



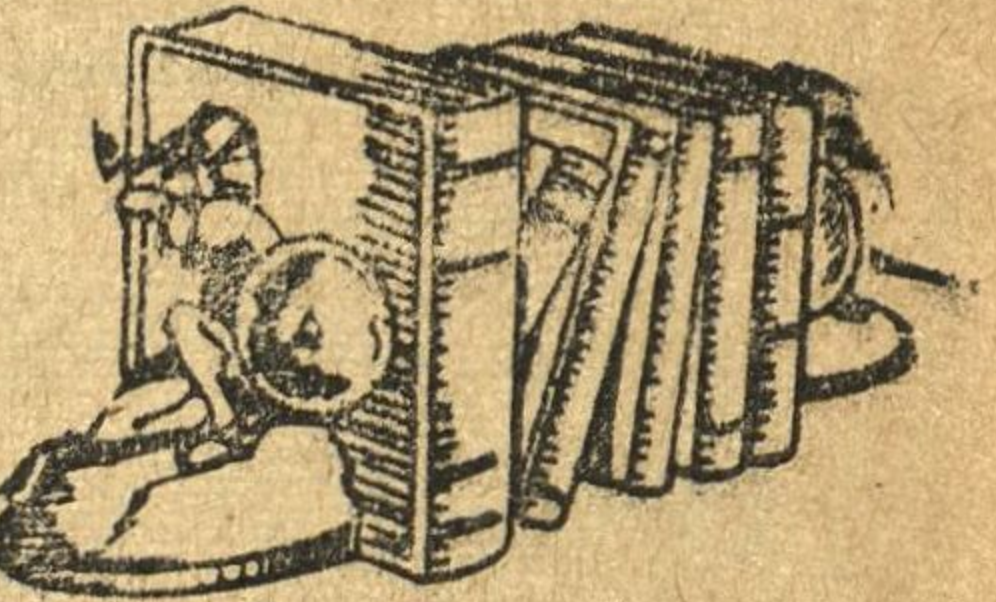
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NOTICE FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LODGE SECRETARIES

Calendars for the year 1941 have been mailed. Secretaries of Lodges have received by this time one or more small calendars and, those which have the required number of members, also, a large one; the latter is intended for a public place, especially, the hall where the monthly meetings of the Lodge are held. The small calendar is intended for the Secretary's own use and, if more than one is enclosed, for the other officers.

You are further instructed not to send any orders to the Main Office for calendars, as we have no extras to give away or sell. This year only a limited number were ordered, enough to supply the immediate needs of our Lodges and these, as has been stated above, have already been mailed to their respective destinations.

The new By-laws, which were approached by the 10th Regular Convention, are now being mailed to you. Each Lodge will receive a limited number of copies, not more than one-half of the number of members. Should any Secretary run short of them, let him write to the Main Office stating in his request how many additional copies are needed.

Every member has the right to receive and demand a copy of the By-laws, but I am under the impression that everyone does not make use of them and, therefore, believe that one copy is sufficient for the members of a family. Our reasons for sending only a limited number of By-laws to Secretaries is due to the fact that, in the past, they have reported a great many copies left over and inquired what to do with them. It seems that our members do not hold the same interest in By-laws as they did in former years.

Official election forms, to be used in reporting the names and addresses of Officers elected for 1941, have been mailed to each Lodge. Each Secretary must fill out this form, whether new or incumbent officers are elected. The Main Office requires this information for correction of the roster of Officers now in use, such as changes in the spelling of name, changes of address, etc. You are also reminded to return, promptly, the surety bonds properly filled and signed.

WILLIAM RUS, Supreme Secretary

As I See It

BY PETE ELISH

After Six Months



Pete Elish

Almost six months have expired since my last article appeared on this page. That, alone, in the natural course of life and events does not spell much, but during the past half year a great many things and important events have transpired that effect the lives and well being of all of us, and of most of the people on this globe. Six months ago, France was still a powerful world power, its Maginot Line was pictured as an example of impregnability, and her watchful legions were supposed to be a match for Hitler. The Battle of London and Britain was in its infancy stage, nor was the very life of Great Britain threatened. Italy was neutral, watching, waiting. Heroic Greece was seldom mentioned. King Carl was continuing his grafting career on the Roumanian throne. Russia was still nursing her wounds received from little Finland, and Hitler was being discussed as a maniac in need of psychopathic care.

In the United States, the third term was unbroken and a tradition. Roosevelt would not commit himself as to his possibility of being a candidate. A man named Wendell Willkie was unheard of by the great mass of people, but was being mentioned by a few big-wigs as a possible candidate for the presidency.

A selective service law to conscript the nation's youth for a year of compulsory military training was thought unnecessary, or its kinder measure applying to industry in case of war. The term "Fifth Columnist" was not in general use, and spies were thought of in terms of war and 1918.

Indeed, a great many different problems confront this nation and the world, and it is difficult to perceive at this time

just what the future holds in store for us as individuals and as a nation, and for the people and the nations of the world. But, unquestionably, the far-reaching events that have transpired in the last few months will have a profound effect on all the people of the world—to some it may mean wealth and riches, to others poverty and suffering, or freedom, or slavery, and to others it may mean life or death.

But, one thing is certain, regardless what may come in the future, and regardless of the destruction of liberty and the rights of man in many countries, and regardless of the death, destruction, starvation and misery over the width and length of this earth, the individual, man, that survives doesn't change. And some day the leaders who are trying to remake the world will discover that man doesn't change, even, in spite of all of their doings and efforts. They, also, will find out that men will continue to think for themselves, and that they will stand for only so much.

Above all else, they will discover that right and goodness doesn't change with circumstances, and in spite of their mortal efforts to the contrary, truth will triumph...

KINGSTERS TO HAVE XMAS PARTY

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. — Kingsters, Vrtec 103, will hold its annual Christmas party on December 25, at seven o'clock. All Vrtec members and their parents are invited to attend. Gifts and Christmas specialties will be given to all members.

VRTEC 108

SOUTH FORK, Pa. — Vrtec 108 will hold its regular monthly meeting Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 o'clock, at the Slovenian Home, at which time the election of officers and other important business will be taken up for the year 1941.

Marko Savor, Adm.

Santa to Visit Roznik Juniors

CHICAGO, Ill. — Christmas trees, gifts, Santa Claus are all on their way. Roznik Jrs., will celebrate this great occasion on December 15, at Berger's Hall, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave., at 2 p. m.

A short program is being prepared and brother Vrhovnik will be present to entertain all with movies. Delicious refreshments, prepared by Rozniks, 227, will be served. Music will be furnished for dancing and games will be played to amuse the children.

Santa has promised to stop at our party for a while and who knows, he may have some gifts for you.

A good time is in store for you all, so why not plan to attend for a little while at least and help us celebrate Christmas?

I'm hoping to see many of you there so don't disappoint me by not showing up. This includes everyone. Members, their parents, friends and all S. S. P. Z. members.

So until Dec. 15, at 2 p. m. at Berger's Hall I'll be seeing you. Wilma Gratchner, Sec'y Vrtec 160

Danica News

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — It was decided at the yearly lodge meeting of Danica No. 22 that we will undertake the responsibility of being host to the 4th Annual S. S. P. Z. Bowling Tournament, April 25-26-27, at the newly-erected Dezelan Alleys. The various committee heads have been appointed and are already making plans for this great occasion. They are assuring each and everyone a grand and hilarious time.

The elective head officers went to Edward Bencik, Louis Znidarsich Sr., Anton Qualitza, Mrs. Frank Golob, Thomas Naumsek, Mrs. Anton Qualitza and Anthony Bayt. There will be a meeting of these officers at one o'clock on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1940 at the home of Thomas Naumsek.

Lodge secretaries, now is the time to act—get your teams together and organize them for a trip to the largest inland city in the world—namely the Hoosier capital — Indianapolis.

Come one, come all and roll the ball, Whether it be a strike or split, There is a good time in store for all.

The outcome of election of officers of Lodge Danica is as follows: president, Thomas

National Bowling Tournament, April 25-26-27

The fourth Annual National Bowling Tournament of the S. S. P. Z., according to a report received from the Secretary of the Danica Lodge Bowling Committee of Indianapolis, will be held in April 25-26-27, 1941. It has been found necessary to add an extra day to this popular and growing affair in order to avoid any inconveniences to out-of-town bowlers, and to insure smooth running of all events, free of unnecessary delays for everyone.

The opening day or evening, I understand, will be for local bowlers and any out-of-towners who request to be among the early participants. If you recall, last year, the unexpected large increase of entries crowded the opening day of the tour-

Balkan Juniors to Present Brilliant Xmas Program

Milwaukee, Wis.—Members of Vrtec 33, Balkan Juniors, are anxiously awaiting Sunday, Dec. 22, when they will be rewarded for their weeks of diligent rehearsals and preparation for their Xmas party, by presenting a superb variety of talent program and a Christmas play, "Tiny Tim." The afternoon program will conclude with the appearance of dear Old Santa who will present gifts to every juvenile present.

In the evening the entire program will consist of the latest SSPZ movies of "Slovenia" and its borderlands in 1939-40, taken by the noted Slovene artist Božidar Jakac, also scenes of America, the beautiful, and a comedy, or so, for the juveniles, all to be shown by Bro. Vrhovnik, personally.

In the last week's issue of Napredek, Bro. Vrhovnik gave you an excellent description of these movies, by outlining the most interesting places, and the outstanding scenes to be shown, so there is no use of repetition.

After the movies there will be dancing.

John Maren

SPARTANS!

You are urged to attend Spartans' annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 14 at 7:30 p. m. sharp in Sokols' hall, No. 1 S. N. H.

A social will follow. Free refreshments and entertainment. Bring a 10c Christmas gift.

Be sure to come! Fraternaly, Spartanly, Spartan Exec. Board

Naumsek; vice-president, Martin Dragan Jr.; secretary, Mrs. Mary Qualitza; treasurer, Anton Qualitza; board of trustees: Mr. Louis Znidarsich, Anton Brisnick and Anthony Bayt.

Louis Znidarsich was also re-elected to represent Danica at the Slovenian Nat'l Home Association, nosing out his opponent, Mr. Skrajave by a single vote. These are the officers who will take office in January.

The next regular meeting of Lodge Danica will be on January 5, 1941, at 9 o'clock. I am urging all members to attend. Tony P. Bayt, Publicity Chairman

Adolf's Reply To August

Sauerkraut, Inc. 205 East 115th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen, gif dis letter to August Riemenschneider.

My lieber Gust!

Or should ay call you dot after vat you done to me las week. You go tillin everyone all about ay, but you skip all about yourself. Now ay em asking is dis nice, yes? Ef you vas mine frau ay vood divorce you rite heir und now. But ve are lucky dat ve boat wer pants, und besides ay cant divorce nobody vat wers pants. Now you no how tings stand. Py golly you are worsen den worst by allowing ure ignorance, however gret, to hold sway over mine noledge, however small.

Ole the folks vat you invited in our office on December 21st, inst., shood no boat sides of de story, und not only bed tings vat you hef writ about me. Now dey will find ole about you also. Ay cant expose you in ole de glory halelujah. You jest wate.

You is try to raze stink about mine colt und you say dat mine sneezer led me rite in the stockyards. I vent dere to see the live stock ekposishun, the cows, horses, bulls un pigs. I still see vun big pig. Und ay tole you ole about it den. Ay tink ure memory got sauer, vot? In the fut... futur... vell nekst time keep out of ferementashun room. Becost de shippin departmen vill make a mistake und can ure branes instead of sauerkraut.

Also don get sore at me becost your wife is sore at you. Ay don blaim the poor ting—making 24 pancakes for you every morgen. Two much foods prodooses indigeshun of brane—und den you blaim me. Anodder ting ven you pass my schreibish in the office

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Pirates Notes

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa.

All members of Pirate Lodge, 234 SSPZ, are requested to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1:00 p.m. Please note the time — this has been changed to enable all members to be present — no excuse — Election of officers, the Vrtec Christmas party, and our coming dance on Sat., Jan. 11, 1941, at the Slovenian Hall; these are only a few things we have to discuss. Please attend, for who knows — you may be lucky and win the attendance prize.

See you all on Dec. 15, at 1:00 p.m. at the Slovenian Hall! Hanna Lawrence, Sec'y.

HOOSIER PALS MARCH ON

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The year is just about finished and another one is ready to start. As the end of the year rolls around one usually thinks of inventories. Now as members of the SSPZ, what have we to show for the year that is just about over.

We started off the year with all new officers: Louis Lovisek as president, Frank Ivancic as vice-president, Frank Mivec as secretary-treasurer, and Frank Berkopes as recording secretary. We then took in the bowling tournament as Chicago. Ah, a success! We came to Chicago, took over the town in the name of our lodge, and went home with more prizes than we had ever received before. After the tournament we held a victory party for the bowlers. Ah, another success! Then, came summertime, we held a picnic. Ah, chalk up another success! Now, here we are, at a point where we have yet to meet failure. But all of the credit for these successes does not all go to the officers. It was the help of all the members working together that made all these affairs successful ventures. And to them goes the credit. We, the officers of the lodge, could say, like it's said of the hen who had just laid an egg and then turned to the rest of the flock and said, "Look, look, look what I did." But it was hard work at times, and we all enjoyed doing it.

Now, the time has come when we once more have to turn to the members and ask them: Will it be a FAILURE OR A SUCCESS?

On Saturday, December 14, 1940, the Hoosier Pals will hold their Leap Year Dance. Isn't that a cute name? We also have a patent on it. Don Kretheotis and his 10-piece orchestra will play for the dance. You now ask, "Who is that guy Don?" Okay, here it is in a nutshell. He and his orchestra have played at a number of the larger affairs given by other organizations in different sections of the city, and he is well recommended by these groups. We have been fortunate to have had a friend of his in our group

who has been able to get this group for our dance. This is our ever-efficient vice-president Frank Ivancic. Thanks, Red. This will be Don's first appearance on our new dance floor, which is just ideal for dancing. Let's show him that we on the west side can really show our appreciation for the better art of swing and sway rhythm. There will be plenty of dancing and more of that amber-colored liquid of everlasting refreshment. The admission will be thirty-five cents per person. It will be held at the New Slovenian National Home, What say, we all be there?

Then returning back to our inventory, what have the members been doing all this year?

First of all, I think that we have lost one or two of our members and gained more new members for the lodge.

Along about a month ago, we lost one of our loyal members through an auto-train crash, John Gerbeck. He was one of the charter members of the Hoosier Pals, had to drop out for a while during the depression and was again a member at the time of his untimely death at the age of 26. We all miss this loyal member and may he rest in peace. He was the first Hoosier Pal to die since the organization of the lodge.

There also were seven members who broke the bonds of bachelorhood and spinstership and marched down the aisle to the tune of "Here Comes the Bride."

First there was: Ella Pushner who was given away in holy matrimony to Frank Jonta. And followed by a close second was Anthony Sekula, who married Joan Kodramaz. Tony is a Hoosier Pal and Joan was of the Cleveland Spartans. And now both are Hoosier Pals. (That's one way of getting them into the lodge.) Then about Thanksgiving Day, Henry Fon said "I do" to Mary Vertachnik. Both are Hoosier Pals. And last of all, your old friend, I hope, the prexy of the Hoosier Pals, himself, said a stuttering "I do" to

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Collinwood Chatter

COLLINWOOD-Cleveland, O. — Gee, it was fun! I just wish I could tell about it in such a way that you could picture it. Well, what I'm talking about is the combined Utopian-Outlooker Christmas party last Friday. It was supposed to have been a party without the officers having to slave their heads off planning it, and considering that it was the first time we members were left on our own, I don't think we did so badly (ahem). At least no one went home hungry — wieners, ice cream, cookies, candy, pop corn balls, pop, beer — and plenty of it. We danced to records thanks to Anne Lusin's record player. And gosh, until you've waltzed with president Hank Zorman, you haven't lived. If Vienna isn't what it used to be, it's because Hank is in America. Gee, I'll never forget it!...

Then there was the little boy who came back about twenty times for wieners — "One for Joe, and one for me." I hope his mother didn't have trouble with him the next day... Fred Bashed wasn't his usual cheery self, what with a bad cold and his being very tired... Mr. and Mrs. Zaman, and Mr. and Mrs.

Bashed were there — by the way, I hope the Vrtec members appreciate what a good administrator they've been having in Mr. Zaman... to show that our party was really a success, we had a Spartan (actually) — Andy Elersich — present — he came with an awfully pretty girl, (Collinwood girl, naturally) Angela Troha... Was I surprised to discover that the well-known, popular "Erby" (Ann Urbas) is a member of our lodge! She helped out a lot in the kitchen, and though, at the first meeting she attends, we welcome her by giving tickets and dance tickets to sell, I hope she'll get to like it... Well, thanks a million to all of you who helped out with the party — including our Vrtec president, Olga Zaubi — and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

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We elected officers last meeting, but since I was in the kitchen cooking hot dogs, I'm afraid I can't give you all the low-down. I do know that Hank Zorman and Elsie Pucel are still captain and first mate, and that somehow in the confusion I got

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