

Ob tridesetletnici društva Slavije in SNPJ

OKUMENTARNI PODATKI K ZGODOVINI RAZVOJA NAŠIH PRVIH DRUŠTEV IN NAŠE JEDNOTE

Piše Frank Zaitz

XVIII.

V Chicagu je slovenski gostilničar, ki prodaja "pijačo", a bilje mrzi. Če mu ni kdo po glavi, ga vrže ven. Je velik in močan, glas ima kakor iz sode, in te v prekanju kar ostrane. Tako je pripovedoval rojak, ki je prišel v stari kraj na tisk, Louisu Pajniču, ki je tu, odhajal v Ameriko. Pajnič je želel tega gostilničarja poznati, toda obiskal ga je šele l. 1932, ko se je vračal z vzhoda v Pioneer, Idaho, kjer je imel udnike.

V Chicagu je vprašal po njem. Se zdaj si ga predstavljam za izčrpana velika močnika, kot jih brk in z glasom, ki ukazuje. Citatelj je že bržkone ugaibal, koga je iskal pokojni Pajnič. To je bilo namreč Pajničevo zadnje potovanje. O božiču tega leta je bil v svoji kempiji morjen.

"Tu je junak, ki ga iščeš," je rekel prijatelj Pajniču, ko sta spela v Lyons v M. Potokarjevo hišo. In nato je Pajnič Martinu pojasnil, kaj in kako. Ostala sta si prijatelja.

Martin Potokar, ki si ga je spomnil omenjeni rojak iz opisa, je osebo znan tisočerm slovencom. Dokler je imel gostilno na stari Centre Ave., so se pri njem zbirali posebno člani SNPJ. Bil je glasan v debatah, ker mu je to prirojeno. Toda njegov lokal je bil priljubljen in gostom je pošteno strel. Potujočim brezposelnim rojakom je dala njegova družina jesti, ne pa pijače! Vzlic svojstvu, ki so jih opisovali o Martinu vrnivši se rojaki celo v stari kraj — opis, kakršnega je čul doma n. pr. L. Pajnič — je bila Potokarjeva gostilna mnogo let ena najpopularnejših slovenskih zbirališč v Chicagu.

Martin Potokar je ustanovni član Slavije in SNPJ. Že pred početkom Slavije so imeli nekaj klub, v katerega so plačevali članarino. Namen kluba je bil, gojiti družabnost, ni pa se pečal s podporami. Tudi ta klub je pripravil tla za ustanovitev Slavije. Svoj stan je imel v salunih, ki so bili tedaj imeli vsega javnega življenja ameriških Slovencev.

Na prvi konvenciji SNPJ l. 1904 je bil Martin Potokar izvoljen v glavni porotni odbor. Na III. redni konvenciji l. 1907 v La Sallu, Ill., kjer je bilo tedaj največje društvo SNPJ, je bil izvoljen za glavnega predstojnika. Tako je prišel on na čelo glavnega odbora v kritični dobi, ko se je stari odbor, posebno blaginjak Frank Klobučar, branil priznati veljavnost politike na lasalski konvenciji. Teško nalogo je zelo spretno vrtil. Okoliščine so bile take, da SNPJ potrebovala v svojem boju za blaginjo, katere prejmanj blaginjak Fr. Klobučar, kar pravzaprav pomeni Franku Berniku, kateri je bil duhovni vodja opozicije proti Zavertniku ali skupini. Bili so pač viharni časi v življenju mladega slovenskega priseljence, ki je kipele energije in bojevitosti. V njih se je SNPJ kristaliziral in nagloma rasla v veliko veselje svojih graditeljev, nasprotniki vseh vrst pa so ta pojav, ki si ga niso znali razjasniti, gledali osumnjeno.

V Slaviji Martin Potokar ni imel važnih odbojnih mest, bil pa je večkrat v raznih odsekih.

Rojen je bil 7. junija 1869 v Krški vasi pri Prečicah na Dolenjskem.

Gospodarski problemi

V svojem društvu je Martin Potokar še aktiven. Vsemu, kar se dogaja v SNPJ, vestno sledi. Doga je uverjen, če bi bil še blaginjak jednote, da bi njena blaginja te krize ne občutila toliko kakor jo čuti, in tudi pri gradnji poslopja bi pazil, da bi bili načrti boljši in delo cenejše storjeno.

Kar se tiče njega samega, je kriza močno posegla v njegovo gospodarsko stanje in utrpel je velike izgube. To nekako postavi iz ravnoteže njegov argument, da bi bila blaginja SNPJ pod njegovim vodstvom v veliko boljšem stanju, četudi je res, da ima Martin Potokar v gospodarskih zadevah veliko vsestranskih izkušenj.

Kdo je ustanovil SNPJ?

V svojem govoru na slavnosti 30-letnice Slavije dne 19. novembra 1933 sem med drugim omenil, da so SNPJ ustanovili naši kmečki priseljenci in pa delavci, ki so že v starem kraju okusili delo v obrtnih, v industriji in premogovnikih. Gradili so jo na vzhodu in na zapadu in vsem tem gre zasluga za dvig iz šibkega začetnega društva v največjo slovensko podporno organizacijo.

Martin Potokar je smatral, da sem način ustanovitve Slavije in jednote napačno razlagal v tem govoru. "Bom jaz pojasnil," je rekel, "kajti ti nimaš prav. Starokrajski industrialni delavci in premogarji so začeli pomagati šele pozneje," je rekel. In ko ga je predsednik slavnosti Frank Aleš predstavil navzočim kot enega izmed ustanovnih članov, je Martin Potokar med drugim izjavil, da gre zasluga za ustanovitev SNPJ rojakom iz Belokrajine in da brez njih ne bi bilo SNPJ. Na kolikor mogoče vlijuden način me je grajal, da tega dejstva nisem pravilno pojasnil.

V opisovanju pionirjev pri vsakem omenim, kje je bil rojen in druge podatke o njem.

Izmed vodilnih ustanovnih članov so bili John Stonich, Martin Konda, brata Wershay, Frank Klobučar in Anton Trampuš Belokranjci. Poleg teh je še cela vrsta rojakov iz Belokrajine, ki so pristopili v Slavijo v prvem letu njenega obstoja in več ali manj delovali v nji in za novo jedoto.

Frank Medica je Notranjec, Frank Bernik Minnesotčan, bratje Mladiči in bratje Dullerji so Dolenjci, Frank Petrič je Dolenjec, istotako Martin Potokar. Brata Polanšek sta bila Gorenjca. Velika večina članov, ki so pristopili v Slavijo v prvem letu, so bili iz Belokrajine in pa Dolenjci, kar v tem tolmačenju pomeni rojak, ki so doma od Grosuplje dol do vključene novomeške okolice. Gorenjcev in tistih rojakov, ki so delali v Nemčiji ali v Avstriji v rudnikih in tovarnah, je bilo pred tremi desetletji še malo v Ameriki. In če ne bi bili SNPJ ustanovili Belokranjci in Dolenjci s pomočjo par Gorenjcev in Notranjcev, bi slično jedoto prav gotovo ustanovili drugi svobodomiselnih Slovinci, neglede v katerem kraju bi bili rojeni. Gibanje zamjo se je pojavilo radi potrebe in ne zato, ker je ta ali oni doma iz nekega gotovega kraja. Zato je pravilno le tisto tolmačenje zgodovine SNPJ, ki priznava, da so jo ustanovili in potem gradili delavci svobodomiselnih in delavskih nazorov.

(Dalje prihodnje.)

GLASOVI IZ NASELBIN

Prireditve "Slovaca"

South Chicago. — Pevski zbor Slovan bo imel v nedeljo, 11. februarja, veselico z lepim programom v Hrvatskem narodnem domu, 9618 Commercial ave. Spored vsebuje naslednje točke:

Pozdravni govor, Slovenska pesem, poje Slovan; Cornfield Medley, poje Slovan; na piano spremlja Edward Bruce; Till We Meet Again; "Just a Farce", 45 minut zabave in smeja; piano-harmonika duet, John Plut in Gladys Bukovec. Med drugim igra godba Johna Pluta. Drugi del programa bo nudil šaloigro s petjem "Jurij Kranjčič pred sodnikom", katero je priredil M. G. Kuhel. Vlogo Jurija Kranjčiča ima Joseph Kuhel, vlogo sodnika William Rus, občinstvo v sodni dvorani pa bodo predstavljali člani zbora Slovan. Pevci bodo v šaloigri zapeli 44 izbranih narodnih pesmi.

Po programu bo prosta zabava in ples v obeh dvoranih. Pridite in zabavajte se z nami!

Odbor.

Prireditve SND

Brooklyn, N. Y. — Društva prirejajo v tem času razne zabave in tako je tudi odbor SND sklenil prirediti maškerašno veselico v zgornji dvorani Slovenskega narodnega doma, 253 Irving ave., Brooklyn, v soboto večer, 10. februarja. Uljudno vabimo člane društev v New Yorku in Brooklynu, delničarje in sploh vse Slovence, da se te veselice udeležijo v polnem številu.

Zelimo, da posetniki pridejo v kostumih, če le mogoče. Razdeljene bodo tri nagrade osebam, ki bodo prišle na veselico v najboljših kostumih. To bo zadnja predpustna veselica in vsem garantiramo dobro zabavo. Za dobro postrežbo bo skrbel odbor in bo ustregel tudi tistim, ki radi slišijo domačo godbo. Godba bo v spodnji dvorani, v kateri bo tudi kegljanje in druge zabave. Slovinci, podpirajte SND, ki je vaša lastnina. Na svidenje na veselici!

A. Omerzu, tajnik SND.

Ali ste naročili na dnevnik "Prosveta"? Podpirajte svoj list!

ZAPISNIK SEJE GL. UPRAVNEGA ODESKA

dne 10. januarja 1934

Predsednik odpre sejo točno ob 1 uri popoldne. Navzoči so vsi odborniki. Prečita in sprejme se zapisnik zadnje seje.

Br. Godina predloži pismo Rafaelove družbe iz Ljubljane, v katerem prosijo, da bi jim darovali knjige, ki jih ima jednota še na razpolago, za njih arhiv. Sklenjeno, da se jim daruje po eno od vsake knjige in izroči jugoslovanskemu konzulatu, kateri jih bo potem odpisal v Ljubljano.

Predloženo je pismo predsednika National Fraternal Congressa, ki priporoča, da bi vse organizacije, ki so članice tega kongresa, imele na svojem pisalnem papirju označeno, da so članice omenjene organizacije. Odešek sklene, da se ustreže.

Nato se razpravlja o vprašanju, kdaj naj se vrši seja glavnega odbora. Predlog je soglasno sprejet, da se seja prične 8. februarja 1934.

Delavci, na shod v dvorano SNPJ!

Chicago. — Kdor želi slišati izvrstnega govornika, naj se jutri zvečer (četrtak) udeleži shoda v dvorani SNPJ. O NRA bo govoril August Claessens iz New Yorka, ki je na agitacijskem potovanju za socialistično stranko.

On je eden najbolj spretnih govornikov v amerškem delavskem gibanju. Radi svojih protivojnih nazorov in antivojnega stališča socialistične stranke, je bil povstopu Amerike v zadnje svetovno klanje izključen iz newyorške državne zbornice, kamor je bil dvakrat izvoljen za poslanca.

Na shodu, ki se prične točno ob osmih, bo nastopil tudi češki pevski zbor Karl Marx ter njegov tamburaški odsek. Shod prireja socialistični klub v lawndalskem distriktu. Vstopnina prosta. Pub. odbor.

Društvene vesti

Veselica društva št. 265

Southview, Pa. — Članstvu društva 265 naznanjam društveni sklep z dne 14. jan., da društvo priredi veselico dne 10. feb. ob 8. zvečer v SND v koprski svoje blaginje. Vstopnina 35c, ki jo bo moral plačati vsak član in članica, če se veselice udeležijo ali ne. Vabimo vse bližnje in oddaljene rojake. Vsi ste dobrodošli. Igrala bo izvrstna godba. Math. Vehar, blaginjak.

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To knjigo lahko dobite pri nas kot član s poštnino vred za \$2.00. Pošljite nam Money Order ali v gotovini denar v priporočenem pismu. Na naslov: Prosveta, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. Pišite takoj.

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Naslov.....

Mesto..... Država.....

Članov, ki prestopijo iz mladinskega oddelka. — Odešek po prečitanih pravil sklene, da se ima razumeti, da dotična določba prizadeva ravnokar članke, ki prestopijo iz mladinskega v odrasli oddelke kakor velja za druge novopristopile člane, to je, da se ne plača bolniške podpore, ako zbolijo v teku enega leta po pristopu v jedoto.

Nato se predložijo in odobrene sledeče prošnje za posojilo in izredno podporo.

Prošnje za izredno podporo

St. 4 — Pauline in Anton Tolar, za 3 mesece assesment.

St. 13 — Joseph Snoy, \$25 za njegovega sina v mlad. oddelku.

St. 16 — George Walte, \$10.

St. 23 — Math Kitz, \$25.

St. 39 — John Erchul, \$20.

St. 67 — John Valentine, \$15.

St. 98 — John Ihan, tri mesece assesment.

St. 110 — Joseph Krainek, šest mesecev assesment.

St. 163 — Pete Prošek, \$15.

St. 171 — Mike Pavaich, \$15.

St. 201 — Mary Russ, tri mesece assesment vstevši o-troke.

St. 217 — John Benchan, \$15.

St. 225 — John Hochevar, \$12.

St. 241 — Društvo za Mike Burish, član mlad. oddelka, \$25.

St. 253 — Ida Supan, \$15.

St. 313 — George Bogoevich, \$10.

St. 419 — F. Vertachnik, \$10.

St. 537 — Martin Kalinik, \$15.

Prošnje za assesment iz sklada izrednih podpor

St. 1 — Martin Jurkas, tri mesece.

St. 13 — Peter Kovačič, tri mesece.

St. 16 — Rudolf Arko, dva mesece. Thomas Prelovsek, tri mesece.

St. 39 — Anton Sumrak in Louis Stehlay, tri mesece.

St. 50 — Louis Lipovšek, en mesec.

St. 75 — Anton Jakovach, dva mesece.

St. 82 — Joseph Mihlovčič, en mesec.

St. 85 — Joseph Kováč in Joseph Tavzel, en mesec.

St. 87 — John Zager, dva mesece.

St. 107 — Joe Menarich, tri mesece.

St. 111 — Margaret Struel in Katie Kastelle, tri mesece.

St. 115 — Frances Gliha, tri mesece.

St. 117 — Joe Mance, dva mesece.

St. 129 — John Debeljak, tri mesece.

St. 132 — Martin Moneta, tri mesece.

St. 153 — Kristina in Paul Crnić, dva mesece.

St. 168 — Michael Rovansk, Gaspar in Ivana Petrovčič, John Jr., Antonia in John Brezovec, dva mesece.

Simon Kandler, tri mesece.

St. 190 — Jela in Jacob Hariš, dva mesece.

St. 192 — Mary Krainek, dva mesece.

St. 197 — John Novak, tri mesece.

St. 204 — John Dukarič, tri mesece.

St. 222 — Mike Turko in Joseph Tomazine, dva mesece.

St. 240 — John Hafner, dva mesece.

St. 247 — John Banjos, tri mesece.

St. 263 — Anton in Marija Papeš in Joseph Marović, dva mesece.

St. 271 — Frank Pavlench, dva mesece.

St. 277 — Mary Sr., Math, Mary Jr. in Molly Slabe, Joseph Zlogar, George in Martha Galich, dva mesece.

St. 287 — Mat Senđer in Tom Buratz, dva mesece.

St. 290 — Frank Trinkaš, Joseph in Ivana Jereb, dva mesece.

St. 291 — Joe Ivaneš, en mesec.

St. 305 — George Salamon, dva mesece.

St. 310 — Charles Mikolčić, dva mesece.

St. 313 — Frances in John Kavšek, dva mesece.

St. 326 — John Ribich, dva mesece. John Rukše, tri mesece.

St. 335 — France, Kerška, dva mesece. Joe Lapanja, tri mesece.

St. 375 — Mary Svedi, dva mesece.

St. 394 — Anton Brgoch, en mesec.

St. 483 — Nikola Turkalj, dva mesece.

St. 494 — Matt Zadel, tri mesece.

St. 559 — Mary in Joseph Ziez, tri mesece.

St. 585 — John Bohen, dva mesece.

St. 600 — Frances Zahuransky in Theresa Miklavčič, dva mesece.

St. 629 — Jela in Martin Feršing, Frances Contich, dva mesece.

St. 669 — Josephine Mravlja, dva mesece.

St. 680 — Frances Krulac, en mesec.

St. 684 — Andrew in Mildred Skvarnc, tri mesece.

St. 725 — J. Fabjančič, tri mesece.

S tem je dnevni red izrpan in predsednik zaključuje sejo ob 4:25 popoldne.

Vincent Cinkar, predsednik, Philip Godina, zapisnikar.

Veliko MASKARADNO VESELICO PRIREDI Društvo "NADA" št. 102 S. N. P. J.

V SOBOTO DNE 10. FEBRUARJA 1934 V DVORANI S. N. P. J. na 27. in Lawndale Ave. PRIČETEK TOČNO OB 8. URI ZVEČER

ODDALE SE BODO IZVRSTNE NAGRADE NAJLEPŠIM MASKAM

DOBRA IN TOČNA POSTREŽBA VSEM VABI ODBORI

Campaign Comments

The Annual Session

The yearly meeting of the Supreme Board will be called to order tomorrow, February 8, at the Home Office of the Society, and will be in session three days.

For the first time in three years the Supreme Board members will convene in a time of somewhat better general conditions. Business of great importance relating to the organization and its membership will be transacted at this meeting and various problems of immediate significance will be solved.

Among the most important questions will be the question of the organization's finances and investments, the passivity question will be further clarified, various annual reports will be submitted and acted upon, and the publications' standing and reinstatement statutes will also be discussed along with the now very vital question regarding the jubilee campaign which aims to bring in many new juvenile and adult members.

We are of the opinion that for a successful membership campaign specific campaign rules should be formulated and adopted by the executives by which our local branches will guide themselves during the campaign. Action is needed if our branches are to increase their membership during the anniversary year of the Slovene National Benefit Society, and action in the right direction and at the right time—now.

Safe and Sound

We know that the SNPJ is a safe and sound institution, we know that its record stands out well in all respects, and we know that there is none better, yet we are sometime hesitating about telling our friends and acquaintances of it. We come in contact with them at our various lodge affairs, but not all of us insist upon these friends who are eligible for membership, to join our lodge. It is protection our young people need in a safe and sound fraternal organization such as the Slovene National Benefit Society.

Abraham Lincoln On Labor

Here are a few most significant epigrams from Lincoln's addresses which show him as a real friend of the masses; they stand out at all times. Lincoln stood for the rights of the oppressed and downtrodden and he championed their cause. These messages were conceived by a most sincere man and were given to humanity for guidance and strength; they are embodying rich food for thought:

"Labor is the superior of Capital and deserves much the higher consideration."

"Who is and what is Labor?"

"You are Labor, if you work for a living."

"You till the soil, you mine the coal, you write the books and you spin the yarn."

"You invent cunning machines, you serve and sell across counters, and you build the dwellings of men all the world over."

"In America you are the great majority. All that serves Labor serves the nation. All that harms Labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between these two. If any man tells you he loves America yet hates Labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America yet he fears Labor, he is a fool. There is no America without Labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other."

"It has so happened in all ages of the world that some have labored and others have without labor enjoyed a very large proportion of the fruits. This is wrong and should not continue."

"Labor is prior to, and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of Labor and could never have existed if Labor had not first existed."

"Inasmuch as most good things are produced by Labor, it follows that all such things of right belong to those whose labor has produced them."

"The strongest bond of human sympathy outside of the family relation should be one uniting all working people, of all nations, and tongues and kindreds."

"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."

"Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government and form a new one that suits them better."



FLASHES By Incognito

A BIG GAIN in active membership was made by the Pioneers in January. THE ACTIVE ADULT GROUP ROSE FROM 339 TO 358 and can be accounted for by new initiations and reinstatements.

At the present rate we should hit the 400 mark by the 30th anniversary date of the SNPJ in April.

We are happy to report that our passive list has been reduced to 43, or approximately 11% of our total membership. Get into the forward stride, all you Pioneers, and help us set a good, fast pace.

Our next meeting will be held Friday evening, Feb. 16, at the SNPJ Hall. As it looks now, we are going to have valentines, a real good valentine game and a hot debate after the regular business session. See that you get there on time. The drawing shall be for \$1. and names shall be pulled until the winner is announced.

Two games were annexed by the Pioneer girls last week. In the final first round tournament game our girls licked the Helms, 33 to 3, with Rose Zvokel leading the scorers. She was ably assisted by Frances Tratar, Ditta Zaverinik, Ann Zordani and Regina Miklautz. In the other game the Pioneers licked the Chicago Whippers, 26 to 8, with Frances Tratar playing the stellar role. Because of the elimination round coming only one game was booked for Tues., Feb. 6, against the Kilmer Trees.

That Pioneer Pre-St. Patrick dance on Saturday, March 10, is going to be a big affair. Tickets are ready for distribution and some nifty pluggers are to be made, also.

Many dances will be held between now and March 10 and our members are requested to patronize them and spread our tickets.

The next meeting of the Pioneer Dance Committee will be held Monday, Feb. 12, at the offices of Proletarec, 3639 W. 26th st. Everyone should be there.

The Slovene Unemployed Club met last Thursday night and listened to A. Benson's address on the necessity of unemployed organizations. It was decided to hold the regular meeting the first Thursday of each month.

Last Sunday Professor Maynard Krueger spoke on "Political action in a changing society" to a fine group of workers at the Havlicek-Tyrs hall. He told us that prior to the Civil War the landowning class held the economic power by which they ruled the government and since the Civil War the industrialists and bankers held the economic power and ruled the country. He made the undeniable statement that political power is held by those who control the economic power but that the pres-

ent day industrialists and bankers no longer hold the economic power and are therefore due to lose political power. If the workers organize they can take this power for their own.

We are going to have another good speaker with us Thursday night, Feb. 8, at the SNPJ Hall. One of the best men in the Socialist movement is due to speak that night. He is August Claessens, at one time Socialist assemblyman from New York. He is a very interesting speaker, and since it's free, it's up to you to attend, promptly at eight.

"Send me five tickets for Nada's Mask Dance, Sat., Feb. 10," is the urgent call of Catherine Stefancic. And you can bet that the mailman brought them to her. Many more Pioneers will be there and many more who are looking for enjoyment should make up their minds to attend. It's going to be at the SNPJ Hall and John Rak has the Pioneer allotment of tickets.

That Social Study Club period is looked forward to with eagerness by some 25 enrolled students. This Friday we're going to get together again and learn all about the disease called Fascism, what makes it spread, what keeps it from collapsing and on what kind of foundation it stands. You, young men and women, will soon have to face the facts and unless you can yet into a study group and analyze them thoroughly to get at the truth you are bound to work against your own interests. Misinformed people often do that. The purpose of all studies and lectures is to search for the unbleached truth.

The Pioneers sure have a lot of loyal and energetic members. There is Frances Kroschel constantly correcting misinformed people and Frank Steck ready to stand up for what is right. And you can't kid Leo Komuchar because he is right in the thick of it and sees and knows how things are done. And say, that girl Catherine Stefancic is constantly spreading the good will of the Pioneers. Either she is gaining new members or else urging the inactive to awaken. With everyone doing his or her share we could soon have a marvelous lodge.

Off the President's Bat

Cleveland.—Success achieved thru the co-operation of the members who disposed of the tickets and attendance of sister lodges and friends. One of the largest crowds, approaching the 500 mark, was in attendance at the "Comrades' Soiree." Each and every individual had one enjoyable evening.

The Commodores, headed by President Evalsky, were out in full force, together with their "adopted-child," Joe Jarc. We wish to extend our deep appreciation to the whole gang. There is no doubt that the Commodores will reciprocate and be on hand to make whoopee at their Feb. 10 dance. We thank you.

Sister Prusnik, accompanied by her group of Loyalties, showed up early and stayed late. We certainly enjoyed seeing them again and were mighty glad that they came.

We were sorry that our date conflicted with the New Eras' affair, however, from what Joe Jankar and his group stated, who stayed for a while, the pre-sale of tickets exceeded the expectation of every individual and they were looking forward to a huge crowd. Their appearance, though brief, displayed a spirit of co-operation which is most welcomed. We hope the New Eras realized their expectations.

Progressives, Beacons and Strugglers also had their representatives on hand to swell the crowd. Sis. Straus from the Strugglers was on hand to boost their coming affair.

We want it definitely understood that all returns must be in by the time that our next meeting rolls around or Feb. 26, so that the books can be balanced quickly.

Many of our members were very conspicuous by their absence, for instance where was Anne Erste, Kushlan, Krizman, Zorman, Vidmar, Alice Belinger, Spik Sisters, Caroline and others, too numerous to mention. No doubt they all had very good reasons for staying away; then again they

might have been there and escaped our attention. We hope that all members in the future can see their way clear to attend our future affairs without fail.

Mr. Simic, Mr. Vertosnik and their friends, members of our older lodges, found time to be with us. Members of the older lodges no doubt realize the fact that their success at social functions depends a great deal upon the younger people and they in turn should not hesitate to lend us their aid and support now and then.

Orchids to the following who did yeoman work: Johnny Alich, Major Domo, Henie Martin, Popeye Modic, Vic Rotar, Grange Laurich, Kerzianik who worked behind the bar; Lawrence Burger and Johnny Smole who displayed marked sales ability, which was attested by the disposal of refreshment tickets; Frank Truden and Otto Tekauts at the ticket window and Bill Cummings, Kerzianik, and Jarc stationed at the door. There were also a great many others who filled in when called upon. Our success was due a great deal to their efforts.

Mary Zak and Vida Belinger handled their work in kitchen in an excellent manner. Their reputation in the culinary art must be wide spread as evidenced by the rapid depletion of the food.

The custodians of the Hall, Mr. Skok and Mr. Taucher, extended every aid possible to keep things moving at a rapid pace.

The tremendous success of this affair bears out the writer's contention; that co-operation of the members of the lodge, plus that of its sister lodges, including the older ones, will always result in a gain on the credit side of the ledger. We should always remember these famous words, "United we stand, divided we fall."

Feb. 10, 1934, "Commodore" dance. Keep this date open.

Joseph F. Fifolt.

MOHAWKS

La Salle, Ill.—The announcement that the La Salle, Oglesby and Deque lodges were to celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the SNPJ jointly, on Sunday, February 11, resulted in a lot of rushing and preparation in Mohawk camp inasmuch as we are contributing the greater part of the entertainment for that day, our contribution being a one-act Slovene play in the afternoon, and a two-act English play in the evening.

Brothers Frank Mahnich and Lud Vogrich accomplished what was thought by the Committee as nothing short of a miracle by assembling a cast for a Slovene play, and enlisting the capable services of Bro. Leo Zevnik to direct the same. Most of the members of this cast consist of SNPJ members from Oglesby, although several of our Mohawks are also in it.

Brother Anton Mahnich accepted the direction of the English play, "Parlor Matches", a two-act comedy and, from reports, it is understood that a fine cast has been selected to make it enjoyable and delightful for the audience. His cast consists only of Mohawks, among whom are included several newcomers and several veterans.

The attendance at the last Mohawk meeting was pretty fair, but not satisfactory. Several steps were taken to make our meetings more interesting. In the first place, the meeting date was changed from the second Monday in the month to the first Monday so that access could be had to the downstairs meeting hall, which is more pleasant—and also adjoins the kitchen, from which lunch will be served by certain very capable male members.

A new and interesting phase will be introduced at the next meeting, that is, a general discussion on different subjects of interest to everyone, so be on hand at the next meeting to hear, and be heard on, the first. In addition, we are expecting an aftermeeting program with Bro. Frank Mahnich at the helm.

Prexy John Strell gave his program for the year, upon which he deserves a cheer and the full cooperation of every member of the lodge for results.—M. L. M.—Publicity Comm.

J. Z. Jrs. Bright Spots

Library, Pa.—The J. Z. Jrs. Lodge 682 will hold their second meeting of the new year 1934, on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p. m. sharp. Now let's see all of the members there, enjoying an evening of fun and thrills and also many other surprises. As you all know the program committee worked very hard last time to put a program on for the meeting, and so for this meeting they are working more harder yet to put on a better program. And for one time let the girls outnumber the boys. Girls, show your stuff.

At this meeting we can talk about many things worth while, if the attendance is large. For instance, how about starting a membership drive between the boys and girls or rather yet hold a card party, and still another thing, an athletic club so that we can have different sports. To increase membership and have more interest taken in the lodge we must do ideas of that sort.

A number of J. Z. Jrs. attended the dance held by the Jolly Juniors of Sygan on Jan. 20 and a good time was had by all.

The last Federation meeting held at Ambridge was attended by a great number of lodges. The meeting was pretty good because of the few arguments. That's what makes meetings interesting. The election and installation of the new officers took place at this time. Congratulations are extended to all of the officers, especially to Pres. Kress and Sec. Kosela who are serving their 3rd year.

Everybody reserve Sat., Feb. 17, as their date night and come to Library and help the J. Z. Jrs. celebrate their "First Dance of the New Year."

Lastly, may the attendance at the meeting be 100%, and also will Adolph Slapnik get his pen and start writing some articles for the Prosveta.

Frank J. Ambrosic Jr.

Companionite Lodge

Peoria, Ill.—A dance will be given by the Companionite Lodge 740 and District Lodge 311, Feb. 17, Saturday, at South Side Turners' Hall, 1506 So. Adams st., at 7:30 p. m. until? The orchestra that will play is Steve and his Walts Kings. We know everyone will have a good time. We wish to have all neighboring lodges attend our dance.

Attention to members of Companionites Lodge 740. The next three meetings will be held at Brother Zabucock's house, 2214 So. Jefferson street. The meetings are still held every 3rd Sunday of each month.

Anna Marinch,
323 Shelby st., Peoria, Ill.

New York Critics Hail "The Native's Return"

Louis Adamic's book "The Native's Return" is unanimously hailed by the New York book critics in the most enthusiastic terms. The book, in fact, has been received more favorably in many years.

William Soskin, writing in the New York American (and simultaneously in the other Hearst newspapers, with a total circulation of 6,000,000), calls it "an elegant book which I confess, I am unable to review justly. This is too much in it." Mr. Soskin declares that every now and then the book "raises a large lump in your throat."

John Chamberlain, in the New York Times, which is America's most important newspaper, says, "We cannot conceive a person living who won't like at least portions of 'The Native's Return.' No one can afford to be without it. The writing of it is tender, pungent, flexible."

Lewis Gannet, in the New York Herald Tribune, calls it "one of the most memorable books I have ever read. It has the strength of the soil in it."

In the New York Sun, Fred Marsh declares that Mr. Adamic's book is three books in one. "No one but Mr. Adamic could have written it or anything like it. It is our good fortune that circumstances converged in him to give us so fine a volume."

Harry Hansen, of the World Telegram, says "Rarely has the money of the Guggenheims brought richer results. This is a gorgeous work that will make warm sympathy for the Yugoslav people who are but pawns for the overlords of Europe and yet are the salt of the earth."

In the BOOKS section of the Sunday Herald Tribune, Dorothy Thompson (Mrs. Sinclair Lewis) writes a two page review of the book parts of which she calls "almost pure poetry." It is such a good book, she says, "that it makes you reach for the marine news of outgoing steamers and wonder whether you couldn't change your plans for the spring and sail for Dubrovnik." Like all the other critics, Mrs. Thompson is deeply impressed by the chapter dealing with the death of Mr. Adamic's uncle Janecz.

The Saturday Review of Literature pronounces it "Authentic literature." The newsmagazine, Time, says that "The Native's Return" definitely establishes Mr. Adamic as a U. S. writer.

Clifton Fadiman says in the New Yorker "An irresistible charm pervades the book. The simple honesty of his beloved peasants has remained in Mr. Adamic's blood, and to it he has added the shrewdness and modernity of outlook that have accrued to him through his American experiences. You don't have to care an inflated dollar about Yugoslavia and its troubles to discover in this book a personality of infinite attractiveness and a style fluent with humor and candor."

In one day Mr. Adamic's book brought the Yugoslav people more favorable publicity than they received in the entire 15 years since the formation of Yugoslavia.

The Devaluation of Gold

Remembering that world trade is still in the grip of a crazy capitalist system with an appropriately crazy monetary system, the President's proposals for revaluating the dollar in terms of gold, appropriating the excess gold for the Federal treasury and for setting up a fund to stabilize American currency by operations in buying and selling other currencies are probably about the best that can be made. Whether the amount of devaluation is too high or not, is something that experts ought to determine. But they differ among themselves.

The terms of the President's proposals seem rather than increase the danger of war between currencies and for advantage in foreign trade. They do not end it. One certain thing is that if the dollar is to be devalued, the government is entitled to all the profits to be made out of the transaction. To devalue the dollar leaving gold in the possession of banks with the value of the gold almost doubled would be preposterous, a free gift to the bankers, and would moreover psychologically and practically encourage a dangerous credit inflation by the banks based on this additional value of gold, which would be almost impossible for the government to control.

As it is, the measure of inflation proposed by the President may bring about along certain lines what looks like a boom. It will have to be carefully watched.

It cannot be too strongly insisted that no monetary measure will save us from the ill of a disintegrating capitalism. No monetary measure of itself can alter the class ratio by which the national income is divided—rich to owners; maintenance to workers with hand and brain.

—Norman Thomas

Lodge News Notes

Co-operation is one way of making a lodge bigger and better; without it no organization can exist, no matter how large it is. Co-operation resembles the roots of a tree; if the roots of a tree are not good, the tree will not bear the amount of fruit as it should. It's the same with any kind of organization which with poor co-operation cannot prosper. Everyone should work together when they get any kind of a chance at all. If you are not on a committee, you should see that they can depend on you in any possible way.

Quite a large number of Excelsiors spent a very enjoyable evening at a surprise shower given in honor of Mollie Steklacie, who is going to be married in the near future. On Sunday, Jan. 21, several Excelsiors attended the Federation meeting.

Frank Struble Jr.,
Pres. Lodge 721.

STALWARTS LODGE

Kenosha, Wis.—Another meeting is on its way which is going to be hell at Anna's home in the Allendale, south end of the town. Let's have a 100% attendance.—We hope to have with us the star bowler, Frank Sieberlick, who clicked a total of 731 with a 296 season's high game in the Moose Major league. Perhaps we can get some points on bowling from Frank.

At the next meeting Art Nemie, the Stalwart stage director, is going to present for the first time a play called "The Dashing Pirate" with "Gas" as the running mate. The rest is going to be a surprise to you all who attend.

For scheduling basketball games get in touch with Frank Odar.

Dixie.

NEW ERA LODGE

Cleveland, Ohio.—The dance New

Everyone had a good time. We were very glad to see so many from Brooklyn, and regret to say that the Commodores didn't show up.

We are having a dance right after Easter and hope to see more of Brooklyn, Commodores, Beacons, and Stragglers attend this dance. (I'll let you know more about it later on.)

Now for the New Era members. Don't forget the next meeting, and don't forget your dues, also new members. You were all doing so well-bringing in new members. I don't want you to fall down on the job.

M. Mohorec, Rec. Sec'y.

STALWARTS OF KENOSHA

Kenosha, Wis.—Members of the Stalwarts Lodge! Our next meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 9, at the home of Sis. Ann Hlavcek, 7748 6th ave. Let us have one hundred per cent attendance at this meeting, for it is of vital importance, about our anniversary, etc. How about seeing Evelyn Melasner, Evelyn L. Penza, Louis Robselt, yes, an even Gasper Turk, at the meeting? Let's see if the above mentioned can't possibly attend the meeting.

Don't forget to bring the old clothes to the meeting, or "you will be fined 25c." Also the members who are to bring the refreshments, don't forget to bring them along. Heard that Osale was to bring a pie that he made himself. This is a good excuse to pay your dues to date, so don't take any chances of not paying and eating his pie. But don't let this scare you of not coming to

Daddy's Son.

CORRECTION

Detroit.—I would like to make a correction to my article of last week in regard to the orchestra. The orchestra, as previously announced, was Bob Cruzet's Cotton Club orchestra, has now been changed to King Nodak's orchestra. The change is for the better.

Shanghai Lil.

By Lindy

for success. Remember, whatever you look for, if you seek it honestly and courageously, that is what you will find. Don't look for distress. Should you see yourself as a shadow of failure just remember that the sun will always shine and that you won't give up, but that you are on your way and nothing can stop you. Don't grumble, get hoisterous or dream and don't shirk your duties. Don't think of your worries but think of your work. The worries will then vanish and the work will be done. Whether you become meat for the pack or a leader in your race depends upon yourself. Remember that no man sees his shadow, who faces the sun."

April 8

Little has been written about the one event in SNPJ Cleveland's big celebration sponsored by the Cleveland Federation of the SNPJ which takes place on April 8 at Slovane Nat. Home, St. Clair ave. Besides a great vaudeville show there will be dancing to a red-hot band. Our Supreme Pres. Bro. V. Cainkar will be guest speaker.

John Lokar Jr., Lodge 614.

About This and That

THREE AMERICAS?

Chicago.—The well-known Walter Pitkin, of Columbia University, has arrived at this, to him, satisfactory, classification of the present-day status of our country. Speaking at the Chicago Forum, this author of the much-discussed book, "Life Begins at Forty," asserted that the real conflict in the United States today is between standards and ideals—between civilization and barbarism. Society, he explained, has developed three different approaches to its problems: the savage, the barbarian, and the civilized man. The first stage of humanity mastered control over neither the physical nor the human nature. In a series of startling sentences, Prof. Pitkin stated that as yet the world has produced no civilization. The United States is one of the best examples of barbarism in the world today. Human engineering lies in the future.

The speaker then proceeded to divide this barbarian country into three classes: the America of the old economic system, the anti-economic, and the extra-economic. In the old, he said, money and profit were found on a conception of a fair exchange of goods; in the second, these ideals were opposed, and belief in a fair exchange of goods disappeared. The interest centered only in getting. In this group he included racketeers, grafters, and all other classes of crooks. The third America comprises the greatest number of the American public. This group is made up of the workers and the drones. This group cares nothing about progress or profit. It works to keep alive. Included in this group are the unwilling drones, the 11 million out of work. According to the natural conclusions evolved through this analysis, America's problems will be solved neither by legislation nor by revolution. They will be solved only by bringing all of the three Americas into one, for "any one system is better than three." This he proposes to do by blocking out the anti-economic forces of America No. 2, and by supporting the substance people in America No. 3.

Nice theories, these, but are they not again unnecessarily complex and impractical? Does not the author of these words strive for statements involved and technical? For one whose topic was announced as "Profitmakers vs. Consumers" it seems superfluous that he should have strayed from this simple classification of two divisions of American people to a more complicated description of three. He might have included America No. 1 and No. 2 in one and the same group. He might have simply said "those who own and those who do not own." He might have adhered to his own introductory statement, "That America today also cannot exist half slave and half free." Any number of the theorists might have expressed themselves simply and intelligibly. But then they would have made socialistic speeches. And "barbaric" America is not yet ready for speeches that rightfully belong to a "civilized" era in the development of mankind—that is to be.

Mary Jugr, Lodge 559.

PIONEER SPORTS

Chicago.—The Pioneer Girls' basketball team is having a very successful season after a slow start. After losing to the Amphians and Baby Ruths in their first two games, meeting two of the best teams in the city, the girls went out and (?) four of their five games in the Evening American Tournament to put them in a tie for first place with the Fellmets and the Pullman A. A. The girls are handicapped by the shortage of substitutes at most of the games; only five players are there.

The Pioneer attack is built around Capt. Frances Tratar, with Dita Zvertnik starting at forward with M. Zordani, Ann Zordani and Rose Zvolok are at guard; when Tomich is with the team she plays center with Frances Tratar shifting to guard. Regina Kluck also plays at forward showing much promise; having reported late with the team she is beginning to play good ball. Omaha is also with the team but is now working in the evening being unable to play.

The Pioneer Lodge has been trying to patch things up with the Integrity Lodge, so that we can practice the Fraternism that we preach, but for some reason some individuals pop up to spoil things. Bro. Roych, who we thought was friendly fraternally, has shown that he is hostile to the Pioneers for some reason or other. His articles the last few weeks have shown that, after things have been peaceful for a short while. He wanted to know why D. J. Lotrich, manager of the Pioneer girls basketball team, called the game off with his team. "Don" had nothing to do with Bro. Roych about the game, and if he really is manager of the Erie team he should know enough about athletics to understand the position the Pioneer team was in and be a good sportsman and cancel the game to a future date. As soon as the tournament games are over, "Don" will get in touch with the manager of the Erie team and if he still cares to play the Pioneer team the girls will be out playing under the banner of the Pioneer Lodge.

The girls do not claim to have the best team in the city, but their schedule shows that they are not afraid of any team. The girls are out to

win as all teams are, but if they lose they take defeat like good sports-women. In all the games played so far this season, there hasn't been any controversy with our opponents. The strong teams played so far this season are Baby Ruths, Amphians, Fellmets, Pullman A. A., and Woodland Flashes. Soon the tournament game is to be played against the Spencer Coals, the best team in the city by far; they recently traveled to Okla. and were defeated by the W. S. champs by one point. The Pioneers hope that the Integrity Lodge does not take the same attitude against the Pioneers as does Bro. A. Roych.

Let's all be out to see the Pioneers play the Erie team as soon as the game can be scheduled, and show our true sportsmanship and fraternalism. May the best team win. I am not writing this defending "my team nor my manager," but trying to let the SNPJ at large know how some individuals are trying to blacken the name of the Pioneer Lodge.

Frank Groser, Lodge 559.

DEATH CLAIMS A GOOD UNION LEADER

Cleveland, O.—Fred Schultz, president of the A. A. of Street Railway Employees Union, Div. 268, died January 27 from double pneumonia at the age of 58 years. Born in Mecklenburg, Germany, he came to this country when he was 12 years old. He started to work on the street cars as a motorman in 1898. In 1912 he was elected as executive board member and elected president of the union in 1925 which at that time was a crucial moment for the carmen's union.

Fred was inclined to radicalism and progressivism. He subscribed to the socialist papers, and allowed Socialists to speak at the union meetings. Comrade Martinek spoke on unemployment insurance of Ohio and I, myself, introduced a socialist resolution on unemployment insurance which was passed. Brother Schultz once said to me, "I would rather see men like comrades Martinek and Mandelkorn making speeches than Democratic or Republican politicians."

Fred Schultz led the union from 1924 without a contract until 1933. We have through him and the union secretary, William Rhea, gained very much; just at present we are arbitrating for higher wages.

Our beloved Brother Fred Schultz will be missed in the ranks of the Street-Car-Men's union very much.

Frank Barbic,
Union Div. 268, A.A. of S.R.E.

RAMBLER REPOSING

Harmarville, Pa.—The Ramblers' dance on Jan. 27 went over with a howling success. All those who did not attend certainly missed a grand and glorious event. The members from Sygan and Bridgeville got our wholehearted appreciation for their attendance. This scribe is sorry he did not have the opportunity of meeting them and conversing with them, due to the fact that his time was taken up by other business.

The Ramblers thank the Senior lodge members for their cooperation and help at this affair.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Sister Anne Radoljich, 648 Elm Way, Oakmont, Pa., at 3 p. m. on the third Sunday, Feb. 18, 1934. Please attend.

The Ramblers express their heartfelt sympathy for the loss of the Father of Sister Anne Radoljich. He is survived by his wife, daughter and two sons.

Abyssinia—meaning "I'll be seen" ya."

Rambler Joe.

NORTHERN CALIF. FEDERATION

Oakland, Calif.—Our first Northern Calif. Federation meeting was held on Jan. 21, 1934. It was well represented by the four branches which make up the Federation, and I think it will be a good year to work for a little better progress, which we have not been able to do in the past few years.

Election of officers was the first order on the program, but after lengthy discussion practically the same officers were elected.—Frank Slaby, Branch 594, President; A. Leksan, Branch 304, Vice President; Valentine Lohannar, Branch 304, Sec'y.; A. Schuckle, Branch 638, Treasurer; Pathfinder Lodge No. 681, the E. S. J. Lodge of this district, seems to be lacking in spirit around here. They started out with a bang and lately I guess they're all "hanged out," or what? How about a little co-operation and better attendance at Federation meetings?

Since this was our first meeting of the year, a lot of business was transacted, and our weekly shall have a few more items in this than it had during the last year.

This is the Society's 30th Anniversary. There will be a lot of entertaining done during the year.

At present "Taber Slovianov," No. 304, seems to have the most on hand "Big Feet" dance on Feb. 13. Anybody who attended any in the past knows what they are and should not overlook this one. Then next in line is the Big May dance, and that's also a very elaborate annual affair.

Of course, No. 304 is the largest branch in total SNPJ membership and at the same time plenty active. The Federation is making plans also, but "it's a little ways" off yet. It will sponsor this year something

in regard to the Society's 30th Anniversary.

At present we have been able to see a few more of our Brothers to go to work again.

San Francisco and Eastbay sections are now in history-making. Bridges over our Bay which connects San Francisco with the biggest part of the United States by land. One is the Golden Gate bridge and the other is called San Francisco-Oakland Bridge. Those are two good size jobs with a few millions of dollars expenses, but believe me, there are plenty of men around here to work on the project. As they get along, you will read more about it.

News has been scarce around this section and it looked as tho the Pacific Coast was fast asleep. Maybe we have been, but in the future we'll try and see more of our members contribute a few articles to be read by others and let you know that we are still existing out here and trying to do a little better than just plain starving.

Frank Slaby,
Chairman of Fed.

A FEW DATES

Detroit.—February 9, JSF Sub-Branch will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Omira Basement. Comrade Henry Kavasic will lead a discussion on "Youths' Attitude Towards War." Professor Bergman of the City College of Detroit promised to be present and give a short talk; he ran for mayor at the last city election as a Socialist and is the present Chairman of Socialist County Central committee.

February 10, JSF Sub-Branch is giving its first large entertainment of the year in form of bunco party at 242 Victor avenue at 7:30 p. m. Bunco and dance all for 25 cents, expecting all you notables out to entertainments of entertainments.

February 11, Young Americans' meetings of the month at 242 Victor avenue at 10 a. m. We need all of you there to put over the Young Americans' new deal. It is your cooperation that can make our lodge larger, progressive, and beneficial to all members of our organization. When your chairman of various committees asks you to take over a job, do so if at all possible. That's only one of the ways in which you can help.

February 17, Young Americans will sponsor the first dance of the season at 242 Victor avenue in form of a Valentine Dance. Music by Bob Cruzet's "Cotton Club" orchestra.

Matthew Klarich, Lodge 564.

VAGABONDS' MANEUVER

Pittsburgh, Pa.—As two fair pilots are maneuvering, their latest victim being the Silver Stars. Upon arriving in Yukon, January 20, a warm and hearty welcome was extended to us by the Zalokar family. After a tete-a-tete with the Zalokars, we had the pleasure of meeting Frank and Anton Prince, Mike "Cebek" and John Estok, all Clairtonians. After getting better acquainted, we journeyed to the Slovene Hall which, with its adornments, was the most magnificent sight, and the outstanding booster being Jane Fradel. What a surprise! May we see more of you. The orchestra was appealing, so was the crowd. Everyone enjoying the confetti and serpentine. After the "Home" waltz, we hobbled to the tune of an accordion. Johnny Parne sure did know how to play those polkas.

Thanks to the Zalokar family for the hospitality; Herman Preseren for doing his outmost in making it an enjoyable week-end and C. S. and H. P. for the long hours of escorting.

For the past eight months or so, it has been noticed that the SNPJ spirit has slackened locally. Thanks to the Beacons for their visit, which encouraged the Pennsy folks to regain the lost SNPJ spirit.

Bro. Aynik's "Grish Peepul" hit the nail on the head. Why not keep up with modern times, along the line of nationalities, as well as with style, etc.? May many more articles such as that appear in print.

Congratulations are sent through this column to Max Kumer for his educational articles. Quite interesting. We are looking forward for more of such material.

Happy birthday, Strugglers. May we mingle with each other at the coming affair.

Josephine Yarnick, Lodge 106;
Marie E. Larrick, Lodge 287.

A COMING EVENT

Chicago.—Did it ever occur to you that the Pioneer Dance will be held in just about 30 days? No? Well, then, let's look into the future. When good old March 10 rolls 'round there will be scores and scores of people dancing to the delightful melodies of Johnny and his Merry-makers. In-cognito of the Flashes said a lot when he mentioned their being the most popular west-side crew. And—by the way—I notice in the Valley Rose B. A. Contest, in the West Side News, Johnny holds first place.

Having such a record holding orchestra featured, the Pioneers are bound to score a success in the coming event. Let's all do our part and set aside March 10—Saturday—for the SNPJ Auditorium. See ya there.

Wall Blow-me-down.

IN MEMORY

Denver, Colo.—In sad and loving memory of our beloved father, Florian Papish, who was killed Feb. 8, 1923, eleven years ago. We saw him with a smile, mother closed her weary eyes, how we do miss those smiles.

Papish Children.

Flood City

Johnstown, Pa.—About a month or so ago, an article appeared in the Prosveta which was captioned "Friendly City," written by this writer. It should have been "FLOOD CITY." Two weeks ago, Brother Klucik, of the New York lodge, commented in his write-up on the vice-chairmanship of Joseph Glavach of Friendly City. By rights he is Flood City's vice chairman. So much for that.

Our Next Meeting

will be held on February 14 at 2:30 p. m. Everyone is urged to be present, and help make our plans for our Fourth Anniversary Celebration, to be held sometime in the near future. We must also get together and get some new members, and help build the SNPJ's membership at its 30th anniversary. How many have you lined up for February meeting?

The Educational Bureau

of JSF has recently distributed some literature amongst its membership. Our lodge happened to get a few of these books for distribution. For over a year we have been members of this organization, and we urge others to join also. The literature is all educational and interesting reading matter for workers.

To Whom It May Concern:

In behalf of the lodge, I wish to state to the concerned (non-member of Flood City), and they know who they are, to quit "buttin' in" our lodge business transactions, which are being taken care of very well. So far, all of our officers have been able to carry on their duties successfully. With pleasure we've always been more than glad to accept constructive help—but we do not need destructive help. We interpreted the by-laws correctly, but the other party concerned better study them! Although, last year was a very trying year for the lodge, we came on top; we can point with pride the successes we have had with our affairs, and all the progressive steps that have been taken with our capable leadership.

Just This and That—

What do the Johnstown SNPJ lodges have to say about a joint celebration for SNPJ's thirty years of existence? Our people have had a hard time to keep the SNPJ where it is, on the free thought basis, etc., and thirty years is a long time, so let's go out and celebrate this occasion!

The ladies' lodge, Naša Sloga, held a very successful masquerade dance on Jan. 27, with Frank Siebert's orchestra playing, and plenty to eat and drink, it was a well spent evening. Frank is an SNPJ member at the Maple Ridge Lodge, and it would pay you Slovenes to get in touch with him. Jennie Lubelshek Kobal and son, Norman Eugene, of Girard, Ohio, are in town visiting her parents and friends—James Widmar, member of SNPJ Lodge Triglav, was a delegate to the UMW convention representing the Indiana county (Pa.) local. Two new members were accepted at the last Socialist meeting at Franklin. In the near future a tri-county conference will be held in order to nominate candidates for various offices; also a county conference will be held for the same purpose.—One hundred copies of the "New Deal" by Norman Thomas have been received by the branch and the Moxham people who care for a copy can get one or more from this writer. They are going fast as they are good reading material.—Thank you, Tenderfoot, for your compliments: mine go back to you and to appear often.—Every young Slovene ought to get a copy of Louis Adamie's new book, "The Native's Return," and read it. I have read several of his works and have enjoyed them very much, of which I am also expecting from this one. Until again,

Frances Langerholc.

Gowanda Boosters

Gowanda, N. Y.—While I'm writing this article, I can still hear Matie Pokajowski's orchestra buzzing in my ears. Of course, I've got to say that the orchestra was really good and I guess they didn't want any of us to get cooled off because they played one piece after another.

We had a nice crowd at the dance and hope they all can say they had a good time. We had quite a few from Buffalo and also had some members from N. Z. R. lodge, Perryburg. Thanking all that cooperated at our dance and hope that in the future we can attend to some of your doings.

We certainly had useful gifts and I hope the winners will get enough use out of them. Frank Zorko won the smoking stand, Ralph Bonchin from Buffalo won the table lamp and Marie Steff won the waffle iron.

Our President Joe Walgus got in touch with one of our singers and two little dancers from here. Master Oliver Wilhelm sang "The Last Round Up," Adeline Walgus did the Shadow and Butterfly dance which was mostly toe dancing. Sara Papinto did acrobatic and tap dance.

I think the New Year certainly has started right for the Gowanda Boosters because our dance went over big and here's hoping it will keep up for the remainder of the year.

Thanking all that helped decorate the hall on Friday, Jan. 26, and also Lou Klucik for putting on the finishing touches.

I think the fellows better be thinking they're going to feed the women for that party. Don't forget we aren't going to eat anything that day so you better make plenty and also make it good. (Roast chicken, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, fruit salad and drinks. We hope it will be the best money can buy. Here's hoping we don't get sauer kraut and weiners.)

We all wish a speedy recovery to Donald Miakar in his illness.—Congratulations to Mrs. Mike Kujawa who gave birth to a baby girl. Hope she will be a member some day.

We haven't heard anything from the Golden Eagles from Girard, Ohio. We're wondering what happened. Let us in on some of your doings for we might plan a bus trip in the future and consider to your way. Here's luck to your lodge and hope we hear from you soon.

See you all at the party Feb. 13.

Peppy Klancer.

THE HEARTS OF AMERICA

Kansas City, Mo.—Reviewing and broadcasting all of the details of our party that was held at the Pembroke Club, Bethel, Kansas, in January, for the benefit of the members that did not attend. Your presence is requested at the next party to be held in the near future. Please read your weekly paper and watch for announcements.

The Pembroke Club is located about 10 miles out of Kansas City, Kansas, in the wide open spaces, on a hill top, about 1 mile off the highway, a place where no price is charged for all the fresh air and sunlight you might desire to obtain, and is managed and owned by high type colored folks who strive to give their best of services for nominal charges. It has a floor large enough for about 30 or more couples to dance on, a piano, radio, bar, and tables. Of course, you must see this place to really appreciate it.

Our musicians, Frank Chelesnik and the young man, needless to mention his name, would rather play the accordion than eat, you all know whom I mean, certainly furnished the best dancing music possible. We certainly are proud of you musicians.

Sister Helen Reassin is our talented singer, and talk about the life of the party. We want more of those songs; what do you say?

25 pounds of barbecued ribs and franks, potato salad, cake and hot coffee, made up the menu and really it was some menu. The colored folks barbecued the meats and they really know their business. I can recall that one of the darkies asked me what we expected to do with all of the food; well, there wasn't any left. The drinks that were in demand were plentiful and wish to state, very good.

The entertainment committee: Bros. Stanley Balah, Phil Lucas, Rudy Trybolsky, John Rady; Sisters Lena Volk and Antonette Spacek, put forth untiring energy and effort and deserve great praise and credit for arranging such an affair. May you have as much success with your next party.

We certainly thank those that furnished cars, for they were careful and cautious in driving.

The entertainment committee is working on another party at present, I can assure you, a real party. Watch the paper for announcement and make it your business to attend.

A card party will be held after the next regular meeting, every one will have an opportunity to play. May I see a 100% attendance!

Fraternally,
Mary Stoes, Pres.

THIS WEEK IN CHICAGO

Something was started by the Social Study Class at its last regular meeting, when the topic of Fascism was brought up for discussion. The enthusiasm shown called for a continuation of discussion on the same subject. The Club has secured Mr. Josko Zven to talk on this topic at its next meeting, Friday, Feb. 9, in the East room of the SNPJ Hall. Mr. Zven is a well-known speaker, and those who have heard of his lectures on Fascism before the JSF Club No. 1 will not miss the opportunity to come, as well as to inform their friends. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Admission is free, and everyone is invited.

Members of the club, and others, should again be reminded of the lecture to be given by August Claessens, of New York, at the SNPJ Hall, tomorrow evening, Feb. 8, at 8 p. m. These two events of the week should not be missed!

Comm.

Ads in The Prosveta

Cleveland, Ohio.—In the English section of the Prosveta, Jan. 31, we read an editorial, "Advertising in the Prosveta." It referred to the E. A. lodges not advertising as they should. I have long wished that the lodges would advertise in our paper if they did any advertising at all. Therefore steps were taken a long time ago on a motion I made, and which was passed on to the Supreme Board, namely—"What should be done in order to get the lodges to advertise?"

Of course there aren't as many lodges now as when times were better. Even if we had them there wouldn't be as much advertising as there was prior to the raising of the rates in the weekly official organ. In order to popularize advertising for lodges we should reduce the rates to what they were before, 50c per column inch. Therefore my motion will be repeated to the Supreme Board that all the lodge advertising of any SNPJ lodge or any group which represents the working class and all memoriam advertising of the membership, should be reduced to the rate of 50c per column inch. Thus we will be sure that the English Speaking lodges will advertise, as right now Wednesday is the only day they can advertise and the present rates for them are unpopular.

Another reason I have is, that here in Cleveland I see some SNPJ lodges, not only English speaking, but also Slovene speaking, give their advertising to the papers here where the rates are cheaper. I believe we have between 5,000 and 6,000 SNPJ members in Cleveland who are not informed of the doings which are not advertised in the SNPJ organ Prosveta, which should be the proper way.

The funniest thing I saw a few times already in the "Amerika Domovina" was a big ad of a lodge of the SNPJ and in the same edition an editorial attack upon the Prosveta and its editor. This is a fine combination, a lodge helping another paper whose officials are opponents of the lodge's organization.

I hope that the Supreme Board will do right and give the reduction where it is needed, and the lodges will resolve that from now on they will advertise in the paper which belongs to them.

Frank Barbic Sr.,
Lodge 53.

COMMODORES' LOG

Cleveland, O.—Heigh ho, folks, I guess it must be spring fever, or something, because I certainly don't feel like writing much today, and it's only on account of Saint and Sinner that I'm writing at all. They have asked for street car directions to get to "Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison ave., so here goes:

Hop aboard the West 14th, Denison ave. car which you get at Prospect and Ontario. At West 73rd and Denison ave., get off, cross Denison, walk east, across the bridge, past the car barns, until you see a sign in red "Rathakeller" and there you are. Easy, isn't it? If these directions are not explicit enough, call Evergreen 2870W and you'll receive personal instructions.

All Cleveland is expected to turn out for the dance February 10. We appreciate the interest shown by our sister lodges because it is only through their cooperation that we are able to make our initial affair a success. Here's something for the card sharks—2 prizes will be given each table, and not only that, but there will be pretty hostesses to see that you're comfortable and satisfied.

The 30th Anniversary celebration of the Cleveland SNPJ Federation promises to be a big affair. The date is set for April 8 with a program in the afternoon and dancing in the evening. Every lodge is participating in this affair, and from our delegates comes the report that they have already offered their services.

Skipper.

MASQUERADE BALL OF THE SNPJ

Waukegan, Ill.—The Slovene National Home Society is sponsoring a Masquerade Ball to be held on Saturday night, February 10, in the Home. An attractive purse of \$50 is being offered, of which \$10 shall be the first prize and the balance is to be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Both the main and the small halls shall be available for dancing, with Johnnie Mochnick's orchestra on the main and Math Varsek and his "glasovir" in the small hall. It is to your advantage that you arrange for tickets in advance. We cordially invite you all to spend this evening of entertainment with us.

Jacob J. Novak, Secretary.

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