





# New Era

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## Current Thought.

### CONVENTION—NEXT JULY

Presidential elections will take place this year. Undoubtedly, more prominence will be attached to the polls next Nov. 1 than the populace than in the preceding years, as the economic problems are given careful attention today because of adverse conditions.

Measure of times has caused many broken fortunes. Stock market, bank failures—all have played havoc with the family rich and the poor as a church mouse. The average workman is feeling the pinch the most because life's necessities must be curtailed, and unlike the more fortunate class, who are only compelled to use the last year's model automobile, he is less for good times and generally cut down on the luxuries.

Not only have the federal governmental agencies been given scrutiny but the municipal as well. Taxes, the key of the common people, decide many issues. Villages, towns and cities are paying close attention to the expenditures. Budgets for the following year are looked upon with interest, so that corruption in the form of graft will be eliminated and not hang over suspended in the air ready to pounce on the victims.

Incidentally, with the presidential elections comes the general convention of our SSCU that takes place every four years. Delegates representing every lodge will convene next July in Indianapolis, Ind.

Questionably our members will take a keen interest in the convention. Many problems and obstacles have arisen in the past four years that can be decided and acted upon only at the convention. Chief of which is perhaps the perplexing problem of employed members unable to meet their monthly lodge dues.

According to the amendment in our By-Laws and Constitution each lodge is entitled to one representative to the convention for every 75 members; two representatives may be elected from a lodge, provided there are 150 or more members. The minimum number of delegates any lodge may send to the convention is two, regardless of how many more members than 150 are enrolled.

**English-Speaking Units Must Be Well Represented**  
This brings us to the problems of the English-conducted units. In order to have each English-speaking unit represented, each must have at least 75 members.

Does your lodge have the necessary number to fill the quota? Or are you unable to be able to send two delegates? If you are unable to secure new candidates for admission to the local branch, you must strive to enroll enough new members to elect two.

English-speaking members must be prepared to assert themselves at the next general convention if they wish to have our organization continue to take a special interest in them. At the last convention, held in 1928 at Ely, Minn., special emphasis was placed upon the sport fund—a factor that benefits youth.

There are many other issues of special interest to the English-speaking members. All must be brought up for serious consideration. But enough delegates must be represented to make the convention worth while.

### LET'S CO-OPERATE

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Co-operation gets things done, makes things better. Let's co-operate in publishing THE NEW ERA; let's see that all the news of the lodge gets in each issue; let's make each issue worthy of the name it bears.

Let's co-operate by contributing to each issue, send in interesting ideas on appropriate articles, anything you think will interest your members.

Let's co-operate—and not be angry when contributions fail to be published. The editor appreciates your effort, but there are many things to consider; space limits, more important than ever, timeliness, etc. But why worry when there is a new issue each week? Let's see to it that our contributions make each issue a better one.

Let's co-operate—make our New Era paper the best!  
F. J. Kress,  
Chairman National Athletic Board.

### Jubilees Organize Basketball Team

Draw Schedule  
Chisholm, Minn.—The Jubilees basketball team has organized and out of the seven players played with Range have been lost. A new team was drawn up by the following: Kaschak and Gornick, Ely and Chisholm, respectively, Sunday, Dec. 27.

The first of the three-game series was played at Ely on Feb. 4. Chisholm won the first game, but the last game shall be played at Chisholm Feb. 24, to determine the state championship. The following were elected as officers for the Jubilees: Joe Virant, president; John Klune, vice president; Anton Dren, treasurer; Mike Enrico, recording secretary; Frank Centa, secretary; Louis Segal, sick committee.

Frank Gornick, No. 215, SSCU.

## COMMENTATOR

### NEWSPAPER COLUMNS

"How do you manage to fill each column of newspaper with just enough material, so that all columns are of equal size?" was the question once asked by a reader.

In trying to figure it out, the reader came to the conclusion that all words are counted, and when a certain number is reached the article would have to end, because the quota of words had been reached in one column.

It is a little perplexing to the novice. To explain it briefly, an editor must have short and long articles always ready. When the paper is assembled in the composing room the man in charge matches various articles, first a long one and then a short one, or perhaps three or four short articles, and so on, until all columns are of equal length.

Setting the dummy, as it is called, is not always an easy task. In many instances the compositor is faced with the problem of inserting a number of long articles that must appear in that issue, with little or no room for the shorter ones that could be used to make the columns of equal length. Space is limited, and for that reason the articles must be broken up in two columns.

Balancing the newspaper page is another task for the printer. In order to give the page a uniform appearance the articles must balance each other when possible. A double-column article on the left balances a similar one on the right to complete the picture.

Editors of newspapers and other periodicals can be thankful that such arrangements can be made whereby articles are fitted out. Otherwise they would be forced to think in so many words. The article would end abruptly, and another would have to be started in order to keep all columns equal.

Thought cannot be controlled entirely by the number of words. It is true that a writer can gauge his writings with uncanny precision, but this is a guess at the very best. Experience teaches him to write and edit where it will have the most punch, and which will interest the readers.

Sometimes contributors to this page write lengthy articles on some interesting subject, but for lack of proper amount of space are not inserted in the following issue. That does not mean that the article is set aside because something else is given preference. Only articles dealing with news that would be of no value should they appear later are published first.

For instance a lodge is sponsoring a dance. Announcements are made in the issue preceding so that members may read about it and attend. Should this announcement be made one week late it would be of no value.

### Surprise Party

Aurora, Ill.—A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Miss Rose Verbic by Misses Julia and Martha Malaker and Frances Zagorac. The honors for bunco went to Misses Theresa Zagorac, Mary R. Verbic, Dorothy Mangers, and Messrs. Jerry Verbic, A. Smith and Joseph Butscher Jr. The house was decorated with Christmas novelties. Miss Mary Verbic received quite a number of gifts.

Happy New Year to all!  
Agnes Jurecic, Sec'y.

## ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

Chairman: F. J. Kress, 204 — 57th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
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Joseph Koplir, R. D. 2, Johnstown, Pa.  
J. L. Jevitz Jr., 1316 Elizabeth St., Joliet, Ill.  
Anton Vessel, 819 W. Birch, Chisholm, Minn.

Louis M. Kolar, Athletic Commissioner and Editor of English Section, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

## BRIEFS

**Sister Vida Kumse, No. 6, SSCU, Lorain, O.**, is to be formally initiated next February into the Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatic fraternity, in which field she has done much noteworthy work, both in acting and producing. At the present time she has returned to Kent State College to complete her last half year's work in order to graduate in June with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education.

**Sister Mary Kreble, No. 180, SSCU, Cleveland, O.**, is recuperating at East End Hospital following an operation for acute appendicitis. Sister Kreble starred on the George Washington girls' basketball team entered in the Inter-Frat League, when the unexpected attack forced her to abandon playing for this season. Her hometown is Conemaugh, Pa.

**When Kiwanis Club of Chisholm, Minn.**, was host to a group of college students, Thursday, Dec. 31, that included several out-of-town groups, Mr. Matt Vessel presided as toastmaster. Among the speakers were Leonard Lovshin, Nick Ognanovich, John Blatnick and Ralph Lovshin, the last from the University of Wisconsin, in which he starred as end on the football team.

**Three Slovenes** are on the staff of The Cauldron, periodical of Fenn College, Cleveland, O., and are as follows: Frank Truden, feature editor; A. Dolance, assistant, and William Zivoder, exchange editor and circulation manager.

**Among the many features** of the Cleveland Journal benefit show for unemployed, to take place Jan. 17 at the Slovene National Home, will be the newly reorganized Slovene Orchestra, under the capable direction of Mr. Ivan Zorman, well known for his musical abilities.

**Prof. B. F. Yanney, Wooster (O.)** College mathematics instructor and authority on astronomy, predicts a meteoric shower comparable to the historic shower of 1866 and four eclipses as the astronomical phenomena for 1932.

### ZVEZDA LODGE, NO. 170

Chicago, Ill.—All members of Zvezda Lodge, No. 170, SSCU, please take note of the regular monthly meeting that has been changed from the usual third Wednesday to the third THURSDAY of each month. Bear this in mind and attend the next meeting Thursday, Jan. 21, at the home of the president, 2254 Blue Island Ave., as many items of importance will be discussed at that time.

Happy New Year to all!  
Agnes Jurecic, Sec'y.

## INDIAN SHORTS

### Indians Start the New Year With Gaiety

Chicago, Ill.—The Indian Lodge, No. 220, SSCU, ushered in the New Year with few misgivings for the passing of the old. A nice sized group seeking a good time assembled at the New Market Hotel on New Year Eve and ended the year with plenty of dancing, plenty of games, plenty of fun, and with plenty of noise.

At midnight all were feeling good and the roof was in danger of blowing off. Socking, throwing of confetti and paper balls, noise making, handshaking and toasts were wildly indulged in at the sounding of the bells announcing the beginning of a new year. With such a start the Indians should be able to do big things this year.

Just before the party several of the Indians—Felix Kozlowski, William Hellwig, Walter Kozlowski and Edmund Kubik—played their last basketball game in 1931. Their opponents were the Old-Timers, the basketball stars of a few years ago at Howell House. The Indians, with two other fellows from Howell, represented the present Howell All-Stars.

The teams were very well matched, and after four quarters of 10 minutes each the score stood at 14-all. In order to play off the tie an overtime period of five minutes was allowed. However, at the end of the five minutes the score had moved up, but to a 16-point tie. By this time the strain began to tell on the All-Stars, since they had no substitutions made, while the Old-Timers were able to put in a new team for the second half. In the second overtime period a frenzied attack by Old-Timers netted them several baskets. The final score was 24 to 16.

Edmund Kubik, Rec. Sec'y.

### SS. PETER AND PAUL BOWLING LEAGUE

Joliet, Ill.—Hickory Markets reduced the Eagle Furnitures lead to one game by taking two from them, thereby holding a firmer grip on second place, while Slapnicars took three games from the Hazer Clothiers, going into third place and sending the Clothiers into last place.

Individual honors for the evening went to Kubinski of Slapnicar Memorials, who rolled a total of 597 on games of 190, 234 and 173. Ramutta and Skul hit 213 and 200, respectively.

John F. Lunka,

League Sec'y, No. 66, SSCU.

### BETSY ROSS, NOTICE

Cleveland, O.—Members of Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, are requested to attend the monthly meeting to be held next Friday evening, Jan. 8, 7:30 o'clock, at 18003 Neff Rd. Please bring your tickets along.  
Victor Jazbec.

### 1,500 Birdies in One

Great disasters do not afflict human beings only. A flock of 1,500 sparrows perched on wires at Clarendon, Va. During the night a bolt of lightning struck the wires. Next morning dead sparrows covered the street like a brown blanket and the county scavenger had to cart them away. The bolt caused no other damage.

## Soundness of a Lodge

Joliet, Ill.—The soundness of any lodge as a going business is in direct ratio to the attendance of its meetings. Any lodge whose members turn out regularly is a growing and progressive unit of our Union, and, therefore, financially stable. Reversing the proposition, it is easy to see that a lodge or society which wants to keep out of the ditch by increasing its resources—membership and finance—must, as its first step, make sure of a good attendance at lodge meetings.

John L. Jevitz Jr.,  
Nat. SSCU Athletic Board.

## SPORTS IN LODGES ARE HIS SPECIALTY



HEINIE MARTIN ANTONCIC

Cleveland Slovenes know Heinie Martin Antoncic for his splendid work in organizing lodge teams of various denominations for a common benefit. The younger set, especially, points at him with pride as the master mind of athletics in relation to lodges.

He is president of the Inter-Lodge League, superintendent of the St. Clair Bathhouse and a steady contributor to various American Slovene periodicals, including New Era. Until recently he was Cleveland Journal's sports editor; when the many duties compelled him to relinquish this post.

In next week's issue Bro. Heinie Martin Antoncic contributes a splendid article, entitled "Members Should Control Expenditures for Athletics," in which he stresses the appointment of a business manager by each lodge, and also draws a set of nine rules that are conducive to perfect harmony in a lodge. Bro. Martin Antoncic is a member of George Washington, No. 180, SSCU.

### Wooden Wall Paper

If you would like a change from wall paper or painted walls, get your paper hanger to "hang" the room with wood paneling. The newest way to decorate a room is with a thin sheet of choice and genuine cabinet wood mounted on fabric as flexible and practical as canvas. It comes in any grained wood and can be laid on any wall. Two coats of shellac and wax give it a finish that rivals the finest cabinet woods and the job can be done at one-fifth the cost of the old-fashioned woodwork.

### Largest Island

Greenland is regarded as the largest island. Some geographers, however, classify it as an island-continent. It has an area of 827,000 square miles. New Guinea, with an area of 330,000 square miles, comes next among the islands of the world, and Borneo, with an area of 280,000, third.

## NEWS OF JOLIET

Joliet, Ill.—SS. Peter and Paul Society, No. 66, SSCU, major bowling team added another victory to their belt on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27, when they bettered the invading Lemont All-Stars for 213 pins in a three-game math series rolled on the Alamo Recreation Alleys.

Contests of such nature draw the attention and attendance of a great number of fans, which results in comments made on the performance of individual participants and the team as a whole. Here are some of the compliments overheard concerning our team "They're real bowlers," "What a team," "They must be champions," etc. From the scores I report herewith, I cannot resist mentioning the "good word" facts.

Bro. Nick "Mecca" Kobe played the bench last Sunday, giving Bro. Joseph "Jokes" Korevec a chance to his wears. Joseph fits in well for he tries hard just like the rest of the boys.

SS. PETER AND PAUL  
Ramutta ..... 163 231 173  
Korevec ..... 197 203 171  
Kubinski ..... 194 186 180  
Hazer ..... 225 200 173  
Horwath ..... 204 204 193

Totals ..... 953 993 890  
LEMONT, ILL.  
Snow ..... 188 171 163  
Koke ..... 190 183 157  
Cralk ..... 142 159 146  
Strand ..... 182 163 180  
Cragmile ..... 199 182 214

Totals ..... 901 863 859  
Our winning pin team has a number of out-of-town return matches to roll off, as well as a number of local contests, thus assuring a busy season.

The annual meeting of our lodge was well attended by both young and elder members. The past worthy officers were greatly applauded and return to their posts for another year. Bro. Joseph Korevec was honored by being elected to the office of Trustee. Committee on activities was expanded to five members as follows: Frank Ramutta, Henry Bluth, Edward Ivec, Joseph Kozlevcar and Frank Rogel.

Bro. Joseph Kozlevcar, New Era's Joliet star reporter, informs us that he will soon be ready to contribute to the Joliet News column. Bro. Kozlevcar is employed at Joliet's greatest book shop office supply firm whose business is heaviest during the holiday seasons, keeping our friend Joseph in a lot of over-time work for the past few weeks.

Here's a greeting from the bowlers:

MAY THE YEAR 1932 BRING TO THE SSCU AND ITS MEMBERS HAPPINESS, GOOD LUCK AND SUCCESS—JSKJ NO. 66, BOWLERS.

John L. Jevitz Jr.

### World's Best Paved Town

With 40 miles of paved streets, the little town of Glen Ellyn, Ill., having 7,628 inhabitants, probably holds the paving championship of the world. It has 27.7 lineal feet of paving per person. Every inch of Glen Ellyn pavement is concrete. Its maintenance is attended to by three boys who work on an average of 8 hours for 8 weeks at 60 cents an hour. Including the cost of materials, this brings the yearly bill to about \$1,365, or an average cost of \$34 a mile. What a contrast to the ex-street commissioners!

A good many men would give up their cars because of the hard times if they had any other way to get to the golf links.

Inter-Lodge Bowling

Skufca Belts Hefty 289

Cleveland, O.—Skufca, lead off man for the Betsy Ross five, hit the 1-3 pocket twelve times in his last game against the Spartans.

His sweeping hook caught the maples a bit thin in his first frame and left the five pin upright. Skufca got the spare and then chalked up ten straight strikes and nine pins on his last delivery, leaving up the nine pin—eleven perfect hits for a magnificent 289. His first two offerings were 186 and 188, to give him a neat 663 series. The 289 earned Skufca third place in the high single standing.

The Flagmakers lost a tough series in dropping two games to the league leaders, hitting games of 976, 978 and an even 1000 for a 2954 grand total, against the Spartans' 1061, 1017 and 881 for 2959. Marzlikar, the Inter-Lodge's smallest kegger, gave his teammate a run for high honors, turning in a beautiful 649 total on set-tos of 220, 231 and 198. Hodnik's 636 was high for the winners.

J. Laurich Gets Hot

Paced by J. Laurich's 232, 206 and 225 for a sizzling 663 series, the Collinwood Boosters hit the maples for games of 960, 928 and 941 for a 2829 grand total, to give the Pioneers a 3-0 lacing.

Sokols Easy

The George Washingtons rolled themselves into a tie for second place with the KSKJ outfit, as they whitewashed the Sokols. Krainz's 578, Peck's 556 and Kramer's 561 featured the Lindyles quintet's attack.

Inter-Lodge "B"

In taking all three encounters from the Betsy Ross, the Clairwoods widened their lead to three games. Kogoy's 546 paved the way for the rivals, while F. Kovitch's 520 total was high for the Flagmakers.

With J. Ferlin hitting a 212 game in his 555 series, the Holy Name Juniors took over the George Washingtons in all three games. Burger was the best bet for the G. W.'s with 470.

The suit cleaning prize offered weekly by the Collinwood Dry Cleaning Co. was won by Skufca on his mighty 289.

INTER-FRAT LEAGUE

The KSKJ Flashes crushed the George Washington lassies, 18 to 5. Stiess tallied nine points for the Flashes. Jaklich and Shenk played a brilliant game for the SSCU team.

More Prizes

Since the first of October, Kibler Clothes have been giving a suit of clothes as a monthly prize to the St. Clair-Eddy Recreation bowlers in some ten leagues that bowl there during the week for the high single game rung up during the month.

So far the Inter-Lodge League pin maulers have copped every one, the first one was won by Alich (Comrades) with a 297 score. During the month of November "Twin" Yerse (S. Y. M. C.) got his on a 289. Last month "Jay" Milavec (Spartans) earned his on the record-breaking 298; Jay is also to receive a medal from the American Bowling Congress for his marvelous 298. For this month Skufca's (Betsy Ross) 289 rests on top.

As I have previously stated, the Inter-Lodge League, under the capable guidance of Heinie Martin Antonic, is plenty tough, and don't let anyone tell you different.

Be convinced, come down and see for yourself.

Card Party

The Collinwood Boosters, No. 188, SSCU, extend a cordial invitation to all to attend their card party to be held in the clubroom of St. Mary's Church, Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, at

COLORADO SUNSHINE

A Good Time Was Had by All

Denver, Colo.—Our dance was a grand success. Both the young and old enjoyed it immensely. We certainly hope to continue sponsoring such activities that are so advantageous to all concerned.

The following members contributed their services for the dance: John Schutte, Joe Ponikvar, Joseph Peterlin, John Modic and John Sustersich.

At the annual meeting held Dec. 16, 1931, the following officers were elected: Margaret Erjavec, president; Barbara Priselac, vice president; Mary Modic, secretary; Frank Priselac, treasurer; Mary Kennedy, recording secretary; Milly Zgajnar, George Hranchat and Steffie Modic, board of trustees. It is sincerely hoped that co-operation will be forthcoming and perfect harmony exist between the administrative board.

Members are requested to remit their lodge dues on or before the 25th of each month.

Entertainment followed the meeting. Music, eats and refreshments were on the program to the immense delight of all members. Helen pozelnik prepared some excellent fudge; Mary Kennedy brought along angel food cake, and Margaret Erjavec, Mae Anzichek and Helen Skulls were on hand with tasty fruit cake. The fellows in the persons of John Schutte, Joseph Ponikvar, Joe Peterlin, John Modic and Louis Maring presented refreshing cider that was prepared by them.

Mary Modic, Secretary, No. 201, SSCU.

An Outside Opinion of JSKJ No. 66 Bowling Team

(Reprinted From the Joliet Evening Herald-News of Joliet, Ill.)

JOLIET PINMEN DEFEAT LEMONT

The Joliet JSKJ's No. 66, now leading the local Thomas A. Edison League, yesterday afternoon outrolled the Lemont All-Stars on the Alamo Alleys by a margin of 213 pins.

The locals, who are surely living up to their past record of being 1930-31 champions of the West Side Bowling League and 1930-31 national champions of the JSKJ fraternal order, have thus far this season compiled an average of 963 for 18 games. George Hazer holds high individual average, that being 203.

Artificial Gold Utensils

Sheffield, England, has long been famous as the city of steel and cutlery. Now it will become known as the city of artificial gold if the present new industry continues to boom. There they have succeeded in casting an alloy of aluminum and copper which has the appearance of gold. It can even be cast to imitate the various carats of gold in color. The alloy is stainless and can be washed with alkali solutions without injury. It is being made into various utensils which are sold at prices equivalent to those obtained for nickel and silver.

Fish Rest

Fish cannot close their eyes and therefore they are unable to sleep in the ordinary sense of that term as applied to mammals. According to the Bureau of Fisheries, however, experiments with special apparatus indicate that fish are more active at certain times and that these periods of activity are followed by periods of repose. Such periods of inactivity, which are variable in degree, may be comparable to sleep in the sense of physiological rest.

7:30 o'clock. The admission is only 25 cents and refreshments will be served FREE. Frank Drobnic, No. 180, SSCU.

Saying It With Comrades

Waukegan, Ill.—Congratulations, Charles Pabst, on being elected manager of Comrades' 1932 baseball team. Here's wishing you luck. We know that you will put out a national SSCU championship team in 1932.

Here's one for "Bob" Ripley. How is it that our annual meeting was so orderly? There were no wisecracks from the four corners of our lodge hall by our future "Will Rogers and Nick Altrocks." Everyone was willing and interested in taking over the offices for the coming year. Hoping that at the next annual meeting there will be no riots staged when the call for nominations is made.

Wouldn't it be nice to have all our future meetings held as orderly as our annual one.

Members, attention! Don't forget the Comrades' bunco and dance party to be held next Saturday evening, Jan. 9, at the Slovene National Home. Refreshments will be served and hot music furnished.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Stanley Grum, Frank Zupcec, No. 193, SSCU.

Bullet's Path

A bullet discharged from a horizontal gun begins to fall just as soon as it leaves the muzzle and it continues to fall at the same rate regardless of its forward speed.

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