

On the S D Z Soap Box

By JOE A. ROSA

After two weeks of seriousness your humble servant decides to cast the cares and worries of state from his shoulder, and to indulge in a little nonsense. As anybody might say, "I hope you'll like it."

To begin, a little bit of bouquet tossing... indeed a pleasant surprise to see your homely features in the A. H. Jr. again, Ray Jay... and we hope it's a new year's resolution... so, carry on for dear old A. H. Jr. and all the dear old subscribers... This sheet's first anniversary being just around the corner, we extend our congratulations... rather proud of the blamed thing, too... (Editor please note: How about a fancy issue with all the accretions to kinda celebrate the affair?)... The headaches have been forgotten.

Wonder if anyone else got a chuckle out of ye hon. ed's paragraphs on name changing... did some one say false pride?... Another birthday last week ho hum... that hair looked kinda gray... "A Farewell to Arms" may prove to be a rather ironic idiom before the year is over with... alarmist, did you say?... At any rate, it's a good show... Some day, I think, I'll write an article on "Rejection Slips, Plain and Fancy"... six more, Saturday Eve Post size, and I'll be able to finish papering my room... If F. M. (Cigar) Jaksic is asked to serve on one more committee he will become a one man commission... My acting honors go to the chap who played the part of the expectant father in "Life Begins."

Committee Minutes
How many would like to see the Central Committee minutes published?... One thing we can really be proud of is the continuance of "mir in red" among the rank and file of the English-conducted... not one near-serious controversy since their inception... a splendid record, one might say. By this time most of the new year's resolutions have died an ignoble death... yours truly does not hang his head in shame this year... he didn't make any... Why the sudden interest in nationality movements?... and the increasing number of "Buy American" signs... they called it jingoism way back when... The sudden activity of a newspaper office when a big story breaks. Happened to be in local editorial rooms when the Coolidge flash came over the wires... gangway! one side, or a leg off... I still have my legs... Comes an unsigned postal from Toledo with the admonition, "not for publication"... which probably means that it is.

Have you obtained your new lodge member yet?

Accommodates M. C.'s

As a further accommodation to the Modern Crusader members, Louise Kochman, new treasurer, will collect lodge dues at her home, providing they are paid on or before the 27th of each month.

Do you know that no admission or physical examination charges are made by SDZ up to the age of 30 years?

EASTERN STARS HOLDING FIRST SOCIAL OF YEAR MONDAY, JAN. 23

Lodge Which Inaugurated After-Meeting Socials Predicts Bigger and Better Socials in 1933; Jazz Joy Boys to Play

By MICKEY

In the year just passed, the Eastern Stars were credited with having started the first of the now so popular after-meeting socials. Originally, they were run just for the members and their friends, with no admission being charged and refreshments being served free.

Without any question or doubt, it is apparent that these first socials did not benefit in the least bit the lodge treasury. Rather it started well on the downgrade as the monthly assessments for the lodge upkeep barely covered this deficit.

The only apparent good received from these affairs, therefore, was an increase in attendance at meetings and a growing popularity with the young folks of the community. Who wouldn't ballyhoo a lodge that was offering a good time for nothing? It was then decided to throw the after-meeting socials open to the public, making an admission charge of 10 cents and selling refreshments at a nickel.

It was an instantaneous success and the crowds flocked to the Slovenian Home, Holmes

Ave., from all corners of the town. More such socials were then held—not only by the Eastern Stars, but by other lodges as well and each one proved to be more successful than the previous one. The popularity of the social was growing rapidly.

The windup of social affairs for the year 1932 was the Stars' Victory Dance, held on Dec. 11, which goes on record as one of the most successful dances held by any organization during the year.

Now in 1933, the Eastern Stars are predicting an even greater social season than that of last year, with more and better socials being sponsored by all lodges.

And to start the year off right, the Eastern Stars will hold their first social on Monday evening, Jan. 23. The music will be furnished by the popular Johnny Gribbons and his Jazz Joy Boys. They are the lads who had the entire crowd on their toes throughout the entire Victory Dance.

And the prices, of course, will remain the same—10 cents for admission and 5 cents for refreshments.

Directs Program



The gentleman pictured above is Matt J. Grdina, popular Slovenian theatrical director, who is arranging the afternoon stage program for the coming Modern Crusaders Fifth Anniversary celebration. He has been the man behind the Triglav plays ever since that dramatic group first tread before the footlights and was likewise responsible for the highly successful American Home Benefit show last February. The fact that he is arranging the program guarantees a most entertaining afternoon.

LARGE VAUDEVILLE PROGRAM TO FEATURE CRUSADER ANNIVERSARY

Matt J. Grdina to Direct Afternoon Program to Be Presented at Slovenian Workingmen's Home Sunday, Jan. 29

By FRANK OBLAK

The Modern Crusaders, as part of their Fifth Anniversary celebration to take place at the Slovenian Workingmen's Home, Waterloo Rd., Sunday, Jan. 29, have planned a most entertaining afternoon theatrical program, which embodies enough variety to suit the tastes of both old and young alike.

The program, although not quite completed at this time, will present many local stars along with several radio favorites, and is under the capable direction of Matt J. Grdina.

Frank Ilc, known over the radio and on the stage as Ken Williams, will appear in the role of master of ceremonies for the show.

Scheduled to appear before the Crusader guests are the Kmett sisters, Victoria, Alice and Vida, who made such a hit when they appeared on the Slovenian program over Station WJAY recently.

The well known WJAY boys, Emmett and Larry, will entertain with an act of songs and music. These entertainers are best known for their clever imitation of the old time nickleodian. Larry is likewise famed for his ability to play a trumpet and piano at the same time.

One of the biggest hits on the bill will be the appearance of the popular Joe Sodja, who, as "Banjo Buddy," won nationwide recognition as one of the country's best banjoists. Since coming off the road, Sodja has

continued his activities to dance orchestras and this will be the first time since then that he has appeared on the stage.

Lillian Oblak, youthful acrobatic dancer, who made her debut at the American Home show, will display her wares, as will the Modern Crusaders' own "Hill Billy Boys." Another singing group to show at this time will be the Modern Knight Quartet who veritably stole the show at the recent S. D. Z. Day.

Others billed for the program are the Corelic sisters, singing pianists, and the drustvo Ilirija chorus.

Notables to speak includes Mayor Ray T. Miller, Frank Cerne, supreme president, and Frank M. Surtz, president of the Central Committee.

Dancing will start in the lower hall immediately after the afternoon performance. Dancing in the upper hall will begin at 7:30 with Jack Nagel's ten-piece Crusader orchestra furnishing the music. A blue hour will close the day's celebration.

Both halls will be appropriately decorated in the lodge colors, blue and gray, for the occasion. Floral decorations are being loaned to the Crusaders by Frank Jelercic, neighborhood florist.

Tickets for the affair can be obtained from various Collinwood merchants and from members of the lodge.

CRUSADER-LOYALITE TUSSELE IS FEATURE OF INTERLODGE BILL

The acid test will be in evidence next Wednesday night at the St. Clair Bathhouse when the Modern Crusaders and the Loyalties tangle in the final game of the Interlodge card.

Both quints have met defeat once, the Modern Crusaders bowing to their fellow S. D. Z. team, the Clairwoods, while the Loyalties fell before the champion Pioneers in the opening tilt of the season. Both conquerors have unblemished records and are tied for the league lead. This game between the Crusaders and Loyalties will, therefore, decide the holder of the runner up position. From here, the game looks like a tossup what with the Crusaders stronger offensive being offset by the Loyalties' height, especially at the center post.

The Eastern Stars will likewise see action on that night, taking on the up-and-coming Comrades in the second game of the bill. The contest will get under way at 7:30. The Collinwoodites enter the tilt doped to lose. However, the Green and White bucketeers feel that it just about time for them to stage an upset and they figure it might just as well be the Comrades as any other opponent. It should be a good game.

The Clairwoods, leading S. D. Z. entry, draw a bye for the week.

Washingtons Meet

The Martha Washington ladies will hold their first meeting of the year next Friday evening, Jan. 20, at Knaus' Hall.

The new officers are anxious to see a 100 per cent. turnout of members for the meeting so that they may be off to a good start on their extensive program for 1933.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

President Frank Cerne opens the meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Present are: Cerne, Okorn, Kogoj, Debevec, Kacar and Jaksic.

Agreed that sick benefit be paid to Leo Rovtar, member lodge No. 8, by authority of Article 20, paragraph 12, S. D. Z. by-laws.

Report of the state auditors, who audited the books in the supreme office, is presented to the committee. The report does not contain any important notes or corrections, and states that all figures and books have been accepted.

Angela Mali, cert. No. 4786, member of lodge No. 4, died Nov. 30, 1932. Cause of death: cerebral hemorrhage. Insured

for \$500. Beneficiary Ana Znidarsic, sister. Joined S. D. Z. Feb. 7, 1924.

Agreed that the above named benefit be paid when said policy is presented in good order.

Okorn, who has charge of the Association's real estate, reports that all property has been repaired. Rent collections are not all they might be, but he hoped that he will soon be able to collect more money than he has in the past.

Okorn's report accepted. With this the day's business is ended and the supreme president adjourns the meeting at 9:40 p. m.

Frank Cerne, Supreme president; James Debevec, Recording secretary.

MODERN KNIGHT FLASHES

Some of the members of the Eastern Stars, Modern Crusaders and Modern Knights were seen at St. Christine's Hall last Sunday. The Young Men's popularity contest of the Holy Name Juniors was brought to a close. The ones who took part in the contest worked very hard. Frank Kebar won over all of them, however, by more than 2,000 votes. Congratulations, Frank.

The Modern Knights are expecting all of you to attend their Hard Time Dance, Feb. 11. Everyone will have a better time if they come to the party dressed in Hard Time attire. The admission price is 25 cents. Jackie Zorc Trio is going to play for the affair.

Next Tuesday will be the

first Modern Knight meeting in 1933. All Modern Knight members are urged to attend. Outside lodge members are invited, too.

Congratulations to the Modern Knights Singing Quartet, who sang over the Slovenian Radio Hour last Sunday afternoon. We hope we will hear them again, soon.

The Eastern Stars Victory Dance was such a huge success, that they are planning to hold a social Jan. 23, after their regular meeting. Admission to the social will be only 10 cents.

The Modern Crusaders are having a big affair Jan. 29. An all-afternoon-evening anniversary celebration. Try to be there, a good time is assured everyone.

Out of the Mail Bag

By THE FOX

To Smiles

It just came to our mind (Note: The Fox has a mind and a sense of humor) that "Smiles," the Modern Knight Flash, deserves a few words of praise for her writeups and the work she is doing in the Euclid district. Keep it up, Smiles.

Good Luck

As this goes to the press, the newly joined Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kanoti (the former Miss Antonia Rosa), of Lorain, O., are honeymooning on the Long Island shores of New York. The Mrs. hails from Canton, O., and is the sister of Joe A. Rosa, third vice president of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association and S. D. Z. News columnist interesting. Our sympathies—pardon us, we mean congratulations!

The Modernists

Stopping at Rackar's (mayor extraordinary) gas station on Waterloo Rd., for some free air, we were surprised to see Steve, loyal crooning Crusader, sleeping in the easy chair and while under the hypnotism of the sandman that austere gentleman was repeating over and over "Buy your Crusader Anniversary tickets here. It's going to be some celebration." We agree, but how about getting some air, Steve?

Martha Washingtons

Do you know that the fair young Martha Washington damsels will offer you "electrocuted hot dogs" and a cup or two of real coffee at their meetings. Why not attend in large groups? You see when you buy in quantity, you save money. That, of course, is just a suggestion. Take it at its worth.

Builders All

The materials with which to erect a structure of success or one of failure, are always at your disposal and you alone are responsible for the building of your abode. You are the one to choose between activity or neglect. Whatever your plans, do everything honestly, sincerely and with a cheerful and friendly spirit. You, yourself, may never see the work at which you are engaged, completed, but remember there are millions watching you. Resolve now that during the coming year, you will be one of the S. D. Z. workers, contributing to their lodge's growth by active co-operation!

SUNDAY, JAN. 8, PROVES BIG DAY FOR EUCLIDITES

Well folks, Sunday, Jan. 8 was some day for many Euclid residents. The first thing in the afternoon, we listened in on the Slovenian Radio Program when four young lads of Euclid, sang a few Slovenian selections.

In the evening we celebrated at St. Christine's Church hall, where the Young Men's Popularity contest was closed. Frank Kebar was the winner of the contest. There were also three cash prizes given away that evening, two of the winners were not there, however, and the parties holding the tickets numbered 15800 and 42899 kindly report to any member of the Holy Name Juniors at St. Christine's. The five-dollar prize was awarded to J. Perko, 425 E. 160th St.

