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K ZAHVALNEMU DNEVU

Vsako leto ob priliki Zahvalnega dne, ki je postavni praznik v tej deželi, slišimo ali čitamo vprašanja, zakaj naj bi bili hvaležni usodi, katera se vedno in vedno obotavlja in nam neče nasuti sreče v nastavljeni košarice. Tudi za letošnji Zahvalni dan bomo slišali ali čitali taka pertinentna vprašanja. Za kaj naj bomo usodi hvaležni? Neprilike in neprijetnosti nas tišeči od vseh strani, depresija s svojimi posledicami se še ni poslovila, bodočnost je zavita v sivo kopreno negotovosti, borba za eksistenco je še vedno težka in intenzivna in okoli nas vidimo sto in tisoč dogajanj, ki nam niso všeč. Torej, za kaj naj bi bili hvaležni!

Navidezno so tako lemantiranja kolikor toliko podprt z dejstvi, toda če jih izpostavimo sončnemu žarku resnice, moramo sami sebi priznati, da smo prav za prav deležni sreče, za katero nas zavidajo stonljivimi človeški bitij, takih kot smo mi, in nimamo pravega vzroka za lamentiranje, če nam le naše zdravje prilično dobro služi in če ne trpimo direktnega pomanjkanja. Vse drugo stokrat odtehta dejstvo, da živimo v Ameriki, da živimo v Zedinjenih državah. Za to smemo biti usodi do komolca hvaležni.

Ugodnosti, katerih smo deležni v tej deželi, pa moramo pravilno in pošteno ceniti le, če jih primerjamo z razmerami, v katerih so primorani živeti ljudje v drugih delih sveta. Na Kitajskem divja ena najbolj divjaških vojn v zgodovini človeštva. Strahotam vojne je prav tako izpostavljeno civilno prebivalstvo kot vojaštvo. Milijone mrtvih, med njimi morda polovica žensk in otrok, ki niso imeli ničesar skupnega z vojno, nadaljni milijoni človeških bitij so pregnani z rodne grude, na kateri so jim bili uničeni vsi sadovi dolgoletnega truda. Trideset ali več milijonov beguncov, ki so izgubili vse, kar so imeli, v mnogih primerih tudi svoje najdražje, ki nimajo kam glave položiti, ki ne vedo, odkod bo prišel prihodnjih grizljajev za potolažitev gladu! In vendar so Kitajci prav tako ljudje kot smo mi, prav tako ljubijo življenje, občutijo trpljenje in sovražijo vojno kot mi, klubj temu, da so nekoliko drugačne politične, drugačnih navad in nazorov.

V manjši meri toda v prav tako grozni obliki kot Kitajska trpi Španija, kjer že nad dve leti divja krvava civi na vojno. Koliko ljudi, vojakov in civilistov, je bilo pobitih, koliko pohabljenih za vse življenje, koliko narodnega bogastva je bilo uničenega! In še ni videti konca trpljenju španskega ljudstva.

Srednja Evropa se zdi, da je ponorela. Državne moje se prestavljajo, ne po načelu pravice in narodne pripadnosti, ampak po maščevalnih načrtih diktatorjev. Stotisoči lojalni državljanji so izpostavljeni bestijalnemu preganjaju samo zato, ker izhajajo iz gotove rase, ali zato, ker se prištevajo gotovi veroizpovedi. Velike in male države morajo zanemarjati gospodarstvo, da se oborožujejo in se s silnimi žrtvami pripravljajo na velikanski krvavi ples, ki je videti neizogibno. Ljudstva malih držav žive v neprestanem strahu, kdaj jih bodo pomandrali močnejši narodi ter jim odvzeli ne samo njihovo svobodo, ampak tudi njihove šole, njihovo knjigo, njihov jezik, njihovo pesem in sploh vse, kar jim je drag. Na žalost tudi naša rodna Slovenija trepeta pred tako usodo.

Osebna svoboda v večini evropskih držav še nikoli ni bila posebno obsežna, dandanes pa je skoro v vseh državah potisnjena ob zid. V državah z izrazito diktaturo mora ljudstvo vse svoje posle podrediti komandi od zgoraj ter sme govoriti, pisati, čitati, videti in poslušati samo tisto, kar dovolijo tirani, ki so v sedlu. V državah, kjer ljudska svoboda še ni popolnoma zadavljena, je pa uradno ali poluradno tako grdo pristrižena, da je bolj podobna oskulbljeni vrani kot ptici rajčici. Tako striženje svobode je menda potrebno, da ljudski glas ne žali močnih diktatorskih sosedov. Kdor ne bi verjal, da se tako striženje šele sistematično vrši, naj samo pogleda bele lise v časopisih, ki prihajajo iz Evrope.

In, če sodimo splošne gospodarske razmere v Evropi po tem, kar čitamo ali kar nam pripovedujejo poznanici, ki se vračajo z obiskov od tam, moramo sklepati, da so neprimerno mizernejše kot so bile nekdaj. Vsi pa, ki smo nekoč živel tam, vemo, da že nekdaj niso bile kaj prida in da se niso mogle primerjati z ameriškimi.

Zdaj pa nekoliko poglejmo to republiko, ki smo si jo na našo srečo pravočasno izbrali za svojo novo domovo. Dežela se počasi dviga iz depresije, delavske razmete se polagoma boljšajo. Res so se mnogi ljudje brez zasluga in mnogi brez sredstev za življenje, toda tudi za tiste se na en ali drugi način skrbi, da ne tripijo direktnega pomanjkanja. Osebna svoboda, svoboda zborova-

nja, govora in tiska so še vedno naše dragocene posesti. Vlada republike in uprave posameznih držav, okrajev in mest so še vedno v rokah zastopnikov ljudstva, ki jih je ljudstvo samo potom tajnih in svobodnih volitev izvolilo. V deželi vlada mir, meje Zedinjenih držav so varne, gospodarska moč in zemljepisni položaj republike sta tako, da se nam za dogleden čas ni treba batи oborženega napada od zunaj, s sosedno Kanado in z vsemi republikami na ameriškem kontinentu nas veže prijateljstvo, ki ne temelji na kakih pisanih krpah papirja, ampak na medsebojnem spoštovanju in upoštevanju. Deželstvo te dežele si je pridobilo mnoge pravice in ugodnosti, ki jih pred leti ni imelo. Priseljenci ali potomci priseljencev vseh ras in narodov sveta žive v tej deželi v miru in prijateljstvu med seboj. Vsak je lahko pripadnik katere si bodo verske ali politične skupine, ali pa nobene, pa se mu ni treba vsled tega batи niti preziranja niti preganjanja.

Končno se lahko ozremo na našo ožjo skupino, na ameriške Slovence, priseljene in tu rojene. Tudi mi se v tej deželi lahko gospodarsko in kulturno razvijamo po naših željah in zmožnosti. Nikdo nam ne brani graditve naših narodnih domov, nihče nam ne zabranjuje združevanja v naših lastnih podpornih organizacijah, svobodno se lahko poslužujemo našega jezika v knjigah in časopisih, na shodih in zabavah, svobodno tu doni naša pesem. Kot ameriški državljan smo pred postavami dežele in pri sodržavljanih priznani za enakopravne in enakovredne. Naša eksistencija je v splošnem ugodnejša in naša svoboda je neprimerno večja kot katerega koli druga delna našega slovenskega naroda, pa naj živi kjer koli.

Ej, prijatelji, tisoč vzrokov imamo, da smo lahko hvaležni usodi, ne samo na Zahvalni dan, ampak vsak dan in letu in vsako uro dneva,—ker živimo pod zvezdnato zastavo te velike svobodne republike!

Svojo hvaležnost pa bomo najbolje izkazali, če po naših zmožnostih in prililkah prispevamo naš del k blagostanju in k očuvanju svobode te dežele, z drugimi besedami povedano, da smo njeni dobri državljanji. K temu, bratje in sestre, nas navajajo tudi pravila J. S. K. Jednote; bodimo torej njeni dobri člani in dobri ameriški državljanji! Saj pod soncem ni boljše bratske podporne organizacije kot je J. S. K. Jednota in pod istim soncem ni boljše dežele kot je republika Zedinjenih držav!

Iz urada glavnega tajnika JSKJ

STENSKI KOLEDARJI ZA LETO 1939

Naši stenski koledarji za leto 1939 bodo razpostani na društvene tajnike v par dneh. Postali bomo na društva približno isto število koledarjev kot lansko leto. Koledar je naj tajniki razdelijo med člane ob priliki letnih sej meseca decembra, kogar pa ne bo na sejo, naj vpraša za koledar na domu društvenega tajnika. Bodite s koledarji varen, ker smo jih naročili le omejeno število. Z bratskim pozdravom,

ANTON ZBASNICK,
glavni tajnik.

VŠAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Zgodovina se ponavlja. Pred prednikom je podelil baronstvo tisočletji so Izraelci osvojili francoski kralj Louis leta 1647. mesto Jeriho v Palestini in oni Pri nas imamo mnogo ljudi na dan so Angleši na istem prostoru, toda dozdaj še nobenega premagali Arabce in zavzeli barona.

Razlika je le v tem, da so davni Izraelci osvojili Jeriho s

V neki ameriški reviji sem čitobil tajnjem, Angleži pa so to tal te dni, da je profesor medicinske šole naročil študentom, da naj do drugega dne vsak na-

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Current Thought

We Can Be Thankful

Every year since 1621, after the first successful harvest of the New England colonists, a day has been set aside for Thanksgiving. In 1864 President Lincoln appointed a day of thanksgiving, and since then the presidents have issued a Thanksgiving proclamation, generally designating the last Thursday of November.

In years of plenty, so-called prosperity, when jobs are plentiful, money is everywhere in abundance, families have two cars, the general public is likely to overlook the difficult and trying times suffered during the lean years. Like the little girl who has had plenty of ice cream today cannot visualize yesterday's longing for the same delicacy.

During the lean years, the working people are likely to grumble with dissatisfaction, and when Thanksgiving day comes around will voice an expression full of optimism—in short, "what have we to be thankful for."

During the years of not too plenty, nor too little, more in a degree of moderation, the man and woman is likely to say: "we have something to be thankful, it could have been worse."

Any number of men and women, boys and girls in the United States—and particularly those who have immigrated from the turbulent countries of Europe, are quick to respond to the spirit of Thanksgiving. They are thankful for freedom of speech enjoyed in this country, thankful that they do not have to serve in the army, thankful that they have an opportunity to earn a living in one form or another, thankful that they can secure food and all other life's essentials, and greatly thankful that they no longer need to live under the threatening clouds of another major war, similar to the World War.

What makes us mortals feel thankful is the realization that we enjoy the upper strata of a life of comparison. That we are not the underdog, and that we can stretch our legs and hands and say: "It's a great world after all, and nice to be alive." At the same time thinking of the poor wretches who do not enjoy similar liberties.

What has the younger set to be thankful for today? Take the American-born Slovenes! We can be thankful that we were not born across the Atlantic pond. We can be thankful that our parents had the foresight to come to the land of the free and unoppressed.

We can be thankful that our senior members who organized the grand South Slavonic Catholic Union, conducted it through forty years of ups and downs, with no major error to impair an amazing record. Amazing in the sense that our pioneers accomplished so much in the line of fraternal work with so little resources to begin with. And continued in the face of major and discouraging obstacles.

My Trip Across

From then on our days on the road were more and more exciting and interesting. Two mornings later we were again up early to see the most beautiful natural harbor in the world — Lisbon. There was land on both sides of the river and in front of us. There were remains of old forts and pirate look-out stations. So again, we imagined we were pirates entering this beautiful city. We did have control of the city while we were there.

After some bargaining, we hired a cab and went to the city of Cintra, 15 miles outside of Lisbon, to see the beautiful Pena Castle. It was set on top of the highest hill and until 1910 was occupied by the kings of Portugal. It looked just like those we saw in the movies and those we heard about in our King Arthur stories; very large from the outside and interesting, and large and beautiful inside. We saw a few bed-chambers, reception rooms which contained ebony chests, marble and mosaic floors and beautifully painted walls with raised patterns. We also saw the draw bridge and the moat around the castle. Besides we saw a wonderful panorama of the cities of Cintra, Estoril and Lisbon as well as the ocean. I mustn't omit the winding roads where the drivers were also always blowing horns. The pedestrains are not afraid of the cars. They walk on the streets and hardly move when a car approaches. Our driver killed a wants foreign stamps) and fi-

chicken on the way back but continued to drive. He told us that the drivers are protected. No animals are permitted on the roads, so if they are killed the motorist is not responsible.

We returned to beautiful Lisbon. Every home as at the Azores, has flowers in boxes and tiny gardens in front of the houses. All is clean here and shows prosperity. There are some poor sections too and that is where we visited. How could people buy meat hanging in the open air, that the flies have feasted on for days? You could tell that they bought more vegetables and fruits because they were neatly displayed. Some really looked appetizing.

I shall never forget the beautiful winter garden covered with a roof which let the colorful rays of sunlight into the artificial pond. The garden resembled our rock gardens only because it was built in teers, but the garden was filled with all kinds of ferns and a few flowers.

Just a short distance away, we visited St. Jeronimo's Convent. Here we saw the resting place of Vasco da Gama, the famous explorer of the 16th century and Camoens, the Dante of Portugal.

A little boy with a handful of American money, begged us for some, happily displaying his coins. Jack gave him a dime, but the boy asked us all in turn for more.

It was nearly two p. m. now, so I bought a Portugese doll, wrote a few cards, (everyone

An Early Start

Cleveland, O. — A committee of nine SSCU members attended the first preliminary meeting to map out plans for the anticipated 1939 national SSCU tenpin tournament in Cleveland next Spring.

The meeting was held at the office of Nova Doba, and the following attended: John Hrvatin, president of Ilirska Vila lodge No. 173 and Joseph Ulyan, member of the same lodge; Adolphe Perdan, treasurer of Betsy Ross lodge, No. 186, his wife Mary Perdan, and George Kovitch, members of Betsy Ross; Joseph Struna, athletic supervisor of Collinwood Boosters, No. 188; John Kardell, president of George Washington lodge, No. 180, Mathew Molk, vice president, and Frank Drobnič, athletic supervisor. Louis M. Kolar, SSCU athletic commissioner presided.

Several reasons prompted a meeting at so early a date. Among these are: One, a hall must be rented for the dance that accompanies the tenpin tournament. In Cleveland halls are rented months in advance, and last minute arrangements leaves the committee in an embarrassing situation. Two, to present a prepared plan to the Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges at its next meeting, which will take place on Sunday, January 1, 1939.

The athletic commissioner takes this means to thank the various members of Cleveland who responded to his invitation to the first preliminary meeting.

Grand Opening

Export, Pa. — Lodge No. 116, SSCU of White Valley had its opening call of the season in bowling at Claridge on Sunday, November 13th. Our boys won over Claridge lodge, No. 40, SSCU. To the boys on our team: Let's work hard and continue an unbroken winning streak.

Below are the scores:

DELMONT NO. 116			
A. Primozic	139	68	160
W. Kosmach	118	100	107
E. Yelochian	106	135	120
E. Previc	77
P. Korche	154	119	102
R. Fisher	124	164
Total	594	546	653

CLARIDGE NO. 40

M. Bratkovich ..	116	114	83
N. Yakovich ..	119	138	114
W. Turk	112	105	165
F. Supansic ..	120	161	98
P. Bizich	110	102
F. Bratkovich ..	90
Total	577	608	562

Rudolph Fisher
Athl. Supvr. No. 116, SSCU

nally was safe again on the boat, happy but tired.

We missed the bull fight in which our new Portugese friend was one of the toreros. He had been the assistant doctor on the boat. He was short and had a narrow complexion. He spoke English well but had been only one day in America. He had studied in school. Our guess was wrong; you know, we tried to figure out who he was for he always ate with the nurse, and had a deep scar on his cheek. We thought he might have been in the Spanish war, but it was only a slip in the bull ring.

Vida A. Kumse

BRIEFS

A new English-conducted SSCU lodge was organized recently in Detroit, Mich. The name of the newest unit is Brigadiers, and bears the number 234. Miss Frances Skoryane of 12507 Maine St. is president; Miss Mary Stimac of 51 East Arizona Ave., secretary, and Miss Anna H. Bahar of 13762 Fenelon Ave., treasurer. Lodge meets every third Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. at the Slovene National Home on John R Street.

Mr. Frank Turek of Cleveland was elected editor-manager of the Slovene Mutual Benefit Association's official organ, the SDZ Voice, which will make its first appearance on January 5, 1939. Mr. Rudy Lokar was retained as English editor, in charge of the English section. The SDZ has its home office in Cleveland.

A large crowd attended the opening basketball games of the Cleveland Inter-Lodge League, played at St. Clair Bathhouse. George Washington quintet, No. 180, SSCU took the short count of a 35 to 16 score, at the hands of the Lithuanians. Frank Zakrajsek was high for the G. W.'s with three field goals and one foul basket. St. Joseph's band of the KSKJ provided some excellent band music for the occasion.

Lodge No. 148, SSCU of Finleyville, Pa., will hold a dance on Saturday, November 26, at the Slovene Home of Hackett, Pa. Dance will begin at 7:30 p.m.

An anniversary program depicting the 20th anniversary of the death of Ivan Cankar, Slovene writer, will be held on Sunday, December 11, by the Cankar Foundation of Cleveland, O. The program will be held in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave.

Range Facts weekly of Virginia, Minn. reports that Joe Jammik, sophomore at the University of Minnesota, "looms up as one of the best sophomore prospects in the Gopher grid camp in years... showed he had the stuff in the Minnesota-Purdue game... an ankle injury kept him out of action since... he is the A No. 1 ball-totting halfback for next year's squad."

Reports from Ely, Minn. are to the effect that Joseph Veranth, present county commissioner of the 4th district, filed petition in district court for recount of the votes for county commissioner in the elections recently. Veranth received 3259 votes while his opponent Jake Pete received 3289 votes, or 30 more.

Annual sale of Christmas Seals started this week with considerable activity in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Dr. Robert H. Bishop, Jr., local committee head, pointed out that tuberculosis takes the life of one person every seven and one third minutes and declared there must be no armistice in the fight against tuberculosis until this disease has been completely conquered.

Alexander Wolcott, well known writer, said, "The only kind of war there is any sense to is the bloodless war on tuberculosis. So silly of human beings to fight each other when their real enemies are stronger, more numerous and still unconquered."

Colorado Federation

Hastings, Colo. — Month of December is nearing, and along with it the election of lodge officers for the coming year. Lodges of the SSCU in the State of Colorado are requested to elect representatives to the federation of SSCU in this state, when they hold annual elections of lodge officers next month.

Lodges are asked to keep in mind the by-laws governing the federation, which entitles each unit to two representatives. And lodges who have representatives on the federation's board are requested to approve them and thus save on expenses. From some lodges two members serve on the board, and therefore let these be approved as representatives. Each lodge is entitled to but two transportation tickets.

When the lodges select their representatives to the federation, the names of the duly elected individuals should be forwarded to the federation secretary for record. The lodge secretaries are further requested to report to the federation secretary the number of adult and juvenile members within the lodge, so that we shall know the number of members the federation represents in the state of Colorado. The next meeting of the federation will take place in the Spring of 1939, in Pueblo, Colo.

Our young lodge Sloga, No. 233, SSCU of Ludlow, organized on August 14, 1938, has reported that it will join the federation. This indicates that the federation works for the benefit of the lodge and the Union.

On this occasion, I want to remind all members of the SSCU who live in the neighboring vicinity of lodge No. 233, of Ludlow, Colo., but who belong to other lodges in this state and even those out of the state, to take their transfer list to this nearest lodge. The by-laws make this a requirement. After November 15, such members, who shall fail to transfer to this nearest lodge, will not be entitled to either sick or accident benefits, if they should accidentally become ill. The secretaries of such lodges also should inform their members who reside close to the new lodge to take transfer papers now, for it will be too late when sickness or an accident occurs. Secretaries of such members should read section 455 of the new by-laws. Among other provisions, section 455 provides that "members who refuse to transfer to the nearest lodge when they are outside of the jurisdiction of their own lodge and within jurisdiction of another shall after expiration of two months be suspended from the lodge and Union." The by-laws apply to all lodges and to all members and no lodge can claim exception to them. The home office shall be guided by the by-laws and will not allow sick benefit claims to members who did not want to

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Thanksgiving Ball

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn.—Gophers Thanksgiving dance will be held in the Jugoslav National Home this Saturday, with music to be supplied by Franky Kromar's Swing Band. Everyone is invited, admission being 35 cents per couple. Remember this is the last dance before the advent season... Welcome... and bye...

SSCU WORLD GETTING READY FOR STUPENDOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

By Little Stan



TIC CONFERENCE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR SSCU!

To all his good old juvenile friends, Little Stan makes a plea; LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER FOR THE NEXT BIG JUVENILE ISSUE, AND WRITE ONE BIG ARTICLE ON WHAT WE YOUNG PEOPLE THINK OF THIS GREAT IDEA, AND STATE WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL BE CANDIDATES!

Gee, it would be swell to get together again after two years. Perhaps another Indian war dance in the Forest Hotel; those fine sessions of business — that trip to Lake Vermillion — all those most wonderful memories — and here is a chance to really live those great days over again.

What do you say? Are we going to be in on this? Better yet — drop Little Stan a little letter, and tell him whether you'd like to be a candidate. Everyone is welcome, and Little Stan will answer your letter promptly.

And this goes for one Mary Shetina in Rockdale, Ill. — R' You Listen? That moon in Ely is really beautiful!!

And so until the big announcement comes from the supreme secretary, let us all try to sit back and relax, and wait for the zero hour — the moment between darkness and daylight — and as soon as it comes we can start by going right over the top!

So enthusiastic was Little Stan about the entire affair that he forgot all about his press-agented baby talk article. But he did try it several times only to fail miserably — it was the man in him.

To tell you the truth he started off with a rhyme that would have been an insult to Mother Goose herself. It went something like this:

Just before a Thanksgiving Dinner.

"Tanley, Tanley, He was so many His daddy gave him apple candy If that wouldn't dry his tears A couple of nippled bottle beers would do the trick. Tsk Tsk.

This modern age!

After Tanley got that far, he thought it was too silly so he tore up the sheet and waited for news developments! (Wonder how it appears in the column) Hi Ho Silver!

But coming down to a little business again, Little Stan certainly enjoyed reading the juvenile section two weeks ago. That poem by Dorothy Kochevar, Chisholm delegate to the second juvenile convention was very cute! Theresa Rupar figures Minnesota won't beat Pitt. Little Stan feels swell, knowing that Minn. won't play Pitt this year... After Notre Dame anything can happen to Minnesota.

Little Stan would like the chance to show those movies taken of the juvenile delegates at the 1937 convention so that everyone could see them. If Little Stan takes a trip next summer, he's going to take the camera with him; and when those delegates come to the third juvenile convention and athletic conference, they will be able to see them. There are some beautiful shots of the Colorado delegation and one particularly nice shot of Theresa Rupar of Pueblo.

It won't be long now when your SSCU reporters will be knocking on the doors of all

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Sport Flashbacks

By Stan Progar

Blawnox, Pa. — With the third and last act of the 1938 football season well under way, let's pick up our program and scan the list of the still undefeated. That is, in the major class.

Where we had a fifteen minute's reading list a few weeks back today, five seconds is adequate for our stay in the still unbeaten class. Only five teams remain to lay claim to the national championship providing they clear the last hurdles without picking up a splinter or two. And of the five, the East can not boast of a delegate to the championship convention. The East was denied a representative when Pittsburgh and Dartmouth fell by the wayside.

The bidders for the crown hail from only three sections of this vast football nation. The Midwest claims Notre Dame. The Southwest sends its favorite, Oklahoma. But the South strives very hard to bring home the top honors by sending three claims, Texas Christians, Duke and Tennessee, with the South's hopes pinned on Tennessee and the Christians. (Duke must topple the Pitt Cat.)

Checking pre-game dope and giving due respect to the far away voice, we find Tennessee, Oklahoma and T. C. U. as the probable unbeatens as the season ends. But mind you, this does not necessarily say that Notre Dame and Duke will be checked. It's only that far away voice that constantly reminds us that Southern California and Pitt will give Notre Dame and Duke all the football they want in their season's finale. Notre Dame must play the Trojans in California where they are stronger than anywhere else. Then too, Southern California will be fighting for the Rose Bowl honors, one fact alone that warns one to heed the far away voice. On the other hand, Duke will meet tired but still very dangerous Panther. Despite the fact that the Durham lads will be out to revenge last year's 10 to 0 beating by the Panther, the Skibos established a new attendance mark for the championship series of Pittsburgh. Above that, they have made Pittsburgh and the East, Tech conscious.

While we are discussing the Tartans, allow me to introduce a swell story that followed the Pitt-Tech battle. On a downtown trolley rode a Pitt co-ed who was being heckled unmercifully by two Kilties from Tech. When she deemed she had plenty, she turned to her two companions and said, "Sure you licked us Saturday but it took you ten years and five Pitt coaches to turn the trick." With the speed that would amaze any Olympic champion, two young men from Tech did a sudden slip-slide in their seats and remained taciturn for the remainder of the trip. Which is my cue to take a tip from the bible passage that reads, "Go thou and do likewise."

Lodge 155

Blaine, O. — On October 29, lodge "Napredni Slovenci," No. 155, SSCU held a dance and on this occasion it observed the Union's 40th anniversary and dedicated the lodge banner. I am happy to report that the dance turned out to be a great success financially and otherwise. In the name of the lodge I extend my thanks to all who exerted their efforts at the dance, and to the guests in attendance.

Our next meeting will be held December 11, and will begin one hour earlier than usual; that is at one p. m. This change was decided at the November meeting. All members are requested to attend this meeting, and inasmuch as it will be the annual assembly, election of officers for the year 1939 will take place.

On November 12, Mr. Louis Sustersic and Miss Ivanka Ko-

Cleveland Bowling

Cleveland, O. — Again the six teams which comprise the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League rolled their regular Sunday afternoon series on November 20, at Pozelnik's alleys, and the results are as follows:

BETSY ROSS

F. Slopo	113	105	110
A. Zagar	152	165	187
Koren	175	163	167
Laurich	159	173	169
M. Krall	183	174	183
Handicap	52	52	52
	834	832	868

PERME TAILORS

Kolman	109	125	182
R. Korosec	148	171	121
Rupert	143	156	139
Lunka	127	133	233
C. Wohl	171	194	185
	698	779	861

DOLGAN HARDWARE

P. Sirca	169	170	166
Conte	148	106	126
F. Jankovich	140	181	156
J. Kovitch	186	176	179
F. Sluga	166	206	187
Handicap	16		
	815	839	824

POKLAR SERVICE

S. Meyak	126	137	127
M. Ulyan	158	119	133
F. Benigar	115	157	179
J. Ulyan	187	172	198
J. Hrvatin	150	137	128
	736	733	786

EUCLID DAIRY

A. Jelercic	215	158	144
J. Tolar	167	152	186
A. Perdan	181	160	178
W. Cetina	167	201	141
F. Korosec	159	141	163
	889	812	812

COLLINWOOD BAKERY

J. Kuhar	150	156	121
L. Pire	142	153	173
Zaller	148	147	156
D. Stekar	180	149	231
G. Kovitch	167	168	199
Handicap	77	77	77
	864	850	957

Mary Perdan
No. 186, SSCU

Brigadier News

Detroit, Mich. — On October 29, Lodge Triglav held its 40th anniversary and also initiated the new English-conducted Lodge, "The Brigadiers". At that time we had the extreme pleasure of meeting the supreme president, Mr. Bartel and also Mrs. Bartel. We sincerely appreciate their kindness in paying us this visit and helping to keep the one great event a living memory. May we have the pleasure of having Mr. and Mrs. Bartel with us again, soon?

On December 2, the Brigadiers are holding a special meeting at S.N.D. on John R. We wish every Brigadier to remember it is his and her duty to attend this meeting, also, all members of Triglav are asked to please attend. This meeting is very important and we urge each and every one of you to please be present. If you are still with us, here is one chance to prove it, December 2, Slovene National Home, 17153 John R at 7 p.m.

Frances Skoryane, Pres.
No. 234, SSCU

As it was in the Beginning
Husband: "I have left instructions in my will that I am to be cremated."

Wife: "Yes, just like you to go and leave ashes all over the place."

zely were married. Both are members of our lodge. The bride was the first member of the juvenile department of our lodge. To the newlyweds go the best wishes for endless happiness from the brothers and sisters of our lodge.

Paul Ilavar, Sec'y

"As A Secretary Sees It"

"Little Stan's Article

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states and cities and hamlets calling the juveniles to arms to enter this great contest — So be ready!

Gophers' Thanksgiving Day Ball

While you are reading this you may be resting in a big soft easy chair, recuperating from a big turkey dinner; or you might have had a big juicy ham, or perhaps chicken, maybe a goose or a duck — but whatever it was you were still recuperating.

So the Gophers decided they would give you a couple of days to get back to yourself in time to get to the big Thanksgiving dance which will be held in the National Home Saturday night. Yep, you're right, Frankie Kromar's Swing Band will conduct the dance session, and remember it will be the LAST DANCE UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS! ADVENT you know — Let's all attend and get together for one big jamboree before we settle down to take the holidays seriously! Don't FORGET — SATURDAY NIGHT IS GOPHERS' THANKSGIVING DANCE NIGHT IN THE NATIONAL HOME, AND YOU RANGE PEOPLE ARE INVITED!

Gophers Win Three More

Some three weeks ago those Galloping Gophers journeyed to Hibbing — to the beautiful Memorial building, where they bowled a return match with the Kitzville Keglers. Following is the composite score:

Gophers — Total Pins 2,449
Bachar, Mike ... 149 157 179
Mrack, Frank ... 152 154 149
Palcher, John ... 158 190 176
Little Stan ... 172 117 192
Glavan, John ... 192 160 152
Tichar, Frank ... 169 146 169
Kochevar ... 151 124 125
Toole ... 134 138 136
Krizmonich ... 191 177 178
Tichar, Joey ... 170 163 201
815 748 809
Kitzville Lodge — Total Pins 2,362
Tichar, Frank ... 169 146 169
Kochevar ... 151 124 125
Toole ... 134 138 136
Krizmonich ... 191 177 178
Tichar, Joey ... 170 163 201
815 748 809

The Gopher gals have been conducting practice sessions in bowling under the tutelage of Ray Phillips, manager of Ely's Bowing Center, where 14 teams are entered in the major leagues. Lodge teams are still in the process of organization, and an inter-lodge league is expected to be underway by the first of the year.

There will be a mens' and women's league in lodge play. Basketball teams will enter the floor, and the big program of winter sports will be underway.

Just about ready to sign off for the week, but a word to Johnny English — A Happy Thanksgiving, Johnny! Little Stan is saving the wishbone for you! We can pull on it and make a wish together!

And last get ready for the big announcement, and important at the moment: DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE GOPHER DANCE SATURDAY EVENING!

driver might have run down a family bread winner, or a mother or a child. In any case the loss would be a severe blow to the family; and much more so where the victim carried no insurance. Death as a rule is not planned. It is not something we put off until invited. Barring suicides no one invites death, and no one can avoid it. With proper care and barring accidents it may be delayed, but it is inevitable. As to its time of arrival we can hazard no guess. Is it any wonder that we must be prepared.

Can you, can anyone risk being uninsured? I think not! Inform your relatives, your friends of the low SSCU rates and highly desirable advantages. Your secretary is not only ready but willing to advance all information needed.

F. J. Progar, Sec'y
No. 228, SSCU.

Rambling Along

By Stan Progar

Blawnox, Pa. — Despite a hard driving rain that continued most of the day, eight young enthusiasts met Sunday and made official the Young Men's Club of Strabane. The apparent cloudburst failed to dampen their spirits as they dared a thorough soaking to be in on the building of Strabane's future leading unit. They were and from first appearance one can be safe when he says, "Look to Strabane for fast progress."

Hereafter, the boys will be known as the JSKJ Jrs. of Strabane, ready, willing and able to meet all on the bowling alleys to match wits, cracks, spares or strikes or what have you. Let's go, sport supervisors. Let's give this new unit a grand SSCU rush by booking a few games with them. Write to Anthony Balsama at Strabane.

Heading the JSKJ Jrs. in the capacity as president is Henry Mike. Supporting Henry is John Terrell as combined secretary-treasurer and coach of the bowling team and Anthony Balsama as sport supervisor.

Ready to support their official body is as fine and as spirited a membership unit as one has seen in ages. Yes, any one that dares a chilling November rain has something.

Public Thanks

To the Bratska Sloga lodge of Strabane, the Jrs. owe more than a vote of thanks and an expression of appreciation for their valuable aid and wonderful cooperation extended during the building process. Also to Frank Mike and John Zigman and the entire membership present at the last meeting for the donation of twenty dollars willingly and gladly given to the lads. Once again gentlemen, thanks a "hellowa" lot.

Electrons Sports

As this goes to press, the Electrons first match game of the 1938-1939 bowling season will be history. The game was for the New Ken alleys with the Electrons and their arch rivals, the Center Ramblers. If and when I have a crystal ball, the results would appear in this issue but as it is, you must be content with the statement that the Electrons will start the season off with a win. Don't laugh yet Diz, wait till we beat you.

The following week will find the Electrons Strabane bound to engage in a match game with the newly organized JSKJ Jrs. at the Brunswick alleys in Canonsburg. They hope to travel with a clean slate and make it two in a row, but something tells me that Center will have something to say about this. But as the boys told me that they are going to beat Center this year, what else can I say.

To the Strabane lads, don't feel bad if you are forced to be the losers. It's just the Electrons' custom to win once in a while. Be seeing you all Saturday, November 26th.

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RADIVOJ REHAR:

SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

"Rajša umrem, kakor izgubim tvojo ljubezen, gospod moj edini!" je dejala odločeno.

"Potem ti smrt ni največja kazen. Živil!"

"Nočem živeti brez tvoje milosti. Umori me!"

"Izgini!"

"Ne ganem se s tega mesta."

Faraon je zagnal bodalo vstran, stopil k njej in jo trdo prikel za lahti:

"Čemu si prišla?"

"Da te rešim ponižanja in sramote, v katero siliš kakor vešča v plamen luči. Ubij Evalasto! Ves dvor se ti roga. Končaj šušljjanje, ki gre od ust do ust..."

"Najprej pobijem tiste, ki govore," je zagrmel Semis Ofiris.

"In nje ne?"

"Se ne."

"Potem ti ne morem pomoči. Svarila sem te zaman."

Nefteta se je okrenila in hotela oditi, toda faraon je stopil za njo, jo prikel za roko in povlekel nazaj k sebi na ležišče.

"Tu ostaneš!" je ukazal. "Moja sužnja si in nič več. Da, če hočeš vedeti, Evalasto ljubim, tebe ne več. Ona je princesa mojega srca, ti pa si ljubimka, kakor vsaka druga izmed svojih tovarišic, kakor Tatana, Iftirama, Sika ali katerakoli. In sužnje ne briga nič, koga ljubi in kaj počne njen gospod. Nič, si razumeš? Dobra si mi samo, kadar se mi zahoče tvojega telesa. Nocoj mi bodi Evalasta..."

Ko se je Nefteta vračala od faraona, je bil njen ponos strt in namesto prejšnje silne ljubezni do velikega je polnilo vse njeni bistvo neskončno sovraščvo. Spoznala je, da je izgubila igro še poslednjici.

"Dovršeno je," si je govorila, "nocoj se je zrušilo v prahu tvoje najvišje svetische. Nocoj si spoznala, da nisi vladarica Semisirisa in Atlantide, da si samo sužnja, navadna sužnja — in še manj. Se manj kakor neumna Tatana alilena Sika. Nič več ni prestola in Ibisove krone, nič več žeza iz zlatih rogov svetega Apisa. Končano je, končano, končano... Moja ljubezen je potepana v blato, oskrunjena je do zadnje globine. Boš prenesla to ponižanje, ti, velika favoritka Nefteta, nekdanja kraljica njegova, ki je nisi imela želje, da ti je ne bi bil izpolnili? Ti, ki si ukazovala vsem; ti, pred katero so vsi trepetali; ti, pred katero so vsi padali v prah? Sedaj si sužnja, kakor vsaka druga sužnja v deželi sredine, v srcu sveta... Toda ne, sedaj bom šele pokazala, kdo sem. Ves namen mojega nadaljnega življenja je samo še maščevanje, strašno maščevanje..."

Divja, kakor raztrogotena kača, je hitela po stopnicah v četrto nadstropje, da bi sporočila azteški princezi svoje nadaljnje načrte.

"Izbabim jo iz palace in umorim!" je siknila skoraj polglasno med zobe. "To bo prvi del mojega maščevanja."

Dospela je do vrh stopnic, hitela po dolgem hodniku mimo neštetih vrat proti koncu, kjer so bila na teraso vodeča vrata. Pred njimi sta stala dva oborožena stražarja.

"Stoj!" se je glasil njun ukaz. "Kam hočeš?"

"Na teraso, na zrak..."

"Ne smeš."

"Kdo ukazuje veliki Nefteti?"

"Milost, gospodarica! Veliki je tako ukazal: Nihče ne sme na teraso."

Jaz smem."

"Nihče; tako je naročil veliki."

"Zame ni ukazov."

"Ni izjeme."

"Izginita!" je kriknila Nefteta divje.

Stražarja sta namerila sulici na njena prsa.

"Zapovedano nama je, umoriti vsakogar, ki bi se upiral ukazu..."

Nefteta je obstala. Prevzela jo je silna jeza in za trenotek je že sklenila, zagnati se v ostrino sulic. Potem se je umirila in vdala.

(*Dalje prihodnjic.*)

Janko N. Rogelj:

Nobenega smeha

Kako je to močče? Sami resni in zamišljeni obrazci so okoli me. Včasih so rekli v naši vasi: Ne smej se, oče leži na mrtvaškem odru. Takrat je bil pri vsaki hiši smehe—doma, doma.

J. N. Rogelj nes pride stric iz Amerike s smehom, pa se otroci jokajo ob njegovem prihodu.

Smeha ni več, umrl je, in ni kopan na domaćem pokopališču, da bi mu postavili spomenik. Smeha je še samo uraden in zapovedan. In tako trpekl in kisel je ta postni smehek, da kaže napete in tresoče mišice na človeških obrazih.

Ameriški zdravniki pravijo, da kadar se človek smeji, opravita to delo samo dve mišici; če se človek jezi in kaže jezo na svojem obrazu, takrat trpi najmanj osem do deset mišic. To je dokaz, da smehek ne utruditi človeka.

žal na smrtni postelji, se je vsaj spomnil: "Nak, na levi strani pa že ne bom umrl!", se obrnil na desno in izdihnil. Prešeren se je znal poredno muzati, smehljati, nasmehati, posmehati in zvonko smejeti; Levstik se smeje na vse zobe, Aškerc se krohoče na vse grlo, iz trebuhu včasih, da je že kar nespodobno; Kette še po fantovsko, hudomušno in veselo, Cankar že ironično progljivo, Murn britko in bolno... tu nekje je zbolel naš smehek, danes pa ga je malo ali nič, izginal je iz naše knjige, kakor da si pri črni maši ali liberi. Človek pa sploh ne more živeti brez smehe, narod ne more biti brez smehe, književnost brez smehe tava po temi, se bije v ozki, zadušni zagati."

Tako je pisatelj Župančič zapisal pred šestimi leti. Danes ni nič boljše. Pred trinajstimi leti nisem tega zapazil v toliki meri. Še le sedaj doumem vse, kaj se je godilo okoli mene. V domovini sem se smejal, žena se je smejal z menoj, smejal so se tudi moji prijatelji Ameriški. Kako srečni smo bili, če smo bil sami in da smo se lahko —smejali.

V domači vasi sem poznal precej ljudi, ki so se radi smejal. Sedaj ni nobenega več, da bi se smejal na vsa usta. Še Zagorjev Joža, ki se je včasih smejal, kaj so se smejal v toliki meri. Še le sedaj doumem vse, kaj se je godilo okoli mene. V domovini sem se smejal, žena se je smejal z menoj, smejal so se tudi moji prijatelji Ameriški. Kako srečni smo bili, če smo bil sami in da smo se lahko —smejali.

Sedaj ni tega. Pomanjkanje smehe sem tako resno pogrešal,

da sem vprašal nekdanjega prijatelja, kaj je vzrok temu. Dostimi ni odgovoril, ker menda sam ni razumeval. Med drugimi besedami so mi ostale v spominu besede: Lačnemu gre na jok, sitemu na smehek. V teh besedah je veliko modrosti. Človek je lahko lačen kruha, resnice, miru, svobode, samostojnosti in veselja. Vsega tega naš povprečni človek nima. Vsakemu nekaj manjka. In če ni tega, odkad naj se vzame pristen slovenski smehek.

Kakor vam je svojo domovino opisal pred šestimi leti slovenški pesnik Župančič, taka je meni da ostala do današnjega dne. Smehek je tam umrl, potreba je, da se porodi nov smehek, ki bo ponavil in olepšal slovenske obrazy v domovini. Črnogled in uradnih obrazov je tam preveč. O, uradni obraz. Joj, če mi gre iz spomina tisti nesrečni uradni obraz, katerega sem videl na direkciji glavne pošte v Ljubljani! Sama posebljena žalost se je zasesala v ta obraz, žalost o venčana s pelinom in žolčem. Če bi se dotični uradnik samo skušal zasmejati, gotovo bi si zlomil spodnjo čeljustno kost. Čudim se, da ni več samoumorov med uradniki poštnih direkcij. Ti obrazi so sad nekdanje gimnazijski vzgoje, kjer so ubili vse najboljše v študentu, a dali so mu v zameno uradni obraz črnoglega in oropanega matranga. Kako sem srečen, da sem seognil tega zla, da sem seognil svetovne vojne in da sem ohrali še pristni slovenski smehek v Ameriki.

Gledal sem študente. Kako razposajeni smo bili nekoč. Sedaj. Kako mirno in modro stopicajo. Učenost mesta smehe, kar se mladini prav nič ne podaja. Kako starci izgledajo. Menda je s slovenskim humoristom Franom Milčinskim umrl — zadnji smehek. Kaj pa so študentovska leta brez smehe. Seveda v sedanji šolski pedagogiki ni smehek obligaten predmet. Pa ga tako potrebujejo. Ali pa naj pridejo v Ameriko, da se naučijo tisti človek, ki "je sam še," in ki je seboj vzel tudi smehek.

Ko sem se povrnil v Ameriko, sem pri omizju pripovedoval o pogrešanem smehek v domovini. Rečeno mi je bilo, da naj skušam to opisati. To sem tudi obljubil. Za podlago moje trditve vam po urednikovem naročilu citiram zapisane besede našega največjega pesnika Otona Župančiča:

"V to našo večno slovensko žalost in revo zazveni nemadoma smehek! Slovenski smehek iz Amerike, Adamičev smehek. Ali bi si ga, bol ohranil, da je ostal doma? Ne vem. Težko. Meni se je zdela včasih vsa naša literatura kakor stokanje nadložnega starca, ki se premetava po škripajočem ležišču in mu ni na nobeni strani bolje. Tisti osebenik, ki je le-ženo smejak."

Največ smeha, pravega in čistega smeha, sem zajel tisto popoldne, ko smo se ustavili na Vrhniku, pri Amerikanecu Zelenku. Nismo bili še pet minut v njegovem gostoljubni hiši, že nam pove storijo o peteliniku v procesiji. Kako smo se nasmejali, kako je smehek nasičeval ozračje, kako so se širila pljuča. Tako smo se smejali, ker smo bili pravega smehe lačni, da je prijatelj Zelenec zaprl hišno okno, da bi smehek ostal med nami. Morebiti pa se je bal, da bi tega smehe ne razumeli na Vrhniku.

Kako lep je bil slovenski smehek pred leti. Če se je nasmejala z globokim vzdihom zaljubljena deklica, ali ni tak smehek vžgal v razposajenem mladenčku pravi fantovski smehek, ki se je razležal kot zdravje skozi kmečkov vas. In če se je nasmejala z globokim vzdihom zaljubljena deklica, ali ni tak smehek vžgal v razposajenem mladenčku pravi fantovski smehek, ki se je razležal kot zdravje skozi kmečkov vas.

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