

THE EDITOR SEZ:



Remember when you travel up the ladder of success, you will be stepping on the hands of "Miss Jealousy" . . . Don't stop to inquire about her wounds, just keep on climbing . . . After her fingers get sore she will lose her grip on the rung below you and will not be able to pursue you any longer . . . After you shake her off you will have smooth sailing to greater SUCCESS.

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CLEVELAND SLOVENES OFFER SILVER JUBILEE DANCE SATURDAY, MAY 28

Anniversaries come and go, and likewise the Cleveland Slovenes, SDZ No. 14, shall celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary with a gala dance, Saturday, May 28. The affair will be held in the Slovenian National Auditorium, E. 65th and St. Clair Ave. To further assure everyone a good time the committee has contracted the services of Frankie Yankovic's popular orchestra. The Cleveland Slovenes, although being a Slovene-conducted lodge, also has a large group of young people active in its doings. On the committee are many members of the 1937 SDZ Baseball Champions who are working very earnestly to make a success of this affair. The admission is nominally priced at twenty-five cents. The Cleveland Slovenes invite you to their Silver Jubilee and wish to have a capacity crowd on hand when the band starts playing—Committee.

Vogrin Tenth in A. A. U. National Walkathon Held Sunday in Cincinnati

Last Sunday, Steve Vogrin, Modern Crusader member, entered the National Thirty-One Mile A.A.U. Walkathon championships at Cincinnati under SDZ colors. In a field consisting of the best marathon walkers in the country, Steve finished tenth. He received a beautiful medal that will be displayed in the SDZ office windows very soon. His time was 6 hours and fifteen seconds and is considered very fast due to the rain, hail and slush that was encountered over the route. Watch Pathe News for pictures.

Rain Fails to Stop Cultural Garden Fete

Quite a few SDZ personalities were included in the estimated 100,000 that watched the parade along St. Clair Ave. last Sunday in honor of the dedication of the Yugoslav Cultural Garden. All the speeches were held in the Slovenian National Auditorium instead of in the Cultural Garden as first planned. Rain fell throughout the ceremonies but it did not stop the program as scheduled.

FINAL BASEBALL MEETING

All managers of baseball teams that will be entered in the SDZ Baseball League, are requested to attend the final meeting tomorrow evening, Friday, May 20, in the SDZ Office, 6403 St. Clair Ave at 8 sharp.

This meeting shall be of vital importance, for the season's baseball schedule will be drawn up. Don't forget that tomorrow's meeting will also be the deadline for entry into the league. Your complete rosters will also be checked and must be approved by the baseball managers.

The games for Sunday will be scheduled at the meeting and players are requested to see their managers in regards to this. Girls will play at 11 a. m. on Gordon No. 7. This will be the last opportunity for girls to join the St. Clair or Collinwood teams.

Note to Danica, SDZ No. 11: Please notify the editor if your team will enter the SDZ Girls' League.

Attend Your June Meeting!

Next month's lodge meetings will bear an air of importance because the delegates to the ninth annual quadrennial SDZ convention shall be elected. Lodges are planning socials after their meetings and are also reading and correcting by-laws that will be submitted to the by-law committee. Make it a point to attend.



Dr. F. J. Kern

This is the 7th of a series of Portraits in Poetry of SDZ Supreme Board members, featuring poems by Stanley Robinhood.

Dr. F. J. Kern, Supreme Medical Examiner, Examining applicants, — nothing makes him happier; Very congenial when in a talkative mood, But as other professional men, is apt to brood, On par with him no one could be, — May he forever be with SDZ.

SDZ No. 2 MEMOS . . .

by Vera Koss

—Congratulations to Jeanette Perdan-Juttner who offered such a lovely concert at the Music Hall on April 24.

—Congratulations are also in order for Miss Ann Debelak who became the bride of Victor Vokach on May 14 at St. Vitus church, and also for Ann Petkovsek, who was blessed with a baby girl recently.

—We extend our deepest sympathies to the members of the Sayher, Povh and Orazem families for loss of their beloved ones.

—We're proud of Mrs. Jennie Perushek who sang so sweetly on the Slovenian program a few weeks ago.

—The SDZ membership campaign, as far as our lodge is concerned, is in full swing for Mrs. M. Somrak is credited with having the most new members to date.

—To all you members of SDZ No. 2, especially the younger members! Our June meeting is going to be a very important one, so please try to attend. Also bring a new member and make the campaign a success.

VOTE OF THANKS

We wish to thank in behalf of Mr. Anton Grdina, president of the JKV, all those who served on the young people's committee of the Yugoslav Cultural Garden Club Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. Their contribution to the success of the affair is deeply appreciated.—Anthony J. Klančar, chairman of the Young People's Reception Committee of the Yugoslav Cultural Garden Committee.

SDZ News is the voice of SDZ Youth—Let's hear it.

Today's Editorial

WHERE'S YOUR MEMBER?

The "PRE-CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN" was first announced five months ago to every individual who was a member of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association at that time. In the official letter was this announcement:

Awards

For every \$1000 new insurance written—\$7.00
For every \$ 500 new insurance written—\$3.50
Enrollment of a juvenile—\$1.00

Since the opening of this campaign the approximate total of members enrolled is 225. A very small amount compared with past membership campaigns. But the awards in the current campaign are much higher than awards of the previous campaigns. Eight thousand and three hundred members have in the past one hundred and thirty-nine days, enrolled the scant total of 225 new members. And the mystery of it all is the fact that the awards are higher than awards given by other fraternal organizations which have gained in membership by leaps and bounds.

Let's look the entire situation over to find what is wrong. First we take it for granted that the awards are above normal. Then why is the enthusiasm in this campaign at such a low ebb? Is it that the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association hasn't anything to offer to its prospective members? The organization offers insurance policies comparable to any other fraternal organization or "Old Line" insurance companies. Besides these features where is there another organization that gives you fraternal insurance with a heart, athletic activities such as: Boys' and girls' baseball leagues, annual field and track championships (known as the SDZ Olympiads), social activities in abundance, and a centrally situated Supreme Office where differences can be ironed out without unnecessary delays. And the motto and feature of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association is: "It's Modern."

Read this editorial over carefully and then make up your mind to enroll new members in the month and one-half that is still left of the current campaign. Get one member per day and earn seven dollars per day. This is an opportunity for everyone to earn himself a very good salary. Don't sleep! Get your members now! Don't let others enroll members you have been thinking of. Think it over, this is your organization and your opportunity to swell its membership.

Cerkniško Jezero Will Meet Again Tonight

Again as in other months, the meeting of lodge Cerkniško Jezero shall come to order in the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd., Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p. m.

Please attend this meeting for many items of interest are to be discussed. We welcome your comments and criticisms. —Joe Lausin, secretary.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY GALA SUCCESS; MODERN KNIGHTS EXTEND THANKS

St. Clair Library Again Displays Local Talent

Woodcarving as created by one of our own neighborhood is on display at St. Clair Branch Library. This month Mr. George Plazibat has loaned the branch 3 picture frames and two chests, one a sewing chest, the other a miniature bridal chest which can be used for lingerie, hosiery or handkerchiefs.

Great interest in design with very little duplication or detail is apparent in the carvings. The small chest is stained light maple, the larger is oak stained. In addition to the carvings the chests are decorated with painted motifs. On the oak stained chest, panelling with pillars in relief give one a sense of depth which is a bit unusual.

One picture frame is of natural wood yet unstained. Both sides of the frame are carved alike; a bird, "gargoylish" in effect, catches the eye.

The public is invited to view the exhibit.

CLAIRWOOD REPORTER ILL

The interesting "Clairwood Bulletin" is not making an appearance this issue—nor is it A.W.O.L., for Miss Caroline Sorn, its witty pen-pusher, has been ill these days. However, it is hoped that the column will make its appearance next week. To Miss Sorn: May your illness be a short one!

To Clairwood members: Don't forget that tonight is meeting night!

Star-Crusader Third Roundup Barn Dance Set for Saturday, June 18

Latest news flash from Collinwood is the announcement that the Eastern Star-Modern Crusaders combination will tie up again for their Third Annual Roundup. The barn dance has been an annual event of the two active Collinwood lodges. This news will come as a surprise to the members of these two groups for there wasn't any discussion upon the matter this year.

The gala funfest that accommodated approximately 500 guests last year, will again be held at the "Old Red Barn" on Green Road, one mile south of Euclid Ave. The site for the affair is known as Glenridge Picnic Grounds (formerly Manchutas). Mark Saturday, June 18 on your calendar for the Annual Eastern Star-Modern Crusader Third Roundup barn dance.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL WEEK

The National Fraternal Congress of America has designated one week for "Fraternal Day" celebration to be held in every city throughout the country.

The Cleveland Committee have selected May 19 at the Cleveland Hotel Ball Room in Hotel Cleveland at 8:15 p. m. We extend an invitation to all members of fraternal organizations and their friends to attend this meeting.

An invitation has been sent to Hon. Harold Burton for an address of welcome. Also present will be Judge Lausche who will give a talk on Fraternalism.

The Committee,
Mrs. Mayme Hippler,
Mrs. Minerva Mann.

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What's in a Name?

by A. J. KLANČAR

At some time or other of our adolescent life we all become sensitive about our names. And it is natural that we do, for they are symbols which represent us to our friends and neighbors. Among primitive people names are connected with magic. It was for this reason that primitive man concealed his name. Revealing his name might mean harm to his person, might bring voodoo on his family. So he gave himself another name, one that expressed his temporal life. The ancient Hebrews and later the Greeks and Romans characterized their friends or enemies with names that were their impressions of them. Thus "Mary" was the bitter one; "Philo," the loved one; "Antonius," the flourishing one. In Greek drama the "persona" was the mask a comedian or tragedian wore to show what character he represented. Thus our names are expressive of our character, they are masks which we wear through life.

It is the same with Slovenian baptismal names, many of which are borrowed from the German, but most of our Slovenian names are derived from Christian names which in turn are of Hebrew, Greek and Latin origin. So we have in Slovenian such names as Adolf, Henrik, Karel, Oton, Rajmund, Vilhelm, etc., from the German; Jakob, Jožef, Lazar, Šimen, Tomaž, etc., from biblical sources; Klara, Stefanija, Ksaverij, Klemen, Ludovik, Marko, Teodor, Urban, etc., from Latin and Greek.

In a list of Slovenian names we may read a whole history of the influences through which our ancient Slovenians passed. Such names as Erazem (Erasmus), Filomena (Philomene), Junona (Juno), Platon (Plato), Venera (Venus), Juda (Judas), Jezus (Jesus), Školastika (Scholastica) cause one's historical imagination to range from the Greek culture which was brought to the old Slovenians by SS. Cyrilus and Methodius, the apostles of the Slavs, to the Jesuit influence (French and Spanish) of modern times.

I imagine that before their conversion Slovenians dedicated their first born to some old deity, just as the ancient Greeks and Romans did. A girl might be named, because of her beauty, after the goddess of love, Aphrodite or Venus, while a boy might be named after Jupiter or Zeus. Three vestiges of this custom may be found in Slovenian names, as among those of the other Slavs. "Živa" (identified with the principle of life in mythology) was the Slavic Venus; "Prava," from which are derived such Slovenian words as "pravica" (justice), was the god of justice among the ancient Slavs; "Davor" was the Slavic Mars.

With the Christianization of the old Slovenians, most of their old Slavic names were replaced by Christian, Greek, Latin or German names, as we have seen above. In many ways this is lamentable, for the Slavic names are more musical, more expressive of personality. Let me give you a list of the more interesting with explanations

and their English equivalents:

Bogomil (lover of God)—Theodore.
Bogomir (God's peace)—Jeffrey.
Cveta (flower)—Flora.
Davorin (martial)—Martin.
Drenka (noble-spirited)—Cornelia.
Jera (truth)—Gertrude;
Ljubica (beloved)—Emily.
Ljudevit (defender of his people)—Ludwig.
Miroslav (rich place)—Friedrich.
Oroslav (husbandman)—George.
Vatroslav (fiery)—Ignatz.
Vladimir (peaceful rule)—Vladimir.
Zala (little rose)—Rosalie.

When we examine such a list we find some characteristic endings, suffixes, such as -mil, -mir, -ljub and -slav, which are the most common in Slavonic baptismal names. "Mil" means mild, tender, loving; "mir" means peace; "ljub" means lover of; "slav" means glorious. In view of these facts one may imagine that the old Slovenians were a kind, peace-loving people.

You may disagree with me on this point, but to my mind such names are beautiful, worthy of being the names of our Slovenian children. In Europe Slovenian parents still give their children these beautiful names, but here, too, Germanization is doing its work. Only the Serbians and Croats stick tenaciously to their old names! Perhaps you and I could not bear having ourselves called Rado or Slava. It is, of course, a matter of taste, and there is no disputing taste.

The name richest in variants is that of Marija, familiarly Mica, Maruša, Marica, Micka, Micika, Minica, Minka, Maruška, Mara, Mana. The Slovenian lover can thus be familiar, trifling, or diminutive to his beloved as the mood strikes him. These names, to my mind, have a musical beauty, a carressing quality, that reminds me of Cankar's prose poetry or the soft down of a deer.

Indeed, Slovenian is rich in feminine diminutives. Here is a select list of them: Anica, Anka, Ančika (Anna); Barbka, Barica (Barbara); Cilika, Cilka (Cecilia); Delica (Adele); Dorica, Dorka (Dorothea); Ivanka, Ivka (Johanna); Lenica, Alenčica, Jelica, Jelika, Jerica (Gertrude); Marjetica, Marjetka, Metka, Milita, Milka (Emily); Nežika, Nežica (Agnes); Zefka, Pepica (Josephine); Poldka, Poldika (Leona); Režika (Theresa); Špelica, Liza (Elizabeth); Tilka (Mathilda); Tonica, Tončika (Antonia); Urška (Ursula); Zalik (Rosalie).

There are, however, certain feminine names that I like more than others. I believe they are some of the most beautiful names to be found in any language. They are all names of girls. Here they are: Mana, Mara, Mila, Milka, Mina, Neda, Tona, Zala, Živa.

Perhaps Romeo was right. "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."