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## ATTEND YOUR ANNUAL LODGE MEETING

Another December has rolled around again and the thoughts of fraternalists turn to the annual lodge meetings again. It is the duty of every member who can possibly do so, to attend this important meeting of the year. At these meetings the elections of lodge officers are held and lodge business for the coming year is discussed. Plan to attend the annual meeting and submit your suggestions as to how the lodge and the Union can progress. This month we must also keep in mind the fact that next year is the AFU Convention Year. Now is the time to prepare any suggestions you may have to be presented by your lodge delegates at the convention.

Since many of our members are now serving in the Armed Forces and others have to work on the day of the annual meetings, it is up to the rest of us to do our best to carry on and promote the interests of our lodges.

Fraternalism means helping one another and during this time this duty is evermore important. Each one of us in lodge affairs. We must carry on so when our servicemen return they will find our lodges in good standing and progressing.

Help make your lodge fraternal in action as well as words! Don't depend upon your lodge secretary and officers to do everything themselves. Our AFU lodges are really community meetings and the majority of our members are aware of the fact that the cooperation of all is needed to make their lodge truly fraternal. Plan to attend your annual lodge meeting where you can present your suggestions and advice on how to promote the growth and progress of your lodge and your

### Thought For The Day

#### Twelve Things to Remember

- The value of Time
- The success of Perseverance
- The pleasure of Working
- The dignity of Simplicity
- The worth of Character
- The power of Kindness
- The influence of Example
- The obligation of Duty
- The wisdom of Economy
- The virtue of Patience
- The improvement of Talent
- The joy of Originating.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Announcement by the Treasury Department that, to save copper, pennies would be minted from galvanized low-carbon steel. T. T. Read, Columbia University professor, said "the first iron coins were issued in China nearly 2000 years ago; then, as now, they were introduced because of a shortage of copper."

The amount of steel used in the manufacture of bottle caps is about equal to the amount used in making automobile bodies in a normal year.

## News of AFU Yanks



Sgt. Michael Rovansek paid the Nova Doba office a visit last week. He is the brother of Cyril Rovansek, secretary of Lodge No. 37, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio. Judging by the number of campaign ribbons the Sergeant wears, he has been in almost every battle campaign in the world. Sgt. Rovansek has been in the Army for the past 17 years and has many interesting things to tell. He commented on how regularly the Nova Doba followed him around the world and how much he liked it.

After his furlough he will go to North Carolina from where he will send us his next address. (By the way, his address changes as often as the weather). Good luck to you Sergeant and drop in when you're around this way again.

Your editor is certainly receiving some odd greeting cards this year from all parts of the world. This week Pvt. Stan Barba sent a card from somewhere in Africa and it's a good thing he translated the French greeting or your editor would have to look it up in a French dictionary. Thanks a lot, Pvt. Barba.

Bicycle riders, yours is not a victory bike unless you ride it safely. One dangerous habit, says the Greater Cleveland Safety Council and the National Safety Council, is edging your bicycle in between standing vehicles at intersections. You may be thrown from your bike or crushed between two cars when the traffic starts moving. Make your bike a victory bike by riding it safely!

Penicillin, the new wonder drug, promises to eradicate tooth decay. No more false teeth, say the scientists. However, this new drug is used only for Army and Navy for the present.

### Annual Meeting Reminder of Lodge 81, Aurora, Ill.

On Dec. 9, 1943 Lodge No. 81, AFU of Aurora, Ill. will hold its annual lodge meeting at the usual meeting place situated at the corner of Aurora Ave. and Hankes Ave. at 8 p. m. sharp. All members are requested to attend this meeting which will be one of great importance. Our meetings of late have not been very well attended so I take this opportunity to ask all who can possibly be there to attend.

To the members who are somewhat in arrears with their assessment I would like to say that they should pay their dues so we can start the new year with a clean slate.

To our boys in the service I extend my sincerest congratulations for the splendid work they are doing for Uncle Sam. May we all see you fellows soon and until then I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year wherever you may be. Fraternally yours,

Joseph Fayfar Jr., Sec'y  
Lodge No. 81, AFU  
Aurora, Ill.

### Lodge 132 To Hold Social After Annual Meeting Session

The Napredek Lodge No. 132, AFU of Euclid, Ohio will hold the December monthly lodge meeting on Dec. 10, 1943 at 7 p. m. at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio. All members should attend as this is the end of another year. Calendars will also be distributed to members at this time.

The election of lodge officers will also be held. Following the meeting, we will hold a little social gathering to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the AFU. Your friends are also invited to come after the meeting. All that possibly can come, please do so, as we would like a large attendance at this next meeting.

I will be at the Slovene Home at 6:15 p. m. to start collection of assessments. The meeting is scheduled to start promptly at 7 p. m. Fraternally yours,

John Cecelic, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 132, AFU,  
Euclid, Ohio

### Secret Weapons

Secret weapons are not a novelty unknown before the present war. The English were charged with having used one in their fight against Arabi Pasha, in 1882. One night a warship blockading Alexandria suddenly directed a flash of lights upon the fort. The gunners in the fortress stampeded, screaming. But what they feared were new and dangerous guns were in reality only the lights of Mr. Edison's recently invented "carbon electric lamps" in the man of war.

At the siege of Venice in 1849 the Austrians carried out the world's first air bombardment. Two balloons appeared above Forts Lido and Giardino. They were unmanned. Stoves in the balloon-baskets were heated to make this new weapon buoyant. The "bombs" were boxes filled with 500 bullets.

The bombs were supposed to explode. They did. The defenders rushed in terror from their posts: frightened not so much by the "iron balls" as by the "miraculous" fire that rained down on them. This was an unintended effect. The balloons, themselves, had exploded and, together with the coal-stoves, came down like flaming umbrellas. Despite the success of this raid, no further attempts were made. The Austrian Navy feared that the ships, whence the balloons had been operating, might catch on fire. The army engineers who had put over the stunt were ordered ashore.

—Facts Magazine



### "My Native Land" Goes To Print For Second Edition

New York, N. Y. — Harper & Bros., New York publishers, announced that Louis Adamic's new book "My Native Land," which was published on November 3rd, is temporarily out of stock. It is understood the first edition was 35,000. This entire number has been distributed. A new edition of 10,000 was printed last week. The books are now being bound and will be available in a few days.

In addition to this, the Book Find Club, which distributed books to labor unions, will send out between 10 to 12 thousand copies of "My Native Land" late in January or early in February, depending on when the necessary paper for this popular book can be procured.

The above report shows that Adamic's latest book has created nationwide interest. Through his works more and more people are becoming acquainted with Slovenia and Yugoslavia as a whole.

### Tired? Drive More Carefully!

"Gosh but I'm tired!" All of us have voiced that innocent-sounding expression. Innocent? Not always. Did you know that tiredness, sleepiness, drowsiness, or more to the point, FATIGUE is causing more auto accidents than ever before? 635 this year as compared with but 293 last year. No wonder the police are alarmed! No wonder they have come to the jolting conclusion that fatigue out-rivals drunken driving as a source of auto accidents! This startling increase should make us realize the gravity of falling asleep at the wheel."

This human failing is rapidly taking on a deadly aspect when we consider the death and destruction it brings on the drivers it overcomes. The frightful thing about such unwanted and unexpected sleep is that it virtually sneaks upon motorists very, very suddenly. The odds are always against the driver, for if you recall, a car traveling at 30 MPH is going 44 feet inside the split second it takes to fall asleep at the wheel. That is more than ample time for the uncontrolled car to veer off its course and plunge into the inevitable accident with its rude awakening. And one is mighty lucky his falling asleep at the wheel wasn't permanent.

What can be done about this? Here is some food for thought: We all know that tiredness can vanish promptly when for some reason what we are doing becomes very important. Why not put yourselves in that frame of mind when you're out driving. Most especially, make that drive to and from work the most important journey of your life. Your staying alive depends on your ability to stay awake.

—Cleveland Police Dept.

### Briefs

"My Native Land," Louis Adamic's new book has been put on the list of "current books recommended for wartime reading" by the Council on Books in Wartime, a semi-official organization whose central office is in New York.

### Important Annual Meeting of Lodge 230, Chisholm, Minn.

Members of Lodge No. 230, AFU of Chisholm, Minn. are hereby cordially invited to positively attend the annual lodge meeting which will be held Dec. 9 at the usual meeting place and begin at 8 p. m. At the December meeting new officers are elected and lodge by-laws discussed for the coming year. This is an important meeting and it is hoped that members will attend in as large a number as possible. We'll be seeing you Dec. 9th. Fraternal regards to all.

Mary Zurga, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 230, AFU  
Chisholm, Minn.

### Blood Donor Service of the American Red Cross

The new quota for Cleveland is 4000 donors a week, and as the fighting becomes more intense it may be necessary to raise that quota in order to meet the national demand of the Army and Navy. This is the personal responsibility of every patriotic citizen. Each person, even if he is disqualified himself because of age or physical handicap, must feel it is his duty to enroll Blood Donors. There are many now who have given eight, nine, ten and one who has given eleven times. They can't give for everyone; nor can the workers from plants and factories who come in groups time after time. Isn't this a challenge to every reader? If you haven't given your pint of blood, start now and be a regular Donor. If you have given your blood, and it is time for you to come again, make your appointment and become a regular Donor. It should take at most an hour from your day. That one hour of your time may mean a whole lifetime to a man in the armed forces. Blood Donor Service is open for registration from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. at 1227 Prospect Ave., telephone Superior 1800. DONORS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 A. M. AND 3:30 P. M.

—Mrs. McAlister Marshall, vice-chairman of publicity committee.

### Annual Lodge Meet- ing Notice of Lodge 168, Helper, Utah

Members of the Carbon Miner Lodge No. 168, AFU of Helper, Utah are cordially invited to positively attend the next regular monthly meeting which will be held Dec. 12 in the usual place at 2 p. m. This meeting will be the main or annual meeting during which new officers for the coming year will be elected and other matters discussed pertaining to lodge business for the coming year. Among other things, something will have to be decided regarding the lodge treasury which decreases every month. For the benefit of those who did not attend the November meeting I would like to announce that it was then decided that \$25 be allotted to the United War Fund of Utah.

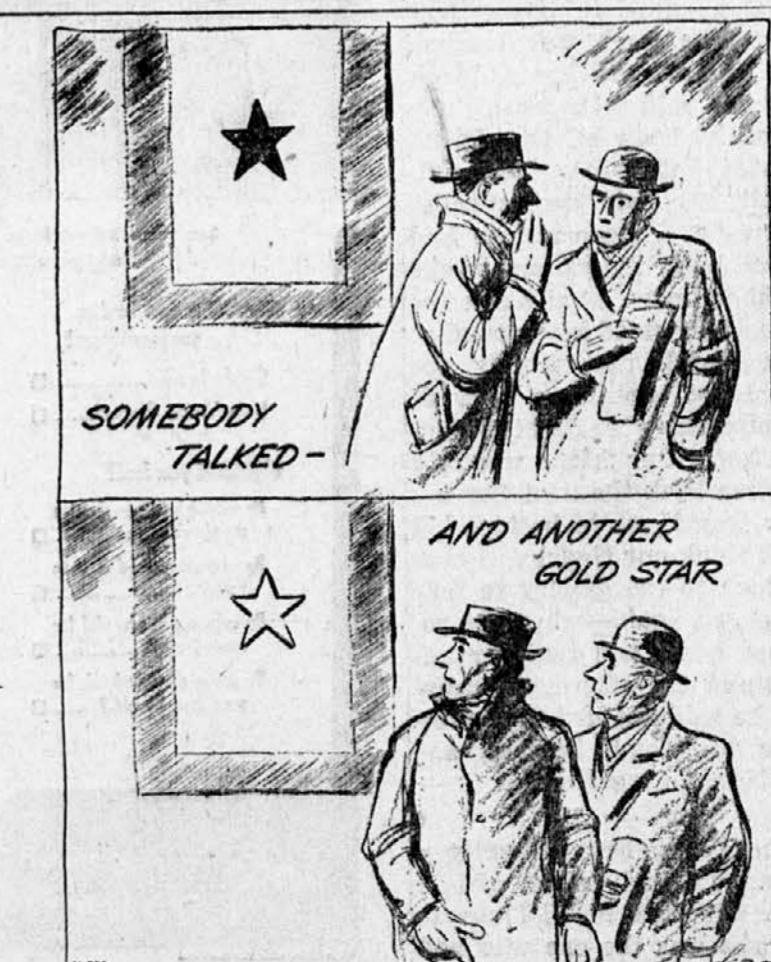
Members are asked to promptly pay their monthly assessments. Assessments must be paid the latest by the last day of the month so they can be sent on time to the Supreme Treasurer. If anyone will be suspended for not paying their assessment on time it will be their own fault. Every business transaction must be taken care of promptly. Once more I wish to remind all members to attend the meeting Sunday, Dec. 12th. Fraternal regards.

—John Yakopich, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 168, AFU  
Helper, Utah

### Nova Doba Columnist Writes For FBI Weekly Magazine

Miss Florence D. Startz of Elly, Minn., now employed by the FBI in Washington, D. C., has been assigned to the staff of the FBI weekly magazine. Miss Startz is well known to the readers of the Nova Doba having started to write to this paper at the age of 10. She is now the author of the Nova Doba column "Washington News Flashes." Florence says she is grateful to this paper for it is here that she learned much about writing. She feels that more juveniles should take the opportunity of writing to the Nova Doba.

Congratulations, Miss Startz, and we wish you much success in your new position!



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