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SPREMEMBE V ČLANSTVU ZA MESECE NOVEMBER 1943

Novi člani in članice ... Društvo št. 1, Chicago, Ill.: HH-45153 Leo Zupancich, R. 18 \$500; ...

Društvo št. 145, Beaver Falls, Pa.: CC-45217 John Thobas R. 18 \$500. ... Društvo št. 171, Duluth, Minn.: HH-45188 Thomas Shubitz R. 18 \$500.

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MLADINSKI ODDELEK ... Novi člani načrta "AA" ... Društvo št. 1, Chicago, Ill.: 37877 Joann B. Birch, 37829 Kathleen Smyth.

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Novi člani načrta "CC" ... Društvo št. 7, Pueblo, Colo.: 37884 John Zaletel III. ...

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37845 Carol Ann Becki. ... Zvišali zavarovalništvo ... Društvo št. "A" v razred "CC" \$1000.

Suspendovani ... Društvo št. 45, E. Helena, Mont.: 36116 John E. Gorsich. ...

Umrlji ... Društvo št. 14, Butte, Mont.: 29981 Alice T. Gregurich. ...

JUGOSLAVIJA BO ZA STOPANA V ODBORU ZA ITALJANSKE ZADEVE ... Washington, v decembru. ...

KACE NAMESTO PASJEGA STRAZARJA

Prebivalci Querra v Mehiki imajo take pse strazarja, da nas prevzame groza, če slišimo o njih. ...

PREGANJANJE RUSKEGA CIVILNEGA PREBIVALSTVA

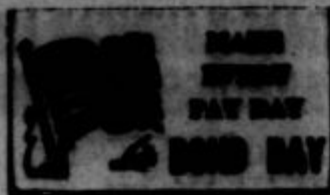
London. — (ONA). — Bežeče nemške armade so prignale v Baltijsko državo ogromne množice ruskih civilistov. ...

BODITE POMENI, DA IMATE TAKO VELIKO ŠTEVILO JEDNOTNIH SOBRATOV IN SOSESTER.

Naročite si dnevnik! ... V Clevelandu izhaja že nad 40 let slovenski list z imenom "AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA". ...

IZŠLA JE Baragova Pratika za prestopno leto 1944 ... 40 CENTOV ... BARAGOVA PRATIKA 1849-West Cermak Road, Chicago (8), Illinois.

NAZNANILO IN ZAHVALA ... Josip Sladich ... zatišni svoje trudne oči po dolgi in mučni bolezni dne 28. oktobra, 1943, v starosti 67 let. ...



OUR PAGE

"The Spirit of a Rejuvenated KSKJ"

REMEMBER THE BOYS IN SERVICE
They Are Counting On You!

50th ANNIVERSARY OF UNION IN 1944 SHOULD SPUR MEMBERS TO INCREASED ACTIVITY, SAYS SUPREME SECRETARY

Next Friday will bring us to the conclusion of the year 1943. At that time, it will be appropriate for every business organization to take inventory and to determine whether or not progress has been made.

It has also been proper for our organization and its subsidiaries to take inventory.

Further, dear sister and brother, it is also your duty to take inventory as to what you have accomplished for the organization in the past year. If during the course of the past year you have done something of benefit to the Union, then you may feel happy and proud over your work. Your feeling of satisfaction should lead you to resolve to continue with your work for the organization. Among your resolutions, please include the one to continue to agitate for the increase of our membership that will result in a mighty and stronger organization. If you are a member that has accomplished nothing toward the progress of the Union, now is the time for you to resolve to make amends and to compensate for what you should have done in the past year.

Remember, the organization is yours. Therefore, it is not only imperative, but your solemn duty to work for its progress. The Union needs you, and you need the organization. Promise that you will work for the enlistment of new members! All that you will do in this respect will be done for your benefit, for all who are members, and for those who will join in the future. The Union is a dynamic organization; its work and the work of its members is never finished; it is a continuity of generosity and fraternalism.

The year 1944 will be a jubilee year during which our Union will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding. What more appropriate time than during the coming year to do something for the Union. Members, let's all resolve and follow it through with the deed of really doing something for the Union. At least, let us meet our obligations!

Wishing you a New Year that will bring you a realization of your present anticipations.

JOSEPH ZALAR, Supreme Secretary.

SGT. BEVEC WRITES A LETTER

Southwest Pacific, December 14, 1943
Hello Everybody:

Since arriving on this side of the world which makes us 15 hours faster than you, I have had the chance to visit a number of interesting places during my journey. The trip across the beautiful, quiet and peaceful Pacific was very uneventful. Landing in Australia on a Sunday afternoon made me very happy to know that I have set foot on another continent. This Kangaroo country is certainly an interesting nation with chances for great developments in the future. In size it is just about equal to the United States and topographically it is also similar to our country in many respects. If one places the map of Australia upside down over that of the United States, it just about covers it evenly with all the indentures that exist. Another peculiar feature is that the seasons are just reversed from that in the States. While you are now in the season of fall, here it is spring.

While in Australia I had the chance to take in many sections of the country. There are three main cities, Melbourne with a population of 1,500,000, Sydney 1,300,000, and Brisbane 350,000. Being that Australia has a population of only 7,000,000, makes it that the three cities just about comprise half of its population. Sydney and Brisbane were the cities that I had the opportunity to visit.

An interesting item to you might be that the prices on food especially are from 100 to 200 per cent cheaper than in the States. Food is not heavily rationed but clothing and petrol — the name for gasoline — are. Another item that has proved to be scarce is beer and whiskey. The pubs — in other words, bars, close at six in the evening and no alcoholic

beverages are sold unless in a speakeasy fashion. One thing that is not rationed are the women. Really there are more than the Yanks can handle. Now the women folk back home need not worry for we are still more than faithful to you. One of the funniest experiences was getting accustomed to Australian money which is based on the English pound. By now we have no trouble in handling this poundage and have just about forgotten the American money.

Politically, the country is controlled by labor. When election day comes around, if one does not vote, it costs him six dollars as a penalty for not exercising his privilege. Public utilities are all controlled by the government which makes it possible to render the public a great service for the least amount of money. So all in all Australia is really an interesting country but to us there is none like the good old USA.

Leaving the country was somewhat of an undesirable desire for us for we certainly had a real time back there. But we had to continue going places if we are to whip the yellow bellied Japs so we landed in the Southwest Pacific some time later. This is the land of coconuts and funny people, or the Fuzzy Wuzzies as we have named them. To date I have not seen any monkeys on the trees but if there is a monkey act to put on, I guess that remains for us if we should so desire.

Speaking of the natives, they are very dark with very tough features about them. A grass skirt for the female and a piece of bright cloth for the male is the wearing apparel used by these Fuzzy Wuzzies. All are very fond of loud colors. They seem to live in somewhat of a semi-primitive

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IN NORTH AFRICA

Pvt. Joseph P. Habjan

Pvt. Joseph Paul Habjan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Habjan, 1211 Jackson St., No. Chicago, Ill., is now stationed somewhere in North Africa. He is in the U. S. Paratroops. Inducted into service in February 1942 he was trained for the infantry at Camp Wolters, Texas, for four months, but he later qualified for the parachute battalion and was transferred to Fort Benning, Ga. He is one of few Waukegan youths in this branch of service.

Pvt. Habjan is a former employee of the Johnson Motor Co. and is a member of St. Joseph's Society, No. 53, Waukegan, Ill.

DESIGN FOR LIVING

These hands are shaped by God;
O Mary, let not any task performed by them
Be anything but good.
These lips are shaped by God;
O Mother, guard their every word to be
Just as it should.
These eyes are made by God;
Sweet Virgin, make them see the evil
Hidden 'neath the glittering, tinsel gold.
These ears are made by God;
Dear Mary, make them hear no evil other lips
Less prudent might have told.
This heart is made for God;
Dear Mother, tho' its human contacts bruise it,
Let me keep it pure within.
This soul is formed by God;
Sweet Virgin, help me bring it back to Heaven,
Glorified, entirely free from sin.—Selected.

FAMILIES, LIKE NATIONS, COULD DO WITH MORE LOVE

By Sister Mary Clare, SND

The highlight of Christmas this year was without doubt the Holy Father's Christmas Mass and Christmas message which was shortwaved to the world. The Holy Father's message was no startling new pronouncement. What really was new and different about it, was its message of peace in the name of the Prince of Peace, delivered from the heart of enemy territory.

In this message there was not the least tinge of hatred for the evil men who have caused Pius XII such intense suffering. In this the Holy Father's sentiments were echoed in the hearts of American soldiers everywhere. Hatred is not the moving force in their efficient fighting, thank God.

Let us check this point in this column. How many blessings and graces would be ours as individuals and as a nation if we would have the courage to dispose quickly and without rancor of those petty quarrels which keep so many homes in a constant state of guerilla warfare.

When a couple gets married they take each other for better or for worse till death parts

CHANGE MEETING DATE

Joliet, Ill. — The next meeting of St. Joseph's Society, No. 2, will be held Jan. 9 rather than on the first Sunday of the month. The reason for this change in date is to permit the trustees sufficient time to prepare the annual report and because of the sacred concert to be given by the parish choir on our usual meeting Sunday. The meeting will take place in lower Slovenia Hall.

All of last year's officers were reelected for the year 1944. Mr. Louis Zeleznikar, Supreme Assistant Secretary, will be the installing officer at the next meeting. Refreshments will be served.

To each and every member sincere wishes that your holiday season may prove a pleasant one, inspiring renewed effort for victory in the coming year.

BRIDGEPORT LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

Bridgeport, O. — At the annual meeting of St. Ann Society, No. 123, which was held on Sunday, Dec. 19, the following officers were elected for the coming year. Caroline Stefanich, president; Anna Legan, vice president; Mary Luko financial secretary; Frances Smrekar, recording secretary; Mary Greecher, treasurer; trustees: Mary Gertscher, Anna Gregoric, Caroline Strauss; Josephine Simoncic, guard; Anna Roth, marshal. Physician: Dr. David Danenberg. Chaplain, Rev. Joseph Keifer.

As we cannot have any entertainments now, each member will be assessed 50 cents in the month of January to help pay our lodge expenses.

We mourn the loss of one of our faithful members Mary Kolar, who died on Dec. 16. To the bereaved family we extend our sincerest sympathy. May she rest in peace.

And now I wish to remind all our members that our meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, so try to attend every meeting!

Mary Luko, sec'y.

BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Pvt. William Zorc Pvt. Robert Zorc

Pvt. William Zorc has been transferred to Fort Custer, Mich., from Santa Monica, Cal. Inducted into the U. S. Army on Dec. 29, 1942, he received his basic training at Camp McCoy, Wis., later being transferred to Fort Riley, Kans. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zorc, Sr., 1013 Adams St., No. Chicago, Ill. Formerly he was employed at the Johnson Motor Co., and is a graduate of the Mother of God School and of Waukegan High.

A second son, Pvt. Robert Zorc, was inducted on March 22, 1943, and since that date has been attending a training school at Drew Field in Tampa, Fla. He was home on a 5-day furlough recently and has now returned to his classes for further studies. He is a graduate of the Mother of God School of the Waukegan High School. Formerly he worked for the Fansteel Co.

Another member of the family, John Marinsek, son of Mrs. Zorc by her first marriage, is now stationed somewhere in Africa. He was inducted into service during October, 1942, and took his basic training course at Camp McCoy. He was stationed at Camp Skokie for several months prior to his being shipped overseas. He is a former employee of Johns-Manville Co. He graduated from the Mother of God School and attended the Waukegan High School.

All three boys are members of St. Joseph's Society, No. 53, at Waukegan.

FRESH AIR, HEAT AND VENTILATION

Fresh air is nature's tonic. It stimulates digestion, promotes assimilation, improves metabolism, strengthens the nervous system, and increases our resistance against some diseases. We may write and talk as much as we please about the horrors of bad air and the importance of fresh air, but we should never induce people to sit in cold drafts and shiver for the sake of pure air, and, in fact, we would not want to do it ourselves. So we see that extremes in this as in all other hygienic matters should be avoided. Most sanitariums are agreed that the most vital element as concerns ventilation is the problem of regulating the temperature, moisture and motion of the air.

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SUPREME SECRETARY ZALAR PAUSES TO REFLECT AT 35 YEAR SERVICE MARK

In a few days we will have come to the close of 1943. Simultaneously, the undersigned will have completed 35 years of service as the Supreme Secretary of the KSKJ.

It seems to me that the 35 years have passed swiftly. It is almost unbelievable that 35 years have transpired since I have taken over the secretaryship of the KSKJ.

In retrospect the past 35 years have brought to mind many pleasant moments, and also corresponding trials and tribulations.

The title "Supreme Secretary" connotes honor, respect and glory. However, the duties and obligations of a supreme secretary are burdensome and are known only to one who is assigned to the office. In normal and times of peace the office of the secretaryship entails great responsibilities, and in time of war the duties are multiplied.

In the years that have passed it was consoling when the organization went through a period of harmony and co-operation, and conversely, it was disheartening when the Union was subjected to altercations and arguments. When we realize all these unnecessary arguments, we realize the futility and the uselessness of personal quibbling and the corresponding harm resultant to the Union.

When I ponder over these unnecessary arguments that the organization has been subjected to throughout the years, I am convinced of the harm resulting from them.

That the KSKJ is not now the largest Slovenian organization in America cannot be answered by our neighbors. That it is not the largest is our own fault. In times when the field for enlistment of new members was fertile, instead of cultivating our opportunities, we engaged in misunderstandings instead of devoting our time to making our organization greater and stronger by enlisting new members. Others made the most of this opportunity and concentrated on increasing their membership. Thanks to the Lord, that we finally came to our senses and during the past thirteen years we have learned the spirit of harmony and cooperation. I hope that we shall continue in the same spirit.

In the year 1909 when I accepted the Supreme Secretaryship, the organization had assets amounting to \$86,906.98.

KOSMACH BOOSTERS SOLE QUINT TO REGISTER THRICE; OTHERS EDGE

Chicago, Ill.—The Kosmach Boosters were the only quint in the Steve League that registered a clean sweep, and that was over the Jerin Butchers. John Zefran tallied a 571, and Ralph Muha, 565, to lead the heavy blasting, while Frank Bicek, 544, and Tony Rabetz, 472, tallied high for the losers.

In the other tilts of the evening, all edge-wins, the Zeleznika Fuels, Korenchan Grocers, Darovic Lawyers, Park View Laundry won over the Gottlieb Florists, Fidelity Electrics, Monarch Beers and Tomazin Taverns, respectively. High scorers were Louis Ra-

Today the assets amount to over \$5,450,000.00. At that time the organization numbered 9,851 members, and today the membership totals 38,960.

The progress which we have attained is an accomplishment of which we may be proud. However, we can conjecture how this progress could have been augmented had it not been interrupted by petty quarrels. Constructive criticism at the right time and at the right place is beneficial to the organization, but political and personal arguments are harmful to the Union. Let us avoid everything that will be harmful to the organization.

In addition to the progress to the organization in the financial field other beneficial changes have been experienced. In regards to the latter more will be revealed when the Jubilee program is released.

I said previously that we can be proud of the progress that we have attained in the past 35 years. However, let me not one think that I alone am responsible for this achievement! It is true that I have suggested proposals that have been adopted by the organization, but the adoption of such entirely depended on the judgement of the entire Supreme Board. In other words, the credit goes to all who in any way contributed to the progress of KSKJ.

At the conclusion of my 35 years of service as Supreme Secretary, I take this as an opportunity and as a duty to thank all the Supreme Officers, Officers of subsidiary societies, and individual members for their co-operation and courtesies. God bless you all!

Joseph Zalar,
Supreme Secretary.

A tourist speeding along a highway at 100 miles an hour was stopped by a patrolman.

"Was I driving too fast?" asked the tourist apologetically.

"Heck, no," replied the patrolman. "You were flying too low."

"The earth shook," said White, describing his experience in an earthquake, "cups and saucers flew all over the place."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed James. "That reminds me, I forgot to mail my wife's letter."

