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CURRENT THOUGHT

When Need Is Greatest

A friend in need is a friend indeed. How often we do hear this expression! But does its deep meaning always portray the profound feeling experienced by individuals when they really need a friend?

A death occurs in the family. The mother passes away leaving behind a bereaved husband, sons and daughters. The grief at losing so dear a member of the family is beyond human expression. An understanding friend realizes the situation and knows just what to do to console the family in such an emergency.

Your lodge can always be a true and understanding friend in need. Especially in such instances as mentioned in the foregoing paragraph. The members come to the home of the deceased to pay their last respects, extend sympathy and help matters along in an understanding tone. At the funeral and interment it is the lodge ritual that helps to fill the vacant gap and helps lighten the sorrow and burden of the bereaved.

Time again we read in the Nova Doba where contributors express their sincere thanks to their lodge for such comprehensive assistance during their hours of sorrow.

All of which brings to light another important contribution of the lodge to its members, and how essential and indispensable it is to the community.

Services rendered by members of the lodge to their brothers and sisters in time of need never can be figured in dollars and cents. Acts of kindness are a lodge's chief asset. Its actual finances, although important, insofar as incidental expenses are concerned, alone never elevated a group.

Our lodges as component branches of the SSCU administer the protection of our Union. Here it is essential that the Organization have plentiful of reserves with which to meet each need according to the benefits carried by individual members.

Assessments for protection against sickness, accident, disability and death contributed to national specific funds serve a very practical purpose, and one which every mother, father, sons and daughters are especially appreciative at a time when sorrow transcends all other worries.

Problem of finances must be taken care of beforehand, and fraternal protection with our SSCU is an excellent insurance against such contingencies.

When the father passes into the great beyond, leaving behind a family bereaved beyond words, there is some comfort in the realization that the problem of meeting expenses at least is taken care of for the present. Add to this the comfort extended by the members of the lodge during the most trying days, when a vacancy in the family is a despair to the bereaved ones.

Both from the point of actual finances and kind deeds the lodge and the SSCU are indispensable.

Lodge No. 88

Roundup, Mont.—The following administrative board for the year 1937 was elected at our St. Michael's Lodge, No. 88, SSCU, meeting: August Stamp, president; Frank Grahek, vice president; Katherine Penica, secretary; Matt Penica, treasurer; Rosie Banovetz, recording secretary; John Radkovic, Frank Cebull and Stanley Cebull, trustees. Visiting sick committee is to be named by the secretary. Lodge medical examiners are Dr. Vornhold and Dr. Pearson of Roundup. Lodge meetings will be held every third Sunday of the month in the Union Hall of Gibbtown, and will begin at 2 p. m.

I urgently request all members of our lodge to attend the 1937 meetings in larger numbers than has been the practice heretofore. Without the presence of our members very little can be accomplished, as on many occasions came matters which the administrative board itself could not dispose. When we receive the new by-laws, let us read the sections carefully so that we shall have a clear conception of the by-laws and thus be governed accordingly. I further request the members to pay their assessments regularly. The secretary is without funds with which to meet the individual obligations.

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assessments, he or she should notify the secretary in person to this effect. Members far removed from the seat of the lodge should inform the secretary by mail not later than the 28th of the month. Those who will fail to meet their obligations on time without notifying the secretary in person or by mail will be suspended. The fault will lie with the individual and not with the secretary.

If a member decides to withdraw from the lodge, he or she should so inform the secretary, for she is not expected to know what is going on in the minds of other members. It isn't nice and neither is it fair to the secretary who has paid a member's obligations for several months, to suddenly leave her cold and holding an empty bag, after she was good enough to look after the interest of the members.

Severe winter weather in this section came upon us this week after Christmas. Miners here are working five days a week.

Katherine Penica, Sec'y.
No. 88, SSCU.

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BRIEFS

Small Home and Land Owners' Federation of Cleveland, O., has distributed petitions throughout the city urging the citizens to voice their disapproval against the City Council's recent legislation which raised the salary of individual councilmen from \$1,800 a year to \$3,000. The petition provides for either a repeal of the emergency ordinance or be submitted to a vote of the electors of the city of Cleveland.

Mayor Harold H. Burton of Cleveland, O., and a selected committee of 27 traveled to New York the early part of this week in an effort to persuade President Williamson of the New York Central Railroad from completing plans to transfer some 800 employees to Detroit, Mich. Indianapolis, Ind., also has made a similar protest. According to present arrangements, the accounting departments of freight accounts are to be merged and one central office established in Detroit.

Nine sub-stations of the Tenth Ohio Sales Tax District, comprising Cuyahoga County, have been opened in order to facilitate the filing of sales tax returns prior to Jan. 31, 1937, and avoid the penalties prescribed by law. All vendors who no longer are required to collect sales tax should file a final return for the period ended Nov. 10, 1936.

Entertainment Committee of the Cleveland George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, is planning to arrange entertainment which will delight the members after the regular monthly meeting, scheduled to take place Tuesday, Jan. 26, in Room No. 2 of the Slovene National Home. This committee is headed by Mathew Molk and Walter Guzik.

The first Foreign Affairs Institute sponsored by the Foreign Affairs Council of Cleveland will take place Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24. The Institute will open with a lecture on "The Issues of Conflict Between Dictatorship and Democracy" by Arnold Wolfers, professor of international relations at Yale University, Friday afternoon, 5 o'clock, in the auditorium of Cleveland College. Saturday morning round tables will be held in Cleveland College class rooms at 10 o'clock. At noon will be held a luncheon and debate at the Hotel Cleveland. Lawrence Dennis, formerly of the Diplomatic Service, will defend dictatorship in the debate, "Dictatorship vs. Democracy," with Dr. Frederick L. Schuman, visiting lecturer in Political Science and International Relations at Williams College arguing the opposite point of view.

Some twenty Yugoslavs from Cleveland and Lorain have entered the annual Cleveland Plain Dealer Golden Gloves tournament, which started on Monday of this week. Over 600 youngsters with fistic ambitions have entered the tourney. Prizes include an opportunity to represent Cleveland in the Tournament of Champions in Chicago and the national A. A. U. tourney at Boston.

Pathfinders Bowl Pathfinders

The series is over, referring to the much talked and planned bowling match between the Pathfinders of the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League and the Gowanda, N. Y., Pathfinders.

Yours truly, with Patsy Krall, John Koren (our chauffeur), Mattie (Canyon Yodeler), quoting F. J. J. Molk, with the assistance of Frank Palcic of Gowanda (a loyal Gowanda Pathfinder) toed the foul line at the Gowanda bowling alleys on Jamestown St., against the representation of our brother lodge, No. 222—the Gowanda Pathfinders.

In the roster of the victors, the Gowanda Pathfinders, were as follows: In the lead-off position was found a certain Mr. Phillips, who was a thorn in our hopes for victory. Following him was a certain party who was much under the impression that he was bowling for his life, the way he laid his bowling ball on the alleys: thus Zelnik bowled a mere 199, 166 and 211 to lead the field.

In third position for the home team was Rotar, who did his share to defeat the Cleveland Pathfinders. In fourth position was what anyone would call the honey, no one else but Louchy Klancer. My opinion is that if he could bowl as good, or even half as good, as he can play Slovene polkas and waltzes on his accordion, he could be classed as a professional bowler. The anchor man's place was occupied by Ernie Palcic's pal, their athletic supervisor, Hank Zuzek. The only fault I found with him was that he thought that he was in Waukegan, bowling in the SSCU tournament.

Now let's change the subject to the Cleveland Pathfinders. In lead-off position we had Patsy Krall, who did more than his share in the attempt to win. Following him we used, as I said before, a loyal Gowanda Pathfinder, Frank Palcic. Johnny Koren, the only outpaw of the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League, followed him.

Yours truly anchored for the Clevelanders. As scores indicate, I must have anchored them. The scores—never—I would be revealing too much.

In fourth position, last but not least, was a fellow, Mattie . . . oh, what is his last name, it begins with an M . . . no, not Mouse, no, it isn't Mouse, nor is it Mahoohoo . . . I got it now, it's Molk.

I suppose all the readers want to know the scores. I will give no detailed scores, but the final results were: Gowanda Pathfinders 2449; Cleveland Pathfinders 2386.

We, the Cleveland Pathfinders, had a beer frame. What is a beer frame, you ask? In bowling, it is a frame in which anyone not getting a strike must buy his teammates a beer. Johnny Koren got stuck, so he secured drinks for his pals. He came back with five glasses of milk for his partners.

The boys asked me to thank the Korbort and Zummer families for their hospitality during our stay in Gowanda.

Before I close, one more word to all Clevelanders and those in neighboring towns. Keep the 27th and 28th of Feb-

In Memory

Joliet, Ill.—It is indeed with deep sympathy and deep regret that this article, to announce the death of a dear and loved one, is written.

Having been a victim of pneumonia and suffering unlimited pain, Frances Kosicek, 25 years of age, peacefully entered the kingdom of her Maker on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1937.

She was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Lodge and also an active member of the Ladies of SSCU. It is quite needless for me to say her death is felt deeply by the co-members of the Ladies of SSCU—the passing away of such a faithful and active member makes one compassionate and sympathetic.

We extend our great and heartfelt sympathy to her family and pray that she may rest in peace.

Frances is survived by her mother, two brothers, three sisters, several relatives and an abundance of friends. The entire family are members of SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, while Jeannette and Lucille are also members of the Ladies of SSCU.

Feeling so very deeply the loss of so dear and cherished member, as president, and in the name of the Ladies of SSCU, I again extend our unbiased sympathies to the dear ones she left behind.

Having died so peacefully, she surely rests likewise.

Anne I. Jevitz.

Betsy Ross Entertainment Committee Meets Jan. 29

Cleveland, O.—A nice social followed the first meeting of our Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU. A large crowd was in attendance, and one could almost say that Jerry Krall was responsible for at least a nice group of young girls. Leave it to Jerry. One look at him and the girls decide to stay for the dance. Have you ever seen Patsy Krall blush? Strange as it may seem, he does.

An entertainment committee was appointed at the lodge assembly, and it was decided to hold the first meeting Jan. 29, 7:30 p. m., at the home of Michael Krall, 1289 E. 168th St. Several important matters will come up for discussion.

Mary Perdan.

A new Addition

Nova Doba's special reporter hurried to the E. 118th St. and Hurrier Ave. alleys recently to get all the details on the reported addition to the family of Tony Laurich and his wife. And in order to avoid possible confusion, rumor had it that it was "Ham" senior who was all in a flurry and not "Ham" junior, otherwise known as John Laurich.

Can you imagine the embarrassments confronting this male when he was informed that it was only the family dog which had "additions." At any rate, the pups and the mother pup are doing nicely.

February open. Don't ask why now. More news on the dates will be reported and published in this paper in due time. A real good time is in store for all who will be able to be present.

Frank Drobnic,
Athl. Supvr., No. 180, SSCU.

With the Hawkeyes AND LITTLE STAN

Ely, Minn.—Those Hawkeyes are still prancing in the National Home building, with Frankie Kromar playing on his trusty accordion, as Little Stan sits by his faithful typewriter, pounding out the story of another successful lodge event.

It started early last Friday evening, and the Hawks of St. Baraba Lodge, No. 200, initiated the first meeting of the new year in gala style. With Little Stan at the meeting was Doc Zgonc. He was all set to begin working as a night watchman, and was appropriately dressed for the occasion. He even enjoyed a dance, and his progress was of the best, even though his big hobnailed boots did rather handicap him. Missing was a cocky young chap who ordinarily goes under the moniker of Rudy Krall. He had to work the next day, and evidently was making up for lost time—or something.

Anton Zaverl, president, presided over the meeting. As soon as business was satisfactorily transacted, the floors were cleared, and Frankie Kromar came into the limelight. With snappy polkas, and modern rhythm, he captivated the large group of youngsters, and they danced, showing much enthusiasm, really feeling that there was nothing better in the whole wide world.

When the meeting adjourned the group appeared somewhat surprised when they saw somebody bringing a keg of beer up the stairs (Oh, yeah) . . . and immediately

Lodge No. 2

Ely, Minn.—Lodge No. 2, SSCU, will hold a party on Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Yugoslav National Home, starting at 7 p. m. This party is intended mainly for the benefit of our members; however, since the lodge treasury does not permit free admission it was decided to charge 75 cents a couple, 50 cents for each single man and 25 cents each for extra ladies. Thus the expense for food, refreshments and dance will be covered by these admissions. Members are cordially invited to attend in full numbers. It is a good policy to join together as brothers and sisters in an entertainment suitable to all. I want to mention further that the family of a member of our lodge may attend, provided, of course, that they purchase the required admissions.

Invited to our lodge party are also the supreme officers of our Union who will be in Ely at that time attending the annual sessions.

Better late than never with this announcement: The following lodge officers were elected for the year 1937: Joe L. Champa, president; Stanley Pechavar, vice president; Louis Perushek, secretary; Joe Pechavar, treasurer; John Mehle, recording secretary; Dan Bohinc, Anton Pirsh and Anton Knapp, trustees; Anton Kozar, chairman of the committee for visiting sick members. Lodge meetings in 1937 will be held the second Sunday of the month at the Yugoslav National Home, starting at 9 a. m.

Louis Perushek, Sec'y.

"Niggy" Dragosh and Matty Grahek began dishing it out. Some of the fellows appeared rather bashful at the start, but soon . . . a person wouldn't even think . . . or begin thinking that there was a bashful Hawkeye in the building. Everybody joined in with Kromar to make the evening enthusiastic for everyone.

In the meantime, Dingles Stukel, Chief Simonich, and Mr. Zaverl with Little Stan stepped out to drink in the crisp, fresh wintry air. They returned later, feeling very much refreshed.

When they walked in the second time, the Hawks had completely confiscated every drop of beer in the building. But these youngsters didn't seem to mind that, as they danced to their hearts content, and Little Stan left them that way . . . and even as Little Stan is finishing this little story, the group is still enjoying themselves immensely.

Seen at the Hawkeyes' party after a long absence from this city was Mary Poljanec, who until recently was employed in Chicago. She is at home taking things rather easy for a while before she makes up her mind to return.

Sports

Four SSCU teams are going to swing into play in the series of games scheduled for the city basketball league. They are the Gophers, Hawkeyes, Rangers and Arrowheads. It appears that one of these teams may come out on the top. Which one? Little Stan will have to wait and see whether or not the pre-tournament dope is correct before he picks a winner. Anyway, the four SSCU teams are considered stronger this year. The Arrowheads personnel is made up of young members, headed by Joseph Sayovitz, who is also athletic supervisor. Members of the team which copped honors in past years are all busy in other fields, and have no time for sports. Tony Kuzma is handling the reins of the Gopher team, while Anton Zaverl, assisted by Young Starkovich, is taking care of the Hawkeyes. Joe Kovach heads the Rangers basketballers with the aid of Matty Smrekar. Keen competition is forecast.

The backbone of the Ely Junior College team, now in a "key" position in the Northern Junior College Conference, is made up of two Hawkeye members, namely Dingles Stukel and Tebes Koschak. In team play during these past several weeks these boys took an active part in beating Hibbing, Eveleth and Duluth junior colleges, losing close decisions to St. Cloud Peds and Virginia J. C. Those Virginia Jay Sees piled up a heavier score than the other teams, but they certainly had a tough time doing it.

For the past several weeks these junior college boys have been supplying the fans with thrills, as they have played consistently to win games within the last thirty seconds of play. In the meantime, the plans made by athletic supervisors to conduct the state SSCU basketball tournament will be announced next week.

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Automobile Strike Should Solidify Not Disrupt Labor Movement

As was to be expected, there is considerable confusion in the labor world on account of the great strike of the automobile workers.

This condition has been experienced before, especially where jurisdictional differences between unions have been involved.

It is also quite natural that the officials of General Motors and their publicity agents are leaving no stone unturned to incite and magnify the contentions between the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. leaderships.

They are simply adhering to the ancient kingly policy of dividing and conquering those who revolt against oppression in the hope of smashing the strike in forcing the workers back into plants at the terms dictated by management.

Under the circumstances the sensible position for all partisans in the labor movement to take is that of keeping cool and preserving an open mind and reasonable toleration.

It must be admitted by all elements in the labor movement that the automobile workers are on the firing line and battling for the principles and policies that have been enunciated for years by all international and local unions, namely:

They want the right to organize, to engage in collective bargaining, to obtain agreements, better wages, the 30-hour week, abolition of the speed-up sweating system, seniority rights, safeguarding of health, life and limb, and they demand furthermore abolition of fake company unions and dismissal of spies and stool-pigeons hired by management to obtain unfair advantages over employees that they wish to victimize.

In short, the automobile workers, for the first time in the industry's history, are now engaged in a nation-wide struggle against the interlocked and associated big business interests that are on record individually and collectively as opposed to organized labor, whether craft or industrial in form.

Metal and building trades officials in Washington have declared emphatically that they will not yield jurisdiction over their craftsmen employed in automobile plants, which must be conceded as their right, and they likewise declare

that their members will not be permitted to act as strikebreakers or force their way through picket lines, which is also a fair and square position to take.

Therefore, we fail to see where the automobile management or other enemies of organized labor can obtain any comfort from the alleged division in the union movement.

The craft unions have wonderful records of achievements, are needed now and will be in the future, but in a number of mass production industries automatic machines and power have obliterated craft lines and transformed former skilled workers into handymen—mere cogs on the machine—and hence new labor strategy must be adopted to save these toilers from a new serfdom.

Our job now should be to help the automobile workers to win their strike and then decide on who should have jurisdiction over what.

—Cleveland Citizen.

Life Expectancy Bettered

When a baby is born it may expect to live 61.26 years. That is the average, and it is the life expectancy in the United States today. In 1901 the life expectancy was 49.24 years.

Texas, the last state to be admitted to the death registration area, in 1933, makes the area complete for United States vital records, and the new tables included in the vital reports of 48 states, according to statisticians of a large insurance company.

The period from 1901 to 1933 corresponds approximately to the length of a generation. A child born in 1933, a generation later than 1901, has an expectation of life 12 years greater than its parents had at birth. Expectation of life at birth in 1901 was less than expectation at age 17 in 1933.

Out of every 1,000 children born in 1901, almost 125 died in the first year; by 1933 this figure was reduced to 53. In 1901 mortality was at a minimum at age 11, or 2.56 per 1,000; in 1933 the minimum, at age 10, was 1.19.

Out of 1,000 children born in 1901, one-quarter would have died before age 25. The corresponding age in the new life table is 52. This shows results of a third of a century of public health work against typhoid fever, diarrhoea and enteritis, the communicable diseases of childhood, tuberculosis and other diseases. Under the 1901 table, one-half the children born in that year would have died by age 58, and three-quarters by age 74; the 1933 table shows corresponding ages 68 and 78, respectively.

Comparison with other countries shows that in 1933 English males had expectation of life at birth of 58.7 years, and German males 59.8 years; white males in the entire United States, 60.86 years. Females: 62.6 in both England and Germany and 64.40 in the United States. The figures in Italy 1930-32 were 53.8 for males and 56.0 for females. In European countries, only the life tables of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland are as favorable as the 1933 American table.

North Star Lodge

Duluth, Minn.—All members of North Star Lodge, No. 197, SSCU, are requested to attend the regular monthly meeting which will be held Jan. 24, starting at 3 p. m., at Forester Hall, located on Fourth Ave. West and First St. Some important matter will come before the meeting.

Frank Lovshin, Sec'y.

With the Hawkeyes

(Continued from page 3) And Now—

See by headlines in Nova Doba that Samson Drobnic is hitting the high spots in bowling. Little Stan hasn't been doing so well, as his bowling finger is kinda swelled up. Heh, heh! Little Stan knows that Sam will get a bang out of that one . . .

Juveniles

It certainly is a pleasure to see such a wide interest in the paper as indicated by juvenile members. Take Anna Bell Chavez, for instance, who hails from Oak Creek, Colo. She sent Little Stan a picture of herself. She is starting up right, and promises to live up to the New Year's resolution she made, to have an article in every issue of the paper. That is, of course, the juvenile section. Mary Zugell, Pittsburgh, gives a vivid description of the Rose Bowl affair. Little Stan's brother Al comes through with another, and he did it without the help of his big brother Stan. Little Stan could use some skiing lessons, Josephine Oblock, Aspen, Colo., and how! Florence Pike, Gilbert, probably doesn't recall that her brother, who is a fine basketball player, was Little Stan's bed partner when the city SSCU basketball tourney was held early in 1936. A chipmunk has some clever thoughts, too. Marie Kovacic, Millvale, Pa., has a good article in Slovene, and Justine Korent tells some of Little Stan's adventures. He does look like a daddy long-legs, though . . . you should see him. Heh, heh! And the beginning of a remarkable mystery adventure from Albena Nossee, Euclid, O. Little Stan is awaiting the forthcoming installments of the murder mystery very anxiously, and is he ever in suspenders . . . I mean, suspense!

Everything appears rosy, and juveniles will soon hear about the next juvenile convention.

The Supreme Board will convene for its semi-annual meeting in this city on Jan. 25. Action regarding plans for the great enterprise will be started, and Little Stan will be one of the first to spill the news. Until then . . . and with more news of the sporting side of things here . . . Little Stan will say, So-long!

Stan Pechaver, No. 2, SSCU.

The "Price" of Gas

A tourist, traveling through North Carolina, recently rolled up to a filling station and stopped for gasoline. Out in front of the station was the following sign:

THE PRICE OF GAS—

J. C. B. Ehringhaus.....	6c
Franklin D. Roosevelt....	1c
The Company	6 1/2c
Transportation	3c
Me (If I Collect It).....	2c
Total	18 1/2c

Diagonally across the sign, written in chalk, was the following:

"Closed. To Hell with such a business!"

Losing your temper will never win you promotion.

Colorado Sunshine and Pitt Continue to Lead

Cleveland, O.—Colorado Sunshine and Pittsburghers strengthened their hold on first and second place, respectively, when they took three games each last Sunday afternoon in the regular session of the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League. A. Laurich's 204 contributed heavily for the Sunshiners. J. Glavic's 186 was the best effort of the Cardinals.

Paced by G. Kovitch with a 590 series, including a game of 219, the Indians made it two out of three from the Arrowheads. Augusta Guzik compiled a 456 series for the losers, and her game of 175, together with Mary Perdan's 171, both in the second stanza, accounted for the ladies' only win.

Pathfinders were on the road, losing to the Gowanda Pathfinders. Next Sunday the Paths and National Stars will play a double-header.

TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L
Colorado Sunshiners.....	33	15
Pittsburghers	30	18
Pathfinders	23	22
Arrowheads	24	24
National Stars	21	24
Happy-Go-Luckies	20	28
Cardinals	20	28
Indians	18	30

Schedule of Interlodge League Basketball

Cleveland, O.—The second round of the Interlodge League basketball is well on its way, and judging by the team standings, a merry race for the championship is sure to continue. Below is the complete schedule of remaining games. George Washington Lodge, No. 180, quintet is the only SSCU representative.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Pioneers vs. Serbians.
Socas vs. Spartans.
Buckeyes vs. George Washingtons.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Buckeyes vs. St. Josephs.
Pioneers vs. Spartans.
Clairwoods vs. Socas.
Washingtons, Serbians, bye.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Serbians vs. Clairwoods.
Pioneers vs. George Washingtons.
St. Josephs vs. Socas.
Buckeyes vs. Spartans.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Washingtons vs. Clairwoods.
Buckeyes vs. Serbians.
Spartans vs. St. Josephs.
Pioneers vs. Socas.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Spartans vs. Clairwoods.
St. Josephs vs. Washingtons.
Serbians vs. Socas.
Pioneers, Buckeyes, bye.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Pioneers vs. Buckeyes.
Washingtons vs. Serbians.
Clairwoods vs. St. Josephs.
Socas, Spartans, bye.

Nine Points of Behavior

1. Don't contradict people, even if you are right.
2. Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friends.
3. Don't underrate anything because you don't possess it.
4. Don't believe that everybody else in the world is happier than you.
5. Don't be rude to your inferiors in social position.
6. Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.
7. Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile.
8. Learn to attend to your own business. This is a very important point.
9. Shoot square, play the game fair, work and live within your income.

Lodge No. 132

Euclid, O.—Members of Napredok Lodge, No. 132, SSCU, are hereby notified that at the Jan. 8 meeting all business was disposed of in excellent fashion. Assessments hereafter will be collected at the Slovene Lodges Home, the same place where are held the meetings, on the 25th of each month, and not at my home. The members will find me at this place on the 25th of each month between the hours of 6:30 and 8 p. m. John Tanko, Sec'y.

With the Comrades

Waukegan, Ill.—Comrades Lodge, No. 193, SSCU, bowling team gained a victory at the expense of the Kirn's Plumbers in a return match held Sunday, Jan. 10. The match, a very listless affair, ended in a 2383 to 2320 win for the Comrades. Frank Mali was high man for our team, while Jelovsek collected a 533 series for the Kirns.

The Comrades Lodge is beginning to grow. More and more new members are being added every week and new prospects contacted right along. The more the merrier.

COMRADES

Rode	181	161	162
Mali	202	191	158
Belec	161	120	167
Podobnik	123	109	173
Zupec	185	125	165
Totals	822	706	825

KIRN'S PLUMBERS

Jelovsek	165	205	163
Ogrin	110	173	168
Petrovic	193	133	155
Mivsek	129	144	133
Kirn	126	164	159
Totals	723	819	778

Frank Belec.

G. W.'s Win, 23 to 18

Cleveland, O.—When five men on a basketball team work together, who forget individual stardom, then you have a powerful combination, and one that is hard to beat. So it was with the George Washington, SSCU-Bukovnik Studio quintet in their encounter against the Socas in the Interlodge League set-to, when they scored a close and thrilling victory, G. W.'s 23, Socas 18.

Look at the box score below of the G. W.'s and you will see how evenly distributed were the honors:

	FG	F	T
Tim Posnel	2	1	5
Tony Zakrajsek	1	1	3
Al Golobic	3	0	6
Vic Dobie	2	0	4
F. Cimperman	2	1	5

Socas threatened time and again, and at the end of the third quarter were ahead by 14 to 13, after trailing 12 to 10 at the end of the half.

The Villain

He had choked her! She was dead. There could be no doubt about that. He had listened to her dying gasp. Now she was cold. Cold as the hand of death! Yet in his anger he was not convinced. Furiously he kicked her. To his amazement she gasped, sputtered, and began to hum softly.

"Just a little patience is all it takes, dear," remarked his wife from the rear seat.

—Woodcraft.

On the Jump

"Do motor cars make us lazy?" is the question asked. "No, not if we are pedestrians."

Blood and Battle Field

A World War Chronicle

BY IVAN MATICIC

From the Slovene by VALENTINE OREHEK

(Continuation)

How sorely have thou been sinned against, oh, soil of Gorica, how frightful art thou in thy desolation, how many souls have perished upon thy bosom. The way to Trieste is long, and thou hast undergone but seven offensives of the many that await thee still. But thou hast not yet seen the worst . . . that is still to come . . . when the creatures of hell will exceed themselves in thy torture, when scourged and beaten thou wilt be forced to bow thy head to a jeering rabble sweeping on to Trieste with insulting banners flying.

Open ye mountains and vomit forth your flaming lava. Bury! destroy! that there be a termination to this hell. Bloody Soča metamorphose thyself into a sea of fire, that boiling over stamps out everything that lives and breathes.

A war-torn world pauses, and then of a sudden the fires of Vulcan leap anew along the front . . . from Gorica to the sea. And in the lurid glare Miren and Opatje spring to smoking relief. Lost then is the plateau of Doberdob . . .

For us in the valley of Skrbina the short period of respite is soon over, and as reserves of the 17th Corps we are herded once more into action. Our way leads through the Trnov Forest and down onto Sempas, Crnice and Malovce which we find deserted. Skrbin itself has long been uninhabited . . . ever since it first came within range of Italian guns. Marauding soldiers hopefully intent on objects of value that others bent on the same purpose might have overlooked, alone stalk through the empty houses. In Mikol, some of the residents have bravely stayed on, but the sound of nearing battle has at last unnerved them and they, too, prepare for flight. They have managed to save a small store of grapes from thieving soldiers and of this hoard they sell us a handful for a gros.

While the 44th is preparing for a new offensive we are sent ahead to Lipo and broken up into separate units. The Third Battalion goes over the spur into Ozrenj, where negotiating the pass at Spacapan it patiently settles down to await developments. The First Battalion is leagued with a Honvedian brigade at Miren Grad, where they say a furious battle is waging.

This day, the 8th of October, 1916, has witnessed the climax of the shattering Eighth Offensive. The Italians in breaking through between Likovica and Volkovnjak have driven a sector into our lines. Added to this the Second Battalion has been repulsed with a loss of one-third its men.

With a message to deliver to the staff of the Third Battalion I am given a rare opportunity to hear and see the Italian batteries as they belch their heavy charges into our lines. What a contrast is this blasting inferno to the comparatively mild initial offensive. Then only an inconsiderable number of guns were in action, now that number has been infinitely increased. Then death crashed only from ahead, now it converges on all sides. Besides this a complete disregard has set in for ambulances, hospitals and populated towns.

My errand takes me from Fajt Hrib to Kostanjevica. The scares and escapes to which I am subjected all the way rattle me so that only a few incidents remain in my memory. One of these is my struggling under an exceptionally chopped-up area where as I am making an effort to reach a clump of trees an explosion staggers me. I pick myself up and dash down into a hollow. Out of it I am as precipitously shoed by a group of artillerymen who are hiding with their guns masked under a dense mass of foliage. My next desperate attempt to find concealment proves almost my last for a place toward which I am heading suddenly erupts in a shower of earth and stone. Despite the tumult rioting in my brain I am aware of the railing chuckle, "Damned if yud ketch me runnin' round in circles at a time like dis." I hear and drop into the first hole that offers.

In my new place of concealment I calm sufficiently to note that the enemy fire, though sporadic, is alone in evidence. Later I learn that none of our batteries dared launch a single shot; they would have drawn a hundredfold. There is the sudden shrieking rush of a descending shell and its riotous detonation very near. I turn to see the earth settle about the place occupied by the brutal artillerymen. My eyes bulge as first one, then another and still another crawl out of the hollow and make off at a gallop.

With nightfall the fire of the heavy guns is on the wane, though it still presents aspects formidable enough to suit the most sanguine-minded.

I am close to the enemy lines now and there I see a very hell in the making. Dread guns of every type are there intent into the darkness before them. They flash and dart and over all their fiery network glaring rockets zoom and burst. Powerful rays cut the sky and Bengal fires make everything as vivid as day.

A short while later I stagger into Fajt, where I am told that I will find the regiment command installed on the

edge of Ozrenj. When I hand the dispatch to the regiment commander he reads and then remarks brusquely, "Why bring me this? It's of no consequence now whether the battalion's morale be good or bad." That is all, and for that I have made the long and hazardous journey.

In Ozrenj I happen upon a troop of Poles. They are in the act of preparing their evening meal. As I approach one of them and inquire he tells me that they are the remnant of a badly beaten battalion and that they have food enough with them to feed six hundred men. I reach out in all directions as rum, wine and food are handed me. My return journey to Stacapan is made in a vastly altered frame of mind.

The next night the Third Battalion is advanced to the firing line. The road it takes to get there is an ugly one, riddled with shell holes. Torn shredded rags, canvas covers, tent cloths, rusted guns, tangled telephone and barbed wires . . . all lie in sprawled confusion to waylay and trip the unwary. Italian dead and ours mingle here half hidden in pools of hardened blood. The Second Battalion of which I made note above is well represented among them.

On the edge of the road an Italian lies. The face is no more, having been turned to a jellied pulp. One of our men swings a spade and plunges it edgewise into that big sore. The cruelty of this deed makes up gasp and for a long while we keep silent and close together. We have suddenly become very much afraid.

On reaching them we find the lines held by a handful of dead-weary men. The ditches are unendurable with the stench of putrid matter which of late the men have not been able to wash away and which cakes and covers everything. The ramparts are badly battered and we are immediately put to repairing them, for they may be required this very night.

It is here where I first see those deep subterranean chambers into which the men may repair in a bad hour; and seeing them I bless those who are responsible for their existence.

The night following I accompany the patrol in search of broken wires. The quest leads us toward the billowy mounds beneath which the dead lie buried and we scramble among and over them like a band of ghouls. We come upon an Italian half-buried in loose shale. A slight movement of his arm brings us to his side. Outside of inhaling deeply at long intervals he gives no other sign of life. We make several ineffectual attempts to rouse him and abandoning this watch him as his life ebbs away.

A little way off two burly men are taking up the dead and heaving them into a wide-bottomed wagon. Their work goes on mechanically and presently they work their way to our Italian. Without so much as assuring themselves if he still lives, they grab him up between them as they have done the others and pitch him on the dead heap. We immediately interfere, telling them that the man still lives. They turn on us then with a snarl: "Get the devil out of our way! You don't suppose we'll wait for everyone to croak, do you?"

A rain begins to fall just as we return to our trenches. In a remarkable short time these are running knee-deep with a slimy water.

The next morning as I am crawling over an exposed section of the field with a deal of wire in tow my eye catches on an old man who is wriggling along much like myself some way off and fumbling at the pockets of several Italian dead. He has a little bag beside him and into it he deposits whatever he finds of value. Apart from a shot or two from the Italian side there is no sign that he has been discovered in his nefarious task. The intrepid fellow doesn't bat an eyelash, but continues carefully turning out one pocket after another. He rolls a man over and is about to reach into an inner pocket when the pseudo-corps suddenly flings him off and springing to his feet dashes in the direction of our trenches. He makes several bounds before he discovers his mistake. Wheeling then he streaks it in the opposite direction. The old man, dazed and shaken, gets slowly to his feet and his face is like that of one who has seen a ghost. A sense of his danger comes to him and he, too, breaks into a run.

This little farce in the midst of tragedy is cause for much laughter among our men and I daresay the Italians see it in much the same way. It is characteristic that not a shot is fired at either of the men. Later when I rejoin my men we discuss this incident and some among them voice the opinion that the Italian must have fallen asleep while on duty as an outpost. We have many a hearty laugh at the old man's expense, but he only turns away sheepishly when anyone alludes to his adventure.

(To Be Continued)

A character is an assemblage of qualities.—Disraeli (Earl of Beaconsfield).

DOPISI

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Predpust je tu in tega se zaveda Gospodinjinski dramski klub Slovenskega doma v Pittsburghu, zato priredi veselo maskaradno veselico 4. februarja. Veselica se bo seveda vršila v Slovenskem domu na 57. cesti. Vstopnina za osebo bo le 25 centov. Vsi rojaki in rojakinje tega krožja, ki so prijatelji dobre zabave, so vabljeni na to pustno prireditev. Skušali bomo praznovati pusta, kakor se spodobi, četudi malo prezdaj. Preskrbljeno bo z raznimi tekočimi in drugimi dobrotami za vse, ki pridejo, kakor je primerno za pustne praznike. Na programu bo kmečki ples in "povstertanc." Igral pa nam bo slovenski slovenskih fantov iz Coverdala, tisti, ki igra vsako soboto ob 1:45 na radio postaji WWSW. Na prireditve se posebno vabimo Gospodinjinski klub iz Canonsburga in Gospodinjinski klub iz Moon Runa. Torej, na svidenje 4. februarja ob 8. uri zvečer v Slovenskem domu v Pittsburghu!

Pauline Fabec.

White Valley, Pa.

Izbrpki zapisnika seje Zveze JSKJ društev v zapadni Pennsylvaniji, ki se je vršila 27. decembra 1936 v Pittsburghu, Pa. Predsednik Anton Eržen otvoril sejo ob 10:30 dopoldne. Ker ni podpredsednika navzočega imenuje predsednik na njegovo mesto sobrata Jos. Snelerja, za reditelja pa Jos. Škerlja. Prečitajo se poročila, katerih je 9 s 24 zastopniki. Zapisnik zadnje zveze se je z malim popravkom sprejet.

Tajnik poroča o dohodkih in izdatkih. V blagajni je še \$65.83. Sestra blagajničarka se strinja s poročilom. Nadzorniki poročajo, da so pregledali knjige tajnika in blagajničarke in jih našli v lepem redu.

Zastopniki društva št. 33 poročajo, da bo njihovo društvo letos obhajalo 35-letnico obstanka, toda se še niso odločili za datum prireditve. Poročilo se vzame na znanje. Zastopana se bila sledeča društva: št. 12, 26, 33, 138, 149, 145, 182, 207 in 221. Posebnih poročil ni imajo.

Sobrat Anton Eržen poroča, da se je kot zastopnik Zveze dne 25. oktobra udeležil seje unije jeklarskih delavcev. Njegovo poročilo se vzame na znanje in se sklene, da Zveza prispeva \$5.00 v pomoč omenjeni uniji. Sklenjeno je bilo tudi poslati resolucijo na letno sejo glavnega odbora, da bi tudi JSKJ pristopila in kaj prispevala.

Prišlo je vprašanje kakaj zvezne resolucije niso prišle pred konvenčno zbornico. O tem se je razvila precejšnja debata. Zastopnik društva št. 31 poroča, da njegovo društvo izstopi iz Zveze. Sliši se poročilo, da se je tudi neko drugo društvo izjavilo za odstop.

Nato je bilo predlagano in sprejeto, da se iz zvezne blagajne da \$10.00 bolnemu sobratu Josephu Pogačarju v pomoč; v isto svrhu se je med zborovalci nakolektalo prostovoljnih prispevkov \$9.25. Sobrat Sneler poroča, da je društvo št. 33 imelo srečo in dobilo \$5.00. Zastopniki društva št. 33 se izrazijo, naj se tudi tista vota nakloni v pomoč sobratu Jos. Pogačarju.

Sobrat Kužnik se pritoži proti sobratu Antonu Erženu zaradi njegovega dopisa v Novi Dobi. Nadalje se debatira zaradi Zveze, če jo še obdržimo nadalje tako kot dosedaj. Nekateri so bili mnenja, da naj se razpusti, ker zadnja konvencija ni priznala federaciji. Po daljši debati je bil sprejet predlog, da Zveza še zaneprej po-

sluje kot je dosedaj. Dalje je bilo sprejeto, da Zveza še za naprej plačuje nagrade po 25 centov za nove člane odraslega in mladinskega oddelka. Poleg tega se plača še posebna nagrada v znesku \$10.00 tistemu, ki bo od 1. januarja do 1. maja dobil največ novih članov v odrasli oddelku. Nadalje je bilo sklenjeno, da so v letu 1937 prosta asesment tista društva, ki so ali bodo plačala zvezine asesmente za leto 1936. Tajnik poroča, da je 13 društev plačalo, 9 pa še ne.

Predlagano in sprejeto je bilo, da se prihodnja zvezina seja vrši v Canonsburgu, in sicer zadnjo nedeljo v maju. Po seji pa bo piknik. Pravila Zveze ostanejo nespremenjena. Za zastopnika Zveze pri Steel Work uniji je določen dr. F. J. Arch. Vprašanje nastane, če se zvezinemu odboru za pravila in za tiste nesrečne resolucije kaj odškoduje ali ne. Predlagano in sprejeto je bilo, da se listim trem, ki so bili ves čas in tudi pri resolucijah navzoči, plača po \$5.00 vsakemu. Da je bilo sklenjeno, da se tudi etos vrši kegljaška tekma med društvi, ki pripadajo Zvezi.

V odbor za leto 1937 so bili izvoljeni sledeči: Frank Mikec, Strabane, predsednik; Joseph Sneler, Pittsburgh, podpredsednik; Frank Oblak, Pittsburgh, tajnik; Katie Canjar, Pittsburgh, blagajničarka; Vincent Arch, Pittsburgh, zapisnikar; Anton Žagar, Canonsburg, Joseph Koklič, Strabane, in Ignac Kostelic, Pittsburgh, nadzorniki. V publicijski odbor sta izvoljena Joseph Koklič in Vincent Arch. Za publicijski odbor angleško govorečih društev in za predsednika športnih aktivnosti je bil izvoljen Paul Oblock. — S tem je bil dnevi red izrpan in predsednik je zaključil zborovanje.

Jurij Previc, bivši zapisnikar.

Hastings, Colo.

Dne 10. januarja je naše društvo št. 84 JSKJ debatiralo o ustanovitvi federacije JSKJ v državi Colorado in je to svrhu izvolilo svojega delegata. Te zadeve smo imeli na dnevnem redu že meseca novembra in od takrat so jo odobrila še štiri društva v državi Colorado, tako, da nas je sedaj skupaj za to idejo 5 društev. Ustanovna seja federacije se bo vršila v nedeljo 24. januarja v mestu Pueblo, Colo., kjer sta dve društvi JSKJ, ki se strinjata z idejo federacije in bosta preskrbeli vse potrebno za zborovanje. Društvo v Canon City, Colo., je odobraval naš korak in predlagalo Pueblo za prvo zborovanje. S tem sta se strinjali obe društvi v mestu Pueblo in tudi naše društvo v Trinidadu. Prostor je nekako najbolj v sredini. Dosedaj se je prijavilo za federacijo pet društev v državi Colorado, kar je komaj polovica društev. Od društva iz Salide, Colo., smo dobili poročilo, da se omenjeno društvo ne more udeležiti, ker da bi bilo preveč stroškov in da članstvo že itak težko plačuje svoje asesmente. Seveda bo nekaj stroškov, toda za vsako dobro stvar je treba nekaj žrtvovati. Nihče pa ne more ugovarjati, da bi federacije ne bile dobre.

Upamo, da se naše ustanovne seje udeležijo tudi zastopniki dosedaj še neprijavljenih društev, med njimi tudi od društva št. 21 v Denverju, Colo. Veselilo nas bo tudi, če se seje udeležita glavni porotnik John Schutte in tretji glavni podpredsednik Frank Okoren, oba iz Denverja, da nas malo navdušita za dobro stvar.

Torej, na svidenje na ustanovni seji federacije JSKJ društev za državo Colorado v nedeljo 24. januarja v mestu Pu-

eblo, Colorado! — Za društvo št. 84 JSKJ v Trinidadu, Colorado:

John Lipec, zastopnik.

Reading, Pa.

Društvo sv. Jurija, št. 61 JSKJ, je sklenilo prirediti svojo prvo veselico v tem letu v soboto 23. januarja. Veselica se bo vršila v Harmony Halli in se bo pričela ob 8. uri zvečer. Vsi rojaki in rojakinje tega mesta in okolice so prijazno vabljeni na poset te veselice. Ob sličnih prireditvah drugih društev bo skušalo naše društvo naklonjenost povrniti. Vstopnina je zelo nizka, namreč samo 25 centov za osebo; otroci pod 16. letom so vstopnine prosti. Igrala bo izvrstna godba, ki bo plesalcem noge kar sama pridigovala. Postreči se bo skušalo vsem in vsakemu posetniku tako, da bo gotovo zadovoljen. Torej, pridite vsi, ki le morete, v soboto zvečer 23. januarja v Harmony dvorano. Zagotovim vas lahko že v naprej, da vam ne bo žal. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 61 JSKJ:

John Pezdire Sr., tajnik.

S pota.

Dne 9. januarja je bila na Chisholmu, Minn., obilno obiskana prireditev za nadaljevanje jugoslovanske radio ure. Prireditve se je vršila v Mahnetovi dvorani. Navzoči so bili odborniki Jugoslovanske radio ure, Frank Smoltzev orkester in Miss Baraga, katere petje je spremljala omenjena godba. Predsednik radio ure, Mr. Frank Tekautz je v jedrnatih besedah razložil pomen slovenskega radio programa. Govorilo je še več drugih govornikov. To delovanje je bilo pod pokroviteljstvom rojaka Viranca, katero je vodil s pomočjo vseh jugoslovanskih organizacij v Chisholmu in okolici.

Matija Pogorelec.

New Duluth, Minn.

Članom in članicam društva sv. Srca Jezusa, št. 128 JSKJ, posebno tistim, ki niso bili na seji 10. januarja, naznanjam, da smo bili primorani nekoliko izpremeniti odbor za leto 1937. Ker nismo imeli zapisnikarja, je prevzel predsednik sobrat Vesel mesto zapisnikarja, sobrat Frank Podgoršek pa mesto predsednika.

Seje našega društva se vršijo vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu in se pričenjajo ob polni dveh popoldne; od meseca maja naprej pa se bodo pričenjale že dopoldne. Člane in članice pozivam, da se rednih mesečnih sej kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležujejo. Člani, ki žele plačati asesmente na domu tajnice, naj to store ob večerih, ker podnevi je ni doma. Istotako naj se tudi slučajni bolezninov prijavljajo ob večerih. Sestrski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 128 JSKJ:

Frances Kaplenk, tajnica.

Pueblo, Colo.

Vsaki dan čitamo ali slišimo žalostno novico, da je ta ali oni rojak ponesrečil ali po kratki boleznini umrl. Tak slučaj imam tudi jaz poročati, namreč, da je po kratki osemdnevni boleznini preminil sobrat Joseph Krabovec, član društva sv. Petra, št. 15 JSKJ. Bil je dolgoletni član našega društva in vsi ga bomo ohranili v lepem spominu. Družini pokojnika pa naj bo tem potom v imenu društva izraženo iskreno sožalje.

Člani in članice, posebno tisti, ki niso bili na glavni seji, naj upoštevajo, da ima društvo za leto 1937 sledeči odbor: Peter Čulig, predsednik; John Yamnick, podpredsednik; Joseph Merhar, 1201 Bohmen Ave., tajnik; Ivan Čulig, blagajnik; Joseph Yershin Jr., zapisnikar; John Merhar, John Černač in Martin Krašovec, nadzorniki. Društvena zdrav-

me niso bili nič kaj veseli. Dne 14. decembra sem pri delu postavljajna podpora v premogorov tako nerodno zamahnil s sekiro, da se je držalo zadelo v drugo podporo, in meni je odletel kazalec na levi roki. Izgubljen je čisto pri prvem členu. Iz tega se lahko povzame, kake božične praznike sem imel. Ze 34 let se mučim po teh smrdljivih premogovih rovi, pa si še nikdar prej nisem kože ranil s sekiro, po tolikih letih pa si grem kar prst odsekati!

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Joe Plavec,

član društva št. 72 JSKJ.

Rock Springs, Wyo.

Člane in članice društva sv. Alojzija, št. 18 JSKJ, ki se niso udeležili letne seje, opozarjam na društveni sklep, da vsak, ki se letne seje ni udeležil, ter nima za to tehtnega vzroka, plača en dolar v društveno blagajno, ali pa bo suspendiran za 14. dni. Torej, vsak, ki ni bil na letni seji, naj pride na sejo v februarju in navede razlog, zakaj ni mogel priti, oziroma plača en dolar. Poleg tega opozarjam članstvo, da mora v mesecu januarju vsak član in članica plačati 50 centov v društveno blagajno. Ker je to naznanilo že nekoliko pozno, lahko vsak član plača isto naklado tudi v februarju.

Društveni odbor je bil za leto 1937 izvoljen stari, z izjemo zapisnikarja. Od članov se zahteva, da redno in pravočasno plačujejo svoje asesmente. Oddaljenim članom so bili poslani jednotlivni stenski koledarji po pošti. Ako kateri oddaljenih ali tu živčih članov koledarja ni prejel, naj mi naznani. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 18 JSKJ:

Louis Taucher, tajnik.

Renton, Wash.

Iz naše zelene države Washington se vidi malo dopisov. Menda si dopisniki mislijo, češ, kaj bi pisarili, ko itak ni nobenega dobička od tega. V našem mestu Renton smo pa še posebno leni v tem oziru. Toda to ni pravilno. Novice iz raznih slovenskih naselbin so listu vedno dobro došle in zanimajo čitatelje drugod.

Tukaj imamo društvo sv. Barbare, št. 72 JSKJ, ki se prično napreduje, toda večinoma s člani, ki prihajajo s potnimi listi. Dva nova člana smo bili dobili v odrasli in enega v mladinski oddelku, pa še tiste smo izgubili zaradi slabih delavskih razmer. Kar se pa tiče udeleževanja društvenih sej, je kar žalostno, kajti na seje prihaja le po 6 do 10 članov, dasi jih je pri društvu nad 60. Pri tem je zanimivo, da člani, ki živijo najbolj v bližini, najmanj prihajajo na seje. Neki član je rekel, da bi morali vse člane izvoliti v urade, pa bi vsi prihajali na seje. Morda bi to pomagalo, morda ne. Sicer pa je pri društvu vsak "uradnik," da dela za ugled in napredek društva in Jednote. Upoštevajmo to, zanimajmo se za seje in delujmo za društveno rast. Vsakega člana dolžnost je, da pozna pravila in da se po njih ravna. Posebno priporočljivo je, da vsak upošteva točko 485. Letošnji božični prazniki za-

me niso bili nič kaj veseli. Dne 14. decembra sem pri delu postavljajna podpora v premogorov tako nerodno zamahnil s sekiro, da se je držalo zadelo v drugo podporo, in meni je odletel kazalec na levi roki. Izgubljen je čisto pri prvem členu. Iz tega se lahko povzame, kake božične praznike sem imel. Ze 34 let se mučim po teh smrdljivih premogovih rovi, pa si še nikdar prej nisem kože ranil s sekiro, po tolikih letih pa si grem kar prst odsekati!

Pri taki nezgodi bi bilo dvakrat hudo, če človek ne bi imel nobenega podpornega društva. Denarja itak nima noben premogar prihranjenega, v tem smiso vsi enakopravni, in menda bi bilo treba jesti sneg, pa še tistega dostikrat v teh krajih primanjkuje. Premogovi rovi še precej povoljno obratujejo zdaj pozimi; ko se bo vreme ogrelo, bomo pa tudi mi imeli čas se ogrevati na prostem, ker poleti premogovi rovi tukaj skoro nič ne obratujejo. V poletnem času imamo torej dovolj prilike pohajati okoli in vasovati. Pri tem drugi drugega vprašujemo kdo bo kaj "tretal," pa tudi odgovarjamo po navadi vsi enako, namreč da smo suhi. Tako nam gre tu na zeleni pacifični obali. Pozdrav vsem članom in članicam JSKJ in mnogo sreče vsem v letu 1937!

Članstvo našega društva prosim, da bi se v letu 1937 bolj številno udeleževalo sej, kakor je bilo v navadi dosedaj. Brez članstva se ne more voditi seje. Večkrat pridejo na dnevni red zadeve, ki jih sam odbor ne more rešiti, in potem je kritika, zakaj se to ali ono ni storilo. Čim bolj številno se bo članstvo udeleževalo sej, tem bolje se bodo vse društvene zadeve reševale. Ko dobimo nova pravila, naj jih člani pazno prečitajo, da jih bomo vsi skupaj razumeli in se po njih ravnali. Dalje prosim člane, da bi bolj redno plačevali svoje asesmente, ker tajnica nima denarja, da bi za katerega zalagala. Ako se članu dogodi tako, da ne more plačati asesmenta, naj se osebno prijavi tajnici in naj navede vzrok. Oddaljeni člani naj to sporočijo potem dopisnice, in sicer najkasneje do 28. dne v mesecu. Do tega dne mora biti tajnica obveščena. Kdor se ne bo oglašil osebno ali pisмено in ne bo imel plačanega asesmenta, bo brezpogojno suspendiran. Krivdo naj potem sam sebi pripiše, ne pa društveni tajnici.

Ako se kateri član odloči, da pusti društvo, naj o tem tajnico obvesti. Tajnica ne more vedeti za misli drugih članov. Nikakor ni lepo in pošteno, da se pusti tajnice ali tajnice nekaj mesecev zalagati asesmente, potem pa društvo pustiti, da se tajnik ali tajnica obriše za svoj lastni denar. Take reči so se že dogodile. Tajnik ali tajnica zaklada za kakega člana, na katerega se zanese, da bo plačal, potem mora pa za svoj denar prositi in ga še večkrat izgubi. Tako je plačilo za dobrotu.

Tukaj imamo precej trdo zimo, ki nas je obiskala takoj prvi teden po božiču. Premogarji v tukajšnjih rovi delajo zdaj po pet dni na teden. Drugih novic nimam poročati. — Sestrski pozdrav!

Katherine Penica,

tajnica društva št. 88 JSKJ.

St. Michael, Pa.

Ko sem se na člane in članice JSKJ obrnil za malo finančno pomoč, sem obljubil, da bom poslani darove izkazal v našem glasilu. To storim tem potom. Prispевke sem dobil od sledečih društev JSKJ: Društvo št. 53: \$6.50; št. 36: \$2.50; št. 135: \$2.00; št. 152: \$2.00; št. 203: \$2.00; št. 105: \$2.00; št. 116: \$1.00; št. 44: \$5.24; št. 204: \$4.40; št. 77: \$2.00; št. 88: \$2.00; št. 120: \$2.00; št. 71: \$1.00; št. 155: \$1.00; št. 9: \$4.35; št. 70: \$2.15; št. 82: \$2.00; št. 35: \$2.00;

št. 20: \$2.00; št. 99: \$1.00; št. 144: \$1.00; št. 162: \$3.50; št. 1: \$2.00; št. 149: \$2.00; št. 198: \$2.00; št. 29: \$2.00; št. 108: \$1.00.

Vsem darovalcem se za pomoč iskreno zahvaljujem ter jim želim nekaljenega zdravja in sreče do konca dni. Ako katero društvo, ki je kaj poslalo, ni označeno v tem seznamu, prosim, da me obvesti.

Od društva št. 29 sem dobil obvestilo, da moja prošnja ni bila odobrena iz glavnega urada, kakor določajo pravila v točki 355. Na to naj pojasnim, da sem moja prošnja poslal dvakrat na glavni urad in je bila dvakrat odobrena, toda naše društvo je zahtevalo, da se mora iz iste gotov del izpustiti, ker bi utegnili društvu škodovati. Napisal sem torej tretjo prošnjo, iz katere sem izpustil, kar je menilo društvo, da je bolje, da se izpusti, in je nisem ponovno poslal na glavni urad v odobritev, ker je bila v jedru že itak odobrena. Torej članstvo lahko iz tega vidi, da sem se ravnal po pravilih.

Najlepša hvala še enkrat vsem darovalcem in pozdrav vsem!

Martin Sustersich,

član društva št. 185 JSKJ.

Center, Pa.

To pot želim nekoliko poročati, kako nas je bil pri naših društvih Miklavž obdaroval za božič. Prigunec se je na božični dan popoldne z veliko culo na hrbtu in s knjigo pod pazduho. V knjigi je seveda imel popisano vse dobro in vse slabo. Mož je takoj pričel s svojim poslom in, ko je bil z večino gotov, je prijatelj tudi mene poklical, da grem v gornje prostore, češ, da ima tudi zame pripravljeno posebno darilo. Take prilike seveda nisem hotel zamuditi, ker sem pač pričakoval, da dobim primerno darilo za moje narodno delo. Kar zdelo se mi je, da se to pač spodobi. Ko se javim pri Miklavžu, mi pokaže moje cenjeno ime v njegovi večni knjigi, zraven pa pripisane same dobre stvari, nakar mi pomoli določeni zavitek. Bil je precej velik in skrbno povezan z močnimi vrvicami. Odpravim se nazaj v spodnje prostore, se stisnem v neki kot in začnem previdno odvezovati zavitek. Okoli mene se je hitro zbralo precej opazovalcev, ki niso bili nič manj radovedni na Miklavžovo darilo kot sem bil jaz. Ko sem prišel bliže sredine, sem že videl, da je večkratno zaviti predmet majhen in trd. Domislil sem si, da je najbrž zapestna ura in v duhu sem že kar videl, kako se bom na stara leta postavljal za zapestno uru.

Ko sem pa darilo do kraja odvil, so mi kar živci odpovedali in prijeli sem se moral za mizo, da nisem omahnil. Pomislite, rojaki, v zavitku je bila ena sama majhna okrogla suha "figa," prav taka, kakršne pridelujejo tam na vzhodu v slovečni Belfi dolini. Krog opazovalcev je hitro in tiho izgubil, kakor da jih je slana vzela. Takrat sem se domislil pregovora, da prave prijatelje se pozna v nesreči. Seveda sem v svoji razburjenosti glasno protestiral, posebno r.pram Miklavžu, toda ta je izjavil, da on ni kriv, krivi da so drugi. Seveda vsak rad krivdo na koga drugega zvraca. Končno sem se pa nekoliko potolažil z mislijo, da se ni vredno jeziti, ker v življenju je že teko, da je marsikdo v življenju deležen fige. Kdor je še ni dobil je lahko še dobi. Saj jo je tudi pennsylvanska Zveza dobila od zadnje konvencije. Za eno figo več ali manj se pri nas navadnih zemljanih ne gleda, saj smo jih vajeni.

Društvo sv. Barbare št. 33 JSKJ bo letošnje leto obhajalo 35-letnico svojega obstanka in takrat upam, da nas obišče mnogo. (Dalje na 6. strani.)

