

New Era ENGLISH SECTION OF Nova Doba

Official Organ of the American Fraternal Union.

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



This Is Their Year

Glowing reports from lodges who have already conferred honor and recognition upon their 40-year veterans indicates that 1942 is truly a banner year for these members. In short, it is their year, and it could well be recorded for future posterity that 1942 was dedicated to them.

Early in February, our Supreme Board met in annual session at the Home Office in Ely, Minn. Here the brilliant idea to honor those members who had been enrolled in the American Fraternal Union for forty years or more was first brought up for discussion. The idea was enthusiastically received and unanimously approved. Response from the lodges was almost instant, as members began making preparations to extoll veteran's contributions to the progress of our society.

Realizing that these veterans set a beautiful example of fraternalism by their hard work in the early organization of our AFU, it was rightfully expected that by honoring and according them this high tribute they could be placed on a pedestal as a guiding light—a light that would show the way to our younger members. For it is through their hard work that our American Fraternal Union has reached the popularity and success that it enjoys today. It must be remembered that the work was much more difficult in those days than it is in these modern, fast-changing times.

Back in 1898 and in the early 1900's our AFU was merely an infant. Assessments were higher to make up for a higher rate of death and illness among members. But these members stuck to their guns, and the fraternal links were bound together to become stronger than steel. Today's veterans worked and suffered together. Out of this bulwark of fraternal solidness and strength emerged our American Fraternal Union of 1942—a vast society with an enrollment of over 25,000 members located in 183 subordinate lodges in 22 states of the Union. Its assets have climbed from very little in 1898 when it was organized—to over three million dollars today and it has the highest rate of solvency in its history—higher than many larger organizations.

Imagine, if you can, how these veterans will feel when their individual lodge and its members turn out to honor to them! The years will roll swiftly before their eyes, and they will be thrilled to the core to know what they helped to organize has blossomed into one of the outstanding fraternal societies in the Nation.

From various parts of the country thrilling reports of lodges resulting from these commemoration meetings have been received. In Enumclaw, Wash., where Lodge 192 is located, the event brought back beautiful memories of members honored their pioneer.

In Eveleth, Minn., proud veterans, living again their pioneer days, related their early hardships. In Ely, Minn., where our AFU was first organized, similar scenes were enacted.

Scheduled are meetings throughout the country where members will gather to honor their veterans—and that day will live forever in their memories. Members are all urged to attend these meetings and join with our veterans in helping them to celebrate the occasion. Let us all help our pioneers to really enjoy "their" day!

40th Anniversary

In Chisholm, Minn., Lodge 30, AFU, will commemorate their 40th Anniversary at a banquet to take place in the Community Building, Sunday, May 24th. An impressive program celebrating the occasion has been prepared by hard working committees. Same day, Juvenile War Stamp awards will be distributed to juvenile members, and it is expected 40-year Vets will also be honored.

Scheduled to attend this event in honor of the largest lodge in Chisholm, and among the largest lodges in the Union, are Bro. Anton Zbasnik, our supreme secretary of Ely, Minn., and Frank N. Rogelj, our supreme president of Cleveland, O.

Our sincere congratulations are extended to members of St. Joseph's lodge on their 40th anniversary and it is our hope that the event will be their best in history. — S. P.

Combined Slovene organizations and clubs of Chicago, Ill., will stage a benefit party May 24th at the American-Bohemian Hall on West 18th street near Blue Island avenue, proceeds to be donated to the Yugoslav Relief Committee, Slovene Sec-

A-1 In Her Heart To Wed May 22

Cleveland, O. — Corporal Anton J. Bokal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Bokal Sr., of 731 East 157th St., will arrive home this week from Camp Shelby, Mississippi to be married to Miss Eleanor A. Dolantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Dolantz of 555 East 128th St.

The wedding will take place in St. Mary's Parish on Holmes avenue, Saturday, May 23 at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The couple will make their home at Camp Shelby, Miss., where Corporal Bokal (a technician in the electrical shop) is stationed. He is a former student of Fenn College where he completed a course in electrical engineering, and also attended Southern University of Mississippi. Both bride and bridegroom-to-be are graduates of Collinwood High school in Cleveland, O., and are all members of Lodge 71, AFU.

Corporal Bokal and his fiancée are very popular here, and sincere best wishes for everlasting future happiness are extended to them.

—For Victory: Buy Bonds—

Lead Juvenile Campaign Western Sisters

Butte, Mont. — The Juvenile campaign of 1942 is still on! In the recent report from our AFU headquarters, figures showed our Western Sisters of Lodge 190, AFU, held their lead over other lodges. Let's all go out and work for that first prize of \$100 cash!

Juvenile members who did not receive their War Stamps are requested to call at my home and I will see that they get them.

There are still a number of adult members who did not pay their special assessment. Please do so as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Predovich of Butte, Mont., both good AFU members. Their wedding was solemnized April 19th at East Helena, Montana with Rev. Gilmore officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith of East Helena, Mr. Smith being the secretary of Lodge 43, AFU. She was a delegate to the Juvenile convention in 1937. Attendants were Dorothy Predovich, cousin of the bridegroom, and William Orsella.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Mary Predovich of Butte, Mont., and the late Mark Predovich. He is employed at the Great Northern Railway Co. of Butte, where the newlyweds will make their home at 412 Jackson St.

A wedding reception was tendered the couple by the bride's parents, relatives and immediate friends at the Smith Hall. About 150 attended.

When I was in East Helena to attend the wedding, I met a great number of our AFU members, particularly, Mr. and Mrs. Maronick. Mr. Maronick is the only living charter member of Lodge 43, AFU.

Mary Predovich, sec'y
Lodge 190, AFU.

Frank's Trio Will Play July 4th Picnic

Export, Pa. — Plans are rapidly being completed for a picnic to be held at Beechwood Park, Saturday, July 4th under the sponsorship of our Lodge 138, AFU., in Export.

At a recent lodge meeting it was decided to levy a special extra assessment of 50-cents on every adult member in addition to their regular dues. This extra assessment can be paid in either May or June and it will help defray expenses of our forthcoming picnic on July 4th. All members who attend this picnic and who have paid their 50-cents special assessment will in turn receive 50 cents in tickets which can be spent at the concessions on the grounds. Those who don't attend, will not receive any tickets, so make it your business to be there.

There are a lot of members who never attend our affairs and don't even know their lodge brothers and sisters. The people who are on the sick list, and the boys in the service will not have to pay the extra 50-cent assessment.

Members who always attend lodge affairs always do the work, so come on, you folks who always stay away, help us out and do your share. At any rate, be sure to pay your 50-cents and come to Beechwood Park on July 4th. Frank's Trio will supply the music for all dance lovers.

Rose J. Kuznik,
Lodge 138, AFU.

BRIEFS

42nd Anniversary of Lodge 16, AFU., of Johnstown, Pa., will be commemorated on Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30th.

Last week, Bro. Frank Mikec, Strabane, Pa., first supreme judiciary committee-member of our AFU., underwent an appendicitis operation. His friends and fellow AFU members wish him a speedy recovery.

Visitor at the office of Nova Doba last week was Sergeant Anthony Drenik, well known writer of Army life stories in the Slovene Section of this paper, and a member of Lodge 71, who is stationed at Pine Camp, N. Y. He was also a delegate to the 16th Convention of our AFU in Waukegan, Ill. As usual, Bro. Drenik looked very well, and expressed optimistic views regarding preparedness of our soldiers and Nation for ultimate victory. Sgt. Drenik was visiting his Cleveland friends on a short leave from camp.

In Chicago, Ill., Albin Zakrajsek, aged 45 years, passed away following a pneumonia illness. Deceased was manager of the "Amerikanski Slovenec," was born at Preseje near Ljubljana in Jugoslavia, and came to America in 1913. Surviving are his wife, a son, a daughter, five brothers and three sisters.

In Rome City, Ind., Benigen Snoj, Franciscan Father, age 75 years, and uncle of Yugoslav Minister Franc Snoj passed away.

Post card was received from Private Laddie Debevec who is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., who says: "Quite a few boys from Central and Southern Minnesota here. Boy, do they have large feet!" Lad-

(Continued on page 7)

In The Army



Pvt. Joseph M. Langenus

Pictured above is Private Joseph M. Langenus who entered Uncle Sam's Armed Forces Dec. 26, 1941. Now stationed at the Army Air Corps school in Oakland, California, he is another example of what our AFU is contributing toward victory. A member of Lodge 43, East Helena, Mont., Private Langenus has gained distinction and prominence as an athlete even in his younger days. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Langenus, one of outstanding active workers for our AFU., who was twice an honorary delegate to AFU conventions in 1940 and 1941. Address of her son is: Pvt. Joseph M. Langenus, A. C. T. D., B. S. A., Class 15, Oakland Airport, Oakland, Calif.

Five In Service Important Meet June 14 for Lodge 41

East Palestine, O. — Notice to members of Lodge 41, AFU. The next regular meeting will be held Sunday, June 14 at 2 p. m. at the usual place. All members are asked to attend as we have important matters to discuss. You are all urged to attend.

We have five members in the service of our country, all doing their part for victory. They are: Joe Golcic, Frank Jurjavcic, Henry Jurjavcic, Edward Lrobe, and Vincent Fink. Good luck to you boys and do your best.

Do not forget this important meeting. We'll be expecting you!

Frank Weeder, secretary,
Lodge 41, AFU.

He Teaches Rookies Air Corps Instructor

Lorain, O. — Listed among proudest parents of Lorain, O., and the U. S. A. are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balant of Lodge 6, here who have a son with the U. S. Army Air Corps contributing his best for Uncle Sam and victory.

Lt. Victor E. Balant is his name and his address is A. C. B. R. S., Lemoore, California, where he is an instructor, helping young rookies to get their "wings." His proud dad revealed that Lt. Balant itched for immediate action against the Japs, but Uncle Sam and fortune decreed otherwise. Lt. Balant so successfully qualified in obtaining his wings that army officials decided he would be doing more for his country by training other young men for their "wings" and retained him, while his chums were sent across to various battle-fronts. Disappointed as he was not to join his comrades, Lt. Balant bore down in his work as aviation instructor and turned out some crack flyers. Six of his students have already graduated and have been sent to various fronts. He has five students under his guidance.

Using excellent methods, Lt. Balant has been responsible for "making" flyers out of several disappointed young men who had almost given up hope under another's tutelage. Lt. Balant took these men under his wings, and when the course was completed, these same men earned their wings.

Lt. Balant's dad was vice-president of our AFU for several terms some years ago, and the family is related to the Gerzin's at Ely, Minn., where our home office is located. — S. P.

Let Your Answer to Bombs Be BONDS!



We are fighting enemies who will stop at nothing. With our homes, our very lives at stake, shall we stop short of giving our dimes and dollars for Defense? Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps every day, every week. Buy as if your very life depended upon it. It does!

Impressive Attendance Marks Rites 40-Year Vets Honored By Lodge 6

By Little Stan



Little Stan

Lorain, O.—Memories of 40 years past reeled and whirled in swift mental review exemplifying themselves on the proud countenances of five elderly veterans of Lodge 6 who were accorded a brilliant ovation in special rites conducted by Lodge 6 before a large crowd in the Slovene National Home in Lorain, Sunday.

Occasion was to honor five veteran 40-year members of Lodge 6 and the response rendered by the large audience of members who attended and participated resounded through the hall as Bro. Janko N. Rogelj, our supreme president, conducted the ritual, pinned the gold emblems on the lapels of the honored vets, and in a short, but spirited address pointed to them as "outstanding examples of men who had contributed so much to the promotion and progress of the American Fraternal Union."

Because two of the veteran members were ill and unable to attend the ceremonies in their honor, only three were accorded the ovation of all the members at the meeting. They were: Frank Kristoff, Frank Ambrozic, and Frank Tomazin. But special trips to the homes of the two vets who were on the sick list were made by our supreme president, Bro. Rogelj; Bro. John Tomazic, president of Lodge 6, and Bro. Ludwig J. Vidrick, secretary, whereby the honorary emblems were delivered in person. These two members were Bro. John Svet, who was recuperating from a broken leg, and Bro. John Piskur, who was recovering from an eye operation.

The program was replete with impressiveness. When Bro. Rogelj entered the hall, the meeting had just begun, and he received a fine welcoming applause. Few minutes later, Mrs. Rogelj, with daughter, Carole, and Mr. and Mrs. Little Stan, arrived and were received with warm hospitality. It was Carole's second "sejo."

The manner in which President Tomazic conducted the session with the cooperation of his fellow-officers and members is especially commended. Business transactions were completed quickly, and accurately. In the end the entire program lasted a mere half an hour—in fact, it marked among the few

times when so much business was transacted in such a short time. The secret of it all, Bro. Tomazic and Bro. Vidrick declared in later conversation, was that good hard working committees completed details of various issues up for discussion, and presented complete reports at ensuing sessions wherein members had only to make suggestions for revision and the like. Besides all the dignity of the office was conducted with the completed accorded respect of members and officers. Very well done.

Immediately after the presentation of ritual and emblems to veteran members was completed, the vets individually arose with appropriate remarks of the occasion. They received thrilling applause from everyone and justifiably so because "this was their day!"

During the business session, the lodge discussed plans to conduct a flag ritual next August, and planned to be host to the Ohio Federation at a date to be announced later. Names of two more members serving Uncle Sam were Frank Jantar and Joseph Campel, making 7 in all from Lodge 6.

While the ladies prepared a delicious lunch and other refreshments, a photographer from the Lorain Sunday News recorded for posterity the picture of our supreme president pinning the emblems on the lapels of the pioneers. Through special arrangement by Jack LaVriha, editor of the News, the picture will be published in the Nova Doba in the near future.

Bro. Tomazic and Bro. Vidrick reported later on the visit to the homes of Bro. Piskur and Svet who were unable because of their ailments to personally attend. They reported the personal appearance of our supreme president with them to make the honorary award was met thrillingly by these men. Even proud tears dimmed the eyes of Bro. Svet, and no doubt the impressive dignity forced a lump into Bro. Piskur's throat. And though they were unable to be present at the meeting, the members accorded them similar ovation. Our congratulations to these veterans! They'll always be a shining example of true fraternalism, and it would be well for our younger members to emulate their fine successful 40-year record.

(Continued on page 7)

Cash Awards to be Given for 1942 AFU Juvenile Campaign

OPENED JAN. 1st, 1942 — CLOSES DEC. 31st, 1942

Due to probable war restrictions, a Juvenile Convention will not be held this year. Instead, the Supreme Board mapped out a campaign for Juvenile members which officially started Jan. 1st, 1942, and will conclude Dec. 31st, 1942. CASH AWARDS WILL BE PAID TO ALL THOSE SOLICITING NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS:

Note: — Cash awards for new Juvenile members are the same as previously allowed. Only change made, effective only during the 1942 Juvenile Campaign is that the Supreme Board has allowed 50-cents additional for every new Juvenile enrolled during this time. Under the present campaign schedule the prizes are as follows:

For those new juvenile members insured in
Plan JA, the award will be \$1.00;
Plan JB, the award will be \$2.50;
Plans JC for \$500, the award will be \$2.50;
Plans JC for \$1,000, the award will be \$3.50;
Plan JD for \$250, the award will be \$1.50;
Plan JD for \$500, the award will be \$2.50;
Plan JD for \$1,000, the award will be \$3.50.

GRAND AWARDS IN ADDITION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LODGES HAVING THE LARGEST ENROLLMENT OF NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS DURING THE ENTIRE YEAR 1942. First prize is \$100; Second, \$75.00; Third, \$50.00; Fourth, \$25.00; and Fifth, \$10.00.

All awards will be paid immediately upon conclusion of the campaign, Dec. 31st, 1942.

Here's your chance to earn extra money this year! Join the AFU Juvenile Campaign Drive today!

AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

Founded July 18, 1898

HOME OFFICE: ELY, MINNESOTA

SUPREME BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President: J. N. Rogelj 6208 Schade Ave., Cleveland, Ohio;
 1st Vice-Prest: Frank Okoren 4759 Pearl St., Denver, Colo.;
 2nd Vice-Prest: P. J. Oblock RD No. 1, Box 506, Turtle Creek, Pa.;
 3rd Vice-Prest: Joseph Kovach 132 East White St., Ely, Minn.;
 4th Vice-Prest: Anton Krapenc 1636 W. 21 Pl., Chicago, Ill.;
 5th Vice-Prest: Joseph Sneler 5237 Carnegie Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.;
 6th Vice-Prest: Mary Predovich 2300 Yew St., Butte, Montana;
 Secretary: Anton Zbasnik AFU Bldg., Ely, Minnesota;
 Assistant Secretary: Frank Tomsich, Jr. AFU Bldg., Ely, Minn.;
 Treasurer: Louis Champa Ely, Minnesota;
 Medical Examiner: Dr. F. J. Arch 618 Chestnut St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Editor-Mgr. of Off'l Organ: A. J. Terbovec. 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.

TRUSTEES:

President: John Kumsa 1735 E. 33 St., Lorain, Ohio;
 1st Trustee: F. E. Vranichar 1312 N. Center St., Joliet, Ill.;
 2nd Trustee: Matt Anzlec Box 12, Aurora, Minnesota;
 3rd Trustee: Andrew Milavec, Jr. Box 31, Meadowlands, Pa.;
 4th Trustee: F. J. Kress 219-57 St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. N. Rogelj 6208 Schade Ave., Cleveland, Ohio;
 Anton Zbasnik, Secretary AFU Bldg., Ely, Minn.;
 John Kumsa 1735 E. 33rd St., Lorain, Ohio;
 Frank E. Vranichar 1312 N. Center St., Joliet, Ill.;
 Andrew Milavec, Jr. Box 31, Meadowlands, Pa.

SUPREME JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Anton Okolish 1078 Liberty Ave., Barberton, Ohio;
 1st Judiciary: Frank Mikec Box 46, Strabane, Pa.;
 2nd Judiciary: Rose Svetich Ely, Minnesota;
 3rd Judiciary: Steve Mauer 4627 Logan St., Denver, Colo.
 4th Judiciary: Ignac Zajc 683 Onderdonk Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS

Pittsburgh, Pa. — The coordination of Slavic extraction groups in America for an intensified war effort moved a step closer to reality as a result of the American Slav Congress held April 25 and 26, in Detroit and attended by more than 2800 delegates representing church, fraternal, labor, social and cultural groups from all parts of the country. Every substantial American Slav organization in the country was represented. Brother Rogelj and the writer represented the American Fraternal Union.

A permanent committee was elected with Leo Krzycki, for president; Prof. J. J. Smrhal, vice-president; Stephen Zeman, secretary; Vinko Vuk, treasurer; and Blair F. Gunther, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Participating Slavic nationality groups elected vice-presidents to the Board of Directors. Edmund Poinc, Polish; W. J. Muzik, Czech; V. S. Platek, Slovak; Vasil Dicoff, Bulgarian; Samuel Werlinich, Serbian; John Butkovich, Croatian; Vincent Cainkar, Slovene; Peter Ratica, Carpatho-Russian; George Pirincky, Macedonian; Harry Lubeshkoff, Russian; Michael Tkatch, Ukrainian.

The various nationality groups also elected members to the Board of Directors. J. N. Rogelj, Frank Surtz and Ray Travnik were elected for the Slovene group. The National Committee of the congress held its first plenary session in Pittsburgh, May 9 and 10 to plan steps to translate the decisions of the congress into action.

Main decisions embodied in the resolutions of the congress were: 1. To make a direct appeal to American Slavs comprising more than half the workers in the war essential industries of the nation to intensify their production efforts to outproduce Hitler and the Axis; 2. To intensify vigilance against fifth-columnists operating within the various Slavic groups in this country aiming to sow division and disunity in the war effort. 3. To chart a plan to recruit 50,000 American Slav volunteers for a house-to-house campaign among American Slav families for raising the amount of war bond subscriptions to 10 per cent of income. 4. To take all measures to strengthen the bonds of solidarity among American Slav groups and between them and the Slav peoples of Europe for a concerted effort against Hitler. 5. To increase support of all war relief agencies, particularly the Russian, Yugoslavian, Polish, Czechoslovakian, Brit-

ish, Greek and Chinese. 6. To take steps to counteract the appeasers. 7. To set up a permanent organization to coordinate and assist in carrying out the decisions adopted by the congress.

It was a wartime meeting dominated by a wartime grimness. That the deliberations of the congress would have international repercussions was evidenced in the more than thousand telegrams from all parts of the world that reached the congress during the sessions.

The congress was not only an event significant in the history of America's 15 million Slav-descended citizens but fraught with meaning for the destiny of the more than 200 millions of Slav peoples across the seas engaged in a life-and-death struggle against Nazi onslaughts.

The climax of the congress was a victory rally in the Michigan State Fair Coliseum where 10,000 persons assembled to hear the Honorable Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator and U. S. Government representative to the congress who greeted the delegates and drew thunderclaps of applause by his appeal for "more tanks for Timoshenko."

"In this first Slav Congress you have shown the world the miracle of American unity," he declared.

A message from President Roosevelt was received wishing the Congress success in its work.

Adopting a manifesto to the American Slavs calling for a coordinated all-out war effort and another manifesto to the Slav peoples of Europe encouraging resistance to Hitler and urging them to intensify military, guerrilla and underground efforts to smash the Nazis, the congress decided to set aside June 21 as Slav Sunday to be devoted to demonstrations of solidarity in the war effort by Slav Americans throughout the country.

F. J. Kress,
AFU Delegate.

Lodge 16, AFU, of Johnstown, Pa., will sponsor a party commemorating their 42nd Anniversary on May 30th.

From the Cleveland, Ohio, United Slav committee, word has been received that President Roosevelt intends to proclaim an All-Slav Day, June 21st.

40th Anniversary of Lodge 30, AFU, Chisholm, Minn., will be commemorated with a banquet Sunday, May 24th.

With the G-W's

Cleveland, O. — Meeting in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave., May 12, members of G-W Lodge 180, AFU, named Mrs. Edith Drobnic of 6124 Glass avenue acting secretary of the lodge pending Little Stan's induction into the army. Mrs. Drobnic will hold the position until it is ascertained whether Little Stan will make the grade. If he returns, he will again assume the job, and if inducted, Mrs. Drobnic will carry on.

Most of you are acquainted with the acting secretary. She was at one time secretary of those famous Pathfinders of Gowanda, New York, where Brother Ernie blazed a glorious trail of activity. This job will not be new to her, and she will handle all G-W business in the best of fashion.

Meantime, members are requested to pay their dues by the 25th of the month so that the acting secretary may be able to assume her position with everyone's account balancing properly. During this month you can pay your dues in the office of Nova Doba, Room 6, any day convenient to you (not evenings) until the 25th. On the 25th, the secretary will be in from 7 to 9 p. m. in the evening. Please make every effort to be up to date by that time. Your cooperation to this end will be sincerely appreciated.

More War Stamps were distributed to juveniles at the last meeting and it was found that practically everyone has started saving stamps, some having several war bonds already.

Among these are Joan Merhar, Helen Patrick, and Victor J. Lorenzi, Jr., not to mention little Joan Drobnic. The secretary still has some War Stamps for the following juvenile members: Audrey Bell, Thomas Danhoffer, Jr., Walter Guzik, Jr., Lawrence Hoad, Richard Kromar, Jacqueline Luderous, James Opalek, John Zavasky, Frank Zigman, Frances and Julia Zorich.

Following the business session members gathered in Birk's for a light social hour. Among those attending were Pauline Strnisha, Matty Molk, Bub Kardell, Lou Kolar, Johnny Merhar, Frank Drobnic, and Little Stan.

We learned via the Cleveland Press that Frank Zakrajsek is stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, — the only one of our members now serving Uncle Sam's armed forces. Frankie was a recreational director in the city of Cleveland, helping in the city's gigantic playground system, and his experience has gained him a fine position with Uncle Sam, where he supervises athletic activities for over 600 men.

Patsy Charmoli, who would have been a G-W in short order didn't get the opportunity because Uncle Sam called him first. An employee of Cyclone Fence Co., Patsy left for Mt. Iron last Wednesday.

And before closing, Little Stan would again like to remind the members to please arrange to have their accounts straight as soon as possible so that our new acting secretary Edith Drobnic can get off to a fine beginning in her new position. Remember you can pay your dues any day except Sunday and on the evening of the 25th in Room 6, Nova Doba, 6233 St. Clair avenue.

Stan Pechaver, Secretary,
Lodge 180, AFU.

Federation of AFU lodges of Minnesota will meet Sunday, May 31 in Eveleth, Minnesota. The meeting will take place in the city hall and will begin at 1 p. m.

CITIZENS' COACHING CLASSES UNDER WAY

Cleveland, O. — Spring classes for foreign-born adults who hope to qualify for second papers under the newly modified naturalization laws are now under way, but it is not too late to register for the work, Miss Helen M. Trinastie announced.

Miss Trinastie is assistant director of the Citizens' Bureau, which provides the teachers and courses of instruction in citizenship. She predicted that 750 men and women will enroll in seventeen classes. Approximately that many completed the course in the winter session.

"Support from the Community Fund givers," Miss Trinastie said, "has enabled us to help an increasing number of adults who are anxious because of war conditions to clear up their citizenship status."

Two classes for workers on night shifts are available. One of these will meet at University Settlement, 7067 Broadway, Sundays at 9 a. m. The other will be held Tuesdays at 9 a. m. at Citizen's Bureau, eleventh floor of the Marshall Building, Public Square.

Classes on Thursday at 7 p. m. will be held at the Bureau office, and at three branches of the Cleveland Public Library, the Broadway Library at Broadway and East 55th Street, Superior Library at 1347 East 105th Street, and Carnegie West Library at Fulton Road and Bridge Avenue.

The meeting places for other evening groups are: Fridays, Jefferson Library, 830 Jefferson Avenue; Miles Park Library, Miles Park and East 93rd Street.

Monday, South Brooklyn Library, 4292 Pearl Road; Norwood Library, 6405 Superior Avenue; East 31st Street Library, 3830 East 131st Street. Tuesday; Fleet House, 6511 Fleet Avenue; Lorain Library, 8216 Lorain Avenue; Collinwood Library, 856 East 152nd Street; Rose Library, 2820 East 116th Street.

Wednesday: Mt. Pleasant Library, 1400 Kinsman Road, and South Library, Scranton and Clark Avenue.

SAILING! SAILING!

Cleveland, O. — Sailing the Seven Seas yet remaining stationary without fear of being torpedoed by subs was the experience of several people who visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Garbas, Cleveland Slovene dentist, and a member of Lodge 180, AFU. For in his spare time Dr. Garbas has converted a corner into a snug little den designed exactly like the small dining room in a sea-going vessel.

The room has a stairway with rope banister attached to brass rail. It has port-holes, life preservers, and oodles of various nick-nacks which add to the salty atmosphere of the sea. And with the home not far from the shores of Lake Erie—only 10-minutes down the boulevard, it gives you the feeling you're right on the ship's deck.

The room took two years to place in shape, according to the good doctor and his wife who entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lou Kolar, Mr. and Mrs. Bub Kardell, and the Little Stan's in this nice nook last Saturday evening. Dr. Garbas salvaged various parts, and put them together himself. For in addition to being a dentist, he apparently has inherited excellent carpentry knowledge from his dad.

Dr. Garbas has the distinction of having been the first English Editor of Nova Doba, and this event drew three English Editors together in the persons of Dr. Garbas, Lou Kolar, and Little Stan.

All guests enjoyed themselves so much, they decided to make it a point to "put to sea a la Garbas" sometime again and soon. — S. P.

First Year Deaths

The man "who doesn't give a thought" now can take heed of the startling fact that 65,000 policyholders died in 1940 before their policies had been in force even a year. Their beneficiaries received \$32,600,000 from the companies. Declinations in ordinary applications totaled 331,000 in 1940, representing \$1,081,487,000 of insurance sought but turned down because of physical impairments.

—Fraternal Monitor

THAT FIGHTING BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS CAN SAVE A LIFE AT THE FRONT

Red Cross Now Accepting New Blood Donors



American Red Cross clerk takes application of a Blood Donor

Loyal Americans who can't fight in this war themselves can send their blood to fight for them—in the veins of soldiers, sailors, or marines whose lives might otherwise be lost. It is a matter of record that hundreds of men in our armed forces, wounded at Pearl Harbor or since then, are alive today because more than a hundred thousand patriotic people have become blood donors.

The American Red Cross has shouldered the responsibility of providing a million pints of blood to the Army and Navy. There is now an opportunity to enlist a pint of your blood in their great life-saving mission. You'll never miss it—but it may be the deciding factor in saving a soldier's or sailor's life in far-off Australia, somewhere in Libya, on the road to Russia, in Ireland, Iceland or along our own coast. You'll never know the man you help keep alive—but you'll never know a greater feeling of satisfaction, a greater sense of having done something specific and vital for the war effort.

It's important and commendable these days to work harder, to put your full strength and energy behind war production, to buy every war bond and stamp you possibly can—but in donating blood, you're donating a part of your very self.

The process of making a blood donation is exceedingly simple. The first thing to do is to fill out the blank at the end of this article and send it to the editor of this publication. Men and women alike are eligible if they are between the ages of 18 and 60, and have no serious physical ailments. After mailing the blank, you will shortly receive


notification of when and where to appear for your blood donation.

No complicated or thorough physical examination is necessary. A few simple tests are all that's required. You will not be accepted if you have had tuberculosis, malaria, Hay fever and other ailments, however are not included in this category. If you have a cold, you will be asked to wait at least three weeks after recovery before making your donation.

The actual removal of blood takes only a few minutes and there is almost no pain and no discomfort at any time. The donor simply lies back comfortably on a bed, slowly opening and closing his hand—and there it is! A few minutes more and his arm is neatly bandaged. After a rest he is ushered to a refreshment room where he'll enjoy chatting with other donors while coffee, tea, and sandwiches are served.

Donors' blood is not preserved in its natural state. All the puscles are removed from the remaining plasma is then dried in a vacuum, which comes a flaky, yellow powder which lasts indefinitely and which is ready for transfusion when dissolved in sterile water. All blood donors are given a conspicuous little button inscribed "American Red Cross Blood Donor." America is proud of those who wear this insignia—and still more proud of those who wear the silver button which is granted to those who have made three blood donations.

FOR VICTORY



BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

INVEST IN VICTORY!

Our boys can take the War to the enemy, if we back them up with ships and tanks and guns! But that takes money! Help your Government to put the tools of war into the hands of our soldiers by purchasing War Savings Bonds and Stamps. And remember . . . just one Bond can't lick the Axis any more than just one gun! It takes millions of Americans buying War Savings Bonds and Stamps every pay day!

Bonds cost \$18.75 and up . . . and they pay you back one-third more in only 10 years! Stamps cost 10¢, 25¢, and up . . . soon total the price of a Bond if bought regularly. Help our boys on the fighting fronts wherever they may be! Buy War Savings Bonds as an investment for yourself and your country.

NOVA DOBA Blood Donor Registration

6233 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OHIO TEL.: HENDERSON 2-1111

PRINT ALL INFORMATION Date _____

Mr. _____
Miss _____
Mrs. _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Home Address _____
(Number & Street) (City)

Business or Organization _____
(Name)

When did you last donate blood? _____ AGE _____

ENTER HERE DAY OF WEEK AND HOUR OF DAY YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

(Day Available) (Hour Available)

Age limit 18 until 60 years. You will be advised, several days before, of the day and hour of your final appointment.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Lodge 30 Sets Anniversary Party May 24

Chisholm, Minn. — An anniversary program followed by a banquet will mark the 40th anniversary of St. Joseph's lodge here on May 24, lodge officials announced today.

The program will be held in the Community building auditorium and will start at 2 p. m. honoring nine charter members of the lodge including: Frank Gouze, John Russ, John Pahule, John Loushine, Frank Hren, Joe Loushine, Anton Vidmar, Sr., Joseph Globokar and Korbar.

Out of town speakers expected for the big anniversary party include J. N. Rogelj, supreme secretary, and Anton Zbasnik.

An outstanding feature of the afternoon program will be the distribution of defense stamps to about 200 juvenile members in good standing. All children under 12 years, however, must be accompanied by their parents. —Chisholm Mesaba News

—For Victory: Buy Bonds

In Memoriam

Victim of an airplane crash on the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of New Jersey, March 7, was George Oswerk, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Oswerk, Sr., of Walsenburg, Colorado, and all members of Lodge 216, AFU. With two buddies, Jack Maxey of Ada, Okla., and Dave Southard of Orlando, Florida, Oswerk was believed to have been on a practice flight when it was presumed an accident occurred causing the plane to plunge into the ocean. Oswerk's two companions were believed instantly killed, and for a while hope was expressed that Oswerk would survive. But the ordeal proved too much and he also passed away.

Oswerk was born April 12, 1920, in Canon City, Colo., but lived practically his entire life with his parents in Walsenburg, where he became a member of Lodge 216. He completed primary schooling and at an early age joined his dad being employed for six years with a coal mining concern.

He volunteered with the U. S. Army, Jan. 3, 1942 and received preliminary training at a Texas air base. He was later transferred to the 79th Bomber Squadron at Manchester, N. H., where he was stationed at the time of his death. He is survived by his parents and a sister.

Impressive military burial rites were conducted.

Besides being a good member of the AFU, Bro. Oswerk was also a member of the CFU, from whose official organ this news dispatch was rewritten.

Roosevelt Outlines War Against Inflation

In his recent "fireside" chat, President Franklin D. Roosevelt outlined seven things the Nation must do to wage a successful war against inflation. These seven points, if carried out, will help keep the cost of living from spiraling upward; and they represent our present war-time economic policy. All seven points must be carried out together—omission of any one may cause the failure of the entire program.

The seven points are: 1.—Heavy Taxation; 2.—Establishment of price ceilings; 3.—Stabilization of wages; 4.—Stabilization of farm prices; 5.—War Bond purchases; 6.—Rationing of essential commodities; and 7.—Discouraging credit buying.

This giant program has already gone into effect. Various commodities, beginning with sugar are now being rationed; price ceilings have been established. Big legislation now being enacted and discussed by Congress deals with stabilization of wages and farm prices.

Briefs

(Continued from page 5)
die's address is: Co. D. 29th Bn., E.A.T.C., 4th Platoon, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Another card was received from Private Frank J. (Marson) Martich of Betsy Ross. He wondered how the AFU league and B. R. were coming along, and extends his regards to all AFU members and expresses hope to see them soon. His new address is Pvt. F. J. Martich, 1st Reporting Co., 553 Sig. Bn., (SP) A. W., Drew Field, Tampa, Fla.

A visitor from Eveleth, Minn., who dropped in Monday with G-W's John Preshirn, formerly of Gilbert, Minn., now of Cleveland, O., was Peter Kerze, who was in Cleveland attending the International Convention of the Steel Worker's Organizing committee, (CIO Affiliate) now in session in the Public Hall.

Pvt. Johnny Smrtnik of Lodge 132, Euclid, O., is now stationed with Co. C—773 T. D. Bn., Desert Training Station, Indio, Calif. All friends are urged to drop Pvt. Johnny a line, and we'll send him his Nova Doba regularly.

Annual Spring Concert of the Preseren Singing and Cultural Society of Pittsburgh, Pa., will be held Sunday, May 31st. It is considered another milestone in Slovene Cultural Progress because a new achievement in musical entertainment shall be attained. Most members of Preseren are AFU members from Lodges 182, 12, and 26, all of Pittsburgh. The program will feature a soothing mixture of folk songs and other classical selections—approximately 25 in number. Incorporated will be an original operetta entitled: "Carnival In Ljubljana." Event will be held in the Slovene Auditorium, 57th and Butler streets, beginning at 7 p. m., Sunday, May 31. Music for dancing will be furnished by Martin Kuko-vich and his Commanders. You are all invited to attend.

We have already received notice of increased taxation, and publicity released discourages buying on long term credit plans, instead credit plans of not more than 12-months are being recommended.

War bond purchases are also of grave importance. Americans should cooperate with the program to the letter and are urged to buy war bonds and stamps every pay day.

If all citizens cooperate with this program, the re-adjustment period that follows the end of a war will not be so severe, and all American homes will be that much further ahead.

Betsy Ross Wins Bowling Title

Cleveland, O. — Another successful sports venture will be inscribed in the AFU sport annals as the Cleveland AFU Bowling League came to a close last week. As the curtain came down on this successful league the Betsy Ross Flagmakers were crowned its champion. The Flagmakers team was comprised of the following members: Frank Krall, Ike Kocin, Joe Kozar, Mike Krall, Capt. Ivan Rozance and Frank Martich, who has been inducted into service. The runners-up honors went to Ilirska Vila No. 1 team, which finished three games behind the champs.

Clinch Title

With all teams bowling doubleheaders last week the Betsy Ross crew clinched the championship at the expense of the Napredok Cavaliers when they downed them all three games. Going into their encounter with the Cavaliers the Betsy Ross crew needed two games to clinch the title instead the boys continued their winning form and handed their opponents a clean sweep.

Mike Krall with 564 and Ivan Rozance with 514 led the Betsy Ross five to their title drive. For the Cavaliers, Frank Smrtnik was high.

In their last encounter of the season the Betsy Ross crew met stiff opposition in the lowly Napredok Bums. The Bums took the B. R. crew for a two game ride. The Bums finished the season in seventh place.

Leading the Bums to their double win was Eddie Zivkovic who hit the maples for a 519 count. Eddie finished the season in a grand slam style when he belted the maples for a 256 game, the third highest game to be rolled in the league. Mike Krall again was high for Betsy Ross with a 552 total.

Ivies No. 1 Land Second

It looked as though the Ilirska Vila No. 1 team was going to lose hold of 2nd place when they met up with Napredok Bums. The Bums got off to a flying start by taking the first game by a large margin but the Ivies found themselves and brought home the bacon in the remaining two games. Steve Meyak and John Hrvatin were the mainstays for the Ivies, while Zivkovic led the Bums to their lone win.

It wasn't until the last match that the Ilirska Vila No. 1 crew was able to sew up the second place berth.

As did the Betsy Ross team the Ivies also clinched their place at the expense of the Napredok Cavaliers by handing them a three game setback. Thus the Ivies were able to finish with a two game advantage over the Boosters. Going into the last week of bowling the Cavaliers trailed the fourth place team by one game but the last week of action proved fatal for the Cavaliers and they landed in sixth place.

The mainstays for the Ivies were Steve Meyak and Tony Prime with 547 and 518 respectively. Frank Smrtnik was high for the Cavaliers.

Saints Climb Into Fourth

Going into the final stages of the race the St. John Saints were trailing the Ivies No. 2 by two games. In their encounter with the St. John Johnnies the Saints were able to overcome the two game margin by white washing their kins the Johnnies.

Aiding the Saints in their task of white washing the Johnnies was Stan Zagore with a 507 total. For the cellar occupants Stan Barba was high.

When the St. John Saints and the Ilirska Vila No. 2 met they were all tied up for fourth place. And what an encounter it

turned out to be. The Saints took the first game by seven pins then the Ivies came back and took the second game and once again the two teams were tied up for fourth place. The final game proved to be a thriller when the Saints came out on top by only five pins to take the fourth place. The two teams really put on a thrill packed finish.

Frank Znider led the Saints to their double win, while Frank Beniger led the Ivies crew.

Boosters Place in 3rd Position

The Collinwood Boosters were unable to erase the two game lead the Ivies No. 1 team held over them and they landed in third place in the race. The Boosters in their final drive for second place won five of the six games but the Ivies No. 1 team did the same—thus the Boosters were unable to gain any ground. In their encounter with the Ilirska Vila No. 2 team the Boosters set them back for two games.

The big noise for the Boosters was Tony Laurich with 540. For the Ivies, Frank Beniger with 498 was high.

The Boosters ended their season in grand style when they drubbed the St. John Johnnies for three games. In setting back the Johnnies the Boosters belted the maples for a 936 game, the third highest game to be rolled in the league.

Leading the Boosters to their triple win were Dave Zipkin with 517 and Ludie Laurich with 515. For the Johnnies, Frank Koncilja with 525 was high.

Two Hundred Circle

The select two hundred circle was entered by the following: Eddie Zivkovic, 256; Mike Krall, 234; Frank Koncilja, 206; Ludie Laurich, 202 and Steve Meyak 200.

Prizes to Be Awarded Saturday

The awarding of prizes and trophy will take place Saturday, May 23 at 8 p. m. at the East 152nd St. Recreation. Please be present. The alley management will also have something on hand for all bowlers.

AFU Final Standings

Teams	W	L
1 Betsy Ross	68	37
2 Ilirska Vila No. 1	65	40
3 Collinwood Boosters	63	42
4 St. John Saints	53	52
5 Ilirska Vila No. 2	52	53
6 Napredok Cavaliers	47	58
7 Napredok Bums	42	63
8 St. John Johnnies	30	75

Team High 3 Games

1 Betsy Ross	2634
2 Collinwood Boosters	2590
3 Ilirska Vila No. 2	2587

Team High 1 Game

1 St. John Johnnies	968
2 Betsy Ross	963
3 Collinwood Boosters	936

Individual High 3 Games

1 M. Krall	653
2 L. Debevec	636
3 S. Zagore	623

Individual High 1 Game

1 J. Krince	264
2 L. Debevec	257
3 E. Zivkovic	256

Individual Averages

1 M. Krall	174
2 Rozance	173
3 M. Poklar	172
4 Martich	169
5 Zagore	168
6 L. Debevec	167
7 Prime	165
8 Ruzic	164
9 L. Laurich	164
10 Kozar	163

Joseph L. Kozar, Sec'y AFU Bowling League.

Colorado Federation of AFU lodges will meet Sunday, May 24th in Canon City, Colo.

Napredok Lodge 132, AFU of Euclid, O., will sponsor a picnic at Stusek's Farm June 21st.

B-R's Cop Championship AFU League Winds Up Season

Cleveland, O. — AFU bowling concluded the season spectacularly at East 152nd Recreation last Friday evening.

The finale showed that Betsy Ross copped the League championship with Ilirska Vila No. 1, second; Collinwood Boosters, third; and St. John's Saints fourth. A complete report by League Secretary Joe Kozar is in this issue. The Betsy Ross Champs gained first lap on the new trophy awarded the league by the Ohio Federation. In special ceremony, the trophy will be presented to the team at a party for all bowlers and their lady friends at East 152nd Recreation this Saturday evening. Prize money will also be distributed.

This party is being put on by the East 152nd Alley proprietors, and it is a grand sporting gesture on their part.

Upon concluding bowling last Friday night, a new agreement was signed whereby AFU League will again bowl their league events on the same alleys next season. A good suggestion made recently by Joe Struna of Collinwood Boosters was to organize a mixed league with teams containing both men and women bowlers from each lodge. This ought to meet up with splendid response from all lodges, and it is our hope that all Cleveland AFU lodges will be represented. Now is a good time to talk it up.

Being very optimistic of the success of the coming party we'll thank the East 152nd Recreation in advance for their planned affair in behalf of AFU bowlers Saturday. In addition we'd like to thank them for the wonderful service and cooperation shown the league and its participants throughout the season.

Warm appreciation is extended to Joe Kozar for his fine work as secretary of the bowling league. The Editor of this English section wishes particularly to congratulate Joe on his splendid weekly reports covering league play. So good were his reports that they necessitated very little editing. Thanks a million Joe, and we know that every member of the league joins with us in voting you unanimous appreciation for your splendid work.

Regarding baseball for the coming season, a short informal session was held at the alleys Friday. Lodge 71 has turned to Class C hardball this summer, leaving three lodges, Collinwood Boosters, Napredok's, and Betsy Ross with softball teams. It was expected no definite league would be organized, but teams can schedule games with each other, including contests with the boys from Struthers Cardinals and Barberton Martins.

In concluding this short resume, Little Stan wants to thank every single individual for contributing to a very successful season which certainly spelled wonderful fraternity besides gaining much good publicity for our American Fraternal Union!

Stan Pechaver, Athletic Commissioner AFU.

From the Jeannette News-Dispatch we learn that Firpo (How Do You Do) Bianchetti's AFU men's team took two out of three games to cop the Claridge Duckpin Championship. The Claridge AFU ladies lost out for the championship by the slender margin of one single game. This is a grand record for the Claridge boys who bowled tenpins only two weeks before going to Barberton to cop the National AFU Teppin Crown. Congratulations ladies and gents!

ONWARD BETSY ROSS!

Cleveland, O. — Welcome to our new member, Anna Marie Svec. We are looking forward to meeting you, Anna Marie. Welcome also to two new transfer members, Albert Janeczich, a transfer from Chisholm, Minn. and to Bob Oslin, a transfer from St. John's Lodge. One of our older members, Mr. Tolar Sr., has been seriously ill and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The Betsy Ross Lodge is sending many of its best members to join Uncle Sam's forces. The latest person to leave or at least planning to leave is none other than J. P. Morgan. He is scheduled to leave May 27th. All of the Flagmakers in fact a great many other people, too, will be sorry to see this M. C. leave. The very best luck to you, J. P. and we'll join your many friends to say, "We'll be looking forward to your return."

All members are reminded that the Juvenile Campaign is still on. All of you who have small brothers or sisters or any small friends, sign them up right away.

Well—it looks as if there'll be baseball teams this year even though so many of the top players are in the armed services. Betsy Ross is organizing a boys' team with the hope that it will be able to see the season through. This year the girls also will form a team. So far we've lined up Ann, Rosemary, Beanie, Dot, and Albina and any other girls who are interested please see this writer because we'd like, in fact, we need more players. An SOS is to be sent to other lodges, too. We hope that they too will form girls teams. We would enjoy having some competition and it certainly should create a stronger tie between various lodges. Let's hear from the rest of you. We've even been day dreaming that maybe sometime this summer when the team gets to be good enough, they can travel to Penna., or Detroit or some other nearby place for a match game. How about it, Penna., etc.?

Tickets will soon be out for the BETSY ROSS BARN DANCES. The dances will be held on three consecutive Saturdays, July 11th, 18th and 25th. The music maestro, Johnny Pecon and his boys have been scheduled to play for all three affairs. All of you are asked to save the days and plan for a really swell time with the Flagmakers. Today's paper, we think, carries the results of the Friday night bowling league. To the B. R. quintet, congratulations, and to all the rest of the winners congratulations. This was the first attempt of the AFU in Cleveland to sponsor a bowling league. The sponsors of the event deserve to be commended for the excellent job they did of putting it across. Joe Kozar, the League Secretary, is also to be congratulated for his well-done job of arranging the lineups, and also of keeping the public informed of the weekly progress of the bowlers. It was nice work, Joe!

Dorothy Rossa, Pres., Lodge 186, AFU.

If you ever get around to 1270 East 173 street, Cleveland, O., you'll see a sign "Live Bait." Open 24 hours per day, at Mike Krall's residence. This popular member of Lodge 186, whose wife recently succeeded Bro. John Lunka as secretary, is now furnishing fishermen hereabouts with live bait. He also handles kindling and cord wood, sawdust and shaving and coal and his telephone is KENmore 4408J. I'll bet you people think this is an ad—could be. Heh Heh. L. S. The bean (brain) is running short of sawdust Mike, so we'll see you soon.—L. S.

DON WINSLOW OF THE NAVY by FRANK MARTINEK

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN, RED. EACH DEFENSE BOND WE BUY MEANS MORE SHIPS AND PLANES FOR OUR NAVY!

DON WINSLOW OF THE NAVY SAYS—SHIPMATES, LET'S GO ALL OUT FOR OUR EXPANDING NAVY—BUY DEFENSE BONDS!

—Courtesy Bell Syndicate

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE
(continued from page 5)
A new member inducted at our meeting was Jack Lavrin, well-known columnist and newspaperman of Lorain.
Mrs. Ostanek, the recording secretary, and John Brence the treasurer, along with Louis Mahan, vice-president of the league all pitched in with the ceremony, and later did their best to make certain everyone was having a good time. Mrs. Mahan and the other fine ladies certainly prepared delicious ham sandwiches. Never had anything as good. A battery of three accordions flooded the hall with polkas and waltzes and if anyone didn't have a good time it was their own fault. The groups got together to sing many popular Slovene songs, and their nicely blended voices reverberated through the hall.
Mr. and Mrs. Kumse were present. Bro. Kumse, one of our supreme trustees, came to the hall right from work to be certain he wouldn't miss this glorious event. His daughters Martha and Vickie, who is secretary in the office of the Selective Service System, were both present, including Jennie who brought along her twin-children. Little Stan didn't get a chance to talk with them, but he told them that Carole Rogelj loved the meeting that much after the twins—boy and girl—arrived. Just like a young girl, she said she liked the boy. Heh Heh!
Meanwhile, the members saw that the veterans had really enjoyed this day set aside in honor. For old-timers, Little Stan might add, these men didn't look their age! They danced, agile as it certainly seemed to take off their shoulders. Particularly so with Bro. Tomazic Bro. Ambrozic, latter whose wife is Mrs. Vidrick, whose husband, in turn, is secretary of the AFU. But you couldn't leave Kristof out either, who really did enjoy himself.
While saw our old friend Zgonc, and later met his wife. Bob was stationed at Camp Perry in Ohio. During our conversation in the corner with Bro. Gorenec, Frank Tomazic the bartender, and a couple other swell gentlemen, Joe really out for—a good time. Bro. Gorenec was looking about the hall we saw Gorenec was a very good agile dancer.
Meeting our old friend Bro. Zgonc, we were reminded of when his son Frank brought Little Stan to spend the convention week-end in Lorain and to the home. It was then that Bro. had dampened Little Stan's hopes, and Albina undertook the task of pressing them as Frank and Little Stan snoozed. Albina had remarked that those who were certainly "long" and those who were to judge by the looks, Little Stan certainly wouldn't have been so little.
Many faces of our friends were recollected, and it is tough to remember names as well as we do faces. But the tender in the National Home, Little Stan is tearing his hair out in an effort to recall your name, so next time he comes to Lorain—if you see his hair on his head, it'll be your name—he couldn't think of your name—but he does remember the nice way you came especially to greet us.
And as good things come to those who wait—so it had to be with your fine commemoration. Thank you Lodge # — Thank you much!

