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ON THE COVER . . .

Stepping brightly, their batons twirling and their full skirts swinging, the little girls of the Cleveland-Euclid Baton Twirlers, making a beautiful appearance wherever they go! Numerous parades in the Cleveland area have kept them busy and twenty-six from the grand total of 99 juniors, traveled to our recent Convention in Washington to perform at the Grand Banquet. Their two teen instructors, Carol and Kathy Cooke are in the center of the photo — twenty-five girls are missing. Even so! What a group! And, what a proud march they make when the band plays and the flags fly!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST

Supreme Officers:

Aug. 5—Ann Kompare, Supreme Auditor, So. Chicago, Ill.
Aug. 12—Mary Bostian, State President of Ohio-Michigan,
Cleveland, Ohio

Aug. 24—Theresa Skur, Alternate Supreme Auditor,
Cleveland, Ohio

Branch Presidents:

Aug. 1—Rose Veronick, Br. 31, Gilbert, Minn.
Aug. 3—Helen Cobal, Br. 92, Crester Butte, Colo.
Aug. 7—Mary Krogulski, Br. 24, LaSalle, Ill.
Aug. 18—Frances Lindich, Br. 15, Cleveland, Ohio
Aug. 22—Mary Habich, Br. 74, Ambridge, Pa.
Aug. 22—Mollie Metsehuleit, Br. 22, Bradley, Ill.
Aug. 24—Mary J. Jasina, Br. 100, Fontana, Calif.
Aug. 27—Mary Jane Dello, Br. 62, Conneaut, Ohio
Aug. 29—Rose Racher, Br. 54, Warren, Ohio

OUR SECRETARIES BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Aug. 5—Jennie Stusek, Br. 88, Johnstown, Pa.
Aug. 7—Florence Lolich, Br. 45, Portland, Oregon
Aug. 13—Virginia Bendich, Br. 59, Burgettstown, Pa.
Aug. 18—Helen Kochevar, Br. 23, Ely, Min. Dawn Club
Aug. 22—Mildred Poropat, Br. 95, So. Chicago, Ill.
Aug. 1—Emma Tomse, Br. 30, Aurora, Ill.
Aug. 26—Catherine Lastelle, Br. 64, Kansas City, Kans.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY

SEPT. 10 IS A BIG DAY IN COLORADO

Sunday, Sept. 10, 1967, Branches in Colorado, Kansas and Missouri are invited to Pueblo, Colo., for the observance of the 40th Anniversary of Br. 3, and the annual COLORADO STATE CONVENTION!

The Program which the Committee has arranged begins with Holy Mass at Marija Pomagaj church, 217 E. Mesa, to be followed immediately by the State Convention at the Church Hall.

At 1:00 p. m. promptly, dinner will be served at the Miniqua University Club. Afterward, you will enjoy a short program and wonderful music for dancing!

A very warm and cordial invitation to all from Br. 3, Pueblo, Colo.!

Anna Pachak, State President

AND MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Slovenian Women's Union Day will be held at Soudan, Minn, on September 10, 1967, the second Sunday of September.

On July 13, I was invited to attend a meeting with the branch members of the Tower-Soudan to help make plans for the Minnesota Day celebration. The members of this branch are really very co-operative working as a team. I know that they really will have a fine celebration for those attending and hope that it will be most successful.

They are going to have a social hour before Mass upon arrival, after Mass a meeting — then banquet and program.

On behalf of the Minnesota ladies that attended the convention and tour in Washington, D. C., we want to thank Irene Planinsek, Corrine Leskovar and all the Supreme Officers and all the committee who did such a wonderful job in making this a unforgettable event, including the planning of the tours, meals and what-not. (I hope Irene is all rested up after all the work she did in Washington for us.)

The Minnesota group arrived home safely even if we were stalled at Virginia, Minn. for over an hour since the bus broke down. We at Ely, arrived home on Memorial Day at 3 a. m.

Hoping to see a fine turn out at Minnesota Day at Tower-Soudan September 10, 1967.

Fraternally yours,

Barbara Rosandich

COME TO BARBERTON!

All Ohio and Michigan Branches — all our officers, members and friends: come to Barberton, Ohio for

OHIO STATE CONVENTION, SUNDAY, SEPT 24, 1967!

The program of the day is as follows:

Holy Mass, 10:30 a. m. at Sacred Heart Church

Meeting, 1:30 p. m. School Hall of Sacred Heart Church

Dinner, 4:00 p. m. at the School Hall, 1281 Shannon Ave.

Bus arrangements and tickets for Cleveland Branches can be obtained from State President, Mary Bostian, 19617 Mohawk Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44119.

The Committee thanks you all in advance for attending the first State Convention celebration in Barberton. We welcome you all!

PENNSYLVANIA MEETS

SEPT. 24, 1967

at

Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.

CONGRATULATIONS

On July 1st, our Supreme Officers elected at the last Convention began their term of office. To these Officers will come new responsibilities and problems and a new approach to solving them. As President Johnson said: "America needs leaders, fresh ideas and new enthusiasm!" This goes also for our Zveza as well. The Supreme Officers are our leaders, and upon the leaders depends the progress and success of our organization. What a leader can do was evident at the last Convention. Who would even imagine that over 350 of our members would journey to Washington? They were there, and why? Because of the leadership of Irene Planinsek who knew how to stimulate them; knew how to point an inviting scene creating the interest for a visit to Washington and because our Editor knew how to place these scenes to the best effect in ZARJA.

We hope that the new term of Supreme Officers — our leaders — will be full of new ideas and enthusiasm for work. Let us promote those ideals and principles which we believe to be important not only to our branches and to our organization, but also to our Slovenian heritage as well. We should implant in our children and grandchildren the pride to belong to the organization which their mothers and grandmothers helped to build.

Congratulations to the new Supreme Board! May it have the co-operation from every member of the Union!

Marie Prisland, Founder



ACTIVITIES

No. 2, Chicago, Ill. Vacation time for everyone. We had a large group of 52 members and friends leave for a trip to the Canadian shrines headed by Liz Zefran. Hope they have a wonderful time and return home safe with fine memories of their travels.

Our European tourists are home at this time, too. Secretary, Albina Novak returned July 16th in time for Zveza Day in Lemont.

Just heard our good member, Chris Dolmovic was confined to the hospital for some time. She's now home and feeling much better. Stay that way, Chris!

A full report on the doings at Lemont will be in the next issue. We had a very successful day and a grand crowd. Our thanks to the many who attended this annual day of prayer and relaxation.

We meet again, ladies in September on the 14th, Till then, na svidenje.

Corinne Leskovar

No. 12, Milwaukee, Wis. — Since I last wrote our group had three deaths within as many weeks. So, we extend our sympathies to the families of the late Mary Bevsek, Lucille Rady and Anna Prek. We also had several sick ladies who fortunately are now back with us, all well again. We sincerely hope they enjoy "good health" for a long time yet. We do have one very sick member at St. Luke's Hospital, who would very much like to see or hear from her friends as she really does need cheering up, so send a card or visit Mary Jeray — it would be most welcome. And, I do hope we soon hear "good news" of her recovery.

Our June meeting was the last to be held at St. John's Hall as we learned it was sold. So, with all our plans to secure for our coming 40th Anniversary Celebration, we also had

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Supreme President's Message

I am starting my third term as your president and I have enjoyed working with all of you for the past six years. I've made countless new friends. The majority of you have worked to obtain new members and have helped to make our campaigns very successful.

State presidents also have done their duties faithfully by making their respective State Conventions successful and by promoting progress for the Zveza.

State Conventions are a "must" and should be held every year because here is where all the important business is discussed. They are especially important this year because the state presidents and delegates returning from the National Convention can relay all the business and doings of the Convention. All branch officers should plan to attend.

I'm hoping that during the next three years I will receive the same wonderful cooperation that you have given me in the past.

The Ohio State Convention will be held on September 24th, at Barberton, Ohio.

The Pennsylvania State Convention will be held in Pittsburgh on September 24th.

Congratulations on their 35th Anniversary to Branch No. 54 — Warren, Ohio. It was organized August 22, 1932 by Helen Tomazic.

The New Era Campaign has now been in effect since July 1, 1967. We are going into the 41st year of our Zveza. My greatest wish is that each and everyone of you try and find one new member. We have to keep on working and building so our Zveza will keep growing.

How about getting in your Juniors that as yet are not members?

Enroll your daughters and granddaughters now!

Babies enrolled enrolled at birth receive 1 year assessment free, then after 1 year pay only 10c a month and are insured for \$100.00. At the age of 21, when they transfer into the adult class, they receive a \$50.00 rider. Then they can transfer into class B and will be insured for \$300.00 for the small sum of 70c plus 5c for branch expenses or they can transfer into class A and be insured for \$100.00 and pay 45c plus 5c for branch expenses.

Juniors who join pay 10c a month assessment for \$100.00 Burial Benefit. After they are members 10 years they receive one year assessment free when they transfer into the adult class.

July 4th, I attended the first picnic held by all the nine Slovenian National Homes of Cleveland. I met Senator Frank Lausche of Ohio and the first thing he mentioned was that what a beautiful Convention Banquet we had in Washington, D. C. and that he enjoyed it very much. Comments I have been receiving are "what a wonderful convention" and that it was enjoyed by all.

Hope you all are enjoying a very nice summer.

Happy birthday to all celebrating in August and speedy recovery to all those ailing.

Toni Turek

In Memoriam

Deeply grieved, the family of the late

JOHN PAUCHEK

wish to announce his sudden passing on July 5, 1967 at Pueblo, Colorado at the age of 78 years.

He was born on Dec. 25, 1889 in the village of Dolenja Straža parish of Prečna near Novo Mesto, Slovenia. He came to America to live in Pueblo, in 1906. He was married to his widow, Johanna, on Nov. 23, 1910. In 1960, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. There are also two sons and four daughters surviving. Two brothers and a sister, namely, Frank and Louis Pauchek and Carolina Pirh, live in Slovenia and another brother Ludvik, passed away in Cleveland, Ohio just one week before the late John.

His funeral was on June 7, from St. Mary's church (Marija Pomagaj) in Pueblo and he was laid to his final resting place at Roselawn Cemetery. The funeral was attended by hundreds of relatives and friends.

Sincere Thank You

Sincere gratitude is expressed to Rev. Daniel Gnidica, for his visits to the hospital and offering of Holy Mass and Rosary prayers; also to Rev. Claude Roberts for his prayers at the graveside and cemetery. Deep thanks to the societies Marija Pomagaj, A.B.Z., Society Orel, S.N.P.J. for the ritual ceremonies to their late member and especially Joe Germ and Helen Miklich for their kind words on behalf of the lodges. Thanks also to the PTA Mothers for their condolences. The family is also grateful to the Church Choir and Altar Boys for making the funeral so solemn. The presentation by Dorothy Zakrajsek and her group was very touching. There were many, many floral pieces that adorned the casket, for them heartfelt thanks. The pallbearers deserve our thanks forever for their kindness and help.

We are very thankful to Dr. Wood, Dr. Stjernholm, Dr. Weaver and the nurses at St. Mary Corwin Hospital where he was confined, for their conscientious care.

Also, thanks are extended to the many for their presence and help during the time of the funeral, namely, the family of John Erjavec and Joe Erjavec, D. Zakrajsek, Mary Kastelic, Millie Pechek and Helen Chorak, for their help and those who brought refreshments on the night before the funeral. Many neighbors were so thoughtful in this way.

To those who offered Holy Masses for his dear soul, we are eternally grateful. There were 312 Mass cards given and many hundreds of cards were sent expressing sympathy.

Friends from out-of-town who sent their messages were



Mr. and Mrs. Anton Brulc, Anna Svigel of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Zajc, Charles Merz, Mr. and Mrs. James McComb all of Milwaukee, Wis. From Chisholm, Minn.: Miss Mary Lustik, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tanko; from California, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sebo, Mrs. Matilda Skube and Donald Erjavec.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. John Glavan of Philadelphia, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barich of Lafayette, Ind. We are pleased to thank each and everyone and letters were sent to those for whom we had addresses.

We wish to thank also the many who attended the last rites and offered their sincere prayers; to all who spoke words of consolation to us and personally did acts of kindness. Special gratitude to George McCarthy Funeral Home for excellent funeral arrangements.

Our husband and father, so good and wonderful to all, will sleep in everlasting peace now. He lived as a true father, caring for his family without any limitations. He has gone to where there is no returning—his life on earth is over. "We deeply miss you, father, and our home is empty now that you are gone. We remember you at every moment.

You will be with us in memory until we are with you at last."

We are thankful that friends were able to use son, John Jr.'s home during the time of the funeral since our parents' home is on the farm outside of Pueblo.

The family: Widow, Johanna; sons, John Jr., Frank; daughters: Mrs. Mary Yenka, Mrs. Elsie Zaitz, Mrs. Anna Zaitz, Virginia Rodin and grandchildren. Brothers: Louis and Frank, sister Caroline in Slovenia and many other relatives here and in Slovenia.

Pueblo, Colorado

to decide on a new meeting place in spite of the 88 degree weather that day. It was finally voted to hold future meetings beginning with September at the Lily Club, 2220 W. National Ave., going south or north.

Let's crowd the place on Sept. 21st for our first fall meeting so that more of us can get in on final plans and preparations for a successful Celebration.

Thus far, it has been decided to start the day with Mass and Communion for both the living and deceased members at the new St. John's church at So. 84th and West Cold Spring Road. Buses will be available to those who have no cars to take them. After the Mass, a "chicken

dinner" will be served at the new hall, followed by a card party at 2 p. m. for all members, friends and interested card players. More complete details will be given at a later date as at this moment we are still waiting to hear from Father Okorn as to the arrangements. He isn't sure that the same privileges will be accorded the members in the new buildings and locality as were in the old, but, we are hoping that Father does come through for us!

The "stamina" of our charter members and members and their 70's and even 80's, never cease to amaze me. It's heart warming to know that we have such hearty, robust women in our group with such deep loyalty. For

instance, when Milwaukee had a bus strike last May, Mary Krznarich walked 65 blocks to attend the meeting and two hours later, did the same to return to her home. All winter long, in spite of the cold, snow and later, the rain and extreme heat, never failed to show at the meetings.

It's really a pleasure to know and serve these women who show so much courage and loyalty. I'm afraid I shall never be as tough or daring as these old timers are. They show real courage and we should all be very proud of them and the fine example they set! They're a good lot!

Those of us who attended the Convention as guests will, I am sure, never be sorry and shall long re-

WHEN POWERED BY LOVE

The greatest incentive toward living a good life is the love of God. It makes the keeping of the commandments a pleasure and a joy. When motivated by love, all our actions, even those which are indifferent in themselves, are made meritorious, while the merits of good action is further enhanced. God values the love of the giver more than the gift.

One day when Jesus was sitting in the Temple, He watched the people putting their gifts into the treasury. With much ostentation the rich were putting in large gifts. Then a poor widow came along and put in her two mites. The Savior turned to His disciples.

"Truly I say to you," He remarked, "this poor widow has put in more than all these. For all these out of their abundance have put in as gift to God; but she out of her want has put in all she had to live on."

The widow made the greater sacrifice because she

member the wonderful accommodations, fine food, the interesting tours and places of historic importance as well as our present government sites. The bus service was very good and the drivers well-informed making the trip very enlightening. The Washington, D. C. group and their hostesses did indeed, earn themselves an everlasting place in our hearts for making us all so well satisfied for such a full and varied program.

I personally was very grateful for the opportunity of meeting so many of the women from my home town of Ely, Minn. Most of the women I had never seen before, in spite of the fact that at least one week of my summer vacation is spent there. Now, I'll be able to visit them again as I know their names! When one moves away as a youngster, one fails to recognize names as friends marry and change theirs.

It also gave me an excellent opportunity to meet new friends and acquaint myself with those we read about or whose names so often appear in our beloved "Zarja", and learn the names of those who work so hard and diligently for the organization, making us all proud of our Slovenian heritage.

Once again, I wish to express my thanks and congratulations to the work and planning put into the Convention for all of us.

It has been suggested that I give my address and phone number as I'm not correctly listed in the telephone book. We did move after the book was printed, so jot down this number for your future reference or business especially our No. 12 members. My address is: 5215 So. 22nd Place and the phone number is: 281-8515. I can be reached during the day as well as in the evening.

Let's all try to be at our next meeting in September to be held on the third Thursday at the "Lily Club."

Mary Dezman

loved more. "The greater is your love of God," says St. Francis de Sales, "the more meritorious are our actions. God does not regard the greatness of the work we do so much as the love wherewith it is performed.

"Does a plastic heart have love in it?" That was the question sent by 7 year old Linda Griggs of Pittsburgh to a famed heart surgeon, Dr. Michael DeBackey, of Houston, Texas. In reply to Linda, Dr. DeBackey wrote:

"Yes, a plastic heart does have love in it, a very great deal of love. The love in a plastic heart is the love of many people who love other people and do not want them to die. So these people work all day and often all night to build a heart that will make people live longer. If you can think how much love there would be in hundreds of hearts, then that is how much love there is in a plastic heart."

In an age of satellites, computers and awesome nuclear stockpiles the plastic heart is a symbol of technology when powered by love.

Large-scale failure to cooperate with God in making His love take root in all areas of Human activity is an invitation to chaos.

No. 13, San Francisco, Cal. — This time of the year we are all vacation-minded so it is understandable that our June meeting wasn't too well-attended. The members were in favor that we dispense with July and August meetings. Mark your calendar for September 7th meeting and Social.

At this writing we shall be rested and back to our daily routine and this gives us an opportunity to put our best efforts forward and concentrate on planning activities for the rest of the year. We should have a well rounded program and be aware of the importance of gaining new members as well as retaining the old. Therefore, let us be more enthusiastic and bring a prospective member to our September 7th meeting. Our delegate who represented Branch 13 at the 14th National Convention in Washington, D. C. will give an interesting report.

My sincere thanks to all who bought and sold the Convention tickets to help defray expenses for our delegate.

To many of our sick members our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Let me remind you of your duty to the Society and to yourselves and to one another that without your cooperation we cannot achieve our goal of a good membership.

Rose Scoff, President and
Margaret Fager, Delegate

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. Our last meeting this season was in June. The members came to hear the results of this recent convention held in Washington, D. C. Slides were shown of Washington which were in care of Irene Planinsek while movies taken by your reporter in Washington were also shown and from Bernice Ogulin, who was with us in Washington. All of these pictures were shown by Olga Ancel and Mildred Pucel, during the absence of their mother Josephine Erjavec who was visiting in Georgia

and Florida at that time, and who will show her movies of these beautiful states at one of our future meetings. After meeting lunch was served and ice cream donated by Secretary Frances Gaspich and cakes baked by President Emma Planinsek were enjoyed. Thanks!

Mrs. Mary Haggerty (nee Lekan) became our new member after this convention recommended by our Treasurer Jo Sumic; she promised to become a member on the train leaving Washington for home. Also for the May meeting, our new members recommended by Jo Erjavec were Mrs. Carl Gregorich bteter known as (Maryanne) and the wife of the foot specialist, who has offices at the National Bldg. Also, the granddaughters of your reporter Janice and Rosanne Ruth, the daughters of Fred and Jonita Ruth. To all new members we will say Welcome to our party circle!

In June we lost a very good member Mrs. Antonia Petek who while visiting her son in Florida passed away. Her body was brought here for burial, to St. Joseph's church and to St. Joseph cemetery. She was a constant member, and very charitable. Age 60, she joined in 1955, recommended by Jo Sumic. For years they were proprietors of a restaurant on Jefferson St., near the Union Railroad Station. Survived by her husband John, two sons and two daughters. Our members joined the group to pray at her bier and those who accompanied her at her last journey were Emma Planinsek, Jo Sumic, Lil Berge and Josephine Erjavec.

Condolences to the family of Helen Keith, age 53 who passed away after several years of illness at the hospital. Survived by her sister, Anne Papesch who is our member. Her son is in the Navy in the Philippines and there is a daughter. May they both rest in peace.

Our condolences also to the Frank

Stimac family. Mr. Stimac, who in the earlier years was the proprietor of a grocery store, was buried from St. Mary Nativity church to the parish cemetery. Mr. Stimac is survived by his wife Mrs. Veronica Stimac who is our member for many years. He is also survived by two daughters and sons. May he rest in peace.

Hoping to see you all at our next meeting in September and in the meantime please look at your due books if you are a paid-up member, if you are not paid up to date, please visit Frances or any other officer who will be glad to take your dues.

Josephine Erjavec

No. 22, Bradley, Ill. June meeting was held on Thursday the 22nd, at the home of Mrs. Toni Legris, Bourbonnais. Following the routine business, closing prayer was led by president, Mollie Metschuleit. Receiving gifts during social hour of games were Anne Richards, Emma Znidarsich, Libby Kinder, Mollie Metschuleit and Mary Rittmanic. We enjoyed having Mary's little granddaughter as our guest. Refreshments were served.

We congratulate Barbara Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Richards (Anne) upon her graduation April 21st from the Elkhart Institute of Technology at Elkhart, Ind. She is



Miss Barbara Richards

now employed as dental assistant to Dr. Leo O'Connor, Kankakee. We wish Barbara much satisfaction in her new career.

We also extend many blessings and best wishes for a long and happy wedded life to Carol Zajc, who became the bride of Ronald Nickles on June 24th at St. Joseph church, Bradley. Carol is the granddaughter of our member Mrs. Agnes Zajc.

We pray for our sick and especially our shut-in, Margaret Hassett.

We offer our sympathy to sister

Thank You From Mrs. Podgorsek

My heartfelt appreciation to you all — wonderful officers and members, for making our 14th National Convention such a pleasant memory for me and I might add, all my sister members of Minnesota.

Everything was so thoughtfully arranged and scheduled, and all were so pleased with the trip.

Being re-elected Supreme Auditor at this Convention fills me with pride and humility. I appreciate being so highly regarded and promise to continue working for the progress and betterment of S.W.U. in Minnesota and throughout the U. S.

God shower His blessing on each and everyone of you. I shall remember your sweet faces and lovely company always.

Anna Podgorsek
Duluth, Minn.

members, Rose Barothy and Marie VandenHout, also to Anne Zorbas on the death of their father Michael Smole, who passed away on June 17 at the age of 85. May he rest in peace!

Our next meeting will be Thursday August 24th at Mollie Metschuleit's home, with Anna LaMontagne as co-hostess.

Gabrielle Lustig, Secretary

No. 34, Soudan, Minn.. Mrs. John Pahula called a special meeting of Br. No. 34 on Thursday evening July 13th when further plans were made for entertaining all Minnesota Branches here at Tower-Soudan on Sunday September 10th on "Minnesota Day."

Our plans call for Registration and "coffee and" at the Parish Hall in Tower at 10 a. m., followed by Holy Mass in St. Martin's church at 11:00 o'clock. Following Mass the business meeting will be held in the Parish Hall and the Banquet is scheduled for 1:00 o'clock in the Soudan School gymnasium which will be large enough to accommodate the large crowd we expect.

Committees were chosen at the meeting last night for all the various activities and with our small membership you can be sure it will require work on every lady's part to accomplish the task—but they are all willing and I'm sure you will all enjoy your visit with us.

Mrs. Barbara Rosandich and Mary Shikonya came to the meeting, from Ely to give us some "pointers" and assistance in planning and estimating the attendance by previous meetings.

Mary Shikonya gave us an interesting report on the recent National Convention of SWU in Washington, D. C. We thank both ladies for coming to our meeting. They assured us there would be a large delegation from Ely here for Minnesota Day.

Our secretary will be sending out Banquet tickets and notice on a \$50 Bond to all the Minnesota Branches within the next few weeks, so look for them — and we hope you have good luck in selling them. Also we will have a lovely quilt on hand here at the Parish Hall.

I want to take this opportunity to invite all members of all Minnesota Branches to be our guests that day—and in addition would feel highly honored if any Supreme Officers (or members of other Branches who might be visiting in this area) would join us on that day. We hope to arrange a good program, we promise you a tasty meal and lots of good will and friendship.

Also, if any members or visitors would like to tour the Soudan Mine State Park this would be a wonderful opportunity to go underground and see where our men earned their livelihood until our mine closed in Dec. of 1962 and became a Minnesota Park since then. Perhaps by that time, we may have some of our Fall colors appearing—and if we do—I am sure you will be impressed with our scenery.

Until we see you on September 10 —have a happy vacation time—and I'll be greeting you at the Parish Hall on that day!

Sincerely, yours,

Mrs. Anthony F. Yapel, Reporter

No. 40, Lorain, O. — Fond memories are still lingering in my mind of the Convention's Grand Banquet held in Washington, D. C.! Even though we were sorry we could not join all the tours that were so well planned, we were pleased we could attend the banquet. Not very often do you see such a large group of Slovenian women and Slovenian dignitaries. The panel of speakers made an impact on everyone present and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks to Irene Planinsek and her committee who made all this possible. My only regret is that the congratulatory telegram I sent to the Convention headquarters from our Branch No. 40 never was delivered. After checking with Western Union, they informed me that it was misplaced because of the Middle East crisis at that time. I take this opportunity to send belated congratulations to the Supreme Officers, Delegates, and members of Br. No. 103 for their Convention efforts.

A week after the Convention, our delegate and secretary to our branch, Mrs. Angela Kozjan was hospitalized

1967 SCHOLARSHIPS

Our two scholarship winners for 1967 have sent us essays on "What the Slovenian Women's Union Mean to Me." Both are appreciative of their Slovenian heritage; certainly they will be a credit to all of Slovenian descent. Again, we wish them continuing academic accomplishments and success in their chosen fields.

I would like to report that at the Slovenian Women's Union Convention last May, donated hand-made articles were sold by Branch No. 103 of Washington, D. C. for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund. This successful sale along with monetary donations from the delegates amounted to \$632.00. This is a sizable addition to the fund for which the committee is most grateful.

In order to maintain a sufficient, stable fund it was suggested by a special Scholarship Committee appointed at the convention that each branch be urged to contribute to this fund every year. An elaborate affair such as a concert might be a means of raising funds or simply donations may be obtained by "passing the hat" at one of your larger meetings. Any effort on your part will be most appreciated.

Hermine M. Dicke, Secretary
Scholarship Committee

And now, here are the essays as prepared by Miss Dorothyann Zakrasek and Mr. John Shuster:

What the Slovenian Women's Union Means to Me

Membership in the Slovenian Women's Union is a tradition in our family, since my grandmother, who migrated from Yugoslavia, and my mother have belonged for many years. I consider it a great privilege to be a part of this organization, because it represents a pride in our culture, emanating from all sections of the United States.

Such occasions as Christmas, when I had the opportunity to participate in singing Slovenian carols and dancing our native folk dances for the older members, have most assuredly enriched my life. Also, the tours offered to Slovenia and the national conventions are wonderful experiences I have been able to share vicariously through other members.

Thus, the preservation of the Slovenian customs contributes to the culture of America simply by remaining distinctive. This is the outstanding accomplishment of the Slovenian Women's Union—the education of each succeeding generation in the dignity of our heritage. Such is the treasured gift the Slovenian Women's Union has bestowed on me, for which I will always remain grateful.

Dorothyann Zakrasek

WHAT THE SLOVENIAN UNION MEANS TO ME

BY JOHN SHUSTER

One of the true beauties of America is that it is comprised of many cultures. Since the Slovenian Women's Union acts to preserve many aspects of Slovenian tradition, it helps to enrich our culture. On its national level this preservation of Slovenian tradition is what the Union is to me, but the overriding value of the organization comes at its local level.

In binding together persons of common descent and in working with others, the Union promotes better understanding among people. It is at both the local meetings and fund raising projects that we can all enjoy and help each other. My being awarded a scholarship demonstrates the Union's desire to help others; this desire is what the Slovenian Women's Union really means to me.

where she underwent surgery and spent almost 3 weeks at St. Joseph's Hospital. We missed her at the meetings and wish her a speedy recovery.

My Aunt, Mrs. Frances Tomazic, celebrated her 85th birthday last month and we all wish her "Happy Birthday" greetings with many more to come. Her daughters baked and served delicious pastries at our meeting, so we all helped her celebrate.

Our treasurer, Mrs. Mary Kilnar, has moved into a new home and we all extend good luck and happiness to her and her husband. We hope that she will remain as active a member and officer as she has been in all affairs in the past.

One of our oldest members, Mrs. Amalia Ursic, passed away last month. We will all remember her in our prayers and may she rest in peace!

It is sad to see our older members slowly leaving us, especially if you

have known them all your life. The new generation seems to move all over the country away from their home towns, so these older members can never be replaced.

In closing we all hope to see a good turnout at our next meeting.

Albina Uehlein

No. 50, Cleveland, Ohio. At our June meeting we found that 3 of our ladies are on the sick list. Frances Sitez is confined to Lake County Memorial Hospital, West, Rose Zelodec at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, and Sophie Posch is recuperating at home after surgery. God willing, maybe they'll be with us at the next meeting. Let's all get together and send them a card or pay them a visit. Fran has been ill so long, so we'll all join in together and say a prayer for her.

Mitzi and Josie Bencin looked very summery at our last meeting and it's always a pleasure to have them attend. Emily Unik was just as pretty as ever, along with Anne Hocevar. Julia Woda hasn't been to a meeting for quite a spell, wonder if she'll surprise us at the next one. Won't you, Julia?

We were very proud to initiate 3 new members into our branch and they are: Helen Di Lisi, Rose Roesch, and Darinka Klun. Welcome to Br. No. 50 ladies, and may your stay be a long and healthy one!

A delayed bit of news about the Convention—Lee Ann Gordon, granddaughter of Ernestine Jevce, was the newest and youngest member to join S.W.U. and congratulations are in order for both.

Mary Bostian is starting a Junior Bowling League in Euclid, O., and Toni Turek is starting one on good

ole St. Clair Ave., lovely ladies and they will be glad to help you.

Mary would also like to get a group of ladies to form a singing group; if you enjoy singing, then you'll most likely enjoy participating with the ladies. If there is anyone interested, please come to the next meeting and more will be discussed about this. You know that our ladies are game for anything, so why not give us a try on this?

Ladies, we have something that will be of interest to all of you, and that is the idea of building a Slovenian Shrine at the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Washington, D. C. If there are any of you that would like to make a donation, no matter how large or small, contact Toni Turek about more details. We are very proud of our Slovenian heritage, and would like every one to know it, so this is our way of showing the world that we will always be in existence. Please do all you can to help, as any little donation will be accepted.

Our next meeting will be a Picnic meeting at Emily Unik's lovely Home-on-the-Lake, on August 21, and it will be even better than last year's, even though that would be hard to beat! Will be able to report more on that next month, so join me in reading the ZARJA!

Sept. 18, is our next meeting in Baragov Dom, at the usual time, and please make it your business to attend, as plans for the State Convention in Barberton, Ohio will be discussed. We intend to charter a bus for our members so that no one will have to drive and we can also stay a little longer to enjoy ourselves. Won't you please lend us a hand in ideas and make it easier for all concerned? We'd love to have each and everyone go to the State Convention, even if you'd like to bring your husbands along.

John Vovko, son of Louise Vovko, who is studying for the Priesthood, was ordained a Deacon recently, and for a while was helping out at St. Vitus church, but just recently was assigned to St. Augustine's parish in Barberton, O. Congratulations, John! Louise is on her way to visit her relatives in Europe for the summer. Have a happy and safe Journey, Louise.

Nancy Beck, daughter of Marie Beck, who is a recipient of our Scholarship Fund, graduated from the Milwaukee County Hospital, as a Dietician. Congratulations, Nancy!

Until the next meeting which will be on Sept. 18th, I suggest you bring a friend along as a member or guest, as our membership is increasing beautifully. Thank you!

Angie Lube

No. 55, Girard, Ohio. — Greetings from Girard, Ohio. Hope you are all enjoying the very best of health and also your vacation. Just thought I

CALLING ALL JUNIORS FOR BOWLING!

Slovenian Women's Union Junior Bowling Leagues are now being organized in Cleveland. All Juniors between the ages of 9 years to 16 years of age in the Collinwood, E. 185 St., Euclid, Wickliffe and Willowwick areas interested in bowling will bowl at Shore Bowling Alleys on E. 222 St. and Lake Shore Boulevard. Starting time will be 1 p. m. on Sept. 9, 1967. Members only are eligible to bowl. Any Junior who is not a member and would like to bowl can join for only 10c a month. Please contact Mary Bostian IV 1-4710 for more information.

All Juniors from the St. Clair Area will bowl at Grdina Lanes, St. Clair and 60th St. Please call Toni Turek for more information. Telephone 944-3996.

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would drop a line letting you know of our hospitalized members. Mrs. Josephine Perusek is confined to North Side Unit in Youngstown and Mrs. Helen Krizancic spent some time in the Osteopathic Hospital in Farrell, Pa. Get well cards were sent out and our prayers for a speedy recovery.

We wish to extend our congratulations to August Selak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Selak of Smithsonian St., in Girard on his graduation from Ursulin High School in Youngstown. He will attend John Carroll University in Cleveland starting in September. Best of luck to you, August!

May God bless and watch over each of you and your loved ones!

Mary Ann Mehalco

No. 66, Canon City, Colo. Our 14th National Convention is behind us. A great success and congratulations are in order first for our elected Supreme Officers with wishes for a successful three year term.

Congratulations to all graduates. I am exceptionally proud of our grandson, Dominic Cingoranelli, Jr., who walked away with so many honors and scholarship to the Colorado University plus the Royal Gorge Scholarship. He is a graduate of the Holy Cross Abbey here in Canon City.

Our Convention at Washington, D. C. was a success and all our thanks to Irene Planinsek and her committee and to our Corinne for the wonderful tours, meals and the nice hotel planned for us. To me, everything was so wonderful, it seems like a dream. Never had I enjoyed anything so much. The bus drivers were also very courteous and explained all our tours so thoroughly.

The banquet and program too, was very good. I also must mention our little accordian player, Olga Saye, who is so marvelous with the accordian. Everybody enjoyed her playing and singing. All in all, everything was great! Thanks to everyone who had anything to do with making our stay in Washington so pleasant.

Our picnic which was to held in June was postponed until further notice.

Sister Johanna Plautz left here on June 21st for a trip to Slovenia for a visit. Sister Agnes Lukman was

hospitalized for pneumonia in the Florence Hospital but is doing fine now and is at home.

Sister Philip Marie Yankovich, O.S.B., professed temporary vows at the Sacred Heart Motherhouse in Lisle, Ill. Sister Philip Marie is a niece of our sister members, Cecile and Mildred Adamic and sister Antoinette Zupan.

Our State Convention will be held in Pueblo on Sept. 10th. Hope we have a good attendance from our branch.

Best wishes to a sweet gal, Jane Bevec, from Camp Springs, Md. I met her here at our Convention Banquet. She was on the program with a group of singers.

A happy vacation to everyone and to those who are on the sick list—our prayers. Christine Konte, pres.

No. 72, Pullman, Ill. Mrs. Okorn passed away since our last writing in Zarja. Our sincere symyathies to her family. Also, our sympathies to Mrs. Globokar on the loss of her husband who away in June, and to the family of Peter Vrhovnik, who was father-in-law to our member Margaret Vrhovnik. These people will all be missed by many. May they rest in peace!

Our president, Mrs. Bezljaj, must surely be enjoying California, as she is still there after several months. We miss you Mrs. Bezljaj, and hope you will be coming back soon.

Mrs. Klun had a fall recently and broke her wrist. Mrs. Dreshar also had a fall and hurt her back, along with other complications. Right now she is in the hospital. We hope both of these members will be well by the time you read this in Zarja. Our best wishes for their recovery are with them.

Jenny Brljavec is recuperating well but slowly, after her long illness. Our best wishes to her too, and to all other members who might be ill.

Mrs. Mesic is quite ill and is in the St. Luke-Presbyterian Hospital. We know it would make her happy to hear from you. We do hope you will be well, very soon, Mrs. Mesic.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon September 17th, at the home of Angela Arko, 318 West 111th Place. Please plan to attend.

Wilma Zagar

Hermine Prisland Dicke:

COOKS & CANS and PASTIME

The Catholic Council Women of the St. Elizabeth Parish of Duluth, Minn. to which many of our members belong are undertaking the sale of their cookbook, "Favorite Recipes of Friends". Originally the book was published in 1963, but due to the request for more copies, the women of the parish have had a second printing made and have made this their top money raising project of the year. The recipes are the ones most asked for by family and friends and are all home tested. The sketches and fore each chapter were drawn by Mrs. Florence Burger a member of Branch No. 33, who is very artistic. A copy of this cookbook can be received by sending \$2.75 (includes postage) to Mrs. Frank Misiewicz, 411 West McGongale St., Duluth, Minn., 55808.

"The following recipe," Mrs. Misiewicz writes, "has been served often by members at our meeting with cream cheese or just plain buttered."

CARROT BREAD

- ¾ cup Mazola Oil
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup grated carrot
- ½ cup nuts

Mix all ingredients together. Bake in greased loaf pan, in 350 degree oven for about 45 minutes. Submitted by member, Mrs. Wm. DelZotto.

CORN BEEF HOT DISH

Another good family dish from this cookbook is as follows:

- ½ oz. package wide noodles
- 4 oz. American cheese (grated)
- 2 cans cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup
- 1 can whole kernel corn or peas
- 1 can corned beef
- 2 cups milk
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup buttered bread crumbs

Cook noodles in salted water. Drain, add all the ingredients except bread crumbs. Sprinkle bread crumbs on top, bake in greased baking dish at 350 degree oven for 1 hour. Submitted by member, Mrs. Rose Kresky.

Mrs. Alvina Sreboth, No. 16, So. Chicago, Ill. was kind enough to mail me two delicious recipes featuring shrimp and broccoli.

SHRIMP CURRY

- 4 green onions, sliced
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
 - ¼ cup milk
 - ¼ tablespoon curry powder
 - ½ pound cleaned shrimp
 - 1 avocado pared and diced
- Cook onions in butter 5 minutes. Add soup; blend in milk. Stir in powder and shrimp. Heat through, add avocado and heat 1 minute more. Do not overcook. Serve with hot rice.

BAKED BROCCOLI

- 2 tablespoons minced onion
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 packages (10 oz. each) thawed, frozen broccoli
 - 3 eggs, well beaten
 - 1 cup sharp cheese, cut in ½ inch squares
 - ½ cup buttered bread crumbs
 - ¼ cup slivered almonds
- Cook onion in butter 5 minutes. Blend in flour and salt. Mix eggs and cheese with broccoli. Add the cooked onion. Turn into buttered casserole. Top with bread crumbs and almonds. Bake at 250 degrees about 50 minutes or until custard is set. (Serves 8)

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The Washington Post recently featured an article on Mrs. Mark Hatfield in the column "For and About Women". The former Antoinette Kuzmanich, daughter of a Yugoslav-born Portland longshoreman is of Creation nationality. The article reads, "Mrs. Hatfield, wife of the junior senator from Oregon, never flinched at giving receptions and teas for as many as 5000 when Mr. Hatfield was governor of Oregon. Now, in Washington, D. C. she prefers to give small dinners for six. An excellent cook and author of a cookbook, ReMARKable Recipes," now in its fifth printing, she prepares the dinners herself. Her favorite menu is boned leg of lamb with minted pears, corn souffle, and, for dessert, "Something strawberry" or her husband's favorite lime pie.

The recipe for the latter, taken from her cookbook, follows:

KEY LIME CHIFFON CAKE

- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope unflavored gelatin)
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 egg yolks
- ¼ cup water
- ½ cup lime juice
- 2 teaspoons grated lime peel
- 3 drops green food coloring
- 4 egg whites
- ½ cup sugar

Line pie pan with pastry, bake and set aside on cooling rack to cool completely.

Mix gelatin, ⅔ cup sugar, and salt in top of double boiler. Beat egg yolks, water and lime juice together; stir into gelatin mixture. Set over boiling water. Thoroughly heat mixture, stirring constantly, and continue cooking five minutes to cook egg yolks and dissolve gelatin. Remove from heat and stir in the lime peel and food coloring until blended.

Cool. Chill in refrigerator or over ice and water until mixture begins to jell (becomes slightly thicker). Stir occasionally.

Beat egg whites until frothy. Add the ½ cup sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Beat until stiff peaks are formed. Fold in the chilled gelatin mixture until thoroughly blended. Turn filling into pastry shell. Chill until firm. Makes one 9-inch pie.

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We appreciate very much using recipes from Mrs. Wm. DelZotto and Mrs. Rose Kresky. Thank you, too, Mrs. Sreboth, for your favorite shrimp and broccoli recipes. Best wishes,
Hermine

No. 73, Warrensville, O. Well, school is out and summer is in full swing. And my son broke his arm! Hope our other junior members are more careful!

We have three new members: Elsie Kabat, Alice Biscan and Agnes Kable. It surely is nice to have you as members and hope to see you at the next meeting in Sept. It'll be a cookout, if the weather permits.

We all want to wish Louise Liska and her husband a very happy 25th Wedding Anniversary and many more happy and healthy years together. I also heard that Mrs. Sklenicka had a birthday party for her 81st birthday! Happy Birthday and many more to come!

Have a nice vacation and be careful. To all graduates, congratulations!

Betty Bayus, Reporter

No. 73, Warrensville Hgts., Ohio. Our members were so glad to hear the report on our Washington trip and National Convention. 9 of us conventioners were present at the meeting that had a total attendance of 24 members. Everyone had something nice to say about the trip to Washington, what they saw, the good food, courteous drivers, nice boat ride, very nice people they met and talked with, seeing and hearing our Ohio Senator, Frank J. Lausche. Everything was so enjoyable! A big "Thank You" to all who worked to make this trip possible, which will be remembered by all.

The members were very happy at

S. W. U's NEW MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN:

"NEW ERA MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN"

From July 1, 1967 to October 31, 1967

Instituted after the most successful and historic 14th National Convention, this campaign is in tribute to the New Era which the SWU is now enjoying! With the help and interest of all members, this organization can continue for many more glorious years!

Prizes will be as follows: (Point system)

- 1 point for a new member in Class B
- 1/2 point for a new member in Class A
- 1/4 point for a new Junior Class member

Cash will be paid according to the points tallied:
at \$1.00 cash for each accumulated point!

Branches will be entitled to the following cash awards:

- First place branch: \$25.00
- Second place branch: \$15.00
- Third place branch: \$10.00

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the decisions of the Convention, that the dues would not be raised, glad to hear about the 21 year olds being allowed to stay to the age of 25 and the raising of the Class B age limit to 60 years. They all enjoy reading Zarja.

It was nice seeing all of the Supreme Officers and hope we will all stay well until the next Convention when we will meet again. Good luck to all.
Louise Epley, Sec.

No. 89, Oglesby, Ill. — The summer meetings brought under discussion the new By-Laws. Mrs. Frances Nemeth who was delegate to the National Convention gave the report. It was advised that all members read the monthly magazine "The Dawn" to familiarize themselves with the new changes. The organization can only progress with well informed members.

The social hour was shortened because of the hot weather, but the committee had prepared cool refreshments. The secretary would like all those in arrears with their dues to pay them up to date. To the sick members we wish a quick recovery.
Mary Kernz, Reporter

No. 95, So. Chicago, Ill. There are many reasons why our May meetings are always a smashin' success, amidst a relaxed atmosphere of 102 members who gathered for the crowning ceremonies of our Mother-of-the-Year Mrs. Sophie Barbich. Laughter and tears were in order when she was presented with a bouquet of red carnations and a gay corsage was pinned on our outgoing mother, Mrs. Rose Boerner. Each mother present was pinned with a carnation which climaxed the evening. Again, the ingenious Marge Krmpotich created her own Madonna Centerpiece and presented it to our Mother-of-the-Year,

who certainly was surprised and deeply touched. We were especially pleased with the many guests and members of her family who attended.

The members also enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Choral Tones, a group of area women who started as a PTA chorus, and now entertain at other area functions. They presented a short program and added a medley of songs to the Mother's Day theme, which made the evening complete.

The next highlight of the evening was awarding of five cash prizes. The lucky winner of the first prize was: Helen Yuretovac and others were: Ann Kuehl, (second) Mary Lou Tomich (third) Paula Miljak (fourth) Rose Krneta (fifth.) Congratulations winners! My sincere thanks to Evelyn Driscoll who assumed the responsibility as the chairlady for our booklet, and who always does a tremendous job, I just cannot emphasize enough how much of a help she is to me.

The recipient of a lovely afghan was Helen Stewart, donated by Mary Simunic. Many thanks Mary for your generous contribution!

After the evening program, we retired to a heavily laden table of goodies, prepared by the following: Mary and Barbara Sambol, Amelia and Rose Cuzella, Rose Boerner, Helen Golich, Sophie Barbich, Manda Dosen, Mary Perkovich, Vica Rukavina, Helen Price, Ann Hlacer, Mary Munder, Ann Nagoda, Olga Krmpotich, Mary Jurko, Rose Krneta, Evelyn Driscoll, Mildred Poropat, Eva Cora, Ann Pave, Ann Kompere and yours truly. Cash donated by: Helen Stewart and Mary Duich, Marge Innis and Ann Sertich (\$1). Your contributions are most appreciated.

Belated birthday greetings to those who are celebrating in June: Anna Cavlovich, Mildred Hutnick, Mary

Kozul, Alyce Kropel, Mary Rezek, Barbara Sambol, Manda Sarich, Anna Starceovich, Victoria Tomich, Dolores Sambol, Katherine Jackovich, and Mary Kostecka.

July celebrants are: Louise Dichele, Mary Margaret Faron, Matilda Grepo, Anna Loncar, Mary Medonich, Milka Miljak, Joane Paulich, Manda Nosich, Mary Possedi, Sylvia Werner, Marge Krmpotich, Ann Matesevac (Cal) and Mary Jane Brezone.

August celebrants are: Rose Ballock, Louise Bogovich, Rose Dean, Ann Kompere, Ann Kuehle, Bernice Golden, Matilda Martin, Mary Matijevich, Anna Nagoda, Ella Nosich, Anna Plesha, Mildred Poropat, Genevieve Ross, Katherine Rukavina, Mary Zelenika, Matilda Stevens, Emma Yergovich, Eva Mlinarich, and Olga Krmpotich.

We were also happy to welcome two newcomers to our branch: Helen Price and Julia Drzal.

In conclusion, plan to attend the September 6th meeting when we will try to have something planned for you.
Mildred James

No. 96, Universal, Pa. — The meeting in was very nice altho the weather was very warm. We had a delicious feast on the table. Hostess was Helen Richtar. In August we will meet on the 14th at the home of Josephine Borkovich at 6:30 p. m. outdoors.

Best wishes for good health to our ill members, especially, Mmes. Jennie Rother, Frances Oblock, Sr. and Jerica Sifler. Our delightful member, Frances Boyt Velicic is now well and happy after her operation for cataracts. Former president, Anna Podobnik says she has the same illness. We wish her good health.

Members, please look into your dues books and take care of back assess-

ment payments. If you would pay "ahead", it would save many embarrassment and give me lots less work. Also, take care of any changes in policy, beneficiaries, etc. It helps keep things in order.

Don't forget the meeting date, Aug. 14th at 6:30 p. m.

Paula Kokal, Pres.

No. 100, Fontana, Cal. With great pleasure we report that our June meeting was excellent in attendance; as per custom, we adjourned until Sept. 7th. The summer months intermittently will not be idle ones due to our plans for a Rummage Sale, date as yet unannounced that will take place soon after we re-convene in the fall. At the conclusion of our session, calories and coffee were served in honor of our birthday celebrants, Fay Videgar, Mary Evanish, Anna Petrich, Mary Videgar and Victoria Jelusic.

The following lines are especially written to create an interest in a money-making venture to boost our bank balance. A Rummage Sale is always profitable, it's work and fun combined. Br. 100 members, old and new, once again we call on you. We need a host of things to sell and working together, our funds will swell. If you're an "old, used treasure keeper", we hope you'll dig a little deeper and gather all those still useful things . . . like clothes or rings or ancient rings. If you'll look in all the nooks, you might find some magazines and books. Chairs and tables, coats and sables, shoes and boots and good men's suits! Just anything as you can see, will make our goal a reality. You have received my poetic call, so come one, come all! Join in, save up, let's have a ball! Now you know the gist of this mail, an appeal for a successful Rummage Sale!

Our sisters, Anna Petrich and Josephine Strnad are hospitalized — please remember them in your prayers.

(On July 5th, Mrs. Petrich was called to her eternal reward. We received word of it after this report was written. The Editor and all Supreme Officers wish to extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of Anna Petrich, one of our finest pioneer officers and organizers. God grant her sweet and everlasting peace!)

Get well wishes are also sent across the miles to Mrs. Johanna Telban, Mrs. Christina Pierman and Miss Mary Reich, all of Br. 2, Chicago.

It is with a heavy heart that I inform the readers of Zarja of yet another empty chair at our meetings. The hand of God called home our dear sister, Frances Lukanich. May God grant special blessings for her works and for the numerous qualities she possessed. The fierce pride

in her Slovenian heritage and Americanism shall not soon be forgotten. Despite her afflictions, she was a faithful member to infinity. Br. 100 extends sincere condolences to her husband, Joe and to her entire family circle.

God bless each and every one whose eyes are cast upon the pages herein printed. See you in Sept., God willing.

Edith Drawenek

No. 102, Willard, Wis. Our May meeting was held at the beautifully remodeled home of Mrs. Frank Pakiz. We had a number of interesting activities planned, but were interrupted by a phone call telling us that one of our dear members, Mrs. Johanna Artac had suffered a stroke at the Neillville Convalescent Home. Upon the request of Mrs. Anna Volovsek, we immediately bowed our heads and recited a prayer for her. Since then, she has recovered and is getting along quite well.

Our members re-affirmed their desire to buy the Holy Family Memorial for our new church and designated a few choices. It will be a hand carved relief statue to be placed at the entry way to the church proper. The cost will be \$675.00. It is going to take a lot of hard work by all members to raise this money.

The masons have already built the cement block-brick veneered walls of our dining hall which they plan to have completed by the annual Bazaar in August.

We held a Blind Auction on Thursday evening at the hall. A nice variety of items were donated and sold.

We postponed the cookware project until our next meeting.

Mrs. John Francel won a pretty hair-pin crocheted lace hankie donated by Mrs. Antonia Champa. Mrs. Champa and her husband are now touring their beloved homeland — Slovenia.

We wish a speedy recovery to Miss Frances Lesar who underwent serious surgery and to Mrs. Anna Horvat who had two operations including heart surgery.

Sophie Trunkel, Reporter

No. 103, Washington, D. C. An interesting historical experience awaited those members who toured the Gettysburg battlefield in conjunction with our meeting the second Sunday in June at the Antolin home in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The 1½ hr. drive proved to be a relaxing one and when we arrived at the Antolin home we were greeted by their 12 excited youngsters and refreshing beverages. After everyone had gathered together, a tasty potluck picnic lunch, which was ultra special and ever so tasty was served.

The members, their families and friends sampled everything from fried chicken and salads to homemade cake

and jelly roll. There must have been enough food and beverages left to supply even a few more meals.

Following the lunch, a short meeting was held under a shady walnut tree. It was agreed to eliminate meetings during the months of July and August and then resume again in September. Possibilities of a late September picnic and a second anniversary celebration in November were mentioned as projects for the coming year. Pictures, large SWU buttons and souvenirs from the convention were also passed out to those in attendance. Our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Antolin then suggested we conclude our meeting and begin the tour of the Gettysburg battlefield which was only a few miles away. After Mr. Antolin gave a brief historical background we were on our way to the historical spot.

The tour began at the Visitor's Center with a movie explaining the Civil War, the cemetery and the monuments which dot the battlefield. Next we attended the Cyclorama Theater which depicted the final battle of the three-day encounter, and then on to the driving tour through the battleground and cemetery, stopping for a few minutes at Devil's Den, a strategic point in the attack.

One hundred and four years have passed since that great dramatic episode known as the "Civil War" or "The War between the States." Although the battle at Gettysburg did not end the war it remains the greatest battle of the Civil War. On July 3, 1863, the final battle decided the turn of events and guaranteed the preservation of the Union.

Here can be seen hundreds of monuments honoring those that fought and died in this three-day confrontation. One can re-trace the steps those brave soldiers must have taken as they fought in wheat fields, woods and behind rocky hills. It is apparent why Abraham Lincoln was so moved by this area that he delivered the immortal Gettysburg Address, on this hallowed spot, in commemoration of the northern and southern forces that consecrated the ground by their blood.

Following the tour the group returned to the Antolin residence driving past the former President Eisenhower's farm. When we returned, cooling refreshments under the shady trees, were enjoyed along with singing to the accompaniment of Mr. B. Chokel and his magic guitar.

It was indeed a Sunday afternoon to remember and we are grateful for the opportunity to visit with the Antolin Family. Once again our host and hostess have extended an invitation to return. They have another historical spot in mind for the next June meeting in 1968.

Happy summertime!

Irene M. Planinsek

MINUTES OF THE 14TH NATIONAL TRI-ENNIAL CONVENTION MAY 24-28, 1967 — WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Continued from last month.)

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1967 CONVENTION SESSION II

The second Convention session of the 14th National Convention of Slovenian Women's Union convened at 8:30 a. m. on Friday 26, 1967 at the Crystal Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.

The Convention was opened by the president, Antonia Turek and prayer was led by Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Okorn. The greetings received by the Convention were read.

The President called for the Supreme Officers reports which were not given on Thursday. All reports were given and approved.

Upon conclusion of the reports a standing ovation was proposed by State Pres. Rose Scoff for the Convention "arrangers" Irene Planinsek and Corinne Leskovar. Miss Planinsek responded with a very warm welcome to the delegates and officers stating her compliments to them for the work done in the past 40 years to make SWU what it is today. "Woman power you have shown is fantastic," was among her comments. She expressed much appreciation to all for coming to Washington and being such nice guests. She also announced that the hand-work was being accepted by the committee.

The President then called for reports from the Convention Committees. First to be called was the By-Law Committee, Marie Prislund, chairman.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BY-LAWS

Presented by the By-Law Committee

AMENDMENT

to the

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of the

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION OF AMERICA

ARTICLE II

The Objectives for which the Slovenian Women's Union of America is formed, are:

The primary purpose of this Union is to unite women of Slovenian origin and their families, living in the United States of America, who are in good health, of good moral character, of Catholic faith and not over 50 years of age. Catholic women and their families of other ethnic groups are to be invited to join this Union.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS and REGULATIONS

of

THE SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION OF AMERICA

NEW AMENDMENTS

The Objectives of the Organization

4. The objectives of this organization are as follows:
a) To unite women and their families of Slovenian or other descent, living in the United States of America, being in good health, of good moral character, and of Catholic faith.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

14. To the Convention Committees appointed by the Supreme President, shall be added—Committee on Promotions and Publications.

The second last sentence shall read::

The Election Committee shall present two candidates for every Supreme Office — and two candidates for Alternates to the Supreme Auditors.

DELEGATES

17. The consolidated branches have at least 200 members to be entitled to one delegate.

THE SUPREME BOARD

29. The Supreme Board, of which seven members are the Directors, shall consist of:

The Founder as Honorary President; Supreme President; Supreme Vice-President; Supreme Secretary; Supreme Treasurer; Three Auditors; Editor Official Organ; Director of Women's and Sports Activities; Director of Youth Activities and seven State Presidents.

DIRECTORS

43. The Board of Directors shall meet annually during the last week of February at the Home Office, to audit all the financial accounts, investments and records of the Union and to set plans for future progress of the organization. Any Supreme Board member may attend these meetings on invitation of the Supreme President.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

50. The Supreme President, Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Treasurer shall comprise the Finance Committee. The Supreme President shall transact the business of investing the Union's Funds according to the Insurance Laws of the State of Illinois. She shall report all financial transaction to the Board of Directors and to the National Convention. She shall allocate accumulated gains to the organization's Classified Funds. Founder shall be the advisor of the Finance Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

52. The Union shall maintain a Scholarship Fund, separate from the central treasury. The Fund is managed by the Secretary of the Scholarship Committee. She accepts all contributions to the Fund and applications for Scholarship grants and distributes the awards to the winning applicants in conformity with the Scholarship Committee, composed of three Directors: The Founder, the Supreme President, and the Supreme Secretary.

53. The Scholarship Secretary prepares a report of income and disbursements of the Scholarship Fund, to be presented to every meeting of the Board of Directors in writing and personally to the National Convention. She publishes in the Official Organ the names and qualifications of students receiving scholarship grant.

STATE PRESIDENTS

62. To be added to the end of article . . . To the National Convention she presents a report of recommendations submitted by the branches in her state or in her group of states.

66. . . . to be deleted.

SUPREME SECRETARY

69. The first sentence shall read: She shall balance her books and accounts pertaining to the Union's administration and submit them annually for audit.

SUPREME TREASURER

77. To be added to the last sentence: She shall submit her books and accounts to the Auditors for an annual audit.

AUDITORS

79. Candidates and Alternates for Auditors shall be those who have business ability . . .

b) change from semi-yearly to annually.

EDITOR

83. The third sentence shall read: She shall submit her accounts to the Auditors annually.

SURETY BONDS

90. The Editor-Manager shall be deleted and the Manager of Scholarship Fund shall be included.

OFFICIAL ORGAN

104. The subscription price of the official Organ shall be twenty cents monthly for social members, and \$3.00 yearly for non-members.

MEMBERSHIP

105. All women and their families of Slovenian descent and women and their families of other ethnic groups being in good health, of good moral character and of Catholic faith, shall be accepted into the organization. Members of the Adult Department in Class A shall be at least 16 years of age and not over 50 years old. Class B member's age shall be from 16 to 60 years.

106. Every subordinate branch may accept its own social members of any age, if it so desires. Such members shall subscribe to the Official Organ ZARJA for which they shall pay 20 cents monthly. This amount shall be forwarded each month to the Home Office with the regular assessment of the Branch. The social members shall not be entitled to any benefits from the Union but shall receive such benefits as are offered them by their Local Branch.

ASSESSMENTS

115. To meet the liabilities of the Union, a monthly assessment shall be levied on each member. The regular monthly assessment shall be:

Forty-five cents (45c) for members in Class A;

Seventy cents (70c) for members in Class B

This assessment is payable until the member reaches his 75th year. Then the assessment is 20 cents monthly for members in Class A and 35 cents monthly for members in Class B, this to cover the managing expenses.

Junior Assessment shall be 10 cents monthly.

All assessments shall be payable in advance on the first day of each Calendar month.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS

117. The monthly income from assessments and other sources shall support all and any financial obligations the Union might have. The following shall be the source of income:

All monthly assessments and other fees from the regular and social members; all the interest and dividends earned by investments; all the money received from the sale of any publication the Union may sponsor; all the rent from Real Estate. From this General Fund shall be paid all the death benefits, salaries, managing expenses, printing of the Official Organ, National Convention expenditures, per diems, and traveling of Officers in promoting educational and recreational activities.

DEATH BENEFIT

118. To be added . . . \$100.00 for all who enrolled between the age of 57 and up to 60 years.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

121. Children ranging from birth to 25 years of age, who are in good health, shall be accepted into the Junior Department. Their assessment shall be ten cents monthly. In the event of death, and after two years of Junior membership, the Union shall pay to the beneficiaries \$100.00 death benefit.

122. The Junior member certificate expires at the age of 25 years. When the Junior member attains the age of 16 years, she or he may be transferred into the Adult Department. At such time a Rider of \$50.00 is attached

to her or his certificate for the normal amount, to be payable at death, providing such a Junior member was enrolled before its first birthday. If a Junior was a member over ten years at the time of transfer to the Adult Department she or he shall receive one year free assessment in Adult Class.

125. Junior members may attend the meetings of the Subordinate branch, but shall not have a voice at the elections. Their voting right begins after the transfer into the Adult Class.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF SUBORDINATE BRANCHES

146. The officers of the branch shall be elected at the annual meeting in December. The new slate of officers shall be presented by the Nominating Committee.

PRESIDENT

155. The president shall appoint all special committees including the Nominating Committee which shall be appointed one month before the election of officers.

157. She shall be empowered to call special meeting of the branch when majority of members so demand.

MEETINGS OF THE BRANCHES

187. Monthly is deleted since many branches do not hold meetings in summer.

190. A majority of votes cast at a meeting shall decide all transactions of a Subordinate branch and of elections of officers and delegates. If a vote is tied, another ballot shall be cast until the majority is attained.

196. The Ritual in tribute to a deceased member shall be performed at the Funeral Home and not at the grave.

GENERAL DECISIONS

197. The By-Laws accepted and approved at the 14th regular National Convention held May 24-28, 1967 at the city of Washington, D. C. shall become effective July 1, 1967.

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The following are some of the comments and additions discussed on the proposals.

On proposal to paragraph 43: Supreme President will make one official visit to the Home Office per year to meet with the Executive Committee in addition to the single Board of Directors meeting held yearly.

On proposal 50: Motion by delegate E. Planisek (20), seconded by delegate Frances Nemeth (89): The Honorary President and Founder shall be advisor to the Finance Committee. It is also recommended that she attend all business meetings of the Executive Committee as she is able.

On proposal 62: Motion by Supreme Treas. Josephine Zeleznikar seconded by State Pres. Mildred James: Every State President must take the responsibility of holding State Conventions yearly and that branches should take greater interest in the state conventions. Also, it was the recommendation of the convention that in the year of a National Convention all State Conventions be held, and at a time following that of the National Convention so to enable the officers and delegates to present the convention decisions before their branches.

On proposal 121: discussion centered on the question of the age of transfer proposed. By a show of hands, a vote was taken resulting in the majority for the proposal as presented.

The changes and recommendations of the By-Law Committee were accepted unanimously, moved by Supreme Officer Eliz. Zefran, seconded by State Pres. M. James.

The Convention adjourned for luncheon at 12:15 p. m.

The Supreme President reconvened the Convention at 2:00 p. m. Greetings were read.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee followed. It was given by the chairman, Marie Floryan.

Resolution on the Establishment of American Consulate in Ljubljana, Slovenia was passed.

Resolution on America Beautiful Program was passed.

Resolution on Re-establishment of former Voice of America Broadcasts to Slovenia was passed.

Resolution on a Commemorative Stamp in Observance of the 1200th Anniversary of the Christianization of Slovenians, passed.

Resolution on the proposed Slovenian Shrine at the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception was read and the committee decision passed as follows: To support and give moral sanction to the recommendation for a Slovenian Shrine and to join a combined effort by Slovenian clergy, Slovenian parishes throughout the United States and all major Slovenian Catholic organizations to seek funds for this cause. This decision was passed.

Resolution on American Youth Week was passed.

A general Thank You to the following:

Rev. Francis Blatnik for his mass offering, special intentions for delegates and welfare of S. W. U.

Rev. Claude Okorn for his daily mass offering, opening and closing of convention, and his interesting articles in Zarja-The Dawn.

Miss Irene Planinsek, General Chairman, for the convention committees, for their excellent planning and devoted energy for the convention.

Br. No. 103, Washington, D. C. for their hospitality in making the convention such an enjoyable and educational one.

Mrs. Marie Prislund, Founder, for having the foresight in organizing the SWU, and making it the wonderful organization it is today.

Washington Hilton Hotel for their courtesies.

Ray A. Marolt, for his services as altar boy.

Thanks to the delegation for their various gifts and cash donations towards the scholarship fund.

Thanks to the members for their gifts to the delegates (ie. candy, seeds, pens, etc.)

Thanks to Editor, C. Leskovar and members of Br. No. 50 (also honor guards) in national Slovenian costume, for the ceremony in memory of deceased members.

Thanks to the Supreme Board Officers for their fine leadership in the past years.

The Report of this committee was accepted.

The Report of the Salaries and Per Diem Committee was given by chairman, Ann Kompore, (95) as follows:

Salaries and compensations of officers are as the committee decided hereby given:

Spiritual Advisor, \$150.00 annual award; Finance Committee Secretary, \$75.00 monthly salary plus \$25.00 administration expenses; Supreme President \$100.00 monthly salary plus \$25.00 admin. compensation; Supreme Vice-President, \$50.00 annual award; Supreme Secretary, \$450.00 monthly salary with taxes paid by the Union; Supreme Treasurer, \$300.00 annual award; Supreme Auditors, \$50.00 annual award plus per diem for the time of Board of Directors' Meetings; Editor, \$350.00 monthly salary plus \$50.00 traveling expenses to printing shop; Director of Women's Activities, \$100.00 annual award plus \$50.00 for promotional fund; Director of Juvenile Activities, \$50.00 annual award plus \$50.00 for promotional activities — this compensation to be made according to the amount of work undertaken; State Presidents, \$50.00 annual award plus \$25.00 (one per diem) if State Con-

vention is held; Part-time Home Office helper, \$125.00 monthly.

The Convention Awards are proposed by this Committee as follows:

President of Convention: \$100.00; Secretary of Convention 1 month salary; Chairman of By-Laws Committee, \$200.00; Editor, 1 month salary; two Recording Secretaries, \$50.00 each; Irene Planinsek for her duties as hostess to this Convention, \$250.00.

The Committee also recommends that per diem be \$25.00.

All proposals made by this Committee were passed.

Report of the Appeals Committee was given by chairman, Frances Plesko (12). One appeal was presented for the Junior Rider proposal which was already discussed and passed by Convention on By-Law 121.

Scholarship Committee Report was given by chairman, Hermine Dicke, as follows.

It was unanimously agreed by all the members of this committee who co-operated on this report that the following qualifications be asked for Scholarship Grants given by the SWU.

1. Only High School graduating students are to be considered for Scholarships.

2. At least one year should intervene between the awarding of scholarships to the same branch. No branch shall, in the future, receive two scholarships in succession.

3. Only one scholarship should ever be awarded to one family.

Branches are requested to sponsor money making projects each year for this cause. Suggestions are: to "pass the hat" at one of the larger meetings of the year; to hold a bake sale or other project (such as the one begun last night through the combined efforts of Mrs. Zeleznikar, Rose Kraemer, Marion Marolt, Betty Bayus, and others and Olga Saye who played her accordian at the social and to get the delegates and visitors in a good mood. A nice amount was raised), or through out-right donations.

Finally, if the fund is increased appreciably, a third scholarship could be recommended at the next convention. Report accepted.

Report on the Women's Activities Committee was given by chairman Eliz. Zefran, as follows:

Very successful Bowling Tournaments are being held in the Midwest and East. A tournament in Virginia, Minn. was held which proves that it can be done. This year juvenile bowlers are beginning to show interest and enthusiasm and juvenile leagues should be formed at branches where possible. Mixed leagues for bowling are also advised.

The tours to Canada's shrines are very successful. This year a tour will be held in July with 60 people. (Trip was outlined). The Canadian shrine pilgrimage will be the third for SWU — first being in 1962.

Candy sales help lagging branch treasuries. Raising funds this way is very profitable, also selling other items such as vanilla and pepper. Information is available if you contact Mrs. Zefran. The branches wishing to learn of other fund raising methods should write to her. A discussion followed by the delegates on ways they use to gain funds. The Report was accepted.

A proposal was made by delegate of Br. 20, Josephine Erjavec to institute a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Snows, Belleville, Ill.

Youth Committee Report was given by Louise Eply, Youth Director, as follows:

It is very important that every branch find a leader who is interested, enthusiastic and able to inspire youth. Money-making schemes such as Rummage Sales, White Elephant Sales, selling candy etc., should be employed by branches to increase their youth fund. Youth circles should participate in this. Activities such as bowling and baton twirling are required to activate a youth group. A National Writing Contest should be held with essays,

hobbies with prizes given. Grade groups and levels would be necessary for the awarding of prizes. This would encourage the youth to contribute to the Junior Page in Zarja. Teen age groups should be formed with activities such as glee clubs, cooking schools as well as sewing and knitting lessons. More emphasis should be placed on national awareness — a group must wish to seek recognition for their work, for their nationality by carrying on programs that show nationality traditions, such as St. Nick's observance at Christmas.

This Report was accepted.

The delegates from Br. 20 advised that 100 uniforms from the Joliet Cadets are available for sale — reasonably priced.

The President gave her report on the sale of Cookbooks. The report included a branch resumé of sales to date.

The following financial report was given by Mrs. Turek: Received 9,400 cookbooks for distribution

Total income on sales		\$18,066.17
Expenses		
Printing	\$10,000.00	
Editing and proof reading	750.00	
Freight, handling, supplies and postage	2,635.84	\$13,385.84
	Net	4,680.33
Outstanding by the branches		2,054.00
	Total	\$6,734.33

On hand, 1,380 books.

The delegation offered warm applause to the President and thanks for her good work in the distribution of cookbooks and also appreciate the help of Mr. Frank Turek, her husband.

The amount of 25,000 cookbooks (Woman's Glory—the Kitchen) have been sold to date.

An explanation was requested by delegate Jennie Pugeley (47) as to why, if the cookbook profit is so substantial, the delegates would not be getting their full expenses paid for the Convention. The Supreme Secretary, Albina Novak stated that in anticipation of the great expenses of this Convention, the Board of Directors acted at their last Semi-annual meeting and set up the Convention expense project in order to 1.) help branches to defray the delegates' expenses; 2.) offer branches with small treasuries, the chance to increase their funds. The Board's decision to offer a \$500 amount for cash prizes was made to give the branches no expenses with prizes — only profit from sales — to be used at their discretion, whatever they deemed necessary, giving first to the delegates expenses, secondly to other convention or branch expenses. Bringing new money into circulation would also revive lagging treasuries.

The delegates from the following branches spoke on this subject: Br. 89, Br. 13, Br. 50, Br. 7, Br. 84, Br. 24, Br. 54, Br. 15, Supreme Officers Zefran and Bostian. The delegates voice appreciation for the fund-raising project and complimented the officers (Directors) for presenting it.

Delegate of Br. 50 Rose Zelodec asked that a 5 day grace period be given after the close of a campaign before new applications be tallied. Passed.

Delegate of Br. 15, Antonia Stokar asked that officers of branches should ask for confirmation of a new member's Catholic faith before admitted to membership.

The Chairman of By-Law Committee, Marie Prislant stated that this clause is in effect since the beginning of the organization.

Delegate of Br. 17, Marion Marolt thanked the Board of Directors for the Scholarship given their branch's member in 1966 and for the contribution given for their juniors' Christmas party.

Delegate from Br. 20, Emma Planinsek asked that the Home Office inform a juvenile member when reaching the age of transfer to adult.

Delegate from Br. 20, Josephine Erjavec asked why Zarja is so late in the month. Answer from the Editor explained that regulating the postal service is beyond

her power and that 2nd class matter is not given fast service — also, that when the deadline for Zarja is not observed by reporters, she must wait for copy and process is delayed. Deadline by reporters must be observed.

The Convention Committee chairman, Mary Bostian, reported that the committee proposes Euclid, Ohio as the next convention city. Delegate from Br. 20, J. Erjavec proposes San Francisco, Calif. in memory of Bara Kramer. Euclid, Ohio is approved as convention site for the third week in May, 1970.

The delegates expressed thanks for the Convention souvenirs given to them by delegates Irene Planinsek, Rose Scoff and August Kollander Travel Bureau.

The Founder, Marie Prislant admonished the delegates not to forget the fact that all proposals for the future must be fortified by new members and that no one has offered as yet any suggestions as to that. The delegates were asked to respond in the morning.

Hostess and delegate of Br. 103, Irene Planinsek announced the needlework exhibit scheduled for Saturday started earlier than expected this afternoon and that it will continue tomorrow (Saturday) with still many nice things to buy for the Scholarship Fund proceeds.

The session adjourned for the day at 6:30 p. m.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1967 — CONVENTION SESSION IV

The fourth Convention session of the 14th National Tri-ennial Convention of S. W.U. convened at 8:30 a. m. at the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel at Washington, D. C.

The Spiritual Advisor led prayer followed by roll call and reading of greetings. The president called for the Report of the Zarja Committee. It was given by Editor, Corinne Leskovar as follows.

The policies regulating Zarja are still to be followed as they have been in the past. Zarja should be retained in its present form as a magazine in sizes of 16, 24 or 32 pages. Price of Zarja printing was estimated in a bid by the Benedictine Press printing shop and shows a stable price to be kept in accordance with current paper prices. The Benedictine Press is authorized to continue with the same service as in the past, printing, mailing and handling. Type of paper used should conform to economy and ease in handling.

Reporters should be encouraged to write as often as in the past, in both languages. Slovenian reporters are especially urged to keep up with their writing. We want to keep Slovenian language alive. Reporters should strictly observe one column length when writing and the Editor is asked to use her own discretion as to the translation of any branch articles when there is only one reporter. Reports of news items which would be of interest to members should be encouraged. All photos in black and white sent for publication should be accompanied by a \$2.00 donation for engraving charges.

Printed notice should be given once a year for changes of address to aid in keeping mailing list up to date, as requested by the Wisconsin delegates. The committee supports the increase in subscription rates for non-members, \$3.00 as stipulated in the proposed by-laws and 20 cents as monthly contribution from social members who wish to get Zarja.

Finally, the Editor is advised to regulate the size of Zarja each month according to the amount of material received.

The problem that still is to be faced is keeping close check on mailing address so that no deceased or non-members will be receiving Zarja. The committee supports the Editor's request that all members and officers give their fullest co-operation in sending in names and addresses of address changes and cancellations.

Zarja is our best means of promotion and members and branches should use it as much as possible. Advertising is also encouraged for holiday issues and other observances.

The Editor is given full authority to use her judgment in any and all problems or decisions as to be the editorial content and compilation of Zarja.

This Report was accepted.

Delegate of Br. 20, Emma Planinsek moved that the Union pay delegates for all traveling and per diem to the next national convention the same as for the Supreme Officers. Seconded by Antonia Stokar (15). Discussion followed with participants delegates from branches 25, 66, 84 and 95. Founder, Marie Prislant suggested that in order to build a convention fund substantial enough for such expenses, more new enrollments must be secured. Also, special projects were suggested to build the next convention fund. Majority voted against the motion in preference to the motion of M. Otonicar (25) that the next convention decide if future gain in funds will allow the expenses of per diem payments to all delegates. It was seconded by Marie Floryan and passed.

The President called for the Report of the Nominating Committee. Chairman, Mary Otonicar, moved for a vote of confidence to the Supreme Board for their work of the past three years. It was given unanimously. Delegate Irene Planinsek (103) questioned the method of voting asking that the By-Laws be clarified on this point. She stated that two names must be nominated for every office as specified in the by-laws. She also recommends that the nominating committee report be given one day before elections at the next convention to give delegates time to consider the nominees and that all voting be done by secret ballot. Discussion follows with participants on the rostrum and delegates from branches 40 and 89. The Secretary explains that if the nominating committee proposes only one nominee for any office, nominations are open from the floor.

Chairman, M. Otonicar stated that Founder, Marie Prislant was elected at the last convention as Honorary President for life.

The Nominating Committee proposed Rev. Claude Okorn as Spiritual Advisor. There were no other nominations. The President directed the Secretary to cast one unanimous ballot for Rev. Okorn as Spiritual Advisor of S.W.U. Rev. Okorn thanked the assembly warmly and offered his continued cooperation.

The Committee nominated Antonia Turek as Supreme President. There were no other nominations. The Vice-President, M. Floryan, directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Novak as Supreme Secretary. The delegation gave their applause and she responded by thanking all the officers and members for all their past help. She also expressed her happiness in the success of the last three years. The Founder and Secretary spoke of the gratitude of the Union in having such an outstanding President. Mrs. Turek accepted the position graciously.

The Committee nominated Marie Floryan as Supreme Vice-President. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Floryan accepted the nomination. The President directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Floryan as Supreme Vice-President. She thanked the delegation for its confidence and support.

The Committee nominated Albina Novak as Supreme Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor; the President then asked the Recording Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Novak as Supreme Secretary. In accepting, Mrs. Novak offered her sincere thanks to all.

The Committee nominated Josephine Zeleznikar as Supreme Treasurer. No other nominations were offered from the floor. Mrs. Zeleznikar accepted the nomination and the President directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Zeleznikar as Supreme Treasurer. For President of the Auditing Board, the Committee nominated Ann Podgorsek. No other nominations were offered from the floor. Mrs. Podgorsek accepted the nomination and the President directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Podgorsek as President of the Supreme

Auditing Board. For Second Supreme Auditor, the Nominating Committee had no candidate. The President opened nominations from the floor. The Secretary nominated Mary Otonicar (25); Anna Rebolj (41) nominated Mary Bostian. Mrs. Bostian declined. Upon receiving her acceptance, the President directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mary Otonicar as Second Supreme Auditor. The Committee nominated Ann Kompere (95) for Third Supreme Auditor. Also nominated from the floor were Irene Planinsek (103) and Josephine Erjavec (20.) Both declined. Upon receiving the acceptance of Mrs. Kompere, the President directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Ann Kompere as Third Supreme Auditor.

For the position as First Alternate Auditor, the Committee nominated Theresa Skur (14) and without further nominations, the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Skur as First Alternate Auditor. Second Alternate Auditor nomination was made from the floor by M. Polden (2) for Frances Gaspich (20.) After closing nominations the President directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Miss Gaspich as Second Alternate Auditor.

For the position of Director of Women's Activities, the Committee nominated Elizabeth Zefran who was given unanimous approval by the delegates. Director of Youth Activities nominations were opened from the floor with the following nominated: Louise Epley, Irene Planinsek and Mary Bostian. Miss Planinsek declined offering instead to assist the Youth Director who will be elected. Mrs. Epley declined in favor of Mrs. Bostian and the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Bostian as Youth Director. Question from the floor on the subject of one Supreme Officer holding two selective positions was raised and moved by Angela Kozjan (40) that a Supreme Officer may hold two offices. Carried.

The Committee nominated Corinne Leskovar for Editor of Zarja and with no nominations from the floor, the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Leskovar as Editor of Zarja-The Dawn.

For the seven State Presidents, the Nominating Committee made the following nominations:

Colorado-Kansas-Missouri, Anna Pachak. Her acceptance was given and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Pachak as State President.

Wisconsin, Rose Kraemer was nominated. She accepted and the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Kraemer as State President.

Pennsylvania-New York, Mary Tomsic. Nominations from the floor were for Anna Trontel, Lucille Smith and Mary Oblak, all declining in favor of Mrs. Tomsic. The Secretary then cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Tomsic as State President.

Ohio-Michigan, Mary Bostian. There were no nominations from the floor and the Secretary was requested to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Bostian as State President.

California-Washington-Oregon, Rose Scoff. No nominations were made from the floor and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Scoff as State President.

Illinois-Indiana, Mildred James. Mrs. James declined. Nominations from the floor were for Sophie Petrovic (2), Mary Polden (2), Josephine Erjavec (20) and Emma Planinsek (20) all declining and Elizabeth Zefran. Mrs. Zefran accepted the nomination and the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Zefran as State President.

Minnesota, Barbara Rosandich. She accepted and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Rosandich as State President.

Scholarship Committee: Marie Prislant, Antonia Turek, Albina Novak; Hermine Dicke, Secretary. Accepted unanimously.

The President called for the reading of the Minutes of the previous day's sessions. They were read by Re-

cording Secretary C. Leskovar and accepted.

A discussion on new member enrollments was introduced by Founder, Marie Prislend. Delegates participated in the discussions, bringing out points such as:

New member prospects must be asked — so many potential members are waiting to be approached.

The meetings of branches shall be made interesting.

Drill teams should be revitalized among the young members to encourage more young ladies to join; compliments were offered to the Euclid-Cleveland officers for supporting the Junior Cadets and Baton Twirlers which were organized in 1966.

The delegation concluded that campaigns for new members must be given primary importance in the future, and therefore, a new campaign should be declared.

The Supreme Secretary reported on the good promotion being given the Union through the excursion trips to Europe. She has secured some 25 new members since January 1st among people interested in going to Europe.

The Tours, sponsored by S.W.U. in co-operation with the August Kollander Travel Agency of Cleveland, Ohio are of great service to the Union as more and more people are making the trips each year.

Founder, Marie Prislend gave in itemized report on the money received at this Convention for the Scholarship Fund. \$213.75 was collected at the Needlework Exhibit so far. Cash donations are also being made. She is donating her first month's raise in salary to this Fund. She thanked all the members who contributed to the Needlework project and those who made purchases.

She expressed her pleasure at the proceedings of the Convention and wished everyone a fond good-bye.

The Supreme President and Honorary President were requested to review the last day's Convention Minutes. The Recording Secretary read the greetings received Saturday.

Concluding comments were given by Rev. Okorn who suggested in his last remarks that in order to get and keep young members, they be considered for offices in the branches and subsequently will be trained to take hold of the reins of the Union. He asked that every member continue to sacrifice herself for the things that she believes in as success only comes through sacrifice.

The President asked him to perform the Ritual of Installing the new officers which was duly accomplished according to the regulations of the Union. The President, in accepting her gavel, pledged the work and efforts of all the Officers elected to the new term.

The Convention assembly was led in prayer and singing of "Češčena si Marija" and "Zvezina hymna" by Supreme Treasurer, Josephine Zeleznikar. The Convention was adjourned at 12:30 p. m. by the President who extended all delegates and officers her best hopes for continued success in working for the S. W. U.

Antonia Turek, President

Corinne Leskovar, Rec. Secretary

Minutes of Session IV read and approved by: Marie Prislend and Antonia Turek.

June 15, 1967

Convention Messages

John A. Blatnik, M. C. (Minnesota Representative), Washington, D. C.
Edward J. Derwinski, (Member of Congress), Washington, D. C.
Frank Tomsich, Supreme Secretary, AFU Executive Committee, Ely, Minn.
and Barbara Metesha, Ass't. Supreme Sec'y and Acting Treas., Committee, E
John A. Kodrich, Secretary American Mutual Life Association, Cleveland, O.
Louis Zeleznikar, Supreme Secretary, K. S. K. J., Joliet, Illinois
Gizella Hozian, President St. Anne's Society, K. S. K. J., Skokie, Illinois
Mary Hochevar, Secretary K. S. K. J. St. Mary Magdalen No. 162, Cleveland, O.
Slovenian Women's Union, Branch No. 1, Sheboygan, Wis.
Mary Guzzol, President Branch No. 3, SWU, Pueblo, Colo.
Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 4, Oregon City, Oregon
Jennie Ozbolt, SWU Branch, No. 6, Barberton, Ohio
Anna Kameen, President, SWU Branch No. 7, Forest City, Pa.
Mrs. Mary Urbas, SWU Branch No. 10, Cleveland, Ohio
Officers and Members Slovenian American F and B Society, San Francisco, Cal.
Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 13, San Francisco, Cal.
Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 15, Cleveland, Ohio
Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 17, West Allis, Wis.
Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 20, Joliet, Ill.
Rose Novak, President SWU Branch No. 23, Ely, Minn., Dawn Club
Theresa Koschak, President SWU Branch No. 23, Ely Minn.
Mary Krogulski, President and Members SWU Branch No. 24, LaSalle, Ill.
Paula Stampfel and Jenny Fenc, SWU Branch No. 25, Cleveland, Ohio
Mary Debevec, President and Ella Starin, Sec'y SWU No. 41, Cleveland, O.
Antonia Kastelic, President SWU Branch No. 42, Cleveland, Ohio
Frances Sietz, President SWU Branch No. 50, Cleveland, Ohio
S. M. Koplán, Sec'y., Officers and Members SWU Branch No. 50, Euclid, O.
Vicki Faletic, Cleveland, Ohio
Klub Upokojencev, Newburg, Ohio
Zeleznikar and Bogolin Families Branch No. 2, Chicago, Ill.
Josephine Livek, Oglesby, Ill.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nowik and Mary Jean and Eddy Jr., LaSalle, Ill.
Regina, Joliet, Ill.
John and Lottie Jevitz, Joliet, Ill.
Mary Lenich, Sec'y SWU Branch No. 19, Virginia, Minn.
John Prislend, Sheboygan, Wis.
Mary Petrich SWU Branch No. 17, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher, Lafayette, Calif.
Cecile M. Adamic, Sec'y SWU Branch No. 66, Canon City, Colo.
Helen Cobal, President SWU Branch No. 92, Crested Butte, Colo.

U. S. NAVAL VESSEL NAMED FOR SLOVENIAN HERO

News of our Slovenian-American lads who fight and die heroes in the struggle for freedom never cease to thrill and astound us! At our recent National Convention, we heard of the bravery of a U. S. Naval officer, Milton Pavlic killed in action during World War II and of the honor accorded him by his country. Our Barberton, Ohio, Br. 6 Delegate, Mrs. Jeanette Killoran, gave us this information taken from a newspaper clipping and we proudly reprint it in its entirety. From this we learn that a U. S. naval vessel is sailing the seas carrying the name of a brave American who was the descendent of Slovenian parents:

Lt. Cmdr. Milton Pavlic died a hero's death on November 15, 1942 aboard the battleship South Dakota during the fighting for Guadalcanal. A graduate of Rittman High School, he had taught at Annapolis before the war. He died in the ship's sky control tower, fighting off Japanese planes. The South Dakota shot down 32 planes and sank three Japanese ships during the battle. "Do not for a moment think his death was in vain," a fellow officer wrote to his parents. He was buried at sea the same day. In December of 1943 a destroyer escort was launched and his widow christened it the U. S. S. Pavlic.

14th NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS:

The Honorable Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
The United States of America
Washington, D. C.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Slovenian Women's Union of America is in the forefront working for a better understanding of America throughout the world, and in particular in the ancestral land of its American-Slovenian members; and,
WHEREAS, It is now known that the Federal Government of Yugoslavia has decided to open a Yugoslav Consulate in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, as reported in the daily newspaper DELO of Ljubljana, March 31, 1967; and,
WHEREAS, Such a decision is justified not only on the basis of the important principal of Reciprocity in International Relations, but also as there is now no American presence in Slovenia; and,
WHEREAS, Recent developments have reaffirmed Slovenia's leading role in the process of economic and political evolution in Yugoslavia; and,
WHEREAS, It is through Slovenia that Yugoslavia is now open to masses of Western Tourists, including an increasing number of Americans; and,
WHEREAS, There are some 600,000 Americans of Slovenian descent, the largest of the Yugoslav nationalities, living in America and many of them visit Slovenia yearly; and,
WHEREAS, It is important that American and other foreign visitors have immediate access to an American Consulate in Slovenia itself; now, therefore,
Be it known, that the members of Slovenian Women's Union of America, representing Americans of Slovenian descent, urge the Government of the United States to take serious consideration of the question of establishing an American Consulate in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Approved by unanimous decision of the 14th National Convention of Slovenian Women's Union of America.
Antonia Turek
Chairman of the Convention
Marie A. Floryan
Chairman of Resolutions
Albina Novak
Secretary of the Convention

in the City of Washington, D. C.
Dated: May 26, 1967

Mr. Leonard H. Marks, Director
United States Information Agency
1776 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20547

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Republic of Slovenia, in the north-western part of Yugoslavia, is the only cultural and progressive nation of 2 million persons without the direct services of a United States Consulate or Information Service post; and,
WHEREAS, Members of the Slovenian Women's Union of America continue to receive complaints from their relatives and friends in Slovenia, concerning the time of broadcast and lack of medium wave lengths for the Slovenian broadcasts over the Voice of America; and,
WHEREAS, Two evening programs in Slovenian were replaced a year ago by two early morning programs of only 15 minutes duration; and,
WHEREAS, For many listeners who have indicated their desire to listen to the broadcasts, this time, is very inconvenient; and,
WHEREAS, The two early morning programs are not transmitted on medium length waves; and,
WHEREAS, Since the Voice of America program is the only direct American contact with the people of the Yugoslav Republic of Slovenia; now, therefore,

Be it known, that the Delegates convened at the 14th National Convention of the Slovenian Women's Union of America make this appeal to the Director of the United States Information Agency to re-establish the Voice of America programs in Slovenian language to the former, traditional broadcast time and to be transmitted over medium wave engths.

Approved by unanimous decision of the 14th National Convention of the Slovenian Women's Union of America.

Antonia Turek
Convention Chairman
Marie A. Floryan
Resolutions Chairman
Albina Novak
Convention Secretary

Dated: May 26, 1967
in the City of Washington, D. C.

REPLIES ON RESOLUTIONS

The above Resolutions as indeed, all the Resolutions passed by the 14th National Convention of S.W.U. were sent to the addressees and acknowledged by same. They have all stated further attention will be given as a result of the interest of the Slovenian Women's Union and numerous government officials in the Senate and House of Representatives.

In response to the Resolution requesting the establishment of a U. S. Consulate in the city of Ljubljana, Slovenia, our distinguished Senator from Ohio, Frank J. Lausche, a member of the U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, undertook to write personally to President Johnson in support of the Resolution and received a reply from his office stating the matter is receiving attention with hopes to have further response from the President in the future.

Other officials who have sent letters acknowledging their interest in this matter are the following:

Illinois Congressman Frank Annunzio letter to State Dept.; Ohio Congressman Michael A. Feighan, letter to Sec. of State; Ohio Congresswoman Frances P. Bolton, Wisconsin Congressman Henry C. Schadeberg, Senator from Indiana Vance Hartke, Senator from Michigan Robert P. Griffin and Wisconsin Congressman, member of Committee on Foreign Affairs, Clement J. Zablocki.

All the above named also re-stated their interest in the Resolution on Voice of America broadcasts and support of the recommendation that broadcast time be re-evaluated. The "Voice" resolution also received the support of Congressman John A. Blatnik of Minnesota and Congressman Roman A. Pucinski of Illinois, both of whom have pledged their attention in this matter. Congressman Annunzio has written a further inquiry requesting a complete report from the U. S. Information Agency.

RESOLUTION

THE SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION OF AMERICA, an educational and benefit organization representing 12,000 Catholic women throughout the United States, convening in Washington, D. C., for their 14th National Triennial Convention; and

Inasmuch as the American Slovenians, as well as their compatriots in Europe, are currently celebrating the 1,200th anniversary of their Christianization, first begun by the Irish Bishop St. Modestus —

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that formal appeal be made to the Postmaster General of the United States to have the privilege of the occasion being marked by the issuance of a special commemorative stamp because:

a) The Slovenians were the first Slavic nation to be Christianized;

b) They in turn played a considerable role in the conversion of and work with the American Indians—having sent many missionaries to America, among them five bishops, one of whom is currently the only American missionary nominee for the altar (Bishop Frederick Baraga);

c) Well over a half million Slovenians have contributed of their culture, minds, hearts and bodies to the wondrous nation we now are;

d) In this way the United States would not only give recognition to Americans of Slovenian descent but would also bolster the morale of other Slav peoples behind the Iron curtain;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee supplement this action with parallel contacts with members of the Congress in the various states and districts, and to Bishops and Archbishops of Catholic Dioceses.

Dated this 26th day of May 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Prisland, Honorary President
Slovenian Women's Union of America.

Certified to have been passed unanimously at the indicated session, the 26th day of May 1967.

Albina Novak
Secretary, Slovenian Women's Union of America.

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FOR A SLOVENIAN CHAPEL IN THE AMERICAN NATIONAL SHRINE

WHEREAS in the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. a number of chapels has been set aside to represent the religious heritage of the various American ethnic strains of which a Polish, a Lithuanian, and a Slovak chapel have already been erected and dedicated;

WHEREAS this year marks the solemn observance of the 1200th anniversary since the arrival of Christian missionaries among our Slovene ancestors whereby the Slovenes came to be the first among the Slav peoples to embrace the Christian Faith and evolve a Christian culture of their own;

WHEREAS a chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Brezje — "Queen of the Slovenes" — in the American National Shrine would be a most fitting symbol of our Slovenian Christian heritage and a perennial monument to its pioneering contribution to American religious life and culture of which our own Bishop Baraga was one of the Founders:

AND WHEREAS the time for which the last available chapel space in the National Shrine has been informally reserved for a Slovenian chapel is running out;

AUGUST, 1967

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by this 14th National Convention of the Slovenian Women's Union of America that this organization take the initiative and assume the leadership for a nation-wide campaign to collect the necessary amount of \$50,000 as the donation for the erection in the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception of a chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Brezje;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purpose of the broadest possible participation in this great cause the Supreme Board of the Slovenian Women's Union of America invite other Slovenian organizations and institutions as well as to distinguished American-Slovenian personalities to take part in this national campaign by joining its steering and local campaign committees;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that in anticipation of such broad participation the Supreme Board of the Slovenian Women's Union of America instruct individual local Branches of the organization to set up their own local campaign committees to begin the collection campaign without further delay.

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RESOLUTION

The Slovenian Women's Union of America, an educational and benefit organization representing 12,000 members throughout the United States, convening in Washington, D. C. for their 14th National Triennial Convention, has unanimously agreed to submit to you, Honorable (Congressman) Senator, the following endorsement:

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE'S JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24 has recently been introduced to Congress, requesting and authorizing the President of the United States to proclaim each first week of August as the AMERICAN YOUTH WEEK. Since such a week would systematically focus the thought and efforts of the entire nation on the American Youth and would undoubtedly stimulate constructive Youth-development programs, we strongly urge you to wholeheartedly support the House Joint Resolution No. 24.

We personally, and thousands of your other voters and future voters will appreciate your support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee supplement this action with parallel contacts with members of the Congress in the various states and districts.

Dated this 26th day of May 1967

Respectfully submitted by,

Marie Prisland, Honorary President
Slovenian Women's Union of America.

Certified to have been passed unanimously at the indicated session, the 26th day of May, 1967

Albina Novak, Secretary,
Slovenian Women's Union of America.

MORE REPLIES . . .

The Resolutions on the Commemorative Stamp to be issued in the anniversary year of the 1200 jubilee of Christianity in Slovenia and proposed proclamation for American Youth Week have been receiving wide attention. Senator Lausche has indicated his complete support of each. He has informed us of his appeal for the Commemorative Stamp initiated some time ago, but which as yet has not been successful. There will be more information on this later.



Marie Prislant:

OH, TA SVET...

Moje misli so še vedno v Washingtonu. — Glayne odbornice in delegatke sicer nismo imele mnogo časa za ogled; obiskale smo le nekaj važnih zgodovinskih krajev. Mene je posebno zanimala Kongresna knjižnica. Tu bi rada ostala vsaj en teden.

Krasno poslopje zunaj in znotraj, visoko 125 čevljev, postavljeno leta 1897, vsebuje 14 milijonov knjig v 183tih jezikih. Po dolgotni meri ima knjižnica 207 milj police za knjige. Vsebuje kongresne dokumente, katere lahko vsak državljani čita ter hrani originalni pečat vseh 50 držav Amerike. Okrog rotunde so postavljeni spomeniki vsem večjim pesnikom, pisateljem in filozofom.

Mene je seveda silno skrbelo, če ta slavna zgodovinska knjižnica vsebuje tudi kulturno delo našega malega slovenskega naroda.

Prijazna tajnica mi je prinesla predal kartic, kjer so v miho veselje bile označene slovenske knjige. Nisem imela dovolj časa, da vso zbirko natančno pregledam, našla pa sem knjige sledečih poznanih slovenskih pisateljev:

PRIMOŽ TRUBAR — Catechismus, napisan leta 1586, novo izdan leta 1935.

ANTON JANŽIČ — Slovenska slovnica — 1854.

ANTON JANEŽIČ — Slovenski slovar — 1908.

BLEIVEISSOVA — Knjiga iz leta 1862 z naslovom: Slovenski jezik — "Kranjska špraha."

MIKLOŠIČEVE — Bukve za šole iz leta 1891.

IVAN CANKAR — Spisi iz leta 1918.

DR. FRANK J. KERN — English-Slovene Reader, letnica 1926.

JANKO KOTNIK — Slovensko-ruski slovar — 1950.

Zastopana sta tudi pisatelja POGAČNIK in JALEN. Knjiga — U. S. ARMY LANGUAGE SCHOOL — SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT — 1955.

Zgodovina SLOVENJ GRADCA (avtor na kartici ni omenjen) me je zlasti zanimala, ker je v tem mestu bil rojen moj oče, Franc Černe. Zgodovina je bila spisana leta 1951 ter obsega čisto od 1251-1951. Torej 700 let!

Silno me je zanimalo, dali bom v seznamu našla tudi našo ZARJO. Da, ZARJA, GLASILO SLOVENSKE ŽEN-SKE ZVEZE V AMERIKI, je našla pot v to slavno zbirko literature. Kdor bi takrat videl moj obraz bi mislil, da sem našla zaklad. ZARJA ima številko: AD58—855Z-3.

Dopisovalke v ZARJO! Pišimo odlično, ker bo naša pisava v Kongresni knjižnici živela mnogo let!

ARLINGTON POKOPALIŠČE

Na tem mirodvoru sniva večno spanje pokojni predsednik John F. Kennedy. O pokopališču sem slišala zgod-bico, o kateri pa nisem mogla dobiti zgodovinskega potrdila.

General E. Lee, voditelj Juga v civilni vojni, je zunaj mesta Washingtona lastoval 2000 akrov zemlje, kjer se zdaj nahaja Arlington pokopališče in spomenik Nepozna-nega vojaka.

General Lee je na zemljišču vrh prijaznega hribčka, ki nudi krasen razgled na vso mesto Washington, postavil lepo palačo, ki je v civilni vojni služila za bolnišnico.

Predsednik Abraham Lincoln je neki dan to bolnišnico obiskal ter videl več mrtvih trupel, zavitih v platno, ki so čakala pogreba. Straže niso znale kam jih naj odpelje-jo, predsednik Lincoln je pa ukazal, da jih pokopljejo kar tam. Tako je nastalo Arlington pokopališče, pod kate-rega zeleno rušo počiva nad 100,000 vojnih veteranov.

Po smrti generala Lee se njegovi sorodniki niso bri-gali, da bi od zemljišča redno davke plačevali. Končno je vlada zemljišče zaplenila za neplačane davke v znesku \$92.16. Sorodniki so pozneje vlado tožili za \$150,000.00 odškodnine a so tožbo izgubili. Tako je vlada dobila vseh 2000 akrov zemlje za ceno \$92.16. Nekaj te zemlje je bilo pozneje prodane za naselje, ostalo pa tvori Arlington po-kopališče.

Na pokopališče vsak dan prihajajo trume ljudi, ki ali obiščejo grobove svojih dragih, se poklonijo spominu predsednika Kennedyja in drugih predsednikov, ki so tu pokopani, ali pa obiščejo spomenik Nepoznanega vojaka.

Pred tem spomenikom hodi vojaška straža noč in dan. Stražnik napravi 20 korakov sem, se obrne in spet na-pravi 20 korakov v nasprotno smer. Straža se menja vsa-ko uro. Stražniki so posebej izbrani izmed vojakov, ki se odlikujejo po ravni držbi, strpnosti in odpornosti.

BANKET

Naj se pomudim še pri banketu, ki je bil sijajen zaklju-ček naše konvencije. Po končanem programu se gosti niso razšli, temveč ob spremljevanju naše Olge s har-moniko, (delegatke sheboyganske podružnice) navdušeno prepevali slovenske pesmi do dveh zjutraj.

Glavne odbornice, delegatke, obiskovalke in članice do-mače podružnice — v krasnih oblekah in veselo razpolo-žene — ter navzoči vzvišeni gosti, so vtisnili nepozaben spomin na ta večer. Naša Zveza ni še nobenkoli bila v bolj odlični družbi. Odličen je bil tudi program.

Ganljiv je bil govor priljubljenega slovenskega sena-torja g. Franka Lauscheta, ki si je s plemenitostjo srca in bistrim razumom pridobil — za predsednikom vlade — najvišje politično mesto v deželi. Iskreno je povdarjal po-membnost slovenske narodnosti, ki jo razvidno srčno ljubi in spoštuje. Kako sem želela, da bi ga slišala vsa naša mladina, ki bi dobila nov vpogled v veličino slovenske narodnosti. — Smo sicer mali, a kljub temu važen narod.

Kongresnik g. John Blatnik iz Minnesote nas je zabaval z anekdotami o svojih starših. Povedal je, da ga je pred več leti obiskala njegova ljuba mamica in mu prinesla lepo zavito orehovo potico in veliko steklenico nariba-nega domačega hrena, ki ga on zelo rad ima. Mojo hčerko Hermino je hren tako zanimal, da je prihodnji dan na plovbi po reki Potomac ves čas nabirala navodila za hren, ki ste jih lahko brale v zadnji izdaji ZARJE v koloni POTS and PANS.

Gospod Blatnik je pripovedoval, kako je hotel očeta pregovortiti, da bi ga prišel obiskati v Washington. Oče je dejal, da ga muči revmatizem in ni za dolgo potovanje. Sin je priporočal naj bi očka potoval z letalom. — "Kako visoko pa gre ta vrage?" je vprašal oče. Odgovor je bil, da eno miljo visoko. — "Če bi bilo samo pol milje, naj bi že b'lo; eno, miljo v luft pa ne grem," se je oče uprl.

Kongresnik iz Illinoisa g. Frank Annunzio, se je po-trudil in naštudiral slovensko zgodovino ter s ponosom povdaril: "Drago mi je poznati pošteni in marljivi slo-venski narod!" — Spet sem želela, da bi to slišala vsa naša mlajša generacija.

PRVENSTVO

SZZ je bila prva slovenska ženska organizacija ustanov-ljena v Ameriki.

SZZ je izmed vseh ameriških slovenskih organizacij prva pričela poklanjati dijakom šolnino. (1949.)

SZZ je edina slovenska ženska organizacija na svetu, ki neprestano izdaja lastno glasilo že 38 let.

SZZ je bila prva izmed slovenskih organizacij, ki je imela konvencijo v hotelu. (Milwaukee, Wis. 1936.)

SZZ je prva slovenska organizacija, ki je imela kon-vecijo v glavnem mestu naše Amerike in edina, ki ima tam svoje društvo.

Članice, bodite ponosne na svojo Zvezo!

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Najlepša zahvala odbornicam, članicam in podružnicam, ki so se me spomnile za rojstni dan.

Da, leto gre za letom, tone cvet za cvetom, vene nam obraz . . .

SLAVA TEGA SVETA

Zgodovina ima zapisanih veliko velikih mož, ki se mišlili, da bodo rešili svet. Današnji človek si pripoveduje imenu katerih naj bi se izpremenilo obličje zemlje.

Zemlja pa se še vedno zvija v krčevitih bolečinah. Le ime Jezusovo more spremeniti obličje zemlje. Sv. Peter je takole izjavil pred velikim zborom: "Nobeno drugo ime pod nebom ni dano, da bi se mogli v njem zveličati."

Nekoč bomo prav vsi spoznali, da je to edino ime, pred katerim naj se "pripogne vsako koleno teh, ki so v nebesih, na zemlji in pod zemljo."

Napoleon je bil prepričan, da se bo pred njim tresel ves svet, in da bo on uredil obličje sveta. A kako se je zmotil.

V strašni osamljenosti na otoku sv. Helene je zapisal: Res, veliko sem jih vžgal, da so šli zame v smrt. Toda vedno je morala biti prisotna moja postava, moj pogled,

moj glas. Ena beseda je navdušila srca. Imel sem to čarobno moč v sebi. Nimam pa moči, da bi svojo ljubezen in ime ovekovečil v srcih. Zdad sem sam, priklenjen na skalnati otok. Kje so zdaj moji prijatelji? Skoro bom umrl, truplo bodo izročili zemlji in postal bom hrana črvov. To je prava usoda velikega Napoleona. Kakšen prepad zija pred menoj, mojo revščino in večnim kraljevanjem Kristusa, ki je umrl pa še vedno živi, in se oznanja, ljubi in moli po vsem svetu."

Usoda slavnega Napoleona je zadela in bo zadela vsakogar, ki si domišlja, da bo svojem imenu preuredil svet. Le eno samo ime je dano od Boga, ki pomeni rešenje sveta.

Ko so leta 1931, odprli vatikansko radio postajo, je papež Pij XI imel otvoritveni govor. Vernike je pozdravil z besedami: Hvaljen bodi Jezus Kristus. Po svem svetu je odmevalo ime, ki je čez vsa imena.

Kristus je središče naše vere. On je pot resnica in življenje. Kot njegovi nasledovalci, ga oznanjajmo ne le z besede, ampak pred vsem s svojim življenjem.

DOPISI

Št. 3, Pueblo, Colo. — Moj dopis bom pričela z žalostno novico o smrti naših članic. Ses. Johano Skrjanc jo zadela srčna kap ter ji pretrgala nit življenja. Hčerka Elsie jo je našla zjutraj mrtvo v postelji. Theresa Fear je po dolgi bolezni bila rešena trpljenja, katero je voljno prenašala vdana v voljo božjo. Kadar sem jo obiskala je vedno imela nasmeh na obrazu, bila je prijazna do vseh. Tudi njena hčerka Theresa ji je lepo stregla in krajšala težke ure bolezni.

Naše članice so spremile svoje pokojne sestre s svečami in čitale Obrednik pri odprtem grobu. — Dne 5. junija je umrl John Paucek, soproj naše čl. Johane. Pokojni je bil starosta v naselbini. Njegov pogreb je dokazal, kako priljubljen je bil med nami. Več let je bil na svojih velikih kmetiji (farm), dokler ni opešal zaradi bolezni. Bil je dober gospodar in skrbni oče in soproj. Njegova hčerka Elsie Zaltz je naša dobra članica, ki je nadvse ljubila svojega daddy-ja. Čeprav je bolezen mučna, kadar pride smrt jo vsaka družina težko občuti saj za vedno pretrga vezi dragih, ki gredo pred nami v večnost. Želimo vsem mirno večno spanje in počitek v hladni zemlji. Preostali pa sprejmite naše sožalje.

Sedaj pa še vesele novice. Dne 21. maja je naš prijatelj Bonaventura Bandi obhajal 25 letnico mašništva, ali srebrno sv. mašo v Boulder, Colo. Njegovi starši živijo v Canon City, Colo, ter tudi njim veljajo naše pri-srčne prijateljske čestitke. G. srebrnomašnika pa priporočamo v molitev za uspešno delovanje v Vinogradu Gospodovem. Hvala za povabilo na slavnostni dan. God bless you all!

Naša čl. Caroline Bregar in njen soproj Frank sta obhajala 50 letnico zakona ali zlato poroko. Velika slavnost se je vršila v St. Joseph dvorani. Obema želimo obilo božjega blagoslova in zdravja, ker sta oba bolj rahlega zdravja.

Naša Tončka Klun in Theresa Plut sta imele nesrečo. Tončka si je po-

VABILO NA COLO. ZVEZIN DAN IN 40 LETNICO V PUEBLU

Gl. tajnica Albina Novak bo med nami 10. sept.

Letos se bomo ponovno zbrale na naši drž. konvenciji in proslavi 40 letnice ustanovitve naše podr. št. 3. Proslave se bodo pričele s sv. mašo ob 10:30 dop. v cerkvi Marije Pomagaj, 217 E. Mesa. Takoj po maši se bo vršila kratka konvenčna seja v cerkveni dvorani. Podana bodo poročila iz zadnje narodne konvencije v Washingtonu, D. C. in nasveti in predlogi za napredek naše Zveze in članstva. Točno ob 1 uri bo kosilo s kratkim programom. Potem se boste lahko zavrteli ob godbi, ki bo na razpolago. Tako bomo veselo zaključile dan proslave 40 letnice in Zvezinega dne.

Vstopnice si nabavite od mene in pri odbornicah podr. Vsako leto imamo veselo in prijetno zabavo, zato vabimo vse naše sosedice in prijateljke, ker ta prireditve bo najboljša kar smo jih doslej imele. Ko bomo starejše Zvezine delavke že v hladnem grobu, naj naša SZZ še vedno raste in napreduje ter razvija svoje cvetoče mladike iz roda v rod, zavedajoč se solidnih temeljev, katere so položile ustanoviteljice SZZ.

Sosednje podr, prosim, da omejite prodajo listkov na omenjeni prireditvi naše podr., ker naša podr. bo imela svojo prodajo za kritje stroškov. Za pojasnila se obrnite na spodaj podpisano.

Vsem od blizu in daleč kličem: Na veselo svidenje 10. septembra ob eni uri popoldne v Miniqua University Club. Dobrodošle v sončnem Coloradu.

God bless you all! Vaša državna predsednica.

A. Pachak

škodovala prste na pralnem stroju. Theresa pa si je poškodovala nogo pri padcu na stopnicah. Obe sta bile pod zdravniško oskrbo.

Bolne so še vedno Johanna Skull, ki se zdravi v bolnišnici, kakor tudi Anna Prijatelj iz Santa Fe, ki je nesrečno padla in si zlomila kost v kolku in še druge nadloge bolezni jo mučijo. Moja sorodnica Ana Pechek se še vedno zdravi na domu. Eleine Boitz je nesrečno padla in si zlomila kost v členku na nogi. Prijazna Olga Mesojedec je povoljno prestala operacijo in Mary Petrich se zdravi v bolnišnici ter Rose Skubic in Mary Mišmaš, ki ima za seboj lepo starost 92 let. Naj vsem Marija pomaga do ljubelega zdravja.

Mrs. Mary Germ in hčerka Lillian iz Grove sta se udeležile graduacije vnuka in nečaka Rickle Sajbel na Notre Dame univerzi. Vse najboljše. Mary je spotoma obiskala sorodnike in prijateljke v Clevelandu.

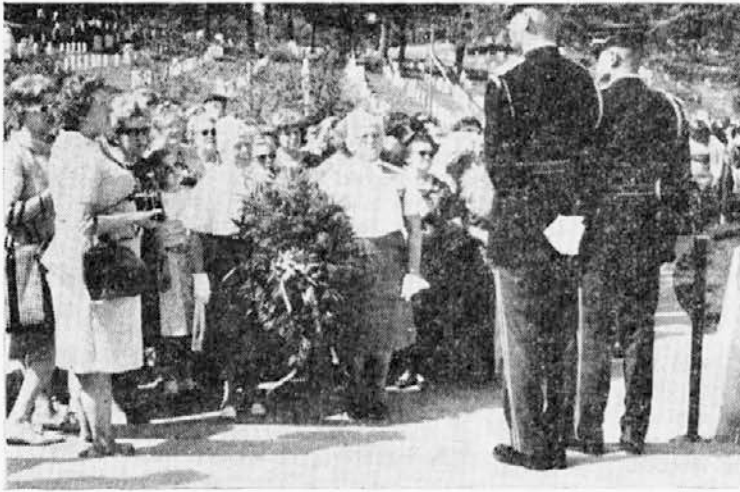
Naša mlada Dorothy Zakrasek čestitam k izrednemu uspehu, da je bila

deležna nagrade za najboljši opis kako uposliti telesno prizadete osebe. Njen spis je bil nagrajen kot najboljši za celo državo in je bila deležna potovanja v Washington na sejo predsedniškega odbora za telesno prizadete osebe. Izjavila je, da je to bilo nepozabno potovanje njenega življenja. Čestitke ji veljajo tudi, ker je prejela Zvezino šolnino.

Naša odlična Mary Theresa Kalingar je dokončala glasbeno Senton Catholic visoko šolo od katere je prejela nagrado \$125. Ona je vedno delavna in je nastopala kot solo pevka raznih klubov in organizacij.

Pohvala velja tudi moji vnukinji Beth Pachak, ki je odlična študentka bila sprejeta Honor Society. Starši so lahko ponosni, da imajo otroke s takimi talenti. Vse 3 so naše članice.

Vse, ki se niste z nami udeležile 14. Zvezine konvencije v Washingtonu, vam je lahko žal, ker je bila ena najboljših. Veliko stvari smo si ogledale, posebno tudi grob pokojnega predsednika J. F. Kennedy-ja, U. S.



DVE ČASTNI STRAŽI SE SREČATA PRED GROBOM PRED. KENNEDY-JA.
Vrle Clevelandске kadetke S. Ž. Z. ob izročitvi spominskega venca s slov. zastavo strumnima vojakoma, ki stražita Kennedy-ev grob.

Capitol, Belo Hišo, cerkev Marije Čistega Spočetja. Krasna stavba je narejena po vzorcu frančiške cerkve v Ljubljani. Lahko bi se opisalo na veliko in vem, da bodo druge poročale, katere imajo dober spomin in sposobnost pisanja. Hvala Miss Irene Planinšek in Mrs. Corine Leskovar in vsem pomočnicam za odlično ureditev priprav. Upam, da se čez 3 leta zopet veselo in zdrave snidemo pri podr. št. 14 v Euclid, O. Bog vas blagoslovi za Vaše delo. Vesela sem bila snidenja z č. g. p. Claude Okorn. Veselo so bile sprejete v Washingtonu slednje nove članice naše podružnice Joseph Siegel, jr. Silvia Klintz, Emma Giltner in Mary Evans. Dobrodošle v našo podr. SŽZ.

Približuje se čas naše državne konvencije obenem s proslavo 40 letnice naše podr. Vse pripravljamo, da bomo praznično obhajale slavnost, ki bo 10. sept. Obišče nas Mrs. A. Novak.

Naša podr. je na junijski seji imela goste iz Euclid, O.: Frances Klun in Mary Vodičer, ki ima tukaj strica Mr. Zbačnika ter drugo sorodstvo. Hvala za poset med nami, kakor tudi Christine Bradish iz Egan St., ki je prišla z njimi.

Pozdravlja, **Anna Pachak**

Št. 15, Cleveland, O. — Junijska seja je bila povoljno obiskana, čeprav je bilo zelo vroče. Slišale smo zanimivo poročilo delegatkinje o poteku narodne konvencije.

V blagajno sta darovale sestre Prosen in Jakšen. Najlepša hvala.

To leto smo izgubile prvo članico v osebi Mary Milavec, ki je bila dobra in zavedna članica. Bog ji daj v miru božjem počivati. Sorodnikom pa iskreno sožalje.

Vsem bolnim članicam želimo, naj jim Bog in Marija skoraj zdravje podelita.

Več naših sester je potovalo na obisk rodne Slovenije in Evrope. — Vsem izletnikom želimo veselo poto-

vanje in srečno vrnitev.

Ker v avgustu ne bo seje, se bo vršila naša prihodnja seja dne 13. septembra. Na svidenja na seji.

Pozdrav vsem članicam S. Ž. Z.
Frances Lindič, poročevalka

OHIO-MICH. DRŽAVNA KONVENCIJA 24. SEPT.

Št. 6, Barberton, O. — Zaradi boleznih sem malo pozna z mojim poročilom. Na zadnji seji je naša predsednica Jeanette Keloran poročala o lepemu uspehu konvencije v Washingtonu, D. C. Rekla je, da je zelo ponosna, da je Slovenka, kar je videla na tej konvenciji.

Sedaj se pa tukaj pripravljamo na državno konvencijo, ki bo 24. septembra. Pričakujemo obisk iz Clevelanda in Michigana ter vabljenosti so tudi ostale bližnje podružnice, posebno še iz Lorain, in Kenmore, Ohio. Ob 4 uri popoldne bomo imele banket v lepi slovenski šolski dvorani. Vstopnice za banket dobite v Clevelandu pri ses. Bostian in tukaj pa pri naši tajnici ses. Ožbolt.

Ker se prireditev vrši v septembru, zato je upanje, da ne bo prevroče in se bo prijetno voziti. Najlepše vas vabimo, da pridete v največjem številu.

Bodite pozdravljene, vse zavedne članice in na svidenje.

M. Stražisar, zapisničarica

Št. 17, West Allis, Wis. — Ne vem kako bi začela, da bi dovolj lepo opisala kako lepo je bilo na zadnji konvenciji v Washingtonu, D. C. Bilo je vse tako lepo urejeno. Kamorkoli smo šli je vse bilo dobro pripravljeno. Hvala gre glavnemu odboru za dobro vodstvo. Vem, da ste imele dosti dela in težav, pa uspeh ni zaostal in bilo je vredno za vse delegatkinje in za nas, ki smo se udeležile kot gostinje.

Še enkrat rečem, poslušajte dobro,

kakor doslej. Ponosna sem, da spadam k Slovenski Ženski Zvezi. Ob tej priliki sem srečala mnogo žena in delegatkinj iz vseh delov Amerike, katere ne bi nikoli poznala, če ne bi bilo SŽZ.

Lep pozdrav glavnim odbornicam in podružnicam.
Josephine Stariha

Št. 19, Eveleth, Minn. Junija in julija ni bilo seje., zato vas vljudno vabim, da se v polnem številu udeležite naše prihodnje seje, dne 17. avgusta ob 1:30 v navadnem prostoru na domu tajnice. Razmotrivati imamo važne stvari predvsem v zvezi z Zvezinim dnevom, ki se bo vršil v septembru v Tower, Minn. Gostiteljica po podr. št. 34.

Naša delegatkinja ses. Erklauz nam bo poročala o poteku konvencije.

Sestra Jerome se nahaja v bolnici, ravno tako ses. Sherse. Ses. Mary Mihevc je v Hibbing Nursing Home; ses. Levstik v Biwabik Nursing Home in v Eveleth Nursing Home so pa članice: ses. predsednica Nemgar, ses. Setnikar, ses. Drobnich in ses. Strahan. Vsem želimo ljubo zdravje, enako vsem, ki se zdravijo doma, pa mi ni znano, če je katera bolna.

Več naših mladinskih članic je graduiralo in vsem želimo srečno bodočnost in mnogo uspehov v življenju.

Na seji v maju smo lepo obhajale materinski dan. Mlade članice so nam lepo postregle z vsemi dobrotami. V imenu vseh navzočih, želim vsem izreči prisrčno zahvalo. Tudi mizo so krasno okinčale. Lepi namizni prt je darovala podružnica ses. zapisničarica Sterle. Vse dobrote so naložile na mizo ses. Pollack, ses. Menart, ses. Krall in ses. Charnowski. Najlepša hvata vsem skupaj. Materinski dan nam bo vsem ostal v lepem spominu.

Vsem glavnim odbornicam in delegatkinjam se lepo zahvalim za poslano pozdrave s konvencije in vsem, ki ste se podpisale na karto. Vse dneve konvencije sem bila v duhu z vami v naši prestolici.

Z željo, da bi bile vse zdrave, vas prosim, da se v velikem številu udeležite pomembne seje dne 17. avgusta ob pol dveh popoldne pri tajnici.

Pozdrav vsem, **Mary Lenich**

Št. 20, Joliet, Ill. — Naša zadnja seja pred poletno sezono v juniju je bila dobro obiskana. Članice so prišle, da slišijo poročilo o konvenciji in o vtisih, katere so doživele v našem prestolnem mestu. Po seji so kazale slike "slides" o Washingtonu, katere je preskrbelala Irena Planinšek iz Washingtona ter moving pictures, katere je posnela naša poročevalka v času konvencije, ki pa žal osebno ni mogla biti navzoča na seji, ker se je tiste tedne mudila v Floridi in Georgija, zato so slike kazale hčerke Olga Anceel in Mildred Pucel. Tudi v Floridi in drugih krajih sem posnela premikajoče slike, katere boste lahko videle na eni izmed bodočih sej.

Po seji se je serviral sladoled, katerega je preskrbela Frances Gaspich in pa torte, katere je spekla naša predsednica Emma Planinšek. Na seji je bila sprejeta Mrs. Mary Haggerty, ki je bila soudeleženka obiskovalcev konvencije in jo je na vlaku vpisala blagajničarka Jo Sumic. Pred konvencijo je bila sprejeta Mrs. Cark Gregorich (Maryanne) soproga našega zdravniškega specialista za noge, nato vnukinje Vaše poročevalke Janice in Rosanne Ruth, hčerka Jonita Ruth. Predlagane so bile po Josephine Erjavec.

Prihodnja seja se bo vršila v septembru in ste vse članice vabljene k udeležbi.

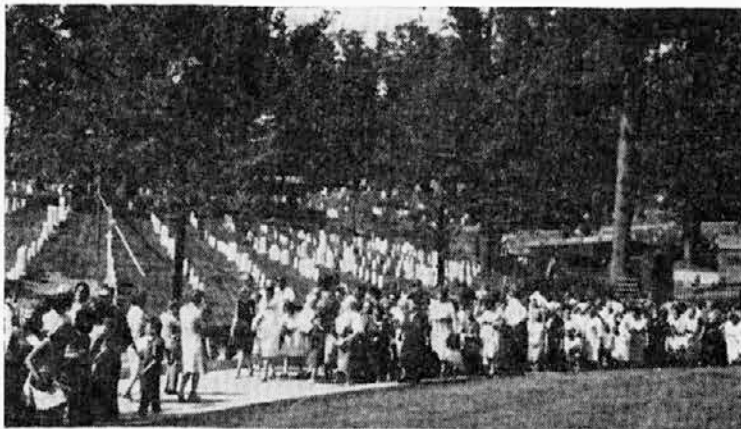
Takoj po konvenciji smo izgubile dobro članico, Antonijo Petek, ki je rada prihajala na seje. Umrla je na obisku pri sinu v Floridi ter je bila prepeljana sem za pokop. K podružnici je pristopila Jan. 1955 predlagana po Jo Sumic. Ob smrti je bila stara komaj 60 let. V življenju je bila zelo radodarna. Zapušča moža, dve hčerke in sina. Pred nekaj leti sta z možem vodila restavracijo blizu Union železniške postaje. Pokojno sestro so naše članice počastile na mrtvaškem odru in jo spremile na zadnji poti. Pogreba so se udeležile čla.: Jo Sumic, Jo Erjavec, Emma Planinšek in Lil Berge.

Umrla je tudi Helen Keith, stara komaj 53 let, sestra članice Anne Papesch. Bila je bolana več let. Zapušča moža, hčerko in sina, ki je v ameriški vojni službi. Vsem prizadetim družinam naše sožalje, pokojnim pa večni mir.

Naše čestitke Mr. John Jevitz (Živec) st. očetu poznanega rojaka Johna ml., ki je praznoval 90 letnico rojstva. Mr. Jevitz st. je starosta dr. Sv. Petera in Pavla, ABZ — Jednote ter ima mnogo zaslug pri naši fari. Njegova družina ja vsa narodno zavedna in Mr. Jevitz ml. je tudi dolgoletni cerkveni pevec in pa superintendent Forest Preserve. Tudi njegova žena Lottie je cerkvena pevka.

Na State Convention ameriške legije v Springfieldu sta zastopala Post 1080 Christ Mich, Pucel (sin Mildred Pucel) in Rudy ter Jim Kostelec, sin članice Bernice Kostelec, ki je dolgoletna tedenska poročevalka za njeno naselbino Crest Hill. — Z odliko je graduirala osmi razred Carita Ancel, hčerka Olge Ancel. Prejela je tudi posebno nagrado Am. Legije. Tudi več drugih otrok naših članic je graduiralo in bom poročala o njim, ko mi bo sporočeno.

Lokalni list Herald News je prinesel veliko sliko Mr. in Mrs. Peter Skoufes, ker sta prejela posebno priznanje od Joliet Chapter Ahepa. Mr. Skoufes je bil ustanovitelj te organizacije in njen predsednik prvih 10 let, soproga Mary, pa predsednica ženske organizacije in nato tajnica 6 let. Ona se je lanska leto udeležila slavnosti podr. št. 2 in se vedno rada



POGLED NA MNOŽIČNO ZVEZINO DELEGACIJO NA NARODNEM POKOPALIŠČU V ARLINGTONU.

udejstvujeta med nami. Njemo deklisklo ime je bilo Mary Puncar iz Marble Str. Sedaj živi na Plainfield Road.

Sredi mnogih prijateljev in sorodnikov sta praznovale njune rojstne dneve naše dolgoletne članice Frances Bottari iz Elizabeth Str. in Mary Schmidberger, ki je predsednica Oltarnega društva mnogo let. Naše čestitke vsem slavljencem in še na mnoga leta.

Iskreno sožalje družini Frank Stimac, ki je umrl v juniju. Zapušča ženo Veroniko, ki je naša dolgoletna dobra članica in že več let slabega zdravja. Zapušča tudi 2 hčerke in več sinov. Pred leti je pokojnik vodil grocerijsko trgovino. Pokopan je bil iz cerkve Matere Božje na farno pokopališče. Naj počiva v miru.

Na svidenje na prihodnji seji v septembru, do takrat pa imejte svoje prispevke plačane. Ako jih nimate, obiščite katero izmed odbornic Zveze, ali pa tajnico. To je važno za Vas.

Lepe pozdrave,

Josephine Erjavec

**KAMPANJA V ČAST
ZVEZINE "NOVE DOBE"
je sedaj v teku do
31. okt. 1967
PRIDOBIVAJTE NOVE
ČLANICE!**

Št. 41, Cleveland, O. — Radi praznika 4. julija nismo imele seje, vse ste, prav prijazno vabljeni na sejo dne 5. septembra. Vse, katere dogujete na članarini, ste prošene da isto poravnate čimprej mogoče.

Vesele smo, da se je zdravje naši ses. predsednici Mary Debevec precej zboljšalo. Na potu okrevanja so tudi ses. L. Rožance, O. Benčič in C. Young; bolana pa sta še ses. N. Štrukel in A. Lekan. Vsem iskreno želimo čimprejšnjega zdravja.

Vse najboljše za rojstni dan obletnice želimo naši agilni nadz. ses. Ann Vidensek in ses. Mary Boltezar za

njeno 80 letnico. Imenovanima in vsem, katere godujete ta mesec, kliče: Bog Vas živi še na mnoga leta.

V blagajno so darovale ses. K. Artel, K. Plemel, N. Pintar, A. Kozelj, in M. Poje. Vsem iskrena hvala.

Lepa hvala naši delegatki, Anne Rebolj za podano poročilo s konvencije.

Na kraj miru in pokoja smo spremlile ses. Anno Stakich, ki je bila naša dolgoletna članica. Soprogu in družini izrekamo iskreno sožalje, pokojni sestri pa večni mir in pokoj.

Globoko sožalje izrekamo ses. Frances Zakrajšek in družini ob izgubi ljubljenega soproga in očeta, Antona Zakrajšek, ki se je po kratki, a težki bolezni preselil dne 20. junija v večnost. Zapušča tudi sedem vnukov in vnukinj in več drugih sorodnikov. Naj počiva v miru in večna luč naj mu sveti.

Torej ne pozabite priti na prihodnjo sejo in pripeljite tudi vaše prijateljice. Lepe pozdrave vsem!

Ella Starin

Št. 47, Garfield, Hts., O. Ob priliki naše majske seje, dne 21. maja smo praznovale materinski dan. Udeležba je bila dobra. Za okrepčila je tudi bilo vse dobro pripravljano, za kar velja zahvala vsem, ki so delale za to. Posebna hvala ses. Anna Kreševič in Agnes Rus za okusne štrudelnice. Častno mater smo nagradile s primernim darilom in pripele smo ji lep šopek v znak sesterske ljubezni. Bila je zelo ginjena in se je iz srca zahvalila vsem sestram za naklonjeno pozornost.

Hvala sestram za finančno darilo v blagajno: Ann Čekada, Antonia Rolih in Helen Cergol.

Z žalostjo smo sprejele pismo resignacije predsednice R. Shuster, ki nam sporoča, da zaradi družinskih okoliščin ji ni mogoče več nadaljevati v predsedniškem uradu. Na njeno mesto smo izvolile novo predsednico, Jennie Gerk, ki je zelo aktivna društvenica. Pridobila je že več novih članic in je tudi pridna za podpreti blagajno. Upamo, da bo delovala z vso vnemo.

ZVEZIN DAN V PENNA. SE VRŠI 24. SEPT.

Št. 71, Strabane, Pa. — Zadnja seja je bila povoljno obiskana. Lucy Smith, delegatinja podružnice je poročala o poteku narodne konvencije. Ker je bila prvič na konvenciji, pravi, da se ji je zelo dopadlo.

V mesecu maju sta naša dolgoletna članica Verona Topaš in njen soprož slavila 50 letnico zakonskega življenja v krogu njune družine in veliko prijateljev. Želimo jima zdravja in še mnogo obletic.

Dne 14. junija sem šla na letališče Pittsburgh, da se poslovim od številnih SZZ in njihovih soprogov, ki

so odhajali na obisk Slovenije. Šel je tudi sprog moje vnukinje Fran Valencic ter Slovenski Oktet iz Pittsburgha. V starem kraju bodo priredili več koncertov. Želim jim mnogo sreče ter vsem izletnikom veliko zabave v domovini ter zdravi povratek v Ameriko, enako naši glavni tajnici, Mrs. Novak.

Lepo vabim vse podružnice v Pa., da se udeležijo Zvezinega Dneva, ki se bo vršil dne 24. sept. v Pittsburghu. Med nami bo Mrs. Albina Novak. Lep pozdrav in na svidenje 24. sept.

Mary Tomsic, preds.

V mladinski oddelek smo pridobile 4 nove članice: Kathleen Dorchak, vnukinja sedanje predsednice, Doreen Theresa Cudnik, Jill Frances, to so hčerke Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth in Janet Cudnik, rojena (Zala). Tako lahko rečemo, da je že 4-ti rod včlanjen pri podružnici. Žal, da njihova stara mati J. Zala ni več med njimi, ker je pred 2 leti bila ubita v avtomobilski nesreči. Z vso pozornostjo in materinsko ljubeznijo skrbi, da je dom v redu, njihova pra-stara mati, Jennie Čermelj, ki je tudi naša dolgoletna članica. Želimo, da se skoro pozdravi, ata in stari oče Anthony Zala. Ta družina je vedno rada zahajala na naše prireditve. Judy Lynn Strazisar je hčerka Anthony in Eleonore Stražisar in vnukinja pokojne naše ustanoviteljice H. Tomazič. Dobrodošle med nami. Mogoče bo ta mlajši rod enkrat zavzel naša mesta.

Srečne mamice so postale Vel Mervar, Rose Shuster, 2 krat pra-stara mati Mary Korošec iz Grove-wood Ave. Nače čestitke vsem skupaj.

Predno zaključim, se prav lego zahvalim vsem članicam, ko ste kupile toliko listkov, ki so nam bili podarjeni iz glavnega urada za konvenčne stroške. Posebno so se zavzele sestre Jennie Gerk 2 knjžice, po eno pa Anna Krešivec, Stefania Mahnič, Mary Culkar in Mary Vlček. Skupaj \$160.

Meseca maja se je poročila Louise, hčerka Mr. in Mrs. Anthony Mervar. Bilo srečno! Naše čestitke novoporočencema Mr. in Mrs. William Dwyer in staršem.

Še na mnoga Itea, kličemo sestro Jennie Cvelbar, ki je dopolnila 20. junija 75 let. Precej let je bila naša podpredsednica.

Izrekamo iskreno sožalje vsem, ki so izgubili svoje drage ki so odšli v večnost: John Požar, oče Carol Stare, Karolina Bobnar je zapustila 3 sinove in 3 hčere, med njimi Agnes Zagar, ki je največ skrbela za njo. Anton Jelarčič v Phoenix, Arizona. Tam zapuščča žalujočo soprogo Mary v Clev. sinova Anthony-ja in družino ter Rolanda v Calif. z družino, da nas Bog združi z njimi ko dokončamo pot tega življenja.

Na bolniški listi so sestre: Terezija Bizjak, Rose Vatovec, Mary Lupšina,

Josephine Mezerko, Mary Barbič, družabna čl. Jennie Mezgec. Naj jim ljubi Bog da zdravje, to so naše srčne želje.

Srečno potovanje in zdrav povratek želimo Antoniji Brne, ki se nahaja na obisku v Sloveniji, v Dolnem Zemanu pri Ilirski Bistrici. Z njo sta šli hčerka Antonia in vnukinja Jean Gitler iz Buffalo, N. Y.

Vsem izletnicam želimo dobre čase in veselo ter zdravo vrnitev med nas.

Pozdrav vsem članicam, delegatijam in uradnicam. Lepo je bilo na konvenciji Zveze v W., D. C.

Jennie Pugely, tajnica

Št. 49, Noble, O. Cenjene in drage članice podr. št. 49: Z veseljem se vam zahvaljujem za izkazano pozornost v času moje bolezni, za molitve, za dar sv. maše, za obiske in za iznenadenje za moj rojstni dan.

Ker smo letos imele ses. Mary Gombač izvoljeno kot najbolj zaslužno mater, so jo naše članice hotele malo iznenaditi in prirediti party njej na čast. Tako se je odlična družba zbrala na mojem domu, pa presneto so me potegnile, ker ni bila samo Mary počaščena, ampak tudi jaz. Tako so te tičke z enim strelom kar dva zajca ustrelile. Ker je bil ravno moj rojstni dan, so mi zapele Happy Birthday in prinesle so mi krasni cake in tudi s šopki smo bile obdarovane. Ker se jaz ukvarjam s cvetlicami, sem jih tudi jaz obdarovala s šopki. Torej, hvala, drage sestre! Vi ne veste kako hudo je biti star pozabljen in še bolan povrhu. Takle sestanki človeka kar poživijo. Ta dan smo pozabile razmotrivati o naši podružnici, pa v drugič. Še enkrat pristrčna hvala, posebno še sestram: Mary Stušek, Mary Gombač, Frances Hočevar, Ann Kozan in Virginia Birch.

Drage sestre, katere ste bolane in osamljene, Vam želim zdravja in razvedrila.

Ker sem ravno pri pisanju, je moja želja, da se zahvalim častni predsednici sestri Marie Prislund za njen kotichek v Zarji, Oh, ta svet. Po mojem mnenju je vreden Zarje. Hvala lepa, urednici Corinne Leskovar za krasno urejevanje Zarje. Kot tukaj rojena se izvrstno pokaže kot zaved-

na Slovenka v vseh ozirih. Se pozna, da ima dobro mater, Albino Novak, voditeljico slovenskih žena v Ameriki, ki jim tudi pomaga na potovanju v Slovenijo.. Zanimajo me tudi dopisi od poznanih podružnic, posebno od št. 32 in 14, kakor tudi sosednjih naselbin. Bili so časi ko smo hodili ene k drugim na vabila kake slavnosti.

Največkrat je bil blagoslov zastave in takrat smo se zbrale v paradah. Sedaj so tudi ti časi minili, ali spomin nanje je še ostal. Ker se malokdaj oglasim, sem pa sedaj raztegnila moj dopis. Torej drage sestre, lep pozdrav vsem skupaj, posebno še pod št. 49.

Jennie Kosten

Št. 54, Warren, O. — V mesecu avgustu naša podružnica ne bo imela seje in prihodnja seja se vrši dne 19. septembra, to je tretji terek v mesecu pri sestri Betty. Na zadnji seji smo jo zelo pogrešale, sedaj se zdravi doma. Hčerka Margaritte Zuga se je morala podvreči operaciji. Obema želimo ljubo zdravje.

Na seji nas je pogostila Alojzija Tomazin, ki je obhajala svoj 70-ti rojstni dan. Vsem, ki v tem času obhajate rojstne dneve, želim še na mnoga leta.

Naša tajnica Joanne Ponikvar je dobila sinčka, ki je četrti v družini, tako sta postala Frank in Mary Ponikvar 9-tič stari oče in mati, ravno tako midva. Prvič sta postala Helen in L. Gorsich, kjer se je pri sinu oglasila teta štorklja in pustila sinčka. Naše čestitke vsem skupaj. Joanne vedno najde čas, da vestno opravlja tajniske posle. Njena svakinja, ima 5 otrok, je naše zapisničarica.

Nekatere se izgovarjajo, da nimajo časa, kar pa ne velja, če je dobra volja, se vse naredi. Na konvenciji v Washingtonu smo imele priliko videti in slišati koliko hčerk od naših starejših pionirk se udeležuje pri Zvezi. Hčerka častne predsednice Prislund, Hermine lepo piše "Pots and Pans", hčerka gl. tajnica Albine, — Corinne, ki je urednica Zarje.

Občudovala sem njeno vnukinjo Miriam, ki je vkljub mladim letom že velika pomoč mami in stari mami.

Olga Ancel, hčerka Josephine Erjavec, ki lepo piše za mladinsko stran Zarje. V glavnem uradu je marljivo na delu Sophie Bogolin, hčerka glavne blagajničarke Jos. Železnikar.

Hčerka Emme Planinšek, Irene, ki je učiteljica, pa je organizirala novo podružnico in je bila Chairman konvenčnih priprav. To je dokaz, da so zavedne Slovenke in vrle Amerikanke. Vse te in glavni odbor zaslužijo zaupnico. Ravno tako Father Okorn, ki so vsak dan darovali sv. mašo v hotelu in se udeležili vseh sej. Bilo je nekaj posebnega, slovenska sv. maša v največji cerkvi v Ameriki v sredo in nedeljo, pa tako lepo petje. Vsa čast gre tamkajšnjim rojakom inteligentom za ves program v cerkvi in na banketu. Tudi sinovi sloven-

skih staršev kot Senator Frank Lausche, kongresnik J. Blatnik iz Minn. in Ludvig Andolšek, civil service commissioner. Ni jih sram slovenskega pokolenja. Vsa čast vsem skupaj in naša zahvala.

Ves program za izlete in sploh vse je bilo nadvse izvrstno. Hrana najboljša, vsak dan v drugih prostorih. Za tak denar, mora vsak priznati, se ne dobi kaj takega. Jaz sem se sestala z mnogimi znankami iz prejšnjih konvencij, kar človeka veseli, ko se zopet sestane po dolgem času. Mene je zelo pretresla novica, da je bila ubita v nesreči Mollie Remec. Naj v miru počiva. Preostalim moje sožalje.

Dosti bi še imela za pisati o tolikih zanimivostih in vtisih, katere smo odnesle iz konvencije v našem glavnem mestu Amerike, pa naj zadostuje. Hvala vsem skupaj za trud, ki ste ga imele z nami.

Tudi jaz sem nesla novo članico za Mrs. Prislund, to je Helen Kohli, pokojnih Franka in Korline Klaus. Helen, ki živi v Genevi, O., ključemo dobrodošla.

Rose Racher

Št. 64, Kansas City, Kans. — Naša delegatinja Regina Cop in njene spremljevalke podpreds. Anna Perešich in Mary Hotujec, so se srečno vrnile iz konvencije in imajo mnogo zanimivega povedati kaj so vse videli in skom so se srečale v Washingtonu.

Na marčevi seji nam je Mr. Stefanich kazal lepe premikajoče slike, katere je posnel lani iz raznih krajev Slovenije ter v Lurdu. Iz slik v Lurdu si moremo predstavljati kako velike procesije se vršijo dnevno v tej znameniti božji poti, ko pridejo bolniki iz vseh sveta, prositi za ljubo zdravje. Mr. Stefanich je brat g. patra Stefanliča v Lemontu. Najlepša mu hvala.

Za Materinski dan so naši farni možje zopet pripravili ženam prav okusni zajutrek po sv. maši. Najlepša hvala.

Dne 12. junija je po daljši boleznì preminula, Mrs. Anna Springer, ki zapuščala 5 sinov in eno hčerko. 3 sinovi so odšli pred njo v večnost. Zapuščala tudi sestro Mrs. Frances Chuck v Sheboygan, Wis. in sestro Johano Cesar v Sloveniji, kakor tudi 20 vnukov in 14 pravnukov.

Mr. in Mrs. George Vraničar sta pa nepričakovano izgubila 59 letnega sina, ki zapuščala poleg staršev tudi enega brata in eno sestro, a štirje so pa že odšli v večnost. Mrs. Vraničar je naša članica. — Obema družinama globoko sožalje.

Naša cerkev bo na novo prebarvana in očiščena. Stalo bo 15,000 dol. in bo res lepo izgledala.

Dne 1. julija sta se v cerkvi sv. Cirila in Metoda poročila Lawrence Cornish in Mary Jean Zugečič. Imeli so veliko in veselo ohcet.

BIVŠA GL. ODBORNICA ANA PETRICH PREMINULA

Št. 100, Fontana, Cal. —

Imam za poročati žalostno novico, da je Bog poklical k sebi našo dobro članico Ano Petrich, ki je bolehalo že več let za srčno hibo. Pred 20 leti so se preselili sem iz Warren, Ohio. Ko je bila bolj mlada in zdrava je imela več uradov in je bila tudi v glavnem uradu ter je bila naša rediteljica do zadnjega časa aktivna članica, katero bomo zelo pogrešali. Kako je bila priljubljena se je videlo na njenem pogrebu. Ko bi ona videla koliko je imela cvetja to bi bila vesela. Pokopali smo jo na njen rojstni dan. Bila je 67 let stara. Na zadnjo sejo je prinesla pečiva, ker smo praznovali njen rojstni dan in na isti seji je dobila srčni napad, da so jo morali odpeljati v bolnico, kjer je bila en dan manj kot 5 tednov. Odšla je v večnost previdena s sv. zakramenti in s smehljajem je zaspala v Bogu. Bila je dobra žena in mati ter stara mati 3 otrokom. Soproj John in sin sta bila že vsa pripravljena, da odideta obiskati svojce v staro domovino, pa ker ji je šlo na slabše, sta ostala doma in ostala pri njej do zadnje ure. Naše globoko sožalje soprogu Johnu, sinu, sinahi ter vsem ostalim.



Ana Petrich

Tebi pa draga Ana, počivaj v miru ter naj Ti sveti večna luč ter spomni se tudi na nas, kakor se mi spominjamo Tebe.

Prihodnja seja bo prvi četrtek v septembru. Do takrat na svidenje in God bless you all!

Kristina Filipš, poročevalka

Najlepša hvala za karte in pozdrave, katere sem prejela iz konvencije od Mrs. Anna Pachak in Frances Simonich ter Mrs. Mary Mihelich iz Enumclaw, Wash., kakor tudi našim članicam iz Kansas City

Antonia Kostelec

Št. 68, Fairport, O. — Poročilo iz naše mesečne seje dne 18. junija. Na seji se nas je zbralo lepo število, saj je mesec junij eden najlepših mesecev, ko je vsa narava v bujnem cvetju ter nam ptički prepevajo in kratak čas delajo. Tudi me članice smo se pozdravile do prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila po letnih počitnicah in sicer v mesecu septembru. Želim vsem članicam, da bi se takrat zopet vse zdrave sešle in nadaljevale delo za našo Zvezo in podružnico.

Vsem izletnicam želim vesele in zdrave počitnice, kjerkoli jih boste preživele.

Naša predsednica Jennie Mohorčič nam je na zadnji seji poročala kako lepo je bilo na Zvezini konvenciji v glavnem mestu, Washingtonu. Vse so bile zadovoljne, da so toliko lepega videli in uživale zanimivosti, kakor tudi poslušale slovenske govornike.

Bodite vse članice lepo pozdravljene.

Frances Bajc

Št. 96, Universal, Pa. — Na dan naše junijske seje, sicer ni bila prehudu vročina, toda udeležba je vseeno bila prav majhna. Seja je bila Helen Richtar in po seji smo imeli

dovolj jedil za celo ohcet: pohane piške vsake sorte, solate z fižolom, potice, krofe in druge dobrote. Gotovo se kesate, da niste prišle na sejo. Sedaj v mesecu avgusta pa bo seja pri Josephine Borkovich Perino ob 6:30 zvečer kar zunaj. To bo 14. v mesecu.

Vse, ki ste še na bolniški listi, želim, da bi se čimprej pozdravile: Jennie Roth, Frances Oblock sr., Jerica Sifler. Naša vedno vesela Frances Boyt Velicic se je tudi dobro pozdravila po operaciji, ker je imela cataract na obeh očesih in naša prejšnja predsednica Mrs. Anna Podobnik pravi, da bo ona tudi mogla na operacijo zaradi cataract. Prav iz srca vama voščim dobrega zdravja.

Sedaj pa prosim vse članice, da pogledate plačilno knjižico kako stoji glede plačanega asesmenta. Ako dolgujete, prosim lepo, da bi v "naprej" plačevale in katere ste dolžne, prosim, da bi takoj poravnale, ker tajnica ne more zalagati in ona mora do 25-tega v mesecu odposlati na glavni urad.

Še nekaj. Želim vas opozoriti, če je vaš dragi umrl, poglejte vaš certifikat in spremenite ime drage osebe, da ne bo sitnosti.

Končam moje pisanje s ponovnim opozorilom, da bo naša seja dne 14. avgusta ob 6:30 popoldne.

Vsem članicam in vsem, ki prebirate te vrstice naše Zarje želim vse dobro in lepo pozdravljam,

Pavla Kokal

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH, 1967

FINANČNO POROČILO ZA MESEC MAREC, 1967

Branch	Assessments	Membership
1	\$101.50	179 59
2	150.60	355 168
3	150.00	272 164
4	4.65	14 —
5	95.10	109 27 *
6	50.55	114 9
7	59.50	107 84
8	21.35	51 —
9	—	31 2
10	150.70	328 36
12	73.45	184 35
13	54.95	109 20
14	142.75	279 24
15	112.45	222 13
16	68.90	130 77
17	78.95	151 64
19	60.00	127 27
20	139.05	221 23
21	59.75	118 51
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23	112.65	233 56
24	77.90	158 79
25	359.35	673 187
26	47.15	105 9
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47	57.60	110 29
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Feb. Mar. /; Mar. Apr. May;		
@ Feb. Mar. ! Jan. Feb. % 12 mos;		
# Jan; — Apr. May June.		
Income:		
Assessment	\$4,424.50	
Rent for March	155.00	
Interests	1,435.41	
Total	\$6,014.91	
Disbursements — stroški:		
Br. 4, Oregon City, Mary Maras	\$100.00	
Br. 6, Barberton, Mary Mekina	100.00	
Br. 7, Forest City, M. O'Pecko	100.00	
Br. 8, Steelton, Ljuba Marisic	100.00	
Br. 14, Euclid, Mary Pirc	100.00	
Br. 19, Eveleth, Frances Habjan	100.00	
Br. 24, La Salle, Mary Strukel	100.00	
Br. 25, Cleveland, Mary Hosta	100.00	
Br. 25, Cleveland, Joh. Jakomin	100.00	
Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Krist. Basa	100.00	
Br. 27, No. Braddock,		
M. C. Stefanski "B"	250.00	
Br. 41, Cleveland, Fanny Kosoc	100.00	
Br. 43, Milwaukee, Helen Riffel	100.00	
Br. 50, Cleveland,		
Anna C. Herbst "B"	150.00	
Br. 66, Canon City, A. Susman	100.00	
Br. 93, Brooklyn, M. Lackner	100.00	
Zarja—The Dawn, March edition		
24 pages	1,565.14	
Salaries and administration	1,015.00	
Actuaries annual report & Mar.	270.00	
Campaign awards		
"Pre-convention"	188.00	
Secretaries annual awards	543.45	
Printing, certificates, misc.	216.73	
Postage, secretaries supplies,		
sundries	369.88	
Monthly office rent	75.00	
Department of Insurance		
annual report	25.00	
Total	5,968.20	
Ledger balance Feb. 1967	\$522,226.12	
Income in March, 1967	6,014.91	
	528,241.03	
Disbursements in March	5,968.20	
Ledger assets March 1967	\$522,272.83	
Albina Novak, Secretary		

HI, BOYS AND GIRLS!

Instead of the usual message-type letter, I hope you will enjoy reading about a parish priest Don Camillo and "The Ugly Madonna".

May the closing days of your summer vacation be filled with many sunny days. Your friend,

REGINA

THE UGLY MADONNA

By Giovanni Guareschi

Don Camillo had a thorn in the flesh, one that had annoyed him intensely for a very long time. Once a year it was particularly painful, and that was during the procession in honor of the Assumption. For three hundred and sixty-four days the dim, shadowy chapel afforded concealment, but under the pitiless sun of August fifteenth the true state of affairs was visible to everybody. And it was a serious matter.

She was known as the "Ugly Madonna", a phrase which smacked of collective blasphemy. But actually no disrespect toward the Mother of God was intended; this was merely an accurate description of the state which was the cause of Don Camillo's pain.

The statue was a six-foot tall terracotta affair, as heavy as lead, and painted in colors so offensive as to give anyone an eye ache. The sculptor—God rest his soul!—must have been one of the most miserable cheats the world has ever known. If an ignorant but honest man had done the job, no one would have called it ugly. Ignorance is not detrimental to a work of art, because a simple-minded craftsman may put his heart and soul into it and these count for infinitely more than his technical ability. But in this case the sculptor was obviously able and had turned all his skill to the creation of something ugly.

On that day long ago when Don Camillo had set foot in the church for the first time, he was shocked by the statue's ugliness and he determined then and there to replace it with some more fitting image of God's Mother. He declared this intention on the spot, and was told to forget it. It was pointed out to him that the statue dated from 1693, and there was a date on the pedestal to prove it.

"I don't care about the date," Don Camillo objected. "It's downright ugly."

"Ugly, but venerably antique," they insisted.

"Venerably antique, but ugly," retorted Don Camillo.

"Historical, Father," they said, insisting on having the last word.

For several years Don Camillo struggled in vain. If the statue had such historical importance, then it could be sent to a museum and replaced by one with a decent face.



Or, if this wouldn't do, it could be moved into the sacristy and thus make way for a more suitable successor. Of course the purchase of another statue would require money. When Don Camillo started to make the rounds with fund-raising in view, he came upon more opposition.

"Replace the ugly Madonna? That statue is historical, and nothing can take its place. It wouldn't be right. Who ever heard of crowding out history?"

Don Camillo gave the project up, but the statue remained a thorn in his flesh, and every now and then he exploded to Christ at the main altar about it.

"Lord, why don't You help me? Aren't You personally offended by the sight of Your Mother in such an unworthy guise? How can You bear for people to call her the 'ugly Madonna'?"

"Don Camillo," Christ answered, "true beauty does not reside in the face. That, as we all know, must one day return to the dust from which it sprang. True beauty is eternal and does not die with the flesh. And the beauty of the Mother of God is in her soul and hence incorruptible. Why should I take offense because someone has carved a woman with an ugly face and set her up as a Madonna? Those who kneel before her aren't praying to a statue but to the Mother of God in Heaven."

"Amen," said Don Camillo.

There was no other answer, but it still troubled him to hear people refer to the "ugly Madonna." He became accustomed to the thorn in his flesh, but every August fifteenth, when the statue was taken down and carried in the procession, the pain was more than he could bear. Once removed from the kindly shadows of the chapel and exposed to the sunlight, the face stood out all too clearly. It was not only an ugly face but an evil one as well; the features were heavy and vulgar, and the eyes expressionless rather than ecstatic. And the Infant Jesus in the Madonna's arms was just a bundle of rags with an empty doll's head sticking out of them. Don Camillo had tried to mask the ugliness of the statue with a crown and necklace and veil, but these had served only to accentuate it. Finally he removed all extraneous ornaments and let the vile coloring show for exactly what it was.

Then war came to the river valley, leaving in its wake death and destruction. Bombs fell upon churches and thieving, sacrilegious hands plundered their altars as they passed by. Don Camillo didn't dare admit

FROM YOUTH DIRECTOR

Hello to all!

Since your vacations are nearly over, I know you all have fond memories of your trips and other exciting adventures. I would be happy to hear about the interesting things you did and interesting projects you may have been doing. Write to us — we'll love to hear from you!

In Cleveland we are going to begin a Junior Bowling League. If you and your friends want to join us, please get in touch with your officers. Which ever branch you belong to — ask about our Junior Bowling League. You and your friends are invited to join us — and we'll be happy to sign them all up as new members.

If this idea appeals to you in branches outside of Cleveland, tell your officers that you are interested and maybe we can work out something in your locality.

Let me ask you all, dear junior members, to be little "salesmen" and get your friends to join the Slovenian Women's Union. You'll feel very proud to know that you made your branch a little better. Some day you may be an officer in some branch. Wouldn't you like that? You know, it is an honor. I'd like to hear from you. I promise to answer all your letters. Sincerely,

Mary Bostian
19617 Mohawk Ave.
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it but he secretly hoped that someone would "liberate" him from the "ugly Madonna." When foreign soldiers first appeared upon the scene Don Camillo hurried to the proper authorities to say:

"Our ugly Madonna is a masterpiece dating from 1693, an object of both historical and artistic importance. Shouldn't it be evacuated to a safe place of storage for the duration?"

But they told him to set his mind at rest. Historically and artistically important as the Madonna might be, the fact remained that she was ugly, and this was her best defense. If she hadn't been ugly, she would never have stayed in place for so many years.

The war came to an end, and the first post-war years went by, and then a time came when the thorn in Don Camillo's flesh bothered him most acutely. He had painted the church walls, varnished the imitation marble columns and the wooden railings and gilded the candlesticks on the various altars. As a result, the "ugly Madonna" simply didn't belong there. A dark spot on a gray back-

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Author Unknown

SUMMER DAZE

Tourist (To Fisherman): "How are they biting today?"

Fisherman (Slapping another mosquito): "On the legs and neck, mostly."

Junior: "Dad, instead of buying me an expensive present for my birthday, why not give me something you made yourself?"

Dad: "What's that?"

Junior: "Money."

Mother: "What's all the racket in the kitchen?"

Joe: "I'm fighting temptation."

Sue: "What's a tongue twister?"

Mae: "A group of words that get your tongue tangled."

ground is not too conspicuous, but on a white one it stands out like a black eye.

"Lord," said Don Camillo, on his knees before Christ. "This time You simply must help me. I have spent all the money I had and some I did not have on fixing up the church. In order to pay my debts, I've rationed my food and given up cigars. And I rejoice not so much in the beauty of the church as in the God-given strength to sacrifice a few of my comforts. Now, won't You deliver me of the thorn of my flesh? Won't You do something to stop people from calling Don Camillo's church the 'Church of the Ugly Madonna?'"

"Don Camillo, do I have to tell you the same thing over and over?" Christ answered. "Do I have to tell you again that true beauty does not reside in the face, that true beauty cannot be seen, because it is a thing of the spirit, which defies the erosion of time and does not return to the dust whence the body sprang?"

Don Camillo lowered his head without answering. And this was a bad sign.

(To be continued)

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