

Editorial Comments

It has been frequently said, lately more than ever before and with ample reason, that one of the worst fears that beset humanity is that relating to uncertainties, privations and sufferings that often come with the later years of life. But what about the earlier years of life? There are no certainties either for the young or aged, not under the present disorder of capitalistic system based on private profit and human exploitation.

Recently, much has been said, officially and otherwise, about safe-guarding our lives and preparation for the exigencies of old age. But under the present system there is no remedy, neither governmental nor capitalistic—at present both interlockingly identical—which cannot fail to relieve this burden of uncertainty and fear. The only remedy which offers a comparatively sound protection to workers and their families, is that offered by the fraternal societies such as the Slovene National Benefit Society which offers to our people the maximum protection at the minimum cost against sickness, accident, disability and death.

Our people—our members—have long realized this fact and have, in many instances, struggled hard to maintain their membership within the Slovene National Benefit Society which has never betrayed their confidence in its soundness and safety. That is why our members, when they get acquainted with the many outstanding features of our Society, consider their policies with the SNPJ as invaluable assets.

No greater good has ever come to thousands of men and women in moderate circumstances (or, rather, meager circumstances), than that resulting from the personal interest shown in them by true friends, members of our Society, in insisting that they become members of the Slovene National Benefit Society which is willing and ready to extend its helping hand to young and old and to their dependents.

The greatest folly of the present capitalistic system is the delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down. But this, we must remember, is the basic principle of the profit system which is crumbling rapidly and surely before our very eyes, and that in spite of all the "new-dealish" patching and re-suscitating of the monstrous cadaver called capitalism.

But—until and as long as this cadaverous monstrosity persists in spreading its fatal odor—the producers, the workers and farmers, stand before but one alternative: They are compelled to seek shelter against life's vicissitudes in fraternal societies which guarantee to them sound and safe protection.

Special Announcement

Checks for payment of medical examinations and awards for new members, both in the Adult and Juvenile Department, were sent to the treasurers of local lodges for those admitted into the Society during the campaign from March 1, 1934, to and including January 1, 1935.

For the Juvenile Department, the checks are made out to the local Secretary. The Secretary will pay the members who are entitled to the refund of payment for their medical examination and awards. For the Adult Department, the checks for medical examination are also made out to the local Secretary, who should pay the members entitled to a refund for the medical examination. For the awards, the checks are made out to those members who are entitled to these awards. The Treasurer shall forward the checks to them.

Further explanation: For medical examination of new members, for those admitted from March 1 to July 1, 1934, whom the Society refunds payment, checks were mailed in August. The present payment of medical examinations was for the members who were admitted in the Society from July 1, 1934, to January 1, 1935, inclusive. For Juvenile members, the Society pays up to the sum of 50c, and for Adult members from the ages of 16 to 35 inclusive, pays up to the sum of \$2.00.

Awards were paid for new Juvenile members according to the provisions and rules passed at the Supreme Board meeting in February, 1934. Awards for new Adult members from the ages of 16 to 35, who were admitted into the Society from March 1, 1934, to January 1, 1935, are also paid according to the decision of the Supreme Board meeting, February, 1934. The awards were paid according to the reports received from the lodge Secretaries.

FRED A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

FLASHES

By D. J. Lotrich

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Chicago.—The regular March 15 meeting of the Pioneers will be held Friday, the 15th, and will be combined with a Juvenile ice cream social. All Pioneer Juveniles are asked to be present at 7:30 p. m. In order that we will prepare enough for everyone, we are asking parents to make reservations. The committee in charge will also provide a program. Any Juvenile member wishing to participate in the program should let us know in advance.

A short meeting of the Juveniles is contemplated. If possible an election of officers for the Pioneer Juvenile Auxiliary will take place. In this way we can interest the young folks in the SNPJ work and prepare them to step into responsible positions when they become adults. So all you parents are urged to bring the young people to our next meeting.—Several reservations have already been received.

We, too, have purchased the 8 tickets sent us by lodge 96 of Livingston, Ill., Louis Kosela. And we are glad that the Revelers are such good fraternalists. With such good responses that Livingston local should soon be out of the red.

That Arkansas Miner who wrote a true narrative of conditions in the coal mines, whoever he be, added a fine postscript to all that this column has been saying for over nine years. Remember, young folks, THE EASIEST THING TO DO IS TO GO ALONG WITH THE MOB, WHERE TO?—NONE KNOWS. Few, indeed, are they who can intelligently analyze the situation, and in the face of great and strong opposition, still tell the truth.

Few of you believed us when we said two years ago that Roosevelt's New Deal will not bring back prosperity. What, look,—is it possible? A record has been established. What kind? For March 325,215 families will receive relief in Illinois and this is a record for all time. What prosperity and the New Deal are just ending their honeymoon. The Raw Deal is just beginning to come. Again, we say, wake up, young America! Haven't you been bluffed and fooled long enough? You have your future to live yet and you will have to make your own future. Does that Illinois relief record look like the depression is going to be over?

Jack Groser, Frank Lotrich, John Rak, Mary Bizjak, Frank Groser and the writer, all Pioneers, are selling tickets for Saturday's Unemployed Club dance at the SNPJ hall. We hope that the Pioneers will attend in big numbers. A good time is assured. Admission only a quarter.—A special meeting of the club will be held Thursday night at the SNPJ hall.

This week's prize list comes from: 1, Dr. Irving J. Chraška with a remittance of \$1.00 for two dance tickets and regrets that he couldn't be with us on Feb. 16; (2) Mary Dusak because of work couldn't attend the dance but remitted for a ticket just the same; (3) Mary Groser, too, had been too busy to attend, but paid for one ticket just the same.

Eddie Hudale and Frank Groser are tied for first place in the sale of Valentine Dance tickets with 16 each. Oscar Godina is right behind them with 12. Fourteen others have each sold 4. These returns are incomplete as only 35% of the members have settled up yet.

Isn't it funny how capitalist judges will protect the interests of their rich buddies? I have reference to Judge Grubb who decided that the TVA project of the Federal government cannot sell its surplus power. He also issued an injunction to restrain the Federal government from loaning and contributing funds for municipal power plants. It's all right to loan and give money to private banks, railroads and business institutions, but to give it where it would do most good,—well, it just isn't within the law. And that's exactly what we've been trying to tell our people for a long time. The rich run the country, make the laws for themselves. When the workers get sense enough to put workers into the government posts they will make laws for the workers, which will be constitutional and lawful for the workers. Do you see the connections? Sure, it just depends on who is ruling. And you've been saps enough to back up those who work against your interests.

Among the Pioneers: The happy event for Louis and Mary Zele has arrived. It's a big 7 pound baby boy. Congrats.—Joseph Golob has passed the critical stage and is now at home at 2724 W. 15th pl., recuperating. We are glad.—John Rak presided at a campaign rally for Anton Garden last Thursday night.—The writer addressed a nice gathering at the second anniversary of Branch No. 16, JSF, (North side) last Saturday on "Is Plenty Too Much?" Incidentally a former Pioneer, Frances Swolsak, is a hard worker for the branch, as is Mary Matjasic, mother of one of our members.

They are having a dickens of a time in Arkansas. The sharecroppers have been so hard hit that they organized a union and began to demand relief. On the other hand the rich land owners whipped the Kluxers, the Legion and what not to lick these darn Communists (?). None of them are Communists. All they want is a job and a lousy living. And because the students and faculty of Commonwealth College (a labor institution) have actively supported the poor sharecroppers and tenant farmers and helped to organize them they are being investigated and terrorized. One of our SNPJ brothers is studying at Commonwealth and he writes to tell the folks not to believe the lies the daily papers bring them. So we leave that thought with you hoping you will understand and give every help you can to this worthy college.

We started to count the Pioneer members who sing with Sava. Thus far we listed 17 of them. Now that's something! A few more and we can start singing English songs.

Italy is marching to war. Beware, young fellows, it's not far away. And these bankers will do their darndest to embroil us in any such conflict.

Elizabeth Zefran calls to tell us that Louis Zefran will gladly serve on the "Committee of 100" and asks to be placed thereon, too. She wants to return to active participation in our affairs for she remembers the good times we used to have working for the Pioneers.

Our social program calls for a big 30th anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 10. It will be sponsored by Branch No. 1, JSF, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Proletarec, the Slovene Socialist weekly, which has been spreading light among our people for 30 years.

Little Fort News

Waukegan.—The meeting, as usual, was not nearly attended as it might be. What's the matter with the members? Don't they want meetings? Let's see if we can't be more attentive to our future meetings.

The Ninth Anniversary report was read, and it proved quite a surprise. V. Gantor gave the itemized report and in the end it showed a balance of \$81.65. This was by far the best in the last years. The argument about the scenery was the first initiative the members released in a long time.

I think we should compliment the cast for their effort and not blame them. The scenes needed the painting, and the play was improved a great deal by the nicer scenes. What we would like to see is that Little Fort be repaid for doing someone else's work. The people of our group ought to help the younger folks and not talk that the young people don't want to help them.

Walter Brunet was initiated as a new member. Rose Kovack was accepted as a new member.

On May 11, Little Fort is to hold a May Dance. A committee was put

Harmarville, Pa.—If "better late than never" ever held any weight, it should do so at the present time. Somewhat tardy, but nevertheless the Spotlight will focus its beams on our second regular meeting.

One of the major issues of the evening was the March 2 dance in the Harmarville hall; members should heed this eleventh-hour announcement to attend in full numbers, bringing their friends. An orchestra, rendering polka and modern dance tunes to please both the young and the old, has been secured for the evening, but not without difficulty, informs Prexy Komatz. The committee has been selected and those chosen are expected to assume their duties "prompt." Do your bit for a successful venture.

Transfers

Three transfers were accepted at the Feb. 10 meeting, namely Frances Komatz from Penn; John Skarja from Herminie, Pa., and William Kaus from our Senior lodge.

Sports

The sports program came up for discussion with suggestions and counter-suggestions. Basketball uniforms were contemplated but later dropped. Its season nearing a close played a prominent role in the decision. Mushball or perchance golf, has been suggested as its successor. The Comets and Veronians are going in for golf, as reported at the meeting. The Rambler fair sex are entertaining thoughts of bowling. It is hoped this venture will materialize.

Weekly basketball tilts have been changed from Tuesday to Friday nights. A game is desired with the Silver Stars of Yukon. The writer has been requested to inform Herman Preseren to get in touch with sec'y. Joseph Langus if a match can be made. Another game in the offing, scheduled for Friday, March 8, at the Oakmont Hi floor, will bring together Progar and Progar, Inc., vs. the Ramblers. Frank and Johnny of the Canonsburg Pioneers will team up with the scribe and brothers to match

Excelsiors' Extra

W. Aliquippa, Pa.—I find that the best medium of keeping away from mischief is by writing. So here I go until my committee of legal advisors convince me that I've said enough.

Soon—

it will be picnic time. In about three or four months we'll be able to enjoy the outdoors more exclusively. I again wish to remind neighboring lodges to keep June 30 and August 25 (Excelsior picnic dates) open. Thanks. Our motto is: "Bigger and better picnics and more acquaintances

the Ramblers. A win for the former will place this humble scribe in the position of Benedict Arnold while a victory for the latter will prove that "incorporated interests" are not too big to be beaten. Regardless, an interesting game is promised.

FOCUSING THE SPOTLIGHT—We see that the social following the meeting was greatly enjoyed by all. . . . Several Comets and numerous Veronians were among those present at the social. And as the Veronian reporter informs: "All enjoyed themselves immensely." Thanks and come again. . . . Two Pioneer Bulletins were received by the writer. Very interesting, thanks. . . . Canonsburg Pioneers have chartered a bus two months in advance of Rambler Easter Dance. Such news puts spirit into the entertaining lodge, and we will endeavor to make it well worth your while, Pioneers. . . . Rambler also promise to reciprocate in large numbers. . . . "Bing Crosby" is not alone in the Pioneer field. "Clark Gable" has now become rather conspicuous. . . . "Joy" certainly did not over-estimate the Canonsburg hospitality. Who can forget that eventful party of Feb. 27. . . . W. Aliquippa is enraptured over the music of Freddie Herick. They will remember that that orchestra is to be engaged for the Rambler Easter affair. Many have promised to attend and I'm sure they will find it an enjoyable evening. . . . The editor is finding it exceedingly difficult to print all contributions without alterations. The returned three columns came none too soon. But the prevailing interest leads to the fact that 1935 should prove a banner year. . . . Revelier Athletic Board sponsors a dance this Saturday eve. Reports are that many neighboring lodges will attend, but the Rambler dance will prevent the writer from attending. Ours being a local affair, it is advertised as only such. We ask to reserve April 27 only. . . . Again the spotlight dims. . . . Frank J. Progar.

in 1935." Let's live up to our motto and make this a year of years.

Wrong Number

Well, well, you sleuths certainly are on the wrong track. I have just been informed that at a certain meeting some dozen members had a very heated argument regarding my identity. To date, I have not been named, but I associate with all of you. I sympathize with the accused ones, and I really feel sorry for them, as I am the only one acquainted with the so-called "Humming Excelsior." Personally, I am still laughing up my sleeve at your difficulties in solving this mystery. Don't the Excelsiors have any Spencer Deans among them to do a bit of spotting?

I See—

by the Prosveda where the Jr. and Sr. Federation dance will be held at Canonsburg on May 4; where another mysterious Excelsior scribe "Television" is in existence; where the Reveliers are holding a dance on March 2 (we'll be see'n you Revs); where Gowanda Boosters say they'll invade Pennsy soon (make it snappy); where the next Federation meeting will be held in Verona; where Imperial has quite a few scribes.

Newsy Notsy News

WHAT A TRIP—To say our trip to Canonsburg was above expectations would not be bragging. Yes, I guess you all know by now what I have reference to, that "never-to-be-forgotten bus trip" made on Feb. 2. Although we arrived a little late due to unavoidable circumstances, we were greeted heartily. Met up with many of our old friends including Midway, Harmarville, Imperial, and Burgettstown. We again had an opportunity to see the "snappy" bartenders in action ("Barroom Barons"). Enjoyed ourselves to the utmost, not to mention the "after dance entertainment" at Podboy's. We did see Tarzan sober. . . . Curly Podboy telling of his struggle to overcome his recent illness so he could be with us that evening. . . . Frank J. Progar (Harmarville scribe) jotting notes hurriedly. After getting a fair start, we found that several of the Pioneers were still in our midst. Well, they had to come with us and stay for a few days. Grand and glorious was that eve spent with the Pioneers. In behalf of the Excelsiors, I wish to express my thanks to the Pioneers for their hospitality. Let's all hum like—

"The Humming Excelsior."

DANCE AT SNH

Ambridge, Pa.—There will be a dance at the SNH hall on March 1, Friday. Plenty of polkas and popular music. Admission only 10c. Pub. Com. Lodge 699.

What Price War?

An eminent English statistician has computed the sums of money spent by the various warring nations during the World war and estimated what this money would have bought had it been applied to sensible buying. Here what he found:

The money used to destroy human life, property and priceless monuments to past glories would have bought a comfortable home and garden, valued at \$8,000, for every family then residing in the United States, Canada, England, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia.

It would have built a ten million dollar hospital in every city of 200,000 population in each of these seven countries.

It would have endowed each of these cities with a ten million dollar library, and a twenty million dollar university.

And after all this—there still would have remained enough money to buy all the real estate of both France and Belgium at pre-war values.

Yet there are thousands of fools in every nation under the sun ready and willing to plunge the world into another bloody war to enrich a handful of munition makers while civilization shrivels on the points of bloody bayonets.—"M. U. A."

'Reds' Not Most Dangerous Element

We have been singularly free from red-baiting during the depression, due perhaps to the fact that a goodly portion of those who have been loudest in their denunciation of capitalism were one-time beneficiaries of the system who were hoist by their own petard.

But with business skies brightening, profits increasing and sour bonds sweetening up, again "respectable" depression radicals have piped down, and strictures on capitalism are accepted with less tolerance than they were a little while ago. With bankers and business leaders feeling their coats again, it is not surprising to find an increasing demand for the deportation of reds, the suppression of Communist and other radical activities.

We regret to see certain leaders of organized labor lending themselves to this campaign. For those who are back of it have no more use for organized labor than they have for Communism, and are quite incapable of distinguishing between a red radical and a militant labor leader.

Vigilanti societies are not conducive to the health and growth of the labor movement. In our judgment nothing would be so apt to put a quietus to the spread of trade union organization as a first-class raid on radicals.

The trouble with these red hunts is that they never catch the real reds. We wouldn't have turned a finger to suppress the recent meeting of American business leaders who met a few weeks ago at White Sulphur Springs. But if the defenders of the constitution were looking for the real revolutionary agitators they would have found them at this Virginia resort. If anything contains more social dynamite than their demand for a balanced budget at the expense of the millions now on federal relief, we don't know what it is.

Isn't the soap-box agitator who is undermining American institutions. If we should have a violent social upheaval the chances are a hundred to one it will be brought about by the greed and chicanery of those who are more concerned about their profits than human misery.

—The Railway Clerk.

Public Ownership and Politics

One of the chief arguments used against municipal ownership is that politics will interfere with the efficiency of a public-owned utility.

Just now Mayor John T. Alsop, of Jacksonville, Fla., is on a lecture tour of the nation "to tell the world about the success of the Jacksonville municipal power plant." He declares that the plant is earning a net profit of \$1,500,000 per year while charging rates so low that the use of electricity in cooking is a real economy.

"As to politics," declares Mayor Alsop, "we have had a municipal ownership in Jacksonville for 40 years, and any time the city administration started playing the wrong kind of politics with the municipal electric, water or gas system—the citizens simply rose up and threw it out."

And that sounds like a logical reason why politics have not interfered with the municipal ownership situation in Jacksonville, Fla.—M. U. A.

DON'T QUIT!

By C. P. Gilman

WHEN things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're treading seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must—but don't you quit.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit!

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Commodores' Log

Cleveland, Ohio.—The last Commodore meeting certainly proved successful in every respect. Attendance was good; business transacted well, and after meeting social, well, just as well as the entertainment. Credit goes to the Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Ewalski in charge, and Refreshment Committee, Mrs. Ewalski. Two new members were proposed—Mary Kijun and Joe Pusk. Plans for our coming Spring Dance discussed—date finally chosen as May 11 at Sachsenheim hall.

Our good friends, the Commodores and Beacons, sent over their good will ambassadors, Sister Pauline Spik and Mrs. Jno. Aynik, who both gave short speeches when called on. In the Spik party were also her sister, Vida Peterlin, Frank Laurin, Frank Modet, with Aynik were Mary Horvath, Mary Buhnic, and Johnny Tauscher.

Cleve. Federation Report.
I attended the Fed. meeting, pinching for Bro. Krasovec, and found a worthwhile busy session. The extended 6 month membership campaign and prizes discussed. Plans for the labor day celebrations in honor of the 10th anniversary of the founding of SNPJ English Speaking Lodges, inviting out of state lodges were discussed. Federation prizes for membership drive of 1934 will be awarded after March 2. The Federation also discussed sending a delegation to the 25th anniversary celebration at Cantonburg, Pa., in May.

Places to Go This Week-end
The Commodores are holding their dance Sat., Mar. 2, at the Nat'l. Home on St. Clair. Music by Ed. Guenther's band. Commodore members are

urged to attend. The genial Commodores always live up to their name and show us a good time, also they always have attended our past affairs in goodly numbers. Remember, one good turn deserves another.—It so happens, that the Senior Lodge "Soča" is holding a dance that same night, Mar. 2, at the Sachsenheim hall, so we'll be divided, some east and some west, but we'll manage to get to both places—we usually do.

Commodore meeting night has been changed to the 2nd Wednesday of every month. A note of thanks to Mrs. Krecic, Mrs. Zeitz, Mrs. Konchan and Mrs. Kaucic, for their willing help in the kitchen after the last meeting, and that potica certainly was delicious, Mrs. Krecic.

Oh! Those Actors!
Gosh, we almost forgot to mention the members who presented the skit—"School Days." We think that most of those present enjoyed it. The cast? For those who couldn't penetrate their disguises—Percy Prudish—Pete Zurovski; Joe Mokri—gotche—Joe Konchan; Becky Brown—Marie Zeitz; Hilda Frozen Pusa, Dorothy Pultz; Susan Snow—Kathrene Ewalski; Gertie Gordon—Ann Krecic; and the teacher, Miss Wataschnozle—Marian Konchan. The playlet was funny, and the players did well, considering they had no rehearsal, and it proved good entertainment. The entertainment committee has planned something else for our next meeting. Their motto is, they tell us, "Not a dull meeting during 1935." So, come on you members, let's all co-operate, and we're in for an interesting successful Commodore year.

Spirit-O-Grams

By Whoosit

St. Louis, Mo.—Everybody is talking about the Spirit-O-Gram. The party and their May Dance. These two affairs are looked forward to by every member and every Slovene in this locality.

The St. Patrick's party for March 17 is being well planned by the committee, and we know that anyone who attends that party will say what a grand time they had. (Bro. Joe Gasparich and some friends in Belleville, Ill., were so anxious to attend our party, that they forgot the date and came down to the Sokol hall on Feb. 17 instead of March 17.) The price of the tickets is 10c. This admits one person to the party and gives them a chance on 1 ton of high grade milk, which is to be given away that night.

Don't forget our May dance, which will be held on May 5 at the Yugoslav Sokol hall, 1439 Chouteau. A program which will consist of a 3-act play, will be held before the dance. The music will be furnished by the Rhythm Aces. The admission will be 4c in advance and 45c at the door.

Our President, Bro. John Spiller, has been nominated by the "Leaders" as candidate for delegate to the forthcoming Croatian Fraternal Union convention, which will be held in Milwaukee. He was a delegate to the past SNPJ convention and also to the last CFU convention in Gary, Ind.

Sideviews in Ambridge

Ambridge, Pa.—As could be judged from Kosela's "Reveliers' Column" last week, our February monthly meeting was a top-notch. The attendance was great and the interest shown was lively. That is the real spirit to have and one that carries a lodge far. Let's keep it up, members.

The biggest topic of the meeting was our dance for March 2. This is going to be one big, happy affair, with elaborate preparations have been made and the excellent music of Herminie Kumer and his orchestra has been contracted. This affair is in the hands of our very capable Athletic Board, and on this board are two of our ex-presides, Bros. Grandon and Pavlik. Both these men are veteran performers, so you can judge for yourself that a pleasant evening will be in store for you. Neighboring lodges, may we expect you?

On and off in the past we have had some Revelier free-lancer contributors to the Prosveta, but for some time they have been entirely quiet. And this is not because we don't have the ability, for there are many members who are very capable, but—oh well—they just don't. Now we have three big cheers for our Dye Melodians who broke the ice again and came through with an article. Good work, Dye, keep it up, and we'll hope to hear from a lot of others again, and soon, too. And the good for the girls especially.

Here is a word of cheer to our St. Anne Reveliers, who is on the "look out" to visit her and help her to keep that ever happy smile on her face every day. Our girls in the "Reveliers' Club" are still going strong. They surely have a good time, and let us do what we can to help them.

Our Slovene Home Club is head and shoulders behind a drive to make their way carry us to the goal for the time for each one of us

to do our full share toward that end. And the goal is "a Slovene Home of our own." Long have we hoped for that achievement and now that we have united stronger than ever, is the time to drive hard and not stop until we have it. At a General Assembly of the members, a committee was authorized to make and carry out a plan whereby the Club will have a Building Fund treasury, so that when the opportunity presents itself they will have the resources with which to be able to deal for a home. Now to this end three men of this committee have been delegated to make a home-to-home visit to explain to you the plans that have been made that we hope will bring us to our long sought goal. Please give them your thoughtful consideration and do your utmost to co-operate with their plan. This plan has been motivated by every consideration for you and your posterity. Do your part and do it now.

One of the best things the "Club" is doing now is their conducting of a Slovene School for the Juveniles and for the older members. The younger folks have classes on Monday evenings and the older members have theirs on Saturday afternoon. Let me urge every Revelier to attend. Even if you do master your mother language, come anyway and do your part by helping the others who are eager to learn that language which is theirs by heritage, but which has been sadly neglected. And members, let me give you my heartfelt conviction. I have often admired other people who spoke their language clearly and correctly, but I am firmly convinced that our Slovene language, when correctly used, is the most beautiful, poetic and expressive of great character of them all. Other lodge members have long realized this and have been teaching Slovene speech. Our call has come now. Let us be there to acclaim it strongly.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ogulin celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on February 10. They are Ambridge's oldest and most beloved Slovenes, and we Reveliers join in heartily wishing them congratulations.

The Supreme Board, with their new campaign announcement, has again set the machinery going for a new membership goal. We have everything to gain and the benefits are ours for the seeking. Let's go! We like to read details of other lodge operations, for they are beneficial to all of us and can guide us in our work or help us set our goals. Thanks, D. J. Lotrich.

After hearing so many twisted and warped conceptions of Socialism that it gave bad taste, we are glad to read such sound, logical reasoning as presented by Louis V. Kumer. And the beauty of it is that he writes our language so that we can know what it's all about and not like some highly technical men who may be right, but are way over our heads.—Comrade Pres. Antonich hits the nail on the head when he says "acting the part of a good member is the best salesmanship for getting new members."—Here's hoping that the Commodores, Midway Eighty-Niners, and the Reveliers make a three-way success on March 2 dances.

Martin F. Spec, Lodge 696.

Ye New Musketeers

Moon Run, Pa.—We are well into the new year and are looking forward to staging many affairs, which will be something to be remembered by all those who attend them.

Two of our monthly meetings have been held, wherein we had inaugurated a complete new set of officers, all of them being of the fairer sex. And here we pause to offer a toast to them and wish them the success of their predecessors.

"LET ALL THE MUSKIES PUT THEIR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL AND MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST YEAR IN OUR HISTORY."

At our last meeting were discussed the plans for our Anniversary affair, which we expect to be the most outstanding affair of the season. The date, time and place of this affair will be announced in the near future.

In this issue we wish to thank all the older members of the Slovene lodges of Moon Run and surrounding towns who attended our Polka Dance and helped make it the huge success that it turned out to be.

We also wish to send our greetings to John Krally, one of our members, who left temporarily to make his home in Toledo, Ohio.

Samuel Marcus, Val Urnaker, Lodge 706.

Veronians' Views

Verona, Pa.—The Veronians' monthly meeting was held on Sunday, Feb. 17, in the home of our president. Final plans were made for the dance and committees appointed. The meeting in general proved to be a success. Likewise the party after the meeting. I hear very fine reports of these parties. I say "these parties," because they have been weekly affairs instead of monthly. Keep it up, folks! Good for the fraternal end of our lodge.

Monday, the day after meeting day, everyone around here was seen at the Oakmont skating rink. The scene of Veronians' Skating Party. Seen on the floor were Matt Kern, Thomas Zolet, John Lipesky and the kid sister. The people named above were seen more often on the floor than on skates. That poor floor! Our secretary surprised us by proving his ability to roll around on those metal discs. Another male member who took our breath away was Vic Jakovac. Didn't know you office men went for such things! Theresa Kern, though a married woman, proved that she can outskate a good many younger gals. A good time was had by all. Another Roller Skating party is being planned for the future. (Watch the Prosveta for further notices.) The funds from these parties are to be used for athletics. Remember to do your bit by coming to these affairs.

Katie Zolet, Lodge 680.

The Straight Road

By Paul Hanna

THEY got y', kid; they got y'—just like I said they would.

You tried to walk the narrow path.

You tried, and got an awful laugh;

And laughs are all y' did get, kid—they got y' good!

They never knew the little kid—the kid I used to know;

The little bare-legged girl back home,

The little kid that played alone—

They don't know half the things I know, kid, ain't it so?

They got y', kid, they got y'—you know they got y' right;

They waited till they saw y' limp,

Then introduced y' to the pimp—

Ah, you were down then, kid, and couldn't fight!

I guess y' know that some don't know, and others know too well—

That sweatshops don't grow angels' wings,

That workin' girls is easy things,

And poverty's the straight road t' Hell!

Keystonian Dance

Hermine, Pa.—March 9 is the day when the Keystonians will again be prepared to take care of all merry-makers. Yes, siree, a dance will be held. All final arrangements will be made at our quarterly meeting which falls due this coming Sunday.

So come on, you neighboring lodges, set the 9th day of March aside and leave the Keystonian dance committee act as your host for the evening. Westm'd. Co. Federation Comments

The Westm'd. Co. Federation, which is in existence only a couple of years, is slowly but surely building a firm foundation. Lodges are realizing its importance and advantages and are asking to join. It is based on the principles of the SNPJ and its purpose is to promote among its members the spirit of fraternalism. For the current year very capable officers were elected to conduct the affairs and policies of the federation. The one objective of its last session was to increase the membership. The drive for membership has been renewed and the federation is offering a cash award to the lodge that secures the most members.

A committee has been chosen to organize new lodges and to persuade lodges that are not yet affiliated with this Federation to join. In order to do this (induce more lodges to join) the Federation will pay all traveling expenses of its delegates.

The Federation has set May 30 aside as the day that it would celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the English Speaking Lodges. The event will be held in West Newton. A program for the afternoon and evening will be arranged. One of our Supreme officers will be asked to be at this gala event.

A Keystonian.

MOHAWKS

La Salle, Ill.—Plans for the Mohawk Ninth Anniversary are beginning to take shape. The committee in charge has only one thing in mind, and that is to make this party the finest affair we have ever had an opportunity to attend. With this end in view they have thrown caution to the winds and have gone on a spending rampage.

The plans so far as they have gone are: The party will take place on Thursday after Easter Sunday, which will be on April 25. The party will take place at the Dom, and each member will be allowed to bring one friend. Although no definite stipulations have been set as to whom you can bring, it is expected (wherever possible) to invite such people who might be interested in becoming members.

The program will start at six-fifteen with a chicken supper to be served in banquet style with all the accessories. After everyone has eaten the tables will be moved to allow plenty of room for dancing to the music of Frank Pzyner's orchestra. However, one of the tables will remain laden with sandwiches and other refreshments, where the dancers can appease their appetites from time to time. Oh yes, there will be plenty of beer, too.

So don't forget to keep that date open and come prepared to attend one of the finest, grandest affairs you have ever seen.

Don't forget the Mohawk dance on the first Sunday after Easter.
The News Hawks.

Badger News

Milwaukee, Wis.—The Badgers have been exceedingly lax in the matter of athletics for the past few years. Lately, however, quite a few members have become interested in different branches of sports. In order to map out a complete program, and devise ways and means of raising funds to support same, a committee of eight composed of Vera Sostarich, Anton Verbič, Molly Pogorelec, Louis Toms, Joe Glavan, Fanny Kropuske, Louis Pogorelec, and Frank Obluck was delegated to take complete charge of the athletic program.

Mary Kacin Straka, our recently transferred member from St. Louis,

is convalescing at St. Joseph's hospital. A visit will surely be appreciated.

Three new transfer members were accepted at our last meeting: Louis Verbič and Frances Verbič from lodge 16 and Pauline Modic from Sheboygan. May your stay be long and pleasant.

Tid-Bits.—Mandelker's Furniture Store has become quite popular with Hank-Marn... Thanks, Zap; Hank and I sure do appreciate your interest in our educational future... Would like to see Frank Schneider at our meetings again... The Slovene Dancing Club presented a series of Slovene folk dances at the Siefert Social Center last Monday. The group was well received... A study in harmony—Molly and Otto... Bowlers are casting envious eyes at Leo Schweiger's bowling form.

The By-Law committee presented a few suggestions for changes in our present setup of the passive system. These will be further discussed and thrashed out at the next meeting of the Milwaukee SNPJ Federation.

Frank Obluck, Lodge 584.

Integrity News

Chicago, Ill.—It looks like it is going to be a bad year for accidents and deaths if it continues as it did the first month of the year.

Brothers and Sisters. Make sure that your friends carry an SNPJ policy for safety's sake. You can never tell-but you may be next. Fraternal insurance is your best investment, and with an SNPJ policy you can't go wrong.

We all have a certain amount of that trait called friendliness, some more and some less. Are you too critical in your judgement of other people? Cultivating friendship is a wonderful thing; through friends we can gain many worthy things. Where friendship prevails in our lodges progress is bound to be had. Harmony and adaptability are the two other important elements which count very much in any group or individual success.

We must not be rash in our judgement. We must always try to see both sides of the question. When we get lodge work to do and run into difficulty, we should ask for advice, but we must solve the problem ourselves. We must not be small in anything. We must be strong to take the criticism like men. And we must not acquire the habit of seeing in some people everything good and in some everything bad.

I urge you to get your friends into our Society—into our Integrity lodge of the SNPJ. Our Lodge 631, SNPJ, is sponsoring a big May affair at the SNPJ hall which will take place on Saturday, May 4.

Albert Roycht, Lodge 631.

Buckeyes' Bits

By Oh

Barberton, Ohio.—The Buckeyes' 7th Anniversary dance went over with a bang! Everyone present had a gay time. Confetti was flying around everywhere. The hall decorations swayed gently to and fro with the movement of the dancers. Conversation buzzed in the dim-lit dance hall and everywhere was gayety and laughter. What else could you expect at a Buckeye dance!

Those of us who gave our services to make this dance remembered can be proud of its success and what more thanks can we expect? Each member who did his part can be assured of the other members' appreciation. How true are the words, "United we stand, divided we fall." Let them be our motto!

Among those present at the dance were those three pairs of sisters from the Akron Zippers, namely—the Bolhas, the Volants and the Bragars. The Golden Eagles of Girard, O., were also represented, but somehow or other, they lost themselves in the crowd and we couldn't single them out. Who was who, now? But we do know that Eddie Previc carried home the lovely pillow which was the door prize. One of the Zipper girls won the picture.

Don't forget that the third meeting of the year takes place this Friday, March 1, at the Domovina hall at 7:30. Don't break your resolutions!

If you Commodores, Comrades, Golden Eagles, etc., would give us the location of your dance halls, we'll try to be with you at some of your affairs.

Soap Chips.—The Buckeyes were all bemoaning the fact that their beds and rooms were full of confetti after the dance.—Steffie and Mary are all for going to one of the Golden Eagle affairs.—To Jay Bolha: How are you getting along in your nurses training?—The scent of roses is still in the air and that's 'cause we've got 'em pressed in books. Those roses will be put in scrap books by all as souvenirs of our dance.—You might have noticed Ann Janesch wearing a corsage of white gardenias. Well, they were her birthday gift from brother Frank. Molly Opek's baby, Betty Jane, was the object of everyone's attentions.

I'll see you Friday.

Lodge News Items

Brief Notes Concerning Activities of Local Lodges

KEYSTONIANS

Hermine, Pa.—It seems that our lodge members are beginning to slow down in writing items. Come on, members, get busy and take more interest in our lodge affairs and write to the Prosveta more frequently.

The Keystonian Lodge is sponsoring a dance March 9, which will be held in the Slovene hall, Hermine. The music will be furnished by the popular radio artist, Al Mousse and his accompanists. All our neighboring lodges are invited to attend. I'm sure everyone will have as good a time as they did at our previous dance.

Members! Don't forget that our next meeting must be attended or you shall be fined; and another thing, you'll miss the chance of winning the cash award that will be given to one of the lucky members who is present at the meeting. This cash award will be given every month throughout the year of 1935.

A Wonderer.

LODGE NO. 741

Burgettstown, Pa.—After a long period of silence we have finally emerged from a languid state of obscurity. Hereafter, we hope that you will hear from us repeatedly. We are determined to contribute articles of vital interest concerning the progress of our lodge.

We wish to notify all existing lodges of Western Penna. that we are sponsoring a dance on March 2, the proceeds of which will be utilized in enlarging our dance floor. The lilt, soothing harmonies of a well-known nine piece orchestra will supply the rhythms. We'll be expecting J. D. of Presto.

Reveliers!—Even if you have a dance on the 2nd, how about showing your pleasing personalities around these parts? Come on, Musketeers, don't fall down on us this time. How about it, Teenie, Johnny, Bill, Angie and Milly and all the gang?—Jolly Juniors. Say, Stevie and Tommy, you seemed to enjoy yourselves at our last dance.—Lucky Stars. How about breaking that vow you made and be good sports and come like you used to? We would like to meet Frank Progar of Harmarville, and some of you unknown socialites of Library. We heartily invite all remaining lodges to participate in the merrymaking.

M. E. M.

LODGE NO. 411

Pittsburg, Kansas.—Well, here we are again!

Fellow lodges and members, we again extend our most hearty invitation to all to come and spend an enjoyable day with us, rain or shine, on March 3.

Due to the inclement weather on Sat., Feb. 9, the committee decided to postpone our dance until a later date.

Now, Lodge No. 411, SNPJ, Filler Camp, invites all SNPJ lodges and friends to come and spend Sunday, March 3, with us. The affair will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with a bang.

Carl Kuder.

LODGE NO. 7

Claridge, Pa.—All members, young and old, of Lodge No. 7, SNPJ, are requested by your local officers to attend your next regular meeting which will be held on Sunday, March 3, at the usual meeting place. Some very urgent business will have to be taken care of, so don't fail to be there.

John Regina.

STRUGGLERS

Cleveland, O.—It will be a gala occasion, April 28, when the Strugglers hold their 8th anniversary celebration. The affair, according to the plans, will be a gala event for everyone. There will be a vaudeville starring "Them Perkins Fellers". Following the show, a snappy orchestra will provide music which will be plenty hot, and a good time in store for everyone.

Here's hoping we'll be seeing you there, and that the Club continues its successful ways.

I understand the recent Lincolnite dance was very successful financially. How much so, is not known as yet. But we'll know this at our March meeting.

The Lincolnites initiated no one, and no one was proposed for membership at our February meeting. Let's do better in March.

The writer had an exciting day in

The fellows are thinking of organizing sports. The basket-ball team is still on a rampage; they promise they will bring the bacon home. We wish them all the luck in the world and hope they bring the Strugglers another championship team as in preceding years. Jos. H. Zabukovec, Treasurer Lodge 614.

REVELIERS' ATHLETICS

Ambridge, Pa.—The Reveliers' Athletic board wishes to announce again that on March 2 we are sponsoring a dance for the benefit of athletics this summer. All those who are after fun and wish to enjoy themselves, please reserve March 2 for the big day. The music will be furnished by Hermine Kumer and his Broadcasting orchestra, to play at the Croatian hall. This will be his first appearance here. We would like to see all you SNPJ members present. Congratulations to the Reveliers for teaching some of the lads some fine points in dancing. The boys are very much pleased and are raring to go for the next dance.

Dye, Lodge 690.

"BADGER BURSTS"

Milwaukee, Wis.—The Feb. 21 meeting was a roaring success. With the enthusiasm created that night it couldn't be anything but successful.

An inspiring athletic talk by our Proxy John Obluck started things off. And with the many coming events we have in store, I believe the Badgers are going great-guns from now on.

First of all the lodge will sponsor a Domča Zabava to be held sometime in May. More news on this later. Next there will be a picnic, the date of which is yet to be selected. And to top off the season's menu, there is our big anniversary dance to be held in the late fall. So let's get together, gang, and put it over with a bang.

Now there's the great news! The Badgers have again become athletic-minded. A committee of eight has been selected to stimulate sports in the lodge, and boy! you watch the ball roll from now on. The athletic group will have a fund of their own, and they will sponsor a card party and dance in the near future. Watch for details!

"Bursts"

With Schweiger and Martinsek on the picnic grounds committee, I'm wondering if they'll get to see any grounds before the next meeting. They may if Tony is a little more prompt than what he is at coming to the meetings. Oh well, he always manages to squeeze in enough words for the short time he's there.

In my opinion the lodge made a good move when they decided to purchase a safe for our secretary. If we had taken Vera's advice to use Leo's mongrel as a guard, probably he would present the lodge with a bill each month for upkeep of the guard. So in the long run we may be money ahead.

"Zip."

LODGE No. 513

Hermine, Pa.—January, February and March, time again to remind our members the first quarterly meeting will be held Sun., March 3. As usual all members absent shall be fined unless they have a good excuse.

At the last meeting it was decided that a prize be given away at every meeting to the lucky person whose name may be drawn. A very important matter shall be brought up, which may require a joint meeting with the seniors.

I wish to announce that the Keystonians are holding a dance on Sat., March 9, and invite all neighboring lodges to attend. Music shall be furnished by Al Mousse and his gang.

Members on our sick list: Paul Andy, Pete Vujuk and Frank Sleser. We wish them all a speedy recovery. —Once again I urge you all to attend our next meeting.

Martin Urana Jr.

Screenings

Springfield, Ill.—The Dom Ladies' Club is sponsoring a dance at the Dom, March 2, Saturday evening, and they call upon all and sundry to pay them a visit. They promise a good time. The Vagabond orchestra will play for them.

Here's hoping we'll be seeing you there, and that the Club continues its successful ways.

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Decatur recently, in the garment workers' strike, led by the militant International Ladies Garment Workers' Union. On the same morning, 49 pickets, all girls and women, were arrested and jailed. From jail they went right back on the picket line. And can they sing workers' songs? Why, not only did they sing on the picket line, but they filled the city jail with song. They really have the coppers up in the air.

The girls say they won't quit striking until they win! They have a splendid spirit. Of course, we're for them.

At the same time, capitalist papers are saying very little about the garment strikers, outside of the striking community. Little can be read of the Forest City, or Chicago strikes. Only in working-class papers do we find this information!

Bonski.

