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NEMČIJA RAZ- TEGNILA POMOR- SKE OPERACIJE

Podmornice in mine po-
topile deset parnikov
MIR NA ZAPADNI
FRONTI

London, 21. nov. — Nemčija je postrila vojne operacije na morjih. Deset parnikov je bilo potopljeno od zadnje sobote po podmornicah in minah v bližini angleškega obrežja. Včeraj je nemška podmornica potopila angleški parnik Arlington Court. O-
krog 133 življenj je bilo izgubljeno.

Nemško bojno letalo se je včeraj pojivalo nad Londonom, toda angleška lovска letala in kropicje iz protiletalskih topov so ga kmalu odpodile. Drugo nemško bojno letalo se je pojivalo nad angleškimi otoki, v bližini pomorske baze in Scapa Flow. Nasledio je z bombami neki angleški rušev, toda bombe so zgrevile cilj. Topniške baterije so na pogone nazaj.

Angleški mornarični minister je priznal, da so Nemci potopili 12 parnikov od izbruhu vojne. V tem času so Nemci izgubili samo 8 parnikov.

Bruselj, Belgija, 21. nov. — Lasi se holandski uradniki označili potop parnika Simona Boljana zadnjo soboto za strahovitičin, ne verjamejo deklaracij angleške vlade, da je nemška mina uničila parnik. To bo dovoljno preiskava. Doslej še niso poslali nobenega protesta ne Berlin in ne v London.

Hague, Holandska, 21. nov. — V zadnjih dneh je Hitler potegnil več tisoč vojakov iz krajev holandski in belgijski meji. Čete so se umaknile na drugo stran Reni.

Napetost, ki jo je izvajala koncentracija nemškega vojaštva v bližini holandske in belgijske meje, se je nekoliko polegla. Iz umika sklepajo, da je nevarnost nacijske invazije Holandske in Belgije minila.

Pariz, 21. nov. — Sinoči objavljeno vojno poročilo pravi, da je na zapadni fronti mir. "Aktivnosti na zapadni fronti so prenehalo," pravi poročilo. "Vršile so se praske med stražami."

Druga vest se glasi, da Nemci gradijo jezove ob Renu, kjer je voda poplavila nizine. Povodenje svire vojne operacije na obeh straneh fronte.

Nemški vojaški letalci so včeraj invadirali ozračje nad severno Francijo, toda so se kmalu vrnili nazaj. Vrgli niso nobene bombe na francosko ozemje.

Belgia sklene pogodbo s Francijo

Francija bo dobivala koks iz Nemčije!

Bruselj, Belgija, 21. nov. — Tu napovedujejo, da bosta Belgija in Francija podpisali trgovinski pakt ta teden. To je normalna procedura, toda značilna je pravila, ki določajo izmenjavo 4.000.000 ton belgijskega premoga za 6.000.000 ton francoske železne rude. Druga klavzula določa, da mora Belgija dostaviti 2.500.000 ton koks prve vrste Franciji.

Ta klavzula je povzročila presečenje med večščaki. Oni vedo, da Belgija uveza velike količine koksa iz Nemčije. Sama pa ne producira dovolj za svojo potrošnjo, kar pomeni, da bo koks, delan v Nemčiji, ki ga prejema Belgija, poslan v Francijo.

Provodite francosko-belgijske pogodbe so v konfliktu s francoskim zakonom, ki prepoveduje

Glavne seje, kampanja in drugo

(V. Cainkar, gl. predsednik)

Ne pozabimo na glavne seje!

Leto se je hitro približalo svojemu koncu in pred nami je že spet mesec december, s katerim bomo zaključili poslovanje jednote in naših društev za to leto. Mesec december je zaenome mesec glavnih sej, nakar ne smemo pozabiti. Kakor je znano, morajo naša društva imeti svoje seje vsak mesec in gotovo je, da so vse seje naših društva važne—vsaj morale bi biti, če je društvo le kak aktivno in vrši svoje naloge pravilno. Toda ob koncu vsakega leta ima vsako društvo še posebno važna opravila, kakor volitve uradnikov, določanje smernic za poslovanje za nastopno leto, sklepanje o važnih priredbah in tako dalje. Sploh vse bolj važne zadeve pridejo na razpravo in resitev na decembarski seji društva, zato pa je decembar ali letna seja najbolj važna in prav zato bi moral vsak član skrbeti, da se je za gotovo udeleži.

Izvolimo dobre uradnike!

Vsek dober član pa bo tudi to storil. Vsak dober član želi, da njegovo društvo napreduje in uživa ugled. Zaenoma se zaveda, da sta ugled in napredek društva odvisna največ od tega, kake voditelje ima. Zato pa njemu tudi ni vseeno, kdo je izvoljen v društvenem odboru ali kakšne sposobnosti imajo njegovi uradniki. In baš zato skrbi, da je za gotovo navzoč pri volitvah in po svoji možnosti pomaga, da so v društveno vodstvo izvoljeni najbolj zmožni in sposobni člani.

Uspeh društva pomemben za vse člane

Napačno je misliti seveda, da je dovolj, ako član plača svoje prispevke, brigo za ugled in napredek društva in ostalo delo pa prepusti drugim. Kajti čim bolj društvo uspeva, tem več blaga je za celokupnost in toliko več koristi je za vsakega posameznega člana. Čim več ugleda uživa društvo, tem lažje mu je pridobiti nove člane in tem bolj raste in napreduje. In čim jače in močneje postaja, tem več dobrega prihaja od tega—tem več lažje in izdatnejše lahko pomaga, ko pride skupna potreba, pa gotovo lahko stori tudi toliko več za vsakega posameznega člana in toliko več lahko vsak posameznik pričakuje od svojega društva. Iz tega pa logično sledi, da je tudi vsakega posameznega člana dolžnost, da po svoji moži k temu pomaga!

Zaključimo naše jubilejno leto dobro!

Da—leto se je približalo svojemu koncu in kmalu bomo spet zrli nazaj ter se vpraševali, kaj smo delali, kaj dobrega storili v tem letu. In kot člani SNPJ bomo seveda zrli nazaj na naše organizacijske aktivnosti ter si spraševali vest, kako smo opravili svoje društvene dolžnosti; kako smo pomagali pri proslavah 35-letnice jednote in drugih prireditvah, kako agitirali za nove člane in sodelovali v letodajni jubilejni kampanji in tako dalje.

Vsakega člana dolžnost je, da se potrdi in kaj koristnega doprinese za svojo dobro organizacijo v vsakem letu. In seveda je ravno ista dolžnost vsakega naših krajevnih društev. To leto se nam je nudila še posebno lepa prilika, da s pridobivanjem novih članov pokaže, kako draga nam je jednota in koliko smo pri volji storiti za nje bodočnost. Veliko članov in tudi nekaj društiev je izredno ugodnost—žal—prezirlo. K sreči pa še ni prepozno. Kampanja je še zmeraj v teku in do zaključka leta se da se precej doseči in marsikako zanemarjenosti popraviti.

Pohitimo torej, bratje in sestre, in izrabimo še te dni kampanje dobro! Pokažimo z dejanj, kako dobrski, kako verni in lojalni člani smo! Zaključimo naše jubilejno leto dobro!—

Tuji agentje aktivni v Detroitu

Kongresnik Dies naznanil preiskavo

Detroit, Mich., 21. nov. — Martin Dies, načelnik kongresnega preiskovalnega odseka, je po zasljanju več prič, ki so pojasnile prevratne aktivnosti komunističnih in fašističnih elementov v industrijah, naznani, da bodo vsi člani njegovega odseka pričeli v Detroit in vodili temeljno preiskavo. Zasljanje bo trajalo najmanj dva tedna in podlagi že dobijene evidence o aktivnostih agentov tujih vlad.

Kuhnova krivda ni dokazana, pravi sodnik

New York, 21. nov. — Sodnik James G. Wallace je na obravnavi proti Fritzu Kuhnui, načelniku Nemško-ameriškega bunda, opozoril prosekutorja McCarthyja, da še ni dokazal, da je Kuhn v rešnicu ukradel denar iz sklada svoje organizacije. "Obdobjev, da Kuhn ni vložil vsega denarja, ki ga je zbrala njegova organizacija, ni dokaz, da je bil denar ukraden," je rekel sodnik. McCarthy je takoj odgovoril sodniku, da bo predložil novo evidenco, da je Kuhn kralj denarja.

Komunistična stranka zbira sklad za Browderja

New York, 21. nov. — Elizabeth Curley Flynn je izjavila, da so člani komunistične stranke prispevali \$100,000 v sklad za obrambo Browderja, tajnika komunistične stranke, ki je obtobi-

trgovanje s sovražnikom. Da je v nasprotju s pomorsko blokado, ki je bila odrejena znamenom, da ustavi izvoz nemških produktov. Francija bo v smislu pogodbe z Belgijo neposredno trgovala z Nemčijo.

Naciji obsodili

Poljaka na smrt

Ceški dijaki poslani v koncentracijska taborišča

Pozen, Poljska, 21. nov. — Henryk Pawłowski, 21 let star Poljak, je bil včeraj na obravnavi pred nacijskim sodiščem obsojen na smrt na otožbo, da je sodeloval z grujo, ki je ubila dva Nemca 3. septembra. Silvester Kuberski, star 18 let, je bil na podlagi otožbe obsojen na štiri leta zapora. Šest drugih je bilo obsojenih v zapor od šestih mesecov do dveh let, šest nadaljnih pa je bilo oproščenih zaradi pomanjkanja evidence.

Glavna krive, Stefan Nowicki in Kazimir Kapczynski, sta pobegnila iz Posene predno so nemške čete zasedle mesto. Znalcino je to, da je bila to prva obravnavna pred regularnim sodiščem. Prejšnje so se vrstile pred vojnim sodiščem in nacijsko sodelovali, da so bile kazni, ki so jih sodelišča izrekli, smrt.

Praga, 21. nov. — Nacijske avtoritete so naznatile, da je bilo okrog 1200 čeških študentov, ki so se udeležili demonstracij proti nemškemu protektoratu, poslanih v koncentracijska taborišča. Dvanaest študentov so načinjali ustrelili.

Konflikt med Cehi in nacijskimi avtoritetami se je pričel 28. oktobra, ko so Cehi proslavili 21-letnico ustanovitve republike. V demonstracijah, ki so sledile, je bil ranjen češki dijak, ki je podlegel poškodbam. Pogreb tega dijaka je izdal novo demonstracijo in izgred proti nacijskemu zadnjemu sredu.

Zdaj je bilo ugotovljeno, da so nacijski zapeli osem čeških univerz v akademij, med temi univerz v Pragi in Brnu. Vse bodo ostale zaprte tri leta. Nacijska policija je po demonstracijah aretirala več tisoč Čehov.

Delavej v Pragi so ignorirali agitacijo glede oklica stavke v znak protesta proti nacijskim avtoritetam, ko so dobili zagotovilo, da bodo njihove pritožbe upoštevane.

Volitve v New Yorku; delavski glasovi

New York. — Pri zadnjih mestnih volitvah dne 7. t. m. je bilo oddanih za kandidate newyorške delavsko stranke (American Labor Party) 240,000 glasov; stalinovec so prejeli okrog 40,000 glasov, trockisti 2259 in kandidatje SLP 4500 glasov. Socialisti obrežne frakcije so pridruženi Labor party, katera je dobila dva aldermanov v mestni zbornici. Volilni sistem je pravilen in na temelju tega so bili glasovi trockistov in SLPov pristeti demokratom in komunistom. Okrog milijon volilcev ni šlo na volilce.

Oborožen francoski
parnik dospel
v New York

New York, 21. nov. — Francoski parnik De Grasse je včeraj dospel iz Evrope v New York. Parnik je oborožen s topovi in drugim oružjem. V tem času je zapustil newyorško luko francoski tovorni parnik Indo-chinos s tovornim blagom. Tudi ta parnik je oborožen.

Nemški parnik zapustil
afriško luko

Swakopmund, Afrika, 21. nov. — Nemški parnik Windhuk je zapustil Lobito, portugalsko pristanišče v zapadni Afriki, kjer se je nahajal od začetka vojne. Parnik je oborožen s tujimi tujevji, ki so neskladne s nemško naseblino pravijo, da bo lovlj zavezniške ladje na morju.

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JUGOSLAVIJA

SE ZNAŠLA MED DVEMA OGNJEMA

Vprašanje izvoza rud- nin v Nemčijo

ZAVEZNKI PRE- PREČILI KUPCIJO

Belgrad, 21. nov. — Dramatična stran evropske vojne je bora za ekonomske koriste in privilegije v Jugoslaviji, v kateri je zavojevana Nemčija na eni strani, Velika Britanija in Francija pa na drugi. Jugoslavija, ki bi rada ustregla vsem, da ohrani svojo neutralnost, je v sredini.

Velika privlačnost v Jugoslaviji za zavojevane države so rudniki bakra v Boru, v bližini bolgarske meje. Ti so največji rudniki v Evropi in lastujejo jih francoski interesi. Ti producirajo 60,000 ton bakra na leto, kar predstavlja vrednost \$10,000,000. Pred vojno je Nemčija dobivala sedem do osmih tisoč ton bakra iz teh rudnikov.

Drugi vzrok oštete ekonomske tekme so rudniki svince in cinka pri Trebušu v južni Srbiji. Te posedujejo Anglešči. Letna producija predstavlja vrednost \$4,000,000. V teh rudnikih je uporabljen okrog 20,000 delavcev. Dve petini producije sta šli v Nemčijo pred izbruhom vojne.

Pred vojno je Nemčija uvozila 350,000 ton bakita iz rudnikov v bližini dalmatinskega obrežja. Ta ruda je potrebna v proizvodnji aluminija, ki ga rabijo za letala. Ko se je začela vojna, so Anglešči zasegili 15,000 ton bakita, katerega je imela dobiti Nemčija.

Uvoz bojnega materiala v Nemčijo je bil skoraj ustanavljen po izbruhu vojne. V prvih dneh oktobra so se člani nemško-jugoslavanske trgovinske komisije sestali na konferenci in razpravljali o novih trgovinskih pogojih. V maju tega leta je Nemčija ponudila Jugoslaviji kredit dva milijona mark in obljubila, da ji bo pošljala orožje in mašinerijo v zameno za rudnine. Pripovedala je sklenitev pogodbe za deset let, kar pa je Jugoslavija odlikovala. Na konferenci v oktobru so Nemci sugestirali povečanje izvoza rudnin in izjavili, da bodo tudi civilno poročilo Frrnk Zorko in Justina Pevc, oba člana društva 739 SNPJ. Obilo sreč!

West Newton, Pa. — Dne 11. t. m. sta bila po poročilu 739 SNPJ v Pittsburgu (1300 kilociklov). Program bo posnet tudi na gramofonskih ploščah.

Poroke naših članov

Canton, O. — Tu bosta poročena Henry Prevenc in Jenny Vatovc, katera je predsednica društva 739 SNPJ. Obilo sreč!

Barbičeva zadeva

Glasovi federacij, društev in posameznih članov

DOPISNIKOM, katerih se tiče: Vsega dopisov pod gornjim názvom je skrajšan na jedro, kar primanjkuje prostora. Nihče ne more zahtevati, da bi poravnal celo stran Prosvete za posamezniko okoli clevelandskih afér — in toliko dopisov smo prešli do to številko. Ne raztezajte, povejte svoje mnenje na kratko — UREDNOSTVO.

Društvo V boj št. 53 podprlo svojo federacijo

Cleveland, O. — Društvo V boj št. 53 SNPJ je na svoji sedmici 12. novembra razpravljalo o izjavi clevelandskih federacij SNPJ, tikajoči se dopisov v Prosveti in večina navzočih članov je odglasovala v prilog tej izjavi, to je, da se pridruži federaciji v tej zadavi in podpremo izjavo, ki je bila priobčena v glasilu 25. oktobra t. l. Tajko društva je bilo naloženo, da pogobi sklep v Prosveti.

J. F. Durn, tajnik.

Barbič pojasnjuje

Cleveland, O. — Člani SNPJ so se citali v Prosveti, da je društvo št. 53, katerega predsednik je jaz, sklenilo, da podpira izjavo clevelandskih federacij SNPJ, ki je naperjena proti meni. Vrnila se boste, kako je to možno. Vam bom pojasnil kolikor moge na kratko. Bratje, ki čitate Prosveto, hočete tudi vedeti, kaj se godi po naših naseljih, posebno v Clevelandu, kjer je že 40.000 Slovencev. Naši lokalni listi ne poročajo dosti o teh straneh našega življenja; vse strane poročajo samo o veseljih. Zanimivo pa je, kaj se govorja v naših društvenih.

Ako želite, pride na vašo prihodnjino sejo in z veseljem vas bom poslušal in vam odgovarjal na vprašanja, če boste tam ob devetih zjutraj.

To razmotrivanje je bolj važno kot so pa mesene klobase. Naj naši člani po vsej Ameriki izvedo, kdo je kdo.

Frank Barbič, 53.

Br. Petrovič razmotriva

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Zdi se mi, da hočejo nekatere stranke napraviti vtis, da je zahteva clevelandskih članov nedemokratična in da ima namen prepričiti gotovim članom-dopisnikom, da svobodno izražajo svoje mnenje v dopisih. To ni res! Naš namen je, prepričati izrabljivanje lista Prosvete za neosnovane, nepotrebne in škodljive napade na naše aktivne člane in odbornike.

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V nedeljo je Savin koncert

Chicago. — Kam pa v nedeljo popoldne, Cikačani? Seveda na koncert soc. pevskega zboru Save, ki se vrši v dvorani SNPJ, pričetek ob 3. popoldne. To naj bi bil sklep vsakega ljubitelja lepe pesmi, brez katere bi bilo življenje pusto in prazno. V težkih časih, kakor so današnji, je lepa pesem, lepa glasba človeku še posebno potrebna, da mu razvedri duha in da vsaj za nekaj časa pozabi na svoje težave, ki mu jih bruhajo v narodje vsekdanje življenje. Tudi vesela družba je človeku potrebna, posebno tam, kjer doni pesem.

Sava bo odprla svoj nedeljski program z delavsko pesmijo "Naš prapor". Za nas je ta pesem nova in smo jo dobili iz Clevelandu od soc. Zarje. Sledila ji bo "Slava delavstvu", zanosna in znana pesem Ivana pl. Zajca. V naslednji točki se bodo pa zopet Savanke postavile s pesmimi "Beautiful Dreamer" Stephana C. Fosterja in "Allah's Holiday" Rudolfa Frimla. Obe skladbi sta klasični in zelo čarobni.

Potem pa bomo zopet slišali sestri Angeline in Josephine Pluth, ki bosta peli in igrali, da bo sreča kar poskakovalo. Angeline bo ob spremljevanju svoje sestrice zapela več pesmi, Josephine pa bo nastopila tudi samostojno s svojo pianoharmoniko in zaigrala "Kvartet" iz operete "Rigoletto".

Nato bo zopet nastopila Sava in zapela Vodopivec "Pri oknu", Jerebovo "Kam si šla" in "Cvetični dekljica prsa bela". Njeni zadnji skladbi bodo Strousove "Pripovedke iz dunajskih gozdov", katero je Hollywood lani ovekovečil v filmu "The Great Waltz". Tej skladbi je dal Etibin Kristan krasno besedilo v slovenščini. Malo je pesmi, ki bi se mogle v lepoti primerjati s to skladbo.

Kot smo že zadnji teden poročali, bo na tem "Savinem koncertu" sodelovala tudi mrs. Louise Keleminic iz Garyja. Kot pravijo, je ona pristna Dolenjka in fina pevka. Na tem koncertu bo podala slovito Schubertova skladbo "Ave Marija", Klačevico "Tiček in tičica" in Puccinijevu, arijo "Tosca" iz opere istega imena. Mrs. Keleminic bomo sedaj prvič slišali v Chicagu.

V drugem delu pa bo nastopila Miškotova skupina v Rivovi spevovirgi "Izlet v gozd", nekaj za smeh in kratek čas. Spevovirje je prepletena s petjem.

Program nedeljskega koncerta bo torej pester. Potem bomo pa plesali v obeh dvoranah. V spodnji bo igral Pucljev trio lepe polke in valčke, v gornji pa Gradiščki "Gay Donci". Sava uživali vam je ljubitelje lepe slovenske in klasične pesmi. Na svidenje v nedeljo, 26. novembra, ob 3. popoldne v dvorani S. N. P. J. Savan.

O proslavi SNPJ v Forest Cityju

Forest City, Pa. — Mislim sem, da bo kdo drugi poročal o naši proslavi 35-letnice SNPJ, ki se je vršila 29. oktobra in katero so aranžirala društva 124, 372, 45 in 656. Ker pa tega ni nihče storil, naj jo jaz nekoliko opisem.

Proslava se je vršila z lepim programom ob 2. popoldne in ob 8. zvečer. Imeli smo lepo udeležbo obiskatov. Hyala vsem, ki ste se zanimali za program. Najprvo nas je nagovoril br. Avgust Gostiša o pomenu proslave. Nato so igrali tamburaši, pevski zbor Naprej pa nam je zapel par lepih slovenskih pesmi. Skoda, ker nismo imeli radija, da bi nam tudi drugi slišali. Upam, kadar bomo še kdaj takega priredili, da si bomo tudi radio oskrbeli.

Glavni govornik je bil br. Vincent Cainkar, ki nam je v dolgem in lepem govoru orisal delovanje SNPJ, koliko je že pomagala v denarju in v izobražbi, v stavkih in ob povodnjah. Že tisoč članom je brisala solze z blelidom in dala vdovam in otrokom takojšnjo pomoč. Tako bo delala tudi v bodoče, ker njena solidnost se dviga od leta do leta. Nato nam je predvajal lepe slike iz stare domovine. Napravile so lep vtis na občinstvo, pose-

v SDD prihodnjo soboto zvečer, 25. nov., v korist blagajne. Učnam, da bo članstvo našega društva storilo svojo dolžnost napraviti temu društvu, kateremu so sploh vbojčani dali življenje, ker ideja za ustavitev tega društva se je porodila pri nas. Kot je razvidno iz poročila tajnice tega društva, bo ta večer res verjetno zavade med Svobodančankami. Nekdo bo na tej veselici tudi srečen, ko bo dobil posebno pregrinjalo.

Naj bolniški listi pri našem društvu so slednji bratje in sestre: Mary Marinčič jebolezen vrgla precej kruto v bojniško posteljo. Val. Malnar si je poškodoval nogo in se zdravil doma. Peter Bokunovik je že precej časa v bojniški postelji; dasi je mož je precej v letih, upamo, da bo tudi tobolezen prebolel. Anton Pregel se je moral podati v bolnišnico v svrhu operacije na želodcu; upamo, da bo srečno prestal. Tudi sestra Frances Torkar je bila operirana. Ker je ženska močna postavje, jebolezen še precej povoljn prenesla in zdaj se je že javila zdrava. Tom Zeleznik in Andy Melle sta tudi bila bolna, toda sta izostala z bolniške podpore, ker sta izjavila, da bosta v bodoče mogoče še bolj potrebna. Moram pripomniti, da sta oba še fanta in pol.

Louis Sasso, 124.

Ta ošavski duh!

Oshawa, Ont., Kanada.— Članom in članicam društva SNPJ v Toronto, nameč katerih se tice, priporočam, naj se ne spoštevajo za vsako stvar nad Oshawo, ako ne gre vse v redu. Jaz, "ošavski duh", vam ne delam nobene kritike pri društvu ali med članstvom, zato vas tudi prosim, da me pustite pri miru. Kadarko boste prepričani, da vam delam kakšno zgago pri društvu ali med članstvom, tedaj se pa lahko oglastite proti meni.

Ce se nekateri člani ne strinjajo z delom pri društву, vam zagotavljam, da to ni moje delo in torej ni treba krvide zvrati na Oshawo, ker vsakdo je sam svoje glave kospodar. Zakaj sem predsedništvo odklonil, sem vam pošteno pojasnil. Meni je bilo predaleč, da bi na seje hodil. Zdaj pa za vse delo, katerega sem izvršil pri društvu zadnja tri leta, prejemam to plačilo—precej gremkih pod nos. Kdo bo dosegel 16 let, bo od jednega prejel do \$280 in povrhu še \$14 rezerve za asement, skupaj torej do \$294. Poleg tega pa je zavarovan do \$1000 smrtnine. Več informacij o vsem dobite pri tajnikih društva.

Kot je razvidno iz oktobrskega poročila glavnega urada, smo za mesec nekoliko nazadovali. Poskusajmo to popraviti v tem kratkem času, ki ga še imamo. Novi člani se še vedno dobre, le potruditi se je treba. In ak vseh kemični prospektivnemu članu pojasnite ugodnosti pri jednoti, sem prepričan, da boste imeli več plačevati, je priporočljivo, da otroka vpišete v drugi razred. Kdo bo dosegel 16 let, bo od jednega prejel do \$280 in povrhu še \$14 rezerve za asement, skupaj torej do \$294. Poleg tega pa je zavarovan do \$1000 smrtnine. Več informacij o vsem dobite pri tajnikih društva.

Trdite dveh članov na zadnji vinski trgoviti, da sem jaz Fištrov pokrit sovražnik, je izmišljotina. To lahko sponzna vsak pošten človek. On se lahko prepriča pri večini slovenskega naroda v Toronto in v slovenski farmarski naselbini. To bo njen najlepši dokaz. Zatorej, fanfane, ne poslužujte se teh izmišljotin, ki se pri meni neljuba otročarija, katere je že čas, da je konec. V. F. Ručigaj, 648.

To in ono o društvu V boj

Cleveland. — Zadnja priredba društva V boj 53 SNPJ je izpadla še precej povoljno. Lahko bi bila še bolje, toda bodimo zadovoljni s tem. Preostanka bo okrog \$55. Ako upoštevamo razmere in pa to, da je bila vstopnina v predprodaji le 20c, rezultat se ni preslab. In razmere se niso take kakor bi si jih želeli. Malo nam škoduje tudi prepirki v metropoli, toda ni tako hudo, dragi čitatelji. Cleveland je že vajan raznim senzacijam in praskam, ker teh smo imeli že vaake sorte. In ne pozabimo, da je Cleveland velika, dolga vas in je umetna, da se mora vedno kaj slabege pa tudi dobraga zgoditi. Mi pa kljub temu gremo naprej. Pa pustimo to.

Naša zadnja društvena seja bi morala veliko več dobrega in kritistega ukreniti, ker je bila zadnja pred glavno sejo. Toda smo se raje kavali, drugo pa prepustili odboru. Kljub temu smo na zadnji seji sprejeli pet novih članov. Läkko bi jih več, ake bi se članstvo zavedalo svoje dolžnosti. Upam, da se bomo za prihodnjo sejo potrudili vsi, da jih sprejmemos še več. Poskušajmo, bratje in sestre! Iz potekajočega kampanje je razvidno, da smo še daleč od določene kvote 3500 novih članov. Naše društvo je storilo svojo dolžnost napraviti organizaciji. Ko bo zaključeno leto, bomo pedali svoje bilance. Sedaj bi članstvo priporočalo, da se udeleži veselice ženskega društva Svobode 748, ki se vrši

zahvaljuje slovenski javnosti za lojalno naklonjenost skozi dobo njegovega življenja ter ponovno vabi vse ljubitelje petja v Chicago na program in praznovanje vodne dne 26. novembra. Slovan vam že sedaj kliče: Na veselo svidenje!

Odbor.

Veselica društvenega doma

Pipetown, Pa.—V soboto, 25. nov., bo plesna veselica v naši slovenski dvorani v korist društvenega doma. Za ples bo igrala godba iz Gray's Stationa. Poleg našega članstva vabimo tudi društvo le iz razlogov varnosti, ne sme držati ničesar, kar bi šlo preko ukrepov varnosti. Vojni ujetniki nikakor ni brezpravni, svoje osebne lasti, razen seveda orožja, končati vojaškega značaja.

Danes je drugač, ali bi vsaj moralo biti drugač. Po sporazumih na haških mirovih konferencijah 1. 1899 so vojni ujetniki v državah in zato podrejeni vojaškim zakonom. Ker vojni ujetniki ni kaznjene, temveč v ujetništvu le iz razlogov varnosti, ne sme držati ničesar, kar bi šlo preko ukrepov varnosti. Vojni ujetniki nikakor ni brezpravni, v prejšnjih časih, temveč ima pravico ujetnikov, ki jih spet ulove, zapadejo disciplinarni kaznovanjem.

Sanitetskega osebja in vojaških duhov po ženevskem sporazu ne smejo ujeti pač razna dela, toda ta dela ne smejo biti takšna, da bi ujetniki žalili v njegovem človeškem stojanstvu in tudi ne smejo biti v zvezi z vsemi dogajanjem. Zasluzek po delu je uporabljen v njegovem pridružju, z vojnimi ujetniki je po haških sporazumih glede hrane, oblike in stanja ravni celo tako kakor z lastnimi četami. Ujetniki, ki jih spet ulove, zapadejo disciplinarnemu kaznovanju.

Pred nekaj meseci smo ustanovili pevsko društvo Rožmarin in 26. okt. je imelo svoj prvi koncert, ki je povoljno izpadel. V Ambridge smo imeli prvo pričetek, da slišimo lepo slovensko plesno. Dne 26. nov. ob 1:30 pop. bo Rožmarin nastopil s slovenskimi pesmami na radijski postaji WKWQ (1380 k.) v Pittsburghu. Torej vsi, ki se zanimajo za krasne slovenske pesmi, pridevate v nedeljo ob omenjeni uri k radioprijemniku in si privoščite pol ure užitka ob naši pesmi. Anton Žiberna, 33.

Federacije SNPJ

Priredba minnesotske federacije

Ely, Minn. — Članstvu SNPJ in ostalim Slovanom v Minnesota se naznana, da bo federacija predvajala premikajoče slike, ki so bile posnete v prosti naravi Minnesota in na katerih se vidijo ljubke srne, ki se sprehtajo v svojem gozdnem krajjevstvu. Nadaljuje se bodilo vidiče tudi slike, ki so bile posnete širom Združenih držav po br. Franku Jenku, ko se je nahajal na počitnicah. Slike so prvo vrstne in ne bo nikomur žal malenkostne vso.

Priredba se bo vršila na Evestu v dvorani SNPJ dne 30. novembra, začetek ob 7. zvečer. Poleg slike bo na programu tudi elijski kvartet, ki bo zapel nekaj pesmi. Kateri teh večje slike ne poznate osebno, se boste lahko z njimi spoznali na tej priredbi.

K zaključku naj omenim, da naša prihodnja seja bo letna sezona. Vrši se 10. dec. v spodnji dvorani SDD, pričetek ob 8. zvečer. Torej je to letna seja, ki se navadno zavleče, je pričakovati, da se člantsvo udeleži v velikem številu in ob času.

J. F. Durn, tajnik.

Večerinka ženskega odseka SDD

Detroit. — Gospodinjski odsek SDD priredi večerninko 2. dec. v spodnji dvorani SDD na 437 S. Livernois ave. Vabileni ste vsi Slovenci in Hrvati od bližu in daleč, posebno pa delničarji SDD. Igrala bo izvrstna godba. Mrs. Božič je objubila, da bo za priznake prekrbela dobre krvave klobuse. Vstopnina samo 15c.

Clanice našega odseka ste priznane, da se udeležite prihodnje seje, ki bo zadnja v tem letu. Vsem bolnim članicam pa želim hitrega okrevanja.

Antonia Potočnik, 518.

Iz urada conemaške federacije

Johnstown, Pa. — Ker se bodo prihodnji mesec pri društvinah S. N. P. J. vršile glavne seje, na katerih bodo izvoljeni društveni uradniki, želimo prijazno priporočiti, naj ob tej prilnosti društva izvoli tudi zastopnike za prihodnjo sejo okrožne federacije. Seja se bo vršila zadnjo nedeljo v decembru, 31., pričetek ob 2. popoldne, v dvorani društva 36 S. N. P. J. v Conemaughu.

Obenem priporočamo, naj tajniki sestavijo imena in število članov, ki so jih sprejeli v mlađinske in odrasle oddeleke pri njih društvinah. Ta imena naj predloži tajniku federacije za overavljanje v avrho nagrad. Kampagna se šteje od 1. aprila do konca leta 1939. Novi člani, ki so bili sprejeti v tej dobi, toda niso pačali treh zaporednih asenmov, ne morejo priti v počitki pri delitvi nagrad.

Frank Kaučič, predsednik. A. Vidrich, tajnik.

Vojni ujetniki

Znano je, da so v starem veku vojne ujetnike ubijali ali pa jih uporabljali vsaj kot se je moral ujetnik odkupiti nasprotniku, kar so jo imenovali "rancion".

Danes je drugač, ali bi vsaj moralo biti drugač. Po sporazumih na haških mirovih konferencijah 1. 1899 so vojni ujetniki v državah in zato podrejeni vojaškim zakonom. Ker vojni ujetniki ni kaznjene, temveč v ujetništvu le iz razlogov varnosti, ne sme držati ničesar, kar bi šlo preko ukrepov varnosti. Vojni ujetniki nikakor ni brezpravni, v prejšnjih časih, temveč ima pravico ujetnikov, ki jih spet ulove, zapadejo disciplinarnemu kaznovanju.

Država lahko uporabi vojne ujetnike, v katerih ne gre za častnike, po njihovem času, da bi ujetniki žalili v njegovem človeškem stojanstvu in tudi ne smejo biti v zvezi z vsemi dogajanjem. Zasluzek po delu je uporabljen v njegovem pridružju, z vojnimi ujetniki je po haških sporazumih glede hrane, oblike in stanja ravni celo tako kakor z lastnimi četami. Ujetniki, ki jih spet ulove, zapadejo disciplinarnemu kaznovanju.

Sanitetskega osebja in vojaških duhov po ženevskem sporazu ne smejo ujetnike, po njihovem času, da bi delata, toda ta dela ne smejo biti takšna, da bi ujetniki žalili v njegovem človeškem stojanstvu in tudi ne smejo biti v zvezi z vsemi dogajanjem.

Importance of Our Annual Meetings

Final Campaign Month

Most of our members know that officers and committees of our local lodges are elected annually in the month of December, and assume their duties and responsibilities on January 1st.

The annual meetings of our lodges, therefore, will begin within a week when each lodge will elect its six executive officers and three permanent committees: supervisory, sick and trial committees.

The importance of these meetings cannot be overestimated. The officers and committees elected and decisions made at these sessions determine the course of a lodge for the entire year; the executives elected have it within their power to either make or break the lodge. The progress of a lodge to a very great degree hinges on the type of leaders selected, and they, in turn, reflect the type of membership that constitutes the lodge. For no lodge is better than its leaders and no leaders are better than the lodge they represent.

It is logical to conclude, then, that it is essential to attend our annual meetings and participate in instituting an alert and cooperative administration. No appreciable degree of progress can be had by a lodge whose leaders are indifferent and who lack the initiative to build up its prestige.

We are a democratic organization—a workers' fraternal organization which provides a twofold service, fraternal insurance and labor enlightenment. Each of its units or lodges functions on the same principles. Let us exercise our privileges at the Annual Meetings, and let us not shirk our duty when called upon to serve our lodge if we feel we are qualified to do justice to the office for which we are nominated. Consider it an honor to be one of the leaders of your lodge if you have what it takes to make your lodge a better success. On the other hand, support those who in your opinion are best fitted to fill a responsible position.

All these factors enter into making a lodge strong and alive to any situation that may arise. And when you attend the Annual Meeting, help to work out a plan which will attract a majority of members to the regular monthly meetings.

At your Annual Meetings this year you will also have the last chance to admit new members under the provisions of the Jubilee Membership Campaign. In case that your annual meeting is being held during the earlier part of next month, see to it that your lodge provides for a special meeting during the latter part of the month for the exclusive purpose of initiating all those applicants who will be secured up to that time.

Let us make the final campaign month the most productive!

Pennsy Pioneers Plan "Sadie Day"

on Dec. 23, Yule Dance on Dec. 25;

Will Hold Yearly Meeting Dec. 3

STRABANE, PA.—Through this column, the Strabane Pioneers wish to extend their thanks to all of those people who made our Armistice Day Dance the success it was. We were surprised at the turnout and our Lodge greatly appreciated your cooperation at this affair.

Although our lodge affairs are proving successful, we still think that they could be improved. For instance our membership puts our Lodge near the top of the Pennsy lodges, but to attend our affairs (or meetings for that matter) you'd never think it. It can't be that the membership doesn't know of these affairs, for the doings are well advertised by

posters and notices in the Prosvelta and the local paper. The lodge stages all types of affairs, picnics, polka and popular dance, and plays, to mention a few but we don't know if it isn't the type of entertainment that keeps the members away or what. If any one has a solution to this problem, we are sure our lodge entertainment committee would like to hear it.

While on the subject of Pioneer affairs, we like to announce that during the Christmas holidays the Pioneers will stage two dances. On Dec. 23 we will hold a gala Polka Dance at the SNPJ Hall. This affair has been designated as "Sadie Hawkins Night." It will get all of you gals and guys to get prepared for Leap Year. We know that both old and young alike will enjoy this affair. The Dance Committee is attempting to secure a favorite polka band for this affair.

On Dec. 25, the Pioneers will hold their 13th Annual Christmas Dance. Efforts are being made to secure a well known orchestra to Strabane on this day, one that we're sure will please all of you dance lovers.

A reminder to members of the Pioneers: Our next lodge meeting, which also will be our Annual Meeting, will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 3, at 6 o'clock at the SNPJ Hall. Remember the change in time to 6 p.m.

TWO BUFFALO LODGES
Plan Joint Card and
Dance Party Dec. 3

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Two Buffalo Lodges of the SNPJ, No. 405 and No. 710, are planning a Card Party and Dance for Sunday, Dec. 3, at Hotel Dalmatia, 1187 Tonawanda St. There will be a prize for every table and good music for the dancing which will start at 9:30 p.m.

We extend our invitation to all lodges of Western New York and also to our Canadian friends. Don't forget the date and place for an enjoyable evening.

JOSEPH KREN JR.,
Lodge 710,

EXCELSIOR MAIN MEET DEC. 6; ALL HANDS ON DECK!!

Election of Officers, Committees Very Important

ALIQUIPPA, PA.—During the past years the last meeting of the year has always been of great interest to the Excelsiors, SNPJ lodge 721. The last meeting of this year, Wednesday, Dec. 6, already seems to be conveying a great deal of attention from all the Excelsiors that are really interested in the activities of the lodge.

According to the advance reports of some of the Excelsiors, there is going to be a full house. And a full house is exactly what is needed as it is of vast importance to every Excelsior to be on hand and assist in the selection of the best and most capable members to represent the various lodges officers and committees.

Don't forget, members, the failure of your lodge and success lies in your December vote. Your organization demands loyal judgement and your lodge also. So let's all come out to the December meeting. You are required to "be on deck" without fail, and at the same time see to it that a capable crew is elected to guide our Excelsior ship for 1940. Don't fail to attend the BIGGEST MEETING OF THE YEAR, and don't fail to bring along a NEW MEMBER.

Spirit of Joy

About this time of the year there is a hustle and bustle of restless activity on the streets and in the homes. Everybody knows that Christmas is the time of the year when you are bound to get a remembrance from a sister, brother, or a dear friend and feel happy for the token of remembrance. "It's not so much the value of the gift, but it's just the little thought that you are remembered that makes the darkest clouds begin to disappear." As the day is drawing to a close and Christmas is almost here again, I want to wish all of my readers and friends a Merry Christmas in a good SNPJ fashion. So until again, "Keep Smiling."

JOY, Lodge 721.

Front Porch News Tells of Jubilee Dance Sat., Nov. 25

By Mick 'n' Lee

CANTON, OHIO.—This seems to be the season for football games, Thanksgiving, crisp Indian Summer mornings, and—dances.

How about joining in the holiday mood and visiting the Canton McKinleyites, SNPJ lodge 735, on the 25th of November when they will have their Thanksgiving dance in conjunction also with the 35th anniversary of the SNPJ? This affair takes place at the Polish Hall, 1752 11th Street N. E., Canton, Ohio.

You'll have a gay time with friends you know and whom you enjoy seeing at the many SNPJ affairs.

Lively tunes for both the "polka-ers" and "swing-ers" are promised by the orchestra we have engaged. Some of those who attended our previous dances have heard them and liked them and we know you will too.

Anytime, then, after 8 o'clock Saturday evening, November 25, the Canton McKinleyites will be on hand to welcome you to an evening of fun and gayety.

H. WOTTON

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Another meeting has come and gone, and all members should eagerly await our next meeting, our Annual Meeting, to be held on Friday, Dec. 15.

The Entertainment committee promises a real treat for our Annual Meeting; so says Lenny Alpner, Chairman.

Frances Schneider's name was drawn for the attendance prize but unfortunately, she was not present, so it will be \$2 next meeting, our Annual Meeting.

This is "That"

Soc. Singing Society "Naprej" had its annual concert this past Sunday, in which also our SNPJ Junior All Stars chorus participated. A very nice program was presented and the attendance was large.

LEO SCHWEIGER,
Sec'y, Lodge 584.

Golden Eagles to Sponsor Dance at SNH Sat., Dec. 9th

GIRARD, O.—Notice is hereby given to all dance lovers in Girard, friends and neighboring lodges to hold this date open, Saturday, Dec. 9, because the SNPJ Golden Eagles Lodge 642 will sponsor a dance on that day. The dance will be held at the Slovene Home, N. State St., Girard.

Music for dancing will be supplied by Louis Trebar's orchestra from Cleveland. The admission is only 35¢ per person. A kind and cordial invitation is extended to all young and old, to come to this dance for an evening of pleasant entertainment.

The dance will be in charge of the following committee: Frank Rezek, George Ritter, Herman Lukz, Lud Mikavac, and Bill Prevec. The committee is hard at work and promises all a most pleasant evening of dancing and entertainment.

ANNA PREVEC, Secretary.

Emphasizes Frat. Meaning; Moderns to Dance Dec. 2nd

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.—We may speak of our millions of dollars paid to members and beneficiaries, and our millions accumulated, but the greatest and most important asset is the 52,000 members.

The fraternal system of the SNPJ cannot be exceeded. It has been my privilege and the privilege of many of those who read this, to participate in wonderful social gatherings throughout the Midwest. There is something to fraternity. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." The world needs fraternalism more than ever before. People are in doubt as to the future. People are worried. Some are unemployed or do not feel secure as to their present employment. Association with their fellow men will give them some measure of confidence and hope.

Some countries in this world are now at war with their neighbors. Thousands of lives have been taken. People have been punished and tortured, property confiscated and horrors of various other sorts have troubled them. In such places we do not find a great fraternal system, where people come together regardless of political, religious or class distinction.

The Slovene National Benefit Society has made a great accomplishment, not only in the business of insurance, but in the business of bringing about understanding, harmony and love of one's fellow man.

Now is the opportune time to join the SNPJ with the exemptions of all initiation fees and a reimbursement for medical examination fees. But you'll have to hurry for the campaign closes Dec. 31, 1939.

Next week Saturday, Dec. 2, at Calumet Hall on Calumet Drive, the Sheboygan SNPJ Moderns Lodge are to hold their dance with the music of the South Side Recording Orchestra.

How about making plans right now to spend that date with us? A cordial invitation is extended to all our neighboring lodge members.

Bro. Max Resnick is now employed, lithographing, at Port Washington, halfway mark between Milwaukee and Sheboygan.

FRANK RESNICK, Lodge 634.

How happy is he born and taught That serveth not another's will; Whose armor is his honest thought And simple truth his utmost skill!

H. WOTTON

KC LODGES MARK DOUBLE JUBILEE SUNDAY, NOV. 26

Will Present Program and Dance at the CSH Hall

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Two local SNPJ lodges, Hearts of America No. 690 and Bodenest No. 405, will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the SNPJ, plus the 10th Anniversary of "Hearts of America," Sunday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Croatian-Slovene National Home, 5th and Elizabeth.

All members and friends of local and neighboring lodges are invited to attend as a good time is in store for all.

We have been very fortunate to have as our guest speaker Bro. Donald J. Lotrich, member of the Supreme Board, of Chicago, Ill. Bro. Lotrich will also give a talk over radio station KCKN from 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26. All members of local and surrounding lodges should dial KCKN 1310 kilocycles as we are sure this talk will be of interest to everyone.

A very good program is being arranged for us by the Croatian Community Players. The Singing Chorus will render a few Slovene songs which we know will be pleasing to all. For your interest the following program is arranged:

1. Speaker—Donald J. Lotrich
2. Croatian Singing Chorus
3. Bob Johnson and his players
4. A 1-act play, "War Brides."

Music will be furnished by Nick Rodina's Tamburitz orchestra.

At this particular time when all nations are at a fever, war scares, etc., the one-act play, "War Brides," was chosen as an appropriate play. The story of a family caught in the throes of war, their sorrows are depicted in this play; it should be of interest to all, young and old.

We urge everyone to set this date aside and come to see and hear this program which will be followed immediately by dancing.

JOSEPH REZIN, Secretary,
Lodge 690.

Keystonians' Fall Dance Dec. 9; Yule Party on Dec. 25

HERMINIE, PA.—The Keystonian Lodge, SNPJ 618, is sponsoring a dance at the Slovene Hall, Saturday, Dec. 9, featuring Martin Serro's WHJB Artists. Many of you steady readers of the weekly Prosvelta already know about this dance and without a question are planning to attend in full numbers, bringing with you your friends, neighbors, brothers, sisters and sweethearts.

You know you'll be in for an enjoyable evening filled with fun and merriment. Many members from neighboring lodges are expected at this first fall dance of ours who will help make it a social and material success. At the door you will be greeted by President Frank Gradišek and Secretary Joseph Batis. The admission is only 35¢ cents for men and 25 cents for ladies. Refreshments of all kinds will be served, and Rudy Osolinik, who has what it takes, will be ready to quench your thirst. So spend Dec. 9 with the Keystonians and have a real good time.

Xmas Day Dance

The Keystonians will also sponsor a Christmas Dance which promises to be a bigger and better affair than the above-mentioned one. This dance will take place at the Slovene Hall on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Full particulars will be announced after the next membership meeting.

Meeting Attendance

It seems that every fraternal organization has trouble getting its members to attend their respective lodge meetings, and our Lodge is no exception, the same faces are seen over and over again on meeting days. About 1/5 attend meetings, and on their shoulders is placed the full load of carrying on for the entire body. This small minority must try to please the entire membership or fall in their attempts no matter how good their intentions are for a bigger and better lodge. (More on this subject next week.)

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The passions have an injustice and an interest of their own, which renders it dangerous to obey them, and we ought to mistrust them even when they appear most reasonable.

—La ROCHEFOCAULD

Little Fort Writer Stresses Value of Meeting Attendance, Lodge Work and Cooperation Toward Success

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The members who attended the Little Fort November meeting last Thursday charged the Executive Board of Little Fort Lodge, No. 568, SNPJ, with a tremendous job: To discuss and to report at the annual meeting on the question raised last week by this department, "Should there be a special ten-cent assessment levied on Little Fort members during 1940?" Also included in the call to the meeting for our officers were the following: Is there any necessity for having an Educational Committee, a Membership Committee, or a Nominating Committee?

Lest the members of the very qualified Board of Directors forget, in the midst of so many things which they are not doing for the lodge, this department wishes to discuss these subjects, bringing forth the arguments which were or were not expressed at the meeting.

Educational and Membership

An Educational Committee and Membership Committee could and should work together, if we had one. Perhaps the root of our trouble is that we have lost sight of the fact that the SNPJ is more than an insurance company, with sick and deaf benefit only; that the SNPJ is a social organization with significant functions and definite ideals. Too often have we heard during the past few years that eventually the SNPJ will become as the insurance companies are—that the Secretary will a from house to house collecting monthly assessments, and that the only meeting to be held would be the annual meeting for the election of officers, at which time proxies would be used with the votes broken up on the basis of the amount of insurance subscribed for.

This department believes that this shall not be so! We firmly believe that now, at the annual meeting, there must be some definite action and unanimous effort made to stem the wrong thinking of these shallow-minded persons! It is for these purposes that the Educational Committee could begin its all-important work (more important than putting on dances and bingo parties); to work more closely with the Supreme Office for instruction and encouragement, to work more closely with Lodges 14 and 119 (who have the same problems) to seek in some way to bring back the freethought and liberal thinking which the pioneers of the SNPJ were long on and we so short of.

"ACRES," Little Fort Lodge,

No. 568, SNPJ.

Thirty-Hour Week Asked By the Illinois A. F. of L.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The delegates to the Illinois State Federation of Labor adopted unanimously a resolution

FLASHES

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Pioneers celebrated their 14th Anniversary in a good fashion. They sat down to a good feast and amid the candle lighted room, sang tunes of joy and understanding. Over 135 of them came to the Anniversary Supper meeting and none of them regretted it because there was plenty to eat and certainly plenty to drink. It was in all probability the best anniversary meeting the Pioneers ever attended. Nothing but the best can be the outcome of such joyous occasions. It looked like one big happy family holding a big reunion. Many were prepared the food and our ladies of the Entertainment Committee served it.

We got off to a slow start with our meeting. Nevertheless, that didn't seem to matter much. Altogether, six new members, three in the adult and three in the juvenile department were initiated and eight others were received by transfer, which gives the Pioneers a net gain of fourteen for the month and a possible total membership of 644. At the end, so that the present membership campaign will wind up in proportion, at least as far as the Pioneers are concerned. Thus far this year, we have initiated forty-one members, which isn't bad at all. But, we can and will bring that over the fifty mark. Frank Zordan and Frank Grosser were selected to represent us at the Illinois Labor Party conference this Saturday, November 23. The quarterly audit report was

Bridgeport Lodges Report Successful Anniversary Affair

BRIDGEPORT, O.—The combined celebration of the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the SNPJ sponsored by Lodges Edinot No. 13 and the Cardinals No. 640, on October 28, is past history, but the memory will always linger. It was the greatest and the most successful affair ever held by any society in Bridgeport.

On behalf of the members of Edinot and the Cardinals, I wish to express our sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation given us at this particular time. The SNPJ Lodges in the state area were well represented.

Our bowling teams have received their shirts, and are they the berries. They are white broadcloth with scarlet lettering, which reads: "S.N.P.J. Cardinals, Bridgeport, Ohio." The boys are doing very well.

Any SNPJ team in the tri-state district wishing a match game with our boys can get in touch with Anton Kraus or the undersigned and everything possible will be done to arrange a game.

I must say that the SNPJ of Windsor, W. Va., who signed himself as "Smiles," is known; thanks a lot for your thoughtfulness.

The members of both Lodges, 13 and 640, are having an old-fashioned get-together in the Boydville hall, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3rd. All members are asked to attend. Refreshments as well as those famous sandwich klobase will be served.

The annual meeting of the Cardinals will be held Monday evening, Dec. 4. Members, here is your opportunity to select your leaders for the ensuing year. I urge each and everyone of you to attend.

Yours for a bigger and better SNPJ,
HELEN STRAUSS,
Sec'y, Lodge 640.

made and the Xmas juvenile party reported on. John Zaborac Jr. was not present to receive the \$15, so someone will positively get \$10 at the annual meeting on Dec. 15.

Little Bobbie Krek, Josephine and Angelina Pluth furnished the music after the supper. All three of them were better than ever. The voices of Bobbie and Angelina are developing nicely and have a more resilient tone than ever, while Josephine plays her accordian with more gusto every day. A few of our members were called on for a few remarks. Our fellow Pioneer, Professor Maynard C. Krueger of the U. C. was the guest speaker. He made a brilliant analysis of democracy and of war. Everyone liked him, we know. You just can't help but agree with our Professor in his analysis of the world economic and political situation.

Last Wednesday was turkey night for the men bowlers at the Ace Arcade and four of our brothers, namely John Darovec, Frank Vidmar, Fred Vider, and Anthony Alic, had a profitable evening. Each of them profiting by winning their divisional turkey. Incidentally, three of the four turkeys were won by bowlers in the lower rung of the ladder of standings. John Darovec, in addition, rolled a 231 game and received an extra dollar. The other game of the week that deserves attention is the 201 of Frank Lotrich. Hujan's Tavern licked Reliable Liquors in three games to reposess first place in the league. Nachtmann's Dentists crawled to within striking distance of first place by trimming the SNPJ Printery in three games. Zefran's Undertakers and Doctor Zavertnik's each took two away from Dr. Walter and Lotrich Insurance.

In the ladies' division, Wence's Dairy, Boulevard Florists, and the John Setecka's each took two away from Bubenik Meats, Nada Lodge, and Slovene Labor Center. Anne Groser was the star performer of the week. Her 183 game brought her an extra dollar. She had a 513 series. Marge Kochevar likewise, shot 182 and secured an extra dollar. Other good games were Millie Jakob 178, Anne Kochevar 170, Frances Vider 168, Agnes Jurecic 161, Anne Hren 157, Angeline Godina 150, and Anne Loker 148.

This week-end the writer will make a trip to Kansas City where he will be guest speaker for a combined celebration of the Hearts of America and Lodge 408. Incidentally, they advise that there will be a 15 minute radio program over station KCKN (1310 kilocycles) from 1:30 to 1:45 Sunday afternoon. The rest of the program will take place at 7:30 Sunday evening. This coming Sunday, our fellow Pioneer, Professor Krueger, will be on the U. C. Round Table conference over the NBC network at 1:30 p. m. On Thanksgiving Day, Agnes Jurecic and Stanley Maly will be married. Wish them every happiness. The bartender at last Friday night's meeting was none other than Frank Hobel and he did a splendid job. Joe "Slim" Moulik is donating the beer for after the next meeting on December 15. Andy Grun Jr. sends us greetings from Greenbush, Michigan, where he is out on a hunting trip.

They tell us that Sava's singers are going to hold a good concert this Sunday, November 26, at the SNPJ Hall. A number of extra features have been added to the usual program. You ought to manage to attend the concert, therefore. The admission is 40¢ and dancing will be held in both halls. Many Pioneers will be participating.

DONALD J. LOTRICH, 559.

Here and There—

With Comrades

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—This Saturday, Nov. 25, the Comrade Bowling teams will be hosts to all our SNPJs and their friends at the "Bowlers Ball" to be given at the Slovene Home on St. Clair Ave.

Our bowling teams are all working hard in order to make this affair a grand success and to show all who attend a grand and enjoyable evening.

The proceeds of this dance will go to furnish transportation to the coming tourney to be held next year in Waukegan. We want to be all prepared so that when the day comes we'll have nothing to worry us. At the same time the teams are selling drawing tickets for a bowling ball or the equivalent in cash. All members of the bowling teams have these tickets, so help us by buying some of these tickets. By the way, members, be sure to bring all your tickets in Saturday, Nov. 25, and try hard to dispose of them.

The music for our "Bowlers' Ball" will be furnished by that up and coming popular Louis Trebar and his orchestra. A good time is guaranteed all. Let's see you at our Ball this Sat., Nov. 25.

Again let me remind you all of the Comrade Bowlers' Ball this Saturday, Nov. 25. You're sure to enjoy Trebar's orchestra. Let's all be down and also see who will be the lucky winner of the bowling ball.

PAULINE SPIK, 566.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoozit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Cooperation? Bah! But who cares? Please don't get me wrong as I'm merely referring to the naughty weather man who sent us such disagreeable weather. He was the only one who didn't cooperate for the Spirits' 11th Anniversary dance. Everything else was as perfect as anything could possibly be; large, sociable crowd, good music, plenty to eat and drink, a perfect crew and captain to man the affair. It was a grand observance of our lodge's birthday.

We were delighted to see so many of our old and new friends and acquaintances at the dance. We hope that our new friends that attended our dance for the first time enjoyed it enough to make it a habit to be with us often.

Among our old friends present was none other than Michael Gabrian of Denver, Colorado, and his bride of one week. They were stopping in St. Louis on their honeymoon trip and we were all delighted to have them with us Saturday night. Incidentally, Brother Gabrian is one of Spirits' charter members and was our first financial secretary. About ten years ago he left with his parents to make Colorado their home. Most of us haven't seen him since and were very glad to greet him and congratulate him. His bride formerly lived in Pueblo, Colo., and is also an SNPJ member. The Spirits unite in wishing them much happiness in their years together.

Did you know that Minnie Kokal, formerly a Spirit, said "I do" on Oct. 28? Minnie is a sister of Pete and Frank Kokal, two of Spirits' boosters. Wishing you and your new husband all the luck and happiness.

Another newlyweds that were present at our dance were Mr. and Mrs. John Cepak. Mrs. Cepak was, until very recently, Miss Julia Kerbowac. Good luck to you both. We hope that your domestic duties will not interfere with your interest in the lodge, which you have both shown in the past.

The old-fashioned square dance proved to be quite interesting to most of us. We must take our hats off to the Baumgarth clan; they know their square dance stuff. We wish to thank the participants for their part in offering entertainment and good will.

We were glad to have with us Mrs. Frances Vertovsek of Alhambra, Ill., and her two sons, Anton and Leonard, also Louis Renke of Livingston.

We wish to thank the Committee and all who worked so diligently in making this affair a success. Frank Mahnich has again scored as a very efficient chairman. "Spirit and cooperation" was our motto for the 11th Anniversary. We hope that the same shall prevail in the forthcoming years.

Our membership drive has been rather weak, but we still have a month to go. Let every member bring in a new member!

Tony Petrovic was the lucky winner of the Philco radio. Sister Antonia Harvatin won the Spirits' birthday cake.

There were also a number of attendance prizes, the winners of these I regret to announce that I did not receive their names. We want to thank the members who donated cakes and attendance prizes.

Detroit Fed. Affair Set for Sun., Dec. 17

DETROIT, MICH.—The Wolverine Lodge 677 November meeting was lively and interesting. The main discussion concerned our dance held last Saturday, and the Federation affair to be given on Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Slovene Workers Home, 437 So. Livermore ave., at which the Vadnai Quartet will play.

It was decided that any member selling the most tickets for our dance will be entitled to a free trip on the annual Wolverine Snow-Train to Grayling.

At the next and last meeting of the year, Sunday, Dec. 3, a drawing will be held, the winner receiving a Wolverine Lodge badge.

This-n-That: Judging from their recent bowling match with Ann Grosser of Chicago and our own Josie Kirsch, the Kern boys must be great mathematicians and engineers. It is said that H. Bozich is taking up violin trying to pull one over on the boys. The feud between Steffler and Koch over "dictatorship" has shown the former in the lead by a very slight margin.

The Cabobs bowlers are "kicking" because one of the members is bowling above the average. The new ruling, as already announced in last week's paper, states that "any male member not married by the age of 32 shall give the boys a half-barrel of beer." Consolation: Leap Year is not far off.

MARTIN OBED, 677.

Munhall—I (hic) found a halfsh dollar.

Zeigler—itsh mine; itsh mine! It's got my name on it.

Munhall—Ish shat sho? Watch your name?

Zeigler—E Pluribus U-Unum.

Munhall (examining coin) That's right; itsh yours.

Juvenile Circles

Circle "Voice of Youth" Will Present Comedy on Dec. 17

MIDWAY, PA.—There is going to be another great event at the Midway Slovenc Home on Sunday, Dec. 17, when our Juvenile Circle "Voice of Youth" will present a three-act comedy, "Where's Grandma?" The play will start at 7 p. m. Admission is only 10 cents for children and 20 cents for adults.

We ask all our friends to cooperate with us. We want to see all of you from far and near to join us in having a grand time and spend the evening "holding your sides from laughing." Bring along all the friends and we are sure that you will have an enjoyable evening.

We cordially invite our neighboring Circle No. 19 from Strabane, Pa. The comedy, "Where's Grandma?", is being rehearsed regularly and with much enthusiasm by the entire cast and a full evening of enjoyment is assured our patrons. Let us see you all at Midway, Sunday night, Dec. 17, at 7 o'clock.

WILMA KOSEM,
President, Circle No. 22.

"Juvenile Stars" Circle Busy Preparing Yule Program

STRABANE, PA.—Again we bring you news of the "Juvenile Stars" Circle.

On Sunday, October 29, our Circle helped the SNPJ Lodge 138 celebrate their 38th anniversary. In the afternoon, three of our girls and two boys, put on a one-act play, "The Fatal Necklace." About 10 of our other members took part in singing and recitations. All these members should be commended on their fine work and cooperation. If all the members in all the Juvenile Circles would do as well, our Circles would surely be a great success.

All those who were at the SNPJ Hall on October 29, have seen what the Juvenile Stars can do in the way of entertainment. But they are sure they can do even better work and are willing to give you entertainment. You will have an opportunity to witness what they can do on Christmas afternoon when our Circle will present a program for the benefit of our parents, members and friends of the SNPJ. This will be your chance to give us your support and show that you are interested in what we are doing. You are all welcome to our program on December 25. Don't forget us! We need your support!!!

STARS JUST—Where were two-thirds of our members on Nov. 8 at 7:30? Did you forget our regular meeting? . . . All Juvenile Stars that wish to take part in the Christmas program, either in English or Slovene, please see Mr. Zigman or the publicity Committee as soon as possible.

We'll be writing again soon.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,
Circle 19.

"SNPJ Jolly Juveniles" is Name of Waukegan Circle No. 24

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—On Friday, Nov. 18, our Juvenile Circle decided upon a name for the circle, "SNPJ Jolly Juveniles," because we are all so jolly. We also had an election for treasurer; Phyllis Paisner was selected for that office. Dorothy Gabrovesek was elected as a new trustee.

The Jolly Juveniles will appear at a banquet given by the Women's Lodge, SNPJ 119, on Saturday, Dec. 16, and will render a few songs. More about this in my next letter.

We also picked out a Telephone Committee which will help to carry on our work more efficiently.

For Publicity Committee:

VIRGINIA NAGODE,
Circle No. 24.

J. A. S. Reporter Intends to Write Column Regularly

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—"Better once in a while than never," that's my motto. Although I haven't written any too often, I hope to write a regular column from now on.

My article will consist of a gossip column; it has its birth in this present issue, so here goes:

"All Star Koffee Klatch"

Now that football season is practically over we hope to see a few of the Saturday afternoon "hero worshippers" at our first Saturday of each month meetings. What do you say, you Tech High Rooters?

The crowd at the weekly singing practice is still growing in number. The boys are still drowning out the girls even though the girls are greater in number. What? Did I hear someone among the girls say something?

Coach Alpner is doing a fine job of getting the boys in shape for their entrance in the YMCA league. The boys on the team are still debating over the choice of color for the basketball suits that we expect to receive when the league at the "Y" opens.

The Violet Rays and West Allis are well represented at our Tuesday singing sessions. How about a few more members from these respective places?

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A Column

By MARY JUGG

"Travel broadens one," they used to say. That, of course, has its various aspects, qualifications, and limitations.

Much depends upon where the person is traveling, who the person is and what in his ability to interpret what he sees, and the length of time available for the traveler.

One could very easily span either of the two large oceans surrounding us a number of times, or take numerous trips across the Sahara desert, or any number of similar things and say, "I am widely traveled." But broadened?

I remember very distinctly an Englishman in our bus traveling cross country who was "doing" America. He occupied the front seat. But regardless of what time you chose to look at him, he was fast asleep and soundly. He only looked about and stretched himself during bus stops—and sometimes not even then.

There are people who come to Chicago, take one turn around the city, take in a show at one of the larger theaters, dash through a couple of department stores, and wind up by a walk down Michigan Boulevard, and say, "I have seen Chicago."

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WILMA KOSEM,

President, Circle No. 22.

Your Dollar

By Consumers Union

Milk
What's the difference between Grade A and Grade B milk?

CU tests of 133 samples of 20 different New York City brands of milk showed up no difference worth the exorbitant \$ extra charge. Although Grade A milk has fewer bacteria than Grade B, and also contains a very small amount of additional butterfat, both Grade A and Grade B are well above the richness and purity requirements of New York City's Board of Health.

The highest justifiable difference in cost between Grade A and Grade B milk, including hooded bottle caps, improved handling, the tiny premium paid the Grade A farmer, and extra butterfat, can total no more than a quart.

Small Radios

Small radios now sound better than did previous years' models. Consumers Union found in tests of 1940 models ranging in price from \$8.85 to \$30. When they can't compare in quality with larger sets, this year's better small radios offer fair musical reproduction.

A point to remember is that most manufacturers make several models using the same radio chassis, but offering

S.N.P.J. Sports

7th Annual Duckpin Turney, Carrick, Pa., January 1, 1940

TO ALL LODGES OF THE E. S. FEDERATION OF SNPJ LODGES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND VICINITY:

STRABANE, PA.—On Jan. 1st, 1940, the 7th Annual Duckpin Turney sponsored by the E. S. FEDERATION OF SNPJ LODGES OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA will be held in Carrick, Pa. To enlist your active cooperation for another successful fraternal affair, the following notices must be carried out. We urge that all bowlers of the lodges become familiar with the rules governing the tournament.

A credential which must be properly filled out with the names of the members to participate in the bowling events will be sent to the lodges. The committee is in for a busy day; so we must require that this form be returned to the tournament chairman no later than Dec. 22. To avoid confusion and delay, it is likewise required that all entry fees be sent to John Barufaldi, Morgan, Pa.

All practice games must be rolled before 10 o'clock. The five person event will be rolled off first, followed by the doubles and singles events, respectively. We suggest that a team manager or some responsible person be appointed by your lodge to see to it that all bowlers are on hand when a particular event is carded.

The Stanley Alleys, site of this year's tournament, is a large and beautiful place with twenty-eight alleys, occupying two floors. The address is 2036 Brownsville Rd. Just a block from the alleys is the Carrick Eagles Hall, a very popular dance spot in Carrick and the site selected for the New Year's Dance which climaxes the program. The Vadan Orchestra of Cleveland, Ohio, will furnish music that will be suited for young and old.

Winners of the various events will be awarded their prizes at the dance in the evening. Some lodges were not mailed dance tickets, but are equally as welcome. If your lodge desires tickets, or if additional tickets are needed, write to John Barufaldi, Morgan, Pa. Watch the Prosveska for further information.

FRANK PODBOY,
Chairman, Athletic Committee,

Minutes of Membership Meeting, Sept. 4, 1939, Held in La Salle, Ill.

The membership meeting of SNPJ lodges held at Slovenc Home, La Salle, Ill., Sept. 4, 1939, was opened by Bro. Fred Malgal, Chairman of SNPJ Day Committee. Bro. Frank Bolka was elected as chairman. Each lodge present was entitled to two votes. The agenda presented by the Athletic Committee was adopted.

Supreme Sec'y Vider addressed the meeting and stressed the importance of the older members in giving wholehearted support to the youth.

The following Supreme Board members addressed the assemblage: President Cinkar, Assistant Sec'y Gradske, Treasurer Vogrich, Manager Godina; John Kianek, Donald Lotrich, Jacob Zupan, and Fred Malgal, all stressing the value of cooperation, campaigning for new members, using sports as a medium of effecting growth, and each giving assurance that the Board members will cooperate with the Athletic Committee to the fullest extent in promoting athletic interests within the Society.

Athletic Sec'y Groser submitted report emphasizing the importance of increased membership derived from sports, citing as example the State of Pennsylvania topping the list in sports and membership results, substantiating sports effectiveness with figures. The report was accepted.

Two retiring officers, Chairman Travnik and Leo Schweiger, gave brief accounts of their activities, urging all to cooperate with the new officers.

The newly elected Committee, consisting of John Rak of Johnstown, Pa., Louis Kumer of Universal, Pa., George Curda of Cleveland, O., and Frank Groer of Chicago, Ill., gave descriptions of the membership campaign with regard to athletic activities, assuring the assemblage that they will carry on the work by widening the influence of the SNPJ in their respective districts.

Lodge Representatives

Sec. Heidenreich mentioned the importance of bringing children into the Society. Bro. Travnik suggested no publicity be given private sponsors of teams playing league teams, all publicity to be given exclusively to SNPJ teams. Bro. Groser explained cases where it was necessary to seek aid from private backers as our contribution of \$25 was insufficient, resulting in advertising sponsor's name on jerseys. Sec. Heidenreich added that in such instances it was unavoidable not to advertise the sponsor's name. Bro. Lotrich suggests this matter be settled by the Committee.

On motion by Michael Kumer, all teams to qualify participation in tournaments are required to advertise on their jerseys either the advertiser's full name or its initials.

planes abroad at the expense of American defense.

But to go on—if you loan a person, let us say a five dollar bill, you will undoubtedly and quite naturally make an attempt to collect the amount. On a parallel scale once America begins to send money across you may be sure she will protect her investment and those of us who set on the sidelines will be measured for a little wooden cross somewhere in Europe. That is another step which will lead us to the platform of some foreign battlefield. In our opinion, every step made toward replenishing the military might of Europe is just another step toward active and physical intervention in the mess. We stand on the hill of confusion and national and imperialistic hatred and by the repeal we made a false move and started sliding down its icy, unpredictable side gaining momentum with each additional move—each move finding less resistance multiplied many times by skillful writers who can make a thorny cactus plant look like an expensive orchid.

To those who are responsible for our motives and our reactions, let them suggest the significance of the transfer or the attempted transfer of the ships. If they are honest with themselves they will tell you that it was an endeavor to violate the spirit of the Act and with each further obstruction offered the violation will be consistent and continual. Even under the pledge of our neutrality the decision was hesitant and weak showing that a money in our pocket theory has preference over solid safety of the American people. Hundreds of small such incidents will be born and sooner or later we will find our foot in such a hole that we won't be able to get out that valuable appendage even if we untie the shoe.

And is it possible that representative government is escaping from the people? During the height of the debate and much before the ballots were cast various Congressmen received many telegrams and other forms of communications stating that the program was entirely satisfactory and that any alterations would be against the will of the people. Congressmen thrust that aside with the declaration that it was merely an organized attempt to blockade the best judgment of the government and then voted as they saw fit and not as the people back home asked them. Rumors skipped around saying that some votes changed sides because of the census jobs that were conveniently passed out about that time. And have you wondered about the source of the war funds, excluding domestic taxation, of the Allied countries when during peace time they were unable to find the money to repay partially, at least, the debts of the last war? England has well over five billion dollars chalked against her while France could enrich America by something over four billion. And America waits.

We can fight much better for America right here in America than we can fight for America somewhere in Europe. With all due respect to the opinions of others we feel America is fully capable of giving its youth another free trip to Europe with thousands upon thousands failing to make the return voyage.

FRANK REZEK JR., 643.

Up the Steps We Go, Declares GE Writer

GIRARD, OHIO.—Several weeks ago, we outlined our opposition to the repeal of the Embargo Act. Today we will continue the thought in similar channels and will endeavor to elaborate and expand more fully our previous statements.

Knowing that it is most difficult; yes, even impossible to legislate and enforce a set of laws capable of protecting and sheltering American neutrality entirely we would propose to do the next best thing which is to make it as staunch as possible, as safe as possible and as protective as possible with consideration to the majority of the people.

It was said that Germany could purchase American goods through a friendly neutral such as Russia and so a change was imperative. However, obstacles would have prevented any tremendous and rapid amount of aid because of lack of adequate transportation facilities plus an even more important item—money. And because of this they grabbed it by the tail, twisted it over their heads and the result was a complete reversal of policy—greater in scope, greater in possibilities than that which we had before.

If our Congressmen were sincere in their goal to create a somewhat neutral act, why did they then formulate an advantageous position for England with her fleet? While still in a neutral mood did she not know that Germany was and is in a precarious position financially and that England and France had several billion at least for material? If Congress really wanted to keep her hand out of the boiling pot, why did she make it possible for a nation with many ships to get our death dealing goods and at the same time prevented one from doing so due to lack of ships as well as money?

For a comparatively short war England and France probably have the money for their orders, but what will they do when their financial sources are as empty as a beer keg after a party? That is where we see step No. 2 making a grand entrance. Currently, the Johnson Act forbids loans to debtor nations which includes both England and France. When and if the democracies find it tough sledding financially America is almost sure to soften its stone-cold heart and permit liberal loans with the propaganda that our democracy will be endangered, and endangered it will be if America takes it upon herself to furnish air-

War and Prices

(From Consumers Union Reports for Nov. 1939)

The upward swing of retail prices has—at least temporarily—come to a halt. Consumers will have to wring what comfort they can from that fact. The solace it provides, however, will be meager so long as prices hold at their present level, which is substantially higher than that of August.

Today it takes \$1.10 to buy the same amount of food that could be purchased for \$1 before the outbreak of the European war.

Furthermore, additional increases are in the making. In the wholesale field, silk, cotton, rayon, wool and leather goods are on the way up and the advances taking place will hit retail products sometime between now and early next year, affecting almost all items of clothing and many household furnishings. Talk of higher prices for household equipment, including refrigerators and radios, is also going on.

Another cause for concern is the signs that various types of consumer goods will be cheapened in quality. Trade reports indicate that, although present price levels of women's handbags, women's hats and men's neckwear will be maintained, quality will be cut. Already a leading firm is giving advertising emphasis to a new line of blankets made from 80% rayon and 20% wool; in yard goods, flannel made of 65% spun rayon and 35% wool is being sold.

But there are several factors which may act as a partial brake on the upward movement of prices.

In the first place, business itself is leery of a too rapid or too general price advance. The recent skyrocketing was due primarily to the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers who, anticipating high war prices, rushed to lay in supplies. As yet there has been no corresponding increase in the consumption of goods.

If business is not to be stuck with the large inventories it has accumulated, prices must permit present stocks to move into the hands of consumers.

In the second place, the large orders from foreign countries on which business was gambling when it boasted prices haven't as yet come in. And commercial interests are beginning to realize that if and when they do come in, a number of forces are at work to keep them substantially smaller than during the World War.

Third, business is increasingly aware of the consumer movement and is not anxious to incur its opposition by advancing prices too uncautiously. Editorializes the Journal of Commerce:

Unlike past periods of expanding demand and rising prices, a good deal of organized resistance now exists to sharp increases in prices of consumers' goods. Wholly apart from any action that the Government may take . . . consumer bodies, which have made a good deal of progress in recent years in perfecting and expanding their organizations, constitute a force to be reckoned with.

Because some of the price increases in raw materials have not yet reached the consumer, it cannot be emphasized too strongly that consumers must continue to keep a sharp watch over prices.

If, during 1940, prices on a number of commodities climb sharply and the advances which have already taken place on other consumer goods are still holding, the standard of living of low- and middle-income families will suffer drastically.

From now on the situation will be less dramatic than during September when the advances were so rapid and so great that they immediately aroused tremendous concern on the part of consumers throughout the country. But consumers will make a big mistake if they allow their initial

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interest to die prematurely. Rather, they must prepare themselves for a vigil of many months.

All price advances must be scrutinized. In addition, consumers should watch carefully to see if drops in wholesale quotations are reflected in decreased retail prices. Once prices have gone up, all those in the long line from producer through retailer show extreme reluctance to take any part in bringing them down again, no matter how much conditions may warrant such action. Consumers will have to exert enough pressure to overcome that reluctance.

Wool clothing prices, as a case in point, will warrant close observation. An advance on Spring lines seems inevitable. But at present the price of raw wool is beginning to drop slightly and if this trend continues there will be no justification for Fall and Winter clothing in 1940 being maintained at Spring levels.

Cotton goods—and probably cotton garments—are also going to bear careful watching. By the middle of October, the price of raw cotton had dropped to a point lower than the August level. In contrast, for every pound of cotton content, the wholesale price of many types of gray goods (unfinished cloth which must still be printed, dyed or otherwise treated) still holds at a price 4½ above that of August.

Nor should consumers unquestioningly accept the increased cost of raw materials as an excuse for sharp advances on manufactured commodities, inasmuch as the price of such commodities represents the cost of labor, overhead, middlemen's commission and a variety of profits in addition to that of materials. In many products the cost of raw materials contributes only a small amount to the total price. As Business Week recently commented: "There's only one pound—10 worth—of cotton in a \$1.50 broadcloth hirt."

Similarly consumers should not be taken in by attempts to label increased labor costs the villain in the piece. During the World War wage advances lagged so far behind price rises that the purchasing power of American workers in that period was from 10% to 20% less than in 1915.

In their watch over the price structure, consumers are going to need the help of experts. Fortunately, there are several sources to which they may look for aid.

The Consumers National Federation (110 Morningside Drive, New York City) has appointed a special committee to maintain a continuous price check on a variety of consumer goods, to disseminate price information, and to cooperate with appropriate government agencies.

Last month the Federation sent a letter to President Roosevelt asking for increased governmental activity in providing price information to consumers, urging the establishment of a Consumer Protective Commission, and calling for consumer representation on government agencies working on price matters. The Federation has announced that it is anxious to establish relations through its price committee with as many local consumer groups as possible, toward the end of developing a program of consumer resistance to price increases both nationally and locally.

In government circles, the Consumers' Council Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, headed by Donald E. Montgomery, is the agency most carefully watching prices from the consumer angle. (A suggested program utilizing the facilities of this agency was outlined in the October Reports, page 10.)

Consumers also may get indirect protection from the activities of Thurman Arnold, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the aggressive antitrust program of the Dept. of Justice. Significantly, industries which are undergoing prosecution or investigation have maintained low prices despite the general increase.

There are two things consumers can do now about unjustified price increases.

1. Complain to the retailers, who are in a position to put pressure on manufacturers and wholesalers to keep prices down. Retailers have already assured the Administration of their intention to resist unwarranted sharp upward trends. They should be held to their pledge.

2. Send price complaints direct to the President asking that action be taken. The formation of a government agency to deal effectively with undue price rises may be partially dependent upon the need and desire which the public shows for service of this kind.

As to the immediate buying problems of individual consumers, CU's recommendations made in the October Reports still hold good. In addition, it may be said that further price rises in silk stockings may be in the offing and that buyers should not look for substantial markdowns on Winter clothes in this year's January sales.

Juvenile Circles

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Coach had two members of the team sitting on the bench during most of our last practice session. Why boys! What's this world coming to!

Who are the future Paderewskis pounding away on the piano just before our singing practice starts?

I find that Milwaukee's well-known anthem, the "Beer Barrel Polka," is the most popular among the pianists of the Singing Club.

What does Coach Alpner keep in the little "Black Book" he is always jotting notes into? I wonder.

Your Junior All Star Reporter signing off,

FRANK UDOVICH JR.,
Circle No. 4.

Circle No. 11 to Meet Dec. 3; Plan Yule Party; Past Affair

GIRARD, KANS.—After taking time out, I am ready to give you a few highlights on our Oct. 29 affair which was originally intended to be held at Novak's Grove, was later transferred to Sterle's Farm and was actually held at the SNPJ Hall at Yale. It was advertised as a "Hobo, Wiener and Anniversary Day."

The week before our affair, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Novak, Elizabeth Marie, had died at the tender age of 19 years, which fact naturally prevented holding the affair at the intended place. We wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to the Novak family in their recent bereavement.

On the morning of Oct. 29, two juvenile and two adult members went to prepare the place on the Sterle's farm which we secured for our affair. It was a beautiful morning. The girls were busy putting up decorations and SNPJ banners while the boys raked the leaves and gathered wood for our wiener roast. Soon everything was ready, people were coming, and so were the hoboes. But all of sudden it began to get cloudy, windy and chilly. Then we repaired for the SNPJ Hall at Yale, with all our provisions piled in our cars. Soon after reaching the hall it started to rain. Our party got into full swing and everybody was having a grand time. Lucile Rodich and the writer won the 1939 hobo titles as queen and king, the latter being dressed as a boy. Henry Jelovchan played on his accordian and everybody was dancing. Refreshments were served. The turkey donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Cizerle was won by Frank Strukel Sr. Our sincerest thanks to the two donors; to Joe Zalaznik who donated 50 cents because he was unable to attend; to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Shular, Joe Knapich, Frank Jelovchan, Paul Kumer, and Matt Ulepich, for their help, and to everyone who attended and helped to make this affair a success.

Attention, Jolly Kansans! Our next

regular meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the SNPJ Hall in Yale. All members are urged to attend. Plans will be made for our big annual Christmas Party which will be held at Frontenac on Saturday, Dec. 11. Also, election of officers will be held. We want the boys and girls of Yale to attend this meeting and help us with the program. We are depending on everyone of you!

Notice to all Kansas Lodge Secretaries: Please cooperate in seeing that our Dec. 23 affair will not conflict with yours.

More news next week.

OLGA MARIE KNAPICH,
Sec'y, Circle No. 11.

SAVA'S CONCERT SUNDAY, NOV. 2

CHICAGO.—Slovensong will agitate the air with sweet music at a other Sava concert to be held at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, at the SNPJ Hall. Typical of such concerts given by Sava, the program will consist of varied numbers ranging from the gay folk tunes to the semi-classical and classical.

The charm and beauty of Strauss music will be colorfully featured—"Tales of the Vienna Woods," with wording by Ethbin Kristan. Other numbers to be sung by the choir include "Naš prapor," "Slava deňa," "Cvetotich deklic pras bela." The women's chorus of Sava is preparing with songs with words in English "Beautiful Dreamer" and "Allah Holiday," and the two Pluth sisters Josephine and Angeline, will entertain with music and song.

As featured soloist of the day, Mrs. Louise Kleminic of Gary, Indiana, will sing "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert. "Teček i tictic" by Vojeslav Kralj and aria from "Tosca" by Giacomo Puccini.

Mrs. Kleminic, although a well-known singer in and around Gary, will make her first appearance with "Teček i tictic" by Vojeslav Kralj and aria from "Tosca" by Giacomo Puccini.

With such a rich and varied assortment of song, you cannot afford to miss the concert. Admission is 40¢ with ticket and 50¢ at the door. After the concert, you may avail yourself of delicious food prepared in the kitchen, and the