximum quota of 20 new members. That also is the Lodge's quota and so, for the third campaign in a row, Lodge 21 (Orel) has gained the honor of reaching this goal and, we might add, Sister Radovich has been the "go-getter" in all three drives.

We've saved a few lines for Anton Zornik of Herminie, Pa., who was away on a two week's jaunt in Ohio, soliciting new subscriptions and renewals for the Proletarec and Prosveta. We don't know how successful he was on the tour, but we do know that immediately upon his return to the "home-grounds," he substituted membership applications for newspapers and books and in a short time secured 5 new members for the SNPJ, increasing his total to twelve. Nice work, Tone! . . . John Skarja, active Secretary of Lodge 713 (Ramblers), Harmarville, Pa., was the sixth ESL member to make the Honor Roll . . . And not many miles away, Mike Baloh, Secretary of Lodge 7, Claridge, Pa., reached the same goal . . . While in the eastern part of the state, Ralph Konchak, Secretary of Lodge 513, Scranton, Pa., added a quartet of new members to his previous total to give him seven or one more than the quota . . . And in the midwest area, Lodge 194, Keewatin, Minn., just topped its quota of 6 members, with John Krach and Johanna Verrant dividing the honors equally . . . The Lincolnites (567), Springfield, Ill., contributed 4 new members as their share of the month's "harvest," and the "Spirits" of St. Louis, Mo., broke the ice for the first time on an enrollment of two to the credit of Odella Markoff, Secretary of 639 . . . And so did the Comrades (566), Cleveland, Ohio, with Joseph Fifolt, Supreme Board member and Secretary, doing the "pitching" in writing up 4 new members—incidentally, the first returns from an E. S. Lodge in that city . . . Gains of three new members were made by each of the following: Ralph Jerman (60), Lloydell, Pa.; Mary Ousliza (105), Indianapolis, Ind.; Frank Jenko and Frank Klune (110), Chisholm, Minn.; John Ivencic (158), Euclid, Ohio; Mary Cerr (289), Tire Hill, Pa., and Marjorie Nudich (757), Helper, Utah . . . Congratulations and thanks to one and all! And keep right on with the work of building fraternalism for a more secure future by enrolling new members in the SNPJ!

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

OFFICE GIRLS, ATTENTION!

A position is open in the headquarters of the SOCIETY for a girl who desires office work, is able to TYPE and is interested in GENERAL OFFICE duties.

Forty hours and 5 days per week with better salary than paid to average office employees.

Anyone interested in the position, please get in touch with the Supreme Secretary immediately.

F. A. VIDER, Supreme Sec'y.

FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO, ILL.—All members of the Pioneer juvenile department will have received invitations and gift tickets for the annual Juvenile Yule Party this Sunday, Dec. 16, at Sokol Hall, 2619 S. 1st St., Lawndale Ave. This is a large hall with fine accommodations, so we want all of our young members to attend. In addition to the usual formalities, we'll have a very good program. Gifts have been purchased in plenty of time so there will be plenty of them and free refreshments will be served including a supper. The children will be admitted free. Grown-ups will have to pay fifty cents admission. We'll have the usual good dance music after the program. So all you young people get yourselves set for a happy affair. Bring your folks with you. The rest of you Pioneer members should come down and help with the work. John Rak is in charge of the Pioneer group, so anyone that can spare a few hours should arrange to come down, too.

The Pioneers wish to make the very important announcement that they have already scheduled the Annual Piles Picnic and GI reunion for Sat. August 3rd, 1946, at Pilsen Park, Chicago. A committee is now being set up and will draft extensive plans for a very elaborate celebration and manifestation. So many of our boys have been in the service that it is fitting to set aside one night for them and to remind them that their fellow fraternalists thought well of them all the while they were in the service. We ask other units of the SNPJ in and around Chicago to note the date and plan on participating.

We're in the campaign all right, and to date we have already initiated twenty-five new members. At the December meeting, we intend to bring in at least fifteen new applications and thus not only surpass our quota, but actually double it. We have been fortunate in being able to get help from such people as Mary Udovich and now also from Mary Andros. We understand that Anne Sannemann will have several applications and John Rak is on the firing line, too. Yes, we are doing a remarkable job for the Pioneers and the SNPJ in the solicitation of new members. From the report of our Campaign Director, Michael Vrhovnik, the Pioneers have gained 350 new members since the last convention, a little over four years ago. This shows that we not only know how to get new members, but that we know how to keep them as well. That's equally important. We've done a remarkable job thus far in the campaign, Pioneers, let's continue! Although we have already doubled our quota, let's add more timber to the fine Pioneer stock.

Since the last report, we have a whole list of Pioneer GIs who have been discharged from the services. They include Jack Brancel, Frank Vidmar, Frank Jirmasek, Frank Janis, Frank Pirman, Stanley Maly, Leon Schluge, Joe Hudale, and Mary Tereshel. All of these look mighty fine and we are glad to have them back. Mary Tereshel incidentally, is now in charge of the stewardesses on the B&O trains between Chicago and St. Louis. Prior to her entry into the service, Mary was a stewardess on one of the streamline trains. Some of our servicemen have written about the feelings of the GIs against strikers. One of our first GIs to be discharged from the services raised that issue upon his return but we immediately put him straight on the subject by asking him if he had questioned at any time the tremendous profits made by the large corporations during the war or the fact that they would not use their equipment or factories until the government had guaranteed them big profits. This is substantiated by an editorial in LaFollette's magazine, which shows that the assets of the U. S. Corporations have jumped from fifty-four billion six hundred million in 1939 to ninety-nine billion three hundred million as of June 30, this year. At the same time, the net working capital doubled from twenty-four to forty-eight billion dollars and the cash position jumped from eleven to twenty-four billion.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, I had a chance to visit some of our fine little towns around Pittsburgh. I was surprised to see how well our people are carrying on. Surprised indeed, to see how they keep up their clubs or Doms in Universal, Verona and Sygan. These seem to be the headquarters and gathering places for our people. It seems that the cultural and fraternal work, as well as social work, is centered around these places. A great amount of work has been put into these clubs and all of them seem to be profitable. The occasion for my visit was the 20th anniversary celebration of the ESL movement and was held at the Sygan Dom. The attendance was reasonable, the crowd was spirited and the results were satisfactory. Michael Kumer was toastmaster, and introduced many of the old-timers and the active members, including such people as Brothers Ciplich, Ambrosich, Tereshel, Koblach, Zigan, Wisant, and many others. The Duquesne University

tamburitz orchestra entertained. Emil Hrsat made his second visit in two weeks to these parts from Washington, D. C. Emil is the kind of a fella that does much good in his good-will tours and makes many of them.

Theresa Dresler writes from Vancouver, Wash., to remember us on our 20th anniversary.—Captain Edwin Yabec spent a couple of weeks at home after working several years in the Southwest Pacific. He hasn't been discharged as yet.—The Cleveland December 5th Bond Rally turned out very well according to word received. Joseph Fifolt had a whole lot to do with the management of the affair.—Leo Cretnik stopped in Jenney, Ohio, for a short visit.—Jenny Marolt remits for her 20th anniversary tickets and tells us that they had a good time at the affair.—A card from Fort Pierce, Florida, tells us that Leo Bruce is spending some time there with Gus Supanek.—We're told that Jeanne Dremely is still working for the Air Transport Command in Tucson, Arizona.—Mary Svetlik is at St. Anthony's Hospital because of a stroke.—David Palsall, Joseph Rudolph and Anton Cretnik are our other sick members.

We had a very good discussion at the Toman Public Library last Friday night. It was a round table panel discussion. Emphases were placed on the need for the realignment of thought for a new and more just social system. The attendance was reasonably good. Many Slovenes were there.—John Alie's 233 game was high in the Pioneer bowling league in the last two weeks. Fred Bennett was close behind with a 220. Louis Zefran and Don Lotrich each rolled 214. Other two hundred games were rolled by Frank Ormaniec, a 204, John Alie 202, Frank Zvolbel 200, and Frank Carr just missed 200 by one pin. Don Lotrich bowled a 579 series and Fred Bennett a 559. Pool money was taken by John Alie and Fred Bennett.

The district around Ottawa, Ill., is the outstanding producer of silice sand in the United States. Twelve big plants are operating there. This sand is used for the manufacture of glass and in connection with the manufacture of steel. Those of you who have made trips to Ottawa and Starved Rock will remember seeing large quarries where perfectly clear silica sand is mined.—Over eleven million dollars were withdrawn from the Unemployment Compensation fund of the State of Illinois during October but the fund still has over a half billion dollars for future unemployed Illinoisans.—Army talks on postwar plans for soldiers, a copy of which was sent us by Oscar Godina, show that a large percentage of the boys being discharged intend to go back to the farms. A much larger percentage will go into manufacturing and a still much larger into non-manufacturing fields. Surprisingly, a lot of the boys intend to remain in the service, nearly ten percent of them by reenlisting and some even intend to remain unemployed.

Spartan Notes

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Just a few lines to remind all the Spartan members that Saturday, Dec. 15, is the day that we will have our annual meeting.

Plans are being made and we believe that everybody will have a grand time. There will be plenty of food, drinks and the music for dancing will be furnished by Frankie Mauer Jr., who can really beat out those lively polkas.

This will really be a good chance for all of us to welcome back the Spartan boys that have returned from the service and show them that we do appreciate the grand job they did for us and that we are glad to have them back with us again. So mark Dec. 15 on your calendar and be sure to be at the Slovenian National Home at 7:30 p. m., Room 2, New Building. We'll be waiting for you.

Side Glances
Congratulations to Tony Boika who tied the knot on Dec. 1st. Loads of luck to you and your wife, Tony.

Hear that Ensign Stanley Stoken is on his way home, and Ensign Eddie Stokel has returned to Georgia after a 30 day leave. It will be swell seeing you again, Stan, and it was swell seeing you, Eddie.

Louise Rettger fully recuperating from her broken leg which kept her tied down for quite some time.

The Spartan Gals are now in first place in the bowling league and still going strong. Keep it up, gals.

By the way, how about dropping out at the alleys of the National Home on Waterloo some Friday night and watch the gals bowl, or on Sundays and watch the Spartan boys bowl, am sure your cheering will be appreciated.

Elsie Seian is now having a siege of the flu. Come on there, gal, get better soon, we need you to keep those gals in first place.

We will soon have another active Spartan back home for good, none other than Antonia Zagar who will be discharged from the WACs shortly. Rose Rotane postcarding from San Francisco where she is now stationed. She likes it, but will be glad when she gets back to good old Cleveland.

DOROTHY LUCIR, 576.

Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—Things are beginning to brighten up for the Strabane Pioneers and we hope it won't be too long before they resemble the Pioneers of old.

On Dec. 2, the Pioneers held their annual meeting at which time officers for the year 1946 were elected. Elected to be the Pioneer president for another year was Frank Tomasic. Frances Bodboy was again elected as secretary, Mrs. Frances Florgan as the treasurer; Mrs. Mildred Barnes, recording secretary and Frank Miller as vice president. Elected as auditors for 1946 were Mrs. Mary Chesnic, Mrs. Agnes Curtis and Mrs. Mildred Podboy Jr. For another year were elected Mrs. Mary Chesnic and Mrs. Albina Yarkosky to take care of our Juvenile Circle. Representing Lodge 589 on the House Committee, James Tomasic, William Tomasic and Frank Kaminski were elected.

Steve Gall was sworn in as the 382nd member of the Pioneers.

As for dancing news, here is some news that will please all of you. The Pioneers have two dances scheduled for December. The first will be held on Dec. 16 at the SNPJ hall at Strabane and we have secured the services of Marty King and his orchestra to play both polkas and the latest popular tunes for your dancing pleasure. We are sure that you will enjoy yourself dancing to his good little band. In their previous appearance at Strabane a few weeks ago, Marty King proved to be quite popular with the large crowd present. So come out to Strabane on Dec. 16 and enjoy yourself dancing to Marty King's orchestra. We know you will have a good time.

One need not mention the date of the other dance held this month as everyone well knows that each year on Christmas night, the Pioneers hold their annual Christmas dance. When one talks of going somewhere that evening, the talk concerns Strabane. Ever since the first Christmas dance, way back in 1928, this affair has been the Pioneers' largest affair of the year. And year after year, huge crowds have always enjoyed themselves to the utmost at the Pioneer Christmas dance.

And to provide the dancing music for this year's dance, the Pioneers have secured Taffy and his band from Barberton, Ohio. Taffy needs no introduction to SNPJ members, his "big little band" can play music from polkas to tangos that suit everyone's fancy. Now, reorganized and sounding bigger and better than ever, Taffy and his boys will be playing at the Pioneers' Christmas dance and that will surely please all you dance lovers. We'll be looking for you at the Christmas dance on Dec. 25 at the SNPJ Hall, Strabane, Pa.

Many of the Pioneer members who have been in the service and have been discharged are looking forward to renewing many old friends and acquaintances at the dance. Don't forget to be present.

Pioneer Patter

The Pioneer boys' bowling team entered in the local City League and are doing fine. They are tied for third place and are not far behind the leaders. But they have been improving as they go along and we hope to see them up in front before long. Incidentally, the Tomasic Motors, sponsored by Pioneer Jim and in second place. In a match Tomasic, also are in the City League at the SNPJ alleys on Dec. 8, the Pioneers defeated the Motors, two games to one.

The Pioneer girls have a league also and at this writing, the "Clubs" captained by Frances Florgan leads the four-team league. In second place is Mary Ann Okleson's "Spades" while Jane Kesonowski's "Diamonds" are third and the "Hearts" led by Mildred V. Podboy are holding the rest.

Many servicemen, Pioneer members, are coming home. Latest to arrive has been Frank Podboy, who served with the SeaBees in the South Pacific. Joe Drenik has arrived in the States and we hope to see him in a few days. Mirko Tomasic has just received his discharge and arrived home. On their way are many others whom we wish will be able to be home for Christmas.

With our large membership we should have a larger attendance at our monthly meetings. Why members do not attend these monthly meetings is something we cannot understand. The more members that attend a meeting the more interesting the meeting. So let's have a nice turnout at the January meeting on Jan. 6 at 8:30 p. m.

We wonder if the SNPJ alleys would hold a tournament to find out the best man and wife bowlers in this vicinity. See which Mr. and Mrs. will be the "champions" or perhaps that type of tournament would cause too many happy homes to "go to war." Don't forget that Christmas dance on Dec. 25 at the SNPJ Hall. We'll be looking for you. So long.

* Publicity Committee, LODGE NO. 589

Lodge 517 to Give Surprise Party

MUSE, PA.—SNPJ Lodge 517 will hold a surprise party at its meeting place Sunday, Dec. 16. Will all the members please attend? It is very important to every one of our members. Mrs. ANTONIA KUMER.

Universal Comets

UNIVERSAL, PA.—Dates to remember: Dec. 15—Dance by Key-stonians' Lodge 613, Slovene Hall, Herminie, featuring Joe Koracin and his Slovene Aces.

Dec. 22—Christmas dance by Lodge 292, Slovene Hall, Avella, featuring Morgan Carter's orchestra.

Dec. 23—Annual Christmas Day dance by Pioneers' Lodge 589, SNPJ Hall, Strabane.

Jan. 1—Twelfth national SNPJ duckpin bowling tournament, at the Palmer Alleys, Carrick (Pittsburgh). A dance will be held in the evening, Slovene Hall, Library.

National Duckpin Tourney

New Year's Day duckpin tournaments sponsored annually for eight years by the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of western Pennsylvania have been regarded as events of great importance in our Society. Hundreds of bowlers, particularly from western Penna., participated in these tournaments to make them one of the Society's major sports events each year. Even the rigid demands of the war during the years 1943-45 did not completely interfere with the promotion of this annual tournament, although its success was reduced considerably. Now that the war has ended and our members are returning to their homes and lodges, the federation is again prepared to stage a tournament of prewar standards.

Announcements have been made in previous issues of Prosveta of the 13th Annual National SNPJ Duckpin Tournament on Jan. 1, 1946, at the Palmer Alleys, 3036 Brownsville Road, Carrick (Pittsburgh). Within the past few weeks, official announcements, together with rules and entry blanks, have been mailed to most of the lodges in this section relating the details of the tournament. We hope that all lodges will cooperate by entering teams, doubles, and singles in the tournament, and that these entries will be mailed to the tournament chairman, Frank Tomasic, Strabane, by Dec. 26.

We wish to repeat here that the tournament is open to all SNPJ Lodges and all SNPJ members in good standing. If there are any lodges considering participation and who have not received entry blanks, please write to Brother Tomasic who will provide you with them and all other details of the tournament.

Even at this early date, it is encouraging to observe that there will be good support and real interest in this tournament. The lodges in Avella and Claridge, where tenpins is dominating, promised several teams each. Strabane Pioneers, also tenpin bowlers, will enter several teams. Comets are hopeful of six teams, and Veronians can be depended upon for at least four teams. Let us strive for a record participation in the first tournament following the end of the war.

News and Views

The banquet and dance held in Sygan on Dec. 3 in honor of the 20th anniversary of our ESL's was a fitting tribute to our Society. The banquet attendance was a bit short of anticipation, but the dance attendance made up for the slack. The program was very good, as demonstrated by the laughter and cheer of those present, and by their comments following the banquet. The speaker, Bro. Donald J. Lotrich, made an inspiring SNPJ address, and we are sure it did much good. Our lone out-of-town visitor in addition to Bro. Lotrich was our old friend, Emil Hrsat, of Washington, D. C., and previously of Chicago.

The return of our servicemen is gradual but certain. Our most recent members to return are William Demshar, George Remexo, and Ralph Yereb. Welcome back, fellows!

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

Veronian Dance Dates

VERONA, PA.—This Saturday night, Dec. 15, Billy Pernesik and his orchestra will play at our Veronian Club. Dancing from 10 p. m. till 2 a. m.

On Dec. 22, it's another Saturday night. Les Faulk and his band will do the entertaining. This dance will also begin at 10 p. m. and end at 2 a. m.

Then, on New Year's eve, Monday, Dec. 31, Billy Pernesik and his music will again be the feature attraction, to celebrate the coming in of the new year. Yes, the same time, 10 p. m. till 2 a. m.

On Christmas day, Dec. 25, a treat is in store for our juveniles. It's all a surprise so don't fail to attend. Yes, mothers and fathers, make sure your kiddies attend this party. Time will be 7 p. m.

Connie Langford is the latest discharged Veronian to come home.

MICHAEL LIPESKY, 660.

Winter Concerts At Shedd Park

CHICAGO.—Several winter concerts will be presented at the Shedd Park auditorium, 23rd and Lawndale, beginning Thursday, Dec. 13, admission free. The program includes the Budia Mixed Chorus of 75 voices. This will be a special Christmas program. This group is well known as it appeared at the Grant Park summer concerts, on the radio and will soon appear at Orchestra Hall.

Recreation Field Dedicated In Honor of SNPJ Member



Recreational field on Maui Island of the Hawaiian group, used as a training and resting base for the 4th Marine Division, which was dedicated to Lt. Col. Martincheck who was killed by mortar fire soon after landing on Iwo Jima.

The following release of information accompanied the picture of the recreational field and group of baseball players, when it was received from a military source by the wife of Lt. Col. Martincheck. It reads, in part, as follows:

"In the presence of officers and men of his regiment, Colonel Walter I. Jordan, commanding officer of the 24th Regiment, Fourth Marine Division, dedicated Martincheck Field, honoring Lieutenant Colonel Frank A. Martincheck, Regimental Recreation Officer, who was killed on Iwo Jima. The dedication ceremony preceded an inter-regimental baseball game, and honored a Marine officer who was a champion of the enlisted men's rights and who was loved by all who knew him.



Lt. Col. Frank A. Martincheck

"Colonel Martincheck served as Recreation Officer for the Regiment, in addition to his many other duties. The athletic facilities for the men was his constant concern. Viciously interested in sports of all kinds, he promoted a program of activities which appealed to all, and was an avid participant in many of the sports within the regiment.

"He entered the Marine Corps in 1925, and as a Private First Class attended platoon leader classes during the summers of 1935, 1936 and 1937 at Quantico, Va. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in July 1937. Martincheck was a well-known figure in all units of the 24th Regiment having served with all three battalions as well as with

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Seems like our deer hunters did not have much success in their wanderings in our northern woods. From reports drifting in to me, not one deer was brought back. Of course I stand to be corrected and will be convinced when one of them so called hunters brings a slab of venison. Cy and Al Zvonar, Frank Prasnisk, Wally Remie, Joe Barbachic were some of the nimrods. Of course we realize that the elements played a large part in their unsuccessful venture as the snow was a terrific hazard. Better luck next year, boys.

Mary Potoehnik surprised her many Badger friends by being married to Coast guard man Carl Neu-mueller recently. We extend our best wishes for a long and continued happiness to both of you.

Welcome home Robert Glavan and Ludwig Oblick. Bob entered the service in Feb. 1943. Was overseas for 23 months with the combat Medical Unit. Attained 5 battle stars which took him thru a considerable portion of the European battlefronts. His discharge was handed to him Oct. 31, 1945. Sure glad to have you back, Bob and attend one of our future meetings so we can get acquainted again.

Lud spent 28 months in the service of which 9 months were spent in ETO. He saw service with a Medical Corps. He received his discharge Nov. 22 of this year. We also extend an invitation to you Lud to attend a future meeting as we would like to meet you.

In the Romic Mixed league Tony Spruck who just recently was discharged from the service came thru with a neat score of 600 on games of 204-213-189. Good going Tony. Louis Glavan was a good second with his 590 set. Matty Graf had a little trouble with his slow rolling hook as it backfired for a 457 total. Mary Remie was tops among the lassies with her 503 series just topping Albina Debelak who cracked a 501 total. Frances Friedl had a little trouble with her ball as it just wouldn't behave finally ending up with a total of 389.

Headquarters and Service Company. He was killed by mortar fire on Feb. 20, 1945, soon after landing on Iwo Jima."

We wish to add that Lt. Col. Frank A. Martincheck was a member of SNPJ Lodge 250, Meadowlands, Pa. Prior to his enlistment into the armed forces, he made his home with his parents, Mary and Andrew Martinec. He joined the SNPJ on April 1, 1931, at the age of sixteen and remained a member continuously until his death.

Col. Martincheck received his higher education at Trinity High School and Washington Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., and also at the University of Pittsburgh where he completed a semester of post-graduate work. About a year after his graduation, he assumed the dual position of teacher and athletic coach at the newly constructed Charters Township High School near his home. Here he spent three very successful years as an instructor in history and English, besides doing an excellent job of coaching the school's football and wrestling teams. Then, on Feb. 23, 1941, he enlisted as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marines.

Col. Martincheck's advancement in rank from this point on was rapid. He was sent as a Captain to Ireland in May, 1942, where he served on guard duty until ordered back to the states. It was while stationed in Ireland that he was singled out by one of our American newspaper correspondents as the Marine Captain who liked to sing Slovene songs. He was one who never lost his pride in his nationality. On March 7, 1943, the day of his marriage to Dorothy Sterling of Hazelton, Pa., he received notice of his promotion to Major, and on December 19, 1944, after almost a year of hard fighting in the invasion of the Marshalls and other Central Pacific Islands, he was advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. This, perhaps, is the highest rank that any of our Slovene-Americans were able to attain in the Marine Corps during World War II and, possibly, higher than anyone of his nationality in either the Army or Navy. We are proud of his splendid record as a civilian and soldier. We join with his family, relatives and friends in sorrowful memory of his supreme sacrifice. MTV.

In Friday nights Social Frank Kouchich finally came thru with a good total of 550 to lead the boys. Bro. Vic Kouchich upheld the other end of the scoring as he fumbled his way for a total of 395. Better take a whisk broom along next time Vic, to wipe some of them cobwebs off your ball.

Reminding one and all to get into the habit of attending our regular monthly meetings and paying your dues on time.

SALTY, 584.

Jolly Allis Lodge

WEST ALLIS, WIS.—Another Jolly Allis member to say "I do" was President Yousty Yarnik who married Al Schneider of Cedarburg, Wis. After honeymooning in the South they have returned and are residing in Cedarburg. We wish you both the best of luck.

We see that a few Jolly Allis members turned out for the Badgers' annual dance held last Saturday at the Plaza Ballroom. Those of us who did really had a swell time.

As the year rolls around the last meeting of the year, on Dec. 16, will find officers being elected for the coming year. The entertainment committee, under the able hand of Secretary Ann Komatz, is completing plans for the special "games" and lunch to be enjoyed by all attending. How about you discharged servicemen making a date with us for Dec. 16 so that we can get re-acquainted?

From SNPJ headquarters came word of the current membership campaign. Come on, folks, how about really going to town on getting those prospective members and tell them what a good organization SNPJ really is. With the war at an end we can again resume our work and fun at our lodge gatherings and get ahead. Activities will be abundant as soon as members again are willing to come to the meetings and participate in the discussions and activities of the Society.

Hoping to see you all at our next meeting. I'll say so-long for now. FRAN, 606.

Young Americans

DETROIT—Another Y A "Feather Party" is in store for you members and your friends, and the main prizes will consist of turkeys, chickens and liquor.

This affair will be held at the SND, 17159 John R. Saturday, Dec. 15. All proceeds will go into our fund for members in the service. This fund has reached well over a \$1,000, thanks to you members and friends.

The SND management has arranged to have music after the party, so come and make a night of it at the SND, Saturday, Dec. 15.

In the Slovene-Croatian league on Sundays the SND team of the Young Americans are tied for the lead with Onyx Topplers; the tie is greatly due to the Y. A. Pirates holding the SND to a split last Sunday. This team achieves great ability when bowling the good teams of the league as shown in their third game against the SND, Pirates 1917, SND 994. This score places them second on the sheet for high single game, SND leads with 1049.

The lead for three games total is held by the Y. A. Tigers, 2922, SND second with 2883. In the individual three game total A. Werholtz leads with 699 and G. Kalich also listed with 628. In the individual average column the Y. A.'s also dominate, Ruzich, Golia, V. Hostnik, Blake, Werholtz, Hometz, and J. Junko among the leaders. E. Blake, member of Paris clean team in the major classics, will be competing against the E. & B. for state championship. Rudy Pugel averages over 201 in the Strohs and E. B. world championship match.

Recent Y A's discharged are Matty Planic, Rudy Junko, Roy Verlich, J. Plahutnik, Joe Jacklich, Ernie Jacklich, Steve Fabyanic, John Cedilnik, Frank Zupan, Larry Luketich, Wm. Korbey, John Lounikar, Frank Setina, Joe Steiner, Anton Lackner, Louis Dolence, Frank Obloek and Frank Kochevar. Lt. Carl Turk home on furlough. Word from S/Sgt. Ray Travnik who is still in Panama and also hear from Pfc. Johnny Smaltz who is stationed way out in Korea.

Sunday, Dec. 2, Leo Junko Sr., one of our well-known Slovenes and member of SNPJ Lodge 121, passed away at his home. I take this opportunity on behalf of the Young American Lodge 544 to express our deepest sympathies to the Junko family and relatives.

Friday, Dec. 14, the Y. A. will hold their annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year will take place.

JOSEPH GOLIA, 564.

Forward, Loyalties!

CLEVELAND, O.—After a long absence we again appear this time to announce our forthcoming dance. Loyalties are sponsoring their ANNUAL XMAS DAY DANCE on Dec. 25 at 8 p. m. Our favorite and your favorite maestro, none other than the ex-Navy man Johnny Pecon and his orchestra will be on hand to play sweet and hot and what have you; you name it, they'll play it. So how about it folks, come around and see us this Christmas where you will be able to renew your old friendship. It's a long time—no see—so let's dig up a gang and drop in. How about it Penna, Girard, Detroit and of course all our Cleveland lodges, too. We'll be looking for you and I do mean you. There will be plenty to eat and drink, so make it a must. Remember the date, Dec. 25. Loyalties' Dance, Slovenian Hall, Holmes Avenue.

Our last monthly meeting was not well attended and so our elections had to be postponed till our next meeting Jan. 7. Mark it down now and plan to attend.

Our servicemen are returning back to us slowly. We are happy to welcome home John Adams, Anton Bokal, Frank Fonda, Tony "Schmoltz" Fortuna, Stanley Gulic, Tony Kastelic, Johnny Kozlevar, Joseph "Patsy" Krall, Frank Kravon, Frank Kurek, Francis Novak, Stan Sustarsic, Louis "Shorty" Zadel, Andy Zadel, Frank "Red" Zaman, Joe Zaman, Stan Zupan and John Gornik who has spent 16 years in service. To all Welcome Home, boys. May the rest of our boys soon be here with us too. To our Gold Star Member, F/O Stanley I. Rosa, who gave his life while in service—you may be gone but not forgotten.

To the new arrivals Beverly Fortuna, Gloria Grabowski and Marilyn Zadel welcome to Loyalties and congratulations to the proud parents.

A speedy recovery to Ann Trobenter, Andy Bertosa, Kay Ann Bozich and Sutton Girod. This and That: Rose Znidarsic Walsh all smiles now since her hubby got that discharge—hope to see you both at the dance. Wonder if Frank and Zora Chellogy have forgotten us or are they really so busy in their business. Good luck folks and to Junior too. Wonder when Justin Pirnat and Charles Cetinsky will bring their wives around. Joanie, daughter of Doc and Mamie Gregoric, attending our monthly meeting faithfully. Sophie Herbst welcoming home her hubby after years of overseas duty. Joseph Krall coming home and planning to say "I do" Jan. 19. Good luck, Patsy.

Our last reminder is lodge dues will be collected Saturday, Dec. 22, from 6 to 8 p. m. at the Holmes

Annual Meetings

SHELDON, WIS.—All members of Lodge 273 are urged to attend the annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 p. m. at the Sheldon Village Hall. Officers will be elected and program discussed for the coming year. Will all members please attend? We hope the attendance will be much better next year than it has been.

FELIX DERNOVSEK, Sec'y.

FLEMING, KANSAS.—Attention members of Lodge 30. Please attend the annual meeting of Dec. 23 at 2 p. m. There will be election of officers for 1946 and other important matters will be discussed. After the meeting, refreshments will be served.

LOUIS SUPANCIC, Sec'y.

POWER POINT, O.—All members of SNPJ lodge 350 are urged to attend the annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 16, at one o'clock. Election of officers will be held. The meeting will take place at the Slovene Home.

THOMAS MERCINA, Sec'y.

L'ANSE, MICH.—The annual meeting of Lodge 753 will be held Sunday, Dec. 16, at the home of John Testen. The election of officers for the year of 1946 will also take place. All members are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served after the meeting for all. Our veterans will be with us, as most of them are discharged from service now.

ALBEN TESTEN, Sec'y.

CANTON, O.—All members of SNPJ Lodge 315 are urged to attend the annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10 a. m. at 1037 Rowland Ave. N. E. Election of officers for the coming year will be held at this meeting and other important matters discussed.

PETER CHUFAR, Sec'y.

DE PUE, ILL.—SNPJ Lodge No. 59 will hold its annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10 a. m. at the usual place. The older and younger members as well as discharged soldier-members are invited to attend; of the latter total of 25, eight have been discharged. At this meeting, election of officers will be held and other important matters discussed.

JOHN ZUGICH, Sec'y.

CHESWICK, PA.—The annual meeting of the Ramblers, SNPJ Lodge 713, will be held Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p. m. at the usual place. Election of officers will take place, and then a party. Please try to attend as it is a very important meeting.

JOHN SKARJA, Sec'y.

SUMMIT, ILL.—All members of SNPJ Lodge 707 are invited to attend the annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 16, at the usual time and place. Election of officers will be held and other matters discussed. Young members are especially asked to be present.

JACOB ADAM, Sec'y.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Wheelbit
ST. LOUIS, MO.—The next important date on the social calendar for Spirits is the annual Christmas party to be held December 22 at Albrecht's Hall, Grand and Arsenal. This is a very popular event with the members so everyone is reminded to keep the date open. Everyone is invited to attend. Santa Claus will make his annual visit and the Juveniles will receive gifts of candy, fruit, etc. Members who wish to give their BUDDIES a gift for Christmas may bring it to the party and Santa will deliver same to proper party.

Our annual meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 14, which will follow immediately after adjournment of our regular meeting. Members are asked to be present.

The dance committee requests that all members turn in their dance tickets not later than Dec. 14 so that a final report on the dance may be given as soon as possible.

With Christmas shopping and all, let's not forget the Membership Campaign. How about some good results at the next meeting?

THIS AND THAT: At the anniversary and victory dance there were quite a number of people from Century Foundry, Sveglitch's guests. A new juvenile is James Allen Youngman. Mrs. Angela Boranich is still on the sick list, so drop her a card of cheer. Josephine Harvat in is improving rapidly, so drop in to see her. Joe Pogarel, Ann Spiller's brother, is at Camp Grant, Ill., and is expected home shortly with discharge. Here's hoping to see him at the Christmas party. Lillian (Harvat) Brumfield's husband, Ted, is home on furlough. Eddy Harvat in is expected to land in California around the 15th. Hope you can make it for our party, Eddy.

Members are again reminded to mail in the servicemen's addresses so that belated Christmas gifts may be mailed. (Army personnel needs a request if they are located outside the Continental United States, so please provide same.)

Again let me remind all the members to be present at the annual meeting Friday, Dec. 14. The regular meeting will start at 8 p. m. Members will be counted as absent if they arrive after 9:30 p. m.

Ave. Hall. Let's avoid being suspended and let's pay up.

ROSE MARY RAINES.

Stage Shower for Slovene Orphans

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—On Friday, Dec. 28, the Progressive Slovene Women, with full cooperation of all local SANC branches, will sponsor a "Baby Shower" for the Slovene orphans in Yugoslavia. The affair will be held in the lower hall of SNH, 6417 St. Clair Ave., at 8 p. m. We are cordially inviting all Slovene women to attend; men are also invited to attend the social after the shower.

According to the Yugoslav Red Cross, there are approximately 800,000 orphaned children in Yugoslavia, of which 10,000 are Slovenes, who are desperately in need of food and clothing if they are to survive. Many of these innocent little victims became homeless wanderers; many are so young they can't even remember their names or where their homes had been—they only remember fear, hunger, cold.

Many of you are sending packages to your own relatives in Yugoslavia and the idea is wonderful, but we also ask that you at the same time remember these helpless orphans, who have no one of their own to turn to. The clothing you donate may be new or used provided it is in a clean and wearable condition. Children's clothing, all sizes, will be accepted. Monetary contributions will also be accepted with which material for clothing will be purchased.

We are to have with us a guest speaker for the evening. The committee is also arranging a program of Slovenian songs. Refreshments will be served.—Won't you try and clothe a child? Let this be your Christmas gift to a Slovene orphan.

Relief Committee:
JOSEF ZAKARJSEK, Pres.
JOYCE E. GORSEK, Sec'y
MILLIE BRADAC, Treas.

J. Z. Jr. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, PA.—DATES TO REMEMBER: Dec. 23 — Christmas Dance at the Library Slovene Hall featuring Marty King's orchestra. Dec. 25—Pioneers' Annual Christmas Dance at Strabane. Jan. 1—National Duckpin tournament and dance. Jan. 20—E. S. Federation meeting at 57th and Butler sts., Pittsburgh. Feb. 10—J. Z. Jr. annual "Heart to Heart" dance.

The 20th anniversary celebration of the E. S. Lodges was without a doubt a success. The banquet meal (prepared by the Sygan ladies) was most delicious, the entertainment was very good and Brother Don Lotrich's speech was quite inspiring and encouraging. It was just too bad that more members weren't in attendance. The Veronians, however, were very well represented with a busload of members. Along with them we had a few from Universal, Imperial, Strabane, Avella, Sygan, Aliquippa, Bridgeville, Covardale and, last but not least, Brother Emil Hrst from Washington, D. C.

The regular yearly meeting of the J. Z. Jr. was held on Dec. 6, with a fairly good attendance. The following officers were elected for the year 1946: President, Frank Ambrosic; Vice-President, Charles Waggett; Recording Secretary, Rose Podlesnik; Financial Secretary, Alvina Osepek; Treasurer, Frances Dermotta; Auditors: Stanley Yopek, Adolph Slapnik and Jake Vidmar.

Delegates selected to attend the E. S. Federation meeting on Jan. 20 are: Charles Waggett, Frank Ambrosic and Adolph Slapnik.

The J. Z. Jr. Lodge will pay for all 5 person teams entered in the National Bowling Tournament on Jan. 1st. Anyone desiring to participate kindly inform the writer (or Sis. Rose Podlesnik) by calling Colonial 879-J.

The dance following the bowling tournament will be held at the Library Slovene Hall, featuring Marty King's orchestra. Dancing begins at 8:30 p. m.

This year the J. Z. Jr. will see to it that some kind of a "hot meal" will be served at the hall for those who have been bowling all day and would like to stay for the dance. More details will be given later. Right now plan to attend the bowling tournament and dance.

This'n' That: From now on you can address the following boys as "Mister": Jake Dolence, Charles Waggett, Frank Ambrosic, Adolph Slapnik, Louis Kosalic, William Terrehak and Carl Kosan.

Transferring to the J. Z. Jr. Lodge 682 are Mary Kokal, Anne Kokal and Mayme Rozance. Welcome girls, our next meeting is on Jan. 3rd.

Did you know that Mr. Anton Cipic, treasurer of the Slovene speaking federation, shot a "deer" just a half hour after he started "hunting"? The writer saw the five point buck so it isn't just a "deer" story.

Until again, don't forget that there's a dance at the Library Slovene Hall with Marty King's orchestra—so if you haven't anything else planned drop in for a polka or two, on Dec. 23.

FRANCES DERMOTTA, 682.

Golden Eagles

Circle's Christmas Party
GIRARD, OHIO.—Last night the Circle managers received a call telling us that the Slovene Hall was not available to us for Dec. 22—the date chosen for our annual Christmas party. However, the party will take place at Jake's Place on Saturday, December 22.

Plans are quite complete. We have received a letter from Santa telling us that he will take time out from his many duties to distribute presents and goodies at the party. Fred Klucik is rehearsing the chorus and it is guaranteed that you will hear some very fine Slovene Yule songs. Santa will set up a Wishing Well from which you can obtain a surprise package for ten cents. A Gift Exchange is being arranged. Gifts must be worth at least seventy-five cents. In addition, Santa will distribute—free of charge—a bag full of candy, cookies, fruit, pop corn balls, ice cream, pop, etc.

Towards the end of the party, games will be played. A Kiss Hunt will be staged in addition to Musical Chairs. In this part of the evening, we will also have a match box race (changing match boxes from one nose to another). Sounds interesting, doesn't it? Then an apple bite and a doughnut bite. Other games, too. To bring the evening to a close, we will announce the winner (for the entire year) of a contest which includes points for attendance, new members, letters to The Voice of Youth, sales tax, dues paid, etc. Winners will be announced for both the junior and senior divisions.

VERY IMPORTANT! To all interested in the Circle's Christmas party, please be advised that it will take place at JAKE'S PLACE on North State Street near Churchill Road. I had a talk with Jake tonight and he is letting us have the hall FREE OF CHARGE. Here is real cooperation. We will also have our own entrance. Please tell your friends about the change of location.

OFF THE RECORD—Personally, I was very disappointed in the 20th anniversary edition of the ESL. The possibilities of the moment weren't even touched. The 20th birthday deserved a much greater salute. What was there was excellent but there wasn't enough of it. Joe Umcek, well known Eagle and orchestra leader, is scheduled to arrive home sometime before Christmas. The next Circle meeting is Sunday, Dec. 16. It is rumored that the Girard Slovene Hall is for sale.

Bowling interest remains high. Small prizes will be awarded for high game for the Circle, the men and the women. Our Circle intends to keep its championship. One of the Muster girls on the team averaged 147 last Friday. Ann Gantar is one of our most enthusiastic bowlers. So are Frances Serca and Mamie Zitnik. Marge Umcek is most disappointed when "night turn" work keeps her from the alleys. Fred Klucik's recommendation for a name for Lodge 49—Muster's Busters.

"Handsome Henry" Leskovec, a sailor in our Navy, stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., was home on a short leave. Surrounded by pretty girls like Jeanette Tancek and Marjorie Macek. Just talking about old Circle days—I think. The Milwaukee Golbs should sort of watch for the fella—he will be in that section one of these days. Remember the federation meeting on Sunday, Dec. 30, at the local Slovene Hall. Two o'clock.

FRANK PEZEK, 643.

SWH Women's Club Will Give 2 Parties

DETROIT, MICH.—Another year is almost gone, and to wind up the activities of 1945, the Ladies Club of SWH, 437 S. Livernois, is ending it with a bingo party Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p. m., the entire proceeds to go for Yugoslavia's war victims. Coming to this party you will be helping our people over there, whose needs are most urgent. Chickens, turkeys, groceries, etc., for the lucky ones. Refreshments will be served. Admission free.

But the ladies refuse to take to the rocking chair after this party, despite the years that are creeping up on us. You will still find us quite lively on New Year's Eve. This being the first dance given by the club since our country went to war. We sort of hope to make this an extra happy affair. Music by Pink's orchestra of Dearborn. Admission 75c, tax included. And to avoid confusion please buy your tickets before from club members.

For SWH manager. We hope to see you all Dec. 16 and Dec. 31.

AGNES KRZISNIK, Treas.

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Victory Loan Rally Is Huge Success

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The Victory Loan Rally sponsored by the 4th division under the chairmanship of Mr. A. B. Parnall and Vice Chairman Dave Johnson, held at the Slovene National Home on Dec. 1, turned out to be one of the most successful bond rallies staged.

Felix A. Danton, co-chairman at the rally announced bond sales, including corporate bonds purchased by the North American and St. Clair Savings, amounting to over \$2,000,000. The crowd kept Miss Jankic, member of the A. V. S. and her co-worker, busy taking care of the sale of bonds.

Many willing hands were required to make the rally a success and wish to publicly thank the following individuals who gave of their time, money and efforts: Enaks, American Home, Glas, Nova Doba newspapers; Ezella, Norwood, Lexington, Yale and Elclair theaters; Slovene Home directors for the use of the hall; Services of John Tavar, Sec'y National Home, Joe Fajancic, and Matt Debevec; Councilmen E. Kovacic, 23rd ward, E. Pucel, 10th ward, and Durkin, 21st ward; Marie Vidmar at the St. Clair Savings, Rose Kovach at the North American, Julie Snyder, Osborn Mfg., Lillian from Steel Improvement and others at the banks and industrial establishments who helped; Martin Antonic, Slovene radio announcer; Boy Scouts of Troop 250; Sorn's restaurant; all of the bondholders, the performers, employees of the Cleveland Trust banks at Superior-Addison, E. 40th, St. Clair E. 55th, North American, St. Clair Savings and Lithuanian Savings. The committee composed of A. B. Parnall, chairman, Osborn Mfg. Co. Dave Johnson, vice chairman, Steel Improvement, Anton Grdina Sr., John Gornik, Geo. Allich, White Motor, Jim Roche, Cleveland Trust, Paul Schneller, St. Clair Savings, F. A. Danton, Scoutmaster Troop 250, Albina Novak, Frances Seitz, J. DeRichter, Lith. Bank, Carrie Lorenc, Preston Hannawalt, Steel Improvement, Herbert Smith, Northwestern Mutual.

A capacity crowd was on hand to listen to Mr. John Gornik, John Wallace, county manager, Frank McFarlane, Cuyahoga county chairman, Eddie Kovacic, Joseph McSweeney and Lt. Valera Vaubel, explain the need for the success of the 8th Victory Loan drive. Their talks were well received.

Pete Srnick and his orchestra played thruout the program. Formal opening was conducted by the Boy Scouts of Troop 250. This followed the showing of movies by Anton Grdina Sr. The SNPJ Juvenile Singing Chorus, directed by Frank Plut and accompanied on the piano by Vera Slejko; songs by Johnny Yatsko, Eagle Scout Troop 250; dancing numbers by the Vivian School of dancing, Room 2, National Home, under the direction of Mrs. Jarmush, Glasbena Matica quintet, Henry Paulin, pianist, Joe Milavec, accordion, and last but not least amiable John Grdina, magician, provided the crowd with hours of entertainment. All the performers did a very creditable job.

Mrs. Albina Novak made the presentation of awards to successful bondholder contestants. First prize was won by Joe Fifolt for the largest value of bonds sold and Carrie Lorenc for the largest number sold. Other successful individuals were: Julia Brezovar, Louis Zele, Mrs. J. Freeman, Anton Grdina Sr., Wiegand, J. P. Lewandowski, Cecelia Subel, J. White, Dani Fifolt and Mrs. A. Karlinger. The efforts of these bondholders resulted in the total sale of 309 bonds for a value of \$55,350. Considering the weather, sickness, etc., all of them deserve a big hand. Those that purchased bonds from these people helping them to win a prize are hereby thanked.

The door prize drawing conducted by Jim Roche was won by one of the young ladies present. She was quite happy to pick up the \$50 bond award.

The writer as chairman of the rally wishes to express his appreciation to everyone mentioned above, for the time and effort spent in a cause most worthy. Also, many, many thanks to local industrial concerns who so generously donated funds for the purchase of bonds awarded.

J. F. FIFOLT.

or SWH manager. We hope to see you all Dec. 16 and Dec. 31.

AGNES KRZISNIK, Treas.