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South Slavonic Catholic Union.

Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



CURRENT THOUGHT Study Our By-Laws

Our by-laws, upon which rests the structure of our South Slavonic Catholic Union, are being closely scrutinized at this time by the members for possible revisions and additions to be considered for consideration of delegates to the 15th quadrennial convention, which is to take place in Cleveland next year. Representatives of the state federations of SSCU lodges have been instructed to announce at the various meetings a plan whereby decisions reached by individual branches, relating to changes in the by-laws, be presented to the federations. Consensus of opinion of each lodge could then be debated at the federative meetings, and whatever the majority of representatives agreed upon could be presented at the 1936 convention. Theoretically, the foregoing plan is ideal in that much time can be saved on the convention floor, if the pros and cons are debated beforehand, and groups of delegates instructed to present proposed changes as representing the will of their constituents.

This does not assume that all the federations necessarily shall arrive at the same conclusions. Granting that there shall be a difference of opinion, the fact remains that the subject matter has been given considerable thought before the convention is brought out on the convention floor. Past experience has shown us that too many delegates seated at the regular quadrennial assemblies have but a superficial knowledge of the proceedings, and although they are instructed to represent to voice certain views, they are unable to act on the majority of changes in our by-laws. The delegates themselves are not only the guilty individuals, but the members whom they represent as well for failing to discuss the important facts at the meetings.

Hence, the idea of preparedness serves two purposes: It saves time and money consumed at the conventions; and invests delegates to speak authoritatively on the majority of subjects under discussion.

The whole idea resolves itself in the well-known axiom: "To be forewarned is to be forearmed."

As much as the proceedings on the convention floor are carried on in the Slovene language, a certain number of English-speaking delegates are almost completely lost in the discussions, there have been cases where the young delegates were completely ignorant of the important decisions made at the assemblies.

It is essential that the English-speaking members peruse all sections of our by-laws from cover to cover. Certainly our lodge has ideas, and if a certain number of sections are read at the meeting the representative shall have gained sufficient knowledge of the present laws in force, and be vested to speak against revisions on the convention floor, so that as a delegate he will be able to speak his "piece."

Every year our SSCU has a larger number of English-speaking members, and hence it is very important that this group of members at least a speaking acquaintance with the rules and regulations governing the destinies of their own organization.

A thorough knowledge of our by-laws will result in more informed English-speaking members in the working principles of their organization.

Insurance is a policy with the old line insurance companies, insured rarely, if ever, reads the entire contract. However, she does know how much insurance is taken out and the medical premiums.

A new member is given much more information, particularly the takes out other benefits in addition to the death benefit. Through the monthly assessments and the resulting benefits are important factors, there are many other features advanced to the new member, if he will but take time to read them in the by-laws.

Too many of our English-speaking members are inclined to compare premiums with assessments, and to draw unfair conclusions. For instance, one who is insured for all benefits may realize that only part of the assessments apply toward death benefit; and in all fairness only that portion can be compared with the premiums of the old line insurance companies.

An applicant for plan "B" or 20-year pay life certificate in the Union, at the age 24, is assessed \$2.22 monthly, including local lodge dues, for a \$1,000 death benefit; or a total of \$26.64 annually. In 20 years the certificate is paid for life and no further assessments are collected for this particular benefit.

If you will find instances where the member, who is insured for all benefits, compares the total cost of assessments with but a single premium for death benefit alone. In other words, the member can say that it costs him \$3.12 a month, or \$37.44 to carry a 20-year pay life certificate with our Union, and fail to realize that he is insured for \$1.00 a day sick benefit, operation benefit of \$65.00 and \$100.00 for more than one operation; \$50.00 a month for permanent disability payable for a period of 10 years; and indemnity benefits ranging from \$25.00 up to \$100.00 for loss of one finger, leg, arm, eye, etc. (See pages 143 and 144 of our by-laws for complete accident and indemnity benefits.)

Our by-laws clearly stipulate that an applicant may insure for death benefit alone, or death benefit, sick benefit, disability, and accident and indemnity benefits.

Lodge No. 35 to Hold Dance Oct. 5

Lloydell, Pa.—SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, No. 35, SSCU, will hold a dance Saturday, Oct. 5, in the lodge hall of Lloydell, Pa. Festivities will commence at 8 p. m., with Pinky Hunter's Orchestra of Johnstown furnishing the music.

The entire proceeds of the dance will be turned into the lodge treasury. Admission will be 30 cents for the men and 15 cents for the ladies. Any member failing to attend will have to donate 25 cents into the lodge treasury; excepted are only members who are on the sick list and who have reported themselves as such.

All Slovenes, in fact all the Slavs, from this and nearby localities are invited to attend our dance. The entertainment committee in charge will provide the necessary refreshments and sandwiches.

Joseph Arhar, Sec'y.

American-Slovene Citizens' Club

Barberton, O.—Registration for voters in our city will be held on the following days: Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 7. All those wishing to vote for the first time and those that failed to vote during the last two years must register in order to be able to vote at the general election Nov. 5. Voters who have changed their names or moved from one precinct or ward to another may transfer on any of the above stated days. Registration will be held in the election board office at city hall. Office will be open from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. This coming election will be very important because we Slovenes have a candidate for City Council.

Anton Okolish, Sec'y.

Lodge No. 138 Juveniles Meet Oct. 6

Export, Pa.—Juvenile members of Lodge No. 138, SSCU, will hold their next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 6, at Kuznik's farm. Proceedings will begin at 3:30 p. m.

We would like to see more members present at our next assembly. Lately we have been having only about fifteen present instead of 35 that are expected to attend. I hope to see more members in attendance at our next meeting.

Anna Yanko, Sec'y.

Vesna Dance Meets With Success

Lorain, O.—Yes, Vesna members and friends, the dance which was given last Thursday was very successful.

We certainly were glad to see the nice representation from Collinwood and Oberlin and hope to see more of you in the near future.

Miss Katherine Kanoti was awarded the prize consisting of a study lamp. Congratulations to you!

Those on the dance committee were the following: Josephine Nemanic, Ann Tomazin, Mary Virant, Joseph Hlebar, Frank Ribaric, Henry Sustersic, Andrew Udovic.

Martha Kumse.

Better than one out of every 100 American doctors are dope addicts.

BRIEFS

Miss Julia Pishler and Anton Klun, both of Ely, Minn., were married last Wednesday, Sept. 25. The couple spent their honeymoon in Chicago, Ill. A wedding reception held in their honor took place last Saturday at Klun's Hall. Mrs. Klun is the daughter of Joseph Pishler, deceased, formerly supreme secretary of SSCU.

Cardinals Lodge, No. 229, Struthers, O., is planning to organize a basketball team, according to reports from the administrative officers. Cardinals is the latest English-conducted lodge to be added to our SSCU.

Yugoslavs form part of the faculty at Ohio State University of Columbus and Fenn College of Cleveland. Frank Sircelj of Cleveland is an assistant instructor of freshman chemistry at Ohio State, where he is working toward a Master of Science degree. Albert Dolenc, also of Cleveland, is an instructor of physical chemistry in the night division of Fenn College, where he is working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree. Joseph H. Koffelt, Ph. D., a Slovene, is professor of chemistry at Ohio U. and Frank Tomich, a Serb, is instructor of mathematics at Fenn.

232 candidates ran in the Cleveland primary election held last Tuesday. Of this number 12 are Slovenes and Croats, of which three came up for re-election: William J. Kennick, Anton Vehovec and Emil J. Crown (Gusdanovic).

Members of the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League will hold a meeting next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 6, at the Superior and E. 118th St. Alleys, prior to the regular bowling session, which begins at 2 o'clock. Officers of the league for the current season will be elected and other plans formulated such as the number of rounds to constitute a season, the number of weeks constituting each round, and confirming the selection of captains of the eight teams composing the league.

Anton F. Kotchevar is one of the three members of the Ely, Minn., School Board who went to Minneapolis to interview members of the State Board of Education and other high educational officials, with a view of considering the qualification of a number of educators who applied for the position of the superintendent of Ely's public schools. The position was recently made vacant by W. E. Englund, who resigned to accept a post with the Minnesota Educational Association.

Ralph Lovshin, varsity football player of the Wisconsin University football team, is expected to star again for his alma mater this season. Lovshin comes from Chisholm, Minn., where he sparkled brilliantly in the realm of sports in the local high school.

Lodge No. 40, SSCU, of Claridge, Pa., is planning to hold a baseball series of games next year to which the Cleveland, O., and Gowanda, N. Y., SSCU members shall be invited to at-

Four Girls to Play at Lodge No. 116 Dance

White Valley, Pa.—At the Sept. 15 meeting our lodge decided to hold a dance on Saturday evening, Oct. 12. Music will be furnished by an orchestra consisting of four young ladies, all daughters of Jacob Bergant of Lisbon, O.

Many residents of our locality know Jacob Bergant, who some twenty years ago gave lessons on wind instruments and who kept up his musical training and extended his knowledge to his four daughters. Today this young ladies' orchestra enjoys a fine reputation for its rendition of both Slovene and English numbers. These four girls have played in the state of New York, where they are much in demand. Members of our lodge and their friends are cordially invited to attend our dance and avail themselves of an opportunity to hear this good music. As has been the practice in the past, refreshments and sandwiches will be served at our dance. Every guest in attendance is sure to enjoy an evening of excellent entertainment.

Jurij Previc, Pres.

The idea was divulged by John Regina, athletic supervisor of Lodge No. 40, who hopes to see the entire affair meet with a warm response. The exact date has not been decided upon, but will probably coincide with a picnic to be held by the local branch of Claridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Karlinger of Cleveland recently spent a few days in Bradley, Ill., where they visited the relatives and friends of Mrs. Karlinger. Mr. Karlinger is a member of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, and its athletic supervisor.

Suggestion as to the plausibility of holding a national open SSCU tenpin bowling tournament in 1936 have already been made. According to advice received some of our members are anxious to hold the event in the Midwest, preferably in Waukegan or Chicago. Athletic supervisors of SSCU lodges are requested to bring this matter before the attention of the lodge members, so that a report reflecting the opinion of the majority can be made to the Supreme Board at its January, 1936, session. All communications relating to the national open bowling tournament should be addressed to the SSCU athletic commissioner, Louis M. Kolar, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.

Touchball League, under direction of John Latkovich, has been organized and started its season in the local grammar schools of Chisholm, Minn. Of special interest to football enthusiasts is the explanation that in this game every boy on the team is eligible to receive a pass, and that a player need only be tagged below the belt line before he is downed. A total of 324 boys participate in this league that comprises 27 teams consisting of students in the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Each team consists of a five-man line, two ends, two guards, a center and two halfbacks.

Cleveland SSCU Bowling League News

Teams Named After Out-of-Town English-Conducted Lodges
Cleveland, O.—Second session of the local SSCU Bowling League's current season got under way last Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Superior Ave. and E. 118th St. Alleys, with eight teams competing for honors.

Before the boys and girls started throwing their fancy curves and straight balls for the 7-10 pocket they decided to name their teams after the out-of-town English-conducted lodges, feeling that such a move will give the local circuit a real blend with our SSCU.

The following names were selected: Cardinals, Happy-Go-Lucky, Arrowhead, Pathfinders, Pittsburghers, Indians, National Stars and Center Ramblers. Perhaps members of these English-conducted lodges will be surprised to see their own lodge name appearing in the roster of the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League.

Results of last Sunday's kegling are published below:

CARDINALS			HAPPY-GO-LUCKY		
G. Koyitch	171	150 142	A. Jelercic	189	186 151
E. Suhadolnik	70	97 85	E. Rupert	94	141 118
L. Tolar	170	132 154	M. Perdan	126	135 124
A. Rayer	126	141 169	Blind	140	140 140
F. Doles	89	84 94	Blind	140	140 140
Totals	626	604 644	Handicap	25	25 25
			Totals	714	767 698

ARROWHEADS			PATHFINDERS		
Blind	140	140 140	Blind	105	105 105
B. Stucin	92	92 132	J. Koren	120	168 150
Blind	140	140 140	Blind	140	140 140
Blind	140	140 140	F. Drobnic	224	129 176
L. Pirc	114	150 122	A. Laurich	105	155 158
Totals	626	661 674	Handicap	4	4 4
			Totals	698	701 733

PITTSBURGHERS			INDIANS		
F. Levstek	158	124 143	A. Guzik	108	144 103
F. Kikel	96	106 100	E. Janier	130	92 101
C. Kikel	127	166 144	M. Kogoy	93	97 124
B. Rupert	122	118 122	Blind	140	140 140
M. Krall	166	169 113	W. Guzik	141	152 183
Totals	669	683 622	Handicap	18	18 18
			Totals	630	643 669

NATIONAL STARS			CENTER RAMBLERS		
Patsy Krall	116	187 219	J. Lunka	184	144 157
Blind	105	105 105	S. Jelercic	128	145 109
Blind	140	140 140	G. Belchar	126	173 144
F. Unetich	165	142 143	Blind	140	140 140
J. Tolar	151	160 209	C. Mandel	136	130 108
Totals	677	734 816	Handicap	10	10 10
			Totals	694	742 668

As indicated in the foregoing figures, F. Drobnic came through with a nice game of 224 for the Pathfinders, while Patsy Krall scintillated for the National Stars with a mark of 219.

The team standings of the league to date are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
National Stars	4	2	.667
Pittsburghers	4	2	.667
Pathfinders	4	2	.667
Indians	3	3	.500
Center Ramblers	3	3	.500
Happy-Go-Lucky	3	3	.500
Cardinals	2	5	.286
Arrowheads	1	5	.167

National Stars lead both in high three-game series and individual game high with scores of 2227 for the former and 816 for the latter. Pathfinders are second with 2120, while Happy-Go-Lucky are third in team high with 2109 and second in single high game with 742. Center Ramblers are third high for an individual game with a score of 732.

The potential strength of each team and individual bowlers is expected to improve as the season goes along. Just like the big league baseball games, the present standing is no indication as to what team and which individuals will end up with top honors.

The league rolls every Sunday afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock.

Slight Error

"This afternoon we will take Mr. Frog apart and see what makes him croak," said the professor to his zoology class. "I have a frog in my pocket to be used as a specimen."

He reached into his pocket and drew out a paper sack. He emptied it on the table and out rolled a badly squashed ham sandwich.

"My goodness!" the professor stammered. "I distinctly remember eating my lunch."

Left at the Post

Two colored boys were having an argument about ghosts. One of them claimed to have seen a ghost as he passed the cemetery the night before.

"What was dis here ghos' doin' when you las' seen him?" asked the doubtful one.

"Jes fallin' behin', mistah; fallin' behin' rapid."

More Time, Please

"Have you forgotten that five dollars you owe me?"

"Not yet; give me time."

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- All members who at any time may wish to write for the Nova Doba are kindly requested to clip this article out and keep the foregoing points in mind.
- Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Editors.

Baseball Souvenir From Cleveland
Or the Tale of Two Pals Unseparable

As Related by Nick Yakovich,
Hurler De Luxe of
Claridge, Pa.

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22, during my stay in Cleveland, my pal, Jimmie Stepenick, and I went to League Park to see Cleveland play the Chicago White Sox. We got two seats in the grand stand along the first base line.

A motley crowd of baseball fans filled the park "to the rafters." Fans to the right of us, fans to the left of us, and fans behind and ahead of us—all pulling for Cleveland.

The first game of the double-header started at 1:30 p. m. Chicago is at bat in the first inning. Since Jimmie and I were from Claridge, we favored neither the visitors nor the home team, and when Chicago made a hit in the first inning we applauded, rather vociferously. But not for long as only cold and icy stares literally drilled holes through us; so much that we bought caught a good cold. And to make it worse, a loyal dyed-in-the-wool Cleveland fan bellows out: "Why don't youse guys either pipe down in front or go back to Chi, where youse came from."

Jimmie and I decided to cheer no more for the visiting team, keeping counsel to ourselves.

Comes the seventh inning. What's this? Hal Trosky connects with what looked like a hit, only the ball is deflected into our direction. Fans to the right of us, to the left of us, behind and ahead of us—all get out of their seats and with upstretched hands reach for the ball. Only those who have ever seen a big league game played appreciate fully the mad scramble for such a ball as was coming into our direction.

I was standing on my seat, with Jimmie below as my guide. The ball was traveling like all "sixties," but what is that to a mushball pitcher from Claridge Lodge, No. 40, SSCU. I leaped and to the utter amazement of the whole crowd I snatched the ball in mid-air,

and as I was coming down Jimmie made a flying tackle of me and the ball. All hands were safe.

This is the story of how I got a souvenir of a genuine American League baseball hit by the bat of Hal Trosky, Cleveland's lanky first baseman.

As Told by Wm. "Pap" Schmu-
cky, Claridge's Eye That
Never Sleeps

While in Cleveland, Nickie, Jimmie and I went strolling Sunday afternoon in the direction of Cleveland's League Park. Dinner was to be served at 2 p. m., so we had a little time to go sightseeing on foot. We were on Lexington Ave. watching a small crowd buying tickets for the game with Chicago. We could not stay for the game since arrangements were made to leave Cleveland about 4 p. m.

As we were walking around League Park my eagle eye (always on the alert) discovered a small hole in the fence; about a half inch in diameter. I beckoned to Nickie and told him to look in and see the ball players go through batting practice.

Nickie is all eyes, and we have all we can do to snatch him away to give us a chance to see the big-time stars perform. Jimmie is next to get a free look and it takes the combined efforts of Hercules Nickie and myself (Kid "Pap" Atlas) to pry him away from the half-inch hole.

Finally I get my turn to look. I see a tall fellow hitting balls all over the park. He has a big number 7 on the back of his jersey.

"Who is this fellow up at bat?" I queried of some fans sitting on the tops of nearby houses, all of whom saw the spectacle "a la Scotch" style.

"That's Hal Trosky, the pride and joy of Cleveland," answers a 12-year-old sitting-on-the-roof fan.

My eagle eye discerns Hal's bat hitting the balls farther and farther. Soon one goes over the fence. I hollered to Nickie: "Get that ball, it's coming over our way."

Do Athletics Pay?

East Palestine, O.—Doubt has been expressed in some quarters of the SSCU as to whether athletics sponsored by local lodges are a paying proposition. Possibly in some localities they have not been a great success. But in a majority of cases they have proven very advantageous to the SSCU branches sponsoring them. Their appeal and stimulating power have had a profound effect on the youth of the organization.

There may be a lull in attendance at meetings in between athletic seasons, but we believe that can be taken care of in some manner. Why not make every player, in order to be eligible to participate, attend so many meetings a year, including all special ones? Bait will attract a fish, but it will not prevent it from getting away once caught—and so sports lure youngsters, but not in all cases will they hold the interest of the youthful members throughout the year. Sometimes a tonic is needed, and it is up to those in charge and the elder members of the lodge to supply it.

Joe Golitic,
No. 41, SSCU.

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She Knew

Teacher was giving a lesson on the weather idiosyncrasies of March. "What is it," she asked, "that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb?"

And little Julia, in the back room, replied: "Father."

Nickie loses not a moment, and running like Paavo Nurmi in his prime, dashes across the street to snatch the ball after it hit the curb stone.

P. S. I would never have divulged the true story of how Nickie got the souvenir baseball if he had given me the ball.

On Pathfinders' Visit

Claridge, Pa.—There is an old saying which states: "Better late than never." Although it is over two weeks ago since Gowanda, N. Y., Pathfinders traveled to Export, Pa., stopping in Claridge, I wish to say at this time that we were very glad to have the boys and girls pay us a visit.

The four horsemen, namely the Palcic brothers, Ernest, Anthony, Theodore and Frank (Ernest is the athletic supervisor and manager of the baseball team), Dick "Alabama" Evans, Bill Edwards, Frank Victor, Stanley Victor, Louis Klancer (accordion player), Joe "Sheik" Selan, Louis Korbar, Johnny Batchen, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Grossman, Orin Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Sternisha composed the visitors of Gowanda.

I understand that Frank Victor expects to pitch mushball against our outfit sometime in the future, as does Johnny Batchen, hurler of hardball. While Thomas Sternisha, captain of the hardball team, hopes to lead his colleagues in a contest of some sort against our Lodge No. 40 athletes.

All I say at this time is that I hope we have the opportunity of meeting again both on the field of sports and social activities.

John Regina,
Athl. Supvr., No. 40, SSCU.

Cleveland Community
Fund

Division A, chief money raising group of the Community Fund, will be headed again this year by Philip R. Mather.

Mr. Mather, son of the late Samuel Mather who for many years was the Community Fund's most generous contributor, has held the leadership of Division A since 1931. Previously he had been active in Fund work as a Division A team captain and vice chairman of his division. He is associated with Pickands, Mather & Co. as credit manager.

The 17th annual campaign of the Community Fund will be conducted this year from Nov. 18 to 26.

Division A annually raises the bulk of the Fund's goal through solicitation of large individual and corporate donors, and, in general, persons contributing \$25 or more. This division has about 550 solicitors, many being local financial and industrial leaders. Last year 13,271 persons pledged \$2,133,777 to the Community Fund through Division A.

"The Community Fund this year must continue the gains that were made during 1934," Mr. Mather declared, "if the 100 agencies united in this single annual appeal are to continue to render sympathetic assistance to unfortunate people of Greater Cleveland. To these Community Fund agencies come the sick, the blind, crippled, orphaned and friendless children, and the thousands upon thousands of other citizens in need of help.

"That the campaign this year should be dedicated to children is particularly appropriate because nearly every one of the 100 agencies of the Community Fund touch upon child care in their programs. We strive with all our might to protect the children of our city from the full results of the past six years. They must not be permitted to carry permanently the scars from want and disease."

YUGOSLAVS AND YUGOSLAVIA

Editor's Note: The following treatise on "Yugoslavs and Yugoslavia" was prepared by Richard J. Zaverlnik, attorney at law, and president of Illini Stars Lodge, No. 211, SSCU of Chicago, Ill., and was delivered as a lecture at Flossmoor, Ill., last Spring. Installments of this series shall appear in subsequent issues of Nova Doba, space permitting.

(Continued from last issue)

Characteristics of the Old Slovenes

Emperor Maurikios wrote that the Slavs are "free and not at all lightly inclined to tolerate servitude and foreign rule. They refused to be slaves of the state, and were sadly given to quarreling among themselves."

Their instinct for freedom was the most important trait of their national psychology. They realized that state centralization means the death of civil freedom; and so they did not incline toward a unification of their small peasant states. Their primitive states could not compete with the more perfect state organizations of the Germans and Franks.

Their strong love of independence entailed a lack of cohesion, of unity. Discord and dissensions have always been political characteristics of the Slavs. The Emperor Maurikios was shrewd enough to take advantage of this Slav weakness. "Seeing that there are so many chiefs at the heads of the Slavonic peoples, and these do not agree together, it will be advisable to attract them by fair means or foul, and first of all those who are nearest, because it would be a calamity if they were to unite as enemies against us under one common rule." Thus by fostering this tendency to disunion created by an exaggerated love of freedom, the Franks, Germans and Byzantines easily destroyed the germs of Slav state independence.

The Slavs were never a hard people. They are like the wood of the linden, their national tree. They were industrious and good-natured. Agriculture was their favorite pursuit, and it was from them that their Eastern neighbors learned to lead settled industrious lives.

They were a sociable people, hospitality was a duty. To insult a guest was a crime. Old Slovenes were a nation of singers and musicians and poets.

Old Slovene Mythology
The mythology of the Old Slovenes was a poetic and symphonic nature worship. The supreme being was Bog, the lord of nature, the creator of heaven and earth and light. Svarog was the god of the sea. Triglav, the three headed deity, ruled air, earth and water. A beautiful deep symbolism is this, as the highest mountains in all the Slav world are in the Slovene lands on the frontier between Italian and German territory, and the highest of these the Old Slovenes, called Triglav.

But their deivities were not only personifications of nature's forces. There was Rovo, the god of Justice, Dazbog, the god of Wealth, Devana, goddess of fruitfulness. As these were cheerful people who took pleasure in life and sociability they had Radgost, god of Hospitality and Kurrent god of Joy. Ziva was the goddess of life and love, the Slav Venus, also, she was the goddess of youth. The Rojenice were goddesses of fate.

Carantania

Carantania was the earliest of the South Slav States. Records fail to disclose the exact date when it was formed by the old Slovene chiefs, although, in year 595, the Slovenes who composed the state of Carantania defeated the Germans on the field of battle at Toblach.

This was a very large state and included all the Slovenes who then inhabited most of present Austria and part of Germany as far as Bavaria, the present Tyrol and the present parts of Italy from the Adriatic Sea into northern Italy as far as Venice and including the present Slovene inhabited lands of Yugoslavia and the western parts of present Hungary.

The greatest of the old Slovene rules of Carantania, was King Samo. He ruled from year 623 to 658. King Samo with an army of fifty thousand defeated the Bavarians army of seventy thousand and stopped the invasion of Carantania by the Germans.

Carantania was a highly civilized state. Its state administration was highly decentralized, leaving the powers in the various Zupe. Its culture, art and language were well developed. The people then knew as much about vineyards as they know today. Records show that Slovenes had vineyards in the Wachau in 830, near Tullen 859, at Krik, Carinthia 864, on the river Sala in Modern Hungary in 868, near Ptuj in Styria in 891.

Prešeren, one of the greatest of Yugoslav Lyric poets, in commenting on the religious struggle in Carantania, wrote:

"Blood that in Carinthia and Carniola
Was shed might, have filled
a lake.
Robbing in the fields in the
struggle defeated
Lay the captains gay and their
warriors
Six months did the river of
blood soak the ground
Thus did Slovene slay the
Slovene, his brother."

Slovene independent political state life was formally brought to an end by the treaty of Verdun in year 843. By this treaty Carantania, the Slovene Land, was definitely severed from the rest of the Yugoslav territory, and with the tenth century, the lands were definitely incorporated into the state of Austria.

But the struggle for liberty and freedom continued. In spite of the fact that the Slovenes were under German domination since the tenth century, they preserved their language, custom and traditions while their economic organization—the communal ownership of lands—has undergone radical departure by the introduction of the feudal system by the German lords and by the introduction of other types of individualistic ownership by their German rulers.

Prešeren, commenting on the struggle for liberty and freedom, in the 19th century wrote:

"There will we find the way,
where their sons
Shall freely choose their faith
and law.
All men are brothers, brothers
are all nations."

Yugoslav States

History tells us, that only three times, since the days that the Yugoslavs have inhabited the Balkan peninsula, the Southern Slav States, which in-

cluded the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, have existed. First Southern Slav State placed from year 818 to year 1091 and included all the Croats and Slovenes.

Created because the people der the leadership of Ludevit Posavski re against the Frankish rule overthrow the undue influence imposed by the Frankish on the Southern Slavs. That the food given Southern Slavs was the lords fed their dogs.

The second time in that a Southern Slav State organized, which included Serbs, Croats and Slovenes when Napoleon, after conquering Dalmatia, Istria, Carinthia and Carniola, gathered with part of Dubrovnik, he united the provinces into one Kingdom of Illyria with the capital in Ljubljana. This was the first time since the ninth century which all three branches—Serbs, Croats and Slovenes—were united under one administration. Napoleon the first foreign ruler understood the Southern question. He knew it would make excellent and would fit in his plan to conquer Asia. In order to gain loyal support, he united under one administration complete autonomy. It only existed from 1805 to year 1813, it exercised found impression upon the future destiny of the Yugoslav States.

The third time in history a Southern Slav State organized is the present Yugoslavia, which was claimed on Dec. 1, 1918. It are found the three branches of the race—Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

Thanks to Cleveland

Claridge, Pa.—Well, Cleveland, here we are, Pennsylvania safe and after spending a most short but wonderful time stay in Cleveland will be remembered for a long time.

All of us wish to the members and friends of three Cleveland English ducted lodges, George ington, Betsy Ross and wood Boosters for the time shown us during our And what a good time have.

We hope that we can moderate the Cleveland time in the future and make same arrangements as Mrs. Charles F. K. and Mrs. A. J. Jelicic, Mrs. J. Kardel Jr., Mrs. W. Schmitz, Mr. Lunka, Miss Betsy St. Frank Jaklich and the thew Molk.

Personally, I wish to Mrs. Frances M. Kolar, paring and serving meals. Also John P. manager of the combined and his boys for the sportsmanship on the field.

The car in which I rode the last to reach its whole group arriving at 12:30 Monday night. But good old "Pap" wouldn't be outdone, pulled in Monday evening 10:30.

Once more I wish thanks in behalf of the visitors.

John Regina,
Athl. Supvr., No. 40

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