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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



Current Thought. ARE YOU SATISFIED

Judging by the few comments made by English-speaking members on what should be done at the fourteenth regular convention, a reader might conclude that the majority are satisfied with the By-Laws and Constitution now in force, and no changes need be made.

But is the majority of members satisfied? If each individual member were to be asked that question many would voice approval and point out various weak points. Then, why the different attitude?

Is it because of laziness to write opinions on paper, or because just hates to exert himself to the point of too much thinking?

Some of the articles governing our Union should be left intact. Some need modification.

Now is the time to express views and offer constructive criticism for consideration of our members. "Two heads are better than one," is an old saying. By the same process of reasoning three heads are better than two, four heads better than three, and so on.

A consensus of opinion can only be reached through the free exchange of ideas. And our official organ is the ideal medium of exchange. Opinion voiced by a member in Ohio reaches to the attention of members situated in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and suggestions from one in Colorado are read by those in Montana, etc.

Too many readers are obsessed with fear of submitting articles because they believe it is not good enough for publication. This the editor wants to emphasize again, as it has been done in the past, that all correspondence is corrected and written when necessary and prepared for publication.

Certainly the English-speaking element does not wish to be characterized as a listless group, preferring to rest on the laurels of their elders.

Let us be known as a distinct group—one who can act independently and one who does not lack audacity mixed with the necessary amount of discretion.

A WISE MOVE

When it comes to making important decisions and to act without wavering in the interest of the Union, our supreme secretary can be relied upon. Inasmuch as the \$2 a day sick benefit fund has been depleted and a hopeless deficit incurred through the exorbitant payments made during the month of March, a drastic move was necessary. A special assessment, usually large, had to be imposed upon those insured in the month of May, with the alternative of lowering their sick benefit allowance to \$1 a day prior to May 25.

Collegians to Hold May Day Dance May 21

Canonsburg, Pa.—Jefferson Collegians Lodge, No. 205, will hold a big May Day Dance at Falcon's Hall, Adams Canonsburg, on Saturday, May 21. Shiner's Orchestra, Pa., will furnish the music for the evening. Miss Wanzinger, star accordionist of the band, will play a few solo pieces.

Neighboring lodges are cordially invited to attend this affair for there is lots of fun and entertainment in store for all who come.

Collegians will hereafter hold their regular monthly meetings in the basement of the home, 519 Highland Canonsburg, just two blocks below our secretary's residence, Miss Helen Polaski. Men and sister members are invited to take notice and be present without fail. The meeting will be held on the usual Sunday of each month at 8 p. m.

Louis Polaski Jr., Pres.

INES ON ENVELOPES

Post Office Department as required by the mark on envelopes where the addressee is to pay the postage. The various postmasters are to call the attention of the character of the mail.

When she was poking about in the bushes when she suddenly saw a snake!

Look, Junior! Here's a little snake!

"Better look out," cautioned Junior, "it may be just as dangerous as a ripe one."

INDIAN SHORTS

Leo Moore Is Successful Director of "Prince of Liars"

Chicago, Ill.—"The Prince of Liars," which was staged Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, was very successful, considering the fact that none of the players had ever been in a production before. All of the players enacted their parts well in spite of a little nervousness.

William Hellwig, who took the part of the "Prince of Liars," did especially well and lied himself out of one entanglement into another.

Christine Hrvat, who played the part of the mother-in-law, took the honors in the feminine roles.

The Indian Lodge officials wish to thank and commend Julia Jecmenica, who although not a member of the lodge (a fact which we hope she will remedy) very kindly consented to take one of the major parts in the play.

Last but not least comes the director of the play, none other than Leo Moore himself, the secretary of our honorable lodge. Like most directors, Leo did all the hard work for which one gets no praise.

Leo gave his time and energy instinctively, and it was due very largely to him that the play was as successful as it was. Leo is one of the lodge's strongest supporters. There is no affair in the lodge in which Leo is not actively engaged in.

Now that summer is here and as it will be too hot to attract anyone to our dance socials, which were held every Tuesday, it seems a shame to break up our crowd for the summer months. There must be some activity which the group can do to take the place of our Tuesday socials. Perhaps we can organize beach parties and all go out in cars to one place or another and do such things as play ball, play games, roast wieners, etc. In order not to impose on anyone and to cover expenses, such as transportation and food, we could charge each person 25 cents. If any of you members have any better suggestions, please bring them up at our meetings, and let us make this a happy summer for everyone.

Albert Spolar, President, No. 220, SSCU.

Majestics Ready to Book Baseball Games

Export, Pa.—Members of Export Majestics Lodge, No. 218, SSCU, will hold their next regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 19, 7:30 p. m., at B. J. Mercello's residence. Let's all try and attend.

Majestics have opened their baseball season with many practice sessions. The team is ready to book games. Any baseball club willing to play Majestics kindly write to the manager, Theodore Kukich, Export, Pa.

William Korach.

POKER

Poker is believed to be an adaptation of the Persian card game known as As Nas. It entered the United States by way of New Orleans, where it was called "poque" or "poke" because it somewhat resembled the French game of poque. The English-speaking people at first mispronounced the French word and called it "po-kay," which in time was corrupted into "poker."

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

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BRIEFS

A swimming meet will be held Friday, May 20, at the Junior High School of Chisholm, Minn., proceeds of which will be used to send Anne Govednik to the women's Olympic games tryouts in New York next July. Miss Govednik, 15-year-old aquatic marvel, holds the world's championship for women's 100-yard breast stroke. She will be featured in the meet to which an admission price of 25 cents will be charged.

Jefferson Collegians Lodge, No. 205, SSCU, of Canonsburg, Pa., will hold a dance Saturday, May 21, at Falcon's Hall on Adams Ave. Shiner's Orchestra will furnish the music. Public is invited to attend.

An interview of Stanley Zupan, English editor of Glasilo, official organ of KSKJ, was published recently in Cleveland College Life, school publication. Cleveland College is part of Western Reserve University, having most of its students enrolled in evening classes.

Bro. Charles Salmon of Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, Cleveland, O., underwent a delicate operation at St. Luke's Hospital, where he is recuperating. Visiting hours are between 2:30 and 3:30 in the afternoons, and between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evenings.

Three-year-old Helen Peyak of Moon Run, Pa., was struck down by a passing motorist and killed instantly Friday, May 13, on Lincoln Highway. Among the bereaved relatives are George Kovitch, president of Betsy Ross Lodge, Cleveland, and Dr. F. J. Arch, supreme medical examiner, SSCU.

In this issue of Nova Doba is published Mr. Ivan Zorman's latest poem, "Spring," in Slovene. Mr. Zorman is well known throughout United States for his literary contributions in Slovene, some of which have been translated into English.

Interlodge Baseball League of Cleveland, O., opens officially May 24. Two SSCU lodge teams will be entered: George Washington, No. 180, and Betsy Ross, No. 186. The league will be divided into two classes, A and B.

The New York Theatre Guild of New York City will present plays and song scenes, acted by Yugoslavs in national costume, as a result of Foreign Language Information Service activities of late in that direction.

ROME

It is believed that the city of Rome in the time of Julius Caesar contained about 1,200,000 inhabitants. Its population now is around 1,004,000.

Receives Scholarship

At U. S. Bureau of Mines in Washington University

A scholarship of one year to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Washington University, was awarded to Frank Zvanut Jr. of St. Louis, Mo. Included in the scholarship are incidental expenses of \$60 a month. Only one student is awarded this scholarship every year.

His unusual abilities date back to childhood, when his keen mind grasped the elementary subjects in grade school with such rapidity that he graduated at the age of 11. Then he entered high school, where he finished as an honor student, having the second highest average. In 1927 he wrote an essay on chemistry and received first prize of \$20 in gold and a certificate over all other entries in the state of Missouri.

Then followed one year of outside work. In 1928 Frank Zvanut Jr. matriculated at Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy (engineering college) of Bolla, Mo., and during his course so distinguished himself with his work that he was enrolled in a number of honorary fraternities.

Frank Zvanut Jr. is the son of Bro. Frank Zvanut, treasurer of Lodge No. 87, SSCU, of St. Louis, Mo.

News of Joliet

Joliet, Ill.—Of course, we would like to have the rest of the world know how the Slovenes of Joliet every now and then break into the highlight and do their bit to uphold the popular reputation of our city.

Saturday, May 7, our Slovene St. Joseph's grade school band, youngest in competition, took first honors in their respective division. Although only organized since August, the average playing time is six and a half months, and most of them being under 11 years of age. This band is comprised of 65 players, with 25 in training for a second.

Our Slovene girl, Sophie Glicher, who is blind now for many years, is able to do many things, along with being a very valuable secretary of the superintendent of the local orphanage. She never forgets a voice and her hearing is acute. Radio is a great enjoyment to her, since it is her informant of baseball and being a lover of music. She is quite an organist, and after using the Braille system she can now play mostly by ear. Her father was organist and choir director 40 years ago.

J. L. Jevitz Jr., No. 66, SSCU.

Just a Reminder

Chicago, Ill.—Members of Lodge Zvezda, No. 170, JSKJ, are hereby again notified of the important meeting which will take place on May 19 at 2254 Blue Island Ave.

No doubt you already know that at this meeting a delegate will be elected to attend the 14th regular convention of our Union.

It is the duty of each and every member to be present, if at all possible.

Agnes Jurecic, Sec'y.

Artist: It took me ten years to complete that canvas.

Friend: Incredible! I can't imagine it.

Artist: I took a month to paint it and the remaining time to sell it.

ALL SSCU MEMBERS MAY ATTEND GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE "PEP NIGHT" MEETING

Special Preparations Planned for June Meeting

A special meeting of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, of Cleveland, O., was held at the St. Clair Bathhouse, Thursday, May 12. Principal item of discussion embodied the question of limited attendance. Why does just a percentage of members show up for meetings, and of those that are present, why do so few get up to take part in discussions?

The question was put point-blank to each member. On Bro. Heinie Martin Antoncic's suggestion, each member had to express himself or herself.

For the next meeting, to take place in June, the G. W.'s decided to have special features to attract not only members of the local branch, but other nearby lodges, and friends, parents, sisters and brothers of such. The June meeting will be called "SSCU Pep Night," and, to accommodate the large crowd anticipated, the lower hall of Slovene National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., has been secured. Music, refreshments will be furnished following the meeting.

Lodges and the Union

Cleveland, O.—Our SSCU as an association of members, efficient in its management and strong financial strength, has been accomplishing its desired goal through the lodges.

The lodge symbolizes the Union. In this plan the lodge and its work are fundamental pillars. All our operations lead us to the lodge, where ideas originate, crystallize and are carried into operation.

All our fraternal plans come to fruition when the brother and sister members work hand in hand.

Fraternal insurance cannot be carried on without the cooperation of individual lodge systems because it is through this channel that contact is possible for every plan. Through such an arrangement co-operation can easily be solicited.

What we need today is more lodges with vigorous and intelligent leadership. George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, has the latter, but the members are backward in showing it. They lack confidence in themselves and the spirit of doing their bit for the lodge and our SSCU. No man or woman is compelled to attend our lodge meetings or engage in its activities, but his and her membership strengthens his or her support to the SSCU.

Let us make plans worth while for all who cast their lot with us. Give our time freely and make sacrifices for the upbuilding of George Washington Lodge.

Lodges constitute the heart of our SSCU, as they comprise the life of the body of membership. And just as a healthy heart symbolizes a healthy body, so does a well governed lodge symbolize a sound organization. New members will join our flock readily when interested members simply cannot help but boost the George Washington Lodge and our SSCU. Do your bit now and keep going.

Joseph Jaklich Jr., President, No. 180, SSCU.

SPIDERS

No species of spider has wings and therefore no member of this insect-like family of creatures can fly in the generally accepted sense of that term as applied to animals, birds and insects. Sometimes, however, spiders which travel through the air by clinging to pieces of floating web are called flying spiders. Under favorable conditions a young spider climbs upon an elevated object and emits a web which is caught up and carried away by the wind, bearing the spider along with it through the air.

SAHARA DESERT

The area of the United States proper is about 3,026,000 square miles, while the area of the Sahara is 3,500,000 square miles; therefore the Sahara desert is larger than the United States exclusive of Alaska and its island territories.

RUSSIAN COOKERY

Russians seldom roast meat. It is usually boiled, with cabbage and potatoes added to form a stew. Kvas, a thin beer, is often the liquid in which meat or soup is boiled.

