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Current Thought.

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE

School days are with us again. Boys and girls returned to grammar school, perhaps unwillingly, except a few who are about to graduate from the junior high. In this day and age there is no sharp break between the elementary grades and that of high school. The first nine years are included in the junior high, and from then on it is a continuation in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

Great is the anticipation of a high school graduate about to embark on a college career. And especially the group that is fortunate enough to enroll in an out-of-town university. A strange town, strange school, strange students, strange faculty—all make a lasting impression on the young mind. A mystery surrounds the university, penetrated only by daily attendance, after an elapse of a month or so.

What pleases the freshman most is the arrangement of classes in colleges where attendance is required by three hours of lecture a week, in contrast to the compulsory daily attendance of one period in the high school. In college some subjects require more concentration than others, laboratory periods must be filled in. Nevertheless, the subjects to be studied are attacked with vigor and enthusiasm, and nothing short of a catastrophe can stop the freshman from complete mastery of the course during the first month.

So many of our people are prone to look on education with disdain. The commonly accepted belief is that eight years in grammar school and four years in high school is sufficient. "What do you want to go to school all your life?" How many Slovene students have heard that expression from their parents. If medicine, dentistry, or law is followed, then a college course of six to eight years meets with their approval. But if the student is to look for work after four years of attendance at college, why not start working immediately upon graduation from high school, is their opinion.

Those fortunate enough to be able to attend college should not be discouraged by such remarks.

Attendance by classes is familiar to all, because from the time I were 6 years old, we were compelled to attend the school. This idea of mass meeting persists in our minds to the remainder of our lives.

Lodge Meetings Similar to Classes
Lodge meetings, we attend lodge meetings and are seated in our respective lodges, it reminds us of the classroom. The president is the teacher and to him (or her) we look for guidance. Some of our members would take a lesson from the schoolroom and conduct the lodge with more order. The reason for disorderly meetings can be traced in part to the desire of members to speak out in the classroom; evidently this earnest desire has been suppressed when the lodge meets.

Attendance at lodge meetings can be looked upon as a continuation of the classroom. At times we get sick of attending lodge meetings, but once we went out and worked for a living, the old desire to return to school came back. The lodge meeting conducted in earnest by the president can stir the imagination of the component members to co-operate in the lodge's undertakings. Let's-get-together spirit can be molded into an effective complement to bring stardom to the activities.

Our SSCU can be compared to a university with branch lodges serving as different departments. Only the departments are the same in character, that of bringing out the true spirit of fraternalism.

CORRECTION

In Sept. 2 issue of the New Era under the heading of "Breath of Life by Meter," Anton Gornick's name appeared erroneously as the one who planted 115 sticks of dynamite under Martin Skala's barn, Ely, Minn. It was Martin Gornick who was held by the police and not Anton Gornick for alleged violation of the law. We wish to beg Mr. Anton Gornick's pardon for the misreport. The report from which the incident was taken also reports the error.

Editor.

Mother's Whereabouts
Mother's out "with a bunch of prize fighters" little Mary explained to the minister who had come to call. "What the world do you mean?" the minister inquired. "She's gone to a prize party," the bright child explained.

All Cut to Pieces
"Are you sure you killed all the worms in baby's milk?" asked mother. "Yes, ma'am," replied the maid. "I cut it through the meat chopper twice."

EMPLOYMENT
There are about 89,000 women on the payroll of the U. S. Government. This makes Uncle Sam the largest employer of women in the world.

Reversing the Order
Reporter: "I've got a perfect news item."
Editor: "The man bit the dog?"
Reporter: "Now, a bull threw a con-

COMMENTATOR

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS

Cheek

At a horse show in Montebello, Italy, a horse bit a large chunk out of Theodore Crema's cheek. In intense pain and indignation, Theodore Crema thrust his hand into the horse's mouth, recovered the gob of flesh, drove with it several miles to a hospital. Surgeons restored the piece to Theodore Crema's face.

Blind

In Memphis, Dr. Ernest Gleaves, blind osteopath, won a divorce from his blind wife on charges of misconduct with a former sweetheart, also blind. Two blind witnesses testified for Dr. Gleaves.

Lightning

At Montreal, John Moraine, who had been paralyzed in his legs for three months, saw lightning strike his home and ran away quickly.

Burial

Dr. Francis Pearce of London bought an automobile 30 years ago. Until three years ago, he used the same car on his daily rounds, but then it failed him. Last week he said: "I have bought a pot of ground near a cemetery to give it a decent burial. I shall drive it through the city to the burial ground, where it will be broken up and interred."

Cow

In Manhattan, Mrs. Emily Rysavy, asking the court for alimony in her husband's divorce action, complained that never during their married life did her husband address her by any name but "Cow." Said she: "My own daughter, when about to enroll in school... was unable to inform the teacher of my first name, stating that she thought the name was Cow."

Hen

In Manchester, Ia., a white leghorn hen owned by Emil Wending Jr. knocks on the kitchen door by flapping her wings against it, walks to an old coat in the corner of the room, lays an egg in it and "knocks" to be let outdoors again. In two months the hen laid 50 eggs by that procedure.

Mother

In Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, a circus lioness, trained to an act in which her cub is placed in a perambulator, thought she recognized her offspring among the spectators. She pulled a 7-month-old infant from its buggy, playfully mauled it about until the trainer recovered it. Unhurt save for a few bruises and scratches, the baby was restored to its prostrate mother.

Well

In Mexico, Mo., Mrs. C. Williams' cat fell into a well. Mrs. Williams tried to rescue the cat, fell into the well. Mr. Williams tried to rescue his wife, fell into the well. Police rescued Mr. and Mrs. Williams. The cat drowned.

Measles

In Wilmington, N. C., Wilmer Harnett caught the measles, was sent home from school. He conferred with eight of his friends, started a small measles epidemic by selling them his malady for 10c each.

Current Reading, August, 1931, issue—Excerpts from Time.

GARDEN CITY

In 1869 Chicago began an extensive park development and soon afterward its total area of parks comprised 1,887 acres. The city then acquired the nickname "Garden City" and that name is still emblazoned on the municipal coat of arms. Later, when the city fell far behind on its per capita holdings of park acreage, the nickname was lost sight of and is now never used.

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BRIEFS

Slovene farmers of Geneva, O., are helping destitute Slovene families of Cleveland by delivering truckloads of produce that are distributed to the needy ones, free of charge. Last Monday, Sept. 14, four truckloads were disposed in this way, and many more are anticipated during the fall season.

"Can the Surplus" campaign has been launched in Cleveland this week, in which housewives have been asked to can extra jars of fruit and vegetables to be distributed to the needy families this winter. City Manager Daniel E. Morgan has strongly endorsed this campaign and has placed all city fire and police stations at the disposal of the committee as depots for canned foodstuffs.

Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association (SDZ) is holding its seventh triennial convention this week in the Slovene Workmen's Home in Collinwood.

One-hundredth anniversary of Fran Levstik's birth was recently held at Velike Lašče, Yugoslavia, to commemorate the centennial of the Slovene author and philologist. Oton Zupancic, well-known literary mind of Slovenia, was given the honor of unveiling a special bronze tablet of Levstik. A large crowd was on hand to celebrate the occasion, in which special trains were chartered to accommodate visiting guests. (Cleveland Journal.)

Present government of Austria was given a jolt Sunday, Sept. 13, when the Fascist faction under the leadership of Dr. Walter Pfrimer started a revolt and captured six towns. Dr. Pfrimer declared himself dictator and commander-in-chief of the army. However, the government captured the rebels and quelled the revolt.

The Ely Miner of Ely, Minn., reports in its Sept. 11 issue a plan to hunt deer and provide meat this season. It further suggests that game laws be revised so that unemployed heads of families could furnish meat for the coming winter; thus, "by legalized slaughter which will take place anyway and minimize the poaching which is sure to follow this fall, and which, under the present economic conditions, is a foregone conclusion," unemployed would be spared of guilt to violate the game laws.

College students of Fergus Falls, Minn., wishing to attend the local college may defray tuition fees with equivalent amount of either wheat, oats, rye or barley. Sixty cents is allowed for a bushel of wheat, 25 cents for oats, 35 cents for barley and the same for rye. Only wheat or grain grown on farms from which students come is accepted.

Saying It With Comrades

Comrades Challenge Illini Stars for SSCU State Championship

Waukegan, Ill.—CHICAGO, ATTENTION! The Waukegan Comrades softball (indoor) combine (SSCU) challenge the touted Illini Stars Lodge outfit to a game or series to determine the SSCU playground ball champions of Illinois. Games may be played either at Waukegan or Chicago any Sunday morning or afternoon. Arrangements can be made for a double-header. The local lodge has an all-star aggregation and feels confident in winning another SSCU state championship. The Comrades' hardball nine won the SSCU state title by defeating the Illini Stars earlier in the season. Illini Stars team manager wishing to accept the challenge is asked to get in touch with the writer at 825 Wadsworth Ave., Waukegan, Ill., or telephone Majestic 2844 at 6 p. m.

Mr. Paul Bartel, president of the SSCU, will toss the first ball over the plate, Joe Petrovic, secretary of the local St. Roch's Lodge (SSCU) will do the umpiring, that, providing the Illini Stars will accept our challenge.

The Comrades' baseball outfit lost a tough decision to the strong Waukegan Sokols on Labor Day by a 9 to 8 count. Edwards led the batting attack for the winners, connecting for a brace of blows, including an extra base hit, at four trips to the plate. Wisse took first honors for the victors with two safeties.

Comrades won a pair of games over the week-end of Aug. 29-30. In Saturday's fracas the Comrade boys downed the strong Burke Hardware nine in a slugfest by a 24 to 22 decision. The victors connected for 30 safe bingles, including home runs by Kaires, Skoff and Edwards.

On Sunday the Comrades won the deciding tilt of a three-game series with the strong Y. M. C. A. Lake Forest outfit in a hard fought and thrilling battle by a 3 to 2 score. The locals scored two runs in the fourth, but the losers retaliated in their half of the fifth, shoving home two markers to tie the count. The Comrades scored a lone tally in the ninth to win the exciting tilt. Charley Burks, Comrades' speedball ace, held the losers to four well scattered hits and retired 14 via the strikeout route.

Business and Publicity Mgr.
EDITOR'S NOTE: Bro. John Petrovic's weekly contributing article was omitted in last week's issue, because no mail deliveries were made Labor Day, a national holiday. It appears in this issue.

Tempered With Mercy
Judge (sternly): Well, what is your alibi for speeding 50 miles an hour?
George: I had just heard, your honor, that the ladies of my wife's church were giving a rummage sale, and I was hurrying home to save my other pair of pants.

One Dousing Enough
Sign at a busy small-town filling station:
Automobiles Washed One Dollar—
Austins Dunked 50 Cents

Fewer Cleveland school children are leaving their studies to go to work this fall than at any other time within the past decade, a checkup of applications for working permits at School Board headquarters revealed.

Betsy Ross Surprise Inter-Lodge League

Collinwood Boosters and Flagmakers Fighting Hard for B Title; Victory for the B. R.'s Next Sunday Will Result in Three-Cornered Tie

Probably the biggest surprise in the Inter-Lodge League of Cleveland, O., this year is none other than our Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, playground team. With ten teams entered, divided into two divisions, A and B, no other team has shown as much pluck and fight than the Flagmakers. This makes itself more evident, when one takes into consideration that they were more or less of a doormat at the beginning of the season.

When the elimination series began, Betsy Ross aggregation decided that it was time for them to show their wares. So they went on a winning spree, and, behold, five victories were the result. Probably the biggest surprise to the opponents came when the Clairwoods were defeated Aug. 23, in which J. Lickert starred at bat with two hits; score 7 to 6. Manager Victor Jazbec was not satisfied until his players were real contenders for the B division, so the following week found the B. R.'s defeating Progressives, 6 to 4. Both Perusek and Floyancie received a pair of hits each at four trips to the plate. Then came the Collinwood Boosters, No. 188, SSCU, considered strong contenders for the B title. They, too, were subdued by a score of 5 to 3. Gersin starred at bat with three hits out of three attempts.

It Should Be Read

East Palestine, O.—Every week the Nova Doba is sent into hundreds of Slovene homes. It is sent there for a special purpose—carrying the news that the membership of the SSCU should receive. It is the voice of the entire organization and some expense is incurred in maintaining it.

It is a sad fact to relate that in an astonishing number of homes it is never read, and in some not even unfolded. The young American Slovene in most cases is the guilty party. And there are some members who scarcely know what this paper represents.

Of course, such facts are a sad blow to the entire organization. There should be a remedy. But what shall be the remedy? It seems there is a scarcity of loyalty in some parts of our organization, an interest that has faded and died. Up and going members should therefore work the harder and try to make the above mentioned members see that the Nova Doba is printed for their own good.

Joe Golcic, No. 41, SSCU.

Indian Shorts

Chicago, Ill.—All members are urgently requested to be present at a meeting which is to be held Thursday, Sept. 17, at 1615 Blue Island Ave., at 7:30 p. m. Plans are being made to run a dance and every member is asked to help in as many ways as possible. If you are a real Indian Lodge booster, come around to our meetings.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, two husky young men, namely James G. Srbeny and Stephen Gatz went down to the store and delivered to the Indian Lodge one baby grand player piano. With the player piano came a number of rolls, and one of them contained an Indian song. Upon hearing it, members decided to call it their theme song. Come around, you members, and hear it. It's good.

Leo W. Moore, Sec'y.

EDITOR'S NOTE

A letter signed "A Member" could not be published because the signature was lacking, as provided by our By-Laws and Constitution. According to the report, an exception was taken to one of the articles that dealt with the results of a baseball game, apparently submitted by a member of the same lodge.

It would facilitate and expedite matters should these members get together and thrash out their difficulties.

Shorty Holowenko has been the stellar hurler for the Betsy Ross. All games have been pitched by this lad, who has a habit of mixing slow balls with fast curves. Shorty is a plucky pitcher who refuses to lose his head in tight pinches. Another player deserving of special mention is A. Yelity, who has shared special honors both at field and at bat.

In last Sunday's game (Sept. 13) the Betsy Ross lost to the Progressives, by a score of 7 to 5. Perhaps a bit over-anxious and probably over-confident, is what lost the game. A Yelity connected for a four-bagger in the seventh inning, when all of the five runs were scored. Shorty Holowenko pitched some good ball, but evidently the breaks were against him. He also got two hits out of three trips to the plate, which is conclusive evidence that he tried hard enough to win. Score of the game is as follows:

R. H.
Betsy Ross 000005000—5 9
Progressives 313000000—7 9
Next Sunday the Flagmakers play the Clairwoods, and should they win, the B division of the league will end in a three-cornered tie, with Boosters, Betsy Ross and Clairwoods sitting on top.

It is gratifying to note that our SSCU has a big hand in determining the B championship. Here we have Collinwood Boosters and Betsy Ross practically tied for first honors. Previous Sunday's game, Sept. 13, the Flagmakers were occupying the first position by virtue of five victories and two defeats.

Perhaps the Betsy Ross team was a bit over-anxious last Sunday and a little bit overconfident, nevertheless they will be fighting, and fighting hard, next Sunday, Sept. 20, when they tackle the Clairwoods. A defeat for them spells finish, as they will be eliminated.

Come on, you Betsy Ross and Collinwood Boosters, bring home the bacon for the SSCU. The Class B championship of the Inter-Lodge League must come to the SSCU. In bowling last year the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, brought the championship.

Why not have the Class B division baseball title in our midst?

MAJESTICS' MEETING

Export, Pa.—Members of Export Majestics Lodge, No. 218, SSCU, will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7 p. m. All are requested to be present; those who fail to attend will be assessed 50 cents.

Julia Nagoda, Rec. Sec'y.

