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Anglija organizira veliko ofenzivo proti Mussoliniju

Pariz vidi možnost nove balkanske vojne ITALIJA ČUTI POSLEDICE BOJKOTA

London, 23. dec. — Premier Stanley Baldwin je sinoči naznanil, da bo stotnik Anthony Eden nasledil Samuela Hoareja kot zunanji minister. S tem imenovanjem je Baldwin pokazal, da bo Velika Britanija obnovila drastično kampanjo proti Italiji in Mussoliniju. Eden je že večkrat pokazal, da sovraži italijanskega diktatorja. Na bazi poročil iz evropskih prestolnic je padec fašističnega režima v Italiji blizu.

Rimska vlada se dobro zaveda preteče nevarnosti. Edenovo imenovanje je sprejela hladno na znanje, ker vidi v tem možnost razširjenosti afriške vojne. Da je Velika Britanija pripravljena na vojno, kaže naznanilo o reorganiziranju armade.

Eden bo šel sedaj na delo in skuša aranžirati konferenco med britskimi armadnimi in navalskiimi strokovnjaki ter izvedenci drugih evropskih držav, da ugotovi, kako daleč so te države pripravljene iti v slučaju, da Mussolini izvoze evropsko vojno. Mala antanta (Rumunija, Jugoslavija in Čehoslovaška) ter balkanska zveza (Turčija, Grčija, Jugoslavija in Rumunija) so že objavile oboroženo pomoč Angliji, ako bo Italija napadla britsko bojno brodovje na Sredozemskem morju. Te države so sedaj pripravljene na nadaljnja pogajanja z Anglijo o detajlnih take pomoči.

Stiridnevna angleška vladna kriza, ki jo je izzvala Hoarejeva resignacija, je bila končana, ko je Baldwin imenoval Edena za zunanjega ministra. To imenovanje kaže, da bo Velika Britanija podpirala Ligo narodov in prostritev ekonomskih sankcij proti Italiji, da se še bolj izolira fašistična država.

Novi angleški zunanji minister ima popolno podporo pri leviciranih v konservativni stranki, ki so zadnji četrtlet pokopali mirovni načrt, katerega sta Hoare in Laval skovala v Parizu. Baldwin je zaeno z imenovanjem Edena za zunanjega ministra naznanil odpravo ministrstva za Ligin zaveze, pozicije, ki jo je imel Eden od zadnjega junija, ko je bila britska vlada reorganizirana.

Pariz, 23. dec. — Spopad med britskim in italijanskim bojnim brodovjem ne bo omejen na Sredozemsko morje, temveč bo izzvala novo balkansko vojno, ki se bo morda razširila na vso Evropo kakor se je l. 1914, menijo dobro informirani opazovalci nastale situacije.

Medtem, ko je britski zunanji urad naznanil, da je vprašal Španijo, Portugalsko, Turčijo, Čehoslovaško, Grško in Jugoslavijo glede militaristične podpore, ki so jo pripravljene dati Angliji v slučaju italijanskega napada na britsko bojno brodovje, ni bila uradno objavljena vsebina note, ki jo je poslala Anglija Rumuniji.

V tej noti je rečeno, "da je bil angleški zunanji urad informiran, da bo Italija pritikala na Bolgarijo, naj v slučaju italijanskega napada na britsko bojno brodovje Bolgarija istočasno napade Grčijo in Turčijo, angleški zaveznici. Anglija hoče vedeti, ali bo Rumunija napadla Bolgarijo v slučaju, da se ta pridruži Italiji."

To vprašanje je Anglija stavila rumunskemu zunanjemu ministru Titulescu, ki ga je potem predložil kralju Karolu, nakar ga je ta zagotovil, da ji bo priskočil na pomoč z oboroženo silo, ako bo taka pomoč potrebna.

Pennsylvania prihaja na plan!

HREBENICA SNPJ SE KREPKA KO JEKLO! DRUŠTVO 138 V CANONSBURGU NAROČILO DNEVNIK PROSVETO ZA DVA ČLANA IN PODPRLO SVOBODNOMISELNO ŠOLO

Naša stara Pennsylvania, od nekdanje hrbtenice principov SNPJ in naše delavske ideologije, stoji še vedno na straži kot branitelj jednote in njenih publikacij.

Društvo Postojnska jama št. 138 v Canonburgu (Strabane), Pa., je na svoji letni seji podprlo idejo svobodnomiselne šole in sklenilo, da naroči dnevnik Prosveto svojima dvema članoma, ki dnevnik rada čitata, a ne zmoreta naročnine.

Br. John Terčelj, član tega društva in znani stari borec za socialno pravico, nam piše, da je v rlo clevelandsko društvo Naprej št. 5 dalo pobudo temu društvu za naročitev dnevnika Prosvete brezposelnim članom.

"Društvo Naprej po pravici nosi ime Naprej in dolžnost vsakega naprednega društva SNPJ je, da gre z Naprejem naprej za našo napredno stvar!" piše br. Terčelj. Bravo, John!

To je najboljši praznični voščilo in novoletni pozdrav naprednega članstva svojemu glasilu!

Toda Postojnska jama ni edino napredno društvo naše jednote v naši stari Pennsylvaniji. Počakajmo, da se oglasijo še druge stare trdnjave SNPJ v državi "Kvakerjev" v prid našemu dnevniku, svobodnomiselni šoli in načelom SNPJ.

Le naprej vsi zvrstoma!

Vsi dolgovi Amerike znašajo 50 milijard

New York. — Splošni industrijski konferenčni odbor poroča, da vsi notranji dolgovi Amerike — federalni, državni, okrajni in občinski — znašajo danes kolosalno vsoto 50 milijard dolarjev, kolikor se v tem letu znašali vsi skupni dohodki, javni in privatni, Združenih držav. Samo dolg federalne vlade znaša zdaj 30 milijard.

Krvavi nemiri nastali v Venezueli

Caracas, Venezuela, 23. dec. — Komaj je bil diktatorični predsednik Venezuele pokopan, že so se pojavili resni nemiri. General Eustacio Gomez, sodnik umrlega predsednika, je bil umorjen.

Das ni natančno znano, kakšen vojaški dogovor so sklenile Italija, Bolgarija in Ogrska, je možno, da bo slednja napadla Rumunijo, svojo staro sovražnoico. Temu lahko sledi napad čehoslovaške armade na Ogrsko in razširjenje krvavega konflikta na druge države.

London, 23. dec. — Italija je občuti posledice ekonomskih sankcij, ki jih izvaja 52 držav bolj ali manj energično v zadnjih petih tednih. Po mnenju ljudi, ki so bili v Italiji, niso samo sankcije odgovorne za trpljenje italijanskega ljudstva in pomanjkanja, ki prevladuje v deželi, temveč tudi draga roparska vojna v Afriki.

Britski uradni krogi pravijo, da se bojkotna akcija proti Italiji učinkovito izvaja, čeprav počasi. Opazovalci, ki so se mudili v Italiji zadnje tri tedne, pravijo, da bi Italija trpela tudi v slučaju suspendiranja bojkotne akcije.

Cene življenjskim potrebščinam kljub vladni kontroli naraščajo. Tona premoga stane \$30, galon gasolina \$1.35, jajca 85 centov tucat, maslo 75 centov funt in letitina 70 centov funt. Cestnoželezniški, avtobusni in železniški promet je bil omejen in ulice niso razsvetljene ponoči. Gostilne in kavarne morajo zapreti vrata ob polnajstih zvečer.

Italijanski finančniki in trgovci so alarmirani vsled bližajoče se katastrofe. Ljudstvo je silno obupano in ne vidi nobenega izhoda iz situacije, toda kljub temu podpira Mussolinija. Argument je, da je treba podpirati diktatorja, čeprav je njegova taktika napačna, ker je čast italijanskega naroda na tehnični.

Velike demonstracije v Mehiki

Predsednik potolažil delavce, da Calles ni nevaren

Mexico City, 23. dec. — Okrog 80.000 radikalnih delavcev in farmarjev z deputacijami iz vseh krajev Mehike je včeraj demonstriralo v glavnem mestu proti bivšemu predsedniku Callesu, katerega dolže, da snuje fašistični puč v Mehiki. Predsednik Cardenas je govoril demonstrantom z balkona Nacionalne palače in rekel je, da delavske in farmerske množice pripisujejo preveč važnosti Callesovi osebi. Calles ni tako nevaren politično kakor si njegovi ekstremni nasprotniki (komunisti) domišljujejo.

Medtem sta Calles in njegov prijatelj Luis Morones, predsednik Mehike delavske federacije, igrala golf v okolici glavnega mesta in rekla sta, da ju demonstracije ne zanimajo. Stiristo federalnih vojakov straži Callesovo bivališče.

HOLC ima 3460 zapadlih posojil na hiše

Washington, D. C. — Vrhovna uprava federalne posojilne korporacije HOLC, ki posojuje denar na hiše malih posestnikov, poroča, da je zadnje dni začela s sodnijskimi procesi izterjavanja posojil (foreclosures) v 3460 slučajih. Več ko 32 odstotkov razposojenega kapitala ne prinaša nobenih obresti niti odplačil na glavnico.

Senator Schall umrl za ranami

Washington, D. C. — Senator D. Schall iz Minnesote je v nedeljo umrl za poškodbami, katere mu je zadnji četrtlet povzročil avto, ko je hotel prekoraditi ulico. Minnesotski governer Olson mu bo imenoval namestnika za to zasedanje.

TAJNIKOM IN DOPISNIKOM

Prihodnja oficialna šte. Prosvete zaprati izide v torek, dne 31. dec., zaradi novoletnega praznika. Vsa važna društvena naznanila in dopisi morajo biti poslani prej, da bodo v rokah uredništva najkasneje v ponedeljek zjutraj. — Uredništvo.

Domache vesti

Brat ubitega rojaka se je oglasil
Chicago. — Zadnje sredo je Prosveta poročala, da je bil tu smrtno poveljen po avtomobilu rojak Anton Zevnik, ki je bil v Chicagu brez svojeov in njegovo truplo je ležalo v mrtvašnici. Kasneje je bila Prosveta informirana, da je bil Zevnik upit na križišču N. Michigan ave. in Oak st. dne 24. novembra in njegovo truplo je čakalo v mrtvašnici na sorodnike brez malega mesec dni, do 18. decembra. Edini človek, ki je Zevnika pogrešal, je bil Leo Lehman, 658 N. Wells st., pri katerem je Zevnik imel sobo. Ker ga ni bilo več dni domov, je šel v okrajno mrtvašnico in tam kaj identifikiral mrtliča, nakar je urad mrtvašnice obvestil naš glasilnik in zaveza je bila objavljena v Prosveti. Nekaj dni kasneje se je brajajno oglasil Fr. Zevnik, Nanty Glo, Pa., ki služi, da je bil ponesrečenec njegov brat in zahteva nadaljnje informacije. Čital je vest v Prosveti. Medtem je bil Tone Zevnik pokopan na okrajnem pokopališču za ubočke. Doma je bil is Velike vasi pri Leskovcu na Dolenjskem in v Ameriki je bil 30 let. Predsednik Vincent Calmkar se je veliko trudil in obiskal je več ljudi, ki so ga poznali, da je dobil vse podatke. Omeniti je treba, da je bil pokojni Zevnik dobro poznan pri več slovenskih gostilničarjih, toda, ko je bil mrtev — ga ni hotel nihče poznati.

Operacija članice

Superior, Wyo. — Frances Dolenc, članica društva 138 SNPJ, se je morala podvreči teški operaciji. Člani ji šele hitrega okrevanja.

Pomožni urednik Glasla Naroda umrl

New York. — Dne 19. decembra je umrl Gilbert Potrat, star 52 let in doma iz Ljubljane. V Ameriki je bil 24 let in dolgo let pomožni urednik dnevnika Glasla Naroda. V starem kraju je dovršil gimnazijo in študiral je pravo na Dunaju. Ker je bil več več jezikov, je najrajši prevajal romane in povesti, katerih je prevedel za omenjeni list dolgo vrsto. Zapušča ženo in sina.

Nesreče na farmah

Willard, Wis. — Tu se je ponesrečil rojak Podesnik. Padel je z voza in si zlomil več reber. — Drugi slovenski farmer Trunkel je padel po z ledom pokritih tleh in si je hudo poškodoval roko, dobil pa je tudi notranje poškodbe.

Silvestrova zabava v Chicagu

Chicago. — Na starega leta večer, dne 31. decembra, priredi klub št. 1 JSZ v dvorani SNPJ običajno Silvestrovo zabavo. O polnoči, ko bo slovo od starega leta, bodo na odru prizori živih silk. V gornji dvorani bo igral Kochevarjev orkester, v spodnji pa Fr. Gradišek in Tony Omerza. Pričakuje se velika udeležba.

Autobus padel v reko; 14 mrtvih

Hopewell, Va. — Autobus Greyhound je v nedeljo akočil v ledeno reko Appomattox in 14 potnikov je utonilo. Sofer ni opazil, da je bil most čez reko obrnjen.

Nacijski teror v mestu New York

New York. — Zadnje soboto zvečer je 20 nemških nacieljev v uniformi udrljo v prostore nemškega delavskega kluba v New Yorku, kjer je bila veselica v teku. Začel se je pretep. Delavski klub je brz pometal nace na ulico, kjer se je nadaljeval boj na pesti, dokler ni prišla policija. Nihče ni bil resno ranjen.

NAROČNIKOM

Prosveta ne izide jutri zaradi božičnega praznika.

REKORDEN PROGRAM NAŠE ČIKAŠKE MLADINE

Božična prireditev federacije SNPJ v Chicagu nov uspeh

DRUGACEN POMEN BOŽIČNEGA PRAZNIKA

Chicago. — Federacija društev SNPJ v Chicagu je s svojim božičnim programom zadnje nedelje popoldne v dvorani SNPJ dosegla nov rekord. To je bil dan naše mladine, naše naraščaja pri SNPJ, ki je stopil na plan in pokazal staršem in ostalim sorodnikom, kaj smore. Ne samo to. Naši otroci so a to prireditvijo vtičili pravičnemu božičnemu prazniku — nov simbol, simbol bodočnosti. To ni več stari, sentimentalni simbol solnčnega obrata ali simbol rojstva boga v zvezih s Miklavžem, temveč je simbol — novega socialnega reda, ko je "vsak dan božič".

Predvsem je treba povedati, da je pri letošnjem božičnem programu čikaške federacije sodelovalo šest društev. To je snak napredka čikaške federacije, ki je ta mesec pridobila dve novi društvi: Narodne viteze št. 99 in angleško poslušajoče društvo Integrity na severni strani mesta. To pomeni, da je bilo v dvorani veliko več otrok kakor prejšnjega leta — in tudi takelj daril je bil obilnejši.

Program, ki so ga izvajali otroci, je obsegal 19 točk in trajal je nekaj čez dve uri. Vodil ga je Donald Lotrich, predsednik federacije, ki je tudi imel kratek govor o pomenu novega, socialnega božiča, ko otroci ne čakajo več na darila enkrat v letu, pač pa jih imajo vsak dan.

Godbene točke so izvajali "Original Gay Don's" orkester, Divlakov "Hawaiian Ensemble", bratec in sestra Roger in Loreta Gates sta igrala piano solo z dobrim uspehom, prav tako Mitzi Oven in Joseph Vucich, zadnji iz So. Chicaga; atraktivni je bil tudi duet na harmoniko, ki sta ga igrali Josephine Plut in Elsie Krek.

Mala Rose Gradišek je z dobro mimiko in poudarkom deklamirala slovensko pesem Katke Zupancičeve "Očka Miklavža", dočim je mali Tony Podbevšek v kratkem slovenskem govoru krepko povedal, da "odslej poznamo le enega Miklavža, ki je SNPJ."

V pevskih točkah sta peli duet D. in Alice Omerza s prijetnim otroškim glasom ob spremljanju svoje sestre Frances na piano. V duetu sta se odlikovali tudi Marija Omahen in Lillian Paulin, ki sta peli "Slepca" in neko angleško pesem. Lucille Koich iz So. Chicaga je pa odpevala solo "Winter Wonderland" in dodala še drugo pesem.

Novost na odru našega naraščaja so bili trije narodni plesi, katere je izvajala večja grupa Rdečih sokolicev. Plesali so četvorko "Dan Tucker", dalje "Gradimo most" in "Schottische" zelo dobro in v veliko zabavo občinstva.

Glavna točka programa je pa bila igra z dvema scenama "Christmas — Then and Now", izvirno angleško delo Mary Juggove, ki prikazuje razliko med današnjim krščansko-kapitalističnim božičem in bodočim božičem v novi socialni družbi, v kateri bo "vsak dan božič". V tej igri nastopijo tri odrasle osebe in 24 otrok. Igrali so Rdeči sokolci in reči se mora, da so naredili dober vtis. Oscar Godina in Ernestine Jugg sta bila oče in mati v prvi sceni, mali Bobby Skavič in mala Elaine Turpin pa otroka. Ta scena je šla gladko

V Tokiju priznava vojno v Mongoliji

Japonska vlada vidi nevarnost konflikta z Rusijo

Tokio, 23. dec. — Izjave japonskih militarističnih avtoritet potrjujejo, da je japonska armada v Mandžukouju pričela kampanjo v zunanji Mongoliji s ali brez vednosti tokijske vlade.

Situacija je silno napeta in nevarna. Možnost krvavega konflikta med Japonsko, ki s svojo borožno silo protikira Mandžukoujo in diktrira njeno politiko ter akcije, ter Sovjetsko unijo, ki dominira zunanjo Mongolijo, je na vidiku.

Japonska vodi svojo militaristično kampanjo v Mongoliji pod pretezo, da je treba urediti dvomljive meje med Mongolijo in Mandžukoujo. Nedavno vpad japonskega vojaštva v Mongolijo, ki je rezultiral v spopadu med obmejnimi stražami, v katerem je bilo več mongolskih vojakov ubitih, je bil nadaljnji incident, ki je opozoril svet na pretečo nevarnost vojne med Japonako in Rusijo.

(Poročilo, ki je dospelo v Moskvo iz Kaborovska, potrjuje prejšnje informacije, da so se japonski militaristi odločili za invazijo zunanje Mongolije.)

iz člankov, ki so bili objavljeni v japonskem tisku, je razvidno, da imajo japonski imperialisti v načrtu razstegnitev militaristične kampanje na Sinkiang in druge province, da ustavijo komunistične aktivnosti na Kitajskem, katere podpira sovjetska vlada.

V Nemčiji ni več komunistov, pravi Streicher

Berlin, 23. dec. — Nacijski voditelj Julij Streicher je v soboto priredil gostijo petnajstim bivšim komunistom, ki so bili izpuščeni iz koncentracijskega taborišča, ko so objavili, da bodo odslej dobri naciji. Streicher je rekel, da zdaj ni več komunistov v Nemčiji, ako pa je še kateri, mu on plača pot v Rusijo.

Zena je "last države" v Nemčiji

Berlin, 23. dec. — Na podlagi novega zakonika, ki se pripravljaja v nacijski Nemčiji, je vsaka zdrava in normalna žena, vsako deklo na Nemškem — "last države" in njena prva dolžnost je, da narodi čim več otrok za državo. Nobena žena ne sme smatrati, da je privatna oseba, ki sme s seboj razpolagati kakor sama hoče . . .

Izpod rok. Elaine in Bobby sta dobro igrala, zlasti pa Bobby s svojim odločnim in močnim glasom, ki je demonstriral, da bo enkrat dober igralec, samo če pride v dobro šolo. Druga scena kaže delavnico otrok v novi družbi, ko se mali spominjajo zgodovinskih staršev o nekdanjih absurdnostih božičnega praznika, pojejo o veličini nove družbe in se veselo lepi stvari, ki jih imajo vsak dan na razpolago. To sceno je izbornu vodila Frances Omerza pri pianu.

Direktorici igre in večine točk programa sta bili Mary Jugg in Dorothy Sodnik, katerama gre priznanje za uspeh, čeprav je stal precej truda. Ko je bil program zaključen, je "očka Nik" stare sorte v osebi dr. Johna Zavertnika razdelil darila članom mladinskega oddelka društev federacije. Sprejetih je bilo tudi šest novih otrok v mladinski oddelk SNPJ. Naposled so bili vsi otroci pozvoščeni v spodnji dvorani, odrasli so se pa zabavali pri plesu v obeh dvoranah do pozne ure. Tako je minul nepozabni dan naše mladine.

BREZDOMCEM V CALIFORNIJI SE SLABO GODI

WPA prevzela taborišča brezposelnih

NOVINCI NE DOBE RELIFA

San Francisco. — (FP) — Odkar je zvezna vlada odpravila relief za brezdomce, so ti reveži ostali tudi v Californiji pravi — pozabljeni. Kdor je prišel v državo po 20. septembru, ne dobi nobene državne podpore; te so deležni le tisti brezdomci, ki so se registrirali med 1. majem in 20. septembrom.

Seveda brezdomcev, ki so tudi brez volilne pravice, čeprav njih potomstvo sega do mayflower-skih naseljencev, tudi ta natančno državne vlade ne zadržuje toliko, da ne bi prihajali v senčo Californijo v velikem številu. Od sredi oktobra do sredi novembra jih je prišlo 6884 ali 500 več ko mesec dni prej. Da je "njih položaj žalosten", kakor pravijo dobrotorni delavci, se razume.

Zvezna reliefna administracija je do likvidacije v državi imela 21 taborišč za brezdomce. Ko so lani ustanovili te kempe, so rekli, da bodo v njih "rehabilitirali" brezdomce in jih vsposobili za novo življenje. Končno pa so menda tudi idealisti v Hopkinsovi administraciji sprevideli, da so to le lepe sanje, katerih ni mogoče uresničiti. Tudi, če bi držve dolge brezposelnosti "prenovili" fizično in mentalno, bi bilo to delo zastoj, ker bi ne našli za služka pod kapitalizmom, vsaj velik del ne. Končno pa tega tudi niso poskušali in so brezdomcem dajali le stredo in hrano, kar so odslužili z delom.

Ta taborišča je reliefna administracija izročila svoji naslednici WPA, kar pomeni, da so brezdomci, ki niso kvalificirani za reliefno delo, ostali pod kapom. Zvezna naseljeniška (resettlement) administracija je ustanovila dva tabora za te ljudi, kar je toliko ko kaplja v morju.

In čeprav je ogromna večina teh ljudi ostala pod kapom in ne morejo dobiti državne podpore, bodo poljedeljskim kapitalistom prav prišli. Rabijo jih namreč pri poljskem in vrtnem delu, ko se odpre sezona za sočevje in zelenjavo, katere Californija pride la ogromno količino za izvoz v druge države. Agrarni interesi potrebujejo te delavce, ker so pripravljene delati poceni. V slučaju, da zahtevajo izboljšanje, nastopijo proti njim pa s terorjem, v katerem so se vigilanti zadnja leta dobro izvežbali.

Hearstova propaganda prodira v New Yorku

New York. — Hearst je s svojo represivno propagando dosegel novo zmago, ko je tukajšnji mestni svet soglasno sprejel zakon, ki zahteva razobseženje ameriške zastave na vseh shodih, kjer je več ko 15 ljudi skupaj. Obenem pa je alderman Lambert Fairchild izrazil upanje, "da je to šele pričetek." Dejal je, da upa, da bo prihodnji korak sprejetje zakona proti inozemskim agitatorjem ("soap-boxerjem"). "Te rdečkarje moramo omejiti," je rekel. "Če pregledate listo reliefnih službencev, vidite, koliko komunistov dela v uradih. Prišli boste do spoznanja, da je represija potrebna." Hearstovo časopisje je lažljivo poročalo, da na Thomas-Browderjevi debati ni bilo nobene ameriške zastave. Proti nameravanemu zakonu proti rdečkarjem so šle v boj American Civil Liberties unija, socialistična in komunistična stranka.

PROTEST

Detroit, Mich.—Članstvo društva 121 SNPJ na svojih sejmama dne 17. novembra in 15. decembra razpravljalo o konferenci angleško poslušajočih društev naše države, ki se je vršila 2. novembra t. l. v Chicagu in na kateri so bili s strani nekaterih delegatov iz Clevelanda in Penna na rešetki principi SNPJ ter kritika Prosvete, katere naj bi po njihovem mnenju služila demokratskim in republikanskim "politišnom" in priporočala njih kandidate v mestne, okrajne in druge urade.

Kakor razvidno iz dopisov v Prosveti, so bili na omenjeni konferenci tudi gl. upravni odborniki navzoči, ki pa niso niti podučili delegatov glede načel naše jednote in njenega glasila Prosvete.

Tudi mi se strinjamo s pregovorom, da lepa beseda najde lepo mesto, in nikakor ne mislimo, da bi bilo treba nekatero delegate na konferenci podučiti z loparjem. Zavedamo se, da je med nami ljudi različnih nazorov in mišljenj, posebno med našo mladino, vendar pa mislimo, da je bila dolžnost navzočih odbornikov z lepo besedo podučiti one, ki se ne vedo, zakaj je bila naša jednota ustanovljena in kakšna je njena ideologija.

Najbolj pa obojamo predsednika br. Cankarja kot glavnega funkcionarja jednote, ki je vodil omenjeno konferenco in ki je bil kot tak prvi dolžan, da podučijo delegate o principih in idejah SNPJ. Zdi se nam, da hočejo nekateri upravni odborniki biti dvojni samo zaradi služb.

Društvo je sklenilo, da se ta protest pošlje gl. upravnemu odboru in kopija istega v priložitev v obilnatni številki Prosvete.

Joseph Miheč, predsednik,
Leo Junko, tajnik,
Anton Jurca, blagajnik.

dino pravilno ravnati in jo vpoštevat kot je treba. Neprijetni incident, ki se je pojavil na konferenci, je nastal, ko se je razpravljalo o referatu "Zgodovina in načela SNPJ," pri čem je nekaj delegatov poskušalo izrabiti priliko, da se naša načela v Prosveti ne izvajajo dosledno. Pritožili so se, da je preveč politike, da uredniki izkazujejo nekaterim članom več prijateljstva in jim priobčujejo sproti vse kar hočejo, druge pa zapostavljajo in jim krajšajo dopise, v čem pa niso dobro uspešni. Pri tej točki je nastala res vroča debata in nekateri so postali preveč osebniki, kar pa pri nas ni nič novega. Govorilo se je seveda veliko o principih in tolačilni, kaj so in kaj pravzaprav pomenijo, toda nikdo ni naših principov pobjal kot se trdi v protestu društva št. 121, niti napadal ali jih poskušal zrušiti in odpraviti, kakor nekateri napačno mislijo in nekateri iz hudobnosti okoli trojico.

In tudi ni res, da so navzoči glavni odborniki kar mirno sedeli in molčali in niso niti z mezincom ganili za obrambo principov jednote, ali da so se bali za svoje službe. Kdorkoli raznaša okoli take vesti, je nepošten in dela to iz zlobnosti ter samo iz škodoželjnosti opravlja odgovorne glavne odbornike. Resnica je, da so glavni odborniki govorili in povedali, kar je bilo treba in kolikor je bilo v danem času mogoče.

Ce je kaj napake, je najhujši poradi tega, ker ni bilo časa za bolj temeljito razpravo in boljše čiščenje pojmov. Kakor znano, nam je celokupni gl. odbor z zaključkom na svoji polletni seji določil čas in druge pogoje za konferenco, katerih smo se morali držati. Z varčevalnih ozirov nam je dovolil samo en dan za zborovanje in v tem je glavna napaka. Vsak, ki je že kdaj bil delegat na konvenciji ali kakki večji konferenci, ve, da se v enem dnevu — posebno v prvem — ne da veliko izvršiti. Mi smo pa imeli enajst referatov in nekateri so jih hoteli imeti še več. Nekaj onih, ki tako radi zabavljajo čez gl. upravni odbor, se je zelo hudovalo, ko je ta odbor črtal nadaljnje štiri referate programa, ko je videl, da vseh nikakor ne bo mogoče vzeti na dnevni red.

Vpričo zelo omejenega časa je bil upravni odbor primoran ravnati se po medsebojnem dogovoru, da bodo na eventualna vprašanja ali potrebe za pojasnila odgovarjali samo oni, v katerih področje dotična stvar direktno spada ali katerih se osebno tiče. In tako je tudi bilo. Gl. urednik in prvi pomožni urednik sta odgovarjala in pojasnjevala glede urejanja Prosvete, upravnik glede uprave itd., gl. tajnik pa glede tajništva, kar je bilo v danem času mogoče, gl. predsednik pa je vodil vso konferenco. Glede principov je tudi bilo povedano, kar je bilo najbolj potrebno in kolikor je bilo v danem času mogoče. In tako je bilo v vršilo in kaj se ni, in se ne zaneslo toliko na neuradne vesti in privatne govorce in natelevanja. S tem bi si prihranilo nepotrebno razburjanje in ogorčenje in bi gotovo ne prihajalo v javnost s takimi izmišljotinami in protesti, ki so brez vzroka in resnične podlage.

Konferenca je bila sklicana iz namena, da ustvari večje zanimanje za jednoto in nje aktivnosti pri naši mladini ter boljše medsebojno spoznanje in prijateljstvo v upravičenem pričakovanju, da bomo s tem veliko pridobili na lojalnosti in zavednosti med njimi, pospešili delavnost, pomnožili članstvo in tako dalje. To je bil naš prvi poskus te vrste. In da smo zadeli pravo, je najbolj dokaz veliko zanimanje in veselost, katero smo vzbudili pri mladini ter nje poskus, da se izkaže hvaležna za vpoštevanje in priznanje, katerega smo ji s tem podali. Mladi so dobro pripravili referate, ki so jim bili poverjeni in izvrstno so jih prednašali na konferenci; lepo so potem razpravljali o njih in pazno sledili — in to je najbolj važno! Naši mladi so torej poskušali, da se izkažejo vredni namena, za katerega je bila konferenca sklicana in vse je šlo prilično dobro in gladko. Konferenca je imela tudi dobre posledice, samo ako bomo znali še naprej z mladi-

v našo mladino in glavne odbornike in da preneha s takimi govoricami, protesti in polemikami, in da naj se raje poglubi v vsebino referatov, ki jih je predložila mladina ter o njih razpravljala, zaeno pa agitira za nove člane in gleda za ugled in napredek jednote. Obenem članstvo zagotavljamo, da gl. odborniki verno čuvajo načela in principe jednote in da jih bodo tudi znali braniti, ako bodo kdaj res v nevarnosti. To bodo članstvu tudi takoj odprto povedali.

Federacije SNPJ

Federacijska seja bo 29. dec.

Girard, O. — Vsi zastopniki društev vzhodnoohijske Penn federacije SNPJ se pozivajo na redno federacijsko sejo, ki se bo vršila na 29. dec. ob 2. pop. v Slovenskem domu tukaj. Ta seja se bi imela vršiti na 22. dec. v omenjenih prostorih, tola odbor je bil primoran, da je datum seje spremenil iz gotovega vzroka na 29. dec. Tajniki prizadeti društev se prosi, da opozorijo zastopnike svojih društev, da pridejo na federacijsko sejo na 29. dec. Vsak član SNPJ se lahko udeleži federacijske seje.

John Bogatay, predsednik.

Zapisnik wyominške federacije

Rock Springs, Wyo. — Izčrpek zapisnika wyominške seje federacije, ki se je vršila dne 2. nov. v Rock Springsu. — Predsednik John Anzeljc otvoril sejo ob 7. zvečer. Prečitajo se imena uradnikov in zastopnikov društev. Zapisnik prejšnje seje se sprejme.

Zastopana so bila društva št. 11, katero so zastopali J. Anzeljc, V. Yugovich, J. Omeyc, F. Verhunc, J. Vilfan, F. Grum, M. Vehar; društvo 134, ki ga je zastopal Jack Zajec; društvo 177 Tony Kushek, društvo 233 John Petek in Frank Lambert; društvo 267 Anton Tratnik in J. Kerzišnik in društvo 630 John Ruby in Tony Iskra.

Tajnik prečita pismo društva 253, ki priporoča, da se upošteva vse ter da se naj vse sprejembe priobči v Prosveti. Se vzame na znanje. Dalje poroča V. Yugovich, da se bo program na veselic izvajal vseeno, četudi niso bile nekatere osebe navzoče pri vajah. Poročilo vzeto na znanje.

Sledi poročilo tajnika-blagajnika o izidku piknika dne 28. julija. Dohodki so znašali \$537.10, stroški \$361, čisti prebitok \$176.10. Prenos gotovine \$35.59. Poročilo se sprejme.

Dalje tajnik tu poda poročilo o dohodkih in stroških veselice z dne 2. nov. t. l., ki se je vršila v Rock Springsu. Dohodki so znašali vsoto \$312.22, stroški \$189.50, razni stroški \$12.32, čisti prebitok od veselice \$110.40. Prenos od 28. julija \$211.40. V blagajni ostane dne 2. nov. vsota \$321.99.

Anton Tratnik poroča, da se je naredila mala škoda na pikniku, kar znaša \$2. Sklenjeno, da se plača. Nato se predsednik zahvali za veliko udeležbo ter točno postrežbo na pikniku. Isto tako se zahvali tudi Tony Kushek. Oboje se vzame na znanje.

John Petek poroča, da bodo skušali pridobiti za pristop v federacijo društvo 563 v Diamondvillu. Se vzame na znanje. Tony Kushek omenja, da se bo moralo nekaj ukreniti na letni seji federacije za pomoč potrebnim članom. K temu tudi doda, da bi vsi člani federacije nekaj prispevali v ta namen mesečno. K temu ugovarja Jack Zajec, da ni priporočljivo, da se bi odredil kakšen assement, kar bi za enkrat slabo vplivalo na federacijo. Sledi kratka debata o tem vprašanju, nakar Tony Tratnik pojasni, da v resnici ni priporočljivo. Assement se za enkrat opusti. Sprejeto.

Frank Lambert predlaga, da vsi zastopniki poročajo na sejah svojih društev o zgoraj o-

menjenem assementu. Sprejeto — Tony Kushek predlaga, da se V. Yugovichu in F. Werhuncu plača za vožnje stroške v Kemmerer vsota \$2.50 vsakemu. Sprejeto. — Tratnik predlaga, da se prihodnja federacijska seja spet vrši v Rock Springsu v Slovenskem domu, in to zadnjo nedeljo v januarju ali 26. januarja 1936, pričetek ob 10. dopoldne. Sprejeto. — F. Lambert predlaga, da se pripravi nekaj pijače, da bo na razpolago po prihodnji seji. Sprejeto.

Ker je bil s tem dnevni red izčrpan, predsednik zaključil sejo ob 8. zvečer.

Frank Werhunc, zapisnikar.

Zapisnik minnesotske federacije

Eveleth, Minn. — Izveček zapisnika minnesotske federacije društev SNPJ z dne 29. sept. t. l. v Evelethu, Minn.

Predsednik John Kobi otvoril sejo točno ob 10. dop. in apelira na zastopnike, da se zavzamejo za delo, da bo šlo boljše naprej, kar bo v korist federaciji ter SNPJ. Za reditelja imenuje Stevo Kosuna. Prečitajo se imena zastopnikov. Zapisnik prejšnje seje se sprejme z malimi popravki. Zastopanih je 12 društev z 32 zastopniki.

V dvorano so prišli mladi člani Udenič, znani pod imenom Douglas Trio, ki so zapeli par pesmi. Sledi odobranje. — Kunstelj pravi, da je iz zapisnika izpuščen, da se piknik naše federacije "vrši 4. nedeljo v letu." (Kaj naj to pomeni? — Op. ured.) Zapisnik se s tem popravkom sprejme.

Predsednik prečita pismo društva 179, v katerem pravijo, da v sled depresije ne morejo pristopiti v federacijo. Se vzame na znanje.

Poročila odbornikov: Br. Kobi poroča, da se v sled zadržka ni mogel odzvati društvu 130, da se bi udeležil njih 25-letnice 19. maja. Udeležil pa se je piknika na Balkanu, ki so ga priredila chisholmska društva. Resolucijo, kakor mu je bilo naročeno, da jo pošlje na gubernerja države California za oprostitve Toma Mooneyja, je prejel od tajnika šele 23. sept. Ker pa resolucija nima datuma 28. aprila, je mnenja, da jo ponovno odobri federacijska zbornica ter da se takoj odpolje na pristojno mesto z novejšim datumom. Od tajnika je prejel tudi prošnjo za plačanje assementa članici društva 130, ki jo je vrnil tajniku s pripombo, da od njegove strani ni nasprotstva, ako ostali odborniki vidi, da je članica v resnici potrebna.

Na prošni seji je bilo odobreno, da se pošlje vsota \$5 v obrambni sklad Toma Mooneyja, Proletarcu \$3 in Iskri \$3. V Proletarcu z dne 22. maja pa je bilo objavljeno, da je Radnik z dne 14. maja pisal, da smo dali Iskri \$15, Radniku \$3 in Mooneyju \$10. Kobi je v Prosveti v depisu pojasnil, da ni tako. (Br. Ambrozich ima o tem natančen zapisnik. V bodoče, kdor poroča, naj se drži resnice, da ne bo nesporazuma.) Pisal je tudi društvom v St. Paulu in Irontonu za pristop v federacijo. Iz St. Paula ni dobil odgovora, iz Irontona pa pismo, ki bo prečitano pozneje.

Podpredsednik Max Martz pravi, da nima posebnih poročil. Od enega člana iz Chisholma je slišal, da ne dajo bolnim članom v bolnici Nopeming čisti naših knjig. — Tajnik Lazar in blagajnik Vodovnik nimata posebnih poročil, omenita le, da sta vršila svoje dolžnosti. — Zapisnik Ambrozich poroča, da je izpolnjeval svoje dolžnosti, da se je udeležil slavnja 25-letnice društva 150, ki ga je žensko društvo izvrstno aranžiralo, kar je dobra agitacija in korist za SNPJ. — Nadzornica Mary Smoltz poroča, da nimajo ničesar za poročati, to pa bodo storili skupno pozneje z Br. Zimmermannom in ses. Ambrozich. Se vzame na znanje. — Br. Klub poroča za pikniški odbor o potežkah in rezultatu, ki je bil dokaj dober. Piknik je prinesel skupno vsoto \$284.85.

izdatki so znašali \$234.10, čisti dobiček pa \$50.75. Člani so prodajali tikete in ima gotovine \$5. Mnogo tiketov je še za prodati. Federacija bi dobila \$15, vsota \$10 bi se pa poslala Perušku za sliko. Sprejeto, da se da društvom na Chisholmu za njihovo delo in pripravo piknika naše federacije popolno zaupnico.

Br. Klun poloča za društvo 110, da imajo njihova tri društva zvezo glede pošiljanja resolucij, kar se je izkazalo za uspešno. Se vzame na znanje. Br. Sterle ml. za društvo 650 ki to stvar razprada, ima prost vstop na banketu 3. nov. v Chicagu. Sklenjeno, da se Br. Sterletu dovoli prodaja listkov med zastopniki, ostalo pa se plača iz federacijske blagajne, da se na ta način pomaga mladim članom omenjenega društva. Br. Tomasič omenja, da je vprašal M. Paniana, zakaj je pustil pismo, sprejet. Ker se Br. F. Volk od društva 108, dolgoletni član in oče štirih otrok, nahaja v atski, predlaga Br. Klun, da se zanj plača assement za dva meseca. Sprejeto. Dalje je bilo sprejeto, da se plača assement za ses. H. Plešo od društva 130, ki ga je založila tajnica Zadnik. Zbornica odobri predlog, da se nagradi mladega igralca in peveca L. Mavtza z vsoto dveh dolarjev, vsakemu članu skupine Douglas Trio pa vsota 50c. Račun za \$2 br. Kobeta se odobri, tako tudi račun zapisnikarja za \$3.

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dložil račun, ako bo imel kaj stroškov, na prihodnji seji. Sklenjeno, da se bo prihodnja seja naše federacije vršila dne 27. aprila 1936 v Duluthu in se bo pričela ob 10. dop. — Resolucija za Workers' Rights Amendment, ki jo je predložil br. Kobi, se sprejme soglasno. — Sprejeto, da tajnik pošlje resolucijo radiopostaji WMFG v Hibbing, da odobravamo slovensko-hrvatski program. — Ambrozich predlaga, da federacija pošlje G. H. Perušku vsoto \$10 za sliko, katero bo imel v oskrbi br. Klun in se bo od prilike prodala za federacijo. — Predložjen je račun za kosilo, ki znaša \$15.48 in \$5 za dvorano, skupaj \$20.48, kar se brez ugovora odobri. — Odboru se naroči, da pazi, če je treba poslati na državno legislaturo kako resolucijo, ki bo nam v prid, če se bo vršilo izredno zasedanje. Predlog Br. Kluna, da federacija nabavi znak SNPJ Lodges ter vključi vsa društva na svoj pisalni papir, sprejet. Ker se Br. F. Volk od društva 108, dolgoletni član in oče štirih otrok, nahaja v atski, predlaga Br. Klun, da se zanj plača assement za dva meseca. Sprejeto. Dalje je bilo sprejeto, da se plača assement za ses. H. Plešo od društva 130, ki ga je založila tajnica Zadnik. Zbornica odobri predlog, da se nagradi mladega igralca in peveca L. Mavtza z vsoto dveh dolarjev, vsakemu članu skupine Douglas Trio pa vsota 50c. Račun za \$2 br. Kobeta se odobri, tako tudi račun zapisnikarja za \$3.

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Glasovi iz naselbin

Se o konferenci

Detroit, Mich. — Odkar se je vršila konferenca ESL, lahko vsak opazi, da je cele kolone kritike in polemike, tako v Prosveti kot Proletarcu. Vsak, ki se le kolikaj zanima, lahko vidi, da je bila ta konferenca fiasko za SNPJ in bi bilo mnogo boljše, da se ne bi vršila. Odobravam sem resolucijo društva Young Americans, kajti imela je vse drugo vsebino kakor se je potem izkazala ta konferenca. Na konferenci se sploh ni razpravljalo o stvareh, za katere je bila sklicana.

Ne morem zapostati, kako je sploh prišlo do tega. Kolikor mi je znano, je bilo več gl. odbornikov navzočih in da je gl. predsednik vodil zborovanje. Vprašanje nastane, zakaj je naš gl. urad sploh dovolil, da se je pobijalo načela SNPJ. Gl. odborniki so imeli moč, da bi take stvari takoj ustavili. Tako bi morali storiti ter mladino poučiti o načelih jednote. Ali je gl. odbor že pozabil geslo naših pionirjev: eden za vse in vsi za enega? Ali ste že pozabili, kolikokrat žrtve je bilo treba za ohranitev naših pionirjev proti napadom od strani reakcije in klerikalcev?

Upam, da duh napredka med našim članstvom še živi; upam, da bakijska Svoboda in Pravice še vedno gori. Siguren sem, da bo napredno članstvo dvignilo glas protesta ter hrabro branilo principe naše dične jednote. Konferenco sem smatral za sredstvo, da se pomaga mladini ter da se usmeri program za bodoče delo, kako pridobiti našo mladino v jednoto. V večini se o tem sploh ni razpravljalo. Znan mi je cilj Lokarja, ki je na konvenciji kandidiral za podpredsednika jednote. Ali marj zato, da bo razbil jednoto, ali zato, da uniči napredni element pri jednoti?

Vedno sem bil menja, da člani, ki so pripravljeno prevzeti urad pri jednoti, so dobro poučeni o njenih načelih in pravih ter da bodo zanje delali, se po njih ravnali ter principe zagovarjali. To je tudi njihova dol-

nost. Razvidelo pa se je, da Lokar ni eden tistih uradnikov, da bi branil in zagovarjal načelno izjavo SNPJ. Iz tega se lahko vidi, da se že sedaj nekaj pleče in pripravljajo za prihodnjo konvencijo. Tudi Becek bi rad postal nekakšen "lider" med mladino. Gotovo si domišlja, ker je dovršil šolo na Notre Dame univerzi, da se mu bo to posrečilo. Morda misli, da smo mi še vedno daleč za luno, da ne vemo za kaj gre njemu in njegovim pajdašem. On bi rad vse spravil v eno vrečo, republikance in demokrate ter socialiste in komuniste. On ne vidi nobene razlike med delavci in kapitalistično reakcijo. On je namupam klerikalnega patriotizma. Delavski socialni problemi mu sploh niso znani.

Zgodovina nam pove, da Penna je bila hrbenica SNPJ. Sedaj pa pride baš od tam tudi prvi udarec po principih SNPJ. Upam in prepričan sem, da bo napredno članstvo v Penni tudi ta madež opralo s svojih pleč in da bo Beceka podučilo, kakšna so pravila SNPJ, kakšna je njena načelna izjava in načela. Pisaneje v A. D. in A. S., da še klenka socialistom pri SNPJ, je sled odmev njih plitkosti in pa sovraštva do nas. Nekaj je pač narobe v njihovih mošnjah, če mislijo, da se bodo oni polastili naše jednote. V resnici nimj klenka po njihovih glavah, ki so prazne. Če sta Lokar in Becek zašla v njihov tabor, to ne pomeni nič, kajti to je tako neznamna malenkost, da sploh nima pomena za jednoto.

Apelirana na članstvo SNPJ, da poda svoje mnenje glede konference in njenih odmevov ter napadov od strani reakcije pri A. D. in A. S. ter vseh drugih, ki butajo ob načela naše SNPJ s svojimi klerikalnimi glavami, katere pa si bodo tudi gotovo razbili, kajti načela SNPJ so trdna in krepka, katere smo pripravljeno veselje in vedno braniti! Ko smo pristopili v SNPJ, smo prisegli, da jo bomo branili pred sovražniki, in tega se bomo držali! Naprej za večjo on boljšo SNPJ!

Obenem naznanjam, da bo klub 114 JSZ priredil "slovenski večer" na 28. dec. na 115 Six Mile rd. Vabljeni ste vsi. Ako mogoče, oblecite se v narodno nošo. Za ples bo igrala slovenska godba. To bo resnično prava domača zabava. Na avdience!

Anton Jurca, 121.

Društvene vesti

CLEVELAND, O.—Članstvo društva Naprej št. 5 SNPJ se opozarja, da se bo vršila IZREDNA seja v nedeljo 29. dec. Sprejeti bodo novi člani v oha oddelku. Seja se vrši v starnem postopju SND, 6409 St. Clair ave., dvorana št. 3, in se prične ob 10. dop. Članstvo se naproča, da se udeleži.

L. MEDVESHEK, tajnik.

Bradock, Pa.—Društvo 300 SNPJ priredi skupno veselic v mladinski večer z društvom št. 31 JSKJ na Silvestrov večer 31. dec. v Hrvatskem domu. Člani mladinskega oddelka bodo dobili darila. Za odrasle bo dobra postrežba in godba. Vabljeni ste vsi! Vstopnina 10c.

Anton Rozanec, tajnik.

Pueblo, Colo.—Društvo Orsi št. 21 SNPJ uprizori veselicno "Šnubadi" na 29. dec. v lastni dvorani ob 8. zvečer. Ta igra nudi obilo razvedrila za vse. Društvo pridite v velikem številu! Društvo vabi vse okoliške rojake. Vstopnina v predprodaji 50c, pri vratih 35c. Na programu bo tudi lepo petje zbora Slovencev. Potem pa prosta zabava in ples.

Frank Holtezar.

Brackenridge, Pa.—Društvo 275 priredi Silvestrovo zabavo na 31. dec. da skupno posrdvimo prihod novoga leta v Ruski dvorani na Beaver ave. Veselilni odbor bo skrbel, da bo vsaga dovolj ter da se boste vsi zabavali. Na avdience! Mary Svodi, tajnica.

Niles, O.—Društvo 487 priredi svojo zabavo na 31. dec. v prostorih Geo. Gulgaša, Oliver & Belmont, Russian Market. Igrali bodo trije mladi Slovenci. Vstopnina 15c. Vabljeni ste vsi, tudi iz Warren in Girarda. Na veselo avdience!

Mirko Mihokovich, zapisnikar.

Slovenska Narodna Podporna Jednota. Ustanovljena 8. aprila 1904. Inskorp. 17. junija 1907 v državi Illinois. 657-59 Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. Tel. Rockwell 4994. GLAVNI ODBOR S. N. P. J. UPRAVNI ODBOR: VINCENT CAINKAR, predsednik... FRED A. VIDER, gl. tajnik... GOSPODARSKI ODBOR: MATH PETROVICH, predsednik... POROTNI ODBOR: JOHN GORSEK, predsednik... NADZORNI ODBOR: FRANK ZAITZ, predsednik...

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ZAPISNIK UPRAVNE SEJE dne 18. dec. 1935. Predsednik odpre sejo ob 1. uri popoldne. Navzoči so vsi upravni odborniki. Prvo se sprejme zapisnik upravne seje z dne 11. decembra. Nato se čita pismo odvetnika Sidney Kriegerja iz Gary, Ind., ki se nanaša na prodajo posestva, na katerem ima jednota posejen denar... Nadalje se čita pismo br. A. Cvetkoviča, žl. gosp. odseka, ki se nanaša na razne morgeče in bonde... Predloženo je nadalje tudi načrt za refinanciranje deflatiranih Fort Meyer, Fla., bonдов, ki predvideva znižanje obresti in podaljšanje roka za dozorelosti... Nadalje je nato pismo br. Petroviča, ki se nanaša na poslednji nakup vladnih obveznic za \$88,000... Zatem priporočila br. Cainkar, da se naroči za jednodin urad "Pravopisni slovar", ki je pred kratkim izšel v starem kraju in katerega je pripravila posebna komisija... Društvene zadeve. Št. 121—Društvo piše, da je razpravljalo že na dveh sejah zaporedoma o konferenci mladinskih društev... Poročilo o nakazani bolniški podpori. Nakazana dne 4. decembra 1935. REPORT OF SICK BENEFIT PAYMENT. Payments of December 4, 1935.

probri, zaeno s protestom pa tudi izjava gl. upravne odseka, v katerem naj se celo stvar pravilno pojmal in nase članstvo pozove, da se naj radi konference po nepotrebnem ne razburja in toliko s škodljivimi raspravi ne bavi, ter naj raje raspravlja o referatih, ki so jih delegati predložili, ter s pridobivanjem novih članov in drugih konstruktivnosti. Št. 218—Predložena je prošnja br. John Klaricha za odkodnino. Omenjeni je bil pobit in iz zdravniških spričeval je razvidno, da bo ostal pohabljen na nogi... Št. 217—Br. Andrew Krava prosil za odpravnino iz bolniškega sklada; listine so v redu... Št. 211—Br. Nick Šuljak prosil, da se vzame njegovo zadevo v pretes in temeljito prouči... Št. 17—Joseph in Anna Ursich, tri mesece. Št. 39—Dorothy in Joseph Lopach, Mike in Anna Cotin, en mesec. John Zelenc, tri mesece. Št. 47—Joseph Golob, tri mesece. Št. 65—Louis Ajdnik, en mesec. Andrew Okroglich, Mike Fells, Frank Tisu in Frank Kolar, tri mesece. Št. 76—Mike, Polona, Julia, Joe in Eva Adler, tri mesece. Št. 91—Jerica, Matt in Božo Hrovatic, Andrew Fink, Andrew Černuta, John in Mary Shun, Fabjan Lakotich, August Grurich, Anton Turak, Stephen Nacek, tri mesece. Št. 141—Joseph Grdich, tri mesece. Št. 389—Joseph Stroka, Angela, John in John Sr., Satkovich, en mesec. Št. 425—Frank Kosem, Victor Šuštaršič, John Kraževac in John Peternel, dva meseca. John Zupančič, Matt Magdich, tri mesece. Št. 434—Josephine in Joe Gorenc, John Sluga, dva meseca. Št. 460—John Breznikar, tri mesece. Št. 533—Charles, Mary, Kate Smith, dva meseca. Št. 684—Thomas Briceal, tri mesece. Št. 707—Martin in Rozalija Voglar, en mesec. Math Marentich, tri mesece. Prošnje za izredno podporo. Applications for Special Benefit. Št. 1—Andrew Blazich, \$20. Št. 29—John Kozilevčar, \$25. Mary Verdinek \$15. Št. 85—John Erjavce, \$15. Št. 91—Paul Compre, \$15. Joe Klemenčič \$15. Št. 206—Anna Gorenc, \$15. Št. 310—Joseph Setinšek, \$25. Št. 389—Joseph Cebon, \$20. Št. 460—Joseph Žitnik, \$20. Št. 463—Thomas Medak, \$10. Št. tem je dnevi red isčrpan in predsednik zaključil sejo ob 4. pop. Vincent Cainkar, gl. predsednik—F. A. Vider, gl. tajnik.

RACUN MED DRUŠTVI IN GLAVNIM URADOM za mesec november 1935. FINANCIAL STATEMENT For November, 1935. Table with columns: VPLAČILA (Adult, Juvenile), IZPLAČILA (Adult, Juvenile). Rows 1-116. Lists names and amounts.

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Želodčno Zdravilo Iskreno Priporočano. Chicago, Ill. — "Trinerjevo grenko vino jemljem, kadarkoli trpim na želodčnih ali prebavnih nerednostih in lahko ga iskreno priporočam vsakomu." — Mrs. Susanna Pavlus. Nikarate delati poizkusov s kakim drugim odvajalnim sredstvom? Jemljite Trinerjevo grenko vino, ki je tekmo zdravniki 44 let dokazalo, da je najbolj zanesljivo zdravilo proti zaprtju, plinom, slabemu teku, glavobolu, nemirnemu spanju in podobnim težavam. Pri vseh lekarnarjih. TRINERJEV ELIKSIR GRENKEGA VINA. Joseph Triner Company, Chicago. ITALIAN ACCORDIONS. Vseh vrst-ročno delo dobro blago in cena nizka. Jamitino zadovoljstvo. Brezplačno posk. Popravilno in vzdrževalno v radon stare barmonike. ITALIAN ACCORDION CO. 122 W. Polk St. Dept. 14, Chicago, Ill. PRAVE STAROKRAJSKE MENENE KLOBASE. boljše kakor kdaj prej. Narodite jih še danes in se prepričajte, da tako okusnih še niste jedli. Polijam v vse kraje po 5 funtov ali več. Cena je po 37 cent, s tem je poština plačana. Denar je poslati z naročilom. Joseph Lenkova, 430 High Street, Racine, Wis. Vsaki slovenski naselbini želimo dodelati vsaj po enega grocerista, zastopnika, ki bi tržil moje klobase. Za druga pojenja pišite. PROLETAREC. Je slovensko glasilo socialistične stranke v Ameriki. Vsak delavec in rojak, ki se zanima za socializem, bi ga moral redno čitati, ker vam kaže PRAVO SLIKO SOCIALIZMA. Naročnina znaša \$3.00 na leto, \$1.75 na pol leta. Naslov: PROLETAREC 3639 W. 26th Street CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Pišite po naš cenik knjig! TRPEČI NA MEHURJU IN OBISTH. (Za klobase in krta ali za preostale potrebne) uporabite moje klobase, klobase in krta. Pišite za cenik s seznamom naročil. MRS. GRETA LENKOVAR 507 E. 73rd Street, New York, N.Y.

Our Jubilee Campaign

The Jubilee Membership campaign which has been in progress throughout the entire year 1935, sponsored by the Supreme board in commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the ESL movement within the SNPJ, with added award offers for agitators and special privileges to newly-acquired members, as voted at the semi-yearly session, will definitely come to a close on Dec. 31, 1935.

Our youth has been clamoring for more attractive campaign offers and so the Supreme board at its semi-annual meeting granted new concessions firmly convinced that such were needed to spur the work of the membership drive and help bring the campaign to a more successful end.

Just how successful the campaign has been and how much of a stimulant the added awards proved to be, that will soon be shown by the actual result which shall soon be published, pending on the return of all relative figures which shall be compiled at the Main office. The result will also show whether our youth was fully justified in demanding new concessions. It is our sincere hope that the final result WILL be in our favor.

Protection and Enlightenment

THE OBJECT of the Slovene National Benefit Society is to organize the Slovenes and Slavs as well as their descendants residing on this continent, excluding our sister republic to the south, into fraternal lodges under the jurisdiction of the SNPJ, and to insure them mutually, spiritually and culturally by awakening among them a real sense of democracy and by enlightening them on the basis of the Society's principles—on a free thought basis—and other provisions adopted by the conventions and referenda.

Now, that should be clear to everyone—to every member who not merely reads the Society's by-laws but who fulfills his or her duty by studying them in order that he may thoroughly grasp the full meaning of their contents.

In order that the Society may carry out the above objects, it collects from its members regular and special assessments and publishes its own official organ and other publications which are and must be edited in the spirit of its free thought principles and in a spirit of the principles of progressive labor organized politically, industrially and cooperatively.

At periodical intervals, the object of our Society has been often repeated in the organ, and frequently, certain provisions have been quoted verbatim. This has been necessitated by the obvious misunderstanding by some of our members of our Society's precepts and because some of our members deliberately choose to come out with some brilliant ideas telling the members "that our Society is purely a protective organization"—a common insurance company—and as such, they insist, "it must stick to its protective business only." Such grossly erroneous arguing is often inspired by personal cravings or superficial and shallow reasoning.

The Prosveta

OUR Society is publishing its daily and weekly organ, The Prosveta, or, in English, The Enlightenment. We are positive that one of the greatest assets the Slovene National Benefit Society ever had in our official organ, not only for the discussion and exchanging of ideas among the members at large throughout the vast membership, but also for the dissemination of the very much needed and vital labor question, political, industrial, social and economic.

Many suggestions have been advanced through The Prosveta as to how it should be edited and how our organization should be governed. Also, a great deal has been said, and no limited amount of stress has been placed by some of our members upon the instruction of our administration as to how and in what manner this or that phase of the business should be run. That is all good and well, provided that such instructions and criticism are born of honest and constructive intent.

Yes, criticism, even hostile criticism, if constructive, is a splendid thing. It tends to "keep us on our toes," so to speak. But if our comments are to be of any value, critics must bear in mind the rule that they at all time must get their facts straight, first, and never trying to twist them.

Excelsiors' Extra

W. Alliquippa, Pa.—As this write-up goes to press, the big campaign of 1935 is swinging into the home stretch. January 1 is almost here. Soon totalling up of the results will begin. How close the lodges came to the goal is a bit hard to predict, but the Supreme board, no doubt, sincerely appreciates all that has been accomplished. Although the campaign is concluded, this is no sign to cease your hunt for new members. Despite all seeming evidence to the contrary, I am still inclined to the belief that the best members are those who keep on the lookout for new members whether there's a campaign or not.

Before New Year's resolutions get too numerous, may I offer a suggestion for one? Suppose all Excelsiors resolve to attend every meeting of the year. There's a very good reason for this suggestion, namely, the logical way to keep interested in the lodge is by attending all meetings. Let's make 1936 a banner year regarding meeting attendance. Along with this, I might mention that the meeting date, being the second Thursday of every month, remains unchanged, and ditto for the meeting place and time, in accordance with the motion for same at the last meeting.

As is customary and really proper to do at this time of the year, the announcement of officers for 1936 will be made, but before doing so, all Excelsiors join me in extending a most hearty thanks to the 1935 officers for their efforts and work during the past year. 1936 officers are the following:—Pres., Joseph

Michie; V. Pres., Frank Struble Jr.; Sec'y., Mathilda Derglin; Treas., Anna Marold; Rec. Sec'y., Mike Zerkrysek; Serg.-at-Arms, Margaret Zerkrysek. Auditing Committee: Elizabeth Smrekar, Jean Smrekar. Publicity Committee: Josephine Sivic, Jean Smrekar.

The first social for the new year, decided upon at the last meeting, will be a Mid-Winter Polka Dance to be held on February 29, with Josephine Sivic as chairman. Neighboring lodges are requested to please keep open this date.

At the above mentioned meeting plans relative to a return bowling match with Sharon were also discussed, the final date decision being December 29th.

Bowling Tournament

The Annual Federation Bowling Tournament is rapidly approaching, with all concerned by now aware of the fact that this year will be held in Canonsburg. This much-discussed affair should receive the cooperation of all lodges, as the plans are larger and better than those of former years. Dancing will be enjoyed in the evening with the well-liked Trombetta Brothers orchestra entertaining.

Newsey Noisy Notes

Plans for the Excelsiors' skating party are incomplete, as yet, but the committee in charge promises to make known their plans as soon as possible. . . . On December 28th the local Senior lodge will again play hosts to their families by way of a party to be held at the Slovene hall. . . . More news about the Polka Dance later. Season's greetings to all. Jean Smrekar, Lodge 721.

The Reveliers' Column

Ambridge, Pa.—It is well known that the E. S. Federation will start 1936 on a new round of SNPJ activities. On Jan. 1, The 3rd Annual Bowling Tournament, Luncheon and Dance will attract numerous members and friends. This year's events will be held at the home of the Strabane Pioneers.

The Reveliers will again place entrants in all bowling events. Ambridge teams have had better than average success in the past Federation tournaments. This year's competition for supremacy on the "alays" will be greater than ever. And the Reveliers intend to be in the thick of things.

Ambridge plans to hire a special bus for the trip to Canonsburg on Jan. 1. Reservations for the bus must be made before Dec. 27. The first members making reservations will be accepted. There will be no last minute shiftings and changes. Anthony Grandovic and Louis Kosela are in charge of the Lodge's transportation problems for that trip. Every Revelier making the trip should contact these two members.

Also, members planning to attend the Luncheon and Dance are urged to purchase tickets in advance. The secretary has a sufficient supply to handle Revelier luncheon reservations. Tickets for the Luncheon and Dance are 50 cents. They must be purchased in advance.

Gertrude Uhernik (for the ladies) and William Towcimak (for the men) will play the leading role in lining up bowling entrants. The ladies will have selected a team of five for the principal event. The men's five-man team will be selected from the five leading bowlers in the Reveliers' bowling league. In their wake, entrants for the doubles' and singles' events is open to any number. Entrants should be made with Bro. Towcimak and Sister Uhernik. Contact these two members for entering bowling events. An entrance fee of 50c per event per person shall be deposited. No deposit is required for participants in the five persons' team.

The bowling events will start promptly at 1 o'clock at the Brunswick and Alhambra Alleys in Canonsburg. After bowling a luncheon will be served at the Strabane Home, followed by dancing.

A well attended Revelier monthly meeting did the following: (a) Dissolved the past Athletic board, and placed athletics within direct supervision of the lodge; ordered the new Executive board to prepare a social calendar for 1936 for discussion at the Jan. meeting; contributed \$8.00 toward the building of a stage in the local Home; settled the salary question for 1936; Paul Smolinsky was authorized to see that four applicants were examined before the campaign was over; Sec'y Grandovic, likewise, for her nominee; Eva Smolinsky was accepted; every member having any lodge property was to report same to Bro. Liker; a committee authorized to contact the Slovene Home about joint purchase of kitchen utensils; Mrs. Rudy Peltz transferred from the Excelsiors; Jim Maglich of the Lucky Stars was introduced; an appeal for a loan was favorably considered; the membership was urged to attend the Home's Dec. 28 party and New Year's eve dance.

Officers elected for 1936 were: Louis Kosela, president; Joseph Beck, vice pres.; Katherine Grandovic, sec'y.; Frances Rosenberger, treasurer; George Maletic, recording secretary; Trustees: Gaul (chair.), Uhernik and R. Kosela. Visiting the sick committee: Anne Pavlik, Dan Obed, Vidmar, Mike Spec and the lodge's executive board. Entertainment committee: Mrs. Kubel, Jennie Rench, E. Kosela, A. Burka and P. Svegl. Lodge-physician, Dr. Snyder. Publicity committee: Beck and Kosela. So long, until again . . .

Louis Kosela.

Golden Eagles

Girard, Ohio.—It sure was a swell turnout at our yearly meeting. The officers for the coming year are: Pres., Frank Verbick; Vice Pres., Joe Cherne; Sec'y., Jennie Verbick; Rec. Sec'y., Rose Umeck; Treas., Marko Matekovich. Carl Swabek, chairman, publicity committee.

Well, girls, do you know next year is leap year? I've got a good scheme. A happy New Year to all.

Jumping Eagle.

An Appeal to Secretaries and Members

It shall be exceedingly appreciated, Brother Secretary, Sister Secretary, if it would be possible for you to forward to our office the assessment for this month early enough so that it will reach our office not later than Dec. 30. This request is made on account of closing our books for the year of 1935.

In order that the secretary shall be able to carry out the above request, we recommend that the membership remit their dues a little earlier, and do not rely upon the secretary to advance your assessment, for the secretaries themselves in most cases are also pressed for money as are the majority of the working men and women.

Further it is recommended that if any lodge owes the Society anything, kindly remit the debt before the close of this year, if at all possible. F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

The Supreme Administrative Committee Urges

The SNPJ Administrative Committee, at its session of December 18, discussed at length all the aspects of the controversy which resulted from the ESL conference and which is being continued in the columns of Prosveta, especially in its English section.

The Committee has come to the conclusion that all vital points in regard to the question involved—the Prosveta's policy—have been presented and thrashed out, and that everything worthwhile has been said in relation thereto. Therefore, the Committee urges the members participating in this controversy, and others who wish to comment, to turn their attention to the conference reports as they appear in the Proceedings and which have heretofore been overlooked. These topics, as presented by the delegates and now being published in the Prosveta, should be of a considerable interest to ES lodges and their members, also to the senior lodges and members in general, and can, as such, furnish ample material for a long discussion.

The editor—although he does not share the opinion of the rest of the members of the Supreme Administrative Committee that the "incident" which occurred at the conference should have been utterly disregarded, as of no importance at all—agrees with the contention that the conference topics are more important than a wrangle which tends to degenerate into personal mud-slinging.

Sidewalks of Detroit

By Herman Rugel

Detroit, Mich.—The Young American Tenth Anniversary came; and now it goes down into history as the best affairs sponsored in its entire ten years of existence. Everything ran smoothly, the people working were like veterans. Each did his and her part well. The result: harmonious success.

The program was well done. The people seemed to enjoy each and every number. Donald Lotrich's speech was to the point and liked by all. As President of the lodge, and chairman of the Entertainment committee, I wish to thank everyone that had any part towards making Our Anniversary a delightful celebration. And to the guests I say, you were all on time. Thank you one and all.

Sunday, Dec. 22, the ladies of the SND had a nice party at 17149 John R. It takes the ladies to make it worthwhile. This was a real housewarming party, including Santa Claus.

But the ladies of the Slovene Work-

ers' Home have planned for all of us to close the old year and ring in a brighter, happier New Year. The youth always requesting better music will surely be contented here. The Monte Carlo orchestra will give you music that will probably baffle you. I, myself, give up. These ladies are striving to make the Home a better place for our enjoyment and are worthy of your attendance. What more can anyone ask for? Chicken supper followed by dancing to one of the most popular orchestras ever booked by any Slovene organization here in Detroit.

With Xmas and the New Year coming soon, I shall put my pen aside. Xmas eve at home; New Year's eve at 437 So. Liverpool ave., and then a clean slate once again. 1936! Let's all hope, and help make it more cheerful than 1935.

A brighter New Year to all of the SNPJ members, the Supreme board officers, and to our honorable editors of the Prosveta. Cheerio!

Jolly Juniors

Sygan, Pa.—At the last and most important meeting of the year, held Dec. 9, the Jolly Juniors elected the following officers: George Usnick, pres.; Stella De Bone, vice pres.; Thomas Ganter, sec'y.; Ernest Kvaritch, treas.; Lawrence Kaucic, sec'y.; and Jacob Ramous, serg.-at-arms. The Auditing board: Anne Pietersek, chairlady; Christine Kvaritch and Rose Leajak. The Sick committee: Leona Wirant, Agnes Balint, and Margaret Usnick. The Sports committee remains the same with George Usnick, John Barnfold and Arthur Dermotta making up its roster.

From interest being shown the Third Annual Bowling Tournament to be held at Canonsburg on New Year's day promises to be a great affair. Bowling competition between Federation lodges will provide thrills and upsets (the Jolly Jrs. expect to provide the upsets); then the luncheon and dancing to Trombetta Brothers orchestra will round out another day of SNPJ achievement.

The writer and several more Jolly Jrs. had the pleasure to attend the Thanksgiving day dance held by Lodge 292, of Avella, Pa. The membership of this lodge is made up mostly of the younger element, and who make up the majority of its officers. Its meetings and all business is conducted in English and the lodge functions the same as our E. S. lodges. Circumstances prevent the younger people from breaking away from the older folks and organizing their own lodge. The existence of the lodge is dependent upon the younger members, which accounts for the fact that no move was made towards organizing an English speaking lodge, which, I am sure, would go far in SNPJ circles. This situation which exists, prevents the younger folks from participating in certain Federation functions, such as our Muehball Leagues and Bowling Tournaments, much to their dismay. They are very anxious to participate in the New Year's event at Canonsburg and I think that to show real fraternalism and sportsmanship, they should be allowed to participate, despite their non-affiliation with the Federation, which is impossible due to the above-mentioned circumstances.

Talespins.—The Jolly Jrs. plan a dance for the 25th of January. As was predicted by yours truly, the

J. Jr. soccer team is going along in great style. They are leading their league with five victories and no defeats or ties; and played in the semi-final game for the Junior championship of Penna on Dec. 15; Dec. 22 they battled Carapolis in the second round of the U. S. National Amateur Championship. . . . Lodge Bratstvo, No. 6, SNPJ, invites the J. Jrs. to attend their New Year's eve celebration. Gifts, eats, dancing and refreshments "on the house" . . . Several Jolly Jrs. are bringing home big game from the Pennsylvania mountains. . . . Justine Kramer is sporting a sparkler presented her by a certain Stanley, from Avella. . . . Our AI was seen visiting the jeweler, too, the other day. . . . This political controversy is stirring up much interest with both sides assuming righteousness. Why not have a small ballot printed and get the general opinion?

The Lone Eagle.

FLOOD CITY

Johnstown, Pa.—The annual meeting was well attended. Officers for the next year are: Frank J. Perchin Jr., president; Joseph Glavach Jr., vice president; John Langerhole Jr., secretary; Mary K. Koroshetz, treasurer; Ann Hecover, recording secretary. Members, with your cooperation we can make 1936 another banner year for Flood City.

Lodge "Triglav" 82 had a very successful affair on Sat., Dec. 14. Flood City was well represented and a large number of out-of-towners were also present.

Last call for Flood City's Fifth Annual New Year's dance, Dec. 28, at Moxham Slovene hall. There will be eats and drinks of all kinds, including hamburgers. Music will be furnished by Premo Bonfatti and his Blues Chasers. With a program like that, it will be pretty hard to stay away, so come up and enjoy yourself with the crowd at Flood City's dance.

Those of you who are making New Year's resolutions, don't forget these two—to attend the lodge meeting every month, and to pay your dues by the 25th of the month. We've received a transfer this month, and have been promised some new members for the next meeting. John Langerhole Jr., Sec'y.

Spirit-O-Grams

By Whoozit

St. Louis, Mo.—Our annual meeting was held on Dec. 17, and the following new officers were elected: Pres. John Spiller (re-elected); vice pres. Ben Ducote; fin. sec'y. Sia. Ida Maurich; treas. Jake Kacin; rec. sec'y. Tillie Ducote; serg.-at-arms Julia —; board of trustees: chair. Al Kacin; John Cepak and Sophie Vertovsek.

The present officers should be complimented for their fine work which they have showed during the past year. So let's all get together again and give the new officers the same co-operation we gave the present officers.

We also had the selection of "Whoozit" for the new year. The committee which acts as "Whoozit" is as follows: Chair. Al Kacin; John Cepak, Justine Kaurich, and Sia. Ida Buckowitz. They will keep the column "Spirit-O-Grams" going as it has been.

After the meeting there was a party for the members, in honor of the newly elected officers. There was dancing following the luncheon. Music was furnished by the Spirits' own orchestra (You ought to hear them play those polkas).

At our last regular meeting, many things were discussed which were very important and interesting. The new Lodge rules, drawn up by the rules committee, were presented for discussion. These rules were carefully considered and accepted.

Dr. Hamptil has again been chosen by the members to act as our lodge physician. The place of our meeting remains the Yugoslav Sokol hall, 1439 Chateau ave., every second Friday of the month. The meetings will start at 8 o'clock sharp as in the past.

The Spirits Christmas Party which was to be held Sunday, Dec. 22, has been changed to Sat., Dec. 21. Every member has been notified of the change.

Now we're waiting for the boys to return their party which they owe the girls. Recently the girls showed what they could do in throwing a party and dance; now they challenge the boys. "We will have a real surprise for the girls," the boys claim.

Next in line in the way of entertainment by the Spirits will be the Amateur Broadcast on New Year's eve. This is a half hour program presented by members of the Lodge "Spirit of St. Louis," which will be a part of the program held at the Yugoslav hall by the Yugoslav Gymnastic association.

What are you members doing in securing new members? Now that the new year is coming we should try to increase our membership. We increased our membership in 1935 a great deal. But we could have increased it nearly twice the number we did. Let's not forget this, and everybody do his and her part.

PIONEER ATHLETIC DANCE

Chicago.—The Pioneer Lodge is sponsoring a dance for the benefit of athletics on Feb. 15 at the SNPJ auditorium. More details will be in next week's Prosveta.

Many of us think that athletics benefit the Society; it may not benefit the lodges directly. In the Pioneer Lodge we found that athletics benefited us. First, if it were not for the baseball teams, we would never have made such a good showing in Cleveland. The same goes for Milwaukee and West Allis. Most of the gang that made acquaintances in Milwaukee this year would never have made the trip if it were not for athletics.

The Pioneer Lodge will not take an active part in basketball this year, but will be willing to play any of the neighboring lodges. As for the bowlers, they have won 16 straight games in their league and are in first place. We hope that the Little Forts have some sort of a tournament for their celebration or a match game with the Pioneer bowlers. The Pioneer Lodge at their last meeting selected a committee of three to take care of the Pioneer gang going to the Little Fort celebration.

An overflowing crowd attended the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ Lodges. A wonderful program presented by our Juvenile members and Red Falcons was well received by the crowd. Gifts were given to all the juveniles. The Federation will begin the New Year with FOUR new lodges and should make a much better record than in the past.

Social dates, which we ask you to remember: First, the annual New Year's celebration by club 1, JSF, at the SNPJ auditorium Tuesday, Dec. 31. Second, remember the Calumet Sentinels, Little Forts in Waukegan and the Jolly Allis lodge in West Allis. More next week. Frank Groser, Lodge 559, 2330 S. Ridgeway ave.

BUCKEYES' BITS

By Oh

Barberton, Ohio.—Holiday greetings, my friends! This is the grand finale. Both 1935 and this dept. make their final bow, so read on to the fitter end! We may write a piece now and then on account of we "ain't" a slacker, but during 1936, ya wanna keep your eye on the Buckeyes' new publicity team. Write in these pieces gets to be a fascinating game and finally you have the habit, so then it's hard to quit, but others must have a chance, too.

We offer poses to "Lindy" and Marion Konchan, leaders of the Strugglers and Commodores for '36. We also want all of our members to lend a hand to our new president, Jolie Pojal! Be on hand at our first meeting on Jan. 3, and don't forget that our 8th Anniversary Dance will be held on Feb. 8!

Those members who live on the west side can pay their dues to treasurer, Ann Janesch, at 1289 Wooster ave., and members living on the east or north end, can pay at secretary Olga Valencheck's home, 393 Third st., during the coming year. (That is, if you don't pay at meetings.)

We're delighted to hear of the reorganization of the New Era Lodge in Cleveland's West Park. May we hear much from them in the future and you can count on the Buckeyes being at some of your future affairs.

LODGE 687

Manville, N. J.—Lodge 687 had their yearly meeting Dec. 15 and ALL the members were present. The following officers were elected: Frank Finck, president; Agnes Marsicans, vice president; John Dobish, sec'y.; John Ruppik, treasurer. After the meeting, refreshments were served and all enjoyed the party. John Dobish, Sec'y.

Western Penna. E. S. Federation Tournament Jan. 1st

Here and There With Comrades

Cleveland, O.—Almost rare are the appearances of this column. It has been about two months since anyone has written anything under this caption, so the author of it decided to breathe a spark of life into it. Even this attempt to revive may be smothered for lack of fresh air; for we have had a rather stifling time on these pages of the Prosveta since the conference. Or shouldn't we dignify it by calling it a conference? I'd be more inclined to call it a laboratory study for child guidance experts—at least the debating portion of it. It (the conference I mean) was as revealing a study of faulty infantile training as I have had the pleasure to witness. It seemed as though everyone (after the powdered—by now—principles had been set afire) was bound to be audible, I should say resounding, expression to his hopes, fears, ambitions, and frustrations—and many did.

Just as an observer, there at my own expense, I had two purposes. One of them was to LEARN, the other to have a bit of enjoyment while I was getting a perspective on things back home. I must say truthfully that I gained much and am completely satisfied. I learned that the Pioneers are still the most progressive local in the SNPJ and shall continue to be for awhile because they are alive to all the publicity devices known and are using them. In this conviction I have a question which has been bothering me ever since I was there. In all the speeches, over the radio, at the banquet and at the program I failed to hear any reference, when other young people were invited to join the organization, to the fact that those desiring membership must be of SLAV descent. My question is: are or are not the Pioneers as well as all locals stressing that provision of the by-laws? And if not, why not? Is it the intention of the by-laws framers to stay with their provisions or to make exceptions? If exceptions are made are they being made because of friendships or because the locals feel that anything goes so long as the organization is strengthened? If the latter, then it is an admission that the Slavs in this country aren't numerous enough to supply the organization's life blood. We all know that the membership in the English speaking locals (approximately 4,000) is pitifully small in comparison to the approximately fifty-five thousand in the senior lodges. We also know that the average age of those in the senior lodges is very high and that very few new members have been enrolled in them since we have been concentrating much of our vital energy on the younger generation's welfare during the past ten years. I should appreciate some clarification on this point.

About the proceedings of the conference I choose to say nothing except that the reports read at the morning session and the first two topics for discussion at the afternoon session were the only valuable contributions to the organization's benefit. The rest of the discussions were only impassioned speeches championing personal aims. Much useless discussion and the editorials in the Prosveta since the conference are not contributing to the enlightenment of those who were not present at the conference but are serving only to

further embitter the proponents in the heated debates and to aggravate the moribund prejudices and bigotry which I, for one, thought were the exclusive possession of our senior members. It seems that the younger generation can become just as mentally and emotionally disorganized. Human nature has not begun to change yet. Our children have learned their lessons well. Another unfavorable impression I have received from the conference and subsequent discussions. Our editor is indulging in unethical practices, in my opinion, when he interpolates his comments and supposed clarifications of contributors' meanings in the body of articles which are fortunate enough to see publication. It's laughable, a kind of merry-go-round game without the guard to keep the adventurous kiddies off the horses.

A special meeting of the Comrades was called for Dec. 1. It was held for the purpose of setting up an organization which would plan for our Tenth Anniversary on April 18 and 19, 1936. It is planned to have a supper and dance Sat. the 18th for all out-of-town visitors free of charge, and a program and dance Sunday, the 19th. Committees have been appointed and will proceed with their plans as rapidly as possible. More information will be published from time to time regarding the progress of our committees.

The latest Comrade bulletin informs me that a committee from the Cleveland Federation has selected Otto Tekautz, a Comrade, and Matt Petrovič, active senior lodge member, to speak at a forum in the lower hall of the Slov. Nat'l. Home, Jan. 25, on the subject, "What's wrong with the SNPJ?" A question period will follow. Refreshments will be served and admission will be free.

Several trips were taken by the Comrades in the last two months—a kind of barnstorming tour disseminating the spirit of tolerance and good will. First it was Chicago; then to Barborton for the Buckeyes' dance on Nov. 16, and Dec. 7 to Detroit to help the Young Americans celebrate.

Of cultural interest is the information this writer received that Anthony Klančar, who has done much translating of Slovene into English for the benefit of youthful Slovenes, will shortly have his translation of France Bevk's "In the Depths" published in the South Slavonic Review. We heartily commend the work Mr. Klančar has done to date and sincerely hope that it may be more widely appreciated.

Another item of cultural interest concerns the latest production of the Yugoslav Little Theatre here in Cleveland. Criticism, for the most part constructive, is spurring this group to greater efforts to present worthwhile plays. The group is offering its entire personnel and facilities to assist the Yugoslav University club in enlarging its scholarship fund. "The Pool" is the play which will be presented for this purpose on Feb. 12. We urge the attendance of everyone.

After this rather lengthy revival all the energy that's left will be used to wish our fellow human beings an enjoyable Christmas and a more fruitful New Year.

John J. Alich, Lodge 566.

Your Health

HEADACHES

The causes of headaches may be divided into two classes, outside of the skull (extra cranial) and inside of the skull (intra-cranial).

The extra cranial headache, which may be located in the front of the head, side of the head, or back of the head, is caused by infection of the nose, hayfever and nasal obstruction due to tumors, eye strain, eye diseases, bad decayed teeth, impacted wax in the ear canal, ear diseases, adenoids and infection of the sinuses.

Neuralgia is another cause for extra cranial headache, and is more frequent on the right side. It is very common between the ages of 35 and 60 years, and rarely before the 30th year. Men and women are about equally affected. The pain is sudden, temporary and recurring. The pain resembles that of cutting with a sharp knife, or burning with a hot wire. The attacks of pain are induced by swallowing saliva, eating, winking, frowning, speaking and drafts.

Intra-cranial headaches are caused by such diseases as meningitis, syphilis, brain tumor, brain abscess, anemia, high blood pressure, inflammation of the kidneys, constipation, gout, rheumatism, indigestion, displaced womb, faulty eyesight, nervousness, brain injury, and congestion of the brain due to prolonged mental work, fever, exposure to sun, bad heart, and alcoholic intoxication.

Cranial headaches are characterized by whining cry, wrinkling of the forehead, or tossing of the head. In older children, the pain of an anemic headache is more or less continuous and referred to the forehead, top of the head, or back of the head. Headache caused by congestion of the brain is characterized by the throbbing of the vessels of the head, dizziness, and the pain is increased while lying down. Headache due to high blood pressure is most commonly located in the back of the head, and radiates down to the left side of the neck. It is also accompanied by spots before the eyes, buzzing in the ears, dizziness, headaches and vomiting. The headache is usually relieved by a nose bleed.

Headache must be distinguished from migraine (sick headache). Migraine is a headache confined to one side of the head and is characterized by nausea and vomiting. The attacks of migraine are usually more periodic. The patient also has visual disturbances such as flashes of light, color spectra, and dimness of vision. The patient is very sensitive to light and sound. In some cases there may be palor to the face and coldness of the arms and legs, or flushing with sweating.

Frequent recurrence of migraine seems to have little unfavorable effect upon the general health. Life is not in danger or probably shortened by the disease. Migraine subsides after middle life. Many cases

are improved by treatment. A complete cure, such as preventing the recurrence of the migraine is rarely obtained. Migraine usually makes its first appearance between the ages of 12 to 14 years.

Treatment of headaches is first search for the cause. The general treatment of headaches consists of keeping the bowels open by use of calomel and saline laxatives. Whenever there is high fever and the patient is very weak, headaches should be controlled by applying ice bags to the head. In addition to these measures, a hot foot bath may be given, especially to individuals suffering from a nervous or congestive headache. In severe headaches, irrespective to its underlying cause, it may be best to give such drugs as aspirin, pyramidon, or bromides. Frequent headaches indicate the need of regular exercise outdoors during the day and fresh air in the sleeping room at night. A simple and suitable food should be taken. Iron should be given for anemia. Individuals suffering with headaches continually, should undergo a complete physical examination by the family physician to determine the exact cause.

When a child has an attack of migraine he should rest in a darkened, well-ventilated room with cold cloths or an ice bag applied to the head. Hot baths taken two or three times a week are of great value. In some cases even a turkish bath is helpful. The patient should eat fish, bacon, brains, sweetbreads and eggs. Water may be taken freely. Rich and highly spiced foods should be avoided. Coffee, tea and alcoholic drinks must be avoided. Sweets should be reduced. Meals should be taken at regular intervals, and overloading of the stomach should be avoided. Bowels should move daily. All visual disturbances should be corrected, decayed teeth removed and toxic causes removed and the general health improved. Medication should be prescribed by the family physician.

John J. Zvertnik, M. D.

VERONIAN NEWS

Verona, Pa.—Biff! Bang! That's the way the Veronians almost ended the last meeting of the year. We managed to elect and re-elect our officers for the year 1936, despite the turmoil. I sincerely hope that a few of us members would make a New Year's resolution to be a little less boisterous in our orating, hereafter.

New Year's day, everybody must remember, was set aside by the Federation bowling tournament committee, as the day for the lovers of bowling. Now, do not get the idea that you are going to Canonsburg just to bowl; you are not! The committee has arranged for each and everyone who attends at this immense undertaking, for almost a full day merry-making, and what have you. And what have they? Now that question is not too hard to answer; first, the participants entered in the tournament will have their hands full, throwing the little balls that you use to knock the little pins down, at the lower end of the alley. Now, there's a whole day of enjoyment in itself. Secondly, you will get tired out a bit, for the luncheon that will be served you at a reasonable cost. And thirdly, after you have had your fill, your toes will tinkle to the tunes of the well known Trombetta Brothers' orchestra. Enuff sed!

Entry blanks have been sent out to all of the lodges; they should contain plenty of competition. I know the Veronians have a well selected group this year. (Opponents, beware!)

In regards to the transportation of the Veronians to this well planned jubilee, a motor-bus might be hired, or has been hired at a very reasonable price. March on to Canonsburg, you SNPJs, and let the din echo in their ears for years to come. Start the New Year off with fun, fun, and more fun.

Our own Stephen Rafay enjoying himself in old sunny California; the pictures will not take, Steve, don't attempt it.—To our very dear friend, George Gorun, we extend our deepest sympathy on the death of his father.

Albert Jakovic, Lodge 680.

CAVALIERS

Burgittstown, Pa.—With the election of officers in mind, a majority of Cavaliers attended the yearly meeting. At this meeting all of the unfinished and the new business was duly disposed of leaving the year 1936 a blank page to be filled. The officers elected to fill the blank page with the aid of the Cavaliers are: Joseph Valentic; pres.; Mary Delfrate, vice pres.; John Lukovich, sec'y.; Joseph Moskin, treas.; and Evelyn Truscovic, rec. sec'y. (And I think there will be plenty in that page.)

The first meeting of the new year will begin promptly at 10:30 Sunday morning, January 12. An important note of the meeting will concern the summer athletics. To obtain satisfactory results on this issue I earnestly request all—not a few—but all members to be present without fail!

An Appraisal

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration of Pioneer Lodge No. 559 SNPJ

Chicago.—Our previous installment on this subject was somewhat late and therefore lacked proper continuance. Whether we continue will depend on the availability of space. We would still like to touch some subjects which can be of value to others, such as: publicity, club books, "The Pioneer," Committee of 100, etc. Today, we'll evaluate the Sunday program.

There was never any question in the Committee of 100 as to who should be in charge of the program on Nov. 3. Our choice was Mary Jugg and our confidence in her was well exemplified with a first class program. It takes good judgement and certainly a lot of experience to be able to prepare, to time and properly announce so many diversified selections. We managed to arrange the selections so that there would be as little pause as possible between each number. And so while Mr. Anton Subelj sang, Oscar Godina was handy to give his welcome address and while he spoke the stage was set for Joseph and Frank Pagoda for their instrumental duet. These boys are only 7 years old, but they played like only some grown up can.

At this late review we'll not burden our folks with the details of each succeeding number, but we must say that Paul Schmidl received an ovation seldom given anyone on our stage when he finished his own composition, "The Titanic Phantasy." The children performed exceedingly well and Maynard C. Krueger said things our people will remember for a long time. Subelj, of course, wound up the Sunday program and gave several encores.

With this production the Pioneers established an official attendance record. Actually 1147 people witnessed the crowning success of the Pioneers; 1053 were paid admissions, the balance were performers or workers.

Pennants were suspended from the balcony of the large hall; one pennant for each E. S. lodge. These cost us \$12.55 and at about ten p. m. we began to dish them out to the representatives of the various lodges who immediately secured endorsements and autographs for keeping.

Keith Beecher, whom we rated quite highly beforehand, came early and at exactly 8 p. m. He began his beautiful string instrumental music and added brass instrumentals and volume as the night progressed. In the lower hall Puc's (Slovene) trio started right after the program to dish out old-fashioned melodies and at 2 a. m. they were still at it. Incidentally, Keith's 10 piece band ordinarily costs \$215. Fortunately, we were able to contract him for \$175 thru one of our personal

Penny News

W. Aliquippa, Pa.—The Excelsior Polka Dance to be held on February 29 is causing a lot of discussion locally. At the time of this writing no plans have yet been made, but when they are completed, let me assure you they will be huge. Josephine Sivec is acting in the capacity of chairman for this dance and promises to do everything towards the dance's success.

On December 7 the Aliquippa bowlers, both boys and girls, bowled with the Sharon youth at the local Orpheum alleys. After the match, they were hosts to this jolly bunch at the Slovene hall. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed. December 29 has been selected by the Excelsior teams as the date when they travel to Sharon to play a return match. How about the Aliquippa-Canonsburg match? The Excelsior girls are ready; how about the Pioneer girls?

The increase in membership within the Excelsior lodge has been so scant that a little bit of talk about securing some more members would do no harm. The true campaign is nearly over, but don't let that interfere. Has not the SNPJ enough advantages over other organizations to provide looking equipment? Well, then boast the SNPJ. Tell your friends the advantages of joining, and get them interested in your lodge. Make "the more the merrier" your motto in this case.

On January 1, St. Albans will be the scene of the Annual Federation bowling tournament. This year, it is hoped will mark this event outstanding. Members of the Federation lodges and their friends are especially urged to attend.

Immediately following the meeting refreshments will be served to each and everyone of you Cavaliers present. And that's not all, perhaps you will be the lucky one to leave the meeting a dollar richer.

Bear in mind that a decision must be reached whether the Cavaliers softball team will enter the league or not. I'm expecting to see all of you at the meeting. Don't fail to come.

Stephen M. Benn.

friends. Puc's trio cost us \$23 and \$22 was given for the services of the Chicago Boys' Club orchestra (38 persons) for playing before, during and after the program. By the way, the Boys' Club orchestra gave added prestige and importance to the big event. Their director being a union chap, we had a job getting permission from the Chicago Musicians' union to allow him to lead the orchestra. The union said, "Hire union men or else, pay us for standby players, or else—Keith Beecher can't play, either." The union board had had to be pretty hard on insisting for union musicians. We understand that. But oh, oh, what a tough job we had to get permission at the very last moment to use the Boys' Club orchestra.

One thing more can be added here. We had the loyal support of over 100 Pioneers who set to work at about 1:30 p. m. and didn't give up until after 3 a. m., doing one thing or another to give the great throng full service and satisfaction.

D. J. Lotrich.

BUFFALO BIG FOUR

Buffalo, N. Y.—The Buffalo Big Four Lodge at their last monthly meeting elected the following officers for the year of 1936: President, John Kosmerl; vice pres., Stephanie Polance; secretary, Jennie Kosmerl; treasurer, Joseph Kren Jr.; Sgt.-at-arms, Leo Novak. Auditing chairmen, Angelina Jerman; assisted by Michael Batechen and Mayme Kosher. Sick committee: John Graz, Stephanie Polance, Joseph Kren Jr., and Anna Batechen.—We will still continue to hold our meetings the third Monday of the month at 1187 Tonawanda street.

Jennie Kosmerl, Lodge 710.

New Year's Party

Chicago, Ill.—Branch 1, JSF, will give a New Year's Party Tuesday, December 31, at the SNPJ hall, where we can celebrate this event. Two orchestras have been engaged to furnish music that will make both old and young couples want to dance. Polkas, waltzes and other fine Slovene dance music by Frank Gradisnik and Tony Omersa, in the lower hall, with Johnny Kovechar's orchestra supplying the latest dance tunes in the upper hall.

About five minutes before midnight several colorful tableaux will be featured. At the past New Year's eve parties the branch has put on some very fine and impressive tableaux and we can expect the same Tuesday night. When the clock strikes twelve and the orchestra plays "Hail, hail, the gang's all here," announcing the New Year, we'll amid all the good cheers and wishes, search for dance partners and dance in another new year. The party will continue until the early hours of the morning in both halls. Tickets, if purchased in advance, are only 40c. They are available from the undersigned, Donald J. Lotrich, Frank Sodnik, in fact all members of Branch 1, and at the office of Proletarec. Reservations for the advance price can also be made by calling Rockwell 2864. The admission fee at the door will be 60c. Bring your friends along to spend New Year's eve at the SNPJ hall, Tuesday, December 31.

John Rak.

Integrity Broadcast

Chicago, Ill.—We are nearing the end of the Campaign. Are you looking towards a successful ending? I am sure the members of the Integrity could do better. If they took more interest in the lodge. Many of our members' wives or husbands or their children are not members, yet. Why? Is it because you have no confidence in the SNPJ? Please do not take the Integrity for what other lodges are.

I wrote so much about Fraternalism that it is ringing loud in my ears, but nevertheless, that's what the Integrity is, a fraternal lodge and it does not use its name or the SNPJ for political purposes. Because we are just a small group of people we could not go for any other organization, and never will. One organization in one circle is plenty, without making a half dozen out of it. I am appealing to the founders of the Integrity to go out and get new members before the year is over; and so will be the campaign, without any effort on your part in securing new members for the lodge. Where is the spirit of 1928? We know the gods are in you. We know you worked hard for the lodge; the lodge is calling you again to sacrifice your spirit and time. Your lodge memories did not drift away from you (hope not). You must do your duty because the Integrity is no longer for the few. You've been challenged that you will not make good on the north side. Can you make this challenge good?

If you need some help to bring new members before the year is over, drop me a line. We must go forward and not backward.

It would be a pleasure to attend the E. S. Federation Annual Bowling tournament which is to be held on Jan. 1 at Canonsburg, Pa. The Integrity Lodge wishes the Penna bunch that their affair may come to a successful ending. (We are sorry we cannot be with you.)

Bro. Fred Knes of the Integrity lodge is doing good work for the De Paul University basketball team. The Integrity wishes him good luck. Keep it up, Fred.

Mrs. Nicholas Terzina and her daughter of Mulberry, Kansas, member of Lodge 235, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Josephine (Strah) Buffetti.

The Integrity Lodge is extending to all lodges and members that cooperated with us in the past the sea-

SNPJ E. S. L. Federation Holds Third Annual Bowling Tournament and Dance at Canonsburg, Pa., New Year's Day

Washington County Pioneers Hosts to Large Throng of Young Members

Ambridge, Pa.—How shall we class the biggest yearly event of the E. S. L. Federation of Western Penna? Shall we call it a grand climax to a great year 1935, or shall we call it a glorious opening celebration of a bigger and better year 1936. Take your choice, members, and do your best to make this, the Third Annual Federation Bowling Tournament and Dance, be a finer and happier success. Each of the previous affairs has been better than the one before, and we're sure that this one and each succeeding one will be still better.

This "Top" affair will be held at Canonsburg on January 1, 1936, and will be, practically speaking, an all day affair. For, hasn't the Lodge Comets of Universal already made plans to come via bus-load, leaving their home at 10:30 a. m. that day? How many more lodges can match their numbers and have bus-loads, too?

Come early, friends and members, to this affair of yours and ours, and here's how we will fill the day that will be a year-long memory. First there will be the Heigh Ho's as each group rolls in, followed by the friendly Slovene hand-shaking and joshing and the inevitable thirst quenching. Then will come the more or less frolicking practice bowling games and more meeting of friends. And following this the hurrying, scurrying movements of the Federation officers indicating that the major bowling contests are at hand. And noticeable, too, will be the tense faces and taunt muscles of the contestants, who will be wondering and hoping, whether they will be up to par. And each one's par is high, for these bowlers' par will be high, for they will be the cream of the Slovene youth's bowlers. Then all too soon it will be over. Now will come those eager, hasty checks and double checks on scores, and the congratulations and cheers for the new bowling Champs of Western Penna. By this time everyone will be good and ready to enjoy to the utmost the appetizing luncheon prepared by the committee and the able Canonsburg Pioneer hosts. A brief pause perhaps, and then we will swing into dance to the merry tunes of the "Trombetta Brothers" orchestra, whom we have often heard and liked so well at various affairs in the past. That, friends, is the program. We have shown in the past that we can get together for one swell time. We will do it again on January 1. Let's go!

The most interesting reading in the Prosveta during the past few weeks has been to me, the "Proceedings of the First E. S. L. Conference."

Every bit is chuck full of interest and information. Some of it is so well known to older members that it may be dry to them, but I have learned things from these minutes that I might never have found otherwise. So far my highest vote goes to Tommy Garter for his topic "Problems arising in the solicitation of new members." His statements are brief but packed full of logic. In other words they really get down to brass tacks.

The E. S. L. Conference has done one good thing at least. It has stirred to a lively interest the more or less dormant membership of the SNPJ. However, we should now temper ourselves to more impersonal or temperate discussions. For has there not already been enough "flying off the handle" and "statements made with all good intent been cut up and fed back as poison to the originator?"

Here's a compliment to you, Jean Smrekar, "The Humming Excelsior," for your regular articles.—I am surprised at Brother Lotrich's statement that athletics are a liability to any fraternal society. Especially in view of the fine success they have enjoyed in sports in their lodge. I believe that I can truthfully say that in some instances where lodges were hovering at a dangerous low and fraternal, insurance, and social ties did not help, that athletics was the last and successful straw that held and helped to rebuild them. Let's go into this question of advisability of sports more thoroughly.—This year the Veronians have the most successful bowling league in our Federation.—We're glad to note that Frank Groser is keeping in mind next year's SNPJ Pennsylvania Day in lining up his athletes.—As announced at our last Federation meeting, the Reveliers unfortunately were unable to get a hall for their regular New Year's affair. Watch for the changed date.—Let us instead now double our good time with the Canonsburg Pioneers at the Federation affair on January 1.

Now, swinging back direct to home, we first of all stretch out our hands in congratulations and best wishes to our newlyweds, Rudy and Stella, and Nick and Ann. Stella will, I hope, be our newest Revelier, and Rudy, Nick, and Ann are already faithful old-timers.

The Slovenian Home Club is going to hold a hum-dinger affair on New Year's Eve. The Reveliers will be there strong. We hope a lot of you Slovene neighbors will visit with our people that night. Martin F. Spee, Pres., Lodge 699.

son's greetings. Many thanks to all the members of the Integrity Lodge for the greetings of the season. The new officers of Integrity Lodge for 1936 are: Joe Haumblich, president; Agnes Mejasch, vice pres.; Michael Fleischhacker, sec'y.; Augusta Alich, treas.; Edith Podlesnik, recording sec'y.; John Marolt, sergeant-at-arms. The auditing committee: Emil Heidenreich, chairman; Leo Morrella and Mary Roycht, ass't.

All tickets for our November dance must be turned in, sold or unsold, regardless, before the New Year, so that we can close our books for 1935. In the Dec. 31 issue of the Prosveta will be all the names of those who sold their tickets and those who are still holding them. Please members, take notice. Have your dues paid before the 28th, and not later, so that I can turn it into headquarters before the deadline.

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(Continued)

The following paper by Brother Albin Obed of Lodge 677, Detroit, Michigan, was prepared as a brief review of one of the most important lodge functions, that of lodge secretary, and as an advice to local secretaries with several important instructions. The paper constitutes Topic 4 on the conference agenda, "Advice to secretaries," and reads as follows:

ADVICE TO SECRETARIES

Perhaps the most important position in the structure of our local lodges is the position of lodge secretary. The president and other officers and committees are of great importance, but to me the office of the secretary supercedes them all. There are a good many reasons for this. In our institution the secretary fills the position of doctor, advisor, sick benefit committee, and any number of others if he is a good secretary. Members depend more upon him than they do upon anyone else because they are more often in general contact with him. A secretary can just as easily ruin a lodge as he can make a lodge.

A secretary should be of good character and reputation, and have personality. He should always be courteous and polite. He must be efficient and able to keep good records. A good secretary is also a good salesman. He should be capable of writing a good and convincing letter to any of his members explaining the position of a lodge and the importance and necessity of lodge affiliations. Whenever a member is not willing or falls down on his or her particular job, such as visitations, reports, etc., and there is no other recourse, the secretary, if possible, should be willing to step in and undertake the job himself. These qualities are essential to promote fraternalism between the secretary as the agent of the SNPJ and the members.

Not enough emphasis is placed on the fact that keeping old members is better than securing new ones although the main object is to do both. Members who work hard and diligently to secure new members surely are deserving of the aid of their secretary to keep them in the lodge once they become members. A person, on becoming a member, automatically becomes the principal obligation of the secretary. Because of this fact, the secretary should follow up all cases where members are suspended, investigating the reasons for such suspension so that he can analyze the situation in such a way that he will be able to convince the member either by letter or verbally that he should retain the lodge insurance. The secretary should have quite a general knowledge of the by-laws; the benefits offered by the Society; the purpose of the Society; and its advantages in comparison with the private insurance company, which is at the present our foremost competitor.

I would advise that a member upon being elected secretary of a lodge be presented by the Main Office with a form instructing him of his duties in the event of such matters as: death, sickness, etc., so that there would be no doubt in his mind as to the proper procedure in each case. This form would also contain material that would aid the secretary in inducing prospective members to join, and also aid in retaining old members.

I would also advise that the Supreme Secretary publish in the Prosveta, from time to time or at periodic intervals, explanations of various questions or matters of which there may be some question by the branch secretaries as to the correct interpretation.

The duties of the secretary in regard to the following matters are:

Assessments:

All secretaries should have two official days on which to collect members' assessments—the day of the meeting, and the 24th of each month. The secretary should designate the time and place on the 24th of the month at which he will collect assessments. Members who are unable to pay their assessments on those two days should be urged to mail their assessments.

Application for Membership:

When an applicant is proposed at the meeting, the secretary should take the name and address of the candidate, find out what class of insurance is wanted, explain the different types of insurance offered; then appoint two members to take the applicant to the lodge physician, and make an investigation which is to be reported at the next meeting. The secretary should check the application carefully. Should the application be rejected by the doctor, the secretary should notify the applicant of his rejection by mail. The same procedure should be followed when the application is rejected by the Supreme doctor. The reasons for rejections should never be disclosed to the applicant. The secretary, upon the acceptance of the candidate, should see that he receive such data, as: name, address, date of birth, place of birth, nationality, beneficiaries, their names and addresses; and record the same in the lodge book which can be obtained from the SNPJ main office. The secretary should impress upon the applicant the duties of a member, give him a book of the by-laws, an assessment book and emblem, these to be paid for by the applicant.

Sickness:

In case of sickness of a member, the secretary must send or deliver a sick blank to the member, and appoint or notify a sick committee to visit the sick member. Flowers, a word of condolence, or some other gift should be sent to the sick member. In case a sister gives birth a token of congratulations and speedy recovery should be sent to her. These details are very important as such things are appreciated and tend to build the good will of the lodge.

Investigation:

In case of an investigation, where a secretary is in doubt about a sick or passive member or in any other case, he should appoint another member or members to make a secret investigation and report to him directly to judge upon the findings, and then, if deemed so, he could present it to the lodge.

Prosveta:

All secretaries should receive the Prosveta daily, and should try to get subscriptions from members or non-members. All notices appearing in the Prosveta should be read carefully at the meeting. The secretary should send a complete change of addresses of members to the Prosveta at least once a year, and should always mail in a card whenever a change of address is made. This organ is for the publicizing of lodge affairs and other matters of interest and should be used for this purpose by the secretary.

Correspondence:

All lodge correspondence received should be carefully read at the meeting, and in case it is written in Slovene or some other language, the secretary,

if he is unable to do so himself, should get someone to translate it. As a rule, most secretaries do not answer the major part of their correspondence but "place it on file" or dispose of it otherwise. All letters received and duplicates of all letters and reports sent out should be kept filed for future reference. The secretary should make it a point to answer all correspondence from lodges in the SNPJ, no matter how unimportant the matter, whether it be an invitation, a solicitation, or other. There must be cooperation between the lodges and we must have the feeling that we are a united group and working together.

Death of a Member:

In case of the death of a member, a special meeting should be called by the secretary, if possible, to arrange for the funeral. In case it is impossible to call a meeting, he should then call the executives together and arrange an immediate notification to the Main office and send a death notice to the Prosveta, giving the name, address, age, place of birth, names of deceased's relatives such as parents, brothers, sisters, wife or husband. A number of members should be appointed to stay with the family where the deceased member is present, and all necessary arrangements for the funeral should be taken care of. One or more members should be present at all times. Pallbearers should be carefully selected.

Monthly Report:

In mailing moneys to the Main office, only money orders should be mailed. The secretary should make it a point to send the money to the Supreme Secretary as soon as possible after the 25th and always so that it will reach the Main office before the first of the next month.

Notices to Members:

The secretary should send a card to members who fail to attend three meetings in succession, asking them to attend or give a reason for not attending. Whenever a special meeting is called, cards should be sent to each member of the lodge.

Juvenile Department:

The secretary is really the chairman of the Juvenile Department and acts in that capacity. I would suggest that all secretaries who have any number of Juvenile members to call a social meeting at least once a year, and have this meeting end up as a party.

ALBIN OBED.

Upon motion made by Bro. Martin Urankar and seconded by Brother Frank Padar, the paper prepared and read by Brother Obed, was approved and ordered filed.

Addressing the delegation of the first ESL conference on the subject of "How to attract members to our meetings," Brother John Matekovich of Lodge 728, Gowanda, N. Y., read his paper, Topic 5, in which he stressed several essential points that enter into this problem which is of vital importance to every local lodge:

HOW TO ATTRACT MEMBERS TO OUR MEETINGS

The history of the SNPJ tells us that twenty-three years ago our members by their first referendum approved the establishment of a Juvenile Department. They began to bring their children into the lodges, not paying much attention to the problems which would arise when the juveniles become old enough to join the adult class.

Prior to the year of 1926 our meetings were held exclusively in our native language. More and more juveniles began to join the adult class, but they attended the meetings in very small numbers, because they did not understand our native language well enough. The senior members were not always willing to listen to suggestions submitted by the younger members, or pay much attention to what they had to say. By not understanding our language, these young members could not take proper interest in our lodges and became very inactive.

Something had to be done to save American-born Slavs for our fraternal organizations. The SNPJ was the first to solve that problem. It gave its young members a privilege to organize their own lodges and to hold their own meetings in the language they know the best. The ice was broken and our youth became very active in their English speaking lodges, being able to secure new members for the Society even during the present depression.

From the very beginning, their meetings were well attended, and after the meetings we always enjoyed ourselves in one way or other. Many, many nickels, dimes and quarters have been donated by members and dollars spent for post-meeting entertainments. Later on, some of the members began to neglect our meetings and we saw more and more "vacant chairs" when and where our meetings were held. Why?

By studying this important problem for the last five weeks, I came to the conclusion that we have members in our lodges who are keeping others away from lodge meetings. I wish I could go into detail, to analyze to you who those members are, in most cases. In short, they are those who do nothing except criticize; those who as a rule can hardly wait to bring their personal disputes to the meetings; members with very ungentlemanly actions at the meetings; members that get "sore" if not appointed on committees, and if appointed, they are neglecting their duties; members that don't attend meetings and tell others what should be done; members working hard for other organizations to which they also belong and do nothing for the benefit of our lodges, etc.

That's no secret; we all know it. I also came to the conclusion that there is one group of our members which has been terribly neglected in the past. They are our juvenile members. When they transfer into the adult class, most of them will not attend our meetings because they are not acquainted with their proceedings. Proud as we may be of our juveniles, if we are not willing to follow the steps of some other Slovene societies, if we are not willing to follow the steps which were taken in our Society by our English speaking lodge, the Pioneers, I am quite positive that some day, which perhaps is not distant, we will pay and pay heavily for neglecting our little brothers and sisters. One could speak all day of our past and present faults, but time doesn't permit us to do so. All that could be said right now is, that we have learned our lesson in the past and today are facing this vital problem, "How to attract members to our meetings."

To accomplish anything worthwhile for better attendance to our meetings, we should put into practice the following eight points:

1. Persuade our members if they are wrong in any way, in a friendly manner, not to criticize them outside the meetings.
2. Leave our personal disputes at home, not to bring them to the meetings.
3. Be courteous, polite to each other at our meetings.

4. Not get "sore" if not appointed on some committee; if appointed, let's fulfill our duties to the best of our ability.

5. Be active in all lodges to which we belong.

6. Be friendly towards new members, and when in contact with them, invite them to our meetings.

7. Establish schools for juvenile members; teach them how our lodges and the Society should be managed.

8. Invite all of the juveniles that are able to come, to your meetings and treat them as they should be treated.

These should be some of the most attractive methods for our members in attracting large attendances at lodge meetings. But, if we are not willing to try NOT to criticize our members; unwilling to leave personal disputes at home when we go to meetings; not willing to act courteously to each other at our meetings; if unwilling to fulfill our duties when appointed on a committee; not willing to be active in lodges to which we belong; if not willing to be friendly with new members; and, if not willing to give our juvenile members better fraternal education, invite them to our meetings and treat them the way they should be treated, then we will not be able to attract members to our future meetings.

What we really need to attract more members to our meetings, is:

More vigorous agitation for new members, more fraternal education for our juveniles, real fraternal co-operation among ourselves and good entertainments after the meetings.

Some of the after-the-meeting entertainments that would be very attractive in some localities, if given month by month, are as follows:

In January.—The lodge should give a party to the members joining the lodge in previous year and to retiring officers.

In February.—A short play given by neighboring lodge members with dancing.

In March.—Surprise party to some of the members, or hold a ladies' night.

In April.—Someone to prepare a treatise on topic: "What is the difference between our Society and privately owned insurance companies." Our youth should know that.

May.—A play given by juvenile members; if possible, a short Slovene play also. Invite senior members to attend.

June.—Meeting held outdoors where small dance-floor is available, with wiener roast and drinks.

July.—Baseball games with neighboring lodge members early in the evening; after the game, meeting outdoors.

August.—Baseball game between juvenile members of senior and ES lodges; meeting outdoors. Ice cream should be served after the meeting; dancing.

September.—Meeting indoors. After the meeting, round table discussion by three members on important problems of the day.

October.—Mass meeting, light lunch and drinks.

November.—Penny bingo, or men's night.

December.—A contest should be held by members of both sexes on new membership drive held throughout the year; the losing side should give a party in favor of the winning group and for members attending the meeting.

As I have stated before, such entertainments would attract more members to meetings in most localities. Whatever not practical, lodge members should elect committees at each meeting to plan more suitable programs.

In conclusion I will say once more that we should pay more attention in the future to our 15,000 juvenile members, to our young brothers and sisters who will, some day, become adult members of our English speaking lodges. By building up our membership, by better fraternal education for our juveniles, by real fraternal co-operation among ourselves and by entertaining our members, we are bound to attract members to our future meetings.

JOHN MATEKOVICH.

Brother Oscar Godina moved that the report be approved as presented; seconded by Bro. Frank Slaby. The report was accepted as read.

Topic 6, dealing with the problem of "Athletics—do we need them," was prepared and read by Brother John Lokar of Lodge 614, Cleveland, Ohio:

ATHLETICS—DO WE NEED THEM

The answer is yes, but without a definite explanation the word yes means little. It is generally conceded that athletics and sports are beneficial to health and mind. Most of America is sport-minded, so is the youth in our Society. The future of the SNPJ rests entirely on young men and women born in this country. Sports being America's favorite past-time, and as such will furnish us with the much needed recreation and exercise. It will go a long way in helping develop our bodies to resist sickness and short life. Without the needed exercise one soon grows old, useless. Competitive fraternalism subsidize athletics. Unless we do the same, one great form of activity will be denied encouragement. This above all should be our Society's function in order that we may keep pace with our competitors. Youth wants sports and athletics and if we fail to serve them with these needs now, tomorrow may be too late.

Athletics at the Beginning of the SNPJ English speaking lodge movement were of tremendous value to our organization. Our rapid growth was because we at that time devoted more financial help to the various lodges that were organized. Inter-city championships were held and our fraternal bounds were more closely woven than they are now. We got started on the right path, but lack of financial support turned the tide. This with failure to have proper leadership in the promotion of sport activities in our Society, has slowed down the progress of our lodges considerably. One of the biggest faults was that no definite rules were ever prepared. Lodges would before a championship series initiate new members who were so-called "ringers" in the field of sports, they would remain members until the certain sport event was over and then they would drop out. The real members of these various lodges would feel slighted because they would not get the chance to participate in the various sports because the co-called "ringers" were always given preference.

Athletics in the Future. Many remedies can be had to cure our past mistakes and rejuvenate new spirit in our sporting field. The sports that would be the most beneficial to our lodges and those that would cover the biggest part of our members, are: baseball, mushball or so-called indoor baseball, and bowling. Later on, if other sports are desired, they could be added. Uniform rules should prevail in all SNPJ championship games. Inter-City championship series should be held. The last preliminary conference, held in Cleveland, Ohio, last Labor day, selected Labor day as the English speaking lodges' official SNPJ day. Each year an annual celebration will take place moving from city to city. A good suggestion would be to sponsor these Inter-City meets on Labor day. First, because large groups would attend these affairs and low train rates could easily be obtained. These Inter-City champion-

ships would take place between the Eastern champions and the Western champions. The SNPJ should be divided into two districts. The West to consist of Illinois and west including Detroit, Mich. The East would consist of all the territory east of Chicago, Ill. The inter-districts championships would have to be financed by their various groups, except that the Main office would purchase the uniforms and present the winners with some kind of an award. For the Inter-city championship, which would be held on Labor day, the Main office would pay traveling expenses for the ball teams and the bowlers. This would also include the girls' teams, if they should want to participate. The Champion should be given some type of an award. From time to time, small contributions should be made to the various Federations, which would help to compensate the lodges in the various districts. To promote sports, it costs a great deal of money, and most of the lodge treasuries are empty.

The Main office has not invested even a fair amount towards the boosting of sports in our Society. Records will show that the average investment made by the Main office per year was less than \$300. This sum, if equally divided among our 82 lodges, would net each one less than \$4 per lodge. In order to be successful in the future and induce new spirit into the English speaking ranks, the SNPJ must, by all means, set aside a reasonable sum for this cause.

This conference should not only go on record as discussing athletics, but should adopt a sound program whereby it could go forward. A National Athletics Board could be elected by this body of delegates consisting of five athletically inclined members. This board would serve without pay. Except, from time to time, not more than once a year, they would meet and prepare everything pertaining to athletics. This board would give this topic a thorough study, would prepare a uniform set of rules favorable to everyone. This delegation should elect this board of five members consisting as follows: Two representing the East, two representing the West, and one from the Supreme board. Their reports, plus the suggestions that this conference accepts, would be presented to the Supreme board for their approval. All financial distributions would be handled directly by the Main office. Let's not wait. We must proceed at once to go forward into the fraternal world as consistent leaders. In the past and at present the SNPJ leads, others follow. Let's do likewise in the field of sports.

JOHN LOKAR.

On motion made by Brother Martin Urankar and seconded by Brother Herman Preserer, the report was accepted and ordered filed.

Presenting Topic 7 on the problem dealing with "Proposals for concerted group activities and the part Supreme officers should take in them," Sister Marion Konchan of Lodge 742, Cleveland, O., read her paper as follows:

PROPOSALS FOR CONCERTED GROUP ACTIVITIES AND THE PART SUPREME OFFICERS SHOULD TAKE IN THEM

The basic reason why people become fraternally conscious is that as normal human beings they like to mingle with their fellow men, share the same interests, safeguard their mutual welfare. To most of us it is a means of social contact. To the ordinary individual after he is once out of school who does not belong to any other order and has no means of doing so; that is where his fraternal organizations fulfill that social need, personal contact with his fellow men. To people of Slovene birth or descent the SNPJ is just such an outlet. But hitherto that contact has been more or less local. Although, with its branches extending all over the United States the possibilities for a more closely knitted national brotherhood are wonderful and most promising. We have within our hands and reach fields to make our organization more SNPJ conscious than ever and increase the interest in the Society by that means, "concerted group activities."

Concerted group activities rightly and efficiently organized and supervised can be made the means of national contact in our organization. They would serve to bring together members of different cities and states into closer contact with one another and make the SNPJ a more closely knitted compact body of fraternalism. A governing body or supervisory board would be necessary whether it be the Supreme Office itself or one appointed by it and subject to the approval of the majority of the lodges, it is up to their own judgment, but a governing body is necessary for no matter how collective a fraternal order may be, it is to be recognized that the sparks of activity originate in individual initiative and a central motivator should be established as a leader and executive.

Group activities can be divided into 3 groups: city, state and national, that is interstate. 1. City.—In some of the larger cities where there are quite a few lodges we already have the so called federations. These organizations are composed of representatives of the various lodges headed by an executive board elected by those same representatives. Their problems arising in the lodges. Motions for the good of the lodges are aired and discussed, mutual programs planned and general friendly feeling of cooperation exists. At their social get-together members of the various lodges in different parts of the city get acquainted, brought together, whereas if it weren't for their federation they couldn't have realized the existence of other people of their own nationality, same interests, customs in their own cities. This is a wonderful idea and for those cities and states which do not have such a form of alliance it would be advisable to inaugurate the formulation of such a plan.

A very good plan which would greatly add to the success of lodge affairs was recently suggested by H. Martin Antonic, president of the Comrades lodge of Cleveland. He called his idea "The Cooperative Plan." The title explains the nature of this plan. Each lodge pledges itself to buy or sell at least 10 tickets (the number of course is nominal and up to the lodges to decide upon) to the affairs of all other lodges in the city, and they in turn would do the same, thus insuring themselves of the ultimate financial success of whatever social things they may hold. I think Pres. Antonic at the time suggested this interchange just between the English speaking lodges of which there are only 7 in this particular city. I have changed the reading above to ALL other lodges in the city, the total of which is 28. For I think that a more close relationship between Senior and Junior lodges (referring to English speaking lodges in this case) should be strived for.

For example:—At the least Cleveland Federation an English speaking delegate announced a certain entertainment which his lodge was planning in the near future, and stated that invitations had been sent out, in hopes of reviving a waning enthusiasm and interest in its Lodge Activities, whereupon one of the Senior delegates, a woman, arose and questioned to just whom these invitations had been issued. He replied that they had been sent to the English speaking lodges, of which there are only 7. (There are 21 of the Senior lodges.) This is just one example.

I think there is a chance for greater cooperation between the Senior and Junior groups, which the younger generation is unconsciously overlooking. If you remember, at first, our elders were very willing to lend a hand to put us on our feet, but then we became a little too self-sufficient, and forgot the ones who taught us how to fly. Of course, that is as it should be; we should be self-reliant. But in some cases of lodges where things haven't been just progressing so well, why not look about and see where we are slipping up—who and what we are neglecting. Suggestions to bring back that forgotten interest, father and son banquets, mother and daughter banquets, occasional free for all parties—a mixture of the old and new ideas.

That is all for city. For state, there isn't much to say, except a repetition of the above on a larger scale. But in the interstate field, there is much possibility for a new, interesting study of group activities of a national sort and interest:

1. A study of the other organizations' concerted activities should be made, and those picked which would suit our purpose. 2. A Nat'l Advisory Board of the Youth Movement should be formed to be of the constant lookout for the welfare and progress of the Society. The Committee of 100 and Nat'l Advisory Committee chosen by the Pioneers is a fitting example of how much a picked group like this can accomplish once it has set a goal to strive for. A system of recognition for deserving members should be formed. Until now, the SNPJ summer school is just a wonderful idea, and looms bright on the SNPJ horizon; what shall we do with it? It has the great possibilities and we should make the most of it. It can be worked out in the form of a school, as originally suggested, camps, forum, or otherwise. Juveniles should also be considered. The curriculum of workings can be decided upon in due course. The idea of a Mutual Interstate doing is also a good one. Up to the present, it has just been a generally understood fact that each year we band together on a certain date, preferably Labor day, and have a grand reunion. That idea is a fine one, and I think it would be a wonderful custom to definitely establish and make it a permanent one. Nat'l coin, your ideas, campaigns, contests and a few other suggestions.

"The part Supreme officers should take in them," is the remainder of the title of this subject. The Head office should extensively cooperate with all the lodges to maintain the present membership. A satisfied, healthy, present membership is the best and most effective campaign for additional applicants. It should occasionally appoint Federation officers in their respective sections to visit and speak at lodge meetings.

Whenever possible, Supreme officers should personally address lodge meetings and grouped social affairs. This is a more effective manner of contact and greeting than the written word. The Supreme office should gather the list of successful and interesting activities by the more active locals and circulate same to less active lodges.

The above state activities do not make reference to anyone kind, and that is sports, socials, etc., and the part the Supreme officers should take in them. Just generally allowing the Head office the liberty to use their own initiative and program as they see fit, for they are expected to be more familiar and adept in completing the details.

IN CONCLUSION.—Hoping that we, who are gathered here on this memorable day, prove ourselves worthy descendants of the founders of this great institution—the Slovene National Benefit Society—and accomplish results and write an important chapter in the history of the SNPJ.

MARION KONCHAN.

Upon motion made by Brother Victor Jakovac and seconded by Brother Frank Ambrozic, Sister Konchan's report was approved as read.

The following paper, "What about publicity," was assigned to and read by Brother John Spiller of Lodge 659, St. Louis, Mo.:

WHAT ABOUT PUBLICITY

Brother and Sister Delegates:—Publicity is the proper presentation and distribution of facts and information concerning a definite subject whereby it is intended to continue and further the plan, scope and interest of the subject.

One of the most valuable steps that has been taken in the past ten years was the addition to our official organ, The Prosveta, pages devoted to the English section. At this moment the organization struck a note of success into a new field of widening the opportunity toward bringing the SNPJ to a new and sounder standard. The early bit of news that appeared in the English section brought about new lodges and members. It was then proven that the English section did not only advertise the organization, but it taught those who lacked the proper fraternal understanding that the organization was not existing through any fantastic ideas, but it was working on a sound and economic basis.

The Prosveta did not alone convey the message of the SNPJ fraternal benefits, but it was assisted by the individuals who have read the organ and then reconveyed the message to others while they in turn have continued to do likewise.

The organization and its members are very grateful to those of the writers whose articles have appeared in the English speaking columns during the past 10 years. Their work has been of untold benefit to the SNPJ. But as we review the list of contributors, we find that the past 10 years have made a great change in the appearance of some of our early writers and their lodges. This change has not only been noticed by the disappearance of their contributions, but also many of these lodges no longer function as they did, nor do they have prestige they once possessed. This result was occasioned by the fact that publicity appearing in the official organ has been submitted voluntarily by only one or two members of their respective branch lodges. This practice, although beneficial to the lodge which he represents may in time prove detrimental because, should it become necessary for him to cease, there probably would be no one who would care to put forth the effort to retain the interest of those readers who were susceptible to the lure presented by the original writer. The past practice has concentrated sincere interest in the organization in only a comparative few individuals. The future of this organization depends not upon the concentration of interest in a few individuals, but a concentrated effort by as many members as it is found practicable in each respective group.

Publicity must not only be exercised through the official organ for, the conditions in which we live today, it centralizes our ways of advertising, a rather limited field due to competitive conditions. We must exercise our ways of attracting the attention of those who will come into our midst through the pre-lance means of publicity. For instance, at the present time it is a standing rule in our organization that in order to become a member the person intending to join or some in his family must be of Slavonic extraction. This alone limits our possibility of conveyance of our fraternal call.

(To be continued next week)