

MERRIMENT TO REIGN AT CLEVELAND SLOVENES' VICTORY DANCE SATURDAY

There will be plenty of victory smiles on display Saturday, October 1, when the Cleveland Slovenes SDZ Softball Champions celebrate with their Victory Dance in the Slovenian National Auditorium with the combined efforts of Frankie Yankovic's orchestra.

The Cleveland Slovenes, S. D. Z. No. 14 softball team is sponsored by an adult lodge which has Slovene conducted meetings. Their members know the value of athletics in their organization and therefore have entered a team in the SDZ Softball League three consecutive years. The first year they finished in the runner-up position and in 1937 and this year have been proclaimed the champions.

In order to present a dance in real championship style, the Cleveland Slovenes have engaged the services of Frankie Yankovic's orchestra which is somewhat of a championship team itself when it comes to dispensing red-hot fox trots and polkas or slow smooth waltzes. Here you have a championship combination that

Hawaii Echoes

Hawaii is the land of romance and laziness, of music and listlessness, of flowers and moonlight. If we, in this East of America, cross a great, wide continent, sail a swift, blue sea, explore a heavenly island, we come upon a group of dark girls in the twilight—strumming—strumming. And that is Hawaii. This is the land whose setting the Honor Guards have chosen for their dance and a divine setting it will be.

You can have your romance, just bring along your best girl friend and in the moonlight of the big yellow moon, dance to the music of Johnny Pecon and his orchestra. The atmosphere will certainly bring you to the land of Hawaii, and you will really feel that you have sailed the ocean and are on the island. You'll come upon that group of girls, too, but you can have your choice, for there will be a variety, blondes, brunets, and no doubt a few redheads. We will also hear the strumming—strumming of Hawaiian guitars and the music of Hawaii.

If that isn't enough to make you feel Hawaiian, swing into the happy tempo of Hawaii with a tall, cool glass of our Hawaiian cocktail.

What more could you ask, your soft lights, sweet music and all for the small sum of 35 cents.

The Slovenian Auditorium is the place where, on Oct. 15, "Hawaii Echoes" will be held.

Barn Dance on Menu of Madison-Geneva Juniors

There will be plenty of fun at Klaus' Farm outside of Geneva, this Saturday, October 1, when the Madison-Geneva Juniors will celebrate with a real barn dance.

The Madison-Geneva Juniors is the only out of town juvenile group within the SDZ. They promise a well spent evening for the many expected guests who have voiced their opinion of attending. They extend a special invitation to the SDZ Junior League and English - conducted lodges to attend and join in the fun with their group.

The Klaus farm is located on South River Road, 5 miles south of Geneva. The feature of it all is the nominally priced admission that is set at 25 cents.

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Independent Organ Approved on Trial; Euclid to Be Hosts to 1942 Convention

By Mary Frank

The ninth regular SDZ convention that opened Sept. 12

with 116 delegates present and ended after ten days with 102 delegates still standing by, closed one of the most fiery sessions in the 28 years' history of the organization. Last Thursday at 11 p. m. the delegates, all weary after a lengthy conclave, arose and sang "Hej Slovenci," and then gathered their belongings when Chairman Joe Trebec brought down the gavel officially concluding all business transactions of the delegation.

The independent organ question again held up the convention as in the past and was finally approved by the delegates. First the independent organ issue was defeated on roll call vote. Next the delegation approved a motion presented by Frank M. Surtz, and amended by Leopold Kushlan, that a weekly four-page supplement be inserted in one of the Slovenian newspapers.

After hearing a lengthy letter from the American Home Publishing Co. (instead of a bid) and a bid from the Enakopravnost, it was seen that the supplement would be more expensive than an independent organ. The matter was tabled until Thursday morning.

Rudy Lokar, who previously voted against the independent organ, was one of the first to get the floor and asked that concrete figures be given as to the cost of operating the independent paper. He was under the impression that an independent paper would cost close to \$10,000, which would consume the greater part of the general expense fund and lead to the abolishment of cultural, social and athletic activity among the young people. He said, "You have approved a splendid program for the young people, and if the independent organ would be as expensive as stated, the youth program would have to be abolished unless an added assessment is passed to raise the needed funds for the young people's activities. If you can present figures that are lower and assure the young people of continued activities, then they will be for the independent paper." Most of the speakers expressed their beliefs and their figures were around \$7,000 yearly, including the salary of the editors. On a secret ballot the independent was voted in, 62 to 41 votes.

It was unanimously agreed upon that Leopold Kushlan, Albina Novak and John E. Lokar would draw up the contracts to be presented to the publishers with the approval of the Supreme Board and the bylaws committee. As soon as the bids are submitted, they will then rule as to who shall publish the weekly independent organ that is scheduled to come out Thursday, Jan. 5.

The SDZ Honor Guards and the Modern Crusaders Glee Club have been given recognition at this convention. To this time they have been operating independently and have had to raise their own money to further their progress. The Supreme Board has been given power to aid them financially when in need and they are to be recognized as part of the SDZ.

When the discussion arose as to the place of the next convention, Barberton and Euclid had quite a race, however, Euclid won out and the tenth regular SDZ convention in 1942 will be held there.

Given Four More Years of Service on SDZ Supreme Board



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Member Auditing Committee

Swept into office on unanimous or big majority votes, the above pictured members of the present Supreme Board were voted another four years of service at the SDZ helm. After Mr. Ponikvar won out over Leopold Kushlan, 74 to 32, for the Supreme President's position, Frank Surtz won with no opposition offered. Mrs. Frances Bresak of Lorain defeated Joseph Grdina 77 to 29, and Stanley Ravnarhrib won without opposition to complete the vice president

elections. Unanimously swept into office without opposition were John Gornik, Supreme Secretary; Max Traven, Assistant Secretary, and Louis Rozman, Recorder. Joseph Okorn defeated Joško Penko, 70 to 36, for the Supreme Treasurer's post. Frank Shuster was re-elected as chairman of the Supreme Auditing Committee. Assisting him will be Mrs. Mary Durn, Mrs. Mary Jerman, Helen Tomazic and John Pollock.

Joseph Lekan became the new Supreme Finance Board's Chairman. Helping him in the financial dealings of the SDZ will be Anton Vehovec, Frank Wirant, Raymond Breskvar and Stanley Dolenc. Supreme Jury Committee will consist of Louis Balant, chairman, Mrs. Mary Bradac, and William Vicic. Dr. F. J. Kern was retained as Supreme Medical Examiner. The newly created Athletic Director's position will be filled by Rudy Lokar.

Convention Highlights

By J. M. Vraneca

Modern Crusaders Glee Club received \$100.00 from the Convention to last until the first of the year. Then the new Supreme Board will give aid as it sees fit... Honor Guards also were promised recognition by the Convention... The word "nujno" mistaken for "gnujno" by many readers. "Nujno" as it appeared in last week's edition means something new, urgent, while "gnujno" means rotten, fertilizer, etc. Things we have seen and heard about various delegates... Mr. Balant of Lorain asking numerous delegates and friends if they read about the Buckeyes winning the Lorain City softball championship... Some friends journeying to Cleveland from Lorain to see how the Convention is progressing... Miss Angeline Zupec going home (to Barberton) over the weekend—was that trip to see the folks or the boy friend?... Stanley Robinhood being called back to work after one week of the Convention... Frank Surtz not being able to use his car to and from the Convention because it was all wet (from rain)... Max Traven trying to accomplish something with someone, but... Bill Vicic all wreathed in smiles because he was one of the committee of three to go



to Columbus to find out how the SDZ stands with other fraternal organizations... Mr. Pucel saying his piece then wondering if he made any enemies... I should say he did not... Mr. Frank Cerne, ex-president, coming in to listen to the Convention whenever possible... During the closing days spectators came in great numbers... Caroline Sorn coming to see how the Clairwood delegates were doing. Of course, we mean Joe Kogoy and Ray Breskvar... Angie Zupec and Joe Kogoy kept passing notes to each other all during the Convention. Could they have been love notes? (To Be Continued)

Champions vs. Champions?

The Lorain Buckeyes, Lorain class A champions, challenge the Cleveland SDZ champions to a game for the mythical State SDZ Championship as soon as possible. Arrangements may be made by contacting the undersigned.

Vic Balant,
Phone: Lorain 7710.

BOWLERS NOTICE

Bowling to begin this Sunday evening, October 2, at 7:00 P. M. for all Modern Crusader and Eastern Star members at the new Pozelnik bowling alleys located at 15721 Waterloo Rd.

Bill Vicic.

CLEVELAND SLOVENES REPEAT AS CHAMPS WITH CLOSE VICTORY OVER CLAIRWOODS

Displaying that "never-say-die" spirit, the Cleveland Slovenes 1937 SDZ Softball Champions annexed the 1938 title after a bitter uphill battle with the powerful Clairwood team last Sunday. Trailing 2 to 1 up to the sixth inning, the Slovenes unleashed a three run assault on the Clairwood pitcher and forged into the lead.

Klaus, mainstay of the Slovenes, again came thru with a spectacular five hit performance but it took three catchers to hold him. Kurent started and was injured, he was then followed by Kostansek and Brancelj. Klaus took things in stride and allowed one hit up to the sixth inning and for five innings had kept the Clairwoods scoreless.

Clairwoods scored in the first canto on Bokar's walk and Budan's long homer into left field. In the second inning "Spoke" Kostansek walked, went to second on Klaus' single and scored on Vidmar's double. The score remained 2 to 1 in favor of the Clairwoods until the fatal sixth inning.

In the sixth, Kurent was safe on Budan's error; Brancelj singled; Klaus walked, filling the bases; Vidmar singled, scoring Kurent and Brancelj; "Hockey" Hovecar then drove in what proved to be the winning run with his single over second base.

The Clairwoods threatened in the last frame when Man-

ager Zupancic tripled into right field and scored on J. Zupancic's single. The potential winning run died on base and the Slovenes mobbed "Bull" Klaus in appreciation for his wonderful mound work.

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Modern Crusaders Are City Class E Rulers

Before an estimated crowd of 1500 people the Modern Crusaders, percentage champions, met the Brazis Brothers nine for the class E crown of Cleveland in a double header last Sunday.

Tall Rudy Okleson whipped in his fire ball in the first game like a king. He allowed but three hits and walked only two men, while the Crusaders smashed 18 hits off Noone and Brazis, the Clothiers' pitchers.

Final score of the first championship game was Modern Crusaders 14, Brazis Brothers 1.

In the second game, smiling Tommy Normile was on the mound for the Crusaders with Spagnola again doing the catching. For the Brazis, Klaver pitched with Shaak behind the plate.

The M. Crusaders contacted Klaver for 11 hits and 7 runs, while Normile gave 8 hits and 3 runs.

Ray Spagnola's home run in the sixth inning with two men on base clinched this game and the class E championship.

Mark My Words

Thanks

In the name of the officers and the dance committee of Martha Washington Lodge, No. 38 SDZ, I wish to express thanks and appreciation to all who contributed their services to make our dance of last Saturday a big success. I also thank the newly elected members of the SDZ Supreme Board, the officers and members of the subordinate lodges, in fact, each and every one who attended the dance and so loyally supported our lodge. Again we say, "Thank you," and hope that some day we can do the same for you.

For the second successive year Mrs. Joseph Hovecar, vice president of Martha Washington Lodge, was unable to attend the M. W. annual dance. Last year, on Sept. 14, she gave birth to a daughter, Rosemary; and on the 15th of this month she became the proud mother of a healthy boy, Lawrence Joseph. Congratulations, Terry and Joe!

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Baraga, 1172 E. 58th St. The mother is the former Jean Zakrajsek. Congratulations!

At the recent convention held in Cincinnati, Mrs. Jennie Melle Yelitz, 1267 E. 169th St., was elected vice president of the Knights of Ohio. Mrs. Yelitz is the first and the only woman to hold a seat on the supreme board of the Knights of Ohio. Congratulations!