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## CURRENT THOUGHT

### Graduates

This is the time of the year when graduates from high schools and colleges share the spotlight. Successful seniors, who have completed four years of study, receive their diplomas amidst appropriate commencement exercises.

What high hopes linger in the minds of college graduates! They are ready to embark upon their chosen career, and the world to them is just another classroom, where they entertain illusions to make something of themselves.

The path of life literally is strewn with obstacles. The young man or the young woman may know more about the theory of accounting than their employers. But how many graduates are so bold as to suggest a deviation from the system employed for years, a system that, although not modern, finds favor with the men in charge.

The biggest task confronting the graduate is to understand human psychology; that is, to realize that the man at the front desk, although behind in the modern trend of business, holds the upper hand, and is in a position to command orders.

### Lodge No. 55

Clontown, Pa.—Members of the Rochus lodge, No. 55, SSCU were notified that at the 17th meeting it was decided to invite all members to a meeting, which will be held on Friday, June 14. Meeting will be held one week earlier in the month than usual because of the change in the date of the 21st. The change in meeting date is effective only during the month of June, and future meetings will be held each third day of the month, as usual.

It is vital that at the convention such delegates be present as will remember what was decided at the quadrennial assembly, and who will be able to report to their lodges of the proceedings; and not those who already will forget on their way home from the convention. It must be remembered that decisions at the convention are not in effect only a month or two, but will be in force for four years. The entire membership will have to honor the convention decisions for four years. Therefore, it is essential at the convention to have attentive delegates who will know what the debates are about, and who shall at all times know how to vote for the benefit of all lodges and the entire membership.

## Convention Committees Meet June 5

Cleveland, O.—Members serving on the convention committees, which were elected at the Ohio Federation of SSCU Lodges, are hereby notified that a meeting will be held Friday evening, June 5, at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. With the SSCU convention only three months away, it is imperative that all concerned be present at the discussions.

### Graduates

Benedict Fink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fink of Conemaugh, Pa., graduated from the Conemaugh high school Friday, May 29. He is a member of Lodge No. 36, SSCU.

### Encouraging Report

Cleveland, O.—Conditions are improving if indications noted in the annual report of the Legal Aid Society, 614 Fidelity Bldg., are a criterion. This report was issued by Claude E. Clark, executive secretary.

During the past year the Society handled 6,660 cases as compared with 10,392 in 1932.

During 1932 the Society had 1,389 landlord and tenant cases, many involving evictions, while in 1935 this dropped to 597 cases.

Eight hundred and thirty-nine wage claims were filed in 1932 while in the past year 359 cases were disposed of.

Domestic cases stayed at almost the same level during the past year as at the height of the depression in 1932. Last year the Society had 34 less domestic cases than in 1932, when 1923 cases were handled.

More people filed for divorce thru the Legal Aid Society in 1935 than in 1932. Last year there were 1155 cases as compared with 733 in 1932. This is the only instance of increase in number of cases, comparing with 1932 figures.

A further indication of better times is indicated in the drop of credit contract and installment cases from 822 in 1932 to 414 in 1935. Debt cases handled in 1932 numbered 1953 as compared with 1233 last year.

According to the report 607 cases came from private social agencies of the Community Fund; 120 from employers; 1207 again applied for service who had previously received it; 200 cases were sent in by state and government officials and 262 referred by Municipal Court in addition to the others who made direct application themselves during the past year.

The Legal Aid Society was organized in 1905 to render legal assistance gratuitously, or for a moderate charge, to deserving persons not otherwise able to obtain the services of a competent attorney.

The Society handles all kinds of cases with the exception of criminal matters, personal injury cases and divorces (except in a very limited number of cases in which the action is recommended by some other social agency.)

This organization is a member of the Community Fund.

Autos kill 30 out of every 100,000 people in the United States each year.

## BRIEFS

Thirty-third anniversary will be observed by St. Michael's Lodge, No. 40, SSCU, on Saturday, June 13, when members will celebrate the event with a picnic at Claridge, Pa. Included in the program of festivities will be a softball game between St. Michael's team and the combined George Washington-Betsy Ross, Nos. 180 and 186, SSCU, aggregation from Cleveland. Several Clevelanders expect to be present at the picnic at Claridge.

Ohio Federation of SSCU Lodges will meet next Sunday, June 7, in the Slovene National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O. Proceedings will commence promptly at 10 a. m. This meeting is very important because it will entail discussion of suggested revision to our by-laws, to be proposed at the Union's 15th regular quadrennial convention, which will be held in Cleveland, beginning on Sept. 8. Inasmuch as Cleveland will act as host to the out-of-town delegates, various committees in charge of preparations for after-session entertainment may report on the progress made to date.

For the first time in the history of the Cleveland Slovene National Home, the stage of the spacious auditorium served as a studio of a broadcasting station. Sunday afternoon, May 31, nationality radio programs were broadcast from the Slovene Auditorium by remote control over Station WJAY during the concert of the Yugoslav Radio Hour. Programs by Slovenes, Croats, Serbs, Slovaks, Ukrainians and Czechoslovaks were broadcast.

Lawrence Zupan, son of Ivan Zupan, editor of Glasilo KSKJ, composed a play, "June on the Moon," for his senior class in Collinwood High School. The play was presented in the school auditorium last week and was attended by a record crowd. The young playwright, a senior, is a feature writer of the school's weekly, The Spotlight.

Anne Govednik, Chisholm, Minn., contender for the American swimming team in Olympic games, broke the official record for the 220-yard distance in the breaststroke event by one and seven-tenths seconds. The record-breaking swim was made last week at the Chisholm Junior High pool. A large audience, which packed the balcony, responded with a large round of applause when the time of 3:15.5 was announced. Anne, who made a fine showing in the 1932 Olympiad at Los Angeles, is again getting in condition for a try-out for the 1936 American swimming team, which will be held in New York in July.

Joseph Krall and Joseph Rozman, game wardens of Ely, Minn., captured a white beaver last week on the Ely-Buyck Road, otherwise known as the Echo Trail. According to reports, this is the first white beaver ever seen in this section, and for that matter in any other section of the country where beavers make their

## George Washingtons Meet Barbara Matesha, Assistant Supreme Secretary, SSCU June 12

Cleveland, O.—Members of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, are urgently requested to be present at the regular monthly meeting which will be held Friday, June 12, in the Slovene National Home, Room No. 2.

Inasmuch as a number of important items must be taken care of, the meeting will commence promptly at 8 p. m. All members are asked to be present on time.

Final plans must be made for the proposed trip to Claridge, Pa., on Saturday, June 13. The occasion for the visit is the picnic to be held by St. Michael's Lodge, No. 40, SSCU, when members will observe the 33d anniversary of their unit. A softball game between Lodge No. 40 and the Cleveland SSCU members is planned for that day.

On Friday, June 5, the player-members will hold another practice session at Gordon Park, Diamond No. 7, starting at 6 p. m. Although a number have showed up at our last two practices, all members interested in playing softball are cordially invited to be on hand. The more players, the better chance we have of selecting a good team to represent us at the Ohio-Pennsylvania match game at Claridge on June 13.

Another important item on the lodge calendar is the election of a delegate to our Union's 15th quadrennial convention, which will take place in our midst during the month of September.

At the May meeting the members decided to hold a beer party after the June 12 meeting. This is in the form of an added attraction to induce our members to attend the monthly sessions.

As a further attraction, the lodge will again present a member with a \$1.00 attendance award. Only those members present at the meeting are eligible to participate. So be on hand.

John F. Kardell, Pres.

Each snep has in its fleece six to eight different qualities of wool.

home. For the present this freak is being kept at the Winton Game Lodge, and later probably will be given to some beaver colony in the state park.

Coach Jack Malevich, Eveleth, Minn., junior college mentor, brought home his second Northern Junior College championship in as many years, when his Orange and Blue tracksters came through with a total of 79.5 points at the Virginia track. Among the stars were Magovich, Starin, Ambrozich and Malevich.

The United Press in its release of May 31 reported that "Sofiya Nichevich, 60, of Somor, Yugoslavia, died here today after a life featured by 18 marriages. Three of her husbands died. She divorced 15 others."

Texas Centennial Exposition will open in Dallas, Tex., on June 6. The 100th anniversary of the Lone Star State will extend to Nov. 29.



If you were to walk into the SSCU's home office at Ely, Minnesota, today, and drop in the assistant supreme secretary's office, you would find Sister Barbara Matesha greeting you with the same smile that you see pictured above.

All who have had the pleasure of meeting Barbara, our new assistant supreme secretary, always remember her as the girl with the perpetual smile—even during working hours when her mind is on mathematics, crediting and debiting accounts, dictating letters, etc., for Barbara is a conscientious young business lady that applies herself diligently to her duties.

There are two good reasons why the picture of Barbara Matesha is carried in this issue of Nova Doba. First and foremost, to acquaint the English-speaking members of our Union with the new assistant supreme secretary; and, second, to impress our readers with the fact that youth is given an opportunity to participate in the management of our organization.

So many of our English-speaking members labor under a delusion that the young men and young women have little, if any, voice in handling the reins of the South Slavonic Catholic Union. Too many look upon the SSCU as an organization that treats the English-speaking members only as a necessary evil, failing to realize that the senior members of our Union look forward to their suggestions, ideas and opinions.

As members of equal rights, we of the English-speaking group must also consider the age-old axiom that with rights are attached certain duties and responsibilities. That it is up to us to build the English-speaking department, so that in the near future we can point with pride on our accomplishments, just as our seniors are proud of the fact that in 38 years the SSCU has grown into a two-million-dollar organization—one that today is without a peer in solvency rating, net gain in membership, highest interest yield on investments, lowest mortality rate, among all the larger national Yugoslav fraternal.

## High Hopes

Springdale, Pa.—The other day I ran into a strange box in an obscure corner of our attic. Lately, I've gotten into the habit of guessing the contents without opening the parcel, and I just have to admit that this box had me puzzled. It was just an ordinary box with a plain wrapper, but the more I stared at it, the higher rose my curiosity, and soon I removed the wrapper. Imagine my surprise when I read the label: "Telescopic lens. Foresee the future."

With eager hands I tore open the box and found inside of it an ordinary telescope with a dial attached to one side. I placed it up to my eyes and spun the dial, but all I could see was darkness. At the bottom of the box was a card with this inscription: "Concentrate on what you wish to see, then peer into the telescope and keep turning the dial till the vision appears. Being a rabid baseball fan, my chief concern was the outcome of our Pittsburgh Pirates. Again I took the telescope. The suspense was great, but soon my patience was rewarded, for inside appeared the vision of Forbes Field in the midst of a ball game. The stands were packed to capacity, and the picture truly interpreted a world series. Across the park appeared a huge sport page from our morning Post-Gazette. In bold type, a two-inch streamer heralded the news, "Pirates and Red Sox clash in first series game." The Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Red Sox in the '36 series.

"Here they come!" filled the air waves as the Pirates' special arrived at the station. Blaring horns and brass bands competed with the shouts of spectators.

By this time I was completely entranced, and it was fully ten minutes before I realized that I saw nothing, as the vision faded. I went downstairs to look at the league's standing. What I saw was very encouraging, and I began to believe that my day dreams perhaps were a forerunner of the truth. After all, the Pirates have what it takes, and as luck would have it, maybe this column may be right. Who knows?

A world series in our own town after a wait of nine years. Just then the vision faded and blankness returned. But I wanted to know who won? Soon the same sport sheet appeared with the answer. The headlines told the short story. Pirates win the sixth and deciding game. Sublines shouted, "Hafey's homer in the ninth decides pitching duel. Blanton in fine form as he wins second series game."

In the left-hand corner of the sport page appeared a picture of our Mayor McNair, who proclaimed a general holiday to welcome home our champs. Soon the page disappeared and the vision of downtown Pittsburgh took shape. Thousands of Pirate crazed fans were celebrating. Strangers slapped each other on the back; everybody shook hands; hats and confetti filled the air and everybody was singing the same old chant, "I told you so."

Stan Progar, No. 228, SSCU.





