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Current Thought.

WAS IT A SUCCESS?

Eight days of wrangling, argumentation, heated debates and pleas for sound policies characterized the 14th regular convention of our SSCU. Eight days of constant grinding, and decision on important questions began to tell on the delegates, who were glad to see the convention proceedings come to a successful finish Tuesday evening, Aug. 2.

On the whole, the 14th convention accomplished many things. The pressing problem of what to do with members of many years' standing unable to meet assessments was solved in part by addition of the AA class death benefit, which will be based on the American Experience Table of Mortality, enabling members to borrow on the cash reserve value.

Juvenile age limit was extended to 18 years, thus stemming the tide of juvenile withdrawals because of inability to transfer to the adult division. Additional sick benefit of 50 cents per day besides the \$1 a day is another feature of the convention, which solves the perplexing problem of many women members who feel it a drain on the family pocketbook to carry the \$1 a day sick benefit.

Many other important decisions were made to the best interest of our organization. To the delegation should be given credit for accepting the changes. To the supreme secretary should be given the credit for instituting these changes in his revised by-laws presented to the delegation.

There is no further need for our SSCU to take a back seat in insurance arguments of any kind. For the convention also passed upon a 20-year endowment certificate known as Class C, and all those members and prospective candidates for membership desirous of taking out this policy can do so.

When the new set of by-laws, taking effect Jan. 1, 1933, will be distributed, all members should take special pains to peruse thoroughly all articles and its accompanying sections, and fully acquaint themselves with the principles upon which the foundation of our Union rests.

DIVERSIFIED OPINIONS

To one who attended a SSCU convention for the first time, the 14th regular gathering was chuck full of excitement, and had the so-called entertainment, such as movies, boxing, baseball, etc., eclipsed. For few delegates were satisfied to let the other fellow do all the talking, and fewer yet were satisfied with 100 per cent in the ideas and opinions expressed. The many interpretations of diversified opinion representing various settlements from as far West as the states of Washington and California, as far East as the state of New York, and as far South as the state of Colorado, was interesting to hear, even though one did not wholly agree.

This explains why the convention proceedings extended to eight days. Difference of ideas required many hours of deliberation before a common denominator of understanding could be reached that reflected the opinion of 20,000 members. Although expenses incurred at the convention seem high, still it is worth spending the extra dollars when the progress and welfare of the members is at stake.

Various sections sending delegates had almost as many varied opinions, still at heart all are in accord with the true spirit of fraternalism of brotherly and sisterly love. Difference of opinions must be ironed out, for only in this way can a complete understanding exist between the members of our grand and glorious South Slavonic Catholic Union.

Pathfinder Lights

Govanda, N. Y.—In looking back over the past baseball and softball season thus far, I believe the Pathfinders of Govanda, N. Y., No. 222, are representative of a very unique group. It is known to the vicinity of Govanda as a brother combination. First we find three four-brother combinations that have played this year. These are Anthony, Philip, Louis and Frank Palcic; Philip, Peter, Michael and John Batchen; Charles, Anthony, Frank and Thomas Sternisha. Then we have a two-brother combination also: Louis and Leo Klancer, Frank and Jack Krall. We challenge any combination to show us a brother combination that can beat that of the Pathfinders.

For the first time this season the baseball batting averages were given for your consideration in deciding if whether or not the Pathfinders are composed of a rather unique group. There have been 11 wins and 2 losses.

The batting averages are as follows: Philip Palcic .584, John Batchen .484, Anthony Sternisha .451, Charles Sternisha .447, Thomas Sternisha .425, Frank Samson .357, George Samson .333, Frank Batchen .270, John Batchen .210. Others who have played

in the lineup but have not become regular players are: Louis Klancer, .875; Leo Klancer, .200; Michael Batchen, .200.

Philip Palcic, besides leading in batting averages, also leads in hits by a wide margin, and also in doubles. Captain Peter Batchen leads in home runs and in runs scored, in the latter almost doubling his nearest rival. George Samson, although not a player all season, leads in triples, while his brother Frank has yet to make an error at third base, thus having a fielding average of 1,000.

Ernest Palcic.

HEAVIEST WOOD

Black ironwood, known scientifically as Rhamnidium ferreum, is believed to be the heaviest wood. It has a specific gravity of 1.04, as compared with .28 for fir.

A little girl fell and hurt herself and her mother explained that it was the fairies punishing her for some wrong. When the little girl started to go into the house she slipped again. Getting up she looked at her mother in chagrin and said: "Sometimes I feel like hitting those nasty old fairies!"

THIRD HIGHEST IN OHIO STATE BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Dr. A. L. Garbas, former English editor of Nova Doba, came through with flying colors in the Ohio State Board examinations held recently, by placing third out of a group of 130 applying for dental license.



A. L. GARBAS, D. D.

The editorial staff of Nova Doba and the George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, of which Dr. Garbas is a member, congratulate him upon his achievement. Slovene colony of Cleveland is proud to know that one of its own kind made such a splendid showing at Columbus, O., terminating four years of successful training at University of Louisville.

Dr. Garbas will open his office next week in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.

Readers of Nova Era will remember Dr. Garbas as the first English editor, who relinquished this post to pursue a career of dentistry. Graduating from East High School, he enrolled at John Carroll University, where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and from then on to University of Louisville (Kentucky) for a degree of Doctor of Dentistry.

Collinwood Boosters

Cleveland, O.—Final plans have been made for the outing to be held Sunday, Aug. 21. All friends of Collinwood Boosters Lodge, No. 188, SSCU, who wish to go to this outing are asked to get in touch with one of the members at once. A charge of 50 cents per person and 75 cents per couple will be made. Refreshments will be served; music will be furnished by Bro. Anthony Klun, who, by the way, can play some very good tunes on his accordion.

All members are asked to take care of their own admission and that of their friends, the proceeds of which must be turned to Albina Baraga, 15612 Saranac Rd., not later than Thursday, Aug. 18. This procedure is necessary so that plans can be made accordingly.

We meet at Sister Baraga's home Sunday morning, Aug. 21, at 8 a. m. Come along, if you care to have a day of real fun.

Mary Lavrich, Sec'y.

BETSY ROSS

Cleveland, O.—A special meeting of the Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, will be held Thursday, Aug. 18, at the home of Bro. Victor Jazbec, 18003 Neff Rd. All members are urgently requested to attend, as many important issues will be discussed and passed upon.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

Chairman: F. J. Kress, 204 — 57th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Vice chairman: J. L. Zorts, 1657 E. 51st St., Lorain, O.
Joseph A. Kopler, R. D. 2, Johnstown, Pa.
J. L. Jevitz Jr., 1316 Elizabeth St., Joliet, Ill.
Anton Vessel, 819 W. Birch, Chisholm, Minn.
Louis M. Kolar, Athletic Commissioner and Editor of English Section, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

BRIEFS

Second best in America as a 200-meter breast stroke swimmer among women is Miss Anne Govednik, who placed sixth in the world Olympiad. First place was taken by Australia, Japan second, Denmark third, Great Britain fourth, Margaret Hoffman, U. S. A., fifth, and Jane Cadwell, also of U. S. A., seventh. Although only 16 years of age, Miss Govednik came through the preliminaries and eliminated women many years her senior. At a representative committee meeting of Chisholm, Minn., her hometown, it was decided to institute a scholarship to enable Anne to receive a college education. Plans for a huge reception upon her return from the Olympics are now in the making that will include all Range communities. The next Olympics, to be held in 1936, are looking forward to Anne Govednik as a star.

Inter-Lodge (Cleveland, O.)

Field Day, held Sunday, Aug. 14, at Mervar's farm, turned out to be even more successful than anticipated by its sponsors. A parade consisting of 63 vehicles, decorated with various lodge insignia, band music, baseball games, running races and other contests filled the day of program. Dancing, serving of refreshments were also provided, and so large was the crowd that the greater part of provisions were sold out before the afternoon was well on its way. The combined efforts of English-conducted lodges of Cleveland, belonging to various denominations, made a commendable showing. Bro. Heinie Martin Antonic of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, and president of the Inter-Lodge League, originated the idea of the field day, and credit must be given him for his ardent support and work performed to bring about the successful field day. Plans for the 1933 Inter-Lodge Field Day call for another gigantic parade to Mervar's Valley View park.

George Washington Lodge,

No. 180, SSCU, Cleveland, O., will hold another SSCU Pep Night Friday evening, Sept. 2, in the Slovene National Home. This will be the second pep night held this year, the first taking place early in June, which a crowd of approximately 500 attended.

While swimming with a group of 20 young people at a private beach in Willoughby, O., Leo Kresse of 1228 Addison Rd., Cleveland, O., accidentally bumped his head against a rock and drowned. The deceased was 24 years of age and well known among the Slovenes.

"We Are Still Rich"

We have passed through a panic, suffered from a crash on the stock market, and are still rich.

It may be true that we have much less to live on than we had a year ago, but it is certainly true that we have just as much as ever to live for. The real values of life are unshaken and solid. The market failed, but nothing else did. Prices went down, but not one acre lost its fertility and all the electrons, protons, and ether waves went on working in their accustomed ways.

When the depression came we were compelled to take in-voices and soon discovered that we were still rich. All our capacity for the enjoyment of life is intact. Our \$200,000 eyes are just as good as they ever were. Twenty-thousand-dollar scenes and views are added to our collection almost every week. A \$100,000 sense of hearing is still unimpaired and by it we become heirs to a world of beauty and inspiration. Then there are our \$1,000,000 stomachs and a half-million-dollar appetites. No man can be rich who is compelled to take orders daily from his stomach. The depression has not lowered the value of a single friendship. Neighbors still greet us in the same old cordial way, and our relatives hold us in high respect.

No nation becomes great by becoming rich. Neither does a man find enduring satisfaction in life by owning something—only by becoming something.

This depression has cost us some of the things we created, but it has robbed us of none of our power to create. It is a challenge, not a catastrophe. A generation which has climbed above the clouds and lived in the stratosphere, that has conquered the air and sent giant planes circling the globe, which has plunged into the deeps and has sported on the ocean's floor, is now faced with the challenge to rise above its dependence on mere things and seek an emancipation of the spirit of man.

The last six months have been for many men a thrilling spiritual adventure through which they have discovered their real wealth. Bereft of dividends and profits, they are discovering the sustaining powers of a strong faith, the abiding values of courage, heroism, honor, charity and trustworthiness.

Contributed by Frank E. Vranichar, Joliet, Ill., with alterations from The Rotarian.

Indian Shorts

Chicago, Ill.—The Indian Lodge, No. 220, SSCU, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p. m., at 1615 Blue Island Ave. Officials of the lodge urge all members to be present, as this meeting is of most importance. Topics to be discussed will be such as the failure of the bank, new members, members not paying dues, annual dance, socials, fall activities, etc. Please be present.

A real blond is Flayheart, who simply slays the women with his ardent wooing and tepsichorean art. Andy says the way to become a blond is to use peroxide.

For some vacations are over, and for some vacations are just starting. Those who are lucky enough to have their vacations coming yet are Albert Spolar,

Indirect Pay

East Palestine, O.—Many of us perform work for other people simply to help them and for no gain to ourselves. This type of work we term "charity" work. We simply lend a helping hand.

Members occasionally complain of doing so much "charity" work for their lodge. We think they have the wrong impression of the situation. Everything that members do for their lodge is an indirect gain for themselves. Many perform work for their lodges without pay, but in doing so they have helped themselves. The complaint should not come from having to work gratis, but from the fact that many others are not carrying their share of the load. There are too few shouldering the responsibilities of their lodges.

Joe J. Golicic, No. 41, SSCU

SUCCESS!

Cleveland, O.—Sunday, Aug. 14, spelled success for the George Washington Lodge, the SSCU Parade and also for the Inter-Lodge League. It was on this day that the G. W.'s celebrated Washington Day in conjunction with Inter-Lodge Day, and the turnout was great. There were more G. W.'s present at this affair than at any time before. I take this means to thank each and every G. W. member who was on hand.

The SSCU Parade was splendid, and can only look forward to a greater and a more successful SSCU parade for 1933. The lodges that participated in the SSCU Parade were: George Washingtons, Betsy Ross and Collinwood Boosters. The G. W.'s have Joseph Zele & Sons to thank in aiding them to put over the SSCU Parade by donating two of their cars to the lodge for this purpose. Words cannot express the thanks and gratitude that the G. W.'s have in their hearts for Joseph Zele & Sons, who have done more than their share of good for the George Washington Lodge and other SSCU lodges. The donation of their two cars is very highly appreciated, but when they went ahead and decorated the cars for the G. W.'s, that's when we are unable to find words to describe the thanks and appreciation that we owe Joseph Zele & Sons. But we will do our level best to show our thanks by our loyalty to them. A group of sportsmen and enthusiasts such as the Joseph Zele & Sons group is not very often heard of. As we know, Joseph Zele & Sons are backing the G. W. baseball team, and they are always ready to do a good turn for the G. W.'s and for the Slovene community in general.

The G. W.'s had the largest number of cars entered in the parade and also the most picturesque. Thanks to all, and hope that our 1933 parade may be a bigger success than this of 1932.

"Lefty" Jaklich, No. 180, SSCU.

Otto Spolar, Lilyan Soukup and Edmund Kubik. All plan on spending their vacation at Camp Gray in Saugatuck, Mich., where a young people's conference will be held.

Don't forget our monthly meeting.

Leo W. Moore, Sec'y.

Convention Highlights

(Continued From Last Issue)

Friday, July 29

No operation benefits are to be paid to members who die 60 days after the operation. It was felt that the many cases of last-minute operations performed on members who were beyond recovery might discourage medical men from such practices, once they were informed that our Union does not provide for such operation benefits.

Sick Benefits

An additional sick benefit besides the \$1 a day was voted upon and not carried through. However, later in the day a deciding vote was cast in favor of 50 cents a day sick benefit, to be covered by an assessment of 40 cents per month. The assessment covering \$7 a week sick benefit amounts to 75 cents a month for this class. The \$3.50 a week sick benefit was included to accommodate the many women members and others who could not afford the higher rate.

A minimum of three months' membership is necessary before he or she is entitled to any sick benefits. Many were in favor of six months. Also, a member must be sick at least three days before sick benefits will be honored. Some were in favor of seven days, and others four.

A question arose as to injuries sustained and sickness resulting from athletic competition, but inasmuch as baseball, bowling and other such sports participated in by members can be classed with other forms of entertainment, such player-members are entitled to benefits.

A humorous element was inserted when the question of paying sick benefits to members confined to prisons came up. Since it was through no fault of the SSCU that a member was placed under lock and key, it could assume no obligations in respect to payment of sick benefits.

Again Dr. Arch, supreme medical examiner, was called upon to answer questions. To his credit, it must be said that all inquiries were answered to the satisfaction of all.

A little conference between the English-speaking delegates and Supreme Board members was held a half hour before the afternoon session was called to order. Bro. Vranichar of Joliet, Ill., and Supreme Secretary Zbasnik were the principal speakers.

Should the lodges be permitted to contribute funds to religious and political causes? A deciding vote was cast against such a proposal. Arguments that the lodge's treasury was the business of the local branch and not the Union; that the lodge should use its treasury to help out its own members; and that other clubs were organized to meet special demands outside of the lodge were given.

Chairman Anzelc took the floor on many occasions to take part in debates and yielded his chair to First Vice-Chairman Pleterssek for the time being.

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Not Quite a Cellar Full

The banker asked a man who was strying to borrow money: "How much have you in the way of immediate liquid assets?"

To which the customer cautiously replied, "About a case and a half."

