

JANEZ JALEN:
BOBRI
Prva knjiga
SAM

V vseh koliščih na jezeru se ni nihče bolj oziral po vremenu kakor Ostrorogi Jelen. Navsezgodaj je že vsako jutro stal zunaj na mostičku. Rad bi se razgledal naokrog, pa se zavoljo megle ni mogel. Lovil je samo glasove. Po njih je sodil, da priletajo v ločje in v trstje in v obsežna močvirja jate selečih se ptic. Naprej pa ne odlete. Drugi so bili nejevoljni na pusto vreme. Jelen je bil pa vesel. Zlelel si je dežja, dolgotrajnega dežja in veliko dežja. Že davno ga je pričakoval, pa ga ni hotelo biti. Zares ga je že skrbel, če bo mogel splaviti po Dolgeri potoku pred zimo les za kolišče. Od obilnega dežja in naraslih voda je bilo zaenkrat odvisno njegovo življenje. Če ne zažije čez zimo kolišča, ne more pomladi vzeti Jezerne k sebi. Kasneje pa utegne biti že prepozno. Eee, pozna Karpa, Soma, Sulca in Tura. Če bi dal spodnje lovišče. Pa ga ne da in ga ne da.

Vsa znamenja so kazala na doslej izpatali jesenski dež. Iz megle so se vreščice zadirali ptiči. Ženske v kolišču so bile prepirljive. Otroci so neugnano brbljali, cvilili in jokali od jutra do večera; in še pozno v noč. Ostrorogi jih je bil že čez glavo sit. Bo, bo dež.

Jelen se je pričel odpremljati. Z Risom sta znosila v prvem svitu orožje in orodje v drevak. Za vsakega je bil nasadil po dva cepina iz jelenovih nadočnih parožkov. Ostro jim je nabrusil konice. Kaj bi samo z dvema. Se utegne kateri pri vlačanju lesa zlomit, pa bi ne bilo kaj vzeti v roke. Posebno skrbno je zavil v kožuh Ostrorogi vnetilo. Suho travo in nekaj dračja je vzel kar s sabo, da bosta mogla brž zakuriti ogenj. In kože za šotor, pasti in nekaj jedi. Na vse je mislil Jelen in ničesar ni pozabil. Tam zunaj pride vsaka reč prav.

Na ognjišču je Kodrolaska pekla ribe. Nič ni govorila. Le včasih je zasmrkala. Pa je vedno obračala obraz od Ostrorogega stran, da ni mogel videti, ali že joka ali se šele pripravlja na jok. Le kaj ji je? Najbrž jo vreme daje, je pomislil Jelen. Reči pa ni maral nič. Zunaj pa je začelo že pršeti.

Ostrorogi in Ris sta vse, kar sta mislila vzeti s sabo, že znosila v veliki drevak, lepo zložila v prednji konec, pokrila s kožami in povezala z vrvmi. Vrnila sta se v koč. "So ribe že pečene?" je vprašal Jelen Sinjeoko.

Kodrolaska ni odgovorila. S proč obrnjenim obrazom je postavila dokajšnjo leseno skledo rib pred brata in Pegavca, ki ni mogel prikriti, kako je ponosen in vesel, da sme iti z Ostrorogim prav na konec Dolge doline. Zdelo se mu je, da spada že kar med možake. Grede, ko sta jedla, je začel brat dajati navodila sestri za doma, dokler se ne vrne. In je rekel Jelen:

"Z mesom si za nekaj dni preskrbljena. Kakšno ribo pa še sama ujemi. Časa boš imela dovolj."

Sinjeoka ni odgovorila. "Lesnik in lešnikov pa nikar ne jej iz dolgega časa. Ne suhih ne svežih. Nam jih bo pozimi manjkalo. Jih najbrž ne bova mogla več dobiti. Je gotovo že vse pobrala živad."

Kodrolaska je molčala. "Bevska pa jemlji s sabo v drevak, če boš kam šla. Bi mu utegnil Karp kaj prizadejati. In bolj varna boš."

Sinjeoka je zasmrkala. "Čez par dni pa poglej v ustje Dolgega potoka. Prvo les utegne že priplavati. Popazi, da si ga kdo drugi ne prilasti."

Kodrolaska si je z laktjo bri-

sala oči.
"Si slišala?"
Nič. Ne bev ne mev.
"Odgovori, če te vprašam!"
Jelen je nejevoljno zavpil nad kujajočo se sestro.
"Buuuum!" je bolj zatulila, kakor pa zajokala Sinjeoka.
Ostrorogi je pogoltnil na pol prežvečen grizljaj ribe, se zvrtnal in uprl roke v bok: "Kaj pa je sedaj? Kaj pa sem narobe rekel? Zavoljo lesnik morebiti?"
Kodrolaska je začela hlipati: "Kar sam jih pojelj. Še pritaknem se jih ne več."
"Pasja dlaka! Počemu se potlej cmeriš?" Jelen je vzrojil.
"Me, me, me, me," ni mogla brž povedati Sinjeoka, "me, me, me samo pustita doma."

"Snedel te bo kdo," je zarezal Ostrorogi.
"Ti lahko govoriš." Kodrolaska je že bolj vezano govorila: "Sem bila zadnjič, ko si les napravljaj, tako lačna. Mi Ščuka ni hotela dati nič jesti. Karp me je pa hotel tepsti."
"Kaj!" je zrasel Jelen in planil pokonci: "Da ga nisem prebodel, smrdljivca."
Sinjeoka je pa pristopila k bratu in ga prijala za roko. Objokana je bila še, jokala pa ni več. Zaprošila je: "Pusti ga. Samo mene s sabo vzemita."
"To bi bila lahko koj povedala. Pa boš mokra. Dež gre."
"Če gre tudi sneg. Doma ne ostanem."
"Pa se opravi!" je pristal Jelen.
Kodrolaska je poskočila in se smejala. Najprej je poskrbela še za nekaj stvari, ki jih je rabila pri ognjišču in kuhli. Ris jih je moral odnesti v drevak. Sama se je ogrnila s kožuhom in se pokrila z oglavnico iz bobrove kože z dlako navzven. Ostrorogi si je potegnil risa čez glavo. Pegavec pa je pokrtil kozlovino.

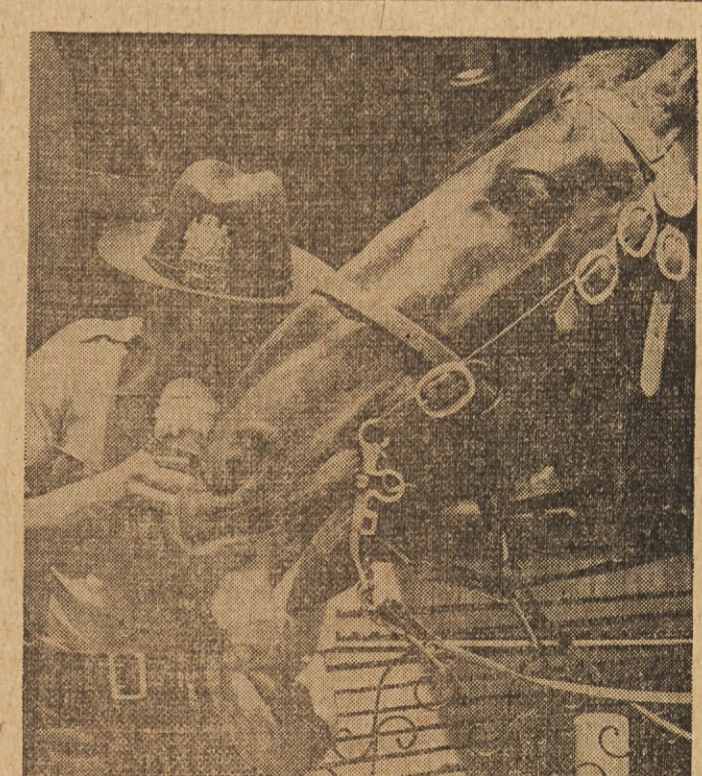
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MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

(Continuation)
President, Joseph J. Konrad now called upon the 1st Trustee, Joseph Sinkovec for his report.

Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Board: First of all I want to tell you that we were at the bank this morning to check all the valuable papers of the Holy Family Society, and I want to thank the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer for their cooperation they have shown us in our work. I found everything in excellent order.

I also want to compliment the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the very good selection of bonds they have purchased and also the investments in the Savings and Loan Association on the Certificates of Deposit.

Again I say, thank you men for the wonderful job you have done. I Thank you.

Joseph Sinkovec,
1st Trustee

A motion was made by Robert M. Kochevar and seconded by Anna Jerisha that the report of the 1st Trustee, Joseph Sinkovec, be accepted as given. Motion Carried.

President Joseph J. Konrad now called upon the 2nd Trustee, Matthew Kochevar, for his report.

First of all, I want to agree with the report of the 1st Trustee, Joseph Sinkovec. As he has mentioned, I also have found everything in excellent order at the bank. I also want to compliment the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the excellent choice of purchases of bonds and the investments in the Certificate of Deposits in the Loan Associations, in the past six months. It shows that we have been doing a fine job, financially and otherwise.

I Thank you,
Matthew Kochevar,
2nd Trustee

A motion was made by Anthony Tomazin and seconded by Anna Jerisha that the report of the 2nd Trustee, Matthew Kochevar, be accepted as given. Motion Carried.

President Joseph J. Konrad now called upon the 3rd Trustee, Anthony Tomazin, for his report.

You have heard the reports of the other two Trustees and I agree with them. I am satisfied with all of the reports so far. I am pleased with the decisions of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the fine selection of bonds they have purchased in the 1st six months and also of the investments in the Certificate of Deposits in the Loan and Savings Associations.

I thank you,
Anthony Tomazin,
3rd Trustee

At this time, the Secretary, Robert M. Kochevar, reported on the matter of the Society vs. the former Actuary, Harry Tre-sell and Associates. This is still open and will be some time for the Society to respond.

The Secretary, Robert M. Kochevar, now read a resolution to the effect of recognition of outstanding members of the Holy Family Society. The Resolution was signed by the members of the Board.

A motion was made by Joseph Sinkovec and seconded by Matthew Kochevar that the resolution be accepted as given. Motion Carried.

Secretary Robert M. Kochevar, at this time, served the Board members a list of Bonds purchased and the investments made in the Savings and Loan Associations.

A motion made by Matthew Kochevar and seconded by Joseph Sinkovec that this report be accepted as given. Carried.

Secretary Robert M. Kochevar reported to the Board that a \$5000.00 bond of Puerto Rico was matured and reinvested.

A motion was made by Robert M. Kochevar and seconded by Joseph Sinkovec that the new increases in several cases on commission to the agents be effective as of July 1, 1975. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Robert M. Kochevar and seconded by Joseph L. Drasler, that the Holy Family Society make a donation of \$500.00 to the Lewis Institute in Lockport, Illinois. Motion carried.

The Board session was open for discussion on the purchase of a Company car, for use by the Home Office.

A motion was made by Joseph Sinkovec and seconded by Joseph L. Drasler that the Society buy a Company car. Motion Carried.

Secretary Robert M. Kochevar brought to the attention of a lot that the Society has an interest in. After a discussion by the Board members, it was decided to sell it. A motion was made by Anthony Tomazin and seconded by Matthew Kochevar to check with an attorney and to sell it. Motion Carried.

President Joseph J. Konrad brought the matter of the 20th Quadrennial Convention of the Holy Family Society. There will be more on this matter later.

A motion was made by Anthony Tomazin and seconded by Joseph J. Konrad that the Convention and the Presidents Ball be held on the 28th of August 1976, at the Landmark, where the former Conventions were held. Motion Carried.

President Joseph J. Konrad now called upon the Secretary, Robert M. Kochevar, for his report.

The Secretary's Report to the Board members of the Holy Family Society this 26th day of July 1975.

Dear Fellow Board Members:
May I briefly bring you up to date what has transpired since we last met in January.

In February, the Society filed its 1974 Annual Statement in the various states where we are licensed. As you know, it was the best financial statement we have ever filed and I'm happy to report that the Society has not received a single correction or criticism on our report from any state. For this, we must thank Jean Konrad, Nancy Osborne who did most of the actual work as well as our actuary, Mr. Moscovitch.

As you may have read in our Society notes, on March 8, 1975, our President and Mrs. Konrad and myself attended the Mass of Dedication and open house of the new wing at the St. Clare House of Prayer in Kankakee. The nuns asked that we extend their thanks to you the Supreme Board Members, and to all the membership of the Society for our help.

In other matters, the Society is now undergoing its usual triennial examination by the Department of Insurance. All indications are that the exam is going very smoothly and we expect them to be completed within the next week.

Finally, we have all heard the outstanding 6-month financial report as presented by our Treasurer. I wanted to mention that the final six months of 1975 will not be as good as the first six months.

The first half of the year saw both the number and the amount of our benefit payments decrease and we do not expect that trend to continue. The higher interest rates of last year have also gone down so our investment income will not be growing as quickly as it was during the past year. The economic recession has also taken its toll in that the number of members lapsing their policies is higher than we would like and we have noticed a decrease in the number of new members being enrolled in the Society. So while the gains we just made in our financial statement are the best in our history, we cannot rest our laurels. The continued growth of the Society depends on the hard work of all our members.

I thank you,
Robert M. Kochevar
Secretary

A motion was made by Anton Smrekar and seconded by Anna Jerisha that the report of the Secretary be accepted as given. Motion Carried.

(To Be Continued)

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 - ANI, KATI in BERTA — snahe;
 - DANA in MARTA — vnukinji;
 - TONČEK, MIHEC in ANDREJČEK — vnuki;
 - VINKO, duhovnik v Belgiji, PAVLE, v Clevelandu in JOŽE, v Argentini — bratje;
 - FANIKA in MARIJANA, v Sloveniji — sestri ter ostalo sorodstvo v Canadi, Argentini in Sloveniji.

Cleveland, Ohio, dne 11. septembra 1975.