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Down the Home Stretch of the AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign!

The AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign is now on the last lap of its run, having eight more weeks to go. Many of our lodges have made a fine showing in enrolling new members this year. However, there are twenty-five lodges which have not, as yet, enrolled a single member. Surely there are people in the neighborhood of these lodges who are good prospects as new members. How about the juveniles? Many members have children who are not as yet members of the AFU. It would be advisable for each member to make a survey of his own family and enroll the family members in our Union during this campaign.

Contact your neighbors and friends and explain to them about the benefits to be derived by belonging to the American Fraternal Union. Financial circumstances today are very favorable and certainly every person wants a secure protection for himself and his family. However, they must be told about the benefits our Union offers to its members. This is the duty of every member, to explain the various policies the AFU offers. If you are in doubt about these policies, your lodge secretary will gladly explain them to you or to your prospective member.

Fraternal benefit societies are a vital part of our American life. Just as social security is planned to secure your future during your old age, fraternal benefit insurance protects and helps you during the emergencies of life. Every father knows that even if he dies, his family must live, and the way they will live after he is gone depends upon what he does about it now. Fathers, have you solved this problem? You can do so by enrolling yourself and your family in the American Fraternal Union now!

Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and help roll the present campaign to a successful conclusion. Remember, you receive a cash award for every new member you enroll which is paid to you when the new member has paid at least six months dues; your lodge secretary, as campaign manager, receives a \$45 cash award when your lodge acquires 45 points in this campaign. Finally, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to promote the growth and progress of our Union and helped a fellow-man to secure his future!

AFU 45th Year Anniversary Awards

The American Fraternal Union now pays higher cash awards to all members who enroll new members in the Adult and Juvenile Departments:

Awards are as follows for the Adult Department:
For Plan "D" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$1.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$2.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$5.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$7.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$9.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$2.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$3.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$6.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award.

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:
For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award;

For Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

-BUY AN EXTRA WAR BOND TODAY!

Third War Loan Drive



Former Secretary of Lodge No. 131 Passes Away

Lodge No. 131, AFU of Great Falls, Mont., lost one of their oldest members on Sept. 4th, when Frank Hocevar Sr. passed away. His death was a shock to everyone as it was very sudden and unexpected. Just the day before he had been downtown talking to friends and was in the best of health.

Brother Hocevar was one of the charter members of St. Anthony's Lodge No. 131 and had been most active in all lodge affairs. He served several terms as secretary.

The deceased was born in 1882 in the village of Dobro polje, Slovenia, and came to America at the age of 16. He operated the Milwaukee Dairy for a good many years and of late had been engaged in farming. Surviving him are his wife, Mary Hocevar; a brother, Joe Hocevar, of this city, and 5 children, Frank Hocevar Jr., John Hocevar, Mrs. Ann Porro, Mrs. Rose Sick, Mrs. Frances Allen and also eight grandchildren.

May the deceased brother Frank Hocevar find eternal rest. All of us who knew him will always remember him.

In the name of the lodge, I wish to express our sincerest sympathy to the family of our deceased member.

Ann Allen, Sec'y
Lodge No. 131, AFU
Great Falls, Mont.

Pvt. Joseph Drenik Writes From a Jungle Somewhere in the World

Hello Mrs. Erzen and AFU friends: This is Pvt. Joseph Drenik writing from somewhere in a jungle. Sorry I can't tell you where I am because it's a government secret. I have been transferred to a new location and am among strangers again but am making new friends fast. This place is more beautiful than the last place I was at. I am still in the jungle but a little closer to civilization. We at least see a few civilians once in a while out here. I don't have to do K. P. here for we have a native who does the work for us and we pay him out of our money every month. He keeps our mess hall nice and clean all the time.

I want to thank that young lady from Johnstown, Pa. who wrote me such a lovely letter. Letter writing and our work keeps us pretty busy out here. We have to be on the alert day and night. When we soldiers get a pass we go to town and paint it red. I am still looking around trying to find some Slovene soldiers here but as yet I haven't met any. We get to see some of the latest movies out here but they cost 60 cents admission.

Here in the jungle there are caves like in the state of Kentucky. Some have never been explored by white men yet. I guess some of us soldiers are trying to find gold although there isn't any here. However, there are many bananas and coconuts, also palm trees out here. The flowers that grow here are the most beautiful ones I have ever seen. I am in the best of health and enjoy army life. The boys out here think I am an Irishman. I tell them no, I am a Slovenian and proud of it. Our Slovenian people have a score to settle with the Ger-

News of Soldiers



Friends of Pvt. Stan Barba will be glad to hear that he arrived safely somewhere in North Africa. In his letter he asks if the AFU Bowling League of Cleveland has started its games this year. He also wants the Nova Doba forwarded to his new address. His friends are asked to take note of his new address.

Pvt. Stanley Barba, A. S. N. 35510358
Hq. Btry, 173 F. S. Bn.
APO 4774 c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Lodge 227, AFU Changes MEETING DATE

All members of Lodge No. 227, AFU of Greensboro, Pa. are hereby notified that the regular lodge meeting date has been changed from the second to the THIRD Sunday of the month. Fraternal regards.

Frank Nickler, Sec'y
Lodge No. 227, AFU
Greensboro, Pa.

WATCH YOUR STEP

Nearly two out of every three accidental deaths last year were caused by traffic accidents and falls, the Greater Cleveland Safety Council reports. Falls last year killed almost 26,000 persons, only about 7,000 less than traffic accidents. Don't be a fall guy! Watch your step!

mans and Italians before this war is over. We took the news of Italy's surrender with great joy and surprise. We hope it is truly an unconditional surrender.

I receive the Nova Doba every week here and got my last copy today. I read the articles by Florence Startz, who works for the FBI, with great interest. She tells us boys in the service to write often to the Nova Doba. Maybe she doesn't know that we boys out here are often too busy to write. I wish she would write more about the servicemen. I like her column very much and enjoying reading every word of it. I thank her for her timely articles and so do the other boys.

My new address is:
Pvt. Joseph G. Drenik,
38255112
Btry. 173rd C. A. (A. A.)
APO 827
c/o Postmaster
New Orleans, La.
This is all for now but you'll soon be hearing from me again. Best regards to all AFU members. Yours for total victory,
Pvt. Joseph G. Drenik



Lodge 230, Chisholm, Minn., to Hold Social October 1st

The members of Lodge No. 230, AFU of Chisholm, Minn. who were not present at the last monthly meeting are hereby notified that it was decided at the last meeting to hold a social on Friday, Oct. 1st. The social will be held in the Recreational Building at 8 p. m. The members are asked to attend and bring their friends along. Everybody is welcome. An admission of 25 cents will be charged to pay for the refreshments. I hope to see all of you at the social on Friday, Oct. 1st. Fraternal regards to all.

Mary Zurga, Sec'y
Lodge No. 230, AFU
Chisholm, Minn.

Cuyahoga County Tax Listing

County Auditor Zangerle is seeking the owners of property that has been voluntarily destroyed, or destroyed by fire or otherwise, between tax listing day, April 11th, 1943 and October 1st, 1943.

Unless the owner of such destroyed building files an affidavit with the County Auditor of such fact of demolition prior to October 1, 1943, the Auditor must continue to assess the building even though it has been destroyed. In case such affidavit is not filed, the law requires payment of such tax.

Owners, desiring such relief because of demolished buildings, should write or call John A. Zangerle, County Auditor, Room 24, Court House, Cleveland, Ohio, for an affidavit blank.

WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

'Anyone even slightly inclined towards being an introvert would be decidedly out of place in Washington, D. C. nowadays. On the other hand, if you enjoy crowds, it is "the place" to live. Yes, our Capital is just one big buzz of activity now with the growing wartime population.'

You know everyone here has a little private war of his own to fight. I mean such things as getting accustomed to standing in line and the crowds. And if you survive, you surely deserve a pat on the back. By the way, standing in line is one practice you begin the moment you arrive in the city. However, our Capital is a very exciting place to live in at the present time. Now that there's a touch of cold in the air I find it very nice indeed.

"Back the Attack!" Washington's big army show is still drawing huge crowds daily. The famous "Quiz Kids" were in the Capital this week to do their part in the Third War Loan drive and were really puzzled when asked, "Who is the mayor of Washington?" Does that question trick you too?

U. S. War Bonds serve as admission tickets to many attractions here and the people have gone for it in a big way. This (Continued on page 4)

Pvt. Verch Writes From "Land of the Midnight Sun"

Hello Comrades and AFU members: This is Pvt. Louis Verch writing from somewhere in Iceland. I have been here since June, 1943. This place isn't bad at all, in fact there are places in Iceland which are much worse. I am doing all right and at present am driving a five-ton truck. Daylight is slowly leaving us out here and it's getting mighty dark these days since we have daylight only during June, July and August. The recreation out here consists of movies, some old, some new. We have a Red Cross Center not far from camp and we go there once in a while and play ping-pong, read magazines, and listen to entertaining programs. In addition we have a football team now. We do all our letter writing in our huts. The people here are modern in every way.

The officers and soldiers here are very friendly. The soldiers are really tough and rugged, ready for anything that may come along. I didn't know what soldiering meant until I came to Iceland. What I learned here is remarkable. I am beginning to feel like an old-time soldier now. I received a ribbon last week which represents action in the European theater of war operations.

This is all the news for now but you'll be hearing from me again soon. So long everybody, until then.

A loyal AFU member,
Pvt. Verch

P. S. "Hi Mom! What's baking? Potica? How about cutting a piece for me?"

KEEP WORKING TO WIN

Want to do something extra to help win the war? The Greater Cleveland Safety Council suggests that you spend a few minutes right now considering where you can eliminate a hazard you commonly meet. Are you driving as carefully, or walking as carefully as you know how? Are you meeting an accident halfway, in other words? Remember that every accident you help prevent helps keep the nation on its feet on the road to victory!

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Parents, there are a lot of little ways in which you can help your youngsters stay safe in their outdoor play. For example, says the Greater Cleveland Safety Council, you can insist that they wear rubber-soled shoes when they climb trees, and caution them never to risk their weight on small or dead branches and not to jump or reach too far. Such little attentions to your youngsters' activities may prevent serious accidents and sorrow in your home.

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