

Izbor Koprivice:

Svetli trenutki

Zopet sem imel v gosteh enega izmed tistih strašnih tednov, ki se jih nisem mogel otresti zadnji dve leti. Peti dan sem že hodil lačen po cestah. Bil je deštovi marec. Ponoči je padla drobna plast suhega snega na narzal in koraki so škripali. Mraz me je grizel skozi preluknjane podplate v noge ter se mi prelakal po žilah gori do teme- na, da sem jel drgetati, čim sem se ustavil, a tudi med hojo me je vrtal zagrabljen besen drget, da so mi zobje zašklepetali. Ključil sem se, se vlekel v sukno, in če je bila ulica prazna, sem si ponogel kapo čez ušesa, katerih žilic nisem več čutil.

zaspati, a nisem mogel. Vse mo- je bedno življenje je drselo mi- mo mojih oči, se mi posmehova- lo ter se norčevalo iz mene. Ma- ti, sestra, sosedje, — vsi so šli mimo. Pomilovalno in prezirljivo so me gledali, da sem se zvi- jal od bolečine. Zagovarjal sem se, prosil, a pomagalo ni nič. Za- čel sem šteti in sem štel ne vem kolikokrat do tisoč. Tako sem zaspal. Sanjalo se mi je, da sem bil na veliki pojedini. Razno- vrstne dobrine so prinašali na mizo, meni pa so začudo dajali samo koruzne žgance in golaž. Ali bil sem vesel. Nikoli nisem zahteval veliko od življenja, pa me tudi to zapostavljanje ni vznevoljilo.

sploh ne vzel moje obleke, mo- jih knjig. Pa je poteklo že toliko časa od takrat, uspeha pa ni ho- telo biti. Urednik revije, kamor sem no- sil najčiste svoje spise, mi je vedno pravil: "Nekaj pri vas ni v redu. Zdite se mi odmaknjeni od sveta, nekam v oblake. Življe- nju se morate približati, pa bo! Saj imate pripovedni dar, le ra- biti ga ne veste." Vedel sem, da ima prav in sem ga spoštoval. Poljubil bi mu najrajši roko, se razjokal pred njim, da bi videl, kako mi je. On pač ni vedel, da ima sestradan človek živce kakor sito. Ampak hotel sem se držati v mejah do- stojnosti, poklonil sem se in šel. Zaljubljen bi se v tega uredni- ka, tako mi je bilo, zakaj v svo- je veliko veselje sem ugotovil, da je moje spise bral. Bili so namreč tudi takšni, ki so me odganjali, ne da bi prečitali vsaj vrstico tega, ker sem napisal, dasi je ležal spis pri njih par mescev. Nobeden izmed njih ni hotel dati nasveta, po katerem se radi spisa, ki je ležal v ured- ništvu pet mesecev, drznil vpra- šati, kje so napake, radi katerih ne more na dan. Spoznal bi jih rad, jih popravil ter se jih v bo- doče izogibal. V zadregi mi je urednik dopovedoval, da ni, — no, pač ni, — skratka ni za ob- javitvi. Čemu ni, mi ni povedal, da je že pozabil, je dejal. Drugič me je odgnal s trditvijo, da je novela predolga, dasi je objav- ljala revija še dalje stvari.

koliko oddahnil, potem sem pa segel po pisnu. Srce mi je drge- talo. Pretrgal sem kuverto. Ne- navaden občutek sem imel, ko sem zagrabil s prsti pisemski papir, popisan z drobno pisavo. Razgrnil sem ga... Na tla je zletel stodinarski bankovec... Pismo mi je padlo iz rok. Planil sem pokonci. Noro sem gledal svež sneg na kostanjih, in sapa, ki je vela od severa, se mi je za- zdela kakor balzam. Pobrall sem denar, pobrall pismo ter ga pre- čital. Nič o denarju. Nič, čemu ga je priložila, le o sebi mi je pisala, da trpi, ker je spoznala, kako varljivo je življenje, o de- narju pa nič. Pač, na zadnji strani ob dolnjem robu je bilo zapisano z drobceno, komaj čit- ljivo pisavo: "Prilagam bankovec, da ne boš žalosten v teh lepih dneh, ko se človeku zdi da prihaja izza vseh hribov pomlad." Rina. "O, zlata, dobra Rina!" mi je planilo iz srca in solze so me oblike. "Se me ne bo konec!" sem se smehljaj. "Dvignil se bom, se izpopolnil; prišel bom do zem- lje, kakor hoče urednik "Zelene lastovice," in bom delal, delal! Izpovedal se bom, da bo postalo nekoliko mirneje v tem bedas- tem srcu in morda bom nekoč prišel celo do kruha, do skorje, drugega pa ne želim. Spravil sem pismo. S stota- kom v roki sem si popravil klo- buk, pogledal v sonce, ki se mi je ta hip zdelo tako lepo kot še nikoli in z vriskajočo dušo sem šel v mesto. ("Življenje in Svet.")

Iz urada gl. tajnika From the Office of Supreme Secretary BOLNIŠKA PODPORA IZ- PLACANA MESECA JUNIJA 1939 SICK BENEFIT PAID DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 1939

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New Era

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Nova Doba



AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Coll. Boosters

Cleveland, O. — On July 8th, Coll. Boosters held a wiener roast at Kausek's farm. The old Booster standby again was displayed: "One by one, side by side, altogether three in a reach." Kristoff, our reliable musician, started things off at 9:30 moonlight. Dancing continued until the doggies were good and hot. "Peepers" Grubestic, our utility outfielder, downed some 14 hot dogs. Phil Sirca, chairman of the SSCU softball league, surprised us with his accordion music. Mikey Krall, hurler for the Betsy Ross, demanded many waltzes. The committee in charge executed a good job. Rudy Agnich, Mrs. Alice Laurich, Joe Champa, Tony Laurich and Joe Struna consisted of the committee. Loychic and Lud were very much in demand with their singing.

Our ball team made it five in a row, as of Wednesday, July 12 at the expense of Ilirska Vila, final score being 9 to 0. Tight infielding by Buff Berzin and Minnie, and star outfielding by Loychie and Lud helped our pitcher to a no hit game.

Our team won an exhibition game, on Sunday, July 2, at Napredok field, after the regular Ohio federation meeting. Score was: Boosters 7, Napredok 1. Very much appreciated was the cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Cele and Mr. and Mrs. Krainc. In lawn bowling, Boosters suffered a defeat at the hands of Napredok.

To all our lodge 188 ball players: Keep it up, and with good sportsmanship we should come out on top of our SSCU.

John Laurich
No. 188, SSCU

Betsy Ross News

Cleveland, O. — Betsy Ross lodge, 186, SSCU will hold its annual outdoor event in the form of a Barn Dance, on Saturday evening, July 29, at Manchutta Farm, located at Glenridge and Green Road. Frank Jankovich and his boys will provide the music. Admission to the barn dance is only 25 cents. Plenty refreshments will be available during the evening, with dancing scheduled to commence at 8 p.m. and continuing until the wee hours in the morning.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the SSCU lodges in Cleveland and nearby vicinity to attend. The committees in charge assure everyone a grand time. Many who have attended our previous barn dances will recall the excellent entertainment provided in the past. So, again, remember that you are cordially invited to attend an evening of entertainment. Get away from the heat by going to Manchutta's farm on Saturday evening, July 29.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Frank Sluga and Ann Spenko, also Joseph Kovitch and Stella Rozac, who recently entered into the bond of matrimony. They are all members of Betsy Ross lodge. By the way, Charles Wohlgenuth, our genial bowler, became a proud papa of a baby boy on June 30th. Congratulations! Charlie and Frances.

Louis Tolar sr. is still on the sick list, recovering from his illness rather slowly, as he has been confined for almost 13 months.

The Cleveland SSCU Softball League has been coming along very nicely, and I wish to congratulate every member of the league for displaying such a fine spirit of sportsmanship. The league is slated for a huge success, with many followers at the games.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y.

A \$10,000 Delegate



MARY L. BODACK

With \$10,000 worth of new insurance to her credit, Mary L. Bodack, secretary and treasurer of lodge 182, Pittsburgh, Pa. automatically qualified as delegate for the athletic conference. Mary will be remembered by many who attended the SSCU duckpin tournament dinner in Pittsburgh's Slovene Home last April as the chairlady who had charge of the dinner. And what a splendid job she did make of the tournament dinner.

BRIEFS

Attention! lodge secretaries. State examiners are checking the records of our SSCU home office in Ely, Minnesota at the present time. This means additional work for the entire home office personnel, and also the breaking up of the daily routine. There will be some delay in routine correspondence between the home office and the local lodge secretaries due to the state examinations, the semi-annual checking of books and records by the SSCU supreme trustees, the semi-annual meeting of the supreme board, and the juvenile convention and athletic conference. It never rains but it pours, and the home office is deluged with extra work for an indefinite period of time. Consequently, correspondence and other detail work between the home office and the local lodge secretaries will suffer a delay.

A brand new baby boy entered the lives of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Garbas of Cleveland, O. Dr. Garbas, dentist, was the first English Editor of Nova Doba and the first athletic commissioner of the SSCU. Mrs. Garbas and the baby are doing nicely, according to reports.

July issue of *The American Slav* magazine carries "Jerney's Sister," a story written by Janko N. Rogelj, first SSCU supreme trustee, and translated by Dr. James W. Mally. "Jerney's Sister" originally appeared in the Slovene section of Nova Doba; and Dr. Mally's translation appeared in the English section. The *American Slav* is a monthly periodical published in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, July 30, at Claridge, Pa. A picnic will follow the meeting at Greater Beechwood Park.

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Tops Delegates



MARY MILAVEC

With \$11,500 worth of new insurance to her credit, Mary Milavec, qualified delegate to the athletic conference from lodge 75, Meadowlands, Pa. surpassed all other delegates to the conference in new insurance written during the campaign. She is the wife of Andrew Milavec, fourth supreme trustee, who will be in Ely, Minnesota during the juvenile convention and athletic conference after completing the regular audit with the other supreme trustees.

Minnesota's Gov. Harold Stassen Will Attend Picnic; Eyes of 87 SSCU Delegates On Gala Convention



Little Stan

By Little Stan, campaign publicity chairman

Ely, Minn. — Headlining the most impressive program in the history of our organization—a climax to three days of festivities—will be the Governor of the state of Minnesota, Harold E. Stassen, who Thursday wired our supreme secretary Anton Zbasnik that he would be in attendance at the picnic to be held at Sandy Point, Sunday, Aug. 6.

Daily press carried headline stories on the event, building up a tremendous advance press-agency build-up which will reach a mighty climax when delegates arrive for the convention Aug. 3.

Sandy Point is a beautiful peninsula stretching far out into Shagawa lake. Tall stately trees shield the multitudes of people from a hot glaring sun. Beautiful sandy beaches stretch out on both sides, and it is an ideal place for a picnic.

Enthusiastic convention committees are rounding up plans for the entertainment of 87 delegates—56 to the juvenile convention; 31 to the athletic conference, who jubilantly await the day when they will be on that train, headed for Minnesota's famous playground of a nation.

It will be early in the morning in Duluth, Minn., Thursday, Aug. 3, when those trains come in bearing delegates and supreme officers from the east and west. At the station, you'll see a tall elongated gentleman rubbing a little sleep out of his eyes. Yes, folksies, it will be Little Stan who will be sent to meet you in Duluth, then ride by train all the way to Ely with you.

According to the plans now, delegates will be met at the Ely depot of the D.M. and I.R. railroad by a huge crowd of local citizens, augmented by a blaring band, who will give everyone a rousing welcome. You'll be very much thrilled, perhaps even awed to some extent by the welcome, 'cause Little Stan was not kidding when he told you how the people of this community were awaiting your arrival.

Then a parade to the beautiful home office of our organization. At the home office you'll be whisked away to what will be your home for the next three nights and four days. That evening, after you're all freshened up, you'll go to the scene of the convention, the Washington school auditorium for a preliminary and short round of caucus session. The remainder of the evening you'll have to yourself, and you can really get acquainted.

Next morning the convention session gets underway in the spacious auditorium. You'll elect your own officers and conduct your session. By noon, you'll be through with the first round and ready to board the busses for that trip to the Indian reservation on Lake Vermillion. You ride as far as Tower to the Aronson Boat Livery. There you board two beautiful 50-foot cruisers, the "Maryland" and the "Mayflower," and your trip

over placid waters of the lake will be underway!

Upon your return you'll have the rest of the evening to yourselves again. You can rummage about, pick up souvenirs and have loads of fun! Until dance time! Than the entire gang goes to the community center auditorium, Ely's quarter-million dollar building, where you can swing and sway to the strains of Bill Ruper and his orchestra of Eveleth. If Little Stan can get enough jitterbugs with him, he'll stage a real jitterbug show. So far, Elsie Desmond of Cleveland is the only one who signified she would participate. But that's o.k. Elsie, if no one else doesn't, you and I will put on a floor show for the gang! What do you say!

There'll be a microphone there, and Elyites will have the chance to listen to the voices of every delegate who attends. You will have fun, no question about that! And then to bed for a good rest, so that you can be ready for the business session on Saturday morning!

It will be a nice session, and you'll conduct business, and by noon you should be ready to close the books. In the afternoon, you will again be free to do whatever you like. You'll have your chance to get souvenirs and run around with Little Stan and his Magic Carpet. Same holds true for the evening. So stick with the man at the helm of the Magic Carpet. You'll glide to the most wonderful time of your life! That's a promise!

Sunday morning you can all attend church services if you so desire, and by noon you'll be ready to assemble for the parade and ride to the picnic grounds. A wonderful program on the grounds awaits you, and you'll be so busy having fun, you'll be plenty surprised when by evening you'll be listening to that master of swing, Frankie

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Softball Managers

Cleveland, O. — A meeting of all managers of the lodge teams entered in the Cleveland SSCU Softball League will be held on Thursday, July 25, at my home 14715 Saranac Rd. Meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. with no waiting for any late comers.

Phil Sirca, Chairman
Cleveland Softball League

Lodge 21

Denver, Colo. — Here are some directions to get to Zang's farm where our lodge 21, SSCU will hold a picnic on Sunday, July 30th:

From Denver through Globeville, or by way of Slovene National Home, straight north on Washington St. about 9 miles to East Lake; turn left and follow road until Federal Boulevard, a paved road, then straight through the Broomfield around the curve where can be seen buildings painted yellow and the roofs painted red. Take the first arch way to the right after passing Broomfield. There will be an American flag over the archway and direction when to turn off the highway.

Those coming from outside points may go out all the way to Federal Boulevard, or stop at the Slovene National Home where Mr. and Mrs. Mavetic will be glad to give you directions.

Members are requested to bring along their friends, and if any room is available in their cars, to take along extra passengers. Those without transportation should get in touch with either our secretary Mr. Okoren, or myself, and we will arrange for transportation. We expect to arrange automobiles in front of the Slovene National Home, the cars to leave not later than 2 p.m.

Steve Mauser, Pres.

From Ely, Minn.



ROBERT JOSEPH CHAMPA

Son of the supreme treasurer Louis Champa, and member of lodge 184, Ely, Minnesota, Robert Joseph Champa, qualified juvenile delegate from district 18, will again attend the juvenile convention. His mother, Mrs. Champa, is very happy to see Robert qualified as juvenile delegate.

From Cheswick, Pa.



WILLIAM STAVOR

President of Electrons lodge, 228, of Cheswick, Pa., is William Stavor, who qualified as delegate to the athletic conference. William is very thankful to members of lodge 203 for their splendid co-operation, and to the members of his lodge, particularly Joseph Yohman and Emil Jerich. William Stavor qualified from the seventh district, where competition was keen. He is credited with \$5,750 of new insurance, while the second highest, Mary Oblock, came through with \$5,000. Mary Oblock is the wife of second supreme vice-president Paul J. Oblock, Center, Pa.

Three-Time Delegate



CAROLYN M. KERN

Although Carolyn M. Kern, qualified delegate to the third biennial juvenile convention from lodge 54, Hibbing, Minn., is but fourteen years old, she already has attended the first two juvenile conventions, in 1935 and 1937. Carolyn was the youngest delegate at the first juvenile convention. Her mother, Mrs. Caroline Fink is secretary of lodge 54, and her father Mr. Stanley Fink, is president.

From Ely, Minn.



JOHN KOROSEC

From lodge 120, Ely, Minnesota comes another juvenile delegate in the person of John Korosec, who is very glad to have crossed the goal line. His sister, Amelia Korosec, also has qualified, and the two will represent their lodge on the convention floor.

From Ely, Minn.



ANGELA GRAHEK

A real go-getter is Angela Grahek, qualified athletic conference delegate from lodge 184, of Ely, Minnesota. And like all star saleswomen, she commands the finesse required of all sales talks. Angela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Champa, the former being supreme treasurer of the SSCU. This young delegate from the 18th district and her husband operate a cash and carry grocery and meat store in Ely.

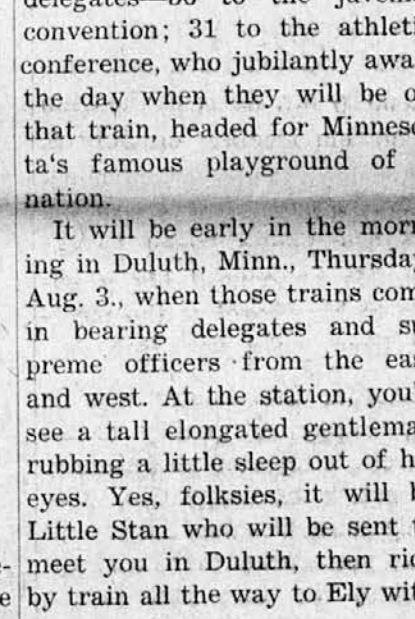
From Ely, Minn.



JOSEPH J. KOVACH

A touch of military will be felt at the second athletic conference next August with the presence of Joseph J. Kovach, qualified delegate from lodge 1, Ely, Minnesota. Joseph J. Kovach is a second lieutenant in the C. M. T. C. The first delegate to qualify for the athletic conference was Joseph Kovach, son of Lieutenant Kovach. Eight delegates will be represented at the juvenile convention from lodge 1.

Starkville, Colo.



JACOB PRUNK JR.

Another juvenile delegate from district 26 is Jacob Prunk Jr., of lodge 84, Starkville, Colo. Jacob will have plenty of company from his state of Colorado as a host of delegates have qualified. He was born on January 14, 1922. His mother, Mrs. Agnes Prunk, accompanied him on his trip to the first juvenile convention. His father, Mr. Jake Prunk is secretary of lodge 84, having held that office for the past four years.

