



Current Thought.

ANNUAL MEETING

December is usually portrayed as a bleak and windy month, all of snow and casting a sombre aspect.

To members of our South Slavonic Catholic Union, December marks an important event in the calendar, for it indicates the annual lodge meeting.

And why is it most important? Because at this assembly the administrative body is elected that will govern the destinies of the lodge for the following year.

Because those officers, namely, the president, vice president, secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, and other assistants, assume a great deal of responsibility in managing the affairs of the local branch.

Because intelligent, capable and fearless leaders must be elected to the posts.

CHOOSE CAPABLE AND FEARLESS LEADERS

December will be with us next month. Some lodges hold their annual meeting in the early part of the month, others about the middle of the month, and the remaining toward the end of the month.

Secretaries will send out individual cards informing members of the annual meeting and urging all members to attend. Will you respond to his or her appeal?

Members owe it to themselves and to the lodge to be present 100 per cent. Only in this way can such officers be elected as will represent the will of the majority.

Some branches impose fines on members for non-attendance to the annual assembly. Although this procedure can hardly be labeled "persuasive," better compulsive, it produces results, as usually the greater majority of members show up at the meeting.

Today fraternal benefit organizations are proving their constant worth, for the multitudes are beginning to realize again that such units have been established for their mutual benefit.

However, experience, that sad and sometimes harsh teacher, has taught many to look for pleasures that come from social contact, where there is "nothing to sell" that will benefit one individual alone.

This is your lodge meeting. And if you wish to get the most out of your particular branch, then choose your leaders wisely.

INDIAN SHORTS

Second Annual Banquet to Be Held Dec. 17

Chicago, Ill.—On Saturday, Dec. 17, the Indian Lodge will be exactly two years old, and on that night they will celebrate the second anniversary by having their second annual banquet. The evening will be full of activities, such as a play or two, songs by good singers, speakers, dancing, and last but not least good food.

The Indian Lodge basketball quintet started its season last Friday by defeating the Pine A. C. by a score of 21 to 12. Otto Spolar, right forward for the Indians, was high point man, scoring 10 points. Captain Al Spolar was second with 7 points. In other words, the Spolars won the game.

Leo W. Moore, Secretary, No. 220, SSCU.

Conductor

Silver is the best conductor of electricity. Copper comes second and gold third in this quality.

LODGE ACTIVITIES

East Palestine, O.—It is a well known fact that the lodge with the most activities is the lodge that forges ahead. The lodge that always has a ready program proves to be the most interesting both to the outsider and members as well.

Some lodges have failed to keep up their former activities, which is mainly due to the economic reverses of the country. Of course, money means much in the carrying out of the programs. But there can be a sizeable decrease in the expenditures of money and yet a worthwhile program given. Many people have learned, since the depression, that they can enjoy life with far less money to spend than they previously expended.

Joe J. Golice, No. 41, SSCU.

"When you quarreled with your mother-in-law was your wife on your side?" "No, on my back!"

FIGHT, TEAM, FIGHT!

Springdale, Pa.—The football season is fast coming to a close. The end is near, and for many it is a sad end; while there are other teams that have attained the limelight of success and have everything to look forward to.

Now let's imagine your lodge a football team. Your officers are the coaches, and your members are the players. Do you think there is enough fighting spirit and determination in your lodge to call it a winning team? If not, why? You have been given the material, but the fight you must give yourself.

The same applies to successful lodges. If your social functions have been a failure in the past, it is then obvious that your team is not the fighting team it should be. To "bring home the bacon" your team must win first. Therein lies your object. Organize your team and fight more than usual if you expect to reap results.

Frank J. Progar, No. 203, SSCU.

SS. Peter and Paul, No. 66

Joliet, Ill.—Tuesday, Nov. 15, proved a tough night on the Hub Recreation Alleys, for the best our brothers, the Tezak Florists, could do was to take two out of three games from the Hub Recreation, in the Joliet City Merchants' Bowling League. Total pins made was 2856.

Mrs. Tezak's team took in its sixth man on this night—an individual who promises to be the "real stuff" in the person of Mack Baldy McBride, formerly Northeastern Athletic Club star and recently of Hammond, Ind. Bro. Joseph Korevec stepped aside on this night in order to have our new addition get acquainted.

Our lead-off man, Mike Papesch drives a distance of 60 miles every day to and from work, from Chicago to Joliet. "But don't mind that, Mike."

Table with columns for names and scores under categories TEZAK FLORALS and HUB RECREATION.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

Chairman: F. J. Kress, 204 — 57th St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Vice chairman: J. L. Zortz, 1667 E. 31st St., Lorain, O. Joseph Kopler, R. D. 2, Johnstown, Pa. J. L. Jevitz Jr., 1316 Elizabeth St., Joliet, Ill. Anton Vessel, 819 W. Birch, Chisholm, Minn.

BRIEFS

In a typical Slovene wedding, Miss Alice Koprivec and Mr. Frank Spehek were joined in bonds of matrimony Monday, Nov. 21, at the Cleveland Public Auditorium before a large crowd of spectators who attended the third day of the International Exposition scheduled for a nine-day run.

While riding to work in an automobile early Tuesday morning, Nov. 15, five Slovenes narrowly escaped being killed when a New York Central switch engine struck and demolished the vehicle. John Mahne was most seriously hurt, while Frank Misic, John Misic, Angelo Mozek and John Zakrajsek suffered minor injuries.

Lou Champa, Golden Gloves champion of Cleveland, fought and decisively outpointed Mickey Komar, a Slovak, in the feature bout of the boxing show sponsored by Orel's Club last Thursday, Nov. 17. Zagar outright and won the decision from Al Hejna. "Beanie" Modic almost stole the show with his phantom opponent as the crowd laughed and applauded Beanie's strangle holds on himself and all the other fine points of wrestling.

Interlodge League will hold a meeting next Tuesday evening, Nov. 29, commencing at 8 o'clock, in the St. Clair Bathhouse. SSCU lodges of Cleveland wishing to enter basketball teams this winter should send a representative. Bowling teams are also requested to attend.

INFLUENZA

The epidemic catarrh known as grippe or la grippe has been recognized as a specific disease since 1323. The Italians originated the name "influenza" in the 17th century because they attributed the disease to the "influence" of the planets.

Table with columns for names and scores for Metta, Infelot, and Carlson.

Jugoslav Exhibit Contains Articles 300 Years Old

Official exhibits of three European governments have been sent to Cleveland for the International Exposition, which started a nine-day run at the Public Auditorium Saturday, Nov. 19.

The government displays are the Yugoslav, the Polish and Roumanian, and are independent of the exhibits arranged by the 30 foreign language groups participating in the show, it has been announced by officials of the Nationality Group Council, under whose auspices the Old World Carnival is being staged.

Some of the articles contained in the official Yugoslav exhibit are more than 300 years old. The display includes Serbian, Croatian and Slovene wearing apparel, wine bottles, water guards, carved wooden water pitchers and vases, wood and silver boxes, women's purses, gold sugar and creamers, embroidered pillow tops, ceremonial scarfs, altar cloths, towels, table covers and other samples of Yugoslav handicraft.

Among the most interesting objects are a set of two gold-embroidered pockets. It is the Yugoslav custom for a bride-to-be to present her intended husband with a hand-made handkerchief at the time their engagement is announced, according to Marian Mihaljevich, official of Mihaljevich Bros. Co., local steamship agency. A special pocket for so fine a handkerchief is necessary, and it is for this purpose that the gold-embroidered type are made.

Mihaljevich will be in charge of the official Yugoslav exhibit as a representative of the Yugoslav Trade and Tourist Information Office, which maintains headquarters in New York. Another unusual object included in the exhibit, he says, is a whistle of the type used by shepherds to call their flocks.

The Roumanian governmental exhibit will consist largely of oil paintings and literature descriptive of Roumania. Brightly colored vases of the type found in almost every Polish home, table covers, scarfs, tapestries, pottery and other articles form the official Polish display.

The Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, Greek, Irish, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Hungarian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovene and native American structures are erected on the main floor. The dome of the capitol at Washington for the International Institute, Washington's Mt. Vernon home for the Federation of Women's Clubs, and Independence Hall for the Citizens Bureau also have places on the main floor.

The art objects and craftsmanship samples collected for the exhibits are conservatively estimated to have a total value over \$1,000,000. Many of the articles have been imported especially for the exposition. Others are coming from private homes and private collections. Many are considered priceless.

Mummie: Have you been putting water in the ink, Joan? Joan: Yes, Mummie. I've been writing to Daddy, and I wanted to whisper something to him.

Boss (pointing to cigar stub on floor): Clarence, is this yours? Clarence: Not at all sir. You saw it first.

A KINDLY THOUGHT

"Life is just a few years' journey." An old man said one day; As we go along the way? Why not make the journey pleasant,

This is a sound and simple philosophy of "Life," isn't it? Every day of our lives is twenty-four short hours spent on the trip. Let's not waste precious time in petty arguments or silly grievances. Our associates are our fellow travelers. In fact, every person in the world hopes, eventually, to reach the divine destination; yet, do we often exert a special effort to make the journey pleasant for the passengers around us?

This, we know, is the beginning of the season, set aside as one of good-will and good fellowship. Most people become more generous and gracious at this time of the year. Why limit our good characteristics and qualities to one particular portion of a year? Wouldn't it be better if our better natures were to prevail throughout our entire lives?

Will you join our campaign of "Cheerfulness" and see how many people you can make happy?

When the journey is all over, And our tired bodies rest, If we've helped our friends, along the way, We'll know we've done our best!

Helene Strauss, No. 222, SSCU, Gowanda, N. Y.

Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction

Or What Happened One Glorious Night

What is funnier than to have one car that won't start trying to help out another car with an almost dead battery? The answer is a third car that can run on its own motive power.

Amusing incidents. Two a. m., out in the sticks, and no gasoline. The five occupants gaily walking down the streets for blocks before coming to all-night garage to buy a gallon of gasoline. Then walk back for another half hour only to find the funnel too small, and in trying to pour the gas from the large can into the tank spill all but one quart of the precious liquid.

Act two. Car won't start because battery is dead. "Alley-oop," go out and push the "truck" until it starts.

Success? Only in part. Return to civilization. Give a helping hand to the little car left behind. The "truck" heuristically pushes the four-wheeler for blocks without success, and all because a little wire connecting the "choke" is broken.

Moral. Don't try to run the truck on water filled in the radiator, and throw the little baby car into the lake.

STATISTICS

Only 20 per cent of the world's annual silver production is taken from silver mines; 80 per cent is a by-product of copper refining.

The average number of rooms per hotel in the United States is 85.

Japan is three-fourths mountains.

The longest railroad in Australia—from Queensland to Western Australia—is 5,433 miles.

The world's idle shipping tonnage totalled more than 14,000,000 tons in 1931, an increase of 35 per cent over the year previous. There were 3,425,000 idle tons in the United States, a 31 per cent increase.

Clarence: Not at all sir. You saw it first.

Adrija Concert, Drama Score Hit

A delightful evening of entertainment was presented last Sunday, Nov. 20, by the Euclid singing and dramatic society Adrija.

Mixed chorus, men's and women's groups, sextet, quartet, duet and solos comprised the singing part of the program. "Na planine," sung by both men and women, was easily the best offered by the mixed group, while "Opiraj dekle kamrico" featured the men's chorus singing. "Na tujih tleh," a duet, sung by Dolinar sisters, was very pleasing to the ear and received much applause.

"Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," sung by the Adrija sextet, was the high mark of the vocal efforts of the evening—in fact the writer has heard very few such excellent presentations and it reminded him of college glee clubs, where the voices are balanced to such a point that one hears not individual voices, rather one body of sounds much like the organ.

The quartet, consisting of Ladislav Kolar, A. Tekancic, M. Molc and E. Sadar, sang "Fantje se zbirajo." A solo was sung by John Verh. Musical director is Frank Vauter, and to him credit must be given for assembling a group of young Slovenes and training them into singing Slovene folk songs with all the Slovene characteristics.

A comedy, "Trije tiki," kept the audience in almost a continuous stage of laughter. The three characters, portrayed by Ladislav Kolar, Stanley Stefanec and Zanko Globokar, proved very effective with the crowd, as did M. Molc, who took the part of the clumsy and ill-mannered court servant.

The whole program was very well presented. If any of our elder Slovenes still labor under a delusion that the younger Slovenes are not at all interested in their language, a trip to Euclid at the next Adrija concert and drama will convince them otherwise.

Peleg: My wife is always pestering me for money. Does yours do that?

Abednego: No, but the people she buys things from do.

