

Contributions From Junior Members

CLEVELAND, O.

Dear friends and readers of the SSCU... On December 10, 1939, lodge Ilirka... This is my first letter to the Nova Doba... I am very much ashamed of the fact that this is my first letter to our juvenile section...

besides Rose Koprivnik, Helen Okoren, Elsie Strauss. So to be hearing from you next month... To Strabane, Frances Zele, our very bright pupil tells us about her school work; encloses a poem entitled, Christmas Greetings... Back to Cleveland, Ohio, Ilirka Vila lodge has been well represented with four articles...

that I haven't been so prompt myself in writing. But I assure you that this won't be my last article. To all of you I sincerely wish a prosperous New Year. Sincerely, Louis Omer (Age: 15) No. 36, SSCU CHICAGO, ILL. DEAR EDITOR: New Year has come and with it another report of a delegate bringing back occurrences of the successful gathering of fortunate delegates in Ely, Minnesota, in August 1939...

Minnesota. We enjoyed ourselves all the way back. Night time came and all the delegates were to be found in the beautiful \$250,000 Community Center, a building with all modern conveniences. I danced with quite a number of delegates. The first dancer I was introduced to by Anne Laurich of Eveleth, although I forgot her name. I also danced with Anne Laurich. Most of my dances were taken by Eleanor Lange of Milwaukee, Wis. She was a pretty girl with kind of blondish hair. Babe Snelser took her right away. She wasn't on the train yet when she was his. That night after the dance I took a girl out. We went to the Black Bat and had something to eat and then danced for a while. On the way home, strolling along, I received first hand information about certain places we passed by. We kept on "chewing the rag" on her porch until 3 a. m. when she went into the house and I went back home. I came in about four. Good thing the door was open. That ended Friday night and part of Saturday morning. Saturday we attended the second athletic conference. Stan Progar was elected chairman. Meeting was adjourned at 12 noon. At night a street dance took place in front of the Forest Hotel. Prof. F. V. DiNino led the Municipal Band for the occasion. After the street dance, Al Jelercic, Eddie Mikec and I went to a poolroom where we saw two colored fellows "cutting the rug." We played two games and I had to pay the first, Eddie the second. Walked to the Sweet Shoppe, where I had a couple of 3 per cent beers. Guzzled those down and then we walked to the "Pink Hall." The dance was just over. I saw a real pretty girl there. We talked for a while, then a girl and boy friend of hers came and we went to the Sweet Shoppe, where I danced with her. We walked the girls home and I met Uncle Stan, Stan Progar and Lou Kolar talking in front of the Sweet Shoppe. Then I took a sneak to bed. On Sunday I went to services with Al. From there we came home, ate, and then walked around visiting the dime store and other interesting spots. We loaded ourselves into a bus and left for the picnic grounds at Sandy Point. Peggy wanted to go swimming, so her girl friend Jane and I went back by a returning bus for our bathing suits. Peggy and I waited for Jane at the Forest Hotel. She didn't appear, so we went inside and met Hank Adamic, Al's brother, a nice fellow with that beauty Helen Okoren. From the dining room comes Peggy's father, Mayor Bert Lambert. We are introduced all around in the police car. We pile out at the grounds and I decide not to go swimming because it is a little too chilly for me. I meet some folks. The picnic is now well in progress. Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota and the youngest governor in America, I the principal speaker. Most of the delegates had an opportunity to shake hands with him and Louis Adamic, who also spoke at the picnic. Music for the dance was furnished by Frankie Kromer and his band. I happened to be the first one to purchase a ticket for the dance. I took two girls along. Monday morning came and delegates began to pack their belongings with heavy hearts. Two p. m. was the dreaded hour for the delegates. Checks were distributed in the morning and Hugh and I went to the bank directly. The ride back was filled with gloomy looking faces. At Duluth the western delegation split with the eastern delegation. Tears were gushing at the parting. We reached Chicago about 10 a. m. Thus ended this pleasure week of fun at every turn. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vranichar were very nice people and I saw a lot of them. They turned up at the Illinois-Wisconsin federation dance on October 22, at SNPJ Hall on 27th and Lawndale. They brought along two of their lovely daughters. There are several people to whom I wish to express my most sincere thanks: The SSCU supreme board for the pleasant time made possible on the train and in Ely; The Gornick family for their hospitality during my stay in Ely; to lodges 70, 170 and 211 of Chicago for their splendid cooperation in electing me a delegate; and to various individuals in Ely and delegates who made my trip and stay such a pleasant one. Joe Oblak No. 70, SSCU ELY, MINN. DEAR EDITOR: Christmas is gone and so is the excitement waiting for Santa, who was good to me. I like my big doll the best. I ate my Christmas dinner at my aunt Anna Grahek's home, where we enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner and all the trimmings. On Dec. 24, I ate dinner with Mrs. Anton Kochevar. Mrs. Kochevar has a boy, Jimmy, in the second grade and two cute little girls that I just love to play with. The Kochevar's later went to a movie and they took me along. Mr. Anton Kochevar serves on the school board. He is also employed at the depot. An opera in three acts titled "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was given on December 20th at the Washington school auditorium. I took a part in it. Helen Skufca was Snow White, Robert Zbasnik, the doctor, while Frosty Hate and Grumpy were played by Anthony and Lawrence Burja. Our winter indoor city band concerts have begun. A professional guest artist appears as soloist. Justine Korent and her brother Henry both play in the band. I just love to watch Justine play the saxophone. We have two weeks of Christmas vacation, So I am doing quite a bit of

skating. My aunt Anna Grahek presented me with a pair of skates and a pair of shoes. I liked Sally Hrvatin's story very much. I wish to congratulate her on her dancing. I can well imagine how wonderful your dancing recital must have been. I read all the letters each month and I think it lots of fun reading about the things you do at Christmas time. I save all the poems contributed by juveniles in my scrap book. I wish all the girls and boys a happy new year. Margaret Mary Startz (Age: 10) No. 129, SSCU CLEVELAND, O. DEAR EDITOR: Happy New Year. Here I am writing to all the members of the SSCU. Christmas has gone and the year 1940 is with us. I enjoyed myself very much on Christmas and received many nice gifts. I wish these happy hours could be with us all the time. My first resolution is to write to the Nova Doba every month. Also nice long articles. I hope I can keep these resolutions, as well as others in my mind. The editor will appreciate very much the many letters to the juvenile section. (Also, if they are written in ink and in a clear hand). So don't forget to make and then keep your resolutions. Betty and Susan were great pals. They were always together. They were seen together in schools, stores, shows, or any other place. Never was one seen alone. They had different habits. Susan loved to write letters and stories, and had many pen pals. Betty loved to read and sew. Although they were different in many ways, they did what the others like to do: Please each other. With the new year, the girls made resolutions. One was to be good members of the SSCU. They dreaded writing to the children's page every month. But they firmly resolved to write every month. For Betty it was hard to keep her resolution on writing, and Susan, on reading. But they both did their best. At the end of the year they looked back into the past. They were overjoyed to note what progress they had made during the year, and that they had kept their resolutions, difficult as they were. They also received prizes for their articles. Both decided to renew their resolutions for the coming year. I wish everyone a Happy New Year. Florence Prosen (Age: 11) No. 173, SSCU ELY, MINN. DEAR EDITOR AND JUVENILES: What luck! Here it is, the seventh day of our Christmas vacation and I'm in bed. However, one good thing, I'm beginning the New Year right by writing this letter to the Nova Doba. It gets lonely at times, being inside and listening to the kids having fun outside. But I suppose I have to take my medicine. In my last letter I said that snow for Christmas was not at all likely. Well, we did get a little of it and now we're getting real winter weather and quite frequent visits from "Jack Frost." Santa Claus had to get here somehow. Being ill, I haven't been out so I guess I'll have to leave the news to a few of our healthy Ely reporters. I close with wishes of luck for all. Rose Koprivnik No. 1, SSCU ELY, MINN. DEAR EDITOR AND JUVENILES: Well I hope all of you had as nice a Christmas as I. By the time you read this letter it will be 1940. I had made a resolution two years ago that I would write an article to the Nova Doba every month and for two years I have not broken the resolution—for two years I have not missed one month. So this year I am renewing my resolutions. Dorothy Lee Boldin and Ann Winkler. I want to thank you for the wonderful compliments you have given my articles. I think that you girls write splendid articles. I'll be looking for an article from both of you. After reading your letters I presume that you girls are active and full of pep. I'm looking forward to meeting both of you and I hope it will be at the next juvenile convention. I think you are very fortunate girls having a pal like Elsie Desmond. It goes to show she is a good sport by her various activities. She is really what a delegate should be. She is not interested in her Union only while she has a chance to be a delegate, but she is carrying her work ahead and is trying to stir enthusiasm and interest in the juveniles she has gotten into the Union. She realizes that these juveniles helped her into becoming a delegate and she knows that equally she owes them as much, and so she is helping them get acquainted with our dear SSCU, as you see by the writings of Dorothy Lee Boldin and Ann Winkler. Now for a little bit of news. Irene Pavlich is an aunt. Her sister, Mrs. Helene Matson, of Chicago, received a baby from Santa on December 24th. Congratulations Helene. Two years ago when Helene was single she won a beauty contest at Chicago. On December 24th my mother and I went to Soudan. Irene and Mary were in Tower so I spent an enjoyable afternoon with Angela, the oldest of the Pavlich girls. She gave me some music to take home and that night I could hardly leave the piano, even to open my Christmas presents. Mary Pavlich came to see the basketball game between Ely and Tower on December 21st. She came to get me and we went to the game together. Ely won. The Tower Girls Pep Club, which is composed of 30 girls of the Tower High School did some formations. They certainly are good. We are going to form a pep club in Ely, too.

The Girl Scouts had their annual Christmas party the week before Christmas. We all met at the football field and from there we had a snake dance to the Community Center. We played games and exchanged gifts. Then we had lunch in the cafeteria. My sister Margaret is a scout now. Rose Plute, I'm glad you enjoy reading my articles. Thank you for the compliment. You are lucky to be able to take typing. We have to wait until we are in our sophomore year. From Cleveland, Sally Hrvatin writes that she will be in a Dance Recital. Congratulations Sally. Also your swell story. It was a very interesting letter you sent in Florence Prosen. Thank you for the compliment on my mother's songs. I immensely enjoyed reading Robert Jurgel's last article about the room as a memorial to Yugoslavs and I'm sure the rest of the juveniles did as well. Don't forget to write in next month, Robert. I wish all the supreme officers, the editors, and the juveniles a happy and prosperous new year. I am submitting the following poem which I have composed. ON A WINTER'S NIGHT The ground is covered with snow so white It makes a grand and glorious sight There is a streak of moonlight on the snow The night wind seems to gently blow The snow man in the garden almost seems to say: What a wonderful night for children to play. The branches of the trees sway gently to and fro, While snowflakes fall softly to the ground below. Words cannot paint the lovely sight I see through the window this winter's night. Florence D. Startz No. 129, SSCU ST. MICHAEL, PA. DEAR EDITOR: I have been reading the many interesting letters which the other girls and boys have been sending to the Nova Doba. I have just decided that I would write my first letter. I am thirteen years old and in the eighth grade in St. Michael's school. Two weeks ago I was elected captain of the school boy patrol. Last and best of all I am a member of the SSCU lodge No. 185, On Saturday before Christmas we went down to the hall for our Christmas treat, which the SSCU and two other lodges promised us. They served sandwiches and pop for the children. The older folks had sauer kraut, "klobase," coffee and cake. At eight o'clock Santa came in through the door and started to shake hands. Candy was then distributed. We did have lots of fun watching the smaller children start crying, and when Santa gave them candy they burst into smiles. Christmas week was vacation week for us. It started snowing hard in the middle of the week, and boy did we have fun skiing and sleigh riding. Although Santa was supposed to have brought me a pair of skis for Christmas, he neglected to do so, probably concluding that I was a bad boy anyhow. I am very glad that my father enrolled me in the SSCU. I wish that 1940 will bring a lot of health and happiness to everyone. Edward Oshaben (Age: 13) No. 185, SSCU BEAVERDALE, PA. DEAR EDITOR: I am twelve years of age and a pupil in the seventh grade. I am a member of the South Slavonic Catholic Union and very proud to be one of the many members of this great organization. I like to play the sports engaged in by our lodge; in fact, I'm the mascot of the Lyodell's SSCU softball team which lost only a few games of the total played. My brother manages this team. Our lodge is going to hold a celebration on the fourth Sunday in January, 1940. I think I shall be among those present. I believe that the South Slavonic Catholic Union is the best of its kind. Henry Jereb (Age: 12) PITTSBURGH, PA. DEAR EDITOR: In December 1939, the Science Department of my school, Peabody High, sponsored a trip to the Buhl Planetarium and Institute of Popular Science. After boarding two special street cars we, students, had a pleasant ride thru Downtown, across the Seventh Street Bridge and into North Side. The Planetarium is located at Federal and West Ohio Streets on the North Side of Pittsburgh. It occupies the whole square between the Carnegie Music Hall and the United States Post Office. The building is in the shape of a huge oblong with a dome extending from the center of the roof. As you enter the Planetarium through the revolving doors into the main hall, a maze of exhibits and scientific apparatus greets your eyes. In the west center of the hall is the Periodic Table of the Elements. Each section of the vertical panels exhibits, so far as obtainable, a specimen of a raw material containing a certain element, a sample of the pure extracted elementary matter, and a sample of man's use of the element. In the west end of the main hall, is an exhibit of indoor-farming. Here seeds grow from an aqueous solution which contains nutrients needed by the plants. There is no true sunlight in this exhibit. The plants grow under the rays of modern fluorescent lamps. From the ceiling in the east end of the main hall hangs a Foucault Pendulum thirty-five feet long. This apparatus was used in the first experimental proof of the earth's rotation by Leon Foucault, a French physicist. The

pendulum can swing freely in any horizontal direction and each day it is started along a line from north to south. A swinging pendulum tends to stay in the same plane but due to the earth's rotation, in ten and one-half hours the pendulum is swinging from east to west. The east wall is lined by the physics exhibits of high voltage electricity: namely a Tesla Coil, a model of the Van de Graff generator, and a cosmic ray counter. The Tesla Coil and its subsidiary equipment demonstrates high frequency as well as high voltage effects. This demonstration needs explanation, so at frequent intervals a guide gives demonstrative talks. The Van de Graff exhibit is a demonstration of static and frictional electricity. The machine in this exhibit can develop a potential of approximately one-half million volts. Since cosmic rays have never been captured by man, little is known about them. The only cosmic rays which reach the earth are secondary cosmic rays. These rays travel so fast that they could encircle the earth at the equator seven and three-quarter times in one second. On the ground floor there are three galleries. The octagon gallery, which is directly under the sky theatre, is for the present used by the Aetna Highway Safety Exhibit, a group of machines which test your driving ability. From time to time this gallery is devoted to other exhibits such as, the story of steel, or photography, or coal, or geology. In the front of the building on the ground floor is the Hall of Light. Here the mysteries of light, color, lenses, mirrors, telescopes and a host of fascinating allied subjects are explained. On this floor are the workshops of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh. Here enthusiastic young astronomers learn to build telescopes and how to become good amateur observers of the skies. In the Hall of Astronomy are a number of exhibits displaying how science has developed, how it is of use to man, and some of the things astronomers have learned by their studies. The first case contains material pertaining to the late "Uncle John" Braeshear, the famous telescope maker of Allegheny. A number of his metals and cups are exhibited. Along the east wall is a very interesting exhibit showing how man has kept time through the ages. The time keeping gadgets run from a candle to the most modern electric clocks. In the middle of the hall is a 750-pound meteorite. This large iron mass was found in Arizona near Meteor Crater which was made by the impact of a large meteoric mass. This is the fifth largest meteorite found in or near the crater. The 69-ton Grootfontein meteorite in South Africa is the largest known. In a case on the right are facsimiles of Tycho's and Galileo's telescopes. These were the first astronomers to view the skies through the telescope. Along the back wall are five scales, showing ones weight on Earth, Eros, the Moon, Jupiter, and the Sun. The weights vary from a few ounces to several tons. The Theatre of the Stars is a circular theatre in which dramas of the heavens are staged. There are no limits to this theatre, for the whole sky is the stage. When we had entered the theater and had been seated, the lights went down and as music plays the theatre grows dark. There is blackness all around. Then suddenly a miracle happens. The sky overhead is full of stars, for during the darkness the machine which makes the stars had risen from the center of the theater. One is amazed how real the "sky" looks. It is an illusion, but so perfect and flawless that you could easily believe that you had been transferred to a hill-top. Each planet, star and constellation are in their exact place. The commentator points them out one by one and shows you how they look at the different seasons, ten years from now, the present day, and how they looked at the birth of Christ. The drama of the Universe unfolds. There is beauty in this drama. There is inspiration for here we see the splendor and majesty of the universe in which we live. After seeing the sky show the Science Class left this fascinating Planetarium, thanking again and again the Science Department for making the trip possible. Submitted by Robert Jurgel No. 26, SSCU SALIDA, COLO. DEAR EDITOR: This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. I have enjoyed reading all the letters submitted by juvenile members; also Little Stan's articles. My brothers and sisters also enjoy reading the letters. We are all proud that we belong to this lodge. I am contributing a poem which pertains to the editor of Nova Doba and his work. It follows: You are the fellow who decides Whether the letter will be published Or set aside. And you, the writer, Are the fellow who makes up his mind Whether you'll read or linger behind, Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar, Or just to be content to stay where you are. Take it or leave it, Here's something to do. Just think it over, It's all up to you. Lois Kochman (Age: 14) No. 78, SSCU (Continued on page 8)

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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

A Delightful and Exemplary Echo

A few days after the Nova Doba carried the announcement that we would pay the lodge secretaries 25 cents a member annually for collection of juvenile assessments...

Lodge 26

Pittsburgh, Pa. — On Dec. 26, St. Stephen's lodge, 26, SSCU held its annual dance in the Slovene Home in Pittsburgh.

Unfortunately, only three delegates from last August showed up. Ralph Kovacic, Export; Stan Progar, Strabane; and Francis Sneler, Pittsburgh.

Stan eagerly talked about the fortunes of his new song "All Alone With You". Stan told me that Guy Lombardo now has his song, and if he receives enough requests, he shall play it over the radio.

But 12:30 a.m. arrived too soon, and everyone began to leave. And for the first time in the history of our lodge, no one complained about the music.

Your Pittsburgh reporter Bob Jurgel

Proposes Penna. SSCU Softball League

Lloydell, Pa. — In the softball season past, this sport, although it has not represented itself so extensively in Pennsylvania as in Ohio, has proved quite interesting to both young and old members of the SSCU.

—Public Relations Bureau, Cleveland Police Dept.

During 1939 our Union made good progress, and credit for it goes to the supreme board for its excellent management and to the active members who responded to the appeal of the supreme officers to secure new members.

John Tanko, Sec'y.

Lodge 132

Enclid, O. — The next meeting of our lodge "Napredok", SSCU will take place on Friday, January 12, starting at 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFS

Dies suddenly, Bro. Rudolph Perdan of Cleveland, O., former SSCU supreme president and chairman of the supreme board of trustees, was struck with a heart attack early Monday morning, January 8, and before anyone could reach him had passed into the great beyond.

On January 13, lodge 145, SSCU will hold a dance at the Polish hall in Central City, Pa.

Louis F. Truger, formerly from Cleveland, but now from Pioneerville, Idaho is spending a few days in Cleveland visiting friends.

From Milwaukee, Wisc. came two visitors to the Nova Doba office last week. Mrs. Josephine Ziegert and her daughter Josephine.

Family Health Association of Cleveland, a Community Fund agency, will observe its 20th anniversary on Friday, January 19, noon, Higbee Auditorium.

With the Cardinals

Struthers, O. — To start the new year right we ask all the Cardinals to attend the first meeting on Thursday, January 11th, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Cardinals "Sadie Hawkins" dance will take place on February 3, at the Croatian hall, 199 Lowellville Rd. Music will be played by the Cosmopolitan's string and swing orchestra of Sharon, Pa.

Edward T. Glavic No. 229, SSCU

Coll. Boosters

Cleveland, O. — The Collinwood Boosters, 188, SSCU surely are opening the New Year with a bang — with new enrollments.

In my estimation, John Urbancic will prove to be the best organizer we have had (the real McCoy). "Trosky" is setting a good example for others to follow.

The first meeting of the year will take place Monday, January 15, at the secretary's home, 15717 Saranac Rd.

Here is a good resolution, and one that should be easy to keep: Resolved, that I shall attend all the lodge meetings during the year.

John Laurich, Publicity

Lodge 170

Chicago, Ill. — Members of lodge "Zvezda," 170, SSCU are notified herewith that our next meeting will take place on Jan. 17, starting at 7 p. m.

May the members of our SSCU enjoy a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

Agnes Jurcic, Sec'y.

Lodge 145

Rockingham, Pa. — Lodge "Iirija," 145, SSCU will hold a dance on Saturday evening, January 13, at the Polish hall in Central City.

Harry Cebon, President

From the SSCU Supreme Secretary

IMPORTANT FOR LODGE SECRETARIES! The new Insurance Law of the State of New York, effective January 1, 1940, does not require a medical examination of applicants for juvenile membership.

JUVENILE PAGE HONOR ROLL RESUMED BY PROFESSOR

Consistent Writers Will Get Surprise Packages! By Uncle Stan



Uncle Stan

ress and accomplishments of 1939 have been recorded in the annals of SSCU history, and every single member can smile, stick out the chest, toss the head a little higher, and take credit for the amazing results.

When 1939 became an old man, and that smiling little youngster, 1940, was on the verge of making his public debut, Bro. Anton Zbasnik, our supreme secretary, electrified the fraternal world with his announcement that lodge secretaries would be paid additional each year for every juvenile member enrolled as a member of their respective lodge.

Highlight for 1939 was the joint juvenile convention and athletic conference which was a grand demonstration of fraternal promotion, cooperation. Those who were present at the conclaves will never forget the wonderful time they had; the SSCU'ers in Ely will never forget the honor guests. As the days fly by, memories of all will re-enact the event as they while away idle moments.

there were so many things to be done that your Uncle Stanley had to shift the controls of the ship at least one week.

Meantime the old professor, silenced during the active campaign of 1939 in favor of juvenile convention and athletic conference news blasts, has opened his eyes again, and is ready to call the classroom to order.

Students look a lot fresher in 1940. A lot of the fellows in particular found new wisecracks over the holidays, and didn't spare shooting them at the professor.

Even the professor seemed to have taken the kinks of 1939 out of his system, and wise little children noted as they scrutinized his countenance, that those dark circles under his eyes were missing.

First thing on the program—besides laughs and bantering—was the monthly honor roll. Uncle Stan decided to come out of his professor disguise to personally tell every juvenile member that the Honor Roll for 1940 was about to be resumed.

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