



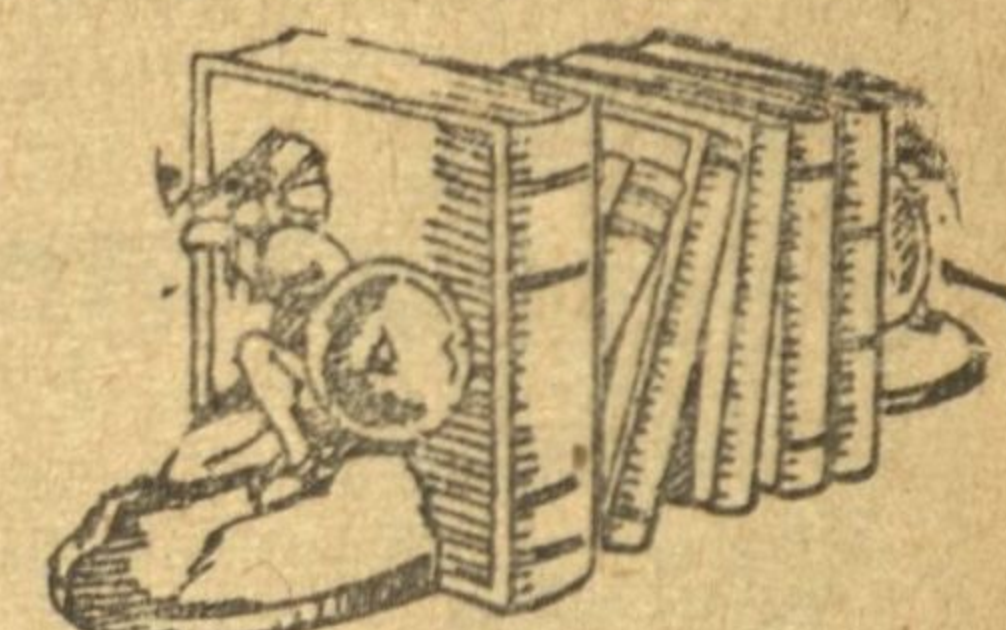
DO YOU KNOW THAT - SSPZ Has Nine Modern Plans of Life Insurance for Adults and Juveniles?

PROGRESS

'NAPREDEK'

Fraternalism in Action

The SSPZ paid to its members \$4,000,000 in benefits since organization.



Convention Activities and Vrtec Festival Next on SSPZ Program

By Michael Vrhovnik



M. Vrhovnik

Finished with one important event, the National Bowling Tournament, we now turn to a "string" of outstanding affairs...

The Convention, of course, which occurs once every four years, will be the main attraction around which everything else will center.

Perhaps, no single attraction of the year will prove more colorful or inspiring than the Pre-Convention Cultural celebration, the NATIONAL VRTEC FESTIVAL...

The entire cast of nearly fifty boys and girls, a majority of whom are members of the OUTLOOKERS, SPARTAN JUNIORS and CONCORDIAN JUNIORS of Cleveland...

There is no denying the fact that these boys and girls are amateurs of the first rank; none are finished artists of the stage.

GUESTS of HONOR will be the Vrtec members who qualified as Representatives of their respective Vrtec Units by enrolling, or helping to enroll, the required quota of new members during the Juvenile membership campaign...

CONVENTION TOPICS

I have been asked a number of times why someone of the Supreme Board does not inform our English-speaking members about the important Convention problems...

These questions are not ordinary ones, and there are answers to all of them. However, we must admit, if we wish to be fair, that there would be less need of their asking...

If I were to venture a guess on the number of English-speaking members in the Society, I would say there are, with juveniles approximately 6500, or a total of 65% of the entire membership.

Whatever be the cause of this disrespect for law and disregard of duty, it is my personal conviction that the way to sustained progress, in all Slovene Fraternal Societies, rests mostly with its leadership and how well they educate the youth in

HOOSIER PALS

Our Trip to Chicago

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Our sincere thanks to the Victorians for showing us such a swell time, during our stay in Chicago.

Now that we are rested, we still enjoy our good times by reminiscing, when we have time to sit and talk.

Now for our trip to Chicago after our hard time of getting started.

We started at exactly 4:23 a. m. Saturday morning after waiting for Ella who showed up at 2 minutes after 4:00. All of a sudden some one yelled Joe Turk is missing...

The two Turk brothers, Tar and Joe were kept busy playing their accordions. They sure had lots of pep, after getting up so early in the morning.

Red and Todor were glad to bowl nine games in one day, with the rest of the time could be occupied without worries.

Zakar had a bottle in his month half way to Chicago—and it wasn't a milk bottle either.

At the Half Way Mark, Kentland

We stopped to refresh and stretch out. It was here where we saw Sister Turk Schooley and her husband pass us in their car. We were ready to go again, Hitler started by passing the quart of ? with a bottle of ginger ale for wash.

Poor Antonia had to work until midnight but made it on time, although she appeared weak. Did you get any sleep on the bus, Antonia? Wonder if our president's girl friend Polly and Alice enjoy our crowd.

Frances taking a sip now and then saying that she will bowl tomorrow and not today. Hello rat-tat-tat—Ellen and Harry, our mailman, taking his bottle out—Say this is my perfume.

Dot, what was wrong? Was it too early for you to get up. You big sleepy head!

Henry and Okie acting like gentlemen all the way—some-

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May 19th

May 19th of this year will be the opening of one very important week for the SSPZ members. Youth will precede the makers of Slovene Progressive Benefit Society's Laws and Regulations.

Pick of the SSPZ crop of talent from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio will be brought together. Cleveland is known for its many cultural promotions.

National "Vrtec" Festival is becoming an annual affair among us. In Chicago it was inaugurated with great success.

Cleveland's presentation of the Festival will be a musical review. A combined show of musical, vocal and dancing talent, a play within the show and symbolic inserts.

In reality it will be a two dollar show. You have paid even more for performances that carried less incentive. A review that calls for more than a single performance, Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Yet the admission is made to be within reach of every person.

R. L.

Man has proved it possible to master every tongue in the world except his wife's.

—Grit

That Colorado man who drew a fine of \$50 for hugging a girl was very lucky. Most of us get a life sentence for it.

—Grit

values and needs of cooperative institutions such as our SSPZ. It is their duty to give them every opportunity to understand the principles and purpose of the Society by teaching them through the medium of the Official Organ and other means of communication.

VICTORIAN NEWS

CHICAGO, Ill. — Well here we are with nothing to do since the bowling tourney was held. It all seems like a pleasant dream.

We, the Victorians, take this opportunity to thank the Spartans, Utopians, Balkans, Hoosier Pals, Danica, Trail Blazers, Concordians, Roznik, Yugoslavs, Victorians and many friends for their splendid cooperation at this meet.

By the reports in the "Napredek," I believe everyone returned home safe and sound. Maybe minus a voice here and there. I do hope you have caught up on your sleep, and are planning to attend the tourney next year in Indianapolis.

Wonder whom J. Shum fell for? . . . How is the headache, T. Dusa? . . . Hope Z. Semenick's ankle is better . . . A certain Victorian girl thinks Bart Yarnik (Balkan) is alright . . . What did "Hitler" Madey want to say at the banquet? . . . What's the matter with Rosy lately—is he getting bashful? Why didn't he want to come into the banquet hall when paged? . . . Maybe I should keep still . . . Well I want you to know I was there taking it all in.

Although our Pennsylvania friends weren't here this year we are looking forward to seeing them next year at Indianapolis . . . So don't forget!

"A Victorian"

P. S. The regular monthly meeting of the Victorians will be held on Thursday, May 2, 1940, at Berger's, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave., at 8:30 p. m. promptly. A cash prize will be given away. Don't forget, Thursday!

Spartans' Notes

By Ann Opeka

After months of planning preparing and hoping, the SSPZ Third Bowling Tournament held in Chicago under the capable leadership of Lodge Victorians came to a most successful end, and without a doubt, was a most enjoyable and memorable affair for all the bowlers and visitors that participated in the two-day event.

It's no easy task to take full charge of such an event, provide the best accommodations, plan a convenient schedule of events, etc., especially when the team, doubles and singles entries are practically doubling each year. Therefore, the Victorian Bowling Tournament Committee deserves to be highly applauded for their splendid work and promoting clean sportsmanship, friendship, and fraternalism among our SSPZ members. Thank you, Victorians, for everything!

In about three weeks the SSPZ Tenth Regular Convention will convene in the Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. in Cleveland. Many, many vital questions and problems are awaiting the delegation's careful decisions and of course, the BIG problem is the merger.

I wonder just how many of our younger generation are giving the merger idea the consideration and deep thought it needs and deserves. This should be your main topic for the present, discuss the subject thoroughly through and through with your fellow members, voice your opinions, instruct

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Vrtec Holds Parade of Talent

By Valeria Artel

CLEVELAND, OHIO. — May 19 minus May 2 equals seventeen days before the Vrtec Cultural Festival at Cleveland. Here goes a brief general summary before I get really technical and give you the details. Where: Slovene National Home on Addison and St. Clair Avenue; when: Sunday afternoon, May 19; what: a parade of Vrtec talent from a number of Vrtec units from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois; also: a dance in the evening by Johnny Pecon and the boys.

The afternoon program is divided into four acts. Naturally if I went and described the whole thing, you wouldn't get as great a thrill from it as you would if it comes as a surprise. But what I will do is to take an act a week and give you some idea of what is in store. Today you'll hear about Acts I and II.

Act I is called "Forward March" and will feature the Concordettes' Drill Team, accompanied by J. Pecon's orchestra. Vrtec 171, of Cleveland, is one of our youngest Vrtecs, and immediately made a name for itself by organizing this drill team — the first in the SSPZ.

Act II is called "A Dream Comes True," and offers plenty of variety. It will include singing by Gordon Kronoshek of Indianapolis, Shirley Joy Uzunoff of Madison, Ill.; dancing by Virginia Karber and Josephine Martincic of Bon Air, Betty Bernick of Milwaukee, Lou Grathner and Jo Tawley of Chicago; "instrumenting" by Eddy Udovich (guitar); Leo Robas of Indianapolis; John Klajdar of Bon Air; Tommy Lashkosek of Milwaukee; (accordion) Wilma Grathner of Chicago; and Irene Rovani of Girard (piano). Irene is going to play my very most favorite of favorites — "Tales from a Vienna Woods." Oh, happy day! To top it all, our own Outlooker charmer will climax this act — the already famous Fritz Hribar!

I shall only add that these many selections are woven together into one scene, so as to avoid the tremendous amount of curtain pulling which would

otherwise be necessary. Just wait 'til you see it! . . . More next week.

Valeria Artel

TO THE BANQUET, CONVENTIONEERS!

Just so you won't think I've forgotten the convention in the excitement of the Vrtec Festival, here's a brief, but important note for convention delegates and all their friends.

The week's program will include a banquet on Wednesday evening, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the auditorium of the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road (this is still Cleveland, folks). Beside the chicken dinner, guests will be served a full-fledged Slovenian concert and dancing to Vadnal's Reveliers. Now, isn't that something? Tickets sell for a dollar (and that isn't very much at all, considering the concert, dance and the PRETTY UTOPIAN WAITRESSES, so don't hesitate about getting yours.)

You'll hear about the other affairs next week — don't get discouraged. There's plenty more coming on.

He Knew!

"What makes you think there's a woman in the moon?" "No man would stay up there that long galone, and be out every night."

—Purple Parrot

Quite Common

"Bell and Bess are both after that widower. Did you ever see the like?" "Sure. I've often seen two chickens after the same worm."

NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT ALL-EVENTS SCORES

Table with columns for Name, S, D, T, Total for Men's and Women's Divisions. Includes names like J. Matthews, J. Pouhe, H. Pon, etc.