

My Week

By Louis Beniger
Events of the past few weeks in war-torn Europe have plainly shown...

With the Nazi scourge enveloping most of Europe the conflict has been brought much closer to our own shores...

Preparedness today more than ever before is the only salvation. We must be ready to guard our liberties...

Sunday I attended the district conference of the JSF Educational Bureau in Milwaukee. It was an interesting and constructive session...

I traveled to Milwaukee on the North Shore line and returned on the steamer Hiawatha of the Milwaukee road...

This Sunday we are due for another songfest treat here in Chicago at the fourth annual Spring Singing Festival...

Out of the Hills of West Virginia

STAR CITY, W. VA.—Reading one of the old editions of Prosveta, Dec. 1938, I found an article on merger by Bro. Milan Medvesek...

That was a year and a half ago. The merging of SNPJ and SSPZ was in discussion then, I should think all "us" and "buta" would be straightened out now...

May is one of the most pleasant months of the year to almost every human being. Weather isn't too warm nor too cold...

The Reveliers' Column

of all bowlers is being called at the E. N. Dom at 7 p. m. (Date not stated.—Ed.) Please pass the word along...

Plan Keystone's Athletic Hop Sat.

SHARON-FALLER, PA.—For the first time in the history of our SNPJ lodge 755, "Keystone's," we are attempting something new...

This attempt will be in a form of an Athletic Dance the Keystone's are sponsoring Saturday, May 18, at the Slovane Home here...

The Keystone's do not ask only you to give us a helping hand, but we do ask you, your friends, relatives, your best girl friend and boy friend...

Silver Stars

YUKON, PA.—May greetings, my friends. With the snow and rain a subject of the past you have it no more...

Also, you do not want to miss an other meeting like this last one, where there were far too few members to imbibe in the beer which seemed to come out of nowhere...

There seems to have been some misunderstanding in my last dopis to this paper. Paul Brandstetter was not listed under the wedding bells...

Congratulations to Flood City on their 10th Anniversary. You haven't forgotten, we hope, that you are coming to Yukon on July 4 for the gigantic 30th anniversary affair...

The Silver Stars have joined the Fraternal Society and Trade Union which has been organized partly for the purpose of doing away with those ideas of the people who are trying to do away with our SNPJ and other fraternal lodges...

The second resolution deals with the law requiring each applicant for state assistance in Pennsylvania to sign a pauper's oath...

FRANCES PRESEREN, 729.

Spring Song Festival Takes Place Sunday

CHICAGO.—As reported last week, a great treat is awaiting all lovers of Slovane song at the Fourth Spring Singing Festival which will be held Sunday, May 19, beginning at 3 p. m. in Stefank Hall, 2448 S. Pulaski rd., Chicago.

It will be the first time in the history of the Slovane community in Chicago that seven Slovane choruses of this region will participate here in a joint program...

THE PIONEER FLASHES

Donald J. Lotrich, 539
CHICAGO.—All Pioneers are asked to attend the next meeting of the lodge, Friday, May 17, at the SNPJ hall...

Louis and Jennie Kosela send a card of thanks to all the Pioneers who participated at their wedding. Mary Jantz has now reported well...

Sunday evening the writer was guest speaker at a program of Lodge 17 in Lorain, Ohio. This was my first appearance there...

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It is very desirable that the SNPJ make some efforts to reorganize this English speaking lodge in Lorain. Regardless of the other obstacles...

The results of the mock convention at Northwestern University were encouraging. Norman Thomas came out with flying colors on the first ballot...

The Pioneer Bowling League banquet will take place Saturday, May 18, at the Center. Send in your reservation not later than Friday, May 17...

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Admission will be as usual, so start planning now to share the fun with Juvenile Circle "Voice of Youth" this Saturday. Remember the good time we had Sunday at our Mother's Day program...

DIRECTORS, Circle 22.

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Our group will offer three songs: "On Wisconsin," "Otok Bleški" and "Dekle v vrtu zelenen stoji." We are bringing along many friends and older members to join in the fun...

The Junior All Stars' first concert on April 28 was a great success. A large crowd turned out for both the afternoon and evening programs...

MARY POKLAR, Sec'y, JAS Chorus.

Friendly City News

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Friendly City's bowling season came to a close May 3, the Girls' bowling club, and defeating them. April 19, Friendly City girls' and boys' teams bowled the Flood City boys and girls at Gal's Alley at Conemaugh...

The climax to our bowling will be a banquet May 18 at the Travern Banquet Hall, Main st., Johnstown. Muschall is in session again. Friendly City boys started their practicing. The first practice brought out a nice turnout...

Mr. John Jacoby Sr., father of four of our members, has been ill with double pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery. Sis. Ella Dezelon has been injured in an auto wreck...

Don't forget Friendly City's Leap Year dance May 25 at Bon Air Hall, Bon Air. Good music, refreshments of all kinds. Loads of fun in store for every one who attends...

COMMITTEE. TWO NIGHT OWLS.

OFF PRESIDENT'S BAT

J. F. Fifolt
CLEVELAND, O.—B.O.M.P. They travel as a pair, which is the reason we'll talk about them collectively. Members of our lodge for the last five years...

Tuesday, May 21, will call our attention to the monthly meeting. An account of our behavior at the Waukegan tournament will be given by Pauline Spik...

The trip is over, but will be remembered for some time. Not much sleep was obtained en route. Card playing, gab conversation and reading occupied the attention of the Comrade members...

All of us had breakfast at Fort Dearborn with the exception of Shorty Zaddell. He got stuck in the revolving door, funny sight at first, but when efforts to extricate him were not immediately successful...

Wedding ceremony for the Smoles enlivened the evening. Music by Frankie Yankovic kept many of those who wanted to snooze awake...

A slight delay occurred on account of baggage trouble at the La Salle St. station. Frank Boika, Vice President, together with Bro. Grum, Sylvia Kirn and Alma Ganter, headed the Waukegan reception committee...

On arrival we were met by Bro. Novak, chairman of the festivities, who extended a cordial invitation to paint the town red, several of the boys taking him at his word...

All the delays helped to hinder prompt starting at the alleys. This, however, did not prevent the Loyalties team to go on to cop the first prize in the men's division...

Sleep in the afternoon rested up the boys and girls to enable them to take in the day on Saturday night. Frankie Yankovic went to town. The boys broke away to roll their doubles and singles and finished about 1:30 p. m...

Ed and Helen Grum, the writer and family, enjoyed the afternoon with a ride to Mundelein, also visiting Ft. Sheridan, coming back in time to join the crowd at the Sunday night dance...

The writer stayed over Monday, visiting Chicago in the afternoon. Don Lotrich drove us around showing us the sights of the city. We stopped at the Slovane Labor Center home, meeting Bro. Garden, Sis. Vider and several others...

With three places to be at the hotel, alleys and the hall, friends such as Beniger, Strudel, were missed. Bob Travnik and his gang of Young Americans were much in evidence...

All in all Sis. Kirn and the entire Waukegan group tried hard to show everyone a good time and run off a smooth program. We know they succeeded.

1. Having a permanent Secretary of bowling tournaments, directly in charge, a member of the Athletic Board. We question the necessity of a new group going thru the numerous details every time...

2. See that the City receiving the tournament has sufficient number of alleys. Where this is not possible, consider possibility of rolling only team events.

Along Lake Michigan Shore

CHICAGO.—The Calumet Sentinels once again go swimming in the SNPJ social swirl. On May 25 their Social and Dance will be held at the Illiana Hall (10156 Ave. M)...

Some of the Sentinels that have not attended the meetings in recent months should take heed of this particular paragraph. The May 25 affair is just as much their affair as for those members attending meetings regularly...

A brief message to our neighboring Chicago lodges and the Midwest lodges. For some months we have been asked as to when the Sentinels will again join the active SNPJ ranks in sponsoring social doings...

ALL THAT SORT OF THING. Wonder if some member will make an effort to study the significance, value and reason for the great response to the more important SNPJ affairs?

On May 20 the Sentinels will hold their monthly meeting at the Field House at 8 p. m. The dance committee will outline the complete program for May 25...

Bill Tomicak was a welcomed visitor; pleasant news of Ambridge received. Ambridge's Slovane Singing Society "Bohmarin" is achieving an excellent reputation...

Marine Corporal (at party): Do you know that ugly sap of an officer standing over there? He's the meanest egg I have ever seen.

Sweet Young Thing: "Do you know who I am? I am that officer's daughter!"

Marine Corporal: "Do you know who I am?"

Sweet Young Thing: "No."

Marine Corporal: "Thank goodness."

At 6:30 dancing will get under way. Music will be furnished by none other than Joe Korasan Jr. and his Slovane Aces...

Also there will be a softball game played by the popular SNPJ Young Valley Knights. So don't forget this date with us.

ANTON VITIGOV JR., President.

A Column

Of Cultural Interests
In "Our Town."—Last week, among others of a similar nature, was the song recital by Maria Kurenko in an all-Tschaikowsky program...

She was assisted by the Chicago Symphonic Choir, under the direction of Walter Aschenbrenner. And how superbly this group sang! There was not a single musical instrument to accompany them or even as much as to locate their pitch...

A breath-taking experience occurred in the singing of "Lullaby of Maria"—where chorus, soloist, piano, and harp combined. The chorus led off—without accompaniment or a single tone from the piano, mind you—was joined by Mme. Kurenko, and then—the piano accompaniment began...

And yet, in spite of this type of performance, the music critics devoted but five lines each to the chorus. Eugene Stinson, of the Daily News, said: "The choir has seldom sung so well in Chicago; it had splendid volume and an increased directness of style and effect; the bass section was undimmed at the typical Russian compass of Tchaikowsky's writing."

All of which brings to mind certain comparisons of audience enthusiasm expected by some of our nationally singing organizations which expect to be judged by professional standards, without furnishing even the minor requirements of well-trained chorus singing...

Among attractions that have left Chicago include "Romeo and Juliet" with Laurence Olivier and Vivian Leigh, and "Harvest," the prize-winning French film.

The Shakespearean play, although fulfilling all the requirements of lavish costuming, scenery, rapid change of scenes, and good acting was a trifle disappointing. For the best sections of Shakespeare can be enjoyed by reading, or by hearing the lines spoken at a sufficiently close range...

"Harvest" is outstanding for its simple beauty, photography, and acting. But more and more the propaganda of the glory of pre-machinery days is creeping into all the films that rely on the strength of Mother Nature for their background...

Croatian singing society "Zora" gave its annual spring concert last Sunday. The group is well-trained, with an unusually good male chorus. The women's section is enriched by the pleasing and expressive soprano voice of Dragica Vrbenski...

Other choruses would do well to copy the manner of presentation of a well-rounded program without tedious speech-making and occupying only the space of one evening.

The Chicago Juvenile Circle No. 26 of the SNPJ presented its first program last Friday evening with appropriate Mother's Day numbers before a good-sized audience. The group shows individual members with talent that should and can be given encouragement in an organization of this type.

Announce "Savica's" Concert for May 30

WEST NEWTON, PA.—All friends young and old will be pleased by attending the "Savica's" Concert on May 30. A program of many varieties will be heard. The program will start at 2:30 and will be under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Bukalik May...

At 6:30 dancing will get under way. Music will be furnished by none other than Joe Korasan Jr. and his Slovane Aces. So don't forget May 30 at West Newton for an enjoyable holiday.

ANTON VITIGOV JR., President.

S.N.P.J. Sports

Important Athletic Notice

CHICAGO.—Here are some of the decisions of the SNPJ Athletic Board at their last meeting, which are to be abided by the lodges having softball teams in the SNPJ.

7th National Bowling Tournament Results

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The 7th National Bowling Tournament is now past but will never be forgotten because of the record breaking entry and the many visitors who came out to visit our town of Waukegan.

ALL EVENTS

Table listing bowling events and winners, including categories like 'MAN' and 'WOMEN' with names and scores.

HIGH GAME OF TOURNAMENT

Table listing high game results for various teams and individuals.

TEAMS

Table listing team names and their respective scores in the tournament.

7. YOUNG AMERICANS 3, Detroit

- List of bowling team names and members, including Young Americans, Pioneer Maple, Mohawk Lodge, Wolverines, Jolly Allis, Jolly Allis Flops, Dr. Furlan, Badger Splits, Pioneer All-Stars, Tenth Street Hardware, Badger Sureshots, Badger Redskins, Wolverine Buffs, Pioneer Flashes, Pioneer Acts, Pioneer Old Timers, Merlock's Service Station, Strabane Pioneers, Pioneer Blitzkrieg, Loyalties, Cleveland, Integrity Lodge, Wolverine Showlers, Dr. Kompare, Pioneer Subs, Maryann's Bakery, Comrades, Wolverine Engine, Young Americans 4, Comrade 1, France Preheren, Johnnie's & Johnnie's Tavern, Modern 634, Waikagan-North Chicago Co-Op, Jolly Allis Dubs, Badger Champs, Young Americans 1, Jolly Allis Openfives, Twin City Tavern, and Young Americans 2.

Official Proceedings SNPJ FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting of March 9, 1940. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Petrovich at 9 a. m. Brother John Vogrich is unable to attend because of sickness.

Forward, Loyalties!

CLEVELAND, O.—Yes, we went out to obtain Oscar's lonesome little brother and Papa Stanley Zupan brought him back—hip, hip, hooray!

Arriving late at Chicago didn't stop us from having our breakfast deluxe at Hotel Dearborn. We got quite a scare of losing "Shorty" when he got his foot caught in the revolving door.

We arrived in Waukegan at 11:15 a. m. just in time for girls' tournament at noon. Congratulations go to Napredne Slovenke who brought home the girls' trophy.

No need to mention that the Loyalties No. 1 team certainly kept their word. They went out heart and soul and even without sleep they rolled up a total score of 2872 to bring home the first prize.

Main Events. Stanley Sustaric is to be congratulated for his top score of all events—total of 1889—Andy Zadel and Stan Zupan not quite making 1st place but taking over third place with a score of 1166.

Loyalties' best polka dancer (Marty Paul). "Smoltsa's" polka with his charming friend was not to be overlooked. Sailor boys from the naval training station spending their week-end at the dance.

Waukegan will long bring pleasant memories to all visitors. The Saturday night dance where Loyalties Yankee and his boys played and incidentally plugged for the Lodge every once in a while.

Take it up—Johnnie!!

Mortgagees who have FHA loan No. 6 in Cleveland are in arrears with their payments. The property is appraised at \$5500 and the St. Clair Savings and Loan recommend that we accept at least one payment each month.

Brother Lotrich called attention to the fact that the First Boston Corporation has decided to become a dealer in FHA insured loans.

Brother Lotrich also reported of the scarcity of FHA loans in the Chicago area. Premiums of 3 and 3 1/2 points are asked on loans already made.

New investments. Many offerings of bonds were received and the Committee went over all of the listings in the hopes of finding something suitable for our portfolio.

By unanimous consent, \$25,000 was ordered invested in the Burbank Unified School District 3% bonds, 1953 maturity to yield 2.85 at a price of about 101.71.

By unanimous vote, \$30,000 was ordered placed in U. S. Treasury 2 1/2% bonds, 1953-51 maturity to yield 1.98.

The analysis report of some of our bonds by the First Boston Corporation was read and each bond was taken up separately.

Bro. Olip moved that we sell all 750 shares at 30 or better. The motion was seconded. Voting for the motion were Cankar, Vider, Olip, Petrovich and Lotrich.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p. m.

bowling contingent, just off the train, sadly in need of sleep but with a determined glint in their eyes. And they did carry off a nice slice of the tournament prize money.

If you saw someone flitting 'round the halls of the Karcher hotel in pajamas; or getting down in the middle of the street on all fours to light a ciggie from the ground; or pulling some other wacky stunt, it was Stan Zupan.

If he was whirling dizzily round 'n' round with a revolving door, finally getting his foot caught and almost broken in the thing, you can bet it was Shorty Zadel.

If you heard a quartet of girlish voices (all out of tune) singing the Wolverine pep song in front of the Young Americans; or the Y. A. song when near the Wolverines, they were the Buckeye girls being devilish.

If she was the only girl in the whole feverish, exciting whirl who had sense enough to retire at a reasonable hour Saturday night, it was Steff Matozel.

If you saw a bill-board walking, you weren't suffering from hallucinations or delirium tremens. That was Blondie Obrancic plastered with tags, pins and bills boosting Detroit as the 1941 tournament site.

You're crazy! That guy in the striped overalls and stuff wasn't a convict. Oh no, he wasn't the engineer from the Clevelanders' Nickel Plate special, either.

If he was wearing a flashy blue shirt, gold trousers, shoes and hat to match, and if he was carrying a miniature barrel drilled like a bowling ball in a blue and gold silk bag, and if the girl with him was dressed to match his outfit, it was Jay Bernick, none other.

If they weren't mad and you saw red anyway, that was Adie Yersin's flashy crimson bowling shirt.

If they looked like the happiest couple in the place and obviously newly wed, you're right. 'Twas Jennie and Lou Kosela.

If they were greeted wildly and with a barrage of clicking cameras upon their arrival at the bowling alleys, they were that popular Penny group, Mike and Louis Kumer, Gish and his bride, and Johnny Rak.

A Trip to Jugoslavia

Mary Marsich of Cleveland, one of the girls who traveled in our group, while in Jugoslavia, stayed at her grandparents' at Sodrazica pri Ribnici, which is close to Ljubljana.

Wednesday, July 6, we packed our suitcases again, went to Ljubljana by bus and met Mary by the ticket office. We decided on a route, procured our tickets, changed our money into Yugoslav dinars and Italian liras and then proceeded to the station.

During our train ride three men happened to be seated across from us and we later discovered that one was Bulgarian, one Italian and the third Rumanian. We tried to get some information from them, but it was useless.

Leaving Trieste we came to Venice in the evening about 7:20. We took a gondola, not with a singing gondolier as in the movies, much to our disappointment. It was a beautiful Venetian evening as we went down the Grand Canal to the steamer Crown Prince Peter.

We left Venice at midnight traveling on down the Adriatic to Dalmatia along the coast of Jugoslavia. This section is mostly inhabited by the Croats. We entered and were up the next day about 7:30. Then we ate breakfast and strolled on the deck until 11 when we docked at Sušak.

Being a very warm, sultry day, we decided on having some cool refreshments. We went to the Terrace at the Hotel Continental and had jododni siadoled (strawberry ice cream) with a little bit of cream.

At supper we had an unusual guest, Gene Chaveau, a Frenchman, who wrote articles in some French newspaper. He spoke broken English and thought it strange talking to American girls.

At 8 we came to a small place called Rab, a very beautiful city. We found out later that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor had stopped there on their honeymoon along the coast.

If it was a fellow with a bulging chest, it wasn't a freak. It was how Frank Kern looked Sunday p. m. because he won a bowling match from Julie!

If she looked the essence of animation she was Ange Kuhel. If she was bowling Sunday morning looking wide awake, refreshed and glowing, she was Jo Klarich and she didn't have a wink of sleep the night before.



STAROKRAJSKE KOSE. Radi vojnih časov in ker so nam ponovno zvišali cene in na celotni nam ni moge več dobiti kos. Letno je zadnje leto da jih še prodajamo in polkomo; naročite tako, dokler jih imamo še nekaj v zalozki.

STEPHEN STONICH CHISHOLM, MINN.