

The Society shall insure to its members personal freedom of religious, philosophical, ethical and political creeds.

Declaration of Principles, SNPJ By-Laws.

PROSVETA

ENGLISH SECTION

FOR MEMBERS OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY AND AMERICAN SLOVENCES

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Ben. Franklin, Motto to Historical Review

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board

The Supreme Board of the Slovene National Benefit Society convened at Society's headquarters on Thursday, February 4, 1932, and continued its sessions on the 5th and 6th. All Board members were present.

The officers made regular reports on the work of their respective duties and on business transacted in the Society's various departments.

The Society, like all other economic institutions, has been affected by unemployment and had economic conditions that are prevailing throughout the country; however, it has not sustained any great losses, as reports of officers indicate. They do report a slight decrease in membership, which, on account of the inability of a large number of members to pay their dues, was to be expected. At the same time they denote a comparatively fair increase in the assets of the Society.

Because of economic depression and inability of municipalities and other concerns, where the Society's money is invested, to meet their obligations promptly, our revenue for the past year was somewhat diminished, but the resources, as a whole, were not dangerously impaired and the general condition of the Society is good.

Reports of the officers on the condition of the Society comprise the following statement:

December 31, 1931	Members	Assets
Adult Class	42,316	\$4,490,515.42
Juvenile Class	17,270	417,478.84
Minor's Trust		179,799.63
Publishing Department		17,267.14
Printing Department		86,793.57
Total	59,586	\$5,181,854.30

Immediately after the reports of the officers were heard, deliberation on their comments and recommendations followed, and each of them was disposed of separately.

On recommendations concerning the Juvenile Department three very important resolutions were adopted, namely:

1. The Supreme Board, after first thoroughly discussing the economic conditions existing everywhere that our lodges are located, for some time, and realizing the serious effect they have on our members and causing many to be unable to pay their assessments regularly; and after examining the resources of our Juvenile Department and satisfying itself that by omission of a few assessments its solvency would not be imperiled, therefore, it is hereby ordered that regular assessments to the Juvenile department be suspended for the months of March, April and May, 1932.

2. For the same reasons as above, it is hereby resolved, that Section 6 of the Juvenile By-Laws be and is hereby amended, so that the last two sentences of that section will read as follows:

"All members of the Juvenile Class who have attained the age of sixteen years, and who are unable to pay regular assessments in the Adult Class, may retain their membership in the Juvenile Class until the age of eighteen, and pay their assessments as prescribed by the scale for juvenile members for the age of sixteen years. This change of Juvenile By-Laws shall become effective on February 1, 1932.

3. For the same economic reasons it is further resolved, that those juvenile members, whose parents or responsible persons are unable to pay their assessments, may become passive members, and that with the beginning of such passiveness their insurance be cancelled, and any and all benefits, provided for juvenile members by the Society, be suspended.

In regards to recommendation on bank accounts on which the officers reported to be having difficulties lately, with surety companies and in getting surety bonds because of financial depression, the action of the Administrative Committee depositing the Society's funds in several apparently strong banks was, favorably commented upon. In connection with this a motion was passed, providing that surety bonds for protection of Society's funds should be secured wherever possible and on reasonable terms obtainable.

There was an extensive deliberation on the problem of future investments. The financial situation and its possibilities in the near future were discussed from all angles and, finally, a motion was adopted, providing, that at least half of the investments that will be made in the current year, shall be in Liberty Bonds and other U. S. government securities that can be obtained below par, and that no bonds of communities having less than a 13,000 population shall be considered.

Some applications of members for loans on their real estate were also approved.

Report of a special committee elected by the Supreme Board to examine petitions and the appeals from the decision of the Supreme Trial Committee followed. After hearing the report on findings and recommendations by that committee, on each case separately, the matter was formally disposed of.

Report of the Campaign Committee on the results of its work during the last campaign was read and, after due consideration, accepted.

The committee on athletics, elected by the Supreme Board at its July meeting and consisting of brothers Olip and Lokar, made the following reports:

Br. Olip:—I attended two meetings since my election. I found that only a few local lodges are participating in the activities arranged by the National Athletic Board. There seems to be much discord between the lodges, mostly because of personal grudges against some members. I was elected, primarily, as an observer for the Supreme Board, but soon compelled to be an advisor. As such I have recommended a complete reorganization of our athletics. They seem to be in accord with me on that, and in favor of district federations and contests within their circuits, whereby transportation expenses can be greatly diminished. By present arrangement the majority of the lodges receive no benefit of the money allotted for athletics by the Supreme Board. According to the proposed plan each district would have prizes. The election of officers into local and national boards and all transactions of business between them could be carried on by mail. All members of local lodges, which lodges are active in athletics, could have a vote in the election and management. Delegates would be eliminated and with them the nonessential expenses and many unpleasant disagreements. While my recommendations had general approval, very little or nothing has been done to accomplish anything in the matter. Questionnaires have been sent to various lodges—what the answers and results were I don't know yet. I urge that the Supreme Board approve this plan. If put in practice a better understanding and more cooperation will be the result. This seems to be the only way out of the present chaos.—As to the National Athletic Board the

(Continued in the last column.)

Here and There With Comrades

Cleveland.—One date that all Comrade members should leave open, is that on March 15. On that day our regular monthly meeting will be on.

Lack of interest on the part of the members in the past months, has greatly decreased the attendance at our meetings. In order to revive that old get-together spirit of our members, the entertainment committee has arranged various attractions for the coming meetings.

Judge Silbert to Speak
One of the first items on the committee's varied program is the appearance of the Hon. Judge Samuel Silbert. Three years ago, the Hon. Judge related his experiences in the divorce courts. At that meeting the attendance of the Comrade members was almost perfect. Since then we have had the pleasure of hearing other well known speakers.

And so again, on Tuesday evening, March 15, we will have the opportunity of again having with us the Hon. Judge Silbert. On his last appearance, Judge Silbert related many tragic incidents that he had to cope with while on the divorce court bench. This time, Judge Silbert will tell the humorous side of the "Human Nature as I Saw it in the Divorce Court."

The Hon. Judge Silbert has the reputation of being the ablest, and most efficient beside being the most humane judge on the bench.

Comrade Dramatic Players Score
Again

Again, the Comrades scored in the field of local dramatics. Under the versatile directorship of our former pres., John Alich, the Comrades presented a one act comedy "Double Crossed," on the program for the SNPJ Unemployed Fund. Their little skit was well received and roundly applauded by the many people attending. At the dance held in the evening, a corner of the hall was occupied by our bridge friends, while many other members danced to the rhythmic music offered by Bob Teakuts' orchestra.

Former Playlet Repeated Twice

The hit of our fifth anniversary program, a three act comedy "Father Goes South," was in great demand by various performances held here. The act appeared on the Cleveland Journal Unemployment show and was again staged at a show for the unemployed at the Willson Jr. High School.

With Our Athletes

In the athletic field the Comrades are faring nicely. Our boys' basketball team is right in the running, in the Inter Lodge league, as they are holding second place. In their last game they met a reversal at the hands of their arch rivals, the Loyalties. The latter is tied for the first place and boast two victories over the Comrades.

In the first tussle the Loyalties won out in an overtime period. The second game found the Comrades grabbing an early lead, only to have the Loyalties stage a thrilling last

quarter rally which netted them victory.

The bowlers are falling into tough luck, dropping close games. They have, however, made it known that they have to be reckoned with, for they took the league leading Spartans into camp for a two game win.

The girl basketballers are perched in fourth place in the Inter Frat circuit. A weak scoring offense is the girls' chief handicap for first division laurels. But they are doing nicely having won many of their exhibition games.

Again, don't forget our meeting March 15. Our big attraction, Judge Samuel Silbert will honor us with another of his pleasing talks.

Joe Jarc, Pres. Comrades.

STRUGGLERS

By Lindy

Cleveland, O.—The Slovene metropolis is patiently waiting to attend the Biggest SNPJ spectacle of all time.

We may easily say that April 16 and 17 will go down in history as a record breaking event. The demand for advance seats and tickets clearly shows that the Slovene Home on Waterloo rd. will be jammed and if you don't be one of the lucky ones to hold a ticket, don't blame us. All special arrangements are underway to accommodate this record crowd.

Dancing, hall game, concert, one-act play, radio stars, Strugglers' 9 pc. orchestra, banquet, and "Quacks' car." Bros. and Sisters from all over the country are coming. If you or your lodge plans to come, please inform us as to time, date and how many are coming. The committee says this event will surpass all others. We won't fail to miss any leading event. Souvenirs given free.

"What Price Coal?"

Florence Yerzy, active treasurer of the Strugglers, is the chief manager of the cast that will produce that heart-breaking 1-act drama, "What Price Coal?" The play deals with the present day conditions and what first produced by the Pioneers of Chicago, received high praise.

Last week-end we had the pleasure of "chaperoning" our active and well liked Bro. Donald Lotrich, former Pres. and now Sec'y. of the Pioneers, who addressed a large crowd that attended the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Concert and Dance. We sure hope that Bro. Lotrich gathers up a bunch of his famous Pioneers and again becomes our guest on April 16-17. Thanks to every one that helped make this relief affair a success. The biggest thanks should go to Bro. Terblan, Rec. Sec'y. of the Federation, whose work spelled success for the needy.

Mighty Sveteks

Still on a steady rampage and resting in first place by six full games the Sveteks Strugglers are leading the pack of Interlodge bowlers. Sunday they set back their rival contenders for two games and as Cleveland

6th.

Picking up the Prosveta for the past few weeks we find in each addition more and more anniversary affairs, dances, etc., until now the Silver Stars, if they wish to reciprocate, they will have to get mighty busy. This Saturday the Silver Stars are going to Library, Pa. And what a time is promised. On May 28 the Revelers are going to hold their 2nd Anniversary. A whole of a time is promised by the Revelers. May 14 the Torch of Liberty will go to the top again with their dance. The Trail Blazers of Meadowlands will have to be paid with a visit yet. Other worthwhile affairs are Excelsiors, Harnmarville, Moon Run and others.

By the way, if you were at the Federation meeting in Hermine on Feb. 28, you no doubt have heard the buzzing going around the room. Don't tell anyone but it was those 4-fleas. Both the Silver Stars and Keystoneans are now represented in this "flea fraternity" after going through a very severe initiation.

April 16-17 is going to witness the gathering of Quacks in Strugglerville. Yep, that's where they're going to get together to Quack leader than ever and put their heads together to capture that missing Corp. Car, that is, if it is not captured by them.

6th.

The passing of week Feb. 21 to 28 witnessed an achievement for the Silver Stars. The fact we're speaking of is that the basketball team won five straight games then they toppled over in their next two. Starting with a bad start at the beginning of the season the Silver Stars have jumped up. To date they have won eight games and lost eight. With five more games with the Harnmarville Ramblers and possibly a few with Verona, the locals will then call it quit. It may already be said that they had a very successful season due to the fact that only two players ever played basketball before.

The Ramblers will be met on Mar. 6th.

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Herman Preseren.

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Bacons Highlights

Cleveland, Ohio.—There'll be music in the air, says John Baumbich, director of the Beacons' Melody Pilots, when they let loose on April 2 with some of their well-known torrid musical gems for the benefit of those who delight in kicking their "dogs" around. Preliminary to that, a card-party will be held with many beautiful prizes to be battled for.

"Ooh, that kiss" is what we're expecting to hear from various individuals at the Loyalties' Kiss Dance this Saturday, March 12. Don't disappoint us, Loyalties, for we're coming for the real thing. Get in line early, you male specimens of humanity, and don't crowd; and above all, keep an eye on "Blondy."

The great work of the Strugglers' committee, who are undertaking to bring about a program of such gigantic nature—the biggest affair ever held by any E. S. lodge, should be commented on. We can truthfully say, that here is an event that will live in your memory for years to come; so remember to keep in step with the Strugglers on April 16 and 17.

Last week, a carload of Beacons helter-skeltered over to Akron, visiting the Zippers. What! Again? It looks sort of suspicious to us, so we're sleuthing around a bit trying to find out just what the attraction is. Another jaunt took us to the Strugglers' meeting where we spent a pleasant evening.

We also wish to mention that at their last meeting, the Beacons approved the initiative that is being sponsored by Lodge 393.

And so, the parting shot.—Marriage is a partnership—but with one acting as the silent partner. That's why we need some one who will lead the movement for male suffrage and a supporter of Home Rule for men.

John Ayank.

"Daily Bread"

Chicago.—A vivid scene of an "average American family" in pursuit of their daily bread, presented by the English Division of Branch No. 1, JSP, will be included in the varied program, sponsored by the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ, to be presented March 27, at the SNPJ Auditorium for the benefit of the unemployed, needy Slovene people of the Chicago District.

It is altogether fitting and proper that a play of this kind be enacted at this time, for it is genuine in its portrayal of present existing conditions of unemployment. Without any doubt this one-act play will please and entertain you, for your sympathy and admiration will be instantly won by the Irish mother, whose staunch character is irreproachable.

Attend this affair and do your bit in helping other families secure their "daily bread."

Pub. Com.

Silver Stars No. 729

Yukon, Pa.—February 28 has passed and with it the organization meeting of a Westmoreland County Federation also. At this meeting the English speaking lodges joined but as to the Slovene lodges, well, they will let us know on our next meeting—Apr. 3rd. The Slovenes were sure represented by many lodges and it is our firm belief that these senior lodges will be with us and cooperate as well. We thank the Western Pa. Federation visitors for attending our meeting and again we must thank John Kutch and his Pioneers for attending. Welcome is extended to you at all our next meeting. John Kutch, put up some fine speeches as did Radoyich, Previc, Kosela and Kumer.

Not long ago the Pittsburgh Coal Co. lead the mines around this vicinity in cutting wages. Following them other coal companies began cutting until at the present the miners receive 37c per ton for loading and 56c pick coal. The day worker receives about \$2.75 to \$3.25 per day; the motormen \$4.90; snappers \$4.76; roadmen \$4.60; conveyor loaders receive 30c per ton. Coal mines work at an average of 2 to 3 days per week out of our locality, but here the mine only works one day per week. Can a man make a living? I guess not; he is slowly starving to death.

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NOT GUILTY

A Defense of the Bottom Dog

By Robert Blatchford

As I have dealt with this argument in my chapter on self-control I need not go over the ground again. But I may say that we should teach a child that some things are right and some are wrong and why they are right and why they are wrong; and that he is not to blame others because they either do not know any better, or are unable to do any better, and we should teach him that one learns to be good as one learns to write or to swim, and that the harder one tries the better one succeeds. And we should feel quite sure that the child would be just as good as his heredity and our training made him; and as for his coming to the gallow, if all children were taught on our system there would be no gallow to come to, and very few looking for that sacred instrument, the sight of which convinced Gulliver that he was "once more in a Christian country."

Is it necessary for me to answer the charge of presumption brought against me by Dr. Aked? Dr. Aked says I am presumptuous because I deny the belief of great and holy men of past ages. He says that the agreement of Chayne and Perowne in praise of the fifty-first Psalm is typical of the world's consensus of opinion. And this Psalm is the cry of a broken heart for deliverance from sin. Dr. Aked goes on as follows:

To-day we are asked to believe that all this is a delusion. We are told that man could not and cannot sin against God. We are invited to believe that the men of every age and nation whose hearts have bled in sorrow over accomplished sin, who have cried in anguish of soul for deliverance from the body of this death, whose joy in the realization of divine forgiveness has flowed in strains of immortal joy over countless generations, were ignorant and foolish persons, inventing their sufferings and imagining their solace, and needing some journalist of the twentieth-century to teach them that no man could really sin against God! We are, apparently, expected to believe that the author of this Psalm and the author of the "second Isaiah," that Paul and Augustine, the author of "Thomas A' Kempis," and John Bunyan, knew nothing of psychology and nothing of divinity, that they never understood their own experience, and, though they have interpreted humanity to uncounted millions of the children of men, yet lived and died in gross ignorance of the workings of the human heart.

The proposition is not modest. That any man should be found, however, flippantly, to advance it is marvelous. That any human being should be found to accept it seriously is incredible.

Dr. Aked's argument amounts to a claim that we should believe in Free Will because most men believe in it, because many good and great men have believed in it.

But many millions of men have believed in a material hell. In which Dr. Aked does not believe. Many good and great men have believed in a material hell, and millions of men (some of them good and clever) still believe in a material hell. And Dr. Aked does not believe in it.

And when the doctrine of hell-fire was first assailed, what did the Dr. Akeds of the time declare? That without the fear of hell men would be wicked, and would do wrong in defiance of God; and that the theory that there was no hell of fire was "incredible."

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same shall function until the organization of districts is completed, whereupon election by districts, supervised by representatives of the Supreme Board shall follow.

Br. Lokar:—I was accorded the same mission as Br. Olip, and am of the same opinion in regard to athletics. Because of the great distance and the big expenses that would be incurred I did not attend athletic board meetings. All lodges shall participate in benefits intended for athletics. Our activities in Cleveland are independent and much more successful since we are not affiliated with the National Athletic Board. We receive no support from the national quarters, but advertise the Society just the same, every place we go—Districts shall be independent. There are six English speaking lodges in Cleveland, and we can have our own district.—Contests between distant lodges are commendable; athletes traveling long distances, become tired and are unable to compete with those who are at home and well rested. The Supreme Board shall direct the organizations of athletics by districts, and each district shall have its own committee, supervised by the Supreme Board.

A general discussion followed these reports. A motion providing that the Supreme Board adopt the plan for reorganization of SNPJ athletics, as recommended by Bros. Olip and Lokar, was passed.

By adoption of a motion a transfer of funds to the amount of \$3,000 from SNPJ Printery to Prosveta was authorized.

In connection with a proposal for revision of the by-laws it was decided that various committees of the Supreme Board prepare recommendations for changes in their respective departments, and submit the same at the next annual meeting of the Supreme Board for consideration.

A motion was also passed directing the Supreme Secretary to send out questionnaires to get information from local lodges for preparation of statistical data to determine the real reason for the large number of lapses.

Interpretation of by-laws.—Question arose if grievances of passive members may be honored. The by-laws are indefinite on that. The chair ruled that grievances involving disputes that occurred during the active membership of a passive member and not already disposed of by Society's tribunals and not too old, may be given recognition.

On the question of an alleged right of a survived brother, who was named beneficiary in the death insurance of a deceased member, to his sick benefit, it was ruled as negative. Sick benefit—although an insurance in a sense—is, in its very essence, nothing but a mutual aid, provided for the sick members and their own benefit only, and must always be considered as such. It is not a death benefit nor an estate, and a brother has no rightful claim to it,—neither as a beneficiary on the certificate of death insurance nor as a relative and legal heir of the estate of the deceased member.

A motion was also passed authorizing the members of the Supreme Board, residing in Chicago and in the vicinity of headquarters, to approve the unread part of the minutes of this session.

With this all matters that came before the Supreme Board properly, were considered and disposed of, and the meeting was adjourned.

The Reveliers' Column

Ambridge, Pa.—Wonder why folks have such delicate feelings? A few words, that (though they be true), are somewhat rough on the ears, hurt. If their source is purely malicious then you've got the right to go after your opponent. On the other hand should they be in the form of criticism, take it with a grin. Don't crawl back into your hole in fear because others don't agree. Chin it out if you're on the right track; but if in the wrong aspect; whatever comes and profit thereby. Candid remarks at times are embarrassing, yet candidness and understanding is what will always be best in the long run. People with sensitive feelings should stay in the background. Persons in positions of leadership, however small, are targets for criticism—criticism which often is unjust and hard to take.

Too many members are just plain thinkers when it comes to doing committee work in lodge matters. Take it from one who has gone through the mill, the work is 11 times a pain in the neck, bothersome, takes up time and all that sort of things. But committees must function, the lodge must progress and though many refuse to volunteer services assistance must be had. Then again there are happy associations, experiences to be gained, and that feeling of having done one's share is pleasant to experience.

It's silly—that idea of a chalk line existing between the Slovene speaking and English speaking lodges. They each have a mutual fraternal end in view. Results speak louder than words as to the value of having English Speaking lodges within the organization. In activities, particularly in social and athletic matters, there is a difference, but these activities are benefit to the Society. To argue that youth is becoming too damned independent is silly. Even youth must live as human beings.

and as such are entitled to have opinions with right to express them insofar as such views concern the Society. As for being outspoken on many subjects, it need not worry anybody. Frankness can be considered a virtue, for it is much easier to correct a person who makes his thoughts known than one who hides them. Concerning the relationship between the two units of the society it can be said that it is both congenial and cooperative.

It's lousy, I mean these prolonged payless vacations. Aside from other details, it must irk the Ambridge boys not to be able to frolic around lodge socials as frequently as they did two years ago. Used to be a time when the Reveliers couldn't stay at home on the week-ends if some lodge had something going on. Considering things it's commendable to know that a great many affairs were attended by Reveliers. Needless to say it is to be hoped that when times improve there will be much heard from the Reveliers. There has been no cooling of enthusiasm in this Ambridge lodge and none is expected.

At the recent conference of the Westmoreland Co. Federation at Hermine on Feb. 28 there were five delegates and other members of the Western Penna. E. S. Federation present. The delegation consisted of Frank Strimlan, Henry Previc, Wm. Radojeich, Louis Kosela and Max Kumer. John Kutich and Frank Miklavich also attended. Omitting reference to the conference itself, it would be appropriate to mention of the hospitable treatment accorded to Strings Strimlan, Miklavich and myself. The dinner prepared in Pittsburgh by Mrs. Miklavich was enjoyed. The meal given by Mrs. Elias in Hermine after the meeting to the trio, with Jack Prejza in the company, went to the right spot. The return to Pittsburgh ended, the trio were kindly received in the home of Frank Kress.—Louis Kosela.

The Pioneer Dance Committee arranging this basketball Rally and Dance will meet next Monday. Only a couple of weeks remain so we must have every committeeman present and the ladies too. We already have the music and the place but we must advertise and sell tickets. We have always said that the advance sale of tickets serves as barometer of success.

And do you know what? On the following day, March 27, the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ will hold its Unemployment Benefit Program and Dance. Various interested organizations are assisting the Federation in preparing a worthwhile program so that the Young Americans of Detroit and the Mohawks of La Salle will be able to stay over after their games the night before and see how we do things in Chicago.

Keystone Shavings

Hermine, Pa.—Only two more weeks (March 26) and then, what a time will be had at the Keystone Pre-Easter dance. Many lodges have promised to attend. Hot music by a popular orchestra will give those who had been idle during the Lenten period a chance to get back in their old stride once again. Draw a circle around March 26 in your date-book or on your calendar, then you won't forget the Keystone's Pre-Easter dance.

The meeting of the Westmoreland Co. Federation drew quite a number of delegates from the majority of the SNPJ lodges of the county. Due to the fact that very little was done outside of going over the by-laws, another meeting will be held Sun., April 3, at the Slovene hall, Hermine. Representatives of the West Penn. Federation, namely, H. Previc, M. Kumer, F. Strimlan, F. Miklavich, Radojeich, and L. Kosela, gave a good account of their Federation with short, brief talks. J. Kutich gave a helping hand also. Thanks to you all.

Chief Kumer of the Disloyal Disorder of Fleas with a few Fleas talked F. Miklavich, F. Kolaha, W. Radojeich and the writer into the disloyal disorganization. More power to the Fleas. Now watch everybody scratch at these different lodge affairs!

Another month and the mush-ball season should be in full swing. Couldn't we have an SNPJ league in this section? What do you say, E. S. Lodges? Let's get organized! Fitz Henry SNPJ lodge are holding a dance, for the benefit of organizing an S. S. lodge. What do you say, let's give them a big hand and start them off on the right foot. Sat., April 23, those Ramblers are putting over a do-or-die affair. Don't let your spirit flag, be there and help your sister lodge out. How many lodges are going to attend? The Fleas will be there so bring your flit gun along. Then you're sure of a good time, with good music, spacious hall, a moonlight night along a beautiful river what could be sweeter?

The Home-Town Rag

Arma, Kans.—The Sunflower Fifth Anniversary Confetti Dance is going over with a bang! A considerable number of tickets have already been sold and present indications show that a record crowd will be in attendance. All arrangements have been completed and the committee is assured that everyone who attends will have a pleasant evening. Once again we give you the time and place of this grand event: March 16 at the ATA Hall in Arma, Kansas. The "Rhythmicians" will furnish the "Dancing Melodies" for this glorious occasion. The admission is 35c in advance and 50c at the door. Tickets may be obtained from any member on the Dance Committee, the secretary or from the "Four Soaks". Sunflowers, don't forget that you will be required to pay a special assessment into the lodge treasury if you fail to attend this dance. Do not forget to present your card at the door, or if you do not have a card, be sure and give your name at the door, otherwise you will be subject to the special assessment. The Sunflowers invite all of their friends and especially members from nearby SNPJ lodges to attend this Anniversary celebration. We would appreciate seeing a great number of Rangers present.

Friday, March 11, marks the date of the Sunflower regular meeting. Once again we urge all the Sunflowers to attend as there will be important business transacted. We note that the attendance at the last few meetings has not been as good as it should have been. Let's all attend the meeting March 11 and show that we are still interested in the lodge and that we still make up a big crowd.

We wish to compliment Sister Telban of the Rangers for the inspiring article which appeared in these columns last week. We admire the courageous attitude the Rangers are taking in the matter of overcoming their difficulties which they have experienced through the failure of the Cherokee National Bank. We wish them good luck and stand ready to assist them in any way possible.

We close with the anticipation of seeing a hundred or more Sunflowers present at the Fifth Anniversary Confetti Dance. We do not disappoint the dance committee by not turning out. The date is Wednesday, March 14, 9:30 p. m., at Arma, Kansas.

MOHAWKS

La Salle, Ill.—If the old saying still holds that "variety is the spice of life," then you are bound to be pleased with our program which we have arranged for the commemoration of our Sixth Anniversary, April 2 and 3. Athletic, socials, banquets, speakers and dramatic performance and dancing.

On April 2 a basketball meet is scheduled. While the Pioneers and Little Forts found the Mohawks easy picking last season a reversal of form is anticipated this year, since the sport club has to date been undefeated and promise a great show.

Following the game there will be a party at the Slovene Dom, where one will have the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The Jubilee Committee will make every effort to schedule a bowling match for Sunday morning.

Pleasant memories take us back a year to our Fifth Anniversary banquet which found most of the English Speaking Lodges in the middle-west in attendance. We well remember the words of Don Lotrich: "This, I believe, is one of the greatest gatherings of the E. S. L. I have ever witnessed." What a great spirit of good fellowship and gaiety prevailed. We hope to have a repetition of this take place at our Sixth Anniversary banquet.

Our evening program will get under way at 7 o'clock sharp. Supreme Sec'y Fred Vidler will top the speakers. Our record of presenting plays of repute will be greatly strengthened, when the "Yellow Shadow," a three act mystery comedy, full of thrills and laughter, with enough of heart absorbing pathos to satisfy the most ardent stage play followers.

There will be plenty of singing to satisfy anyone.

Dancing will follow in both halls.

All in all 3 days of gaiety and excitement is in store for all those present.

The monthly meeting will take place on March 14. All members are urged to attend so that we may discuss our Anniversary plans in full.

Chuck Novlan will furnish the music for dancing following the meeting.

On March 28 the Mohawks Sport Club will journey to Chicago to play the strong Pioneers at their Dance Rally. The bowling quintet will also accompany them.

Excelsiors

Now, member Excelsiors, don't fail to attend our next meeting on April 3. This is your chance to show your SNPJ spirit. Come prepared for an interesting discussion on the coming event. We need your assistance, suggestions, and help, to make all our social activities function properly.

The Excelsiors regret that they cannot appear at all the neighboring dances as it is beyond our power to control the present prosperity, which, no doubt, you know has hit us all. We expect in the near future to repay all our social visits from neighboring lodges.

Remember, members of SNPJ, if you are interested in having a merry, lively, and hospitable evening, mark your calendar for a visit to the Excelsiors' Dance on Saturday, April 9 at the Italian Hall, West Alliquippa, Pa.—Elizabeth Smrekar.

Loyalite News

Cleveland.—The Loyalites lost to the Trophy crafts 32 to 25 at our big carnival, March 1. The game was hard fought and provided plenty of entertainment. The Walsh flyers defeated the Sokols 19 to 9 in an easy victory. "Yarbo" boxed a well known named Streeter. The bout brought much laughter from the crowd and they had a fine time dancing to the music of Jackie Zere and his band.

We appreciate the help of members and friends who helped us dispose of tickets and by their presence at the games.

Don't forget the "Kiss" Dance, March 12, at the Slovenian Home at Holmes Ave. Music will be by Jackie Zere and will be from 8:00 till 1:00 the lucky kiss and have a lot of fun for 35c.

The Loyalites lost to the Progressives 23 to 19. It was simply a case of the boys not being "on" while their opponents were. Kuhn, Progressive center, played an amazing game, shooting from all quarters and making good shots that seemed literally impossible.

Shaboygan News

Shaboygan, Wis.—Well, folks, in case you missed our previous announcement, we wish to tell you again of "Jimmy, Be Careful" a comedy being presented by Lodge Moderns on March 13 at Fludernick's Hall at 7:30 p. m.

The members of the cast have worked hard to make the play a success. You will laugh at the love-making of Pietro, the Italian gardener, and Tilla, the Swedish maid. You will weep with Emille when she pleads for her love for Jim. You will hate Verna as much as she hates to hate herself when she finds that selfishness cannot be found through selfishness. You will feel sorry for poor heepekped Chris, and love boyish, happy-go-lucky Willie. As for the two gossiping sisters—well—hough and, come and see for yourself. You will want to know what Jim Fisher does with the land that Herb Clark palms off on him, Jimmy is warned "Be Careful!" But is he? You will find the answer, Sunday, March 13.

And don't forget, dancing after the play.

Members, don't forget our regular meeting March 15. Mr. and Mrs. John Suppanchick are on the entertainment committee for this month.

Universal Comets

Universal, Pa.—Neighboring SNPJ lodge members have another treat in store for them when they attend the Comets' Spring Dance at Universal on April 15. In accordance with the Comets' policy two big social functions are sponsored annually, and the Spring Dance is one of them; the other is the Halloween dance. To those who have previously attended a Comets' affair no mention is necessary of the jollity of the occasion. (They know.) To the uninitiated, however, heed this advice. Come to Universal and attend the Comets' dance at the Moose temple. All efforts are being made to assure everyone a delectable good time.

Lodge News Notes

OUR ANNIVERSARY

Moan Run, Pa.—The dance at the Summit Ballroom here on May 7 remains us of an important event, the Second Anniversary of the Musketeers SNPJ Lodge. From the very beginning our lodge has made wonderful advancement and as we celebrate our second anniversary, we reflect with pride on our continual fraternal cooperation and social successes.

We have as yet attempted nothing that we were unable to complete. We patronized our neighboring lodges and likewise received their patronage.

Two years is a short time to determine the success or downfall of any organization, but we can proudly say that we are very much on our feet in spite of the depression. We justly reflect on the past two years, knowing that we did all in our power to maintain the standards of the SNPJ lodges as a whole. We sincerely hope that we will be able to continue to do so. Happy birthday to our two year old Musketeers and may we all live to be a hundred.

SLAVIA'S ANNUAL DANCE

Chicago, Ill.—It won't harm anyone to hear a few words from lodge Slavia, No. 1, SNPJ, the nucleus of our organization. The lodge is doing well in spite of the hardships which obstruct the way of progress. Last year was rather an unfortunate one for Slavia, because six of its members passed away. This year also the lodge has tasted a bit of Hoover prosperity, on account of the bank failure. Of course, this could have been prevented had the lodge entrusted its money to some individual to keep it in his old mattress provided that there would have been no surprise party furnishing a new mattress and burning up the old one.

With all that in oblivion, Slavia is now awaiting the big event, i. e., its annual dance which is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, at the SNPJ hall. This time the admission fee will be such as to suit the pocketbook of everyone. (Prewar prices will prevail for refreshments. This is a splendid opportunity to spend an evening in company with your old friends. Members of Slavia, you are expected to come. Friends and members of other lodges are cordially invited. Come one, come all. Slavia will in return patronize your affairs. Don't forget the date, March 19, and come to the SNPJ hall.

ROCKY MOUNTAINERS

Rock Springs, Wyo.—All members of Lodge 595 are requested to please attend the meetings, if they possibly can. I am afraid that we are using "hard times" as an excuse for our tardiness in paying the dues. Brothers and Sisters, please remember that it is twice as hard to pay back dues as it is to pay promptly. Help us in putting over bigger and better meetings and we will help you.

ROCKY MOUNTAINERS

Denver, Colo.—Where are all the writers of the Rockies? Glad to hear that Sister Mary Gosar has fully recovered.

Golden Eagles

Girard, Ohio.—How the weeks are going by fast, and we're glad of it, just for two reasons: first, so we were told, that good times are just around the corner, second, don't get excited, listen, Golden Eagles' Fourth Anniversary Dance. The committee in charge are sure preparing to accommodate a large crowd.

For long years of striving and struggling to exit to the point where we can sponsor our tenth grand jubilee. So onward, Golden Eagles, onward, time will tell. Some day we will be able to celebrate as many anniversaries as some of our leading lodges of the SNPJ.

Notice, Golden Eagles, attend monthly meeting March 14. Very important business to transact and your presence is requested.

H. Previc, Wm. Radojeich and Frank Strimlan. Their visit being primarily one of friendship and cooperation. Their reports showed that they really were seeking friendship and cooperation and, if possible, a merger.

The delegates decided that we have a special meeting, which will take place on April 3, 1932 at the Slovene Home in Hermine, Pa., at 2 o'clock. Let's have a large turnout so that we may accomplish something and that we may start our work.

Through this medium, I wish to thank in behalf of our federation the SNPJ Keystoneans of Hermine who have volunteered for our convenience, changed the time of their regular lodge meeting. We wish to thank the Keystoneans for procuring the Slovene Home for us to convene free of charge. We thank all of you who are working hard and assisting our Federation so that it may be a success.

BUCKEYES

Barberton, Ohio.—Our monthly meetings are not very well attended. It seems that the same bunch is at every meeting and that is one fourth of us. Where are the other three-fourths on that evening? Come on, Buckeyes, show your spirit and let's cooperate with each other a little more. Show us that you are still one of us by attending our next meeting, April 1 (and no fooling).

Several of the Zippers attended our last meeting. We have appreciated your attendance very much, hope you'll come again. You may look for a few of us at your next meeting.

All is not definite yet, but all you neighboring Lodges please reserve June 12 for us. Look for particulars in ensuing issues of this paper.

ATTENTION, REDHEADS

La Salle, Ill.—A lot of girl members of the SNPJ in the middle-west were, no doubt, interested in Louis Kosela's column of the Reveliers, when he stated that the Reveliers would present two admission tickets to our Sixth Anniversary dance, April 2 and 3, to the best looking (till now) haired Slovene girl in this locality. The rules are as follows: You must send your picture to the Reveliers' Secretary or to Louis Kosela himself, by March 26, so that they may have plenty of time to send you your ticket. We feel confident that there are some red-headed beauties in the Middle-west, although we regret to say that we do not possess any in our order.

Joliet Hustlers, Stalwarts, Pioneers, have already signified their intention of being in La Salle April 2 and 3. Please notify: Lud. Vagrlic (Pub. Com.), 1839 Third St.

"A TERRIBLE EVENING"

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Loyalite Lodge 500 are going to give a Kiss Dance on March 12, 1932, and a Terrible Evening is assured to everyone who will come, and the Loyalites are hoping that Nobody will show up to make the dance a success.

The girls who at the last dance burned the winners and roasted the coffee, will do the same at the Kiss Dance, just to guarantee everyone a Rotten Time. And get this: All this Agency for a certain fixed sum—(Robber's Prices).

Nobody should come to this dance because the Loyalites have plenty of money in the treasury (about \$10.00) and the treasury has grown so rapidly within the last year that they feel themselves to be quite "well-to-do."

Those who always attend the Loyalite dances will surely not attend this one because they've always had an evening of misery when they did. As a result, this dance will be a great success if Nobody shows up. The orchestra will be on hand whether anyone comes or not.

Spirit-O-Grams

St. Louis, Mo.—The weekly bowling matches of Feb. 28 again resulted in Leo Kraus grabbing the limelight by bowling a three game total of 653 and by Leo virtually sewing up the honors for this year. With only two more matches remaining and with a lead of three games he seems to be the apparent winner of the beautiful trophy. One of the matches will be bowled by the time this article gets to press and the remaining match will be bowled on Sunday, March 13. In Leo's 653 series were games of 264 and 241. These games enabled him to win two games from Charles Kacin who also had a good day, but an unlucky one, his total being 516. Albert Kacin won all three games from Joe Gasparich who was completely off form.

The schedule of Sunday, March 13, being the last, will bring to a close the bowling season of the Spirits, providing that the Bowling tournament to be held within the next month will be held within a short distance of St. Louis. The Spirits are planning to send a team or at least a representative or two to this tournament. The schedule for the final week is as follows: Leo Kraus vs. Albert Kacin, and Joe Gasparich vs. Charles Kacin.

The standings and averages:

Name	W	L
Leo Kraus	15	6
Chas. Kacin	12	9
Albert Kacin	9	12
Joe Gasparich	6	15

Averages:

Leo Kraus	185
Chas. Kacin	163
Joe Gasparich	146
Albert Kacin	148

Integrity Week by Week

Chicago.—Fraternalism and cooperation is the keynote of practically every lodge in the SNPJ. This fraternalism and cooperation will be put to test this and the next month.

The existence of each and every individual lodge, depends exclusively upon the patronage of its neighboring lodges. Every lodge has and will always rely on this patronage. In fact the mere existence of the SNPJ depends on this patronage displayed in fraternalism and cooperation.

Some of the important dates in the Chicago area are as follows: March 26 given by the Gopher A & S; Ca April 2 given by Slovenian Dom Lodge 66. All plans and preparations to this dance are being handled by the ladies of the lodge. This Leap Year Dance is especially beneficial to the masculine sex in which the admission price is only 15c if he is accompanied by a girl, otherwise he must pay 35c. Several prizes also are to be given away at this dance. An unusual orchestra will play for this affair.

On April 3 the Mohawks are celebrating their Anniversary affair. They are offering the play "Yellow Shadow"—after reading the play I can hardly await the date in anticipation of a wonderful play.

April 10 brings the second Annual Concert sponsored by the Union of SNPJ Lodges. A great variety bill will be offered and due to popular request the original Hungry Five will again be featured.

FLASHES

The ten persons nominated at the last meeting must be examined before the Pioneer meeting on February 15. And those of you who have new candidates to nominate can also prepare them for this meeting. That will give us clear sailing onto the 600 goal. We have learned that Sister Anna Golob is the latest to be lining up prospects. Furthermore, that Dr. Zvertnik's and Bro. Beniger's little teams are ready to enter the Juvenile Department.

Excelsior News

W. Alliquippa, Pa.—Many lodges who are not doing well can attribute their failures to jealousy or disagreements. Let's not be indifferent or unreasonable. Get the true SNPJ spirit in yourself and enjoy attending every meeting. Take part in all activities, for it is only with the combined efforts of the officers and members that we can accomplish anything worthwhile. We have in our lodge capable officers, who are active, energetic, and always willing to help put over our social activities. Why not all show a little more interest and thereby prove that there is at least some SNPJ spirit in you!

The next social affair of the Excelsiors will be held April 9 at the Italian Hall, W. Alliquippa, Pa. We hope to be honored with the presence of a number of Reveliers, Musketeers, J. Z. Jr., Ramblers, Silver Stars, Jolly Jesters and many other friends not mentioned. For invitations have been extended to all neighboring lodges. We promise to all that attend a night that will be remembered for a long time and from past experience, you know, that our hospitality can not be exceeded. The Committee in charge are working hard to make this the liveliest, merriest and most hospitable affair ever held in W. Alliquippa, Pa. They have engaged Leo Zornik and his Orchestra, from Harmony, Pa., who guarantee that their music will be of the highest quality. The Committee in charge of the refreshments promise that they will be second to none.

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