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Current Thought Elected Leaders

Twice a year the supreme officers of our Union meet at the home office in Ely, Minnesota. The next annual assembly will commence on January 31st.

Those individuals who have held offices on a supreme board realize the task confronting each officer. At the annual and semi-annual meetings, problems arise that require impartial judgment. In all matters pertaining to the organization, the supreme officers are guided by the by-laws, and when these do not suffice, to interpret the in-between-the-line thought which the makers of the by-laws had in mind.

Such tasks are not easy. Decisions are bound to create hard feelings. And about the only reward a supreme officer receives when voting impartially on a controversial subject is a peace of mind, and a trouble-free conscience. Too often, such an individual incurs the misdirected hatred of the members who blame the officers for shortcomings, instead of the convention.

A supreme officer is looked upon for new ideas. At all times he is required to take the initiative in matters relating to the SSCU. Sometimes the members fail to extend the necessary co-operation, and the result is wasted efforts.

Years ago, some of our members labored under the impression that annual and semi-annual meetings of the supreme board were mere excuses for such gentlemen to gather and have a rip-roaring good time. That nothing of value was accomplished by the directors of their institutions.

Today, the members are more broad-minded, especially when they consider that the supreme officers direct the policy of the organization to conform with the spirit of the constitution and by-laws enacted by the convention. The younger set is more familiar with sessions, or conferences of directors, and they realize that such meetings require concentration of thought, study of questions beforehand.

For a concrete illustration of what may be accomplished at a supreme board meeting, take the juvenile convention idea. Instituted by our present supreme secretary, it required the consent of a majority of supreme officers. They approved unanimously of the juvenile convention idea.

Plans then had to be formulated for the execution of the juvenile convention idea. This required time and thought.

To the credit of our membership, we can say, and proudly so, that our supreme officers command the respect of our members. No longer are our supreme officers looked upon with suspicious disapproving eyes, but realize that no individual is perfect, that leaders are liable of making mistakes. That it is far better to work with the elected leaders, than to throw monkey wrenches in the Union's machinery, merely because they disapprove the decree of the convention.

Colorado Sunshine

Denver, Colo. — Well, folks, the time has arrived to give you full particulars about the anniversary dance which our Colorado Sunshine lodge, No. 201, SSCU is giving on Saturday night, February 5, at the Slovene Hall, 4464 Washington St.

Final plans were completed for our dance at the last meeting held January 16. Tezak's seven-piece orchestra will furnish the real hot dance numbers as well as polkas. All who have danced to this music know that the boys play some peppy music. Those who have never heard this orchestra play would do well to come to our dance and treat themselves to good music.

Since dancing makes one hungry and thirsty, we will serve a light lunch and beer. And folks, here is real news. You get all this for 50 cents. Tickets may be secured from any one of our members. So reserve Saturday night, February, for a good time.

Vice-president Millie Erickson called together a special meeting in order to complete last minute details. This meeting will be held at the home of Margaret Smole, 4683 Franklin St., on Sunday, January 30, commencing at 2:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present. A nice attendance greeted us at the last meeting, and we hope that the members will continue to co-operate as splendidly.

Assessments may be paid at my home, 5181 Clarkson St., at any time. Oh yes, don't forget to come to our dance on February 5. Place? Slovene Hall, 4464 Washington St.

Chas. H. Chitwood, Sec'y.

BRIEFS

Observing its seventh anniversary on Saturday, January 29, are the active Center Ramblers, lodge No. 221, SSCU of Center, Pa. They will present a dance at Smith's Hall to which the public is invited.

Three SSCU members from Center, Pa., who attended the road builders show in Cleveland last week, stopped at the Nova Doba office to extend their compliments. They are: Paul J. Oblock, second supreme vice president, SSCU and his wife, Mrs. Mary Oblock, and Josephine Oblock, former secretary of Center Ramblers lodge, No. 221.

Auditing the books and inspecting the records of SSCU supreme trustees of our Union, who this week are expected to complete the regular January semi-annual audit. On Monday, January 31, all the supreme officers will assemble at the home office in Ely, Minn. to commence the annual meeting.

Colorado Sunshine lodge No. 201, SSCU of Denver, Colo. will observe its anniversary with a dance on Saturday, February 5, to be held in the Slovene Hall, 4464 Washington St. Members of our Union and their friends from Denver and neighboring cities are cordially invited to attend the festivities which will be headed by Tezak and his seven-piece orchestra.

Lodge No. 149, SSCU of Canonsburg, Pa. will hold a dance on January 29 at the "Pojstojnska jama" lodge's hall.

Ladies lodge, No. 230, SSCU Chisholm, Minn. will hold a dance next Saturday, January 29, at Mahne's Hall.

"Not triplets! not twins!" but — a singleton." So read a postal card received in last Monday's mail announcing the birth of Stanley James Progar on Sunday, January 16, at 2:20 a. m., weighing seven- and one-half pounds. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Progar of Springdale, Pa. Stan senior is a regular contributor to the English section of Nova Doba, writing under the heading of "Sport Flashbacks" and "Electrons, Spark 'N' Flashes." He is also president of Electrons lodge, No. 228, SSCU.

Cleveland SSCU Geo. Washington lodge basketball team lost another game by a margin of one point, on Wednesday, January 19, to the Spartans, SSPZ. Final score was 20 to 19. The G. W.'s play the Serbs on February 2, in the regular Inter-Lodge League series.

The model of the new six- million dollar Main Avenue Bridge to be erected in Cleveland will be displayed at the Cuyahoga County Court House. County Commissioners are expected to approve the display in order that the public may get a physical picture of the bridge and its approaches. It also will aid in determining many engineering problems. The model is 20 feet long and six feet deep with a painted backdrop of Lake Erie and shows the location of every building and

Ramblers Celebrate 7th Anniversary

Center, Pa. — Just a few more days left before the Center Ramblers celebrate their seventh anniversary with a dance to take place Saturday, January 29, at Smith's hall.

We can hardly wait much longer before we gather to make merry with all the SSCU members and their friends at this great celebration. I know that all the members on the committee will be on hand and they are going to try very hard to see that all guests will be taken care of. By the way, Claridge, do you know that the girls will have delicious and appetizing "kranjske klobase" ready for serving? All they need is some genuine hungry appetites. And speak of refreshments! Why the Ramblers are willing to stake their reputation on the choice beer and sparkling bubbles to match. Claridge made a request for "kranjske klobase", to be served at the Ramblers' anniversary dance. Here we are, complying with your request Claridge. Better come to our dance!

A surprise will follow the big seventh anniversary dance. Members and friends are asked to watch the Nova Doba closely as it will appear in a later edition.

A word to the Center Ramblers' girls. How about a bigger turnout at the bowling alleys. What is wrong with the girls' bowling team. Let's get together and start the ball rolling again. If we are only beginners, what's the difference. We can still learn. The national SSCU duckpin tournament will take place soon and certainly we want a few girls' teams to represent the Center Ramblers lodge No. 221. I see where the Ramblers men are quite active. Keep it up, boys.

Once again, may this be a last reminder to be present at the greatest celebration in conjunction with our Union's 40th anniversary and the Ramblers' 7th anniversary, on Saturday, January 29. Calling all cars, Claridge, Cheswick, Electrons, Pittsburghers. Universal and the neighboring lodges. Members and friends are welcome.

In conclusion, I wish to announce that due to the supreme board meeting which commences on January 31, in Ely, Minnesota, I will be unable to attend the Ramblers' dance, much as I would like to. It is my duty as a supreme official to attend the supreme board meeting. However, I have appointed Jennie Mozina and my wife to act in my place as co-chairmen. I am confident that the dance will be a huge success, and I hope that the members will respond with an equal degree of enthusiasm to the persons acting in my place. The members can be assured that my thoughts on Saturday, January 29, will be with them, although I shall be many miles removed.

Paul J. Oblock,
Pres., No. 221, SSCU

The Last Straw
"I don't mind washing the dishes for you," wailed the henpecked husband. "I don't object to sweeping, dusting or mopping the floors, but I'll be damned if I'm gonna run ribbons through my nightgown just to fool the baby."

Northern Florida at Ely



By LITTLE STAN
Ely, Minn. — King Borealis II — the grand old sage who presides over winter fun and festivity each year smiled on this little northern city during the past ten days, bringing a sunshine and warm balm, plus a little snow which in Little Stan's humble opinion far surpasses that much talked of weather of Florida or California. Only question is how long will this spell last!

This weather has brought much fun and inspiration to people here, and as a result Ely's plans for the celebration of the annual "Snow Jubilee," scheduled for Feb. 25 through the 27th, are rapidly taking shape. Sponsored by the local civic organizations, with the co-operation of all fraternal and social bodies, the event is marked for greater success than ever before.

Heavy snows, tempered to a degree of softness, have fallen, — ideal for the kiddies who love to throw snowballs, make Eskimo huts and snowmen. Ideal also for skaters, skiers, and tobogganers. It's the thrill of winter recreation!

John Smreker is chairman of the local committee in charge of plans and preparations. He is being assisted by a committee composed of over 100 persons.

Winter glamour will predominate tentative plans indicate. These, however, lack the stamp of approval, but include a grand parade featuring band organizations, torchlights, hundreds of people in snake dance ensemble, winter floats, and the like.

Ely Bobcats hockey team, composed for the most part of young Slovene boys, will battle for the Vermillion Range Hockey title; and youngsters will vie for skating honors. A jubilee queen will be selected to reign over the festivity. Then to the ski-slide where jumpers from the entire northwest will thrill the crowds in events.

The skiers will create a sensation with the Shooting Star event — which headlines three riders who will come down the slide at the same time! Other contests will come to the fore. Broomball games on the skating rink, a bit of curling followed by fancy skating. Little Albert is adept in this art.

Down town, young boy scouts will construct coffee huts out of snow; one street will be roped off for tobogganing. And dog races will be held. Another proposed feature will be a diamond ball game played on snowshoes!

In the Washington school auditorium dancers will play the featured part in two dances to be held on a Friday and Saturday. The first is expected to be a "Lumberjack" dance, so termed because guests can attend in the roughest of clothing, snowsuits, and what-have-you. Masks will be tendered at the door. Next day the Grand Jubilee Ball will headline the entertainment for dancers. An attempt is being made to secure roller-skaters for the floor show. The Big Apple trend may take a featured spot. Special Big Apple instructors will be invited to lead,

and you can be sure these events will be successful — midst snowballs, novelties and fun.

King Borealis personally wired Little Stan this week to the effect that he will again smile down on his people Feb. 25-27, so the weather will again be ideal — watch this column for further plans, and keep your eyes peeled on ELY'S SNOWBALL JUBILEE... Local Slovene lodges are expected to take a prominent part.

Supreme Board

Next week, the supreme board of the SSCU will begin the semi-annual meeting in the home office. Their visit will be thoroughly enjoyed, especially if this beautiful weather keeps up. Highlight of the meeting is expected to be formulation of plans to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the SSCU this year. A year of commemoration, which means 100 per cent co-operation of members in the SSCU!

National Juvenile Publicity Committee

In the middle of Little Stan's ravings of the wonderful winter fun fest, there must be a pause for a little announcement.

Heading the national juvenile publicity committee of the SSCU for the month of FEBRUARY are Josephine Mausar, Denver; Isabella Arch, Pittsburgh; Otto Peternel, Wyoming; Louis Ambrozich, Chisholm; Joseph Rudolf, Cleveland; Anton Hren, Indianapolis; and Frances Musich, Joliet. LET'S

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Pittsburghers Re-Organize

Pittsburgh, Pa. — At a special meeting held Sunday, January 16, there was held in Pittsburgh a grand and noteworthy event, that is, the reorganization of the Pittsburgher lodge. It had seemed for some time past, that it was almost inevitable that the Pittsburgher lodge must disband, a very sorry plight, indeed, however, a vigorous appeal by your secretary brought out a large turnout of the members. Now when meetings are well attended much can be accomplished, and this is exactly what took place at the above mentioned meeting. After some deliberation it was decided that Pittsburgher lodge must carry on. Then followed the election of officers, a few necessary changes in the local by-laws. For the benefit of the very few members who were not in attendance at the meeting, I wish to state that our meeting date has been changed from the second Friday to the fourth Sunday at 7:00 p. m.

After these arrangements were made, the members approved a series of non-profit social get-togethers, the first of which took place Sunday, January 23 at the bowling alleys of the Slovene Hall. I now wish to make an urgent request that all members attend all meetings as well as they did last Sunday, and please be prompt with your assessments to the secretary. Let us show the other lodges that this reorganization was not just a "flash in the pan."

L. P. Boberg
Pres., No. 196, SSCU

"As A Secretary Sees It"

Blawnox, Pa. — Of one thing we are all certain — we want to believe in our honesty, integrity; that we are above reproach. When our character references are scrutinized, among labels conspicuous for their absence, is the much despised label of dishonesty; such is the one we all adopt... But is this trait after all? Upon close scrutiny will your character appear clear and entirely devoid of any shady element? Without employing even the smallest "white lies," can you boast of the absence of all minor as well as larger infringements? Do you accept in good faith and honor this test, as their rightful obligation to society in general... A man clothed in complete honesty need not fear anything in this world, and have a reputation that is as good as gold...

Honesty Is the Best Policy
Perhaps it is appropriate to commend Frank Kodolja, Jr. for his contribution for its merit. "Finders keepers, losers weepers" was unable to cope with "Honesty is the best policy" and in returning lost articles to our juvenile member from

St. Louis, Mo., was not only to receive a monetary reward, but also a reward of knowledge that someone else knew him to be the proud possessor of a clean and unstained character of absolute honesty... Personal ability in any line of work may be overshadowed by the lack of that vitally important characteristic — leading to your complete failure... Can you overcome it?... Can you proclaim to the world that "Honesty is the best policy" and that policy alone guides you in your every endeavor?... Can you hold that course, even at the sign of the least temptation... Many a fall, and a fall to depths below the level of fair play and decency have been made because of the absence of Honesty. Some can be rectified to give one a new and clean start, but others and the major part of them, cannot... Will you allow yourself to drop to those depths... Let's hope not...

In fraternal work, it is generally recognized that such policies are non-existent. But there are exceptions to every rule. Now and then the temptation is too great. The feeling of "I can get away with it" rules him... Take stock of yourself. If that be your case, get a better understanding with yourself. No such policy can be done without de-

Lodge No. 54

Hibbing, Minn. — Members of St. Francis lodge, No. 54, SSCU are hereby requested to attend the lodge dance which will be held Saturday, February 12. The dance will be held in the Sons of Italy hall on Howard St., commencing at 8 p. m., and terminating at midnight. Admission shall be 25 cents for each person.

All members of our lodge as well as members of other fraternals, and friends are cordially invited to attend this dance. Frank Smoltz orchestra will furnish the music. Miss Julia Baraga will sing several Slovene songs.

Stanley Fink, Pres.

Obliging

Fat Man (in a movie to little boy sitting behind him) — "Can't you see, little fellow?" Little Fellow — "Not a thing." Fat man — "Then keep your eye on me and laugh when I do."

Surprise

"Who was that pretty little thing I saw you with last night?" "Will you promise not to tell my wife?" "Surely, I promise." "Well, it was my wife."

fection. Respect for one is lost when such conditions rule him. Let this be not your case. Even the most "intelligent" of the outside of the law performers are detected. Save your self-respect while the opportunity is yours... F. J. Progar

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