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Today's Topics

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ENGLISH-CONDUCTED LODGES HOLD OFFICER ELECTIONS

S. D. Z. Sidelights

EASTERN STARS SEEK TO TOPPLE SERBIAN TEAM FROM PERCH ATOP INTERLODGE LEAGUE RAMPARTS

Clairwoods Tackle Spartans; Socas Look for Win Over Progressives, While Slovenians Meet St. Joes on Wednesday Night's Card

As the Interlodge schedule reaches the half way mark of the first half and the various squads are struggling to fend off defeats, the one all important question that is pervading the minds of the loop followers is:

Who is going to tumble the league leading Serbians from their perch atop the ladder and hand them their first defeat of the season?

When the Clairwoods went down to an inglorious defeat last week before the speedy onslaught of the hustling St. Josephs, they were removed and rather roughly, too, from the undefeated class and leaving only the Serbs on top.

Established as favorites before the season opened, the Serbians have better than an even chance to go through the first half without tasting a loss. They have yet to face a couple of the recognized tougher teams, before the first round play is concluded the latter part of January.

One of the formidable squads that they have yet to clash with are the Eastern Stars and the two clubs are slated for battle next Wednesday.

And the Stars are pointing for this battle, too. They want the honor of administering to the Serbians their initial setback of the current campaign and are in exactly the right mood to turn the trick. If they can turn back the Serbs, they will throw the whole Interlodge situation into a turmoil, one which will need plenty of clarifying.

Still smarting from the rude treatment that they were accorded by the St. Josephs, the Clairwoods will be in more serious mood when they tackle the Spartans in the second set on the card. Both teams are pretty well evenly balanced and the fans will be treated, to what we think, will be one of the best games on the Interlodge schedule for the year.

The Brooklyn Slovenians will be thrown in as bait to the speeding St. Joseph quintet which is making things quite interesting in the loop this year. The Brooklynites are having tough sledding so far, but it must be said to their credit that they are giving their best and are hustling every minute of the ball game.

Te Socas will get a chance to add another victory to their list when they face the Progressives in the third game on the bill.

Weekly byes go to the Pioneers and the Commodores.

VIDMARS IN THE RACE

Several of the neighborhood's younger basketball players will perform on the Vidmar Meat entry in the Munny Class C race this year. The squad will be backed by Frank Vidmar, 1038 E. 74th St.

Players on the roster are: Shenk, Jalen, Vidmar, Kawa, Arko, Koporc, Michalske, Alich and Klish, who will act as the coach.

A couple of the boys are also SDZ members.

Editorial

Even the funniest story, too often heard, becomes boring to the listener. How boring must it be then to listen time upon time to a story that not only is not funny, but actually a sermon! That, to even our own editorially-tinged notions, is cruel torture.

Yet, there are some matters, whose importance call for constant harping, lest serious mishaps result from the indifference of the listener or those concerned.

The election of officers in the subordinate lodges of a fraternal organization is one of these matters. It is impossible to over stress the importance of having the membership make a careful and judicial selection of leaders. That is why we are again urging the members to take this business seriously.

True, we have done this countless times before. Unquestionably, it has become boring to the majority. Yet, we would be shirking our duty if we were not to mention it again. Especially at this time when all the English-conducted lodges of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association are holding their annual meetings.

Ninety per cent of the success of any venture can be directly traced to intelligent and spirited leadership. Like preparedness, it is half the battle.

And there is not a single subordinate S. D. Z. lodge that does not have the men and women in its ranks who are capable of giving that desired leadership with its resultant success. The problem then is to single out those individuals and elect them to office.

Sounding simple enough, it is not quite that easy to do. Too often, other interests prevent the capable person from accepting office. Even more often, however, is that person completely overlooked by a membership blinded by jealousies and favoritisms. The latter is an extremely unfortunate situation.

The only remedy for it is an appeal to the membership's sense of fairness and fraternal spirit. So important matter calls for an unselfish vote.

Naturally, it is impossible for you to account for the voting of your fellow members; it is likewise improbable that any other member can sway the entire membership into voting along impartial lines. It is possible, however, for each member to take it upon himself to see that his vote, at least, is not one that has as its basis personal friendship or antagonism.

It is every member's solemn duty to do just that. Let him not bother about his fellow members. And if all do this, it is only natural that the lodge will enjoy the benefits of having intelligent and capable men and women at its head during 1935.

Remember, too, it is to your advantage, too, to have your lodge a successful and growing one. The well considered and intelligent vote will give you that advantage.

Cast it!

ALL SEVEN GROUPS WILL SELECT 1935 LEADERS ON FOUR DAYS OF COMING WEEK, DEC. 17, 18, 19, 20

Martha Washingtons and Eastern Stars Change Date of Meetings for Elections; Magic City Juniors Only out-of-Town Lodge to Vote

Within the brief space of four days, all seven of the English-conducted lodges of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association will hold their all-important annual election of officers. These four days are Dec. 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Bits About Them

FRANK ZABUKOVEC

Within the past year, one of the many local clubs that have come to the fore, both socially and athletically, has been the Holy Name Society.

The recently organized group has made rapid advances during the past year and the future of the club is indeed a rosy one. Young men, who belong to the St. Vitus parish, comprise the membership of the club.

The promotion of sports among their members was the chief item on the program of the Holy Name Society during the spring and summer months.

Highly instrumental in the launching of the athletic program was a local young man who is an SDZ member and is extremely well known in the neighborhood for his athletic interests. The young man's name is Frank Zabukovec also known to his closer friends as "Brooks."

Frank is the president of the Holy Name Society and couples those duties with those of athletic director of the budding organization. He deserves a pat on the back for his efforts along both lines.

When the SDZ indoor baseball league was thriving some years back, Frank was one of the feared and respected twirlers of the loop. He did the horsehide flinging for Cleveland lodge No. 9 club and is still a member of the lodge.

Fellow members of the Holy Name Society have a high regard for Frank's athletic experience and it was to him that they turned when they were considering the matter of introducing sports among the members. Last summer saw the Holy Name indoor loop come into existence and experience a great deal of success. Now it is planned to organize a basketball league which is just about ready to make its bow in local athletic circles.

"Brooks" was born on November 4, 1910, which our arithmetic informs us is 24 years ago. Besides his work with the Holy Namers, Frank has other interests, too. He is one of the powers behind the Orels and was one of the stars on the indoor team that is sponsored every year by the Orels.

Reading, club work and card playing are other ways that he enjoys himself.

Schools that he attended are St. Vitus, East High and Spencian Business college.

Frank resides at 6322 Orton Court.

Heinie Martin Antoncic, superintendent of the St. Clair Bathhouse announces that another Community program is going to be given at the Bathhouse on Thursday, Dec. 20. The public is invited to witness the performances which are going to be supplied by local and outside talent.

Officials of the Martha Washington lodge inform us, that the date of their monthly meeting has been changed to Monday, Dec. 17. The members are urged to be present as the election of yodge officers will be held at that time.

Lodge Slovenec, oldest SDZ lodge, held their officer elections last week. Elected to guide the lodge through the year 1935 were Joseph Trebec, president; John Jalovec, vice president; Anton Skuly, secretary; John Gabrenja, treasurer and Frank Kacar, recording secretary.

The Vidmar Meats have entered the Munny Class C race this year and will be backed by Mr. Frank Vidmar of E. 74 St. The team will be made up of local players.

The trustees of the Eastern Star lodge will hold an important meeting this coming Sunday at 2 o'clock. It will be held at the home of Mr. Steve Opalek, 396 E. 156th St.

Eddie Peck, Clairwood cage star, is slated to play class A basketball with the Favorite Knits this campaign.

The Gay Blades come to bat with the announcement that Norman York was the winner of the turkey that they were awarding and also that they are considering holding a dance sometime in the near future. Lou Zust is president of the Gay Blades.

Joe Modic and Lefty Golobic are tutoring a group of youngsters who are going to play in the Holy Name basketball loop. The league holds practice sessions every Saturday afternoon at the St. Clair Bathhouse.

For the "umpteenth" time, Anthony "Chief" Kolar, has been reelected president of the France Preseren, Lodge No. 17. Other officers elected last Sunday afternoon by the group are John Paulich, vice president; John Zalar, secretary; Michael Krainz, treasurer, and Anton Gajnar, recording secretary.

The Efficacious club of Euclid, O., held their officer elections last Saturday and also laid plans for the dance that they are going to hold some time next month at St. Christines Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 will be Clairwood night at the St. Clair Bathhouse and it will be up to them to supply what they have in the way of entertainment for the benefit of the Interlodge fans.

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Roustabouts Holding Big Dance Saturday

Dances, like most anything else, can be categorized into distinctive classes.

They are either exceptionally well planned or are just mediocre affairs minus preliminary planning and color.

Anything that the local Roustabout club is in back of, must be included in the first mentioned class. Those who have attended previous Roustabout affairs will attest to that.

This coming Saturday evening, the club is going to hold another dance at the Slovenian National Home. Even though they are considered comparative tyros when it comes to promoting social affairs, the Roustabouts really do put over the events that they hold from time to time. "Please 'em all" is the tenet of the Roustabouts. Incidentally, the majority of the members also belong to the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association.

Ed Guenther and his tunesters, who have been listed as "preferred" by all those who have listened and danced to the captivating rhythms offered up by his band, have been recruited to supply the music at the hop.

Yep, it is THE affair to go to this Saturday night.