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BOLNIŠKA PODPORA IZPLACANA OKTOBRA 1936

SICK BENEFIT PAID DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1936

Dr. št. Ime Vsota

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New Era

ENGLISH SECTION OF
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Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

CURRENT THOUGHT

Winter Sports

With football removed from the sports picture, in comes tipoff basketball and its first cousin even stride bowling to share the spotlight in the world of sports.

Some of our lodges already are actively participating in indoor sports for sometime this fall. In the East we have both basketball and bowling SSCU lodge teams playing the game.

There is the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League consisting of eight teams which already have been battling for supremacy a number of weeks. The league opened the current season for the third successive year, and like the first two, promises to be highly successful in its field of endeavors. The circuit names its eight teams after equal number of out-of-town SSCU English-conducted lodges: Pittsburgher, Pathfinders, Colorado Sunshine, Arrowheads, Happy-Go-Luckies, Cardinals, Indians and National Stars.

In Gowanda, N. Y. the Pathfinders lodge, No. 222, SSCU entered a men's and a women's bowling team in the local league. According to reports emanating from that source, the teams are making fine progress and perfecting their style.

The Cleveland George Washington lodge, No. 180, SSCU fired its first gun in local basketball competition several weeks ago. Entered in the Cleveland Interlodge League for the second consecutive year, this lodge is bidding for an upper position in the circuit. For their co-backer they have Bukovnik's Studios.

On the Minnesota Iron Range the basketball guns of SSCU lodges will soon begin their annual assault upon the basket and gymnasium. And like in other years, these teams will hold a SSCU tournament to decide the champion lodge team of the State of Minnesota.

Other lodges perhaps have already made their bow with indoor sports, but, if we may continue to guess, publicity committees failed to report their activities to the English section of Nova Doba. And unless information is forwarded from correspondents, the editor is at a loss to find out the arrangements made by local lodges.

Sports in our lodges have been accepted by our members in general since 1929 when the sports fund first became operative.

Since then, arguments pro and con are made annually as to whether the lodge benefits from its athletic teams, or are they defraying the expense for the benefit of athletes only.

Experience has shown our lodges that neither money alone nor a lot of cheering in itself helped the local in its efforts to advance and grow with the passing of time.

Although finances are an important factor in the organization and maintenance of any athletic team, a lack of sound judgment, or weak administrative officials who fail to push at the psychological moment perhaps deters the local from reaching its objective even with sufficient financial aid.

A lodge with some financial backing, with some playing material, and with officials that command a certain amount of horse sense, will accomplish much in its efforts to interest outsiders in its work to the point where they will be eager to become part of the local branch.

Athletics within our lodges must be considered as an added attraction, and seldom, if ever, made of paramount importance.

After all, only five to ten members are carried by any lodge basketball team, five to six on bowling teams and ten to fifteen on baseball teams. This means that the large majority of members must be content to view the game from the sidelines where they can extend moral support to their teams.

Like other lodge activities, athletic teams are powerful weapons with which to advertise the local. Once the outsider has made inquiries, it is up to all the members to continue his interest in the local by informing him of the sound fraternal insurance offered by our South Slavonic Catholic Union. It is up to the members to explain the death, sick and indemnity, and disability benefits available for a nominal cost monthly.

May the year 1937 turn out to be a most prosperous one to all our members and may health and contentment reign supreme. From the editorial staff, best wishes for a most happy New Year.

Vesna Club

To members and friends of the Vesna Club Saturday, Jan. 2, 1937, means attending the semi-formal dance to be held at the Slovene Auditorium.

This year's plans are being formulated to make the dance an outstanding event of the season. The affair will get under way when music by Cal's Band will commence to be heard at 9:30 and continue until 2.

At the regular meeting of the club held Dec. 14 election of officers took place. Vida A. Kumsse was re-elected president and will now serve her third year. Others elected were: Joseph Zgonc, vice president; Ann Tomazine, treasurer, and Frank Jacopine, secretary.

After the business meeting, refreshments were served at a long table which was decorated

Remember Saturday, Dec. 26

East Palestine, O.—The night of Saturday, Dec. 26, is an outstanding date in the social calendar of the local SSCU lodge. It is the occasion of the big dance sponsored by the youthful membership of this unit. Good music, a brotherly attitude, and a large crowd make for a grand time. And that is exactly what is in the offing for those who plan to attend this gala affair. Dancing begins at 8 p. m. and continues until the wee hours of morning. Old and young can dance to their heart's content. There'll be something doing all the time. There'll be no dull moments. Everything is in readiness for the big time. The youthful membership of local lodge No. 41, SSCU, invites you and your friends to attend and join with them in the merriment—laugh, sing and dance with them at East Palestine, O., Saturday night, Dec. 26.

Joe J. Golicic,
No. 41, SSCU.

With the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League

Cleveland, O.—Highlights of Sunday, Dec. 20, results include a 2607 series by the Colorado Sunshiners and a three-game series sweep from the Indians. The second game ended in a tie, but the Col. Sunshiners came through in the extra frame. A new high of 949 was established by this team including games of 219 by J. Champa, 218 by A. Laurich, 196 by F. Sluga and 185 by A. Sluga. The National Stars made a clean sweep over the Happy-Go-Luckies. Cardinals took two and lost one from the Pathfinders and Arrowheads the same from the Pittsburghers. J. Koren of the Paths came through with a single of 219 and M. Krall of the Cardinals a 204. The ladies tied for honors for individual highs, S. Jelercic and M. Skufca of the National Stars with 160 each, and M. Perdan and A. Guzik of the Arrowheads with 166 each. League standings are as follows:

Col. Sunshine	25	11
Pittsburghers	22	14
Pathfinders	20	16
Cardinals	16	20
National Stars	16	20
Happy-Go-Luckies	15	21
Arrowheads	15	21
Indians	13	21

Two turkeys, donated by Dan Zurcovan, proprietor of the Superior and E. 118th St. Alleys, were won by Mrs. August Guzik and Frank Sluga. The Cleveland SSCU bowlers and officers wish the present and new supreme board, all the SSCU members and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Zurcovan a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Frank "Lefty" Jaklich, Sec'y.

Big-Hearted Bank

Hubby: The bank has returned that check.

Wife: Isn't that splendid! What can we buy with it this time?

ated with a Christmas tree and small favors in the form of candles. While carols were sung, Santa Claus, impersonated by Frank Jacopine, distributed gifts.

Martha Kumsse.

BRIEFS

Paul Oblock of Center, Pa., and his mother attended the funeral services and interment of Mrs. Ule of Cleveland, held last week. During his stay Paul, who is the newly elected second supreme vice president of the SSCU, stopped at the Nova Doba office to pay his compliments.

Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU Lodges will hold a meeting on Sunday, Dec. 27, at Pittsburgh, in the Slovene National Home on Butler and 57th St.

Three lodges of Center, Pa., will combine on Christmas to give a party for the juvenile members. They are: Lodges Nos. 33 and 221, both SSCU, and No. 102, SSPZ. The party will be held in the Slovene National Home of Center.

It took Johnny Erjavec of Duluth, Minn., only 31 seconds to knock out Tony Lamareto of Detroit in the Cleveland News Christmas boxing show held last week at the Cleveland Public Auditorium. Erjavec tipped the scale at 184 pounds and his opponent at 180. In the main feature bout Eddie Simms, also a Slovene, suffered the worst defeat of his career at the hands of Joe Louis, who delivered a kayo punch after only 18 seconds of fighting in the first round. Fans paid over \$49,000 to see the fights that evening.

"How about a date?" is the title of a clever invitation of the Interlodge League to its dance which will be held on Jan. 9, 1937, in the Cleveland Slovene Auditorium, E. 65th St. and St. Clair Ave. The invitation, something new to the many lodges who hold dances, was prepared by H. Martin Antonic, president of the league. Gene Beecher's nationally famous dance orchestra has been secured for the occasion, which will mark the ninth anniversary since the league's inception.

Frank Cerne, former president of the Slovene Mutual Benefit Association (SDZ), with headquarters in Cleveland, resigned his office last week. Joseph Ponikvar, vice president, assumed the duties of the president.

GREETINGS

To all my colleagues on the supreme board, to all lodge officers and to all members of the South Slavonic Catholic Union I extend my best wishes for a most Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

To each one, individually, I extend my wish for success in all undertakings, and to our Organization my wish goes for continued success, progress and loyalty to it from its membership.

Paul Bartel,

Supreme President.

"Look at that little midget across the street!"

"Yes. His father was a Scotchman."—Typo-Graphic.

KSKJ Loop Team Beats G. W.'s in Thriller

Cleveland, O.—A clean fighting team leaves a good impression even in defeat. So it was with the George Washington Lodge, SSCU, who has for its co-backer Bukovnik Studios, when they dropped a 20 to 15 decision last week to the KSKJ St. Joes.

The tangle at the bathhouse had the fans very much interested. Undefeated this season, the KSKJ cage team did not earn this victory without a struggle. There was Victor Dobe, who had the spectators applaud him time and again for his spectacular overhand shots at the basket, four of which went for field goals. Another first year man with the G. W.'s, Tim Posnel, collected five points for his team. Time and again Tim would break up the offense of the opponents. Frankie Cimperman, very closely guarded, dropped one basket.

Both teams used only five men throughout the game, and this left a tell-tale mark during the third quarter. To the credit of the players, it must be said that they certainly tried hard. Sammy Richter, a newcomer to the ranks of married men, played a nice game at center, while Tony Zak kept trying for the long shots.

Spartans upset the pre-game dope by defeating the Clairwoods, who were given a wide edge in the contest. Score was 26 to 22.

Betsy Ross Elects

Cleveland, O.—At the annual Betsy Ross Lodge meeting held Dec. 10 the following officers were elected to carry on the burden for the ensuing year: Frank Zalar, president, replacing George Kovitch, who declined the nomination after holding the office of president for nine consecutive years—and making a fine job during his tenure. Mike Krall, vice president, and John P. Lunka, financial and recording secretary, whose address is 1266 E. 173d St., re-elected for the fifth consecutive year. Louis Tolar, treasurer, and trustees: Mary Perdan, chairman, George Kovitch and Louis Pirc. Ed Ruper, sergeant-at-arms, and Dr. Skur and Dr. Siegel, medical examiners. Meetings will continue to be held every second Thursday of the month.

It is the duty of all members of Betsy Ross Lodge to give their fullest co-operation to the newly elected officers and thus help the lodge progress financially and in membership. Betsy Ross Lodge extends its greetings to all members of the SSCU for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y.

Both Crazy

"How did the Dulán wedding come off?"

"Fine until the minister asked the bride if she would obey her husband."

"What happened then?"

"She replied, 'Do you think I'm crazy?' Then the groom, who was in a sort of daze, answered, 'I do.'—The Rail.

Something to Think About

With Little Stan

Ely, Minn.—"Merry Christmas!" — That cheery greeting is being exchanged by millions of people throughout the world, as the Yuletide spirit comes to a brilliant climax. All cares and worries are temporarily forgotten on this day, as people set a moment aside to reminisce of incidents which have occurred in years past.

Christmas is the special time for the encouragement of peace, good-will and fellowship. Many gifts are being exchanged to express affection and good wishes. Little Stan is in this mood today. The year is almost over, and he has many, many things to think about . . . and, yea, he has a smile on his face.

That smile is there for a special reason . . . a really good reason. He thinks back—some-

Electrons Sparks 'n' Flashes

By Stan Progar

Springdale, Pa.—At the December meeting of the Electrons, yours truly was the victim of too much voltage. Yes, he was actually shocked. Why? Ninety per cent of the members were present at the meeting. All of which proves that old fighting Electrons are once again on the old battle front. If you were at the meeting, you would be convinced that this is so. Every Electron present was charged with full power and if no short circuit occurs, mark this in your hat: "Watch the Electrons in 1937."

Elections — As usual, after every election someone is always disappointed. But, disappointed or not, give your new officers your best support. The officers alone can't make the lodge grow. It takes complete co-operation. Remember our slogan, "Everyone in the lodge is backing the officers."

For 1937 yours truly vacated the presidential seat in favor of his buddy at work, Anthony Rosati, to keep the coveted title of athletic supervisor. Brother Frank retained the secretary's seat, as did John Sturga, recording secretary. Charles Matus turned over the treasury department to John Stavor, who in turn was replaced by Milan Jerrick as sentinel. Joe Yelowchan as vice president gave way to Joe Yohman, while Mary Oset remained chairman of the sick visiting committee. In the auditors' department Joe Progar, Joe Yelowchan and Charles Matus replaced Andy Kovach, John Stavor and Joe Yohman.

Say listen, all you neighbors, if you care to spend an inexpensive enjoyable Sunday evening, why not travel to our headquarters in Cheswick, at Tony's Place, and join us in our fun. Proceeds of this fun shall go to towards defraying the expense of our bowling team. Our bowlers need your support, so come on and give them a great big hand. Plenty of worth-while prizes are available. The first one will be held Sunday, Dec. 27, and continuing every second and fourth Sundays of the month. Are we all going? I'll say we are.

Stan Progar,
No. 228, SSCU.

thing like four years ago, when he first started to write articles to Nova Doba, reporting lodge activities. He and Lillian Chelensnik, now Mrs. John Sayovitz, team to form the writing team of Lil and Stan, and continued a sparkling column for a year or so. Then, wedding bells, and Lil and Stan changed to just plain Little Stan. Thus a small town boy began his writing career.

Many moons have passed since those early days, highlighted by many events. Outstanding was the initial juvenile convention which was sponsored by our Union in 1935.

Before that, his regular contributions had increased popularity to such an extent that soon he received a job to report news for a large weekly paper on Minnesota's iron range: Range Facts, which today boasts a circulation of over 5,000. Several months later he became a partner in an advertising paper. Through leaps and bounds, he kept on stepping.

At the first national juvenile convention he made many friends with juvenile members from all parts of the country, and with the celebrated little Austin car, this long-legged scribe and juveniles had loads of fun. Juvenile delegates to the convention will no doubt remember the "load" part of it! Heh, heh!

And now, coming to the point of this article, Little Stan wishes to bring out the main reason for his reminiscence: It's Christmas time! A week later comes the first of the new year—1937! What will it bring?

One thing, to juvenile members of our organization—another national juvenile convention, made possible by the far-sighted delegates to the fourteenth quadrennial convention of our organization at Cleveland, who look ahead through the years, and see that some day these young juveniles will have to handle the reins as they are today!

When the Supreme Board meets in Ely, Minn., next month, plans for the great juvenile enterprise will be begun. An original idea will be injected into this coming campaign to further rouse the interest of the organization of juveniles. What it definitely will be, is still a mystery which will be solved next January, but in the meantime juveniles should plan and begin laying the groundwork for this splendid trip.

And writing in the Nova Doba is one big step in the groundwork! "To reach our goal, we must start from the bottom," successful men have said.

It is yet too early to make any definite announcements regarding the coming convention, but one thing is certain, and that is: delegates will be selected from the number of new members they enroll! And there is your lineup! Begin figuring just what young people you know, and associate with. Are they members of our organization? How about that little fellow next door? Wouldn't he like to join? Think about those, because when the campaign really gets started, you,

