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CURRENT THOUGHTS

We are all aware of the fact that our country is at war. However, there are still some people who do not realize how serious it is. You hear them complain about lack of this, shortage of that, etc. We are glad to see that they are a minority. The majority of people realize that the best of our foodstuffs, clothing, etc., is being sent to our armed forces wherever they are fighting. These fighting men of ours deserve the very best of everything for they are the ones who are keeping us from actually knowing what bombings and total destruction of our country would be like. They fight for us on foreign battlefields to preserve democracy and safety for us here back home.

The next time you hear one of the "chronic complainers" pour forth about shortages, ask them if they would prefer bombing to shortages and rationing?

Much has been written and said about inflation and how dangerously close to it we are during this war. Our government advises us to pay no more than ceiling prices for our purchases. We are asked to buy only what we really need and to invest our surplus money in U. S. War Bonds, a gilt-edged security; to pay up our old debts and to buy life insurance. By following the above suggestions we shall help keep inflation away from our doors.

Science has done much for us during this war and promises us much more in the post-war period when materials and supplies will be available to carry our new experiments and inventions. Much has been accomplished in the way of medicine and surgery. Sulpha and penicillin drugs have saved countless thousands of our fighting men. Artificial limbs have been improved so that our boys can do the same things as they did before they were injured. Plastic surgery is doing wonders for our men and boys. All these war-time scientific discoveries promise us a better way of life after the war. We salute our scientists who did such wonderful work and are continually striving to make our future life better and happier!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

—Abraham Lincoln in a letter, Aug. 1858.

News of Lodge No. 105, AFU

Butte, Mont. — At our January meeting, held on the 21st, the following members were installed as officers of Lodge No. 105, AFU: Sam Orlich, president; Frank Tomich, vice-president; John Laurich, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Mary Laurich, recording secretary, and Chas. Lousen, John Buttala and Frank Lovshin, trustees.

As secretary, I wish to say that I urge all members to be more prompt with the assessment payments. However, if for some reason you are unable to pay your dues on time, please notify me about it. As a rule I

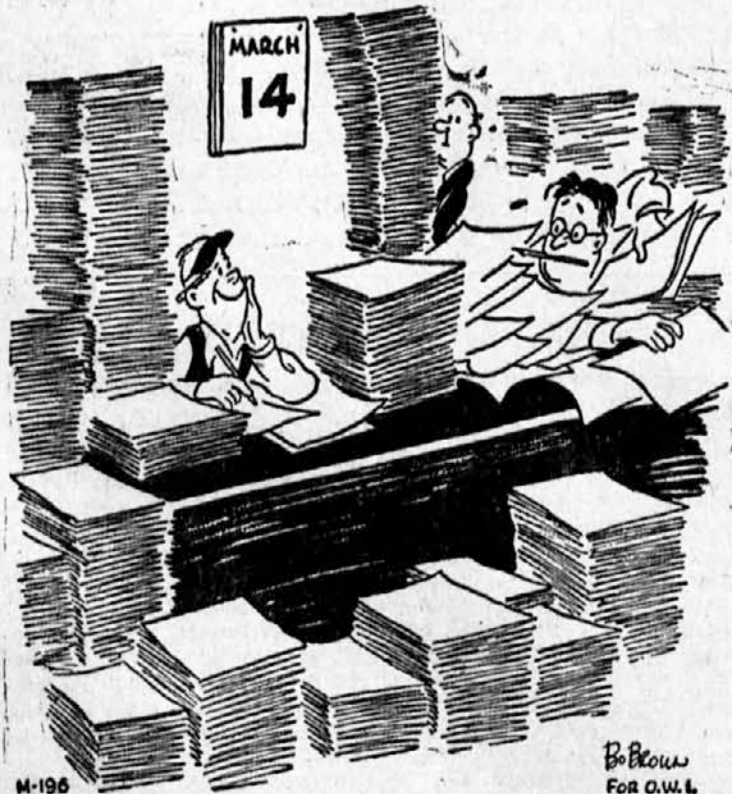
DID YOU KNOW

Napoleon Bonaparte originated the idea of odd and even numbers for different sides of the street.

can send the lodge check to the Supreme Treasurer on the last day of the month—for that reason make certain your assessments are paid to me by that day.

Our next meeting will be held as usual, on the third Sunday of each month at the same place at seven o'clock. Please try to attend some of these lodge meetings during this year.

John Laurich, Sec'y-Treas.
Lodge No. 105, AFU
Butte, Mont.



"I HAD THE MOST WONDERFUL DREAM LAST NIGHT—I DREAMED EVERYBODY HAD FILED THEIR INCOME TAX RETURNS EARLY!"

Important Notice To All Members Of Lodge 78, AFU

Salida, Colo.—At the meeting of Lodge No. 78, AFU, which was held January 21st, among other things we discussed what we could do to help our lodge treasury which is now completely depleted. All members are therefore invited to attend the next lodge meeting which will be held Feb. 18th so we can discuss as to what we should do in this respect. Should we levy a special assessment for all members or should we hold an entertainment to help us reimburse our lodge treasury, or is there some other way we can do this. Something must be done! The lodge has expenses every month but no income from any other source. Therefore, members, you are the ones to decide, so come to the meeting on Sunday, Feb. 18th and give your suggestions as to how we can put our lodge treasury back on its feet. Fraternal regards to all.

Frank Botz, Sec'y,
Lodge No. 78, AFU,
Salida, Colo.

News of AFU Yanks

Corp. Louis Verchi, who recently spent a furlough in the States, is now back at his old post up in Iceland. He says hello to all his AFU friends and they can write to him at his old address. He enjoyed his recent furlough very much and says all the people treated him swell. He wishes the Nova Doba to be sent to his new location. He is back on his old job of driving G. I. vehicles. He adds that he is glad to hear the Governor Lausche is doing O. K. and hopes he keeps on going places.

"Thanks for the letter, Corporal, and we all hope that the next time you visit the States, it will be to stay!"

This week John "Trosky" Urbancich writes from somewhere in Dutch New Guinea. He says he is happy to receive the Nova Doba for then he reads news from home and about his buddies in the armed forces. "I am really developing a 'mulatto' fan," he writes, "if you know what I mean. The life here is just like a vacation only some of the luxuries are missing. The greatest means of amusements here are the movies and the radio for which I am deeply grateful. The food is very good and I am thankful for that.

"I really miss the AFU functions and also the bowling, baseball and basketball games. Give my regards to all the AFU members and especially the Collinwood Boosters Lodge No. 188, AFU."

Thanks for the letter, John, and we all wish you the best of luck and health!

An electrically-heated knife now is an aid in the age-old business of extracting honey. The beeman uses it to uncup the honeycomb on each tray. The honeycomb then is placed in a drum and the honey extracted—leaving the comb undamaged so the bees can refill it.

American Fraternal Union Members Serving Our Country



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BRIEFS

The annual meeting of the American Fraternal Union Supreme Board will begin on Monday, Feb. 12th at the Supreme Office in Ely, Minn.

The Federation of AFU Lodges of Western Pennsylvania will meet on Sunday, Feb. 25th at the Slovenian Home on 57th St. in Pittsburgh at 2 p. m.

Joseph Korbar, member of Lodge No. 89, AFU of Gowanda, N. Y., received word that his son, Sgt. Stanley Korbar was wounded in both hands and his arm. He served with the First Army in Belgium as an engineer. He was inducted into the service in March 1943 and was sent overseas in April 1944. His brother, Henry, is also serving in Belgium.

The "Life" magazine for the week of Feb. 10th, will carry a series of interesting illustrations of the life and battles of the Yugoslav Partisan Army.

The Slovenian Dramatic Society "Ivan Cankar" of Cleveland, Ohio will present the comedy "Vdova Rošlinka" (Widow Rošlinka) on Sunday, Feb. 11, 1945 at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. at 7 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is 75 cents.

New Type Grease Made From Sand

Sand has been converted into a record-breaking new kind of machinery grease in a discovery reported to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers recently.

This grease does not harden at 70 below zero and does not melt at 400 above. There has never been a grease or oil like it. The sand grease is one of the new silicones, an entirely new class of industrial materials. All are based on introducing sand chemically treated, and made to form a synthetic resin.

The new minister was talking to the oldest inhabitant.

"I'll be 87 years old, sir, and I haven't an enemy in the world," said the aged one.

"That is a beautiful thought," said the minister approvingly.

"Yes, sir," replied the old one, "I'm thankful to say that I've outlived them all."

Notice to Members Of Lodge 182, AFU

Pittsburgh, Pa. — I wish to notify the members of Lodge No. 182, AFU that at our January lodge meeting, in accord with all the members present, the unpleasant situation prevailing in our lodge was cleared up. This is the matter I wrote about in my last article to the Nova Doba. Due to some unfounded rumors which began in a saloon, the lodge president and secretary were put on the spot. It is significant that these rumors were not started by a woman. This matter, as previously mentioned, is now cleared up. At our January meeting, the minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted as read. The member concerned was thereby freed from all doubt as to her possible incorrect actions. I hope that the member concerned will forget the injustice done to her and remain active in our lodge as before.

I would like to also add that at the January meeting it was unanimously approved that the sum of \$3.75, used at the October meeting for refreshments, was all right. Our by-laws do not forbid any such expenditure. Those members who paid this sum back to the treasury will have their money returned when they will pay their assessments in the future. This closes this matter as far as the lodge is concerned.

In regard to the "raffle" I would like to ask the Editor if I was right in this matter when I maintained that such things are not allowed to be published in the Nova Doba. (Yes, the secretary is right. In a paper which is sent through the mail it is forbidden to publish anything which deals with raffles, prizes, or any other kind of lottery. We are not even allowed to publish "bingo" games and card parties. The postal authorities are very strict in this regard. Any paper which would disobey the postal regulations in this respect would be liable to a fine and if it happens again they lose the right to second-class mail privileges. Editor's Note.)

At the January meeting, the present board of officers received a vote of confidence which was shown when they were all reelected except one. The officers are as follows: Magdalena Widina, president; Mary L. Bodack, secretary-treasurer; Anna Solomon, president of the board of trustees, and Barbara Bubah and Mary Cvetas, trustees.

I wish to thank Mary Kos of Morely, Colo. for her friendly letter and photographs. Slowly I shall catch up on my personal mail. I send all members of the American Fraternal Union the season's greetings for Valentine's Day.

Mary L. Bodack, Sec'y
Lodge No. 182, AFU
Pittsburgh, Pa.

The natural taste of fresh cider will be available throughout the year in a new apple juice developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The new product is a full-flavored apple juice concentrate which can be reconstituted, by the mere addition of water, to an apple juice which tastes and smells just like fresh apple cider.

Pvt. Joseph Banich Writes From Belgium

Somewhere in Belgium
Hello Everyone:

This is your old friend and AFU member "Casanova Joe" hoping that all of you are healthy and happy. My brother and I are doing fine at the present. Tony sends his regards to all of you.

First of all, I want you to know that I am receiving the Nova Doba regularly, and I wish to thank you very much for seeing that the boys in the service receive it regularly. I enjoy reading the English section very much. One article, that I especially like to read is Florence Startz's article. I haven't seen her article lately. Come on Florence, let's hear from you more often. I also caught a glimpse of the Juvenile Page. I think that if all of the juveniles cooperate, their page will really be interesting. I know that I'll enjoy reading their page, too. I want to compliment Florence Startz's younger sister for her help in putting some good articles in the paper. Keep up the good work.

Well, we have been through France, Belgium, and some parts of Germany. We had it pretty rugged and tough all the way, and for once we got a break. I'm going to let all of you know, how we are being treated in this village that we are in now.

We are in Belgium again. It sure is swell to be among friendly people again. In this letter, I want to tell you how swell the people are, especially the family with whom we are living. I hope all of you will enjoy reading this, and I'll try to make it as interesting as possible.

First, I'll give you the names of the members of the family, their ages, and a little of their present status in life. Then I'll give the names of the boys that live here, and tell you the names of their home towns.

First, we'll start with Mrs. Clement. All of us boys call her "Mom." It sure makes her happy when we call her mom. It makes her feel just as though we were her own sons. Mom is 65 years old. She is a widow. She is as lively as a young chick about 18. She has two daughters and a son. One of the daughters, Nellie, is 33 and has a son, Jackie, who is 18 months old. She lives with "Mom" and does some of the cooking and housekeeping for "Mom." Another of the daughters is Irene. She is also married, and she has a daughter, Carmen, who is 4½ years old. She lives next door. The son is Albert, who is 27 years old. He is a secretary in the City Hall in the village.

The boys that live here are:

Leonard Nawrocki from South Bend, Indiana; Walter Konopski from Detroit, Michigan; George Schneedecker from Detroit; Edward Sarkauskas from Brooklyn; John Cheh from New Jersey; Ray Garant from Flint, Michigan, and last of all, me.

Now we'll get on with my story. In the morning, we greet the family with "Bonjour," the French word for "good-morning" or "good-day." After that we go to work. As soon as we get back, "Mom" has some hot coffee prepared for us. Then we go eat dinner at the Mess Hall. After dinner, we go back to work. When we get through "Mom" has some hot water for us with which to wash up.

After we wash ourselves we eat supper. After supper, we all gather in the kitchen. We have a round table discussion. Albert speaks a little English, and Ray speaks a little French. After the discussion, we either play Euchar or dance. "Mom" is a good Euchar player, and she shows us how to give your partner a signal for the different suites. "Mom" is also a good Polka dancer. "Mom" and I always dance the Polka together. Albert is a good dancer too. Nawrocki tries to teach "Mom" how to jitterbug. We all get a good laugh out of it, but "Mom" catches on fast. After we enjoy ourselves, we have some hot coffee and waffles. The waffles are made by Nellie, and they are really delicious. After the snack, we say "Bonswar," the French word for "good-night." This completes the day.

We have had some good home-cooked meals since we have been here. Mom can really cook. She sure can make some delicious French-fries!

I can honestly and truthfully say that it really makes all of us boys feel good inside, to have someone to take the place of our moms, while we are over here. When we go home, we'll never forget the good times and the good hospitality that the people of Belgium showed us. I hope all of you enjoyed this letter, and I know that you'll feel the same way as we do toward these swell people.

I met another Slovenian fellow the other day. Maybe some of you know him. His name is Rudolph Lasich. He lives in Sacramento, California.

Well this is all for now. Keep up the good work, and don't quit until Victory is ours. Back up the attack with Bonds and Stamps, so that all of your loved ones will be home soon. I'll close, wishing all of you the best of luck and happiness. May God Bless All of You!

Sincerely yours,

Pvt. Joseph Banich



ANTI-BOREDOM INSURANCE aboard ship is given to these sailors whose craft is ready to leave an East coast port. Camp and Hospital Council Service of the American Red Cross helps keep ships and camps stocked with books, musical instruments and games.

