

NEW ERA SUPPLEMENT

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Current Thought.

RUST COMES FROM INACTIVITY

Not far from this office is a railroad track that is no longer used. A few years ago its rails were kept polished by daily use. Its equipment was efficient. But now rust has covered the rails. The crossings are clogged with mud. The wheels will not work. Now and again a small motor car comes from one end of the line to the other, but because the track is no more put to real use it has deteriorated so that it is practically useless without a thorough overhauling.

There are members in some of our lodges who have suffered similarly. While they grappled with real problems and were compelled to exert their full strength to meet the conditions facing them, their minds were alert, their nerves were steady, their bodies were strong and responsive to their will. Release from the necessity for hard work and a life of ease and comfort have brought them to a pitiable state. They are unable and concerned over trifles. They no longer enjoy the growing success that hard work produced. Their judgment is no longer dependable as it once was. Stern necessity has not kept them up to date of the activities of their lodge.

Hard Work Cultivates Loyalty

Lodges that face real problems and that are engaged in real work are forced by the very necessities of the situation to cultivate directness and efficiency or pass out of the picture. Indifference must give way to facts and theories must be suggested by experience.

But when a lodge loses contact with reality, it is likely soon to fall a prey to sentiment and theories, for the hard contact with real life that would preserve a true balance is lacking. Indifference becomes more important than the present needs. Under such conditions vitality declines and the organization, while it may keep many of its adherents, loses its first and their genuine respect and loyalty. After a time it expects only their odd time and their lip-service. Having lost reality, it has lost its greatest claim to their loyalty and

hence, do not rust from inactivity, as it is destructive not only to you but to the lodge as a whole. Keep the machinery working at all times, as it is the only way to gain complete co-operation and loyalty in the lodge. Do not allow the lodge to be labeled as one of the "has-beens." Keep the liveliness innermost in the heart of each member. Apply the principles of hard work to your organization, as it is the only way to acquire prominence that is lasting. You will not have to look upon your lodge as rusting from inactivity.

PATIENCE

has taken most of us a long time to learn the lesson hidden behind the word of waiting. So many of us have been without working results. Patience seems to have been deserted and left to shift for itself. Let's hurry, hurry. A fortune is waiting for it, fame is waiting for it, a reputation is waiting for it. Patience was two years expected on the little lamp preceding those two years of a dozen or more crowded years. Patience research and examination. Edison has never waited through these little lives. Patience should wind its way. Patience under stress and suffering—in the midst of discouragement and unhappiness—when all for which we have worked so hard seems to slip away. Patience.

OUR REWARD

Now that winter is here the voice of summer is hushed. Her tender story has been told. Along the mossy world we find only the roots of plants that were so much in evidence in the warm summer months. As we pass this world our thoughts wander back to the day when we admired them. The trees that were coated with the green of nature are brushed by the cold wind. The streams are flushed with gold and red, but in spite of all these changes we should look forward to the beauties of the winter.

Who are we, to complain about the changes in the season months? We still have the best of summer remaining—love; this is our reward to have and to hold.

Jos. Jaklich,
Pres. No. 180 S. S. C. U.

SLOVENE LODGE HOLDS ELECTIONS

Ely, Minn.—Members of the Slovene Lodge No. 114 are urged to attend the next regular monthly meeting held on Dec. 15, at 9:30 a. m., in the usual place. Election of officers representing the lodge for the year 1930 will take place. It is essential that all members be present at this meeting, as only in that way can such officers be elected that represent the choice of the majority. The administrative board is the important group of the lodge; the activities of the lodge are indirectly contingent upon the selection of a strong executive board. Different committees shouldering some of the responsibilities of the lodge will also be elected.

Matt Boldine Jr.,
Sec'y, No. 114 S. S. C. U.

WHAT IS WEALTH

Not so long ago wealth meant landed property. The baron had no bank account. He had his castle with its lands. Feudalism is now but a memory, still real estate remains the most certain and perhaps, in the long run, the most profitable form of ownership.

Coins are no longer the coveted possession of the few. Nor are they permitted to lie buried in a vault. Only the imbecile will lose the fruitage of his dollars by hiding them in a napkin. All methods of traffic from the dime savings-bank to the stock market bring returns. Hoarded money grows.

Yet most men want to own land. They want at least a bit of earth that they can call their own. And in truth clay-dust is more precious than gold-dust. A few years ago when commercial supremacy was the prize of battle in the greatest war that ever scourged the earth, the small farmer emerged the victor. For a brief space he became the potentate. Gold is but a medium of exchange for the products of the land. Everything we need for life comes from the land.

PREDICTIONS COME TRUE

The necklace which Napoleon gave Marie Louise on the birth of their son is exhibited by a New York jeweler. Though a curiosity in itself, it is more of a curiosity because of the vanished glory it symbolizes.

Not that there is any less display of jewelry than there was in Napoleon's time, or that the plutocrats of this age do not worship it as enthusiastically as did the aristocrats of his, but that it has become more a matter of commerce than politics, more an emblem of wealth than power.

With all his ambition and love of pomp, Napoleon was not blind to the advent of new forces and the dawn of a new epoch. When he sold Louisiana to the United States he said he had done something that would one day humble the pride of Great Britain. He also said that within 100 years Europe would become Cossack or republican, and that China was a sleeping giant of whom those who waked her should beware.

CONGESTION

Ever since rapid transit came into existence we have assumed that it would relieve congestion. The first street car in New York City, and in this country for that matter, made its appearance 97 years ago. Soon afterward a newspaper spooned that it would decentralize the community. "Instead of being cramped and confined to a single lot of ground and a close atmosphere in the city," said the paper, "an acre or two will be purchased and a comfortable house built at reduced costs; a garden, orchard, dairy and other conveniences follow; and the train of railroad carriages will start and carry these people with the greatest ease."

After being fooled for nearly a century, we persist in the blind faith that rapid transit, whether in the form of subways or autos, will decentralize our towns. The more we have of it, however, the greater our towns grow, and the fewer people we have living in the country. Each census shows a steady drift in this direction.

BRIEFS

Slovenes of Cleveland, O., have engaged the WJAY broadcasting station on Sundays between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m. A program arranged by Ivan Zorman, well known for his musical abilities, was offered Sunday, Dec. 1. Among the performers were Dr. Lausche, pianist; Josephine Lausche and Mary Udovich, singers; Hojer Trio, and others. Each Sunday broadcasting will take place during the Slovenian Hour.

Joe Malkovich was named captain of the 1930 Chisholm High football team of Chisholm, Minn. Malkovich was one of the outstanding centers during the past season and is an all-around player. He should be a great general in his senior year.

Stanley Peterlin of Eveleth, Minn., was placed on the honor roll in Leonidas School for the term ended Nov. 22.

Frank Furlan, Mrs. Dan Tupac, Mrs. John Sterle, J. E. Strom and Mrs. Joe Kochevar are candidates running for judges of election for the annual village election to be held at Chisholm, Minn.

INEVITABLE GAP

Sport Attracts the Younger Generation to Yugoslav Organizations

Misunderstanding between the first and second generations is nothing more than the friction in the melting pot of old and new. Parents born across the sea adhere to the staunch conservative ideals of their forefathers, suspicious of progressiveness tinted with all sorts of isms. Children born here, more susceptible to surrounding conditions, quickly grasp all the glitter of present day progress and soon are sold heart and soul to things which may do more harm than good. It is the battle of transition between the ideals of yesteryear and the ideas of today. This can only be adjusted by a little more liberal policy on the part of the elders and a more sedate and sober policy on the part of our youth.

Children can be made to understand and appreciate the background and cultural heritage of their people. It is largely a matter of proper environment at home, of the right kind of reading, and contacts within the group.

One of the mediums through which to attract the second generation to the foreign language organizations is the field of athletics. Sport is on the lips and in the minds of all our young people from one end of the country to the other.

MOUNT PELEE THREATENS

Mount Pelee, active volcano on the island of Martinique, threatens to go on another rampage. In 1902 an eruption of this volcano completely destroyed the town of St. Pierre and killed 30,000 people. When the peak recently burst into eruption again many of the inhabitants of St. Pierre, Morne Rouge and Pecheur took refuge in more distant towns.

Don't worry about the weather. There will be lots more.

INCONSTENCIES

A wife is an admirable institution, according to one of them. She is the hedge set between the precious flowers of the masculine intellect, and the sun and dust of sordid worries. She is the flannel that protects when the winds are cold. She is the buffer, the comforter and cook. And so long as she enjoys these various roles, the arrangement is perfect.

She must be, as she is, proud of her great man. She attends to his bodily wants, and does not presume to share his spiritual excitements. In their common life he is the brain, while she is the willing hand and feet. It is perfectly fair. If there are to be great men, someone must be found to look after them. And this someone must be more patient, faithful and admiring than a servant, and unable, like a servant, to "throw up the job on the least provocation."

The difficulties begin when defying Nature's teachings she refuses to be the hedge, flannel, jam, buffer, comforter and cook. And when she dares to go so far on the sulphuric path of rebellion, as to insist on being clever on her own hook, then friction occurs.

So we have the inconsistencies of what a wife should be, as narrated by the "better half" of an aged German celebrity. Moreover, she insists that a model wife should be large, calm, comfortable and slow.

UNITED SLOVENES LODGE

Yukon, Pa.—An important meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, by the United Slovenes Lodge No. 183. Meeting will be called to order at 2 p. m. in the Granish Hall. Every member of the lodge should make it a special effort to be present Sunday, as a number of exceedingly important issues will be discussed.

Election of officers representing the United Slovenes Lodge will take place, and hence it is essential that every member be present. Different committees and special officers will also be elected. Again, it is repeated, that all members should be sure to come to the meeting next Sunday.

John Brandstetter,
Sec'y No. 183 S. S. C. U.

TOO MUCH BUNK

A good deal of nonsense is said and printed on the subject of success. The average young person today is overwhelmed with advice. Success agitators have reduced the science to charts, blueprints, tables and statistical data without end. At the other extreme brood the sooth-sayers who will tell you that your progress in life depends on what the stars were doing the night you were born, how many letters there are in your name, the color of your hair, the tilt of your nose, and the topography of your palms.

You may throw away as pure bunk all the success hints that fail to tell you that you'll never get anywhere unless you are ready and able to stand the gaff. If a lot of people like teachers and business leaders would talk horse-sense and give the boys and girls the one genuine golden thought—that nerve and stamina, and right living stand highest in the list of virtues—they would accomplish real service and do something worth while for humanity.

SPORTING BITS

ROOT FOR YOUR TEAMS

Come and root for your teams. Members of George Washington Lodge, Collinwood Boosters and Betsy Ross should make it a special effort to come to the bowling alleys at Del Young, off St. Clair Ave. and E. 123d St., and cheer for their teams. S. S. C. U. organization is well represented in the Inter-Lodge League of Cleveland, O., having three bowling teams entered. As the matter stands, Betsy Ross are the league leaders.

Enthusiasm seems to be lacking at the games. It is true that when the first games were played a number of members came out to cheer their teams. But lately only a handful of rooters have been present. Spirit of the lodge as a whole can be manifested to a great extent at the match games. It isn't always that the best team wins, but rather the one that shows plenty of spirit and pep. And what could be more conducive to bringing about a fighting spirit among the players than the cheering of their followers. It instills confidence into the team. Once a team is incited with that element—confidence—it is hard to beat.

Be sure to come to the next bowling game played by your lodge. Boost the team, give it plenty of cheering; make them feel that you are behind them, win or lose. The team will do its share.

COLLINWOOD BOOSTERS TAKE THREE

Cleveland, O.—A very exciting bowling match took place between the Collinwood Boosters and the George Washingtons in the Inter-Lodge League. As both teams are members of the S. S. C. U., unusual interest was manifested by the crowd that watched the games. Collinwood Boosters maintained their supremacy by winning all three games. Although one fact must be taken into consideration: namely, that the George Washingtons have put forth a bowling team for the first time, while the Collinwood Boosters have been represented before. The two leaders, namely, J. Laurich performed brilliantly for the winners, while Drobnic rolled well for the losers. In comparing the scores, one notices that both the leaders are evenly matched. Below are the scores:

COLLINWOOD BOOSTERS			
J. Laurich	178	154	180
M. Krall	176	171	153
J. Koren	158	176	123
F. Laurich	128	169	163
F. Baraga	154	141	171

Totals	794	811	787
GEORGE WASHINGTONS			
Merhar	130	148	156
Kromar	155	170	113
Kogoj	143	132	112
Drobnic	177	154	180
Glavan	109	159	134

Totals	724	767	695
J. Laurich			
No. 188 S. S. C. U.			

Betsy Ross, also of S. S. C. U., were dethroned from the leadership of Inter-Lodge League by the strong Collinwood five. George Kovitch rolled 246 for one game, but to no avail. It seemed that the breaks were against the Betsy Ross because split after split was made by them. Nevertheless, Betsy Ross will assume a winning form next Sunday, as it is hoped that better luck will be with them.

SELF-PITY

Self-pity is a weakness to be despised. If you begin to feel sorry for yourself, you just naturally become weak and pathetic in your own eyes. And having become weak and pathetic in your own eyes, that is exactly what you finally are. If you feel a lump in your throat over your own troubles, you are just a little fellow who hasn't grown up.

Statistics prove that the biggest turnover in the automobile business is on Sundays.

COMRADES BEAT CENTRAL PIN FIVE

Cage Squad Wins 28 to 10

Waukegan, Ill.—Andy Skoff starred for the Comrades, scoring 196, 223 and 199. Skoff, who has an average of 197, is rated as one of the best bowlers of the S. S. C. U. No doubt, when the season comes to a close, Skoff's average will surpass the 200 mark. Frank Repp has been going like a house on fire lately. In the last three match games Repp scored 640, 584 and 599. Waukegan Comrades have the best bowling team in the S. S. C. U., as the last victory over the Central five indicates.

The Comrades' basketball team beat the North Chicago squad by a score of 24 to 10. This, however, was the Comrades' first practice game of the season. Joe Little, Walter McKinney and Hammer Savage starred for the Comrades. On Dec. 11 the cage squad will clash with the strong St. Joseph five of the K. S. K. J. in the Mother of God Church League at 2 p. m.

All members of the Comrades Lodge are urgently requested to attend the annual meeting. A fine of one dollar will be assessed against those not present. A dance will be held immediately after the meeting. Andy Slobe will furnish the music, and dancing will last till wee hours in the morning. Refreshments will also be served. Everything absolutely free of charge. "And how."

John Petrovic,
No. 193 S. S. C. U.

TIMELY ADVICE

With Christmas just 'round the corner, and with everyone bustling hither and thither in preparation for the holiday season, it is not out of place to write a few words of timely and friendly advice. "Shop Early" and "Mail Your Packages Early" are trite expressions, yet are as necessarily attached to this time of year as snow is to Christmas in this great Northland.

The postoffice officials are preparing for a busy season, while merchants are replenishing their stocks with holiday goods. Why not also prepare and avoid the mad rush that comes in the last minute? Make sure of the prompt arrival of your Christmas gifts by shopping for them now and mailing them early.

Join the S. S. C. U. lodges.

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