

Dne 19. maja je umrl v Ljubljani eden najplodovitejših sodobnih slovenskih pisateljev in najzretnejših delavcev na polju slovenske kulture — dr. Ivan Lah. Navzlic temu, da je za skoro dvajset let preživel konec svetovne vojne, pa je v resnici padel kot njena žrtev. Strahotna rana, dobljena na fronti, kamor je bil poslan po daljši internaciji, je končno po trpljenju mnogih let, tekom katerih mu je vedno pretlila trenutna smrt, pretrgala nit življenja. Za njim žalujejo žena in sinček, sestra in brat Mihael, ki živi v Clevelandu.

Pokojni dr. Lah se je rodil v Trnovem pri Ilirski Bistrici dne 9. decembra 1881., toda že kmalu potem se je s starši preselil v Smarje na Dolenjskem, kjer je preživel mlada leta in kamor se je pogosto vračal kot študent, popotnik in literat. Gimnazijo je dovršil v Ljubljani, univerzo, kjer je študiral slavistiko in klasično jesikoslovje, nato pa filozofijo in pedagogiko, pa v Pragi, kjer mu je bil profesor poznejši češkoslovaški prezident dr. Tomáš Masaryk.

Pisateljstvu je začel zgodaj in med ljudstvom je najbolj znan po svoji povesti "Uporniki", katero je izdala Mohorjeva družba. Med balkansko vojno je bil izdajatelj naprednega dnevnika "Dan", v poznejših letih pa je poleg izvršitve samostojnih literarnih del tudi mnogo pisal za razne napredne revije in časopise. Mnogo je prevajal iz slovenskih jezikov, zlasti češkega.

Najbolj znana književna dela dr. Laha, poleg "Upornikov" so: "Iz časov romantike", "Vaška kronika", "Brambovci", "Angelin Hidar", "Sigmovo maščevanje" ter izbora kulturno-zgodovinska študija "Vodniki in preroki". Po vojni je bil profesor na ženski realni gimnaziji v Ljubljani.

Delo dr. Lahovega peresa je napolnilo tudi marsikateri stolpec v listih ameriških Slovencev, saj je bil njegov slog javen in naraven, tako da je njegove spise lahko z užitkom in razumevanjem čital tudi najbolj preprost čitatelj. Bodi mu tudi med nami ohranjen časten spomin!

RELIFNA KRIZA V VELIKIH MESTIH

V Chicagu, Clevelandu in po raznih drugih velikih mestih je nastopila skrajno resna reliefna kriza. V Clevelandu so na primer poslali vsi reliefni fondii in mestna vlada je začasno odvrgla aktualno lakoto med 78 tisoč osebam, ki so odvisne na relief, edinole s tem, da je denar, ki je bil namenjen za redne poslovne stroške, porabljen za življenje. Direktna krivda za položaj leži na ramah državne administracije, ki je tako zapostavljena "politiko", da nima časa zavzeti se za rešitev stanja, ki je postal že kronično.

Relifni položaj v deželi dokazuje, da bo tudi zvezna vlada v bodoče morala prevzeti večjo odgovornost za relief in ne manjšo. Tudi najbolj zagrizeni burboni tega ne morejo zanikati.

IZ VERNEGA BOSTONA

Ko je pred letom dni španski poslanik obiskal Boston, ni bil deležen policijskega sprejemstva, nobenega javnega sprejema se ni priredilo in časopisje je o obisku le na kratko poročalo. Pretekli mesec pa je bil v Bostonu italijanski poslanik Fulvio Suvich. Casopisje se je o tem dogodku na široko razpisalo, zastopnika fašistične države je povsod spremljala policija in



Prvo poročilo s potovanja naših izletnikov v domovino



Piše WILLIAM CANDON

Na krovu parnika "Normandie", 21. maja, 1938—Na kolodvor nas je spremlila velika skupina prijateljev, znancev in sorodnikov. Vse je nekam mirno stalo in čakalo za odhod. Vlak je imel 15 minut zamude in jo, kako so bile dolge. Pa je prišel, poslovili smo se, ločili od svojih dragih in stopili na vlak. Vsem nam je bilo nekam težko pri srcu, nekateri so bili zamišljeni, drugi pa tudi objokani. Nekaj nas je težilo in nisimo vedeli kaj; domotožje ali slovo od žene in otrok, od moža, bratov in sestra ter prijateljev. Kake pol ure je bilo vse tiho in zamišljeno med skupino v železniškem vozu, katerega smo imeli sami za sebe. G. Kollander je šel po vozev in našel skupino iz Chicage. Kmalu jih pripelje med nas in tako smo bili vsi skupaj v enem vozu. Jeziki so se začeli razgovarjati in polagoma se je začela izginjati tesnoba v prsih. G. Rogelj je oživel družbo z malo zgodbo, da so se najbližnji pričeli smejati. Za njim sta se oglasili gospa Trček in gospa Dolinar, ki sta bili kmalu kraljici veselja in zabave. Njunemu pripovedovanju, vedno spremljanim s pristranim smehom, se je človek moral smejati, ako bi bil le napol živ. Polagoma se je vsa družba seznanila med seboj in neprisljuna zabava in kramljanje je trajalo do druge ure zjutraj. Kupil sem blazino, da bom malo zaspal med potjo, pa mi jo poredna ga. Trček vzame in se je poslužil. Kaj hočeš? Ali naj se začnemo takoj prvo uro prerekati? Ne, kar lepo potrpeti sem moral ter počakati na blazino, dokler se je vršil se je slavnostni banket, na katerem so govorili governor Hurley, župan Tobin in številni drugi javni funkcionarji.

V Bostonu je na krmilu politična mašina irskih demokratov, ki so seveda verni sinovi matere cerkve...

Francija noč slediti Chamberlainu

Pogajanja med Francijo in Italijo za sklep pogodbe po vzorcu sporazuma, ki ga je sklenil z Mussolinijem angleški premijer Chamberlain, so običajala na mrtvi točki. Mussolini je zahteval, da Francija brezpogojno zapre špansko mejo, toda premijer Daladier, se je, poteh ko je Sovjetska unija vložila odločen protest, zahtevi uprl. Izgleda, da je sedanja francoska vlada navzlic temu, da se močno nagiba k desnici, v zadnjem trenutku spoznala, da bi bilo skrajno kratkovidno, če bi Francija svojo bodočnost postavilo na Mussolinijeve obljube prijateljstva. Rezultat tega je, da so lojalisti v Kataloniji v zadnjem času dobili od zunaj velike pošiljkatve orožja in municije in da je zmaga fašistov vse prej kot gotova.

Ako bo Francija vztrajala na svojem stališču, bo Chamberlainovi politiki sporazumnosti s fašističnimi diktaturami zadan resen udarec. Angleški premijer je zastavil svojo politično bodočnost na sporazum z Italijo. Ta sporazum je bil služiti kot vzorec za kasnejša pogajanja z Nemčijo. Italijanski sprazum ne postane pravomeren, dokler Mussolini ne pokliče domov vsaj nekaj svojih čet v Španiji. Ampak Franco potrebuje več in ne manj pomoči od zunaj, ako hoče obnoviti svojo ofenzivo. In Mussolini je izjavil, da ne bo dopustil niti štetja njegovih "prostovoljcev" v Španiji, dokler Francija ne zapre svojih meja.

Tako se Chamberlain nahaja v skrajno neprijetni poziciji: ustvaril je zmedo v vrstah svoje lastne konservativne stranke, ko je odslovil Edena, povzročil slabo voljo v zunanjih ministrstvih Evrope in Amerike, politični program, ki mu je imel dati sloves "realističnega politika", pa ga grozi lopniti po nosu, še predno je postal učinkovit.

dvanajste ure in točno ob dvanajtih se je pričela pomikati ven na odprto morje. Ob eni uri je bilo prvo kosilo na ladji, kateri je prav dobro teknilo, ker nismo nič jedli, odkar smo šli od doma. Popoldne smo malo pregledovali ladjo in dobili smo lepo dvorano, v kateri imamo priliko, da pišemo, beremo ali pa počivamo, ako je treba. Zjutraj se vrše maše, zvečer pa plesi in druge zabave, saj je Bog povsod enak. Nadstropje višje je kadilnica za moške in ženske ter igralnica za 66, to seveda samo pri Slovenceh. Mi smo se kmalu poslužili te sobe. Tam tudi kakšno rečemo, akoravno so glasovi, da se jih Bog varuj.

Prvi dan na ladji se nam godi prav fino. Strežejo nam z izvrstnimi jedili, tako da se posčutimo kot milijonarji. Eden nam je bolj na uslugo kot drugi, ampak za to je treba seveda dati tudi kakšen "tip". Ampak človek jim ni nevoščljiv, ker ladijsko osobe je res posrežljivo, da bolj biti ne more. V čast pa si moramo šteti, ker imamo Slovenca na ladji, ki je načelnik tretjega razreda, po imenu Ivan Vrhovšek. Je to

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Koledar prireditvev SSPZ

Sobota 4. junija. — Družabni večer s plesom društva "Trail Blazers," št. 197, v Gano Farmers dvorani, 116th Street in Eggleston Ave., CHICAGO, ILL. Igra Omerza-Gradisek.

Sobota, 18. junija. — "Moonlight Dance" društva "Victorians", CHICAGO, ILL., na Keglovem prostoru v Willow Springs.

Nedelja, 19. junija. — Piknik društva "Združenih bratov," št. 26, CLEVELAND, OHIO, na Stuskovih farmi.

Nedelja 19. junija. — Piknik Vrtača št. 30, GIRARD, OHIO, na Pišlerjevi farmi, Mecca, O.

Sobota, 25. junija. — "Barn Dance" društva Spartans, št. 198, CLEVELAND, OHIO, na Glenridge Picnic Grounds (prej Manchulta farma) na Green Rd. Začetek ob 8:30 zvečer. Igra orkester Frankie Yankovicha.

Zakaj je Avstrija propadla?

Bivški dnajski žurnalist Franz Hoellering, ki se nahaja v Ameriki kot političen begunec, je v reviji "The Nation" napisal članek, v katerem ostro biča izbegavanja zadnjega avstrijskega kancelarja Šušnika glede vzrokov, ki so dovedli do razpada Avstrije. Šušnik je namreč tik pred svojim padcem spisal obrambo klerofašističnega režima, ki je sedaj izšla v Ameriki v obliki knjige. Tragično-ironična stran tega zagovora tiči v tem, da je Šušnik postal jetnik nemških nacijev, še predno je bila knjiga natisnana. Hoellering med drugim piše:

"Schuschniggovo opisovanje krvavih februarjskih dogodkov iz leta 1934., ko so se dunajski delavci zadnjič postavili v bran za demokracijo, je falzifikat od začetka do konca. Avtor ne pove, da je on sam kot justični minister dopustil, da so heroji in delavci, ki so se borili za svobodno in neodvisno Avstrijo, storili smrt na visliah. Poslanec Koloman Walisch, inženir Weisl in delavec Muenichreiter, ki je bil resno ranjen na nosilnici nešen pod vislice, niso nikjer omenjeni. V tistih februarjskih dnevih, s tistimi eksekucijami je bila zdroljena hrbtnica avstrijskega odpora proti nacizmu. Da so se mogli za tako gluho in kriminalno pot odločiti religiozni ljudje, ki so 'verjeli' v misijo mirovnega duha, se more razumeti le potom enostavnega dejstva, da bodo konservativni občudovalci poezije in kulture, katoliška cerkev — ki je stala za slehernim Dollfusovim korakom — in razred lastnikov, kadar so prisiljeni izbirati, vedno stopili na stran fašizma ter proti socializmu, liberalizmu in demokraciji. Streljali bodo na delavce v imenu kulture, ampak kapitulirali bodo pred Hitlerjem, da se izogneju prelivanju krvi. Izgovor, da ne vedo, kaj delajo, je brez pomena.

JUNIJ JE MLADINSKI MESEC S. S. P. ZVEZE

V tem mesecu bi moralo vsako društvo razveseliti svoj naraščaj in pojačati agitacijo za Vrtece

Ni treba še posebej poudarjati, da smo kot dobri člani dolžni vedno in pri vsaki priliki ter skozi vse mesece v letu jačati vrste naše organizacije in da je baš v mladinskem gibanju dana najširša možnost za to delo, kajti krepak naraščaj danes pomeni močno in zdravo Zvezo v bodočih letih.

Toda poleg tega ima SSPZ v smislu pravil mladinskega oddelka določen poseben mesec v letu, ki bodi še posebno posvečen delu in zanimanju za porast naših mladinskih društev oz. Vrtecev. To je junij — mesec, v katerem pripiki pomlad do viška in je torej povsem na mestu, da je bil izbran v to svrhu.

V juniju se zaključuje šolsko leto in je torej ta mesec tudi s tega stališča najbolj pripraven za priredbe s katerimi na eni strani razveselimo našo mladež, na drugi pa z njimi opozorimo na našo aktivnost tudi kroge izven naše organizacije.

Vsaka mladinska postojanka Zveze, to se pravi vsaka naselbina, v kateri je mladina organizirana v svojem Vrtecu, naj bi poskrbela, da bo v juniju na nekak način pokazala, da se zanima za svoj naraščaj in da je pripravljena posvetiti nekaj truda za njegov razmah.

Če je prireditvev majhna ali velika, ni važno; poglavitno je, da storimo nekaj, da pokažemo,

da nam je ideja pri srcu. Ako ni mogoče aranžirati formalne priredbe s programom, bo izlet v naravo, na katerega naj se povabi mladino in njene starše, prav tako zadostoval. Prireditvev je lahko skromna, ampak brez nič bi nikjer ne smelo biti. Naši najmlajši morajo vedeti, da je junij mesec, ki ga je članstvo njim posvetilo.

Še nekaj. V juniju bo izšla priloga Vrtecev v povečani in bogatejši izdaji kot običajno. Obsegala bo osem strani in tiskana bo na boljši papir. Ker je želeli, da bi bila čim bolj napolnjena s prispevki naših mladih članov in članic, so upravitelji Vrtecev in starši prošni, da otroke opozorijo na to. Priloga izde kot običajno, tretjo sredo v mesecu in z ozirom na to, da bo junijska številka večja, uredništvo želi, da bi bili vsi prispevki poslani na njegov naslov čim prej mogoče.

Glejmo, da bomo ideji mladinskega meseca dali konkreten izraz tudi s tem, da bomo tekom junija povečali agitacijo za naše Vrtece. Potem bomo imeli zavest, da smo storili svojo polno dolžnost napram organizaciji in napram samim sebi.

Pomnimo, da naša mladina bo v resnici NASA le tedaj, če bomo skrbeli, da bo včlanjena v NASH organizacijah in izučena in vzgojena v NASEM duhu.

KOMUNISTI VABIJO KATOLIČANE K SODELOVANJU

Tajnik ameriške komunistične stranke Earl Browder je preteklo soboto na letnem zboru stranke v New Yorku imel nad štiri ure trajajoč govor, v katerem je med drugim pozival katoličane in pripadnike drugih verskih sekt, da se pridružijo komunistom v borbi proti fašizmu. Obtožbe katoliške hierarhije, da so komunisti ne-ameriški, ker so priklopljeni mednarodni organizaciji, je Browder zavrnil kot "dvorezne", kajti tudi katoličanstvo je mednarodno, potem pa je dejal: "V taboru demokracije se nahaja večina pripadnikov katoliške cerkve. Mi komunisti jim ponujamo roko bratskega sodelovanja in izražamo naše zadovoljstvo, da se moremo boriti z njimi ramo ob ramo za iste ekonomske in socialne cilje."

Browder je zanikal, da so komunisti proti katoličanom v Španiji ter je rekel: "Baš nasprotno, mi španske katoličane, ki so po večini revni ljudje, podpiramo proti njihovim nezvestim pastirjem ter njihovim izkoriščevalcem in zatiralcem." Browder je kritiziral Rooseveltovo administracijo radi "hinavske nevtiralnosti" v španski civilni vojni, obenem pa je izjavil, da New Deal pod Rooseveltovim vodstvom navzlic vsem nedostatkem, obotav-

ZRAKOPLOVSKA NESREČA V CLEVELANDU

Pretekli torek zvečer se je v predmestju Clevelanda iz dosedaj še nedogranega vzroka ponesrečil velik potniški aeroplan United Airlines družbe, ki ki je padel na zemlja in zgorel. Življenje je pri tem izgubilo deset oseb: sedem potnikov, dva pilota in strežnica. Priče pravijo, da je letalo bilo v plamenih, še predno je zadelo zemljo. Ubita strežnica je bila Mildred Maček, doma iz Milwaukee in je po imenu sodeč utegnila biti Slovenka.

MOONEY MORA ČAKATI

Najvišje zvezno sodišče je priziv Tom Mooneyja proti državi Californiji zopet odločilo, kar pomeni, da odločitev ne bo podana pred oktobrom.

Iljanju in konfuziji "predstavljaja bistven del razvijajoče se demokratične fronte proti monopolističnemu kapitalu."

Govor voditelja ameriških komunistov je v skladu s takozvano novo linijo kominterne v Moskvi, ki skuša združiti vse nefašistične države za boj proti fašizmu. Če bi bila Moskva zavzela tako taktiko zmernosti napram nekomunističnim delavskim strankam in demokratičnim elementom v splošnem, predno je Hitler prišel na krmilo v Nemčiji, bi bili izgledi za svetovno demokracijo danes najbrže mnogo jasnejši kot pa so.

DO YOU KNOW THAT - SSPZ HAS SIX MODERN PLANS OF LIFE INSURANCE?

PROGRESS "NAPREDEK"

DEVOTE JUNE TO YOUTH This is the Juvenile Month of SSPZ. Work for the Increase of Our Vrtec Membership!



» FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK «

S. S. P. Z. JUVENILE MONTH The month of JUNE, as specified in the By-laws of the Juvenile Department of the Society, is our Juvenile Month. It is the period of the year during which at least one day shall be set aside in honor of our boys and girls, the future leaders and builders of the SSPZ. It is understood, of course, that the Society devotes her attention to the Juvenile Department from one end of the year to the other, but because the month of June has been officially decreed as SSPZ JUVENILE MONTH, it is proper then that every feature and function of importance to the development of our Vrtec units receives a greater amount of publicity and attention in June than in any other month of the year.

Every Lodge and Vrtec in the jurisdiction of the Society should recognize Juvenile Month in some appropriate way. Everyone, old and young alike, are urged to accept and support this idea, wholeheartedly, and help plan and arrange a program of entertainment for the benefit of the Vrtec members and their playmates and friends. June should be noteworthy for the gayest Vrtec celebrations, the best attended and most interesting meetings, the outstanding Vrtec Section, the largest membership gains; in fact, it should be the most successful and satisfying fraternal month of the whole year.

A lawn party or a day in the park or some nearby grove would mean more to the children than anything else that might be planned for them in the way of celebrating "their" month. In most sections of the country, the month of June affords good weather, therefore an inspiration for the planning of out-of-door festivities for the children. Take them out in the open where they can absorb the warm, healthy rays of sunshine and breath in the clean, fresh air. Most of them have been in school during the past term and those who have not been indoors all need such a recreation as a fresh air frolic.

Take along the lunch basket filled with appetizing, wholesome food. Arrange for interesting diversions in the ways of games, races, etc., in fact make them so happy over this event that they may realize that their branch of the Society is equally as important as that of dad's or sister's or whoever might have been responsible for their membership in the Vrtec. In no other way can the spirit of good will and interest in each other be so successfully extended, not only among the children but the adults as well, as through such an event as this, planned for the happiness of the children. Every Lodge, parent to a Vrtec, should feel responsible for the making of at least one day in JUNE long remembered by the participants.

VRTEC MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Application for Juvenile membership for any child under the age of fifteen and one-half years may be made by some adult person upon whom the responsibility of payment of assessment is dependent in all states in which the Society is permitted to write Juvenile insurance.

No medical examination for Juvenile members shall be necessary for admission except when so demanded by the Supreme Medical Examiner or Supreme Administrative Sub-Committee or ANY HIGHER AUTHORITY. In this case "Any higher authority" means the laws of the state in which business is being carried on, the Supreme Board or Supreme Executive Committee.

Insurance: Any Juvenile member may be issued one or more certificates by the Society on one or more plans, but the total ultimate amount of insurance payable under all such certificates shall not exceed \$1000.00. Upon transfer to the Adult Department of the Society, Juvenile members may be insured up to \$1000.00 without a medical examination. Members insured under the "Term To Age 18" certificates (Plan "A" and "B") need not take out adult insurance until they have attained their 18th birthday.

A Vrtec may be established anywhere in the United States with ten (10) or more members with the approval of the parent Lodge (or Lodges) or that of the Supreme Secretary of the Society where no parent Lodge exists. The management shall be assigned to the direction of an Administrator, assisted by a committee of three (3) Supervisors, each of whom shall be elected from among the members of the parent lodge (or lodges) in accordance with the By-laws and other rules and regulations of the Society governing election and qualifications of officers.

Purpose: The purpose of the Vrtec shall be as follows:— To bring children of the Caucasian race under the protection of the Society and instruct them how to conduct and participate in assemblies according to fixed parliamentary rules; to educate them to understand the value of organization for mutual benefit and friendship; to promote general culture and provide good, clean entertainment; to encourage health exercise and games for the development of mind and body and to build a more genuine and lasting spirit of helpfulness among them.

By-Laws: After setting what is believed a record for postponements, then new Juvenile By-laws have finally been distributed among the various Lodges and Vrtec units. If you wish to have a copy of them, see your Secretary or Vrtec Administrator. The VRTEC RITUAL has been ready for printing quite some time, but when they will be ready for distribution is questionable; however, as soon as they are off the press in our hands, they'll be sent on their way. In the meantime CARRY ON— ENROLL NEW MEMBERS— ORGANIZE VRTEC UNITS— BOOST THE SSPZ EVERYWHERE!

Spartans Lose To Ct. Baraga, 4-3



The attendance at this game was undoubtedly the poorest this year. The boys had plenty of fight but failed to get the moral support which might have given them that added punch they needed to win the game.

The unpopular decisions of the umpire were very disheartening and the lack of supporters on the sidelines to offer encouragement to the boys at time like these was even more discouraging.

The game itself was a very close and interesting one. Our boys played good ball but certainly not their best. Poor base-running plus a few balls thrown in the wrong direction again had its share in contributing to the loss.

Our boys displayed their batting power by garnering eleven hits from Klaus, Baraga pitcher, but their fielding game could stand a little improvement. The outfield especially needs to brush off that air of uncertainty and nervousness.

However in this defeat, the Spartans seem to have discovered a new pitcher. J. Jurca, regular second baseman, pitched the first five innings and gave Baragas only one hit. F. Spehek saved the most thrilling moment of the game for the last play. His hard smash to left looked like a home run, but he was caught at the plate. Had it been a homer, the score would have been tied.

This week the Spartan team draws a bye and takes a rest for its oncoming battle with the Orels, undoubtedly one of the strongest teams in the Inter-Lodge League.

BOX SCORE

Table with columns: SPARTANS, AB, R, H, E. Rows include J. Lunder, L. Batis, F. Lekan, E. Dietz, J. Moze, S. Zagar, J. Koman, J. Jurca, C. Koman, T. Bolka, F. Spehek, and Totals.

Table with columns: CT. BARAGA, AB, R, H, E. Rows include J. Persin, Bogovich, B. Kobe, R. Strauss, E. Kurentc, J. Sauric, F. Klavs, D. Krall, F. Godic, A. Marolt, J. Trump, and Totals.

Ct. Baraga 1 0 1 0 0 2 0 Spartans 0 2 0 0 1 0

Stan Zorc

SPARTANS DANCE CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND. — Spartan members remember the initial barn dance Saturday evening, June 25th at Glenridge Picnic Grove (formerly Manchutta's farm) Green rd. and Euclid ave. Music is by popular Frankie Yankovich and his boys.

Spartan ball players especially note and get your tickets going. Those of you who do not have tickets may get them from the secretary.

VRTEC FESTIVAL GLORIOUS SUCCESS

By Michael Vrhovnik

CHICAGO, Ill. — Yesterday, the 29th of May, shall long be remembered, for it was yesterday that the most glorious Juvenile event in the history of the SSPZ, I dare say, in the history of all Slovene Fraternal Societies of America, paraded on the stage of the SNPJ auditorium in Chicago before an audience composed of hundreds of people who sat through three hours of brilliant performances awed, amazed and completely thrilled by the things they saw and heard.

Never has a program of this nature seen its equal in our fraternal circles! Never have I seen an audience more satisfied, elated and inspired! To say that this event was the greatest of its kind in SSPZ history is far from being enough. To say that this event will long be remembered is putting it very, very mildly. — It is doubtful if it shall be forgotten by a majority of those who were so fortunate as to be present! The only disappointment of the day was registered when it was announced that for some unknown reason the Spartan Juniors of Cleveland were unable to make their appearance and present the one act comedy for which they had been billed on the program. Otherwise, it was a success from the opening number through to the end.

The Chicago Federation of Lodges initiated and sponsored the Festival, but its entire success is owed directly to those gallant, plucky, well-drilled boys and girls, who are members of our Vrtec units in Indianapolis, Cleveland and Milwaukee and our own home city, Chicago. Proud of them, indeed, is the Society, the Federation and every Lodge and Vrtec unit represented. I'm not going to attempt to give you the details. I have written these few lines so that all of you, who did not attend, will know that our first VRTEC CULTURAL FESTIVAL was a huge success and that everyone, participants and members of the large audience, were extremely happy and enjoyed every minute of their visit with us.

Congratulations boys and girls! Congratulations Administrators, Supervisors and Directors! Congratulations to all who contributed their services and time to kindle this new spark of SSPZ fraternal culture! May it live forever!

Victorians

CHICAGO. — The Victorian meeting will be held on June 2, at Berger's 2653 S. Lawndale avenue. A social will be held at bro. Albert Spolar's, 1615 Blue Island avenue.

Sick members. Please, Victorians, pay our sick members a visit. They are sister Jennie Saitz, 3129 Fulton St., and sister Fannie Bervar at St. Mary's Hospital, 1120 N. Leavitt, Room 210. Both are recuperating from their illness.

There are several members who are on their vacation. Mr. and Mrs. DiCenzo are visiting Mrs. DiCenzo's mother at Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Victorians will remember her as Augusta Alich before she met Mr. DiCenzo. Josephine Shum is visiting her parents in the Sunflower state (Kansas). Sisters Johanna, Mary and Helen Bervar have returned to Chicago from their winter home in Miami, Florida, and will be with their sick sister, Fannie.

Oh, Yep!! Don't forget our moonlight dance June 18. Come watch the moon and the stars twinkle. There will be fun for all.

Oh Victorians, some more pleasure and entertainment ahead waiting for you. Trailblazers are having a dance and social June 4 at Gana Farmers Hall 116th and Eggleston avenue. Let's all show up in large numbers. I have tickets for anyone that desires to go. I'll be glad to take care of you.

Sunday turned out to be one of the greatest events of its kind in the history of the SSPZ. It displayed one of the grandest performances that I have ever attended. A big crowd was present and well attended; I am sure, all who saw the program and remained for the dance enjoyed themselves. Friends both from far and near, from three outside states, were present. It certainly was a great get-together. The older folks had a remarkable time watching the younger perform. This program acted as an encouragement and inspiration to other children. I hope that we again have a general get-together as this one was.

Please members pay your dues. More dance news will be published later on. Watch for it.

An additional number of "don'ts":

- a) Don't forget the meeting and social. b) Visit sick members. c) Pay your dues. d) Don't forget to sell dance tickets.

I am getting along fine; slow but sure.

Fraternally yours, Mary E. Novak, Sec'y-Treas.

Clean Fun

"Do you know what good, clean fun is?" "No, what good it is?" —Purple Parrot.

Zero Point

"Oh, I know a few things!" exclaimed the haughty senior. "Well, you haven't anything on me," retorted the freshman confidently; "I guess I know as few things as anybody."

Probably Not

Jack and Jill went up the hill To get a pail of water; Jack fell down and broke his crown— I bet it wasn't water. —Purple Parrot.

Ask Your Dentist

Joe (reading death statistics): "Say, Phil, do you know that every time I breathe a man dies?" Phil: "Then why don't you use a mouth wash?" —Ohio Sundial

From The Office of the Supreme Secretary

Since the beginning of the year when the new Insurance Code of the State of Illinois, governing the operation of Fraternal Benefit Societies, went into effect, the work of "writing-up" a new member has increased twofold. To completely record the admission of a member, including the issuance of a certificate, it now takes one person in the Home Office more than an hour. Why does it take so long and what must be done before an applicant is officially admitted and a certificate issued to him? Here are a few answers...

- 1. Each application, when first received from the Lodge Secretary, must be closely checked for errors. 2. At least twenty-five (25%) of all membership applications are incomplete, misdirected, or contain one or more mistakes which necessitate returning them (with instructions) for correction. 3. All such applications must, upon their return to the Home Office, be checked over again. 4. If the application is found to be correctly filled out, it is then forwarded to the Supreme Medical Examiner. 5. Upon its receipt from the Supreme Medical Examiner, it must again be examined, this time to ascertain whether or not the applicant is recommended for admission into the Society, and if accepted, it is once more sent on its way through the mails to a photostatic company where a picture is taken of it. 6. When finally returned to the Home Office, all new applications for membership are divided according to their respective classes and plans of insurance and arranged in their consecutive order as to lodges and Vrtec units. 7. The name of each new member, lodge and certificate numbers as well as age, must be written in the membership book and two complete record cards made of each such entry. 8. Applications, cards and certificates must be numbered similarly. 9. Each certificate must be filled out, on the inside of which is inserted the Table of Values of which there is a different one for each age, amount and form of insurance. 10. For nearly all adult members, it is necessary to fill out one or two riders, one for disability insurance and the other for sick benefit. 11. When all necessary riders are filled out and properly signed, they and the photostatic copy of the application are then attached on the inside of the member's certificate. 12. When this has been done, each certificate receives a thorough going over before they are folded and inserted into addressed envelopes, sealed, weighed and stamped with the exact amount of postage and sent on their way.

Under the former system, the issuance of a certificate required far less work and was not nearly so complicated, but today, guided by the new insurance laws there is no short cut and every step must conform to the laws.

Lodge officers, particularly the secretaries, can be of great help if they adhere to the following instructions...

1. All old forms of applications for membership, whether for the Adult or Juvenile Department, must be replaced by the new Form A. M.-37. It is a compulsory requirement of the new Insurance Code that only such forms shall be used which have been approved by the Department of Insurance.

2. When an application has been filled out, read it over carefully before mailing it to the Supreme Medical Examiner to see that all questions have been correctly answered and written. Questions must be answered negatively or affirmatively. A dash drawn through a blank space shall have no meaning. An application, only partly filled out, shall not be acceptable.

3. Very important are the signatures. Every applicant must sign his own application and, likewise, the same requirement applies to the witness and others whose signatures must appear on it. Applications may be filled out with typewriter or pen and ink, but in either case the color must be BLACK. Any other color does not photograph clearly, thus making the photostatic copy negligible.

4. To find the correct assessment, refer to latest Table of Rates leaflet on the front side of which is printed "Effective January 1, 1933."

The assessment rates contained in the By-laws, pertaining to Ordinary Life, Twenty Payment Life and Endowment At Age 70 certificates, are no longer effective. For complete Table of Rates for all Plans of mortuary insurance see Form P. L.-38 or P. T.-38 for the Adult Department, and Form: M. P. L.-38 or J. R. T.-38 for the Juvenile Department.

The new Table of Rates require higher assessments for Ordinary Life and Twenty Payment Life Insurance (Endowment At Age 70 has been discontinued). Assessment rates for all other forms remain unchanged. As you were previously informed thru the Official Organ, the new Table of Rates and certificates had to be drawn up and printed to fulfill the demands of laws of the State of Ohio.

The new application forms for the Juvenile Department are printed in both the Slovene and English languages and for the translation on the adult application would have made it much too long and inconvenient. The cost of each photostatic copy, too, would be much higher.

When filling out an application, answer all questions in English. If, the lodge secretary or applicant do not know how to fill it out properly, the examining physician or some other person may do it for them. It is not so important who writes the answers, but every page of the application requiring signatures must be signed by the person(s) for whom the spaces are provided.

Judge: "Have you ever appeared as a witness before?" Witness: "Yes, your honor."

Judge: "In what suit?" Witness: "My blue serge." —Brown Jug

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