

New Era

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Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Current Thought
SSCU FOURTH AMONG NATION'S FRATERNALS IN JUVENILE GAINS

In The Fraternal Monitor publication for May, 1938 listed increases in juvenile members of various fraternals for the year 1937. Our SSCU with a net gain of 1,013 juveniles ranks fourth among all the fraternals in the nation who report to The Fraternal Monitor.

Table listing various fraternal organizations and their net gain in 1937. Includes Life and Accident Association (6,601), Grand Fraternal Order of the Woodmen (2,913), etc.

Total Gain in Juvenile Membership of Above Societies in 1937 30,969. It is believed that this is the first time in the annals of SSCU that such a remarkable record was attained in one year.

We can look back upon 1937 as an example year, that can be accomplished when the members enthusiastically approve a good idea and what can be expected when they co-operate to execute their duty.

OFFICE of the SUPREME SECRETARY

CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN
The jubilee membership campaign drive will close May 31. All applications for membership in the adult or juvenile must be in the hands of the supreme medical examiner.

NOW OR NEVER

When the next issue of Nova Doba reaches you, the 40th anniversary jubilee campaign for new members shall have been completed, for the drive is scheduled to terminate May 31st.

Now or never! Get the remaining necessary number of new members and avail yourself of the opportunity of a lifetime to make the great northwest, at the expense of the SSCU.

Ramblers Invite You To Their Dance May 28

Unity, Pa. — May 28 is drawing near and with it comes the big Spring Dance to be held by the SSCU Center Ramblers lodge, 221, of Center, Pa., at Smith's Hall.

Since this is our first dance of the season, we wish to make it a great success. I take this means to invite all members of neighboring lodges to attend. Also their friends. Attention: Claridge, White Valley, Export, Universal, Pittsburgh, Springdale.

A reminder for May 28th, at Smith's Hall, Center. We assure all guests in attendance a very enjoyable evening. We'll be seeing you all. Be a SSCU booster. Mary E. Oblack

Editor's Note

Contributors to the Nova Doba are requested to keep the following points in mind: Write on one side of the paper only. Use ink, or a typewriter, if one is available.

Avoid discussion of religion and politics, as the by-laws of our SSCU strictly prohibit the publication of articles religious or political in nature. Keep in mind that our Union is a non-sectarian, non-political benefit organization.

BRIEFS

John Podlizec, president of St. Martin's lodge, No. 44, SSCU of Barberton, O., suffered a fractured leg last Saturday, May 21. He is recuperating at his home.

On May 28th, Center Ramblers lodge, No. 221, SSCU will hold a dance at Smith Hall in Center, Pa.

Lodge 36, SSCU will hold a dance in its own hall in Conemaugh, Pa., on May 28, when it will commemorate the SSCU's 40th anniversary.

In Greensburgh, Pa., lodge 77, SSCU will hold a dance on May 28, in Blue Moon Hall in Carbon.

On May 29, Colorado Federation of SSCU lodges will hold a meeting in Trinidad, Colo., Central Park Hall. A dance will follow the meeting.

On June 5, Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges will meet in the St. Clair Slovene National Home of Cleveland.

Several lodges will hold picnics and dances to commemorate the 40th anniversary of our Union.

On June 12, lodge 155 of Blaine, O. will hold a picnic;

On June 26, lodge 42 of Pueblo, Colo. a picnic, at the site of Presern's home in Rye, Colo.;

On July 2, lodges 57, 116, 138 and 218, a joint picnic and dance at Glunt's Grove, about a half mile off route 22 from Export, Pa.;

On July 16, lodge 53 of Little Falls, N. Y., a dance;

On July 17, lodge 9 of Calumet, Mich., a picnic;

On July 24, lodge 225 of Milwaukee, Wis., a picnic;

On August 28, in Presto, Pa., Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU lodges, a picnic.

Lodge 40, SSCU of Claridge, Pa., will hold a picnic on June 18, at Peter Lazar's farm, near Bushy Run Battle Field.

Building codes in effect in the majority of cities have been out-moded by recent technical developments and should be re-drafted, wherever necessary, to allow the introduction of approved new materials and building practices, according to Howard P. Vermilya, Director of the Federal Housing Administration's Technical Division.

40th Anniversary Committees Named

Only One Week Left to Qualify for Northern Minn. Trip

By Little Stan



Ely, Minn. — Biggest and most impressive program conceived in years is being prepared to commemorate the 40th anniversary of our South Slavonic Catholic Union here in Ely, July 16 to 18—this while candidates seeking to qualify for that coveted free trip to Minnesota are swinging into the final week of the great campaign.

Interest in the coming celebration is rapidly increasing among members who are showing a wonderful cooperative spirit to see that every visitor has an excellent time. There is no question but that the committees will fulfill every phase of elaborate preparation expected by our SSCU, and will place another successful event into the annals of the SSCU.

But the most important thing at the moment is the question: "How many will qualify for that wonderful trip to Ely and this wild and beautiful Northern Minnesota country?" Little Stan expects quite a number—why that's all Little Albert does is shine up the 40th anniversary of the Ahs-tin—making it look like a real job, so the successful candidates can ride in class when they want to go on that sight-seeing trip, or to one of the many lakes to fish for some of that famous great northern pike!

Although Little Stan uses many adjectives to describe the wonderful reward awaiting the successful candidates, he does not exaggerate one bit. To prove every word, you can ask every boy or girl who was a delegate to the first and second national juvenile conventions. They'll tell you of the marvelous time they had. Their eyes will shine as they recount their exciting adventures to you.

Recently Lillian Rudolf of Cleveland; Isobel Erzen of Center, Pa., have written articles in which they urge candidates to work and succeed in qualifying for that trip, because of the wonderful time they had. They didn't forget, and as a result remain grateful to our SSCU for making such a trip possible to members.

while they were in Ely. They told you of the thrill in riding the fast passenger trains to Ely. They will never forget, and some day will come back to again live their experiences.

Last Friday evening in the Yugoslav National Home, general chairman and supreme secretary Anton Zbasnik presided over the second meeting of the delegates to the United Lodges of the South Slavonic Catholic Union of Ely. A large attendance was present, and hardly had the noise from the pounding gavel died away, when the delegates plunged enthusiastically into preparations for the great commemoration, July 16-18.

First off, the complete slate of committees was named and approved by the membership by motion. In every case the approval was unanimous, and when the smoke cleared an hour later, a lot towards planning entertainment was accomplished.

The complete committees are: Supreme secretary Anton Zbasnik, general chairman; assistant supreme secretary Frank Tomisch, jr., secretary; Mrs. Rose Svetich, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Mestick, assistant treasurer. Joseph Kovach, banquet chairman; Joseph L. Champa, picnic chairman.

In order are the following committees; tickets—John Ottrin, chairman; Louis Perusek, John Mehle, Frank L. Kotzian, sr., Joseph J. Peshel, sr., and Victor Novak; banquet, Bro. Kovach, chairman, Frances Marinsek, kitchen; and Mary Mestick, serving. Each will select their own assistants.

Joseph Milkovich is chairman of the dance committee, also composed of Martin Grahek, jr., Angela Grahek, Victor Novak, John Kovach, Frank Schweiger, Frank Palcher, and Jennie Kolenc.

Heading the lunch committee is Mrs. Mary Zgonc, Mary Korosec, and Margaret Pecha. Candy committee is composed of Elizabeth Mertel, and Molly Skerjance. On the ice-cream committee is Mary Jerich, chairman; Margaret Tomljanovich, Mary Indihar, and Mrs. Orazem. On the pop and soda committee is Joseph Pechaver, Mike Evanchek, and Mrs. Mary Stubler. On the refreshments committee, principle work being to dispose beer are Jack Varoga, chairman; Peter Skradski, Frank Koschak, Joseph Janeczich, Louis Prijatelj, Simon Marolt, Frank Golob, Frank Skalar, Joseph Sherjak, Frank Tratnik, John Gla-

van, Vincent Novak, John Marolt, and Joseph Russ. Bro. Zbasnik is ex-officio member of all committees; Joseph Kovach and Joseph Mantel will supply trucks.

Discussion of preliminary plans included an impressive banquet to be followed by a 40th anniversary dance in the quarter-million dollar community building being dedicated this week-end. The gigantic picnic will be held on July 17 at Sandy Point, where an excellent time is being planned. Negotiations are underway to secure popular Judge Lausche of Cleveland as guest speaker. Little Stan had the pleasure of hearing him at the 1936 SSCU convention in Cleveland—and he's not just saying that to soften Judge Lausche's heart if ever he goes to Cleveland and manages to be brought before him!

Monday, July 18 will be a holiday in Ely. Just recently Mayor Jack Peshel and the members of the city council of Ely adopted a resolution to that effect.

However plans are still in the preliminary stage. Little Stan will give you the information from meeting to meeting. All YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO QUALIFY FOR THAT TRIP SO THAT YOU, TOO, CAN SHARE THIS IMPRESSIVE CELEBRATION.

Until next week then— Stanley Pechaver

He was very fat, and stood behind an irritable old woman in a line waiting to get in a show. She: "Stop your pushing, can't you?" He: "Excuse me, madame, I did not push, I only sighed."

Overweight woman — "Doctor, what will I do to reduce?" Doctor — "Take a proper kind of exercise." Overweight woman — "What kind of exercise would you recommend?" Doctor — "Push yourself away from the table three times a day."

A Los Angeles car owner was having his eyes tested for a driver's license. Pointing to a chart on the wall, the examining officer asked the man to identify the things he saw. "What is in the large circle in the center?" he asked. "That is the figure 18," the man replied. "Wrong," said the officer, "That is a picture of Mae West talking to Katherine Hepburn."

Diner: "Do you serve crabs here?" Waiter: "We serve anyone; sit down."

Mother: "You good - for - nothing! Why don't you take a pattern from your father?" Son: "What has he done?" Mother: "Why, he has just got two years off his sentence for good conduct."

Young American Boosters

Walsenburg, Colo. — Again the bright Colorado summer sun has begun to work its wonders in our own Centennial state.

Already it has affected the Young American Boosters; with a little spring tonic of plans, a very amusing and joyful summer will be in the making.

A grand opening dance will be the big topic of this fair community, which will be held at our usual stamping grounds, in the merry month of June.

It also has started a membership drive, in which three new members were admitted. Those responsible are: Winzie Torean, George and Alex Oswerk.

All members who wish to attend or plan to attend the festivities in Trinidad, May 29, which is scheduled to start in the afternoon and wind up at 7, are requested to meet at Kopusin's Hall, so that we can leave in a body at one p. m.

Because our meetings are poorly attended, a "Lost and Found Column" will be published each month. To parties returning lost persons to the next meeting a reward will be given.

Lost: Old and new members of the Young American Boosters, who have not been seen or heard of in our meetings for the past two months. They are Eddie, Rudy, Joe, Hippo, Tony, Alice, Mary, Jean, Anne and Lena.

What has happened to some of these good looking belles and romeos is unknown. And should they read this article, they are requested to come and see us some Sunday.

All members are requested to meet their assessments by the 25th of each month.

John Ribacchi, Sec'y No. 216, SSCU

Cleveland Inter-Lodge League Schedule

May 26 — Spartans vs Ct. Baraga at Kirtland.

May 27 — Strivers vs Lithuanians at Gordon Park.

May 31 — Orels vs Utopians at Kirtland.

June 1 — Loyalites vs Strivers at Gordon Park.

June 2 — Betsy Ross vs Lithuanians at Kirtland.

June 3 — Zumberaks vs Pioneers at Gordon Park.

June 6 — Ct. Baraga vs Lithuanians at Gordon Park.

June 7 — Comrades vs Loyalites at Kirtland.

June 8 — Pioneers vs Utopians at Gordon Park.

June 9 — Strivers vs Zumberaks at Kirtland.

June 10 — Spartans vs Orels at Gordon Park.

Fewer Than

A teacher asked the class to name the States to the United States. One child responded so promptly and accurately as to bring forth this comment from the teacher.

"Yes, you could," said the child consolingly, "there were only thirteen then."

How're You Betting?

"The people in our part of town are watching the result of a very interesting conflict."

"What is it?" "An irresistible blonde has just met an immovable bachelor."

Opera At S. N. Home

Cleveland, O. — The Cuyahoga County Opera Association and The Federal Music Project will present "Girofle-Girofla", a comic opera, at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair avenue on Wednesday evening, June 1.

It is interesting to note that two members of the Slovene Independent Zarja are in the supporting cast, namely, Antoinette Simcic and Louis Belle.

The opening scene of "Girofle-Girofla" introduces Don Bolero d'Alcarazas, a Spanish grandee, Girofle and Girofla, who, being of marriageable age, have been hastily betrothed, Girofle to Maresquin, a banker to whom Don Bolero is heavily indebted, and Girofla to Mourzook, a Moorish chief who has made regular demands upon Don Bolero for money on penalty of death.

In the second act the wedding festivities are going on and both bridegrooms are clamoring for their brides. No word is heard from Admiral Matamorae, who has been sent to capture the pirates.

The third act opens on the following morning. The two would-be husbands have been locked into their apartments. Marasquin has passed a quiet night, but Mourzook has smashed the furniture and escaped through the window from his chamber.

The music is lively throughout and oftentimes brilliant, and of a higher standard than usual. Tickets are thirty-five cents and may be procured at Kalan's Hardware in the National Home.

Irma Kalan O'Hern

Lodge 55

Uniontown, Pa. — At the meeting of St. Rochus Lodge, 55, SSCU, which was held May 15, it was decided that the lodge hold a dance in commemoration of the Union's 40th anniversary.

All members of our lodge should consider it their duty to attend the dance. Since the lodge has stipulated no penalty for non-attendance, it relies upon the members' ability to attend if at all possible.

To our June 18 dance are also invited members of other lodges. We shall strive to show them a good time and on occasions when they shall hold a dance, we shall try to return the favor.

I request our members to pay their assessments promptly. There is no source of funds with which to tide the members over who, become in arrears with their assessments.

We have been fairly active in the present membership drive. I want to thank the members who helped secure the new enrollments. To date we have enrolled 5 new members in the adult department, and 15 in the juvenile.

Joseph Prah, Sec'y

Good Logic, Maybe

In a small town in Mississippi on a hot dusty day, two Negro baseball teams, surrounded by their dusky devotees, were engaged in a very important baseball game.

The colored preacher of the community had been approved by both teams for the position of umpire in this contest — because, as the home team pointed out, a parson couldn't go wrong.

"Ball one, high!" the voice of authority boomed.

"Ball two, low!" "Ball three, inside!" "Ball fo', low and wide — you is out!"

"How does yo' talk, Mister Ump? Ah gets a base fo' dat!" screamed the mutinous batsman.

"Brother, you is right — but de bases am loaded, an' ah ain't got no place to put you. You is out!"

Did You Know That...

By Anna Prosen, Lodge 173

... In North America there are at least 525 different kinds of trees, many of them famed throughout the world for their huge bulk and antiquity. In the Eastern States there are white oaks standing that were acorns when William the Conqueror took England, 500 years before the white men came to this country.

... Eli Whitney, to whom the invention of cleaning cotton was credited, disliked agriculture when he was a child and spent his time making fiddles. One day, he took his fathers watch apart; then, in fear of a scolding, hurriedly tried to put it together again.

... Doctor Cartwright was fifty before he became an inventor? Although his name is associated with weaving he was an extraordinary prolific inventor in other fields? He made bread after his own fashion; devised a method of fireproof construction; worked out a system of geometrical bricks; made biscuit machines; applied chemistry to agriculture; received medals for his agricultural innovations; and patented various machines for calendering linen, making ropes, and cutting velvet pile?

... James Oliver, the Scotch emigrant who revolutionized ploughing, had a theory that a plough for our Middle West should be light yet strong, and that its mouldboards should scour so as to turn the soil with a singing sound, and that the share or cutting edge should be made separate so as to be easily and cheaply renewed? After 12 years of experience he perfected his chilled plough?

... Windows made of glass bricks form a striking feature off the new Long Island Park Commission building, recently completed at Sunken Meadow, N. Y.? Made of unusually clear and strong glass, the bricks have vacuum centers, ninety-two per cent of the air being exhausted from the interior before they are sealed up? This feature makes them particularly sound-proof and reduces the cost of heating the building? The use of the new glass vacuum bricks will cut heat expenses to practically nothing?

... A new fire alarm station, recently demonstrated at St. Louis, Mo., automatically snaps a handcuff on the wrist of one who turns the key? To sound the alarm, it is necessary to insert the arm in a metal sleeve beneath the box? As the signal is sent in the sleeve clamps to the wrist of the sender? Although he cannot remove the sleeve the person who sounds the alarm is free to return to the scene of the fire? When the firemen arrive they remove the sleeve by means of a special key?

... Coffee beans are now being pressed into compact briquettes and used for fuel in locomotives and factories in Brazil? Hundreds of thousands of sacks of coffee beans were dumped into the sea before the idea of using the coffee as fuel was suggested? The dried bricks are said to produce ample heat for the boilers?

Colorado Sunshine

Denver, Colo. — With our good Colorado sun beating down upon us, we naturally hunt for a shady and cool spot. This reminds us that it will soon be time for picnics. All members of Colorado Sunshine, No. 201, SSCU, who are interested in our lodge holding a picnic, are requested to attend a special meeting to be held at the home of Sister Margaret Smole, 4683 Franklin St., on Friday, May 27, commencing at 7 p. m. Plans for a 40th anniversary picnic will be in order for discussion, and applications for new members will be received. Since there are only a few more days left of the 40th anniversary jubilee campaign, let us get busy and secure new members.

Yours truly received an agreeable surprise on May 8th. Our former secretary Bro. Albin Petelin no longer is among the eligibles, for he "pulled a fast one" on all of us when he got married on last December 27. He brought along his bride, who is a member of St. George's lodge No. 111, SSCU of Leadville, Colo. Congratulations are in order. Bro. Petelin at present is working in the mine at Climax, Colo. The couple plan to return to Denver soon where they shall establish permanent residence.

All members who have not yet paid their assessments for this month may do so at my home, 5181 Clarkson St., anytime, or at the meeting on the 27th. Please be more prompt so I can send in assessments for our lodge to the home office on time.

I urge all members to attend the special meeting to be held at Smole's on the 27th of May, starting at 7 p. m. Be sure to bring in all applications for new members.

Chas. H. Chitwood, Sec'y No. 201, SSCU

Surprising News

A man from Kansas was looking into the depth of the Grand Canyon. "Do you know," said the guide, "it took millions of years for this great abyss to be carved out?"

The man from Kansas was tremendously impressed. "You don't tell me," he commented. "Why I didn't know this was a government job."

Publicity

East Palestine, O. — Honest and favorable publicity is a boon to any organization. In fact, many organizations employ a publicity agent. The duty of these agents, hired by the varied organized bodies, is to advertise on a wide scale the virtues of the respective institution which they represent.

The SSCU depends mainly on the individual members to "sell" the organization. And for the past forty years they have been doing a great job. As the strength and position of the fraternity definitely proves. Special campaigns and other varied activities have served well in advertising capacities.

A splendid source of publicity for the SSCU are the visitations made by the supreme officials of the fraternal. A locality can be made "SSCU conscious" by fitting announcements of the coming visit by some one of its noted officials. Such announcements create interest which in time becomes infectious, spreading from members to non-members. Which pay dividends to the fraternal.

Joe Golice No. 41, SSCU

Blood and Battle Field

A World War Chronicle By IVAN MATICIC From the Slovene by VALENTINE OREHEK

(Continuation)

We leave here and double back to Fossalta Maggiore and on to Motto which we find deserted. Here we come upon dwellings of palatial grandeur. They only serve now to harbor stragglers whose marks of identity lie heaped before the imposing portals. The doors have all been burned and not a window pane remains. The furniture has been used for fire wood by the soldiers who have preceded us. With ruin all about us we buckle down seriously to the task of restoring something like order out of the mess. Our first step is to drive out the horses and shovel aside their deposits which are to be later utilized for fertilizer in the truck gardens we plan to cultivate. Oh yes, we are determined to remain here for some time as the manner in which we have tidied the rooms and even the streets astounds.

One day a number of wagons loaded with spoils taken by Austrian troops from conquered towns come through ours. Two of these wagons are left behind and their contents divided among our officers. Our division's general staff commander greedily picks out what is best and has it packed and sent away to the rear where it will await his return. It is suspected that we have sneaked some of the plunder away and so our bags are gone through and whatever is worthwhile and strikes the fancy of the examiner is removed.

It is no longer a secret but that we Slovene regiments are simply to be the buffers and shock troops shielding the German advance into Italy; furthermore, the Germans alone are allowed to make requisitions for whatever is taken from the enemy and to send it back into Germany. The German soldier is permitted to send home anything he wishes by mail while an Austrian on the otherhand is searched even when going home on leave. In the weeks of the occupation of Venice, Germany reaps richly of the plunder and replenishes her starving country.

There is a scarcity of food now for no more is coming to us from the hinterland. Finally we are driven to beg from the farmers and usually they are willing to exchange a mess of "polenta" for some tobacco. Albrecht and Ahec act as our interpreters. Many a family we visit weeps as it shows us the promissory notes which it has apparently been indemnified for the many things taken from it. For a brace of oxen a family is reimbursed with a paper certificate reading: "We are indebted to this family for two bags of beans." For ten bags of corn the paper may claim that only ten eggs were taken, and so it goes. We do not know how to cheer up these poor defenseless people save in adding our voice to theirs in terrible denunciation of both the Austrian and German empires. A few moments of this and we have ascended to exhilarating heights and visions of universal freedom color our outlook. And we laugh and sing the dark vivacious Piettas, the voluptuous sirens Celias and Glulias and the bold enticing Angelinas, all are toasted in the ruddy wine that ripples and rills down our ecstatic gullets.

CHAPTER XII

On the Piava

Mid December finds us again on the Piava. This time the heights near Ponte di Piava contain us. We discover trenches here that are far superior to the ones we have been accustomed to on the Krns, except that they are rather slushy at times. It is peaceful. But for the sentries mounted on the dikes one would forget that war was an immediate presence. We are distributed through all the homes hereabouts. During Christmas our regiment leaves as a reserve for Chiarano. It is bitterly cold and as the Italians here do not go in for stoves we shoulder and push about the sooty fireplaces and stare gloomily into the blackened kettles. Our hosts complain and sigh of their plight. We urge Ahec to make an attempt at bolstering them up but he only shakes his head and growls, "Sapramenska vojska!"

In January our time expires and we return to the Piava where the 1st Battalion with our old friend Montioj in command is stretched along the shore. The 2nd Battalion is sheltered in the roomy confines of a nearby castle. It is here that Sporer during a midnight

IS IT WORTHWHILE?

Never before in the history of our Union have such attractive prizes been offered to the membership in any campaign. In addition to the free rail trip to Ely, Minn., and return, the following cash prizes await those who secure new members in the department:

- \$1.25 for each member insured for \$ 250.00 death benefit.
\$2.00 for each member insured for \$ 500.00 death benefit.
\$1.00 for each member insured for \$1,000.00 death benefit.
\$5.00 for each member insured for \$1,500.00 death benefit.
\$6.00 for each member insured for \$2,000.00 death benefit.
\$8.00 for each member insured for \$3,000.00 death benefit.

For new members enrolled in the juvenile department following cash awards are payable: Fifty cents for each juvenile enrolled in plan "JA" \$2.00 for each juvenile enrolled in plan "JB" \$2.00 for each juvenile enrolled in plan "JC" for death benefit. \$3.00 for each juvenile enrolled in plan "JC" for death benefit. The foregoing cash awards are payable once the monthly dues for the member has paid assessments for three months.

Evidence

"It says the man was by his wife at close range. "Then there must have been powder marks on the body." "Yes; that's why she shot him."

(To be continued)

