







# New Era

ENGLISH SECTION OF

# Nova Doba

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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

## CURRENT THOUGHT

### Sports Fund

Many English-speaking members of our Union have made inquiries about the status of the Sports Fund. Among the questions asked are: "Will the Sports Fund be ever reinstated into an active class?" and "When will the Sports Fund be made available to the local lodges?" or "When will the Sports Fund be diverted from its present use to that of assisting athletic activities?" etc.

According to some opinions, financial assistance to lodges interested in athletic activities, made possible by the Sports Fund, should have been resumed at the beginning of this year, when the American Experience Table of Mortality had been adopted. This new table provides for legal reserves accruing on members' certificates, upon which needy members may borrow or take a loan with which to pay their assessments. Further, according to these opinions, the predicament of many members who cannot meet their assessments is less critical, for they can borrow on their certificates. Hence, the Sports Fund should be reinstated into its original purpose.

These members further argue that, inasmuch as each member contributes 2 cents each month toward the Sports Fund, it should be used for that purpose, namely, to grant financial assistance to lodges actively participating in athletic activities. Moreover, they argue, if we are to use the Sports Fund indefinitely for purposes other than which it was originally intended, then let us exclude the Sports Fund from our By-Laws, and instead insert the proper title for the use of this fund.

Let us review the Sports Fund from the day it was put into effect. On Jan. 1, 1928, the Sports Fund was first made available to our lodges. During September, 1931, the Sports Fund was suspended and the money used to assist needy members unable to meet lodge assessments. During the interval between Jan. 1, 1928, and September, 1931, all lodges were granted financial assistance to carry on their athletic program, provided that such requests conformed with the existing By-Laws.

Many lodges made good use of the money granted them from the Sports Fund. Others merely relied upon it to organize a baseball team, or a basketball team, or some other sport, continuing such activity only until all the money granted them by the Supreme Board became exhausted, after which the particular lodge team ceased to function. All of which defeated the primary purpose of the Sports Fund. The original intention of the supporters of the Sports Fund was to assist lodges in organizing athletic teams, and not to finance such units entirely.

What is more important, many lodges made very little effort, if any, to take advantage of securing new members, or at least to advertise the name of our Union, through their lodge teams, made possible by financial assistance from the Sports Fund. Certainly, our "elders," meaning such members who have been part of our organization for years, did not expect to reap any benefit for themselves from the establishment of a Sports Fund. What they were particularly interested in is to see youth—you and me—take a deeper interest in our SSCU, and thus materially assist in the Union's progress for the future.

At this time it is not amiss to suggest that the English-speaking members do everything within their power to show that they are really interested in our Union as a fraternal benefit organization, and not merely as a source of revenue to help them assist in financing athletic activities. By manifesting such interest, the English-speaking members shall have every reason to expect to see the reinstatement of the Sports Fund in the very near future.

Those English-speaking members who have always shown their heartfelt interest in our organization shall have no trouble to continue their good work. This appeal is made to those English-speaking members who have assumed no obligation in the past to do something for THEIR UNION as well as OUR UNION, in appreciation for what THEIR UNION is doing for them.

### Betsy Ross News

Cleveland, O.—The Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, has all preparations ready for its first annual dance which will be held on Friday, April 28, at the Slovene Workingmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd.

Bob Geltman and his Radio Orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion. Geltman's orchestra has gained great popularity over the radio in the past year with melodious music. If an enjoyable evening is wanted, it can be had by attending our dance on that evening.

Admission will be only 35 cents, with checking free of charge, which is considered a very moderate sum, concerning the enjoyment to be had. There will be plenty of refreshments served and a possibility of having the 3.2 beer also.

The Betsy Ross Lodge cordially invites all the sister lodges of the SSCU in the vicinity, as well as all other friends, to attend our first annual dance of the year. A very good time is assured.

Sister Kathryn Riddle, our first trustee, recently underwent a very serious operation at the Polyclinic Hospital. Sister Riddle is still convalescing in the hospital; members and friends are urged to pay her a call.

All members of the Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, are requested to attend their regular meeting, to be held on Friday, April 21, at Turk's Hall, 16011 Waterloo Rd. At this meeting the trustees will give the quarterly report of the financial standing of the lodge.

Also another good time is in store for members and their friends after the meeting, as there will be another social gathering held for all.

I am also reminding all members to return their dance tickets on the evening of the dance.

John P. Lunka,  
Secretary, No. 186, SSCU.

### CHAMPIOSHIP TILT

Championship of the Interlodge Basketball League of Cleveland will be decided Thursday, April 20, at the St. Clair Bathhouse. It has been originally announced that the championship tilt would take place Wednesday, April 19, but due to unforeseen circumstances the change to Thursday has been made. The main games will get under way by 7:45 p. m., as there is to be only one preliminary game. Admission is 5 cents.

### Majestics Play and Dance

Export, Pa.—In one of my previous articles I stated that the Majestics are going to stage a play to celebrate the second anniversary. But due to the fact that we are all beginners, the preparations necessary to stage a play took a little more time than was expected.

But we are ready now and as a result are going to present "Jumbo Jum," a one-act comedy, on Saturday, April 22, 8:30 p. m., at Rezzarday's Hall. Members of Majestics Lodge wish to extend a cordial invitation to all members of our Union, their friends, and the general public living far and near our community, to attend one grand evening of merriment and laughter.

The only thing we need to complete a perfect evening is the support of every fun-loving person for miles around. There really isn't space enough to tell you of the wonderful evening of entertainment in store for you. The only thing you can do to satisfy your curiosity about our presentation is to come and see it for yourself. Bring a friend along.

Dancing will follow the play, and will continue the rest of the evening. All we have to do is clear the chairs after the play is over. Music will be furnished by Louis De Francis' Orchestra.

A splendid evening of entertainment is assured to all guests for only a small admission of 20 cents. All members please be present.

Julia Ursula Nagode,  
Rec. Sec'y, No. 218, SSCU.

### Note for Michael Reitkovic

Uniontown, Pa.—St. Rochus Lodge, No. 55, SSCU, would like to find the whereabouts of Michael Reitkovich, one of its members. During the year 1932 his address was Box 373, Shinston, W. Va.

If any member of Sv. Janez Lodge, No. 179, SSCU, of Shinston, W. Va., knows the address of Michael Reitkovich, will he or she kindly get in touch with me? Or if Michael Reitkovich himself should read this notice, will he kindly send me his certificate and loan paper as soon as possible?

Registered letters forwarded to the member's old address have not been answered.

Frank Golcher,  
Box 2  
Lemont Furnace, Pa.

"What is all that crowd standing around Siegfelsh for?"

"They're congratulating him on his increase."

"But why does he appear to take it so ungraciously?"

"It's an increase in the family."

### BRIEFS

A powerful bomb exploded Monday, April 17, in the combination restaurant and confectionery store owned by Joseph Zabukovec at 576 E. 152d St., Cleveland, O. The entire interior of the restaurant was destroyed, causing an estimated damage of \$1,000. Mrs. Zabukovec, wife of the proprietor, and her children, Mildred, 20, Joseph Jr., 18, and Stanley, 16, were at home over the store-room when the blast occurred, but none were injured. Reason for the bombing is unknown. Cleveland police have undertaken an investigation of the explosion that shook dwellings for four blocks in the vicinity.

Two-year-old Lillian Ozbich of 18600 Chickasaw Ave., Cleveland, O., was struck and hurled to the pavement by an automobile while crossing La Salle Ave. at E. 185th St. on Easter Sunday. Her sister Alice, aged 4 years, was also struck down by the automobile, but was not seriously injured. According to latest reports, Lillian is in a critical condition and not expected to live, as she suffered a concussion of the brain, a fractured arm and broken legs.

Balkan Mountain Men, of national radio fame, will make their appearance in the Slovene National Home of Cleveland, O., next Sunday, April 23, in a benefit concert sponsored by the Croatian National Home. Balkan Mountain Men have been heard over the National Broadcasting Co. hookup every Sunday, in which they sang Yugoslav songs. Next Sunday morning they will be heard over Station WTAM, N. B. C. outlet, for a 15-minute period.

Miss Angela Zalokar, dramatic star of the German stage, has been the cause of considerable comment lately made by dramatic critics of Europe for her exceptional abilities as an actress. She is of Yugoslav origin, her father being Slovene and her mother a Croat.

Many Jugoslavs scintillated in the district junior high school declamatory contests held recently at Eveleth and Chisholm, Minn. Julia Baraga and Joseph Rose of Chisholm came through in the dramatic and humorous divisions, respectively, while Louis Bonich of Eveleth won in the humorous division.

South End Citizens' Association of Cleveland, O., elected Frank V. Opaskar, Slovene attorney, its president.

### SURE CURE

Customer: I cannot sleep at night—the least little sound disturbs me. I'm a victim of insomnia. Even a cat on our back fence distresses me beyond words.

Druggist: This powder will be effective.

Customer: When do I take it?

Druggist: You don't. Give it to the cat in milk.

### HER BUSINESS

Little Abie's teacher sent him home with a note: "Please give Abie a bath. He is so dirty that he actually has a strong odor." The next day the teacher received the following reply: "Abie ain't no rose. Don't smell him—learn him."

### INTERLODGE INDOOR BASEBALL

Interlodge Baseball League will hold a meeting Monday, May 1, at the St. Clair Bathhouse to discuss and formulate plans for the baseball season. All SSCU lodges of Cleveland interested in joining the league should send their baseball manager or some other representative to the meeting. A brief season with minimum cost will be the objective of the I. L. L. officials this year.

### Center Ramblers

Center, Pa.—The regular monthly meeting of Center Ramblers Lodge was held on Sunday, April 9. Attendance at this meeting was unusually small. What is the matter with the Ramblers? You cannot blame it on the weather this time, for it sure was a lovely spring day. We hope to see more of you at the next meeting and thus show us that you really take an interest in your lodge.

At this time I wish to call your attention to the Ramblers' dance, which is to take place on May 13 at the Center Slovene Hall. I am sure that you don't want to miss this event. Come and bring your friends with you. This is going to be a round and square dance. The Stump Jumpers, an excellent orchestra, will furnish the music for the evening. Admission price is only 25 cents. Although we had a large crowd at our last dance, we expect to see even a larger crowd at this dance. Don't disappoint us.

An article in April 5 edition of Nova Doba appeared concerning the erection of the new SSCU Home Office. This article caught my attention. The writer says, "I think that the resolution made by Lodge No. 6, SSCU, and that of Center Ramblers, should be put into a pretty frame and then burned."

Since the members have a right to annul any decision made at the general convention through a referendum vote, the Ramblers voted in favor of the initiative motion of Lodge No. 6, SSCU. We voted in favor of the motion because we know that this is for the benefit of our organization. Everybody has a right to his own opinion, therefore, I think that this remark is unnecessary.

Don't forget May 13—Ramblers' dance.

Ann Erzen,  
No. 218, SSCU.

A lady had just engaged a new maid, and was instructing her. "At dinner, Mary," she explained, "you must remember always to serve from the left and take the plates from the right. Is that clear?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered the girl. "What's the matter, superstitious or something?"

"Did anybody drop a roll of bills with a rubber band around them?" asked an old gentleman in the trolley car.

"Yes, I did," said several voices.

"Well, I just picked up the rubber band," said the old gentleman, calmly.

"I told my wife I would shoot any man who had flirted with her at the seaside."

"What did she say?"

"She told me to bring a machine gun."

### ANNOUNCING SECOND ANNIVERSARY DANCE OF THE PATHFINDERS

Have you heard the latest news?  
The town is all excited;  
We're going to have a party, folks,  
And everyone's invited.

Yes, it's going to be a birthday party to celebrate the second anniversary of our club, the Gowanda Pathfinders. Every member of the organization is planning and looking forward to a joyous time.

Two years ago our club was organized, and under the remarkable leadership of such members as Anthony Sternisha, Ernest Palcic and Louis Andolsek, we have not only grown, but have accomplished much of which to be very proud, and have participated in many pleasant activities.

The splendid co-operation of all our members and the spirit of good-fellowship, which is always prevalent, has made it possible for us to attain a high degree of success in all of our undertakings. With this same spirit prevailing, we intend to do even greater things in the future.

This second anniversary dance represents another stepping stone in our career, and from the plans in progress, it should prove to be a most commendable occasion.

The date of our big event is May 6, and by unanimous vote we have again obtained the services of those popular musical entertainers, the Low Down Stompers, who proved their ability at a previous dance. Their orchestra will play from 9 p. m. until 2 a. m. Earlier in the evening, however, from 8 o'clock until 9, we are to be favored with some special attractions. The refreshment committee will provide for hungry and thirsty appetites and nothing is left undone to insure an enjoyable evening.

So, wear your best smile,  
And shine up your shoes,  
Come to our dance,  
And forget all your "blues."

We're all very happy,  
And all very gay,  
For this is our second  
"Happy Birthday."

Helene Strauss.

Pathfinders, No. 222, SSCU, of Gowanda, N. Y.

### Promulgation of Ambiguous Viewpoints

Springdale, Pa.—Personal animosity accelerated by one's biased thoughts has never been known to attain constructive results. From a psychological standpoint those entertaining such ambiguities are drifting to a moral degradation; hence it is most appropriate that we be lenient in expounding frictional viewpoints.

In times of widespread adversity, as is now prevalent, such ill-feelings are somewhat enhanced for obvious reasons, and few if any periodicals are free from their manifestation. Various individuals through the daily press have aired similar grievances; a matter that can be averted only by the careful maneuvering upon the editor's part.

Our official organ is no exception to the rule. Although contributions are welcomed and encouraged, this should not be construed as to indulge in petty controversies of a destructive nature. To promulgate such insidious declarations is inconsistent. Important issues can and should be debated at the regular meetings without provocation. Wherein they are of general importance to the Union they may be referred to the others through this medium.

All contributions are subject to the editor's approval and all members should accept them as such. Any and all clippings he may make should not be resented, as the essence of true fraternalism is the participation in all fraternal affairs with a constructive and not a destructive viewpoint.

The call to the youth to become interested in our columns is also encouraged, a fact that our editor has placed great stress upon; but these contributions should not be violent out-

bursts prepared on the spur of the moment. Differences can and have been ironed out without subjugation to heated animosities. A thorough investigation of the subject involved with proper meditation and deliberation, followed by sound reasoning with malice toward none, will produce the desired effects.

In preparing this article, the writer, sensing an approaching storm, has thought it necessary to appeal to the instigator to use sound judgment in his opinions. The editor has the authority to make any and all omissions as he deems necessary for the welfare of the SSCU. He alone has the power to discern the good from the bad, and I'm sure that he has shown no partiality. Trust him to be fair. The English section under his leadership has shown wonderful progress and will continue to do so; so let's apply the rule of reason and settle the difficulties amicably. Such insinuations as "approaching from a different angle" may cause friction, and we must try to avoid that.

If, as our good brother from Minnesota puts it, the future of our Union depends a lot on us, the young element, doesn't it stand to reason that we must learn to rub elbows and work in unison harmoniously? Any and all constructive measures will be greatly appreciated, so long as they remain constructive and free of biased thoughts. We are not all of the same opinion, it is true, but let's express ourselves in the tone of brotherly love. A frown accomplishes little, while a smile works wonders.

Frank J. Progar,  
No. 203, SSCU.

When three lunatics escaped from a British asylum, possessed with a British asylum, possessed with a British asylum, went out and brought in five.





