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Most of our large-scale summer activities are held during the months of June, July, and August, which are the three "real" summer months.

One of these affairs was the annual Pennsylvania SNPJ Day in Strabane last Sunday, registering another success for the sponsoring groups as well as the Society.

Another of these enjoyable affairs will be the Second Annual Ohio SNPJ Day, which will be held on Independence Day, July 4, at Avon Park in Girard, Ohio, under the auspices of the four Federations of SNPJ lodges in the Buckeye state.

The First Annual Ohio SNPJ Day event was held at the SNPJ Recreational Farm in Cleveland, Ohio, under the sponsorship of the same Federations on July 4, 1940. Its tremendous success inspired the sponsors to inaugurate an annual event to be held each year at a different city.

It is said that records are made to be broken, and we have no doubt that this year's Ohio SNPJ Day celebration will challenge the record established in Cleveland. In other words, the four Federations along with Lodges 49 and 643 aim to break their own record of a year ago.

In addition to the customary program consisting of speaking, singing, dancing, games and races, Girard will present to the gathering FIVE groups of our Juvenile Circles! These five Juvenile Units will undoubtedly add considerably to the program and will attract the widest attention. And all five of these units come from the immediate vicinity—Struthers, Warren, Salem, Sharon, and Girard. Certainly, no other SNPJ event in recent history was able to present such a galaxy of our Juvenile Circles on a single program!

Girard is geared for action! The members of our lodges in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia are urged to take active part by attending and by enlisting the interest of their friends. Let us resolve to be in Girard on the Fourth by the thousands!

In this spirit we greet and welcome the gathering which will assemble at Girard on Independence Day!

Things of Special Interest

In a little better than a week from the time this was written, the Fourth of July will be here, and our lodges and members are all getting ready for the big day to memorialize the great historical event when the Declaration of Independence of the United States was proclaimed.

Our lodges take a great pride in the celebration of Independence Day and like to perform it in a most reverent and solemn way possible. And justly so! For the principles and ideals so forcefully expressed in the Declaration of Independence are also the principles and ideals the SNPJ stands for. We not only believe that all men are created equal, that they have an inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but we also work hard and fight for these precious things. The SNPJ has been busy educating and carrying the gospel of equality and the right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness among the masses since its beginning; it has been very helpful to the working men in their struggle for higher wages and better labor conditions, and given moral and material support in every effort where there was a question of a better and happier life of our people and of laboring class in general involved. There is no other organization of this kind known that has done so much or nearly so much in this respect. We therefore have a good reason to be proud and to celebrate the meaning of the Declaration of Independence reverently and in the most solemn way.

There is one very important affair scheduled for this Fourth of July that deserves to be brought to special attention of our members, namely, the celebration of the Ohio SNPJ Day under the auspices of the Ohio federations to take place in Avon Park, near Girard, O. It is of special significance that all four Ohio SNPJ federations have combined for that worthy undertaking, which means that members from the north, south, east and west, in other words from all corners of that state will participate. And, of course, members from the nearby states of Pennsylvania and W. Virginia, and some from Detroit and even more distant places will be there. The committee has worked out a nice program specially fit for that occasion, and made all other necessary preparations to accommodate all guests, and will be able to make every participant satisfied.

Another very important affair and worthy of special interest to our lodges and members in the Midwest is the observance of the SNPJ Day to take place on the Fourth of July under the auspices of the Central Illinois Federation. They have hired the beautiful Midway Gardens near Benld, Illinois, for that purpose, and have gone into other quite extensive preparations too, in their sincere effort to make this affair an outstanding success. There will be good music, singing and speaking and many other things of interest on the program.

Members from the lower Illinois and nearby Missouri and other places of the Midwest will find here a splendid opportunity to meet

Daily Prosveta Silver Jubilee

WILKES-BARRE, PA.—On this 25th anniversary of our daily newspaper Prosveta, it is appropriate to examine the road that it has traveled, the value of its service to its members and their friends, and the influence it has upon the public in general.

The pioneers of our Society realized in its early days that the medium of expression to the larger number of their countrymen is through their own newspaper, which also served as the Society organizer. So the Daily Prosveta was established 25 years ago. Needless to say that its main sources for existence came from the pennies collected from the members of the SNPJ who come from a low wage-earning class.

The Prosveta, however, successfully emerged from the road of danger and its future is brighter than ever before.

The Daily Prosveta with its weekly organ, has served more than its purpose; it carried through the country to the SNPJ members and subscribers information of the Society, what other members and countrymen in other cities and states were doing and how they can get new members into our Society, secure its existence and make improvements for the future.

The Prosveta has enlightened our members so that they can be classed as the most progressive group of workers in America. Their stand on national as well as on international situations was and is, in the main, the correct one. In the American Trade Unions, they are in the forefront, doing their best to make them bigger, stronger, and unified for the protection of the workers.

In the future we ought to follow our course and wherever possible, improve it. The number of our correspondents should be enlarged, especially in the English language. An interesting reading paper develops activity within the organization. Society and lodge news and correspondence is of great value to the organization, but we must have more articles from different trades and industries.

The article which appeared in the Prosveta on Army life, by Beachy Bruce, I thought was very interesting; we should have more of them.
FRANK VRATARIC,
Member SNPJ Supreme Board.

Jolly Allis Lodge

WEST ALLIS, WIS.—Every now and then the members become lax in attending the lodge meetings, so a reminder of some kind has to be conveyed to the members of Lodge 686 to attend meetings.

At our last meeting we discussed a way and means to get new members, and also in what way we could get our members to attend meetings more regularly. All agreed that with more activity in the lodge, would help somewhat, so our summer activity committees are going to get us rolling with a beach party promptly after the business of our next meeting is taken care of. Don't forget to attend our next meeting at 8:30 p. m.

Another topic of discussion was baseball. The Jolly Allis boys are going to have a team and possibly the strongest nine Jolly Allis ever

Because Independence Day falls on Friday, July 4, our members in eastern states will not receive the July 2 issue of the organ until Saturday, July 5, which is a day after the Ohio SNPJ Day celebration in Girard. This fact made it necessary to feature the event in this issue.

Out of the Hills of West Virginia

WINDSOR HEIGHTS, W. VA.—From out of the hills comes the friendly voice of West Virginia.

We had a grand time at our dance which was held on May 26. I want to thank all those who attended. I am sure they all had a good time. The music was swell and enjoyed by all.

I see by the paper that there will be another big SNPJ Day, to be held at Girard, Ohio, July 4th. Let's all the Slovenes attend this big celebration and really make it a big success.

To all members of Lodge 407: Be sure and attend our next regular meeting to be held on the third Sunday, July 29. Our former secretary is going to resign and it will be up to us to elect another one to take his place.—We'll be seeing you at Girard on July 4.
A MEMBER, Lodge 407.

SNPJ Lodge 116 Mark 30th Anniv. July 4

PRESTO, PA.—Yes sir, folks, only a few more days left and we can proudly say that our SNPJ Lodge 166 will be 30 years old.

The 30th anniversary celebration of the lodge will be held at the newly redecorated Slovene Hall at Presto on July 4. And not only that, but a great time is in store for all who attend.

Music will be furnished by none other than the popular Joe Koracin and his Slovene Aces with the Koracin Sisters as their guests and singers. Dancing will start at 5 p. m. until 12.

In the afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock, a nice program will get under way. The chief speaker will be Supreme Secretary F. A. Vidler; other speakers will also address the gathering. In addition, the children of Midway Circle 22 are going to present a play. So, friends, just to see these young children act should make you want to come.

There will be plenty of potica, goulash, klobase and other refreshments for everyone. But let us not worry about that, instead worry about coming here and meet all the friends.

Now before I close you get that calendar down and check the 4th of July off as the day for the big time at Presto, Pa. So, friends, we'll be watching and waiting for you.
HELEN SUBIC, 166.

had. With a few new additions it is going to be a team to beat. Baseball practice is held every Monday from 5 to 7 at the Washington Playground on the east diamond.
JOHN J. GOLE, 686.

TO GIRARD, OHIO, AND PRESTO, PA., ON JULY 4

Our members in Ohio will celebrate the Second Annual Ohio SNPJ Day sponsored by the Ohio Federations on the Fourth of July in Girard, Ohio.

In Presto, Pa., SNPJ Lodge 166 will celebrate its 30th anniversary on the same date.

Both affairs are important and afford us an opportunity to instill new life into our movement and manifest our loyalty. Both undertakings deserve full consideration from members, and it is hoped that all who can possibly attend will do so. Let us demonstrate at these occasions our cooperation for the organization formed for the mutual benefit of its members.

Once more, don't forget to attend the 4th of July events at the above mentioned places! F. A. VIDLER, Supreme Secretary.

a happy crowd, and to shake hands with their old friends and make new ones. Everyone will have a good chance for a real old-fashioned good time. All roads will lead to Benld, Ill., to the great fraternal gathering of the SNPJ family on the Fourth of July. So let us make up our minds now and be there for sure!

V. CAINKAR, Supreme President.

Girard, Ohio, in Gala Attire for Second Yearly SNPJ Celebration at Avon Park; Record Attendance of Members and Friends Assured Four Federations Sponsor Event on Independence Day; Five Juvenile Circles Will Participate in Program; Speaking, Singing, Dancing and Sports

GIRARD, O.—SNPJ history will be made at Avon Park in Girard on Friday, July 4, at the mammoth annual SNPJ celebration which promises to establish a new attendance record.

Under the protective hand of the Four Federations and under the guidance of Lodges 49 and 643, the Second Annual Ohio SNPJ Day will take form, rise gloriously and then end in a mass of new friendships, of solidified intentions and a transparent devotion to a day which is thoroughly SNPJ; utterly Slovene.

Spacious Dance Floor

Slovenes, SNPJers and friends like to dance, so we have an entire second floor rented for just that purpose.

You may criticize everything else we attempt but the dance floor, about the size of a football field, will withstand any personal objections.

Umeck's Orchestra

Sixty minutes after the dinner hour, Joe Umeck will seat his orchestra and lead with his first tune. From then on, there will be no rest, no let-up until five o'clock or later.

Sports Program

At one o'clock, too, George Ritter, as head of the SPORTS PROGRAM, will haul out his paraphernalia and ask the boys and girls to participate in a general assortment of games and novelties. (We are sorry, Fifolt, but because the ball field will be used for parking space, we will be unable to accept your challenge of a Circle softball match.)

Speaking Program

Included on the Speaking Program which begins at three o'clock, are Alex Whitford, Mayor of Girard; Gus Tomlinson, Pres. of the Ohio Leather Workers' Union; Mike Kumer, popular and energetic Pennsylvanian; Frank Zaitz of Proletarian fame (Chicago).

Five Juv. Circles

As an added attraction, the five Juvenile Circles of the local Federation will offer a varied entertainment. Then, too, you can expect the introduction of SNPJ Supreme Board members as well as other personalities.

Simoncic's Band

After the excitement cools somewhat in the evening, Louis Simoncic and his orchestra will play for you dance fans. You see, we have contracted for TWO different orchestra, each to play FOUR hours. Charge for dancing is but ten (10) cents a person for four full hours.

Lud Milavec assures everybody plenty of refreshments and

Ohio SNPJ Day Facts

EVENT—Second Ohio SNPJ Day celebration.

PLACE—Avon Park in Girard, Ohio.

DATE—Friday, July 4, Independence Day, starting at 10 a. m.

SPONSORS—Four Ohio SNPJ Federations.

HOSTS—SNPJ Lodges 49 and 643.

FEATURES—Presentation of FIVE Juvenile Circles; speaking, singing, dancing and sports.

ATTRACTION—Umeck's and Simoncic's orchestras.

All members are urged to attend and bring their friends along for a genuine celebration of the Ohio SNPJ Day in Girard on the Fourth.

plenty of room in which to get it. In the food department, (Mrs.) Ann Rovon guarantees everybody enough to eat with a hot lunch during the dinner period and sandwiches and other foods for the rest of the day.

Action of Circles

Today, and for several weeks back, the circles of Struthers, Warren, Sharon, Salem and Girard are soliciting donations for a beautiful handmade quilt and lamp. Fifteen hundred subscriptions were divided among the five lodges. Community sales are encouraged and the remainder tickets, if any, will be disposed of on July 4. When you are approached, please make your donation (10c), thus aiding the youngsters to strengthen their respective treasuries.

Change Meeting Date

While we are on the subject of circles, let us say that the "Dawn of Youth" meetings (for the summer) have been changed from the last Sunday of the month to the last Thursday, in this case June 28. Meetings start at seven o'clock. In order to encourage a more talkative spirit, the youths will give an account of their lives and such. The first appointed for these tasks were Robert Cherne and Irene Mihelich. Bernice Lukz won a box of handkerchiefs; Walter Jones, the Insurance Award, and Irene Mihelich the Bank Day drawing.

Skating Party

On Wednesday, June 11, more than fifty circle members from Sharon, Warren and Girard enjoyed a skating party sponsored by the latter group. Frances Novak and John Petrich headed their respective circles. Quite a few adults came along and

witnessed the fun. We believe that the companionship of the circles will extend into many years speaking well for the activity of the future.

OFF THE RECORD—Most of this report was written on train between Youngstown, and Irwin, Pa., on the back of a couple of dance tickets. We attended the Herminie, Pa. (Keystonian) dance and spent a visiting friends. About the way we can explain their hospitality is to say that they want to "kill you with kindness." Frank Gradisek, Pres. of Keystoneans, Ann and Mrs. Rahne, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cinsky, Rudy Osolnik, John Ben and John Kozel (Chicago) we had a very happy day. And so to the Rahnes, Gradiseks and Krainitzes, we owe thanks for a full week-end.

New Prexy

Ed Prevec, Pres. of the Eagles resigned his office due to a rollment in the Army. A "head" will be elected at the July meeting, so please attend a body. Eddie made numerous social visits and will be missed by his many friends.

Card from Beachy Bruce is on maneuvers at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. He says, "Oh of nice girls down here," and you know Beachy, you know Helen Yaklevich missed out the Eagles Insurance Award when she failed to appear at meeting.

And the best of everything a couple of old friends—Rupert and "Jo" Troyer are now Mr. and Mrs. They first at an SNPJ affair, so you can see that we don't just wish insurance.

Beginning the week of Monday, June 30, we would like to see many members of both local lodges at Avon Park for the place in readiness for the Fourth. We will need electricians, carpenters, etc. Come up and give us a hand.

M. S. Circle

John Ujeich has our wishes for a successful beginning on behalf of a Morning Star Juvenile Circle. You are interested in your people, John, and so is a definite part of them. It is all that you can. The job will prove difficult at times and try your patience but keep going.

If it is true that the Local Field Day is to extend over two days, some of the Detroiters and other distant out-of-towners, should make it possible to visit Girard on July 4. Plenty of room for everybody.
FRANK REZEK, 643

Young Americans

DETROIT, MICH.—On Sunday, the Young Americans will get-together outing at the Straits Lake. As in the past the location will be at the lower end of the lake.

Everyone is welcome and for an afternoon good time be on hand. There will be refreshments and games. Those of you who haven't get to the lake, be at the John R. about 10 a. m. and see that transportation is arranged.

Young American softball got under way on Sunday, with practice at the Ford. Bob Travnik was elected as captain. He informed all that position was open and any member wishing to tryout team either get in touch with him or report for practice. The team is also being formed to hold their practices at the time as the boys. How about our ball playing girls?

From the looks of the Y. A. boys' team should be strong this year. For information concerning practice get in touch with Manager Bob Travnik at the SNJ.

Young Americans send their sympathy to the Bozichs who recently lost their father, Joseph Bozich. Mr. Bozich a very active SNPJ member will be missed very much by all.

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Daily Prosveta's First Quarter Century

By Louis Beniger, Assistant Editor

Prosveta Daily is observing its silver anniversary. For a quarter century our daily newspaper has been serving our people as a guiding light, and its name, Prosveta, meaning Enlightenment, has been fully justified by its work.

With this issue the eight-page Silver Anniversary supplement in photogravure on fine paper, which contains a review of the work and achievements of the paper in word and picture, is presented to our members and subscribers.

The first issue of daily Prosveta came off the press on July 1, 1916, under the editorship of the late Jozo Zavarinik. Its success was instantaneous, and this date marked a new era in the history of American Slovenes.

For a quarter century the Prosveta has been recording the work and progress of our people in this country, presenting to its readers the news on labor and world events, always interpreted in the light of truth and honesty. In short: its contents during this period are a history of the problems, progress and achievements of our organization, its publisher, and its readers as well as our people here and abroad generally.

Reviewing a quarter century of a newspaper's life is no small responsibility; this has been done in the supplement and Slovene section. These lines are written to call the attention of our younger generation to the significance of this anniversary.

Delving back into the dusty tomes of twenty-five years ago, scanning the time-colored pages to note the outstanding events of yesteryear was no easy task but one which required considerable work as well as a sense of reverent respect for the courage displayed in the writings and spirit of the Prosveta's founders, editors and agitators.

In presenting this Silver Anniversary issue, the executive committee and the editorial staff feel they were lacking in appreciation and gratitude were not acknowledgement made of our contributors and agitators. To the men and women who have taken time from their busy hours to write and agitate, we give our sincere thanks for their past efforts and express the hope that they will continue. Our thanks also to all who contributed to the success of this special issue.

This year it is also twenty-five years since Ivan Molek began his work on the Prosveta editorial staff. He has been head editor of SNPJ publications since 1923.

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Buckeyes' Bits

By Oh

BARBERTON, OHIO.—BUCKEYES' BIG OUTING! Hey! Are you all set for the picnic outing at Rex Lake Park this Sunday, June 29? Ya are? Oh, boy! Ya know, it's been so long since we've all been together for a good old-fashioned fun-fest. I think we'll all enjoy the outing at Rex.

The entertainment committee is preparing all the refreshments so there's nothing to plan or take care of. You should all be on time when the caravan of cars leaves the Domovina Hall at 1 o'clock sharp. If you have no means of transportation, some one else will have room for you. Just don't forget to bring along your bathing suit.

Besides swimming and playing baseball, eating or what have you, you can also dance. If you can't make it in time to leave with the caravan, then come out later. We'll be there for the afternoon. See you there, gang, rain or shine—but be sure you call Stephanie at SH. 6421 until four o'clock or SH. 5488 after four and let her know you're coming.

Oops! A Correction! Dear Oh: 'Twas a shame, wasn't it, our calling your new nephew a Kernette. But then 'tain't our fault that our source of information crossed us up and we got the news that way! Now we're thinking that maybe some one was pulling the honorable leg of our source of info who, we trust, wouldn't deliberately risk this dept's reputation for accurate reporting! Anyway, the official report from the parents themselves is that IT'S A BOY and everybody's happy—except maybe Steffler! And, Adie me lad, Jollye Allis blood or no, it's the Wolverine team that Kid Kern will be a member of, so your baseball nine had better look out!

Wedding Bells It isn't only the defense industries that are working full blast! Any day now Dan Cupid will be here!

Juvenile Circles

Jolly Kansans Circle 11 Report Picnic Was Big Success

ARCADIA, KANS.—It is said that in spring and summer a young person's fancy turns strongly to thoughts of picnics, and that goes for older members, too.

The Jolly Kansans Circle celebrated their birthday by having a picnic at Sterle's farm on June 8. Although the weatherman gave rain in many of the surrounding towns, but to everyone's delight it didn't rain where our picnic was held. And the surrounding towns were also well represented. Games were played, and we had a sack race. All winners of all games received prizes. We also played ball. If you want to see someone really hit the ball you should see our adviser, M. S.

During the afternoon and evening John Tiao entertained by playing polkas on his accordion. Our sincerest thanks to our senior members for their kind hospitality they showed us at our picnic and at our other previous affairs. We hope that everyone present had a grand time.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Sunday, July 6, at the Franklin SNPJ Hall at 3 p. m. How about a large attendance, and let's have a ball game.

It's vacation time now and many people like to come to the Sunflower state to spend their here. Kansas invites you one and all to plan and spend your vacation in its towns and hamlets. Wishing everyone the best of vacation this summer. FANNIE GALICICH, Secretary.

Circle No. 26 Planning Outing to Jackson Park Sunday

CHICAGO.—On Sunday, June 29, Juvenile Circle No. 26 will have an outing in Jackson Park. Along with games and hikes, we plan to examine all important buildings and sites. All members and friends are invited. Bring your lunch and carfare to the lower SNPJ Hall Sunday morning at 10 sharp. We will be back in time for supper. RUTH MEDIC, Circle 26.

Juvenile Circle No. 10 Will Sponsor Picnic on July 27

SALEM, O.—Our Juvenile Circle No. 10 will sponsor a picnic on July 27 at the same picnic grounds where Lodge 467 held its picnic on June 15, which was a huge success. This is the first picnic they are sponsoring since they have organized. Let's all come out and help them get a good start towards building up their Circle financially as well as numerically. More details in later issues of Prosveta. FRANK HRVATIN JR., 476.

Detroit Circle No. 29 to Meet Saturday, June 28, at 1:30 p. m.

DETROIT, MICH.—The Young Americans will hold a picnic Sunday, June 29, at Lower Straits Lake. For this reason the Juvenile Circle No. 29 will hold their meeting Saturday, June 28, at 1:30 p. m. in the SNH. Many important things will be discussed. The election of officers, the Slovene school, softball teams, etc. Come and give your cooperation.

Our adviser, Olga M. Knapich, is now on vacation in her home town of Girard, Kans., and we should do all in our power to carry on until her return. She left instructions to carry on and when she returns we'll all have a swell time. I know that through the aid of Al Pternel and Bro. Zorman we will be able to remain active if we all pitch in and help. Sis, Knapich has done a great deal of work in getting the Circle organized, so it's up to us to see that we do our duty. I am sure that the members wish Olga the best of time ever among her old friends, and also that she returns soon.

And members, don't forget to bring in some new members. Remember the awards. Also don't forget to write to the M. L. OLGA F. GORUP, Circle 29.

"Jamboree" of Circle 11 Is Success: Hold Meeting July 6

GIRARD, KANS.—The annual "Roundup Jamboree" which was held at Sterle's Farm recently by the Jolly Kansans, Circle 11, was a huge success. A large crowd responded to our call and we all had a grand time. Many games were played and it seemed that everybody was having a swell time. Races were enjoyed by everyone. Prizes were won by Carl Ulepich, Lucy Kumer, Dorothy Yoger, Marie Kunsli, and Frances Kumer. A race for the elder men was held, and the winner was Brother Leban. Music was furnished by Frank Tiao, and we also enjoyed ourselves by dancing.

Our Juvenile Circle meeting will be held on Sunday, July 6, at Franklin, Kans., at the usual time. All members are urged to come. DOROTHY YOGER, Circle 11.

FLASHES

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Pioneers held a fine meeting last Friday night at the SNPJ Hall and elected John Simon and Frank Lotrich delegates to represent them at the National SNPJ Convention in September.

We also initiated two new members and transferred one from the juvenile to the adult department. Reports were made on a number of activities including our softball team, the ascension of the Pioneers to the first position of the SNPJ, and the continuation of the membership campaign until we reach a total of 800 members. A number of our active members have promised to give us the help necessary to secure the new members to bring us to the 800 mark. Subscription sales for the National SNPJ Day were reported on and a nice batch of them turned in. John Liposak was not present to receive the ten-dollar check, which means that we will have eleven dollars in July. Free refreshments were served after the meeting. The attendance was good.

Work has already been started on the annual Prize Picnic of the Pioneers which is scheduled for Sunday, August 3, at Skavich's Red Gate Grove. Music has been booked and the tickets are now being prepared. We will be soliciting gifts and prizes for this picnic and try to make it as the picnics of the past, an enjoyable one and profitable for our patrons.

We are continuing right on with our subscription sales. A total of twenty-seven books were turned in during the past week, which is a fine number and gives us further assurance that the contest will turn out successful. New reports were made by Josephine Malovich and Robert Kovanda who each turned in one book. Each of the five leaders increased their total also in the past week. Donald Lotrich has reported ten sales to place him in second for the largest single sale of the week. Mike Prsak has added four more to his total to retain the lead and Mary E. Novak added four more to keep right behind the pace-makers. Frank Lotrich turned in four more, and Julia Bogatay in fifth place, added another one. Louis Lovaha and Mary Hochevar each turned in another book. The top five ranking salesmen have 158 books to their credit which is an average of nearly thirty-three. Thirty-four Pioneers have made reports, while one hundred nineteen are following in the contest. The following is the standing of the first ten:

- Mike Prazak...41 Frank Groser...12 Don Lotrich...38 Syl Bozicnik...9 Mary E. Novak...35 Ernest Dresner...7 Frank Lotrich...25 Erna Vertnik...6 Julia Bogatay...21 Rose Vogrich...5

Members are asked to turn in their completed books as quickly as possible. All who are participating in the contest should start working in earnest because only a good two months remain in which to do this work.—Total Pioneer sales to date number 246.

Blanche Mares, who has gone to Union, Missouri, for a short stay, has undergone an operation for appendicitis. Ludwig Zorc and Ignace Yencich have left for a year's training in the army. James and Lee Jachino spent their vacation in Nokomis, Illinois.—The West Side News carried a fine account of the

Pioneer membership campaign and the fact that we became the largest lodge of the SNPJ. A report on the bowling prize money which was won at Detroit, Michigan, was also carried by the West Side News. This kind of publicity is of considerable value to the Pioneers.

Our softball players have secured the diamond at 32nd St. at Kildare for Monday and Friday evenings. Several fine players have joined the squad. Others are still needed. All who are interested in playing should get out to the grounds by 7 p. m. Friday night. More information is available by calling the Pioneer Secretary.

Last Sunday, the writer attended the 25th Anniversary of Lodge 273 in Sheldon, Wisconsin. A fine group of people from Sheldon and adjacent communities were present for the dinner and the celebration. Some came from as far as Willard, Wisconsin, which is seventy miles away. Old-timers predominated in the afternoon. In the evening, many young folks came to dance. This lodge has a promising future because the young people have become interested in the organization and because the old folks still work with the boys at the helm. This farming community and our people in it are much better off than they were some years back. Food products bring a better price these days and this will enable many of the farmers to pay their old bills and get ahead a bit. What is more, the farms are better developed and produce larger quantities of the essential grains. Our people are among the more earnest and hard working which results in better returns and certainly better farms and communities. For one who is used to the fast city life, the farms of Sheldon are very appealing.—MILLIE JAKSE is spending her honeymoon down in New Orleans. Congratulations! Oscar Godina writes that the West is really the country to see.—Louis and Jennie Kosele send greetings from Washington and the Atlantic coast. DONALD J. LOTRICH, 559.

Attention, Members of Lodge Vermilion 750! OGLESBY, ILL.—Since there was insufficient number of members present to hold a meeting on Monday, June 16, the members of Lodge Vermilion are asked to pay their dues at the home of the secretary, otherwise they will be suspended. Also, please pay your dues by the end of the month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 21, at Snyder's hall at 8 p. m. daylight saving time. MARY KLANSEK, Sec'y.

New CCC Enrollment Opens July 1-20

CHICAGO.—Employment in the CCC will again be available beginning July 1 and ending July 20. Unemployed young men who are between the ages of 17 and 23, and not in attendance at any school, may apply for enrollment at the Chicago Selecting Office, 2614 W. 25th Place, Chicago. Opportunity is given for administrative promotions in the Corps, such as company commanders, educational advisers, and skilled workers.

they shall know when they grow up that they are not only members of a fraternal insurance but members of a society of which they themselves are responsible for its operation and growth. You no doubt recall the traveling bachelors that you used to see and hear about not so very long ago and perhaps wonder what has become of them. No, they have not turned to hermits, but you all have heard this song "Those Wedding Bells Are Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine." That is what has happened to all but three of them. The latest to tie the matrimonial knot is none other than Henry Rupert, who was married in Detroit, Michigan, on May 31, 1941. It is he who was twice "raffed" as the most promising young bachelor, once on New Year's Day after the bowling tournament at the dance hall in Carriek; the second time at the Buckeyes' dance in Barberton, Ohio, which was official, according to the Traveling Bachelors, and was conducted by none other than Frank Rozman and a few Buckeyes and your writer. The winner was none other than Miss Josephine Troyer who is now Mrs. Henry Rupert.

Last but not least the Keystoners were looking for a nice crowd to help celebrate our 3rd Anniversary and we sent a cordial invitation to all friends and neighboring lodges to come; and they responded. Last Sunday the Keystoners attended the 6th annual Pennsylvania SNPJ Day in Strabane. On July 4, you'll see Keystoners at the 2nd Ohio SNPJ Day in Girard, Ohio. AL CVELBAR, Sec'y Lodge 755.

A Column

By MARY JUGG

A Twenty-Fifth Anniversary They will not know about it—the people who ride the street-cars and hastily snatch the morning news from the headline. They will not know about it—the smaller towns and villages. And if anyone should make mention of it outside the circle of the Slovene-speaking people, the first and the second and some third-generation American-Slovenes, they may raise their eyebrows and ask, "Well, what of it?"

For the twenty-fifth anniversary of a Slovene daily newspaper is not an impressive event—not in the sense that the sensational news and the startling news and the atrocities perpetrated upon innocent peoples are impressive events.

The foreign-language newspapers have been fulfilling their role in the process of assimilation of peoples that make up the continent that is called America. They have been fulfilling it quietly, without fanfare and without particular attention. Like the breathing of air, the air itself, the water that we drink—ever present, necessary to the life blood of the organism, but never given a thought until a crisis or disorder arises. Then only do we wonder what stopped the works and why and how they were put together to bestir us into awareness.

Twice in the life of the foreign-language newspapers of the "new immigration" have such crises arisen. One was the World War of twenty-five years ago, and the other is the World War of the present. Then the nation took a look-into of the various arteries that feed the thought and ideas of the peoples contained within it. They looked into the "foreign newspapers" for the trends and sympathies expressed. And of a sudden the list of articles on the foreign-language press indexed by the "Reader's Guide" swelled in size.

There were other times, too, of minor importance, such as the legislation for the passage of the immigration laws, when the big-time magazines summoned one of their staff to compose a "story" about the foreign press and their "views on the situation."

This done, they were allowed to continue each on its own course, performing the duties each sensed befell to it.

But the movements that have meaning move quietly. And the movements that make for growth develop without obvious tumult. When the history of our country will have been written, when the record of its growth is put down in the book, the role of the foreign-language newspapers will be remembered. For however insignificant they may appear in the future, however their importance diminishes, it can never be denied that in the past twenty-five, thirty-five, forty years they were as necessary to the emergence of the America that is as the material sustenance that America had to offer. They were interpreters, the establishers, the link between the old and the new environments for our immigrant peoples.

In this page of our history, the twenty-fifth anniversary of a daily newspaper of one of the smallest nationality groups in our country merits a worthy place. A word of praise, a tribute to those who worked that the daily "Prosveta" twenty-fifth anniversary shall be a reality, and an appreciation of the efforts and spirit of those who voluntarily accomplished what was so greatly needed: a bridge to a better understanding between America and one of its peoples!

Salem Lodge 476 Will Attend SNPJ Day Event

SALEM, O.—Note to all members of SNPJ Lodge 476: All who were assigned to work at the 2nd Ohio SNPJ Day at Girard on July 4 are to report at the picnic grounds from 10 to 11 in the morning.

All members are asked to attend the regular July meeting as we will need more help for the Circle picnic which will be held on July 27. Please come out and show your lodge spirit. I wish to add that our picnic held on June 15 was a great success, thanks to all our workers and guests. More about this next week. FRANK HRVATIN JR., 476.

News Notes from Motor City, Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT, MICH.—Beverly Lazar of Fontana, Calif., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Anton Cedilnik in Detroit. Albin and Bertha Junko, members of SNPJ lodge 964, are vacationing in Kenton, L'Anse and Calumet, Mich. Calumet is Albin's birthplace. Allen Junko, juvenile member of SNPJ lodge 121, fell from his bicycle, Sunday, June 15, and fractured his hip. He is being treated at Highland Hospital, Highland Ave., Highland Park. A MEMBER, Lodge 121.

The average motor vehicle in the United States has an annual burden of federal and state taxes of about \$66, as compared with \$35 only a decade ago.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—All members of the Integrity are asked to attend the regular monthly meeting Friday, June 27, at the Secretary's home, 1642 N. Fairfield Ave., at 8 p. m. We'll be looking for you.

Juvenile Circle is holding its meeting Monday, June 30, at 7:30 p. m. All juveniles ten years old and over should attend. Parents are asked to kindly cooperate in this regard to the meeting. The Secretary would like to have you in order that he may send it to the Main Office before July 4. Please cooperate with him. CHAS. R. FLEISCHACKER, Lodge 631.

Pet in dvajset let dela in boja

ZADNJIH 25 LETIH, od 1. julija 1916 pa do danes, je dnevnik Prosveta izvršil ogromno delo ne samo med člani temveč med ameriškimi ljudmi na splošno. Med slovenskimi v Ameriki je samo dnevnik, ki danes nadkri Prosveto v starosti, ampak dnevnik nima za seboj niti tako burne zgodovine, kakajna Prosveta.

Pet in dvajset letnikov dnevnika je tako nastropal spohalnimi svetovnimi dogodki, da so se glasovi dnevnih vesti na prvi Prosvete v tej dobi — novega veka; v istem času sveta beležila skoro od do dneva sijajen napredek jednote in vse glavna pojave življenja.

Dnevnik Prosveta se je rodil svetovno vojno — nekaj let dni pred vstopom ameriških držav v to vojno — je spremljal celo vrsto reševalnih in socialnih bojov ter njihovih odsevov: vojne in oboroženih konfliktov, ki se ni vse to pred do 20 mesece zllilo v novo svetovno vojno.

Na 25 let, odkar izhaja dnevnik Prosveta, je mednarodno bo enkrat označeno glavje v zgodovini zasa, docela prelomilo s starim, katerega smo mi starejši ljudi poznali pred prvo svetovno vojno, dočim se novi čas ni danes ni izoblikoval.

Pet in dvajset let se nahajajo največji prelomnici svetovne zgodovine.

Na splošno za uvod.



izhodišče obeh teh principov je pa jednotilo glasilo, katero je zadnjih 25 let Prosveta.

Demokratski nastanek Prosvete je prvič izpričala šesta redna konvencija SNPJ, katerega je 30. septembra 1915 v Pittsburgu, Pa., sprejela resolucijo za ustanovitev dnevnika Prosvete s 107 glasovi proti štirim, drugič je pa izpričalo članstvo SNPJ, ki je pri splošnem glasovanju šest mesecev kasneje potrdilo ustanovitev dnevnika Prosvete s 6463 glasovi proti 1307.

Šala na podlagi tega glasovanja je dnevnik Prosveta izšel 1. julija 1916.

Gornje je dokaz, da je članstvo samo ustvarilo dnevnik Prosveta, ki je začel izhajati po volji 6463 članov SNPJ. Med nasprotniki Prosvete zunaj naše jednote smo v teku zadnjih 25 let večkrat slišali očitek, da je "peščica socialistov" štela 6463 članov, ki so sami sebi usilili dnevnika —

Kako vneti so bili člani SNPJ za svoj dnevnik, dokazuje tudi to, da se jih je čez 3000 naročilo na Prosveto še predno je izšla. Vsi ti naročniki so prišli v devetih mesecih med 1. oktobrom 1915 in 1. julijem 1916. Malo je primerov v zgodovini slovenskega časnikarstva, da bi kateri list imel še pred svojim rojstvom toliko naročnikov kot jih je imela Prosveta.

To omenjamo le mimogrede, kajti po pet in dvajsetih letih ni več potrebno pobijanje raznih laži, ki so jih naši načelni nasprotniki metali v javnost na račun Prosvete. Te laži so se same ubile in Prosveti niso škodile niti za las.

Ali je dnevnik Prosveta zadovoljil željam in potrebam svojih

naročnikov in čitateljev skozi vsa ta leta?

Na vsej črti! V četrto stoletju, kar izhaja Prosveta, so se tisočeri člani SNPJ udeleževali v mnogih gibanjih in se udeležili mnogih velikih konfliktov na industrijskih poljih.

Naš dnevnik še ni bil star leto dni, ko je z drugimi naprednimi slovenskimi listi vred še nosil zastavo v velikem gibanju za jugoslovansko republiko in ostal je na čelu tega gibanja še potem, ko je večina drugih listov odpovedala. Prosveta je še danes lahko

ponosna na svoj uspeh tega gibanja v Ameriki. Ameriški Slovenci so takrat storili svoje dolžnost — ni je pa storil stari kraj.

Kdo naj našteje vse velike in dolgotrajne stavke, zlasti rudarske, ki so prizadele na tisoče naših ljudi in pri katerih je Prosveta

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nam je treba edinosti in bratske sloge zdaj,

ko je zvihrala bojna furija grozotno prek evropskih in ostalih daljnih pokrajin.

V času tem, ko se strupeni dih sovraštva in strahu zajeda kakor rja v srca ljudstev vseh celin na svetu, ko bodočnost ni nikdar tako brezbarvna bila, da težko je zreti vanjo — v sivo gmoto,

ki skoro niti slutnje ne dopušča, v kaj se bo razvila — kdo v času tem za troho stikal bi v očesu brata? In, če treba ni, zakaj bi tiraš besede na ostrino zla? Namesto da bi složno čuvali si težko priborjene drobce, pa kakor da bi sipali smodnik na žgoča tla —

Roka v roki! to naš znak je. Kaj pomeni? Petindvajset let PROSVETA nas budi, uči, vzpodbuja in svari ter kaže — ko svetlinik ob obali — ne le pota, marveč tudi skale in čeri ...

Katka Zupančič

ta dosledno bila živo in lojalno glasilo stavkarjev? Bila jih je dolga vrsta — in ne samo enkrat so se voditelji teh stavk pismeno zahvalili Prosveti za njeno sodelovanje.

Kdo naj našteje vse delavske politične kampanje — seveda, s malo izjemo socialistične — pri katerih je Prosveta sodelovala z vsemi silami in vplivom svojih čitateljev? Te kampanje in politične boji so bili sleherno leto tu ali tam, lokalno, po državah ali na splošno kot so še danes in bodo v bodoče. Prosveta ni bila nikdar kakšno glasilo te ali one politične stranke, pač pa je bila po volji konvencij SNPJ le solidarna s socialistično stranko toliko časa, dokler se je ta stranka držala svoje naglašane demokratske taktike.

Kdo naj popiše vsa naša domača kulturna prizadevanja, ki jih je Prosveta smatrala, da so vredna njene podpore? Teh je tudi bila cela vrsta in glavnina med temi je bila Prosvetna matica in za njo kasneje Cankarjeva ustanova, ki ju še danes podpiramo in toplo priporočamo vsakomur.

Ni bilo malo tega dela in nobeno teh prizadevanj ni bilo majhno, kar lahko potrdi dejstvo, da glavne teh kulturnih ustanov še danes žive med našim ljudstvom v Ameriki. Drugo važno dejstvo je, da je Prosveta — poleg Proletarca — opravljala pionirsko delo pri uvajanju slovenske socialne drame na naših diletantskih odrih v Ameriki. Socialna drama je bila prej bela vrana med nami — in letos lahko slavi srebrni jubilej s Prosveto vred —

Lista pa s tem še ni izčrpana in tudi ne bo, ker bi vzela preveč prostora. Naj omenimo še odlomke poljudne znanosti, ki jih je dnevnik Prosveta stalno priborčeval, bodisi v razpravah ali polemikah z načelnimi na-

sprotniki. V tem oziru smelo rečemo, da je bila Prosveta na prvem mestu med vsemi slovenskimi listi na tej strani oceana. Poljudna izobrazba v znamenju naravoslovnih, kakor socialnih, znanosti je neizmerno vrednosti za vedoželjnega delavca, ki ne spi ob belem dnevu; na tem polju je dnevnik Prosveta zarezal brazdo globlje kot kateri drugi slovensko-ameriški list pred njim.

Dnevnik Prosveta je na vsej črti zadostil in še vedno zadovolja željam in potrebam svojih naročnikov in čitateljev.

V življenju posameznika je 25 let dolga doba, skoro polovica povprečnega življenja. To pričajo moške, ki so kumovali Prosveti ob njenem rojstvu in ki so še pri življenju.

Tedaj mladi fantje, polni življenja in ognja za našo stvar, so danes še otaveli in večinoma so še izgarani stari, katerim se še skoro nič ne ljubi. Lahko se štejejo srečne oni, ki so še dobro pri zdravju in zmorejno dnevno garanje. Teh je primeroma jako malo — in med temi grčami jih je še nekaj, ki so po pet in dvajsetih letih še stalno na delu, na agitaciji za Prosveto. Ti naši delavci so skala, na kateri je zgrajena Prosveta.

Dokler bodo živeli ti naši stari, ki se nočejo postarati, ti naši kumi, ki so po svoji miselnosti še vedno tako mladi kot so bili pred 25 leti, ti naši graditelji, ki se v pet in dvajsetih še niso utrudili — toliko časa bo živel dnevnik Prosveta.

To velja tudi za naše naročnike in čitatelje, ki so po svoji miselnosti še vedno mladeniči, čeprav še imajo čez pet križev na plečih, in ki se še niso utrudili naročanja in čitanja dnevnika Prosvete. Kajti agitatorji ne bi imeli agitacije, če bi ne bilo lepega števila onih, kateri ne morejo več živeti brez dnevnika Prosvete.

Ti bratje in sestre vedo — če ve kdo drugi — koliko so dobili od Prosvete v zadnjih 25 letih; oni vedo, da bi jim bilo teh 25 let še daljših in zelo pustih — brez Prosvete; oni vedo, da ni dolgočasa in dnevi so topli in rožnati, če imaš dobrega in zvestega prijatelja, ki te obiskuje in informuje, zabava in poučuje vsak dan.

Tako. Ozrli smo se za nekaj hipov nazaj in pogledali na delo in uspehe dnevnika Prosvete v pet in dvajsetih letih njegovega življenja; pogledali smo le na glavne točke, ki vežejo celoto te dobe in katere so tako svetle, da nikdar ne uidejo iz spomina. Te svetle točke uspešnega dela in boja v pet in dvajsetih letih dnevnika Prosvete so tako impozantne, da s lahkoto odtehtajo vse neuspehe, katerih se ne manjka nikjer v realnem življenju.

Pogledali smo na vse to in zdaj — s zadovoljstvom lahko zapremo knjigo Prosvetnine pet in dvajsetletne zgodovine.

DOBRO JE BILO!

Nišesar nas ni sram, ničesar se ne kesamo! Če smo — vsi skupaj, ki smo dali dnevniku Prosveti življenje in ki ta dnevnik držimo pri življenju — kaj zamudili ali zanemarili, je bila malenkost, katero si lahko odpuščamo. Vse ono, kar je moralo biti storjeno, je bilo izvršeno v polni meri!

Pavza je končana.

Čas se ne zmeni in zgodovina ne čaka: pred nami je drugih 25 let ...

NAPREJ PO V SKALO VSEKANI KREMENITI POTI ZA DEMOKRACIJO, ZA SVOBODNO MISEL IN ZA SOCIALNO PRAVIČNO!

Godovina dnevnika Prosvete ob 25-letnici

(Nadaljevanje z 10. strani)

...na koncu leta 1932 smo list tiskali na sedmih kolonah in po šest dni v tednu. Naročnina od leta 1920 pa do konca leta 1921 je bila \$4.00 za nečlane in po \$2.80 za člane jednote. Od leta 1922 pa do leta 1927 je bila naročnina po \$5.00 za nečlane in po \$3.80 za člane jednote.

V letih 1926 pa do leta 1928 se je že pričela precej hudo poznati tista povojna kriza, nastalo je brezdelje in vsled tega je trpela tudi Prosveta z izgubo v naročnikih in oglaših; na naročnikih smo padli na 6000. Naročnikov je bilo vedno manj in nastalo je vprašanje, kako naj nadaljujemo z dnevnikom. Sicer je bilo dobro, da smo imeli precejšnjo rezervno, iz katere smo črpali in zalagali računa. Naročniki so nam dolgovali na tisoče dolarjev na naročnini, toda mi smo zalagali in tako smo vseeno izvozili srečno do leta 1929.

Po sklepu devete redne konvencije, ki se je vrhila meseca maja 1929, smo od prvega julija dalje lahko prišli po tri člane iz ene družine, to je tri tednike za en družinski dnevnik in to je ostalo v veljavi do konca leta 1933. Od tedaj naprej — po sklepu 10. redne konvencije — smo pa lahko pripisali k nemu družinskemu dnevniku do pet članskih tednikov iz ene družine in to je v veljavi še danes.

...magala kriti stroške za vzdrževanje dnevnika. Do tedaj se je tiskal dnevnik v češki Narodni tiskarni. Imeli smo v teh letih razne tekme za nove naročnike, ki pa niso uspeli. V letu 1926 do konca leta 1932 smo list tiskali na sedmih kolonah in po šest dni v tednu. Naročnina od leta 1920 pa do konca leta 1921 je bila \$4.00 za nečlane in po \$2.80 za člane jednote. Od leta 1922 pa do leta 1927 je bila naročnina po \$5.00 za nečlane in po \$3.80 za člane jednote.

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Kontesti za naročnike

...trile so se tekme, kontesti, skozi vse leto, boljimi, druge s slabšim uspehom. Plače



...delavcev so se višale, vse se je draželo in tako smo bili prisiljeni zvišati naročnino. Na primer, ko smo pričeli izdajati list Prosveta kot dnevnik v letu 1916, so bile tiskarske stroške od \$25.00 do \$28.00 na teden za 44-urno delo. Sedaj so povprečno za 40 ur in manj dela \$64.00 do \$60.00 tedensko.

...sem že omenil, smo bili v letu 1919 pa do leta 1921 hudo prizadeti radi draginje, a še najhujši radi naših "ljubih prijateljev", ki so bili za vojne zelo agilni in skušali na razne načine



...kako bi spravi uredu in upravnika Prosvete v ječo. Razmišljali smo številne vizite od raznih uradu SNPJ in na naših uradih, ko smo spali, so nas zvezdami obiskovali in z nami bili vseskozi pošteni z nam svetujemo, ki so se trudili, da nam posrečilo njihovo umazano

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...na tiskarno. Tudi razvila agitacija za članstvo na koncu leta 1924 smo že naredili stroje in prve dni meseca začeli tiskati Prosveto v svoji tiskarni. V poznem vse skozi po

doli na 4850 pri dnevniku. List so obdržali tako rekoč le oni, ki so finančno zmogli in pa oni, ki so si od ust pritrjali, da so zmogli za naročnino. Raje so malo manj jedli, da so lahko čitali list, kateri jim je bil zelo priljubljen. Na primer sprememba, da smo znižali list s sedem na šest kolon in prenehali s sobotno izdajo, ni ugajala naročnikom, ampak to je bila edina pomoč, ker za dohodke, katere smo dobivali za dnevnik, ni niti od daleč zadostovalo. S tem smo prihranili na stroških okrog \$6,000 letno. In isto velja še danes. Prvič, ker je število naročnikov prenilno in dohodki od oglašev so postali ničeviti. Ako bi šli naprej in ne bi prenehali s sobotno številko, bi bila naša rezervna blagajna že davno suha in morali bi prenehati ne le samo s sobotno izdajo, marveč z dnevnikom popolnoma.

Ob tej priliki naj omenim še to, kar nisem še nikdar prej povedal v javnosti, da precejšnje število naših naročnikov, ki so se naročili ob začetku izdajanja Prosvete, se je naročilo in potem tudi pustilo list, ker so si napačno tolmačili ime lista. Vsaj tako so se pozneje izražali, da so mislili, da bo to list "PRESVETA", pa je "Prekleta" in ne "Presveta"! —

Prva leta, lahko rečem, skozi kakih 15 let smo imeli redno od 800 do 1500 naročnikov, ki niso bili člani jednote in od katerih jih je pretežna večina postala skozi redno čitanje Prosvete in uradnih naznanil in računov v sredini izdaji Prosvete. Z lahkoto trdim, da jih je letno postalo 70% članov SNPJ, kakor tudi njih družine. Prosveta je bila ves čas glavni agi-

...nika v slovenskem jeziku. Mladina, katere raste tukaj v Ameriki, pa naj si bodo oni, ki so prišli sem v to deželo kot malčki ali pa tukaj rojeni, prav gotovo ne bo zainteresirana za list v slovenskem jeziku. V angleškem jeziku izdajati dnevnik in približati kakršnekoli vesti in novice, bodisi svetovne ali domače ameriške, bodo brez pomena, ker mladina dobi, pa naj živi kjerkoli, svoje domače liste, iz katerih dobi vse to veliko hitreje, kakor pa bi to dobila iz Prosvete.

Izdajanje dnevnika za valne razprave in članke je polje precej ozko, da bi se izplačalo. Izdajali pa bomo mogoče svoje glasilo v angleškem jeziku, mogoče tudi dvo-tedensko, v katerem bodo, kakor sedaj, imeli poleg uradnega gradiva in računov svoje atletske in veselično dopisovanje itd. To je moje mnenje. Na ameriške in principe bodo pa najhitreje pozabili, izvemli tu pa tam kak posameznik se bo spomnil na našo zgodovino in tu pa tam opisal različne iz naše dobe in njih časa.

Pri upravitelstvu so pomagali od časa do časa ob začetku po par tednov, ali kolikor je bilo potrebno: Fr. Udovič in sedaj že pokojni Fr. Šava. Pozneje je bil nastavljen sedaj že pokojni Slavko Sterle, za njim pa Mary Klančnik, Frank Smith (Gottlicher) in Frank Sodnik. Se-

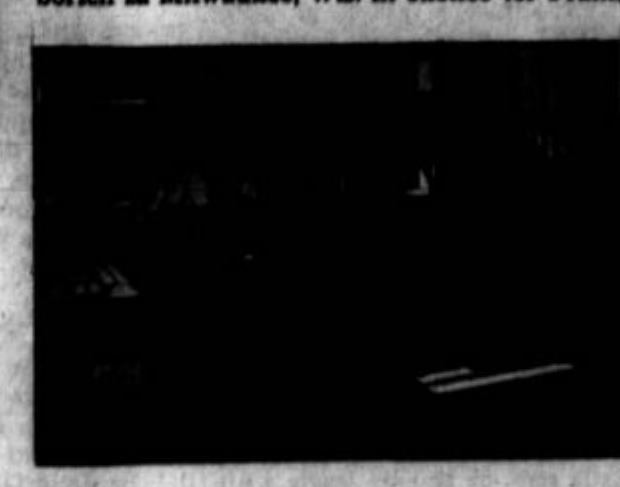


...da delajo Vinko Ločniškar, Oskar Godina in John Rak.

To so v glavnem naše dobrote in težave, skozi katere smo morali iti, da smo prešli dobo 25 let izdajanja dnevnika Prosvete.

Naši zastopniki so bili VSI društveni tajniki in tajnice, nekateri zelo agilni, točni in vestni, drugi manj, nekateri se pa sploh niso zanimali za dnevnik.

Glavni potovalni zastopniki so bili: Tone Jančevič iz Clevelanda, O., skoro skozi vso dobo 25 let. Potem pokojni Tone Zidanšek iz Sherrona, Pa., skoro dolga leta do svoje smrti. Nekaj časa Lejse Zakrajšek iz Indianapolis, Ind., Jeha Burja iz Burgettstowna, Pa., Lejse Eveder iz Conemaugha, Pa., Jeha Krains iz Johnstowna, Pa., Frank Ahlin tudi iz Johnstowna, Pa., Frank Margole iz Cicara, Ill. in Andrew Sprenger iz Lincolnia, Ill. Sedaj še vedno aktivni na delu so Tone Jankovič iz Cleveland in okolico, Tone Zornik iz Herminieja, Pa., Louis Baborch iz Milwaukee, Wis. in okolico ter Frank



Cvetan iz Tire Hilla, Pa., za vzhodno Penno.

Med naročniki smo imeli dolgo let vedno tudi nekaj slovenskih duhovnikov, ki pa so večinoma že vsi pomrli, in sicer Rev. Tone Sojar, Rev. Černs, Rev. John Mertel in pokojni Rev. Smolej, kateri je tudi veliko pisal za Prosveto, seveda pod drugim imenom, in čigar slika je v tem listu. Dal se je slikati z listom Prosveta št. 1.

Mogoče sem tu pa tam kaj izpustil, v glavnem pa mislim, kolikor sem se mogel domisliti, da sem opisal zgodovino dnevnika, kolikor se to tiče upravitelstva in gospodarske strani, kar bo mogoče lahko kdaj služilo našim potomcem v zgodovinski spomin. Upam, da nisem nikogar žalil s tem, da niso približna vsa imena raznih agitatorjev in zastopnikov. Bilo jih je v vsej dobi na stotine, da, lahko rečem na tisoče, v vseh teh 25 letih. Mnogo jih še krije črna zemlja, na stotine jih je šlo v staro domovino, onim pa, ki še žive in ako so še danes aktivni ali pa ne, izrekam na tem mestu najlepšo zahvalo za njihov trud in požrtvovalnost za delo, ki smo ga skupno vrhili z našim dnevnikom in s tem ustvarili najmočnejšo in največjo slovensko podporo organizacijo ne le v tej deželi, temveč na vsem svetu, kolikor se nas Slovencev tiče. Živeli bratje in sestre in SNPJ!

Prijatelj Prosvete

Rev. J. C. Smolej je bil naročnik mnogo let



Šupnik J. C. Smolej s prvo številko Prosvete v roki

Med onimi sotrudniki in zvestimi prijatelji Prosvete, ki se jih spominjamo v tej številki, je tudi slovenski katoliški šupnik J. C. Smolej, ki je še med pokojniki. Smolej je bil naročnik našega dnevnika od začetka in potem dolgo let pa tudi naš redni dopisnik je bil. Včasih je celo polemiziral z A. S. in s patrom Kazimirov in takrat se je nekajkrat podpisal s pravim imenom, drugače je pa pisal pod psevdonimom.

Pričujoča slika, ki kaže šupnika Smoleja s prvo številko Prosvete v roki, je izdelana v obliki razglednice, katero je Smolej sam poslal upravniku Godini in še danes se nahaja v njegovi posesti. Takrat je bil Smolej na slovaški fari v Superiorju, Wis., obenem je pačasno urejeval Narodnega vestnika v Duluthu. Kakšnega mišljenja je bil Smolej, dokazuje nekaj stavkov iz pisma, ki ga je pisal 17. maja 1915 upravitelju Glasila SNPJ: "Jaz sem sedaj med Slovaki, ker govorim njihov jezik ravno tako dobro kot češko ali slovensko. Nisem bil med svojim narodom od Indianapolis in si ne želim. Svojega dobička nisem nikoli iskal, zato pa tudi nič nimam. V razred dervišev, kojih prva in glavna reč je pa šep, pa nisem nikoli spadal in ne bom."

V pismu s dne 10. maja 1915 je pa Smolej zaupal br. Godini, da neki Ivan Blatnik v Seattlu, Wash., ki je takrat v Glasu naroda agitiral za znano Sloveško ligo, je bil bivši Rev. Francis Kerle iz Clevelanda, ustanovitelj in urednik Nove Domovine, ki je pustil duhovništvo in potem živel z ženo svojega brata, kateri je bil v norišnici... Časten spomin prijatelju Smoleju!

Včasih je bilo drugače

Prof.: To je pravi škandal, da danes vse sili v šolo! Včasih je bilo čisto drugače. Ko sem jaz študiral, ni noben tepec študiral — jaz sem bil edini iz cele fare.

"Zakaj si vendar zažgal svoja stara šolska pričevala?"
"Da ne bi prišla v roke mojemu malemu. Ah ne vidiš, da se že uči brati?"

Med prijateljskimi
— Ne morem ti povedati, kako me ima France rad. Včasih se niti posloviti ni mogel od mene...
— Kaj se mu je tako mudilo?

Propir med zakonci
— Takine žene, kakršna sem jaz, niti ne zaslužijo... ti...
— Prav praviš, zaslužil bi boljše.

Zadoščeno mesto
Mestni svet v Lienzu na Tirolskem je razpisal prostovoljno dražbo neke vojašnice in drugih stanovanjskih hiš. Mesto je moralo napraviti to žrtev, ker sicer ni vedelo, kako bi poplačalo dolgove.

Gornja slika predstavlja tiskarno SNPJ: Na prvih dveh slikah zgoraj so stroji v tiskarni, kjer se tiska Prosveta, tretja slika zgoraj na desni so stavci, druga vrsta spodaj, prva slika, je stroj za tiskanje naslovov za liste, druga slika spodaj kaže Antona Trojarja, hišnika, in odpošiljalce Prosvete in zadnja slika na desni so ročni stavci in vlagatelji.

To je tudi takorekoč ohranilo izdajanje našega dnevnika. Torej, kakor že rečeno, izgubili smo nad 2000 naročnikov. Poskusili smo na vse načine in agitirali, kar je bilo v naši moči, da smo obdržali naročnike skoro največ na kredit, nekateri celo za dve ali tri leta, ker so obljubili, da bodo plačali kakor hitro se razmere izboljšajo. Ker pa se razmere niso hotele izboljšati, ni bilo drugega kakor se udati usodi. V teh letih smo izgubili težke tisočake na naročninah in oglasov tudi ni bilo več mogoče dobiti, tako da smo bili udarjeni od vseh strani. Naročnino smo povišali na \$6.00 za nečlane in \$4.80 za člane, da smo lažje vzdržali. Pomagalo nam je pa tudi to, ker smo imeli svojo tiskarno, od katere prebitok je šel v podporo listu, drugače bi bili morali z dnevnikom prenehati. Pa tudi skozi vso to krizo smo s skladom iz tiskarne vzdržali in jednoti ni bilo treba nič zalagati iz upravnega oziroma nobenega sklada. Prosveta kot dnevnik, odkar izhaja, se vedno vzdržuje sporazumno s tiskarno samo.

Pritistila je kriza

V letih 1933 in skozi do 1934 smo list tiskali samo na šestih kolonah in vsled prehude krize smo opustili sobotno izdajo. Vodili smo kampanjo za tisoč novih naročnikov, a tega števila nismo dosegli, vseeno pa smo dobili dobro število novih naročnikov in tako smo 2. januarja 1935 list zopet povečali nazaj na sedem kolon ali stopec. S tem smo Prosveto povečali ravno toliko, kakor če bi list izhajal po šestkrat v tednu in na šestih kolonah. List je bil povečan za 28 kolon gradiva skozi ves teden in kot tak je še danes.

V tej dobi smo tudi padli s 6000 naročnikov

tator, da smo dobili tisoče in tisoče novih članov v našo jednoto s svojim dnevnikom.

Od leta 1937 dalje se je malo izboljšalo, kar se naročnikov tiče; narasli smo nazaj od 4850 do 5200 naročnikov. V tej dobi se je veliko število družinskih članov združilo in so dali svoja glasila prišteti k dnevniku. Že prvih par let se je tako pridružil ali bilo oddanih 12,881 tednikov k dnevniku, da so družine prejemale dnevnik mesto tednikov. Situacija se je nekoliko izboljšala in marsikateri star dolžnik je poravnal svoj stari dolg, ako ne vsega, pa vsaj deloma. Imeli smo tudi še nadaljnje kampanje, ki pa se niso več obnesle in vse izgleda, da je določeno število ljudi, ki se zanimajo za dnevnik, pa magari napraviti karkoli hočeš.

Tako stojimo danes

Tako je šla stvar naprej v letih 1937 pa vse do konca leta 1940, kjer stojimo še danes in zelo malo upanja imam, da se bo dalo kaj velikega izboljšati. Polje za naročnike je izčrpano, tvrdke nočejo več oglašati v tujejezičnih listih. Ljuba želja, da se vrne dnevnik s sobotno izdajo, je nevdržljiva, razen ako se najdejo pots in sredstva, kako in kje dobiti denar za to svrhu. Mladina dorasča in vsak čas, ko poteče naročnina komurkoli iz družine, ga pristejejo navadno k dnevniku in s tem dobiva upravitelstvo Prosvete vedno manj in manj dohodkov. Kot vse kaže sedaj, po 25 letih svojega obstanka, bo živel naš dnevnik še kakih 10 do 15 let, ako bomo strogo pazili in skrbeli na vzdrževalna sredstva. V tem času — kar priznamo radi ali neradi — bomo starejši priseljenci izumrli.

Število naročnikov se bo znižalo tako nizko, da se potem ne bo več izplačalo izdajati dnev-

