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Current Thought.

HELPING THE FAMILY

In this period of economic crisis, when jobs are scarce, heads of families frown upon any additional obligations, even though they may involve only a dollar or two a month. When work was plentiful and the source of family income originated from Joe, Frank, Charley, Ann and Mary besides Dad, a few extra dollars spent each month was hardly noticeable. Supplemental household items, subscriptions to magazines, small down payments and easy monthly installments were the rage, and attempt to curtail expenses in this direction was labeled as "scotch"-and-over-thrifty.

How different it is now. Dad is employed part time, while Frank, Charley and Ann are out of jobs, with no immediate prospects of landing positions. Perhaps Mary is the only one employed as a stenographer full time. The family must make every effort to curtail expenses. Only absolute essentials must be provided.

One of the many necessary items on the family budget is fraternal benefit insurance. Each month assessments must be paid. Irrespective of how pinched the family is for money, it will find a way to meet the lodge dues, although the situation is trying at times. The reason is obvious. Being insured against sickness, death, disability and accident, the family is protected against any such calamities.

Payment of monthly assessments can be considered a form of saving money, to be withdrawn only when certain occasions demand it.

The pressing family problem HERETOFORE has been about Johnny and Mary, who just attained the age of 16. Enrolled juvenile members, a transfer was necessary to the adult division. But the family pocketbook is already stretched to the breaking point.

Realizing the pressing need, 14th quadrennial SSCU convention, held at Indianapolis, solved the perplexing problem of juveniles reaching the age of 16, by extending the age limit to 18 before it was compulsory to transfer to the adult department. Furthermore, juvenile members who withdrew or were expelled from our SSCU since April 1, 1932, because of inability to transfer to the adult department, once the age of 16 was reached, have the privilege of re-entering the juvenile department provided that all back assessments are paid.

ONLY A RELIEF MEASURE

However, if the juvenile member at the age of 16, or his parents, can see the way clear financially, they should make the transfer to the senior division, as it is most advisable to make the change. The extension of the age limit to 18 years should be looked upon as a relief measure to be used only when absolutely necessary. A boy or girl at the age of 16 is old enough to absorb the principles upon which our SSCU rests, which are to his or her advantage.

Over 6,000 members comprise the juvenile department. Each month finds a certain percentage reaching the age of 16. It is fortunate indeed that the last convention extended the age limit to 18, for it means that many members will be retained in the flock that might otherwise fall by the wayside.

In looking over the reports of the four-year period between 1928 and 1932, the number of juvenile members have decreased over a corresponding four-year period between 1924 and 1928. It may be that the birth rate decreased within the last four years, and sufficient number of new juveniles have not been enrolled to replace those that transferred to the senior division. But we want to be sure that it isn't the fault of the members, who just didn't take enough interest in their organization to enroll juveniles. Especially, if we consider the fact that any juvenile under the age of 16 may be enrolled, irrespective of the parents, who may or may not be members of our Union.

A campaign for juvenile members should be undertaken by our lodges.

Business With a Bang

Despite troubles in the Far East, firecracker manufacturers in Hongkong and Macao have had a good year. The largest firecracker factory in South China is located in the port popularly but not correctly known as Hongkong. Chinese colonies in the Straits Settlements and in the Dutch East Indies are large buyers of firecrackers and the United States imports about \$800,000 worth a year, three-sevenths of which comes from Victoria (Hongkong). About 300,000 pounds of old papers are baled annually at San Pedro, Cal., and shipped from that port to China. They are fashioned into tubes which are filled with powder, given a red covering and sent back as firecrackers to America for its celebrations.

Auction and Contract Bridge

Auction bridge originated in India. The first record of it is found in a letter, published in the London Times Jan. 16, 1903, outlining the game and referring to it as "the new game of auction bridge for three players." The Bath Club made it a four-handed game and in 1907 the Portland Club took it up. The first American code of laws of auction bridge was issued by the New York Whist Club in 1910. Contract bridge dates back to 1913 or 1914. In 1915 the New York Whist Club considered codifying its laws, but decided that the game was not settled enough for set rules.

VAUDEVILLE

The reputable dictionaries recognize only one correct English pronunciation of this word—"vod-vill," with the "o" long as in "so" and the accent on the first syllable. The word, however, is frequently pronounced "vaud-e-vill," in three syllables.

Large Cities Show Low Baby Death Rate

The depression has so far failed to register on the baby death rate of the country, according to the American Child Health Association, which has completed its annual report on infant mortality in cities over 10,000 population for 1931. The rate dropped from 62.2 in 1930 to 61.2 in 1931, this being the lowest rate ever recorded. The rate for 1931 is representative of 880 cities in the birth registration area and is based on reports received from state and local officials of 967,437 live births and 59,185 deaths among children under one year of age.

Among the largest cities, those over 250,000 population, Portland, Ore., reported the lowest rate, the figure being 36 deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births. San Francisco and Oakland stood next, each with a rate of 42. Cleveland's rate was 54, New York, Chicago and Detroit each 56, Los Angeles 59, Boston 61, St. Louis and Philadelphia each 64, Pittsburgh 70 and Baltimore 72.

In the population group 100,000 to 250,000, Long Beach, Cal., was low with a rate of 31. Tulsa, Okla., was second with 40 and Grand Rapids, Mich., third with 43.

Glendale, Cal., led the cities of 50,000 to 100,000 population with a rate of 19, followed by Medford, Mass., with 27 and Berkeley, Cal., 28.

Rates of zero are registered by several smaller cities, including University Heights, Mo.; Shorewood, Wis., and Burlingame, Cal.

The rates of some individual cities do not give a true picture of the situation, according to the report, because of the almost universal practice of crediting births and deaths to the place of occurrence instead of to the place of residence. Cities with records of births and deaths than cities with hospitals. In the mass, however, the data gives a very good picture of the actual situation, according to the report.

When the data for the cities are grouped by states, they show that Oregon cities led with a rate of 41. Vermont cities were second with 48, California cities third with 49, and Montana and Oklahoma cities fourth with rates of 50. Comparisons of the urban rates in 38 states for the last two years show that the rates fell in 24, remained the same in 2 and increased in 12. The most pronounced drops were in Oklahoma, 26, and Vermont, 24. The greatest rise was in Arkansas, the urban rate being 59 in 1930 and 80 in 1931.

"There is no evidence in these urban figures by states of an adverse effect on infant mortality during the last year," states the report. "The corresponding urban rates as presented in our annual reports from 1925 to 1931, inclusive, have been as follows: 73, 74, 65, 68, 66, 62, 61."

The association's report is based on preliminary figures received from localities. Some changes in individual rates are anticipated when the final official figures are published by the Census Bureau.

A certain Scotchman bought four rubber erasers and used them as snubbers on his Austin.

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BRIEFS

Secretary of Danica Lodge, No. 150, SSCU, of Chisholm, Minn., reports that Mrs. Barbara Govednik passed away after an illness of more than one year. The deceased was the mother of Anne Govednik, 16-year-old swimming marvel, who broke all existing world records for 50 and 100-yard breast stroke performance, and who placed sixth in the 10th Olympiad in the 200-meter stretch.

George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, Cleveland, O., will hold its "Annual Fall Hop" dance next Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. Brancelj's Rhythm Rioters will furnish the music. Doors open at 8 p. m., with admission price only 25 cents.

Eddie Simms came through with a knockout over his opponent, Angus Snyder of Wichita, Kas., in the Cleveland News Christmas Fund Show held at the city stadium last Thursday, Sept. 1. The popular Slovene heavyweight surprised the boxing fans with his K. O. punches in the first round, taking only one minute and four seconds to dispose of his more experienced opponent. Johnny Risko and King Levinsky were the headliners on the program, Risko taking the decision, which entitles him to a match with Max Baer in the heavyweight elimination series. However, the headliner failed to click in thrills as expected, as Eddie Simms stole the show with his knockout in the preliminary bout.

Jugoslavia has issued a new coin worth 10 dinars (about 17 cents in American money) that in size is approximately the same as our American quarter. On the coin is inscribed in Roman characters "Kralj Alexander Prvi Kralj Jugoslavije," which translated from Slovene or Croatian means "King Alexander First King of Jugoslavia." This is the first time in the history of Slovenes that a national coin is inscribed in Slovene.

Miss Vera Candon of Cleveland, O., graduated from Ohio State University with a degree of Bachelor of Science, majoring in chemistry, last Friday, Sept. 2, at Columbus, O., during the summer commencement exercises. She has trained herself especially as instructor in chemistry.

Dramatic Society Ivan Cankar will turn over all proceeds realized from staging plays this winter into a fund to help the unemployed Cleveland Slovenes living in the St. Clair Ave. district. Among the many beneficiaries in the past to receive aid in the form of proceeds from Ivan Cankar's plays

Many Contribute to Success of C. S. Picnic

Denver, Colo.—Colorado Sunshine Lodge, No. 201, SSCU, came through with a highly successful picnic that was attended by guests from neighboring towns in addition to those from the home town. Dancing and various contests featured the outing.

Here are winners:
Helen Skull, slipper kicking.
Adolph Arzichek, foot race for men.
Ralph Eckenroth, cracker eating.

Harry Rhodes, juvenile foot race for boys.

Miss Orken, juvenile foot race for girls.

Mary Kenacle, foot race for married women.

We want to thank the following for their co-operation and work at the picnic:

Margaret Erjavec, Helen Pozelnik, Barbara Priselac, Mary Keimedy, Mary Brester, Lewis Pozelnik, Frank Priselac, John Sustersich, Louis Maring, Joseph Peterlin, John Modic and Ralph Eckenroth. Also Pete Deutsch and Joseph Ponikvar, who were kind enough to use their cars in transporting food, refreshments, ice and other things.

Members of the lodge wish to thank Mrs. John Modic for her donation of the kettle, Mr. and Mrs. Smole for the use of their farm, and their son Rudy, who contributed a great deal toward the picnic.

Music, furnished by John Zgajnar, Frank Priselac and Joe Popish, was excellent.

It certainly was a great day for all those in attendance at our annual picnic. So, folks, be sure and read about our next affair, which will mean plenty of entertainment for all. Details about it will appear in subsequent issues.

Miss Mary Modic, Sec'y.

Excellent Idea For Lodges

SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, No. 66, SSCU, of Joliet, Ill., has the right idea when it comes to advertising their annual basket picnic. Regular 1-cent stamped post cards were sent out with details of the picnic printed on one side. Readers have probably come in contact with these post cards that carry commercial advertising matter. Here is how the card began:

Come and Enjoy Yourself at the
J. S. K. J.

ANNUAL BASKET PICNIC

And then it goes on to describe the route leading to the scene of the picnic, the program for the day, and the charge for refreshments, etc.

are the Slovene National Home, Slovene Library, striking coal miners and the Cankar monument in Europe.—Cleveland Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. August Lawrence, members of Jefferson Collegians Lodge, No. 205, SSCU, of Canonsburg, Pa., stopped at the Nova Doba office last Saturday, Sept. 3, during their stay in Cleveland.

Miss Mary M. Svete of Waukegan, Ill., was visiting friends in Cleveland last week, making her stay at Mr. and Mrs. Karlinger, 1084 Addison Rd. Miss Svete is a registered nurse and is vacationing through Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland. She dropped in the Nova Doba office last week.

TREES AGAINST THE SKIES

There were silvery stars like little lanterns,
Hanging low in the azure skies;
Lighting the way homeward at twilight
When the world grows weary and sighs;
Lighting the way through the woodland,
When you came through the forest trees,
Where stars painted the campfire with silver,
Where we sang old melodies;
Your guitar sang softly at twilight,
Mingling with the woodland sighs,
And there in the distance we saw them,
Lonely trees against the skies.

There were silvery stars like little lanterns,
Shining sweetly in the evening skies,
Mirrored softly in the sky-blue waters,
Where the wavelets dance and sigh;
We watched waves come racing toward us,
They caught the songs of your guitar,
And we laughed as the waves raced seaward,
Tossing the melody to the silvery star;
We climbed the cliff along the seashore,
And listened to the sea and its sighs,
And there in the distance we saw them,
Lonely trees against the skies.

Christine Troya,
Berkeley, Cal.

Large Crowd Attends George Washington Lodge Second SSCU Pep Night

SURPASSES FIRST PEP NIGHT

Cleveland, O.—It looks as if the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, has solved the perplexing problem of small attendance at the regular monthly meetings, for the second SSCU Pep Night held last Friday evening, Sept. 2, which was the regular monthly lodge meeting, brought out a large number of members and their friends—over 700 people being present in the lower hall of Slovene National Home.

Lodges belonging to other denominations than our SSCU were represented, such as KSKJ, SNPJ, SSPZ and SDZ, by speakers, who extended congratulations to the George Washington Lodge for instituting the pep night idea, and who further wished them success in all their ventures.

Bro. Heinie Martin Antoncic was chairman of the pep night. First the regular monthly meeting in which lodge business was disposed of. President Joseph Jaklich then yielded the chair to Bro. Antoncic, who took charge of the pep night.

First speaker on the program was Stanley Zupan, English editor of Glasilo, official organ of KSKJ, followed by Dr. J. W. Mally. Other speakers in order were Victor Karlinger, attorney-at-law; Dr. A. L. Garbas; John Alich; Joseph Zele, backer of George Washington Lodge baseball team; Frank Jaklich; Charles Kikel; Angela Levtek; "Gingy" Kostelic; "Lindy" Kotnik; Charles Wohlgenuth; J. L. Zortz, vice chairman National SSCU Athletic Board; John Turcek; John Gornik, president S. Y. M. C. of SDZ; Frank M. Surtz, police prosecutor; Joseph Okorn, supreme vice president of SDZ; Joe Jarc, Cleveland Journal sports editor; and Frank Cerne, supreme president of SDZ.

Again we wish to commend the pep night chairman for the splendid manner in which he carried on from the beginning to the end. Bro. Antoncic was chairman of the first pep night held last June, and so successfully did he act as toastmaster that the G. W. Lodge literally demanded that he repeat the second time.

G. W. Lodge is going to hold its "Annual Fall Hop" next Saturday, Sept. 10, in the Slovene National Home. Tactfully, the chairman informed the guests of the dance, and also inviting them in behalf of the lodge. How well the crowd was impressed with the coming dance can best be exemplified by the speakers that followed, in which practically all mentioned it, and also urging those present to be on hand.

Dancing followed the pep night proceedings. The lower hall of S. N. H. was filled to capacity with dancers, and in the adjoining kitchen and refreshment stand one would see old-timers and the younger set conversing. All in all, it can be safely said that a good time was had by all.

Something Different

Again the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, of Cleveland, O., proved conclusively to the English-speaking members of our Union that a crowd can be induced to attend a regular monthly lodge meeting. A crowd of approximately 700 people, including members of SSCU in Cleveland and vicinity, their friends, and leading fraternalists of other organizations responded to the invitation of the G. W. Lodge to its SSCU Pep Night held Friday, Sept. 2, at the Slovene National Home.

There is a psychological reason behind large attendance and poor attendance at lodge meetings. People soon tire of seeing and hearing the same order of procedure. But insert an element of surprise, or something different, at your lodge meetings and the response will surpass all expectations, even though the fundamental order of business will be executed as usual.

Why not try to make your meetings different?

"JUST YOUR MOTHER"

When the skies are dark and threatening,
And your heart is dull with pain;
When you feel that you're a failure
And, have tried your best in vain,
There's a place to take your heartache,
To find rest, oh, heartsore brother,
There's a haven in her bosom—
In the heart of—Just Your Mother.

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