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Question of Field Secretaries

EDITORIAL

A matter of greatest potential importance to the future growth of this Society has been under discussion at the past few meetings of the United Lodges of the SSPZ in Cleveland, namely, the question of field secretaries, or field organizers. It isn't an entirely new question with the SSPZ. Off and on, attempts have been made to get at the core of it, but due to a variety of reasons mainly of a financial character we never got very far.

Under the by-laws as they stand to-day, the Supreme Board actually possesses the power and the authority to act. It never acted, and the reason is very simple: no money in the particular fund which would have to assume the burden in such case. Then, there was also the uncertainty as to how to go about the whole matter—what should be the duties and responsibilities of a field secretary; should he take over some of the functions now part of lodge secretaries' work, and if so, which, etc. An abortive attempt to start the ball rolling was made some years ago in Cleveland, and that's where the matter rested since.

The new attempt which is being made now was undertaken at the express request of the last Supreme Board meeting. Cleveland, it thought, having the advantages of large membership in a comparatively small area, should evolve a plan and submit it to the 10th Regular Convention which will meet there in May of this year, in the hope of its approval, and then, try it out. If successful there, the Board would go ahead and appoint field secretaries in other districts, such as Western Pennsylvania, Chicago, and, possibly, others.

As far as Cleveland is concerned the job is done, or practically so. The United Lodges have formulated a plan which now goes before the Supreme Board for scrutiny and possible changes. That takes place at the meeting which will be held a week from now. The plan proposed by the United Lodges is as follows:

The Supreme Board shall appoint district field secretaries, giving first consideration to the applicants recommended by lodges of the respective districts. The field secretary shall devote all his time to work in behalf of the organization, and above all, to the increasing of membership in both the adult and juvenile departments. He shall be at the disposal of lodge secretaries with advice and information in regard to the improvement of administrative methods; he shall attend all lodge meetings in his district, and every three months he shall call a meeting of lodge secretaries and juvenile-group administrators, at which he shall give instruction and answer questions pertaining to lodge and juvenile group functions. He shall investigate suspicious sick cases which are reported to him by lodge secretaries. In the course of one week, after receiving notice of the lapsation of a member, he shall visit such member and try to secure his re-instatement. He shall report to the secretary of the lodge to which the lapsed member belonged of the result of his visit before the next lodge meeting. A field secretary shall receive a salary of \$125.00 per month, and in addition he shall receive special compensation for all newly gained members, both adult and juvenile, admitted into the lodges of his district, as the Supreme Board may decide.

It is hoped that all the E. S. Lodges of the Society will take up and discuss the question of field secretaries at their meetings in the months which follow, regardless of the fact whether a particular lodge will be directly and immediately affected in case of the plan's adoption or not. The important point to remember is that it cannot go into effect unless a majority of the delegates at the Convention vote for it. Unless that happens no test will be possible.

The E. S. Lodges will have a bigger representation at the next convention than ever before in the history of the Society. With increased representation goes increased responsibility. This is, therefore, a very vital issue, requiring their full interest and attention. The future of the Society may bound up with it.

We should like to hear some opinions expressed on the part of the members of the various E. S. Lodges. The time is here when it behoves the membership of E. S. Lodges to begin giving some earnest thought to basic problems of the organization of which they are an increasingly important part. This is one of them. Our Society must find a way to meet the high-powered competition of the commercial insurance octopus and the field secretary seems to provide the answer. The 10th Regular Convention of the SSPZ must act on this matter, and act in a positive way.

Traffic Deaths Exceed War Casualties

Cleveland, O. — The contention that the automobile can be just as dangerous and deadly as a gun is well demonstrated by a report received from war-torn Europe. On the battlefields the British forces lost 2,100 men during the first three months of war now being waged. During the same period in England, traffic accidents claimed a higher toll—two thousand nine hundred and seventy-five persons were killed by autos in the same three months. Blackouts, of course, were an important factor in

causing this traffic toll but nevertheless a comparison of the casualties shows that bumpers are more deadly than bayonets. In our country the loss of life in auto accidents has also been greater than the death list resulting from war. More Americans have been killed in traffic during the past fifteen years than in all of the wars that this country has ever fought. Most people agree that war claims a frightful and tragic toll, that it is a useless and senseless loss of life. Isn't this also true about traffic accident deaths?

Danica News

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Yes, you're right, I'm back again for the last time. First of all before I retire, I wish to relate to you the news of lodge Danica. The bowling league went on just as usual. This week there weren't any changes made. I'm sorry but I won't be able to narrate the standings to you, due to the fact that I was only half there. (You see, a girl called for me at the alleys and I was all in a flutter.) I'm the bashful type you know. There were quite a few missing from their regular practice games. I wonder why John Praprotnik and Martin Gragan Jr. weren't there. It couldn't have been because you were still celebrating from Saturday night, could it? This Saturday night stuff, doesn't leave you in the dark, does it? Well the "Faithful Danica Member" has a "nose for news" as I have and she covered the dance rather well. She did forget to mention that Helen Perko who seemed to be enjoying herself, promised yours truly for the third dance. She never did show up and I know why. I am glad that you enjoyed yourself, Helen.

Also seen at the dance was a girl whom I really like to dance with. She is none other than Lena Luzar. Now don't get me wrong girls, I just like to waltz with Lena.

Say! I had better get back to writing about the bowling league, as I was saying before! I was met at the alleys by a very charming young lady. Hey, Bud! Get back to work. (That was a real harsh voice that was inside of me.)

I'm in a fog, fraternal brothers and sisters, for I don't even know who rolled the high games of the day. So what if I don't, I won't catch any reck for this is my last article.

I did notice at the alleys that Tillie Hren was bowling with a men's team. This is very unusual.

Al Armin was trying five new ways in throwing one of them 16 pound things they call a bowling ball. Did you have any luck, Al?

Adolph Flajs was missing from the alleys because he was playing basketball in Joliet, Ill., or was he?

Now I see that my time is running short and I have to dash off to nowhere, so I'll be closing now with my best regards to everybody, hoping that we may meet in Chicago where the bowling tourney is to be held.

The Danica Teller Aller,

Tony P. Bayt
P. S.—Miss Faithful Danica Member you may continue your good work! The Slovenian Dramatic Club wishes to thank Mr. Phillip Bayt for helping them secure their needs for the play they had on Feb. 3, 1940.

Klancar Named Honorary Member of Dramatic Club

Last week Ivan Cankar Dramatic Club named Anthony J. Klancar, Cleveland translator of Cankar's works, honorary member. This is the first time that the club ever named any Cleveland Slovene. Slovenes contributing to the popularizing of Cankar's work and philosophy will be named in the future.

Mr. Klancar may be remembered for his translation and production of Ivan Cankar's "Scandal in the Valley of St. Florian" which was given for the benefit of the Yugoslav Cultural Gardens several years ago. Many of his translations from Cankar have also appeared in local and European periodicals.

Progressors' 5th Anniversary Date Set

Bridgeville, Pa. — Hello folks! We're interrupting your program with a special news bulletin, coming directly from the Progressors' meeting. We take this opportunity to inform you of the date we selected for our Fifth Anniversary Dance. As you probably recall, the dance was scheduled for January the 27th, but due to a few unexpected developments, it had to be postponed to a later date. Having now chosen Saturday, February 24th to celebrate this affair, we are making plans, and preparing for a much bigger and better evening. Watch for further news in later issues of this paper.

"The Progressors"

Spartan News

Ann Opeka

CLEVELAND, O. — Well, to date, and no doubt till April 12, the main topic with the Spartans is "who is going to Chicago to the SSPZ Bowling Tournament and, how?" It's surprising how much enthusiasm and interest our national events arouse so, may they never cease! It's these features that make our Society so outstanding and always in the limelight.

So the question came up — "What should we do to raise a traveling expense fund for the bowlers who will represent Spartans at the Bowling Tournament on April 13 and 14 in Chicago." After a bit of discussion we arrived at this conclusion, Spartan bowlers will sponsor a Fish Fry on Friday, February 16 in the lower hall of S. N. H.

Do you remember two years ago when Spartans held a fish fry in a dine and dance style, the very large crowd and what a grand time we all had? Again, this time we intend to set up the lower hall in the popular dine and dance style, generous and various meals will be served. Eddie Zay's orchestra will furnish the music (remember they played at the Bowling Tournament Victory dinner last April in this same hall and you liked them so well and there'll be several other attractions we'll surprise you with.

You can purchase your tickets from any Spartan bowler. They are only 25c which includes your dinner.

Won't you all come and help the Spartan bowlers make this a successful affair? You won't regret it, for there'll be plenty of room and entertainment for each and everyone of you.

Remember — Friday, February 16, serving starts at 7 p. m. . . . Spartan Bowlers' Fish Fry . . . 25c a plate . . . lower hall S. N. H. . . . Use side entrance!

I know you don't have to be reminded again, or do you? that Spartans February meeting will be called to order on Thursday, February 15 in the usual quarters at the usual time. You read a few weeks ago on this page all the special features you are entitled to if you attend the meeting, so come on, take advantage of these opportunities.

United Lodges Bowling League

S. CENTA HITS 605 SERIES

Although S. Centa had a 605 series which included a 220 and 201 game the Spartan Yankees dropped two games to the Concordians. E. Centa had a 566 series with a 203 game. For the Concordians A. Lunder had a 568 series with a 206 game and J. Zorman had a 513 series.

The Utopian Eagles playing their brother team the Utopian Falcons swept this series to stretch their lead to eight games. For the Eagles J. Glavic had a 548 series, T. Laznik had a 540 series and B. Streeter had a 516 series. For the Falcons M. Lenassi had a 522 series with a 204 game.

The Spartan Cavaliers taking advantage of the Falcon setback, took two games from the Utopian Hawks to go into a tie for second place. For the Cavaliers B. Schuster had a 506 series. For the Hawks, T. Turk was high with a 500 series.

The Lunder Adamic team pulled another upset when they beat the Spartan Presidents in two games. For Lunder Adamic K. Stokel had a 568 series with a 222 game high for the day. For the Presidents T. Bolka was high with a 499 series.

The luckless Spartan Blue Jays took it on the nose again with the Zdruzeni Brati who beat them in all three games. For the Zdruzeni Brati J. Blatnik had a 537 series with a 202 game, T. Debeljak had a 524 series and F. Slejko had a 516 series. For the Blue Jays J. Moze had a 534 series with a 201 game, F. Konecan had a 519 series and J. Pecnik had a 511 series.

Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Utop. Eagles	39	15	.722
Utop. Falcons	31	23	.574
Spar. Cavaliers	31	23	.574
Spar. Presidents	27	27	.500
Concordians	27	27	.500
Zdruzeni Brati	27	27	.500
Spar. Yankees	25	29	.463
Utopian Hawks	25	29	.463
Spar. Blue Jays	18	33	.353
Lunder Adamic	17	34	.333

Schedule, Feb. 11

Alleys 1-2 — Utopian Hawks vs Lunder Adamic.
Alleys 3-4 — Zdruzeni Brati vs Concordians.
Alleys 5-6 — Spartan Blue Jays vs Utopian Eagles.
Alleys 7-8 — Utopian Falcons vs Spartan Cavaliers.
Alleys 7-8 (3:00) — Spartan Yankees vs Spartan Presidents.
Alleys 1-2 (3:00) — Spartan Blue Jays vs Lunder Adamic, (postponed game of Jan. 21).

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

The Flashes broke the Spartan winning streak and spanked them in all three games without the spot. Sophie Japel was mowing them down for the Flashes, with games of 159-133-149 for a 441 series. Agnes Jeric had 421 and Molly Dusa 402. For the beaten Spartans A. Zagar was high with 483.

The Flyers took over the Aces in two games. Fannie Svetina bowling in her last year form, for the first time had games of 143-151-162 for a 456 series. Frances Clements, one of this year's beginners had games of 115-165-138 for a 418 series. For the Aces, Mary Lunder is also coming out of her slump. She had a 408 series which is more like she was bowling last

THE SLOVENES

AN OUTLINE OF A SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE SLOVENES

(FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO 1910)

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(Continuation)

A "good" German and a "bad" Czech: the point in question here is religious life. The Germans supported the pope and opposed the religious opposition. On the other hand, the towns in Bohemia were in the hands of Germans, a state of affairs which was the work of the last Premysls. The wealthy bourgeoisie was foreign, the small handicraftsmen were Czech. The foreign was temporal and spiritual lords had amassed enormous fortunes, so the Czech peasant, the lowly priest, and the small nobleman (Žižka) saw in them their economic rival who was at once their religious as well as national foe. Thus the whole Czech nation arose to fight in the light of its religious conviction the magnificent social war which has no parallel in the history of the Middle Ages. The Czech thus preserved and strengthened his national life, for the towns now fell into Czech hands, and broke ground for the German Reformation.*

Conditions in Germany, however, were more favorable for the Reformation because, in addition to the general discontent with conditions in the Church, which was kindled in the widest circles by means of printing, and in addition to the demands of German Estates who increased their power with the secularization of church possessions, it was also supported by other more particular circumstances; such as, for instance, Charles V's war with Francis I. Finally we must not forget that conditions were such in Germany that they also resulted in a war (Smalkaldic) in which the emperor won, although he would have been captured if the war had continued.

And in Slovenia?

With the Slovenes, however, there were no such cultural, political and social conditions precedent, which had such a favorable effect on the development of the Reformation in Bohemia and Germany. Tendencies toward the Reformation were not, however, absent in Slovenia. All the Estates felt a need for some kind of change. It is also very probable that Hussism had a direct or indirect influence on the Slovenian provinces through Zagreb. However, from Trubar's descriptions of language conditions in Slovenia where the lords spoke German, Latin or Italian and most of the bourgeoisie and clergy spoke German, while the people spoke only Slovene—which seemed to the educated classes so barbaric and uncouth that it was not, in their estimation, fit for either writing or printing,—we may infer that the Reformation in Slovenia must have run up against great obstacles from the very beginning, for the first two Slovenian books were printed only in 1550.* In addition to the cultural backwardness of the common man, who was in most cases a Slovene, and the lack of political independence in the Slovenian provinces, there also came into account the social conditions of that age, which I have already described.

The economic fight of the small peasant who besides the small handicraftsman represented the sole Slovenian class, could have yielded permanent national results, based upon the cultural work of the Reformation, if the Slovenes had had a more highly developed petty bourgeoisie which would have understood the significance of the peasant uprisings. This, however, was not the case with the Slovenes. Their towns were too obscure and too foreign. That is why the peasant rebellions were unsuccessful, in spite of the great sacrifices which were made for the social and national emancipation of the Slovenes. Proof that it might have possibly resembled the development in Bohemia, for instance, if the cultural, political and social conditions had been more favorable, is found in the fact that the small aristocracy of Zagorje (Sagor) in Croatia joined Gubec.

In Germany the national movement was not crushed with the defeat of the peasants. With the Slovenes, however, the national movement was crushed because they did not have their own nobility and middle class, to which the Czech nation clung in promise of the fact that a religious compromise was reached, a command absolutism. With the triumph of the Reformation, the Slovenian people might have established themselves culturally, and might have been to the advantage of Slovenian nationalism. But the triumph of the Counter-Reformation and with the suppression of the peasant uprisings, the spiritual and temporal lords, who were foreigners, strengthened their position in Slovenia.

*Pekar, Josef: On the Age of Hus. (O dobe husitske. Czech). Slany, 1900.
*Kidrič, Fran.: Epilogie to a Trubar Symposium. (Epilog k Trubarjevemu zborniku. Slovene). Naši Zapiski, Ljubljana, 1909.

(To be continued)

year. Better late than never Mary.

Schedule, Feb. 11 — Rollers vs Flyers; Spartans vs Aces; Flashes bye.

	G	W	L	Pct.
Utop. Rollers	4	26	19	.577
Spartans	48	26	22	.541
Utop. Flyers	45	24	21	.533
S. S. Flashes	48	25	23	.520
S. S. Aces	45	23	22	.511

PATTER
Texas highway sign: "This is God's country. Don't drive like hell."

Traffic sign in Pennsylvania village: "Slow. No hospital."

If you brood over your troubles you'll have a perfect hatch.