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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Current Thought.

SOMETHING NEW

"Variety is the spice of life." Inserting new ideas in the routine keeps the mind alert and in a receptive mood. Repetition becomes boring and even irksome without modification, be it ever so little. The daily tone of monotony must be tempered with fire of new enthusiasm to keep the spark of life glowing.

"How many times have we heard this phrase. How well it applies to the lodges. Deviating somewhat from the time-worn path of precedent enough to keep others guessing what will happen next should be uppermost in the minds of the officers.

Lodge meetings command variety in procedures if success is assured. Apart from the general order of business that normally can be disposed of in short time, regular monthly meetings should have additional attractions, be they outside speakers, debates between members, or stunts.

That makes members impatient is the same drawn-out program followed month after month. At the beginning of the month interest is at a high pitch, which makes it an ideal time to discuss matters of vital importance.

The evening draws on and the same order of business is repeated month after month, those in attendance tire of argument, pro and con, that probably are of minor importance, and indifference.

Short, snappy discussions will create interest not only in the lodge but will draw outsiders into the midst.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Each month lodges should have added attractions. For some past local branches have doted on the idea of furnishing and refreshments, once the meeting was adjourned. As a result, many members attended the meetings because of the food to follow. To them adjournment struck a responsive chord, for they realized that entertainment followed, which was more inviting than the cut and dry meeting.

Many members arrived late on purpose, because to them the regular procedures of the monthly gathering became annoying, what interested them most was music and the prospect of seeing friends.

A majority of members can be induced to attend every meeting give their wholehearted attention. But a program of sufficient attraction must be prepared each month.

This class of members is anxious to contribute its share in making the monthly meeting interesting and full of pep. An administrative staff of a lodge will make preparations beforehand, and thus lure indifferent ones into ardent support of all undertakings.

THE PRESIDENT

Successful lodge meetings depend to a great extent upon the president. He holds the magic wand that either magnetizes members into paying strict attention to what is going on, or leaves them utterly indifferent in the proceedings.

A tactful president will eliminate drawn-out affairs. He will get opinions of members, call their attention to the measures at hand, and still refrain from voicing his conviction until all members have expressed themselves first.

Cleveland Has Junior Baseball League

The lusty voices of the umpires give vent to the "play ball" call every Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. From 200 teams of youthful players to brilliant baseball games will be out on municipal grounds battling away for the Cleveland Junior baseball championship which is being offered by the Cleveland Baseball Federation and Recreation Commission.

The new junior league is open to boys under the age of 16 years, which is the minimum age limit of Class E play. The Class F. league is open to boys under the age of 14 years and services are furnished free of charge to the youngsters, giving them ample opportunity to play regular baseball on the regular diamond, just as their older brothers do.

Equipment, which includes bats, balls, gloves and complete outfits, are being furnished free by the Cleveland Junior Federation, while Recreation Commissioner Duffy is giving eight of his playground directors to the eight parks to organize the league and handle the distribution of equipment.

Games will be played for two hours each Saturday during the rest of the season at Edgewater, Gordon, Garfield, Woodhill, Forest Hills and Washington Park. The individ-

ual championship team from each of the eight parks will enter a city-wide meet which will determine the city champion. This championship team will attend the annual C. B. F. banquet and will receive trophies. All boys under the 14-year age limit can join this team by reporting to the directors at any of the eight parks.

Center Ramblers Dance

Center, Pa.—Another big dance is to be held by Center Rambler Lodge, No. 221, SSCU, on July 16. A good time will be assured to all those who attend. If you have no other engagements for that night, be sure to reserve it for this dance.

The committee in charge has selected a very good orchestra to play for that night. Do you know where this dance is going to be held? Why at the new dance pavilion, of course, up on Center Hill.

If you don't attend, you are to miss a hot time. Come one! Come all! U R all welcome. We'll be seeing you on July 16, so don't forget to be there.

Jennie Mozinga, Ann Kalik, No. 221, SSCU.

Life's Tragedies

There are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your heart's desire. The other is to get it.—Bernard Shaw.

From the Official Committee on By-Laws

It is a well known fact that many people prefer an insurance company to a fraternal organization because most of the insurance companies promise and do pay to the insured member a certain sum of money after a certain number of years. You see, it is much easier (at any rate a person feels it that way) to pay the monthly assessments knowing that you will be paying just so many years and then no more; knowing that at the end of these years you will receive some hundred or even a thousand dollars, which you can either deposit in a bank or buy yourself a thing you are longing to possess.

There, of course, arises the question. Can we? Can our Union have such an insurance? To this I will say that with a proper monthly assessment and with a large enough number of members, wishing to be so insured, we can do it. We can do it so much easier because we do not need to have money in our treasury for shareholders, for high salaried directors, etc. All that our Union, and for that matter, all that fraternal organizations ask from its members is a monthly assessment not one cent higher than what is required by state insurance laws. It is in this that fraternal organizations vastly vary from insurance companies, whose primary aim and object is making money, while the only object of a fraternal organization is to give help to a needy member, to his family and to his dependents. It is well to keep this in mind, especially when you are asked to pay special assessments beside the regular one, and you wonder where all the money goes. In today's Nova Doba, on second page, you will find published a form of a certificate in the English language, which in the form of a by-law referring to it will be submitted to our convention this month. If accepted, it will give us such an insurance as mentioned above. The insurance as explained in said certificate is known as "Twenty-Year Endowment" and the by-laws referring to it as "Plan C." It is, of course, self-explanatory that if such a plan is accepted and becomes a part of our by-laws, that members insured under this plan will have to pay a higher monthly assessment. The committee on by-laws felt the need for such an insurance and prepared the necessary by-laws.

ANTON OKOLISH,
Secretary Committee on By-Laws.

Rangers to Have Important Announcements

Ely, Minn.—All members of SS, Cyril and Methodius Lodge, No. 1, SSCU of Ely, Minn., are asked to be on the lookout for notices and material sent to the New Era from now until the 14th regular convention.

The material that is being contributed into this paper is going to be very valuable to the members of the Rangers Athletic Club, and also to the other members of our organization.

This material will include a notice for our regular monthly meeting which will prove to be very important to our members. So I am pleading to you all to be on a close look out for any such notices.

Joseph Mantel Jr.,
President C. and M. Rangers.

Artificial Diamonds

Prof. Ralph H. McKee, head of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Columbia University, announces a new process for making diamonds. Credit for devising the process goes to L. H. Barnett, author of "The Chemistry of the Earth's Core." With Barnett's new diamond-making machine one-carat diamonds, the largest ever obtained artificially, are produced at a cost of \$5 a carat. These artificial gems are made by subjecting iron containing carbon, silicon and phosphorus to terrific heat and pressure, and then allowing it to cool slowly. Prof. McKee also announces the discovery of a process for making synthetic or artificial wool from jute.

WORLD'S IRON RESERVE

Roughly upward of 150,000,000,000 tons is the estimated amount of reserve iron ore in the world, about 75 per cent of which is in the United States.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

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Louis M. Kolar, Athletic Commissioner and Editor of English Section, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

BRIEFS

An outdoor vaudeville show will be given next Monday evening, July 11, by the St. Clair Neighborhood Center (Bathhouse) of Cleveland, O., at the east end of the premises. Community talent has been secured by Mr. Heinie Martin Antoncic, superintendent of the bathhouse, for the show, which will start at 8:15 p. m. Inasmuch as the bathhouse is in the heart of the Slovene settlement, it is expected that the largest part of the crowd and performers will be Slovene. Public is invited to attend.

A tragedy. Frank Speh, 19, Slovene youth of Cleveland, O., drowned in Lake Erie Tuesday, June 28, after diving into shallow water. Although the deceased went swimming with a group of boys, he was not missed until hours after the tragedy, when his father, John Speh, started a search for his son in the evening. At the municipal park bathhouse the only clothes left were those of the drowned victim. A search was made by the coast guard and the body found the following morning.

Delegates to the 14th SSCU regular convention to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., beginning with July 25, are requested to read over carefully the instructions on the "special fare rates to the convention," in which a "concession of one and one-half fare on the so-called 'Certificate Plan'" has been obtained. Supreme Secretary Anton Zbasnik's article on the matter appears on the top of the right-hand side of this page. In order to avoid confusion, delegates should clip out this article and present it to the ticket agent when purchasing fares.

Officers of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, again want to remind its members that the regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, July 14, at the St. Clair Bathhouse. Plans for another SSCU pep night meeting will be discussed and laid out. All members are requested to be present. At the first SSCU pep night held June 3 over 500 people were present. It is expected that the next meeting of this nature will be even a greater drawing card.

In the Inter-Lodge League of Cleveland, O., "Red" Bizil of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, is blazing a new record for hitting. In the last game with Orels, "Red" made four safe blows out of five trips to the plate, including a single, a double, a triple and a home run.

Seals in Antarctic

A few species of seal are found in the antarctic region. They live through the winter by keeping open blow-holes in the sea ice.

Delegates, Take Notice!

Springdale, Pa.—For some time in the past members have been voicing their opinions about the changes and additions that should be made to the amendments at the convention. The big argument that is being waged now is the sport fund.

Probably a good many of you delegates have already made up your minds as to the answer to this question. Have you stopped to measure its full value, and how much the membership of the SSCU depends upon your answer? I would wait to hear all the arguments before rendering a decision. The sports fund is being used to pay the assessments of those that are unable to do so themselves due to the present unemployment situation. To what better cause can it be placed? Isn't it worthy to give up our sports fund for such a needy cause? Imagine your plight were you placed in their position. No help from any source, and finally suspended from the SSCU. Death strikes in the home and no way to meet the obligations. If it is the head of the family matters are worse, as there is no one to take care of the dependents.

This is a more serious matter than some members are taking it to be. Can you be so selfish as to refuse to give this cause a thought just for the matter of sports? We all know the value of sports to the younger set, and their interest in it. We all like to see a good baseball or football game, and the older members do too, but at a time like this I believe we should sacrifice this sport fund to those members in distress until the tide turns, and at which time the old method of distributing the fund can again be resumed.

I hope that the delegates going to this convention will see the necessity for this action, and will go to Indianapolis bearing in mind that there are members back here that are depending on them to do the wise thing and let this fund continue as it is until the economic conditions change.

There is not only the sad plight of these members to think of, but their dropping out of our organization will lower the membership considerably. We are continually striving to swell the membership, so why make an ignorant move that would tend to lower it. Give this matter considerable thought and any others that are brought up for discussion. Let's make this 14th convention go down in history as one of IMPROVEMENTS and not of DESTRUCTION.

Frank J. Progar,
No. 203, SSCU.

Boundary Between Africa and Asia

The narrowest strip of land between Asia and Africa is the Suez isthmus through which the canal runs, and the natural geographic boundary between the two grand land divisions is the Suez canal; but the question is somewhat complicated by the fact that the Sinai peninsula and the territory to the Mediterranean is politically a part of Egypt. Many map makers include this latter region in the map of Africa, making the eastern boundary of Egypt the dividing line between the two continents.

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES

We are pleased to announce that our application for special fare rates to our convention has been approved. Concession of one and one-half fare on the so-called "Certificate Plan" has been granted and will apply from all points of the territory from which delegates are expected to our convention.

It has been agreed that if there is an attendance at the convention of not less than 100 members of our organization, holding regularly issued certificates, from points from which the Certificate Plan reduction is authorized, showing the purchase of going tickets at regular one-way tariff fare, the certificate will be validated by a Special Agent of the carriers, thus making them good for purchase of return tickets at one-half fare of the regular one-way fares applying from Indianapolis, Ind., to original starting point via the same route traveled on the going trip as shown on the certificate.

In order that each and every delegate will be entitled to this special rate, the following directions are herewith submitted for their guidance:

1. Tickets at the regular one-way tariff fare for the going journey must be obtained ONLY between July 21 to July 25, both inclusive, not earlier and not later. BE SURE THAT, WHEN PURCHASING GOING TICKET, YOU REQUEST A "CERTIFICATE PLAN" CERTIFICATE FROM THE TICKET AGENT. DO NOT MAKE A MISTAKE OF ASKING FOR A "RECEIPT."
2. Present yourself at the railroad station for ticket and certificate at least 30 minutes before departure of train on which you begin your journey.
3. CERTIFICATES ARE NOT KEPT AT ALL STATIONS. It is suggested that you inquire at your home station and ascertain a few days in advance whether or not agent can issue through ticket and certificate to Indianapolis. If not, the agent will inform you of the nearest station at which they can be obtained. In such case, you should purchase a local ticket to the station which has certificates in stock and from there buy a through ticket and at the same time ask for and secure a "CERTIFICATE PLAN" CERTIFICATE.
4. Immediately on your arrival at Indianapolis, Ind., you will present your certificate to the supreme secretary or the supreme president.
5. NO REFUND OF FARE WILL BE MADE BY THE CARRIERS BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO OBTAIN A PROPER CERTIFICATE WHEN PURCHASING GOING TICKET, CONSEQUENTLY EVERY DELEGATE AND SUPREME OFFICER MUST SECURE SAID CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME OF PURCHASING TICKET FOR INDIANAPOLIS, OTHERWISE HE OR SHE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FULL FARE FOR THE RETURN TICKET.
6. Delegates are requested to read carefully and preserve the foregoing instructions and if necessary show them to the ticket agent at the time they are purchasing ticket to Indianapolis, Ind.

Fraternally,

ANTON ZBASNIK,
Supreme Secretary.

G. W. Baseball Results

Cleveland, O.—Friday, June 24, the Pioneers blanked the Joseph Zele & Sons-George Washingtons, 5 to 0.

The Pioneers' hurler, Ted Miljenovic, held the George Washingtons to three scattered hits, two singles and a double. T. Kubilus, "Red" Bizil and Tony Jarkowitz, each connected safely, the latter for a double in the ninth inning. Miljenovic fanned two of the George Washington batters and walked none. Only four of the George Washington batters reached first, the fourth reaching first on M. Pavolic's error.

"Freck" Radel was the Joseph Zele & Sons-George Washington choice for mound duty and in the fifth was replaced by Tony Jarkowitz. The Pioneers hit Radel for five runs, getting six hits and drew five bases on balls. Jarkowitz allowed one hit and two bases on balls in the last four innings. This was the George Washingtons first official defeat of the 1932 season.

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G. W.'S TROUNCE ORELS
Wednesday, June 29, the Joseph Zele & Sons-George Washingtons trounced the Orels, 14 to 1.

"Freck" Radel hurled for the George Washingtons, and "Iggy" Jeraj for the Orels. Radel allowed the Orels one run, eight hits and three bases on balls, while Jeraj allowed the George Washingtons 15 runs,

21 hits and no free tickets. Bizil, Brezovar, T. Kubilus and Radel were the heavy hitters in the George Washington victory over the Orels. Bizil connected for a double, triple and a home run; Brezovar for two doubles and two singles; T. Kubilus connected for three singles and F. Radel for one double and two singles. In the ninth inning the George Washingtons scored nine runs and connected for nine hits.

If the game was to be described in detail, it would require more than one column for the George Washingtons description only.

By the way members, the George Washington baseball team and Joseph Zele and his sons are still looking for the George Washington rooters. Where are you keeping yourselves?

"Lefty" Jaklich,

Flight of Ducks and Geese

Many conflicting reports have been made as to how fast ducks and geese fly. Since the advent of the automobile and airplane, it is possible to time them more accurately. Ducks and geese do not usually travel at a rate of more than 40 miles an hour. A duck hawk has been timed, however, which flew at a speed of 165 to 180 miles an hour when chasing prey. Canada geese were timed at 44 miles an hour and a brant at 45 miles an hour.

Woman's Influence in the Fraternal World

From An Address By Mrs. Mary M. Baird, Associated Editor of The Ladies' Review of the Women's Benefit Association, Before The Canadian Fraternal Association of Ottawa, Canada

What has fraternalism, with its insurance protection, meant to women?

Did they have any idea when they started their social groups that at a future day the assets of their respective societies would far outdistance the largest banks in their respective localities?

In the absence of mortality tables to prove that their longevity exceeded that of men, and in the universally held thought that a woman was a desperately poor physical risk for insurance, by what assurance then do you suppose, did they have the temerity to think that they might start a society which would enable a woman to carry a few hundred dollars insurance without sending into hopeless bankruptcy the little group they would probably brave the world's ridicule to join?

The only acknowledgeable answer is that an independent faith and courage were given them through the urge of their children's needs and the needs of other women's children. This, the mightiest sentiment ever known to mortal, has made fraternally minded women our country's first business women from the pioneer day of economic assertion and before equal suffrage up to the day of equality with their brother men in the great field of fraternal endeavor as we know it today.

Notwithstanding this suggestion of lack of insurance knowledge among there is heartening silver lining that 993,106 women are enrolled in the woman's fraternal societies in this country and that there are eleven societies in the National Fraternal Congress of America officered and managed entirely by women with assets amounting to over \$167,956,672.00. Also, there are at least three large fraternally social societies for women outside the Congress giving benefits of various kinds not possible to measure here by the standard of dollars and cents.

In nine of the societies with statistics reported in The Fraternal Monitor, the amount of insurance in force to January 1, 1932, reaches the colossal sum of \$997,800,142.00. Eight of these societies have paid out in benefits the creditable amount of \$226,776,727.00 to the date of January 1, 1932.

One of the noblest efforts of women in the fraternal world and the one fraught with best results has centered in the welfare of the foreign born woman coming to this continent to begin life all over again, to rear her family in this land of equal opportunity. We have seen the timid one with broken accent, shawl over head, saddened by toil, joyless and homesick, take on a new interest in life and become eventually, a local officer, and in one instance with which I am familiar become a supreme official, through the ministrations and influence of the fraternity with which she united. Experience has shown that sister women, quick in sympathy, appreciated the situation, extended the welcome and life immediately dawned anew for thousands of foreign born emigrating to this country of ours.

Their children were included in the fraternal thought until new child rearing methods, new thoughts on proper clothing and feeding were gradually introduced. These mothers learned the songs of this country and sang them to their babes in arms and thus, Canadianization, Americanization, or by whatever name you wish to call the process, became the effective leaven that made life worth living for those new citizens. Never before, we can be sure, had the

privileges of brotherhood or sisterhood been heard of in their home lands. All they knew was the heartless class distinction which ground them to the earth and ground their children into the same mould. This has been the thrilling experience of every fraternal society of women and if we have done nothing else, let this be the star in our crown.

In the club work now being actively entered into by many societies for the young girls of teen age, we find an aptitude far exceeding their elders. With the freshness and keenness of youth, adherence to an order of business is the reasonable procedure of the club. Committee work is well accomplished, and aspirants for official honors know that they must possess "the goods" before they can reasonably expect the honors of club recognition. This is the mind of our "women in training," therefore we can anticipate even more efficient women executives as time goes on.

I know of one of our own young girls' club executives who was chosen president of her senior class in High School because of her experience in our club work and her working knowledge of a well ordered meeting.

Our Junior girls in every woman's society have their own ritual under which their junior groups work. Thus the work is begun early and will bear its fruit. Children delight in order, they are amenable to system. Granting them now this atmosphere and thoroughness of training, it can be reasonably expected that better preparation for fraternal work is being effected.

But, leaving the fraternal and ethical side of this subject, is not it true that the romance of business has an enthralling angle for fraternal women which will always hold their interest? The humblest fraternal member knows the financial record of her society if she is interested at all in its affairs. She can make mention of the degree of solvency of her society and know absolutely what she is talking about. Her fraternal magazine has taught her this for she reads it and keeps herself advised on insurance matters.

She usually knows the amount annually earned in interest and also the amount invested for the future. Also, the knowledge of correct parliamentary procedure has been placed within her reach. The majority of fraternal women today are "sticklers" for right parliamentary form and correct procedure and women's wit is measured with man's on the debate floor.

She knows too that under present conditions the greatest danger that insurance is exposed to is the failure to include the monthly rates among the definite costs of living. Instead of considering it a burden, she is wise enough to credit this payment to the monthly savings of her household or her business budget as her comfort and reward in its expenditure. Thus is set gradually, but surely, a foundation for the future Utopia in insurance which is sure to come for every woman and girl in this country, beginning with early childhood and continuing through a life time.

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ZEBU

The zebu, better known as the Indian ox, is found only in the domesticated state. No closely related fossil ancestor or living form is known. This animal, which is light in color and possesses a hump on the back, has been kept since ancient times in India, Africa and Madagascar, where it is used as a beast of burden and as a source of milk. The sacred bulls of India belong to this species.

Bear State Figuring

Perhaps one of the most interesting and staggering "believe it or not" in regard to figures is based upon a most ordinary article—a deck of cards, writes reader Bezaleel Beene of Conway, Ark. How many think they have played enough bridge or poker to have shuffled the deck into every imaginable arrangement, he questions. Or how many different arrangements of the cards is it possible to have in a pack of 52 cards? Don't sit down with your favorite deck and try to get it into all of the possible arrangements. That would take a lot of figuring. To save you that trouble the reader from the Bear State has figured it all out and claims that there are just 67,095,369,530,847,010,137,369,276,206,931,740,787,441,928,386,740,224,000,000,000,000 different arrangements. Suppose, he continues, we had a deck of 52 cards of each arrangement packed in a box two and a half inches by three and a half inches by half an inch. Then we could place these boxes all over the area of the earth—approximately 240,000,000 square miles. And it would require about 80,300,792,000,000,000 packs for one layer. And should we build up each stack uniformly until we had no more cards each stack would tower more than 6,600,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles above the earth surface. Or there would be a mass of cards in boxes protruding in every direction for more than 73,333,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 times as far again as the sun is from the earth. Now if anyone is still skeptical enough to try to get all the different arrangements possible he must be a skeptic.—Pathfinder.

ALASKA

The term "continental United States" is somewhat ambiguous. Strictly speaking, it means that part of the United States on the continent of North America and should include Alaska, but as commonly used it is synonymous with "United States proper" and excludes Alaska as well as all other noncontiguous territories, dependencies and possessions.

FOG PARTICLES

The smallest fog particles have been measured at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It was found that 25,000 of them could be placed on the head of an ordinary pin.

Some tiny watch screws are only .034 of an inch long.

The infantile paralysis microbe is only 500,000th of an inch in size.

Little Helen was reprimanded by her mother for coming down the stairs noisily and was told to return and come down quietly. When she reappeared, she asked:

"You didn't hear me that time, did you mother?"

"No," replied her mother in a pleased voice, "you came down just like a little lady."

"Yes," said Helen, "I slid down the banister."

Merchant: Look here, you've been owing me this bill for a year. I'll meet you halfway. I'm ready to forget half what you owe.

Debtor: Fine! I'll meet you. I'll forget the other half.

Asker: Why do elephants have such large trunks?

Teller: Well, they have to come all the way from India, don't they?

Tarantula Bite Held Harmless

And now science explodes another fondly cherished myth of the animal kingdom!

Since time immemorial, people have regarded the sinister-looking tarantula as the most venomous member of the spider family. It has been credited with almost supernatural powers of inflicting injury, and even today the peasants of southern Europe steadfastly believe that the bite of the "true tarantula" induces a dread disease, tarantism.

This malady is a nervous and hysterical affection, beginning in a state of lethargy and depression. The only cure, it was held in the 17th and 18th centuries, was to dance until you fell exhausted. Accordingly, from 1600 to 1800, there flourished, particularly in Italy and the Balkans, tarantism sects which imposed on their members, if they have been bitten by spiders, the obligation to indulge in perfect orgies of dancing.

Of course, such dismal superstitions disappeared under scientific advancement. But still, in 1931, otherwise intelligent people regarded the tarantula as an exceedingly grim fellow, capable of causing death. Dr. Paul Comstock, insect curator of North Hollywood, Cal., thinks otherwise.

"Ever been bitten by a bumblebee?" he inquires, with a hint of sarcasm. "Well, the bite of a tarantula is just about as dangerous as a bee sting—and no more so."

Samaritans Hold Picnic July 10

Indianapolis, Ind.—A picnic will be held next Sunday, July 10, at Mervar's Hall by Samaritans Lodge, No. 194, SSCU. Various games will be played, including an indoor ball game between married and single men. Committee in charge promises an excellent day of festivities for all guests. Refreshments will be served all day, commencing with 10 a. m. Members, don't forget the next meeting. A big surprise awaits you.

LINDBERGH'S FLIGHT

The route Lindbergh chose on his flight to Paris is about 473 miles shorter than by the Azores. The reason for this, technically stated, is that in the higher latitudes the shortest distance between two points, because of the earth's curvature, is not on the east and west parallel, but on the arc of a circle which would divide the earth in two equal parts and pass through the points in question.

RELICS OF OLD ROME

A richly carved wooden compass more than nineteen centuries old was found in the second Roman galley taken from Lake Nemi. The compass is made entirely of wood, in the same fashion as modern compasses, except for the point, which is metal. An excellently preserved piece of heavy cloth of curious weave also has been found.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever; Its loveliness increases; it will never Pass into nothingness; but still will keep A bower quiet for us, and a sleep Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.—John Keats.

More than 1,000,000 French nationals living in France cannot speak French.

SS. Cyril and Methodus No. 1

Ely, Minn.—All members of SS. Cyril and Methodus Lodge, No. 1, SSCU, are urgently requested to attend the next meeting to be held Sunday, July 10, commencing at 2 p. m., at the Community Center. A number of important issues are up for discussion, some of which concern the members directly and others involve the coming convention. Special notice is given to those members who owe the lodge for back payment of dues, as the secretary is unable to continue to pay such assessments because the funds for this purpose are exhausted.

Joseph A. Mertel, Secretary, No. 1, SSCU.

ST. BARBARA, NO. 5

Soudan, Minn.—I wish to inform members of St. Barbara Lodge, No. 5, SSCU, that at the last meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting one week earlier than usual, namely, Saturday, July 16. Our delegate to the 14th SSCU convention leaves July 23, which is the day on which our regular meeting would be held, and because of this conflict in date the change was made. Therefore, members must be guided accordingly, and be present 100 per cent at the next meeting to be held July 16, beginning at 7 p. m.

John Dragovan, Secretary, No. 5, SSCU.

BETSY ROSS, NOTICE

Cleveland, O.—Members of Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday evening, July 8, at 7:30 o'clock, at my home, 18003 Neff Rd.

Victor Jazbec.

FOR NEXT EDITION

No deliveries of mail were made last Monday, July 4, because of the national holiday, and for this reason a number of contributing articles did not reach Nova Doba office until Tuesday, just one day late to be published in this week's edition. Monday of each week is the deadline and correspondence reaching this office Tuesday will appear in next week's issue.

Editor.

HECKLING

The practice of interrupting speakers with pertinent or impertinent questions probably has been going on since the first political speech, and the date of that is not of record. The word "heckle" was first used in that connection, it is believed, in the London publication Punch, in 1880.

Yugoslavia's Beauty Bill

Women spend 300,000,000 dinars a year on perfumes and beauty products in Yugoslavia each year, according to statistics just issued. French imports of perfumes hold the first place, with Germany coming second. German face creams, hair dyes and makeup articles are important imports.—South Slav Herald.

Dummock: You must have a wonderful memory to keep all that knowledge in your head.

Bright: Yes, I never forget anything once it is in my head.

Dummock: Well, how about that \$10 I loaned you a few months ago?

Bright: Oh, that's different—I put that in my pocket.

The nine-banded armadillo of the Southwest bears its young in litters of four, and the four are invariably of the same sex.

ARE YOU READY?

Cleveland, O.—In life things are done at a time when all plans are put into systematic order. The George Washington Lodge officers and committee have many new plans for future lodge activities, plans that not only insure a good time for the members, but plans that are to boost the George Washington Lodge and the South Slavonic Catholic Union.

The officers and committee are ready to lay, before the members, plans for future lodge activities at the lodge's "special meeting," which will fall on July 14 at the St. Clair Bathhouse. The question that now looms before each and every member of the George Washington Lodge is, "Are you ready?" By this is meant, are you, as a member, ready to offer suggestions or well outlined plans for future lodge activities.

The time for the "special meeting" is near at hand and suggest that each and every member take the time to think of something that will be helpful to the lodge. Think of something along the line of a "PEP NITE" or "SOCIAL." You have a brain, and that brain was given you to think with and not to waste or to be ground into dust, that brain of yours was given you for a purpose and the purpose is "to think."

To date the officers and committee are planning another "All SSCU Pep Nite," one that will surpass the "Pep Nite" of June 3. All members, who were present at the George Washington "Pep Nite," know that it was a success, and with all members being ready, the officers and committee feel certain that the coming "Pep Nite" will be a greater success, a success that will surpass our first.

Brothers and sisters, can you answer our question with a big "YES?" Certainly you can. Give us your ideas and we'll put them into a systematic order; you can do it. On your mark and be there with a big "Yes" when the question "ARE YOU READY?" is asked.

In behalf of the officers and committee, I wish to assure the George Washington Lodge members of our heartiest co-operation.

Officers and committee No. 180 SSCU: Joseph Jaklich Jr., President.

STRONG MEN OF THE OLDEN TIMES

Rather more than a century ago a man named Williams deserted from the British Army and took refuge in France. On account of his great strength this man was a wonder of his time. We are told that he pulled nails out of walls as if they were matches, and twisted bars of iron as if they were thin twigs. On one occasion he ran with a full-grown man for a distance of 50 yards, and then ended up by pitching him over a 20-foot wall.

It took the combined resources of a large part of the France army to shift him when, after making himself a nuisance to the local people, it was decided to arrest him. The Prefect of Auch called troops to his aid, and Williams was passed on from each brigade headquarters to the next until he was safely locked up in the prison at Toulon. In this way, many thousands of men were concerned with the handling of one man.

Another strong man of the old days was Dan Caerton, of London. He had the remarkable power of blowing out his chest and then relaxing it in a most surprising manner. On this account he often, for the sake of fun, would cause great embarrassment to tailors. He would go into a shop and then puff out his chest to an enormous size, or reduce it so that it was hardly bigger than a boy's. The tailors were at their wits' end to know how to fit so awkward a customer for the man seemed a different size each time they tried to fit a coat.

Richard Joy was famous as the strong man of the country of Kent. The feats which this giant performed included snapping rope with a breaking strain of about 3,500 pounds lifting a weight of 2,200 pounds and pulling harder than the strongest dray horse that could be found.

A Russian nobleman, named Count Orloff, possessed great strength in his fingers. A favorite trick of his was to split an apple by placing it between two of his fingers. On one occasion, when doing this in a London house, a piece of the apple shot across the room and hit the Duke of Gloucester, brother to King George III, in the eye. The count resolutely refused to offer any apologies to the offended royal personage. Probable one of the greatest strong men of the 18th century

standing round him thought him crazy until seizing a nut, he split it open on his skull without coming to any harm.

GOLD AND SILVER

What makes a silver dollar worth a dollar in American money is what is called "the image and superscription"; that is, the name of the United States and the exclusive design. Congress passed an act authorizing the secretary of the treasury to maintain the parity of all money with gold.

FACTS

Only one president was born west of the Mississippi. It takes a letter 26 hours to travel between two Colorado post offices, Victor and Goldfield, which are only a mile and a half apart. The water in the Chesapeake Bay has been found to be from two to four times as salty at the bottom as at the top.

Mrs. Oldwed: Do you take your husband apart when you ask him for money?

Mrs. Newwed: No, but he always goes to pieces when I ask him for any.

"Did Jobson's purchase include also the good-will of the business?"

"There wasn't any good-will. It was a coal dealer Jobson bought out."

