

DOPISI

Cleveland, O. — V soboto 9. decembra priredi naše društvo Sv. Janeza Krstnika, št. 37 JSKJ, društveno veselje s plesom (snowball dance) v S. N. Domu na St. Clair Ave. Veselica bo prirejena v korist društvene blagajne. Na to veselico so vladljivo vabljeni vsi člani in članice društva št. 37 JSKJ. To pomeni vse, brez razlike, tudi zdravnike, sodnika, odvetnika, p e v o vodje, urednike, pogrebnike itd. Počakimo, da je društvo št. 37 res največje društvo naše dične J. S. K. Jednote. Upamo, da se prireditve udeležijo tudi glavni odborniki JSKJ, ki bivajo v državi Ohio. Člani našega društva naj upoštevajo, da imamo pri društvu vse enake pravice pa tudi enake dolžnosti. Na prireditve je prijavljeno vabljeno tudi vse ostalo slovensko občinstvo iz Clevelandca in okolice. Vsem posetnikom bomo skušali postreči po najboljši možnosti. Na svidjenje v soboto 9. decembra na veselicu društva št. 37 JSKJ!

Frank Lavrich,
blagajnik društva št. 37
JSKJ.

Chisholm, Minn. — Članice društva Danica, št. 150 JSKJ, so vladljivo vabljene, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo glavne ali letne seje, ki se bo vršila v torek 12. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v Community Building in se bo pričela ob pol osmih (7:30) zvezcer. Ta seja bo velikega važnosti, ker potreba voliti društveni odbor za prihodnje leto in obenem sprejeti razne društvene določbe, ki bodo potem veljale za vse leto. Zato je želeti, da se članice te važne seje udeležijo, kar mogoče polnoštevilno. Sestrski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 150 JSKJ:

Johana Dolinar, tajnica.

Monessen, Pa. — Društvo Prijatelj malenih, št. 68 JSKJ, bo obdrževalo svojo letno sejo v nedeljo 10. decembra. Seja se prične ob 10. uri dopoldne. Vsi člani in članice našega društva so vabljeni, da se te važne seje gotovo udeležijo. Na tej seji bo treba izvoliti društveni odbor za prihodnje leto in sprejeti razne določbe za bodoče poslovanje društva. Pridite vse, da se vse ukrene v največje zadovoljstvo vseh! — Za društvo št. 68 JSKJ:

Joseph Pastorkovich,
tajnik.

Chicago, Ill. — Društva JSKJ v Chicagu priredijo skupno božično za otroke v soboto 23. decembra. Prireditve se bo vršila v šolski dvorani na Cermak Rd. in Wolcott St. in se bo pričela točno ob 3. uri popoldne. Člani mladinskega oddelka JSKJ bodo vstopnine prosti in obenem bo še vsak deležen lepega darila. Vstopnina za odrasle bo 25 centov, za otroke, ki niso člani JSKJ, pa 20 centov. Na programu bodo take zanimivosti kot mladinska igra "Poboljšana trmoglavka," Plutovi trojčki, sestri Plut ter več deklamacij in pevskih točk. Program bo bogat, zato so člani JSKJ vabljeni, da se prireditve gotovo udeležijo in da pripeljejo s seboj tudi svoje prijatelje. Natančen program bo objavljen enkrat pred 17. decembrom svojo glavno ali letno sejo. Pričela se bo točno ob eni uri popoldne. Člani in članice so vabljeni, da se te važne seje kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo.

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Naše društvo Sloga, št. 174 JSKJ, bo obdrževalo v nedeljo 17. decembra svojo glavno ali letno sejo. Pričela se bo točno ob eni uri popoldne. Člani in članice so vabljeni, da se te važne seje kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo.

Takojo po tej seji pa se bo vršilo glavno letno zborovanje delničarjev Slovenskega delavskega doma. Na tej seji bodo voliti direktorja. Vsi delničarji so prošeni, da se tega zborovanja gotovo udeležijo in da pridejo

odbor za leto 1940 in sprejeti razne društvene določbe.

Na novembarski seji je bilo sklenjeno, da plača vsak član odraslega oddelka z rednim asessmentom meseca decembra še društveno naklado v znesku 25 centov. Vsiti člani, ki jaj dolgujejo na asessmentu, so prošeni, da poravnajo pred koncem leta. Sestrski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 162 JSKJ:

Mary Krainick, tajnica.

Enumclaw, Wash. — Vreme imamo tu na skrajnem zapadu prav lepo, da se nam zdi, kot bi se bližala pomlad, ne pa zima. Toda drevesno listje je odpadlo, ker tako zahteva narava. Zakoni narave seveda prav tako zahtevajo svojo pot med nami. V tekom letu je naše društvo "Bratje svobode," št. 162 JSKJ, izgubilo dva člana. Meseca avgusta je preminil sobrat Frank Lovshin, ki je bil počoven avtomobilu. Tu zapušča mater, tri brate in eno sestro. Rojen je bil v Ribnici na Dolenjskem. Dne 14. novembra pa smo pokopali sosesko Marijeto Siskar, katere dekliško ime je bilo Hrovatič. Tu zapušča žalujočega soprogata, pet hčera in enega sina, vse odraslene. Rojena je bila v vasi Dolže, fara Stopiče pri Novem mestu na Dolenjskem.

Naj bo pokojnikoma ohrajen blag spomin, žalujočim ostalim pa bodi v imenu društva izraženo iskreno sožalje! — Za društvo št. 162 JSKJ:

Mary Krainick, tajnica.

Farrell-Sharon, Pa. — Sporočati mi je žalostno novico, namreč, da je dne 23. novembra posegel angel smrti v našo sredino in odnesel k večnemu počitku sobrata Rudolfa Grmadnika, člana društva Sloga, št. 174 JSKJ, starega komaj 30 let. Premil je po dviadenški bolezni v tukajšnji bolnišnici. Pogreb se je vršil po cerkvenih obredih dne 26. novembra na hrvatsko pokopališče.

Na tem mestu naj se zahvalim članom našega društva Sloga JSKJ, kakor tudi članom društva Slovenec SNPJ, ki so se ob pokojnika poslovili s cvetjem in ki so ga v tako obilem številu spremnili k zadnjemu počitku. Soba, kjer je ležal pokojnik, je bila dobesedno spremenjena v cveteči vrt. Hvala tudi ostalem občinstvu, ki je na takoj lep način izkazalo pokojniku zadnjo čast. V pogrebnem sprevodu je bilo okrog 60 avtomobilov. To je bil dokaz, da med nami še vedno živi duh društva.

Pokojni Rudolph Grmadnik je bil rojen v Trbovljah v Sloveniji ter je prišel s svojimi starši v Ameriko, ko je bil tri leta star. S svojimi starši je živel v raznih naseljih našega premagarskega okrožja, pred 13 leti pa se je družina priselila v našo naseljino. Pokojnik je bil zadnje časa zaposlen kot razvajalec premoga, pri katerem deluje tudi naši JSKJ, pa 20 centov. Na programu bodo take zanimivosti kot mladinska igra "Poboljšana trmoglavka," Plutovi trojčki, sestri Plut ter več deklamacij in pevskih točk. Program bo bogat, zato so člani JSKJ, opozarjam, naj ne pozabite naše letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 17. decembra. Prireditve se bo prireditev v soboto 23. decembra!

Anton Krapenc.

Enumclaw, Wash. — Člane in članice društva "Bratje svobode," št. 162 JSKJ, opozarjam, naj ne pozabijo naše letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 17. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v "Krain" dvorani in se bo pričela ob 1. uri popoldne. Na tej seji bo treba izvoliti društveni

pravočasno, ker se ne more čakati.

Eno nedeljo v mesecu decembru bo naša ura na radio-oddajni postaji WPIC v Sharonu. Pritele na tozadnevi oglas, ki bo pričeben pravočasno.

V nedeljo 24. decembra zvezbo tukajšnji Slovenski delavski dom priredil svojo občajno božičnico. Mladinski pevski zbor Doma bo vprizoril lepo igro, katere imena pa še ne povem; obenem nam bo zapel nekaj lepih pesmic. V tem zboru so mladi člani naših društev, stari od 6 do 14 let. Poučuje jih učiteljica Frances Novak. Petje bo v slovenskem jeziku. Po končani igri pa nastopi stari Miklavž, ki bo razdelil darila med naše otroke.

Starši so prošeni, da pripeljejo svoje otroke k tej božičnici, brez ozira v katerim društвom spadajo; božičnica bo za vse, za člane in nečlane Slovenskega doma. Lahko prinesete tudi darila za vaše prijatelje, da jih bo Miklavž razdelil, komur bodo pač namenjena. Tudi jaz se tem zdravljajočim skupinam.

Cenjeni sobrati in sestre! Ko boste imeli poverilnice na vaši seji, vzemite zadevo v predres in izvolite zastopnike. Res je, da nekateri pravijo, da te federacije ne pomenijo nič, toda temu ni tako. Na federacijskih sejih se marsikaj izvije v marsikaj koristnega ukrene za naše JSKJ. Zadnja seja je bila dobro obiskana in upam, da bo prihodnja še bolje. Na svidjenje 31. decembra v Pittsburghu!

Pred zaključkom se v imenu federacije zahvalim članstvu št. 154 JSKJ v Herminie, Pa., za tako lep sprejem in gostoljubno postrežbo ob prilikah naših zadnjih sej.

Za federacijo društva JSKJ v zapadni Pensylvaniji: Jurij Prević, tajnik.

Frank Kramar.

Gilbert, Minn. — Leto 1939 se bliža koncu, zato se hočem pred njegovim zatonom še enkrat oglasiti v Novi Dobi. O delu se ne izplača poročati, ker tukaj ga sploh ni, z izjemo, kar nam ga daje WPA. Iz tega se razvidi, da bomo racune naših dohodkov lahko sklepali ob koncu leta.

V zadnjem mesecu leta so na vrsti letne seje naših društev. Te seje so izmed vseh društvenih sej najbolj važne. Na teh sejih se volijo društveni odbori za prihodnje leto in se sprejemajo razni zaključki, ki navadno ostanejo v veljavi za vse bodoče pravno leto. Žal, da se na teh sejih dostikrat kaj koristnega prezre ali pozabi, ko se preveč hiti od točke do točke naprej. Vsaj na letni seji bi si člani morali vzeti nekoliko več časa, da bi pretehtali vse, kar bi bilo v večjo korist društva. Če leta se članstvo itak v malem številu udeležuje sej; le na letno sejo jih pride več, zato naj bi bile tiste malo bolj temeljite.

Zgodi se, da šteje društvo stali stopetdeset članov, med katerimi se mnogi zmožni za ta ali oni urad, pa pride kakšen član, ki se morebiti ni udeležil niti ene seje tekom leta, ter predlagajo, da vse ostane po starem. To po mojem mnenju ni pravilno in bratsko. Naj se da pravica vskemu, da pove svoje mnenje, naj ima priliko nominirati kandidate in biti nominiran. Pravila Jednote predpisujejo volitve, ne pa, da bi moral ostati vse po starem. Včasih je morda dobro, da vse ostane po starem, vselej pa je v cvetu let spravila pod grudo. Naj bo pokojnemu sestru Rudolfu lahka ameriška gruda, žalujočim ostalim pa bodo izraženo iskreno sožalje!

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bi vsak zastopnik društva primešal spisano priporočilo, katera točka in kako naj bi se izboljšala. Prihodnja federacijska seja se bo vršila v Pittsburghu, Pa., v nedeljo 31. decembra 1939. Na isti seji se bo volil federacijski odbor za prihodnje leto, istotno pa bo volil odbor za pravila.

Ako bodo federacije tako razpravljale o pravilih kot so pred

zadnjou konvencijo, bo lahko prihodnja konvencija končana v enem tednu.

Pri tej priliki apeliram na vse člane in članice društva Sv. Jožefa, št. 140 JSKJ, da se kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo prihodnje mesečne in obenem letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 10. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v tajnikov prostorih v Colorado:

John Lipec, tajnik.

Morley, Colo. — Tem potom pozivam člane in članice društva Sv. Jožefa, št. 140 JSKJ, da se kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo prihodnje mesečne in obenem letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 10. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v tajnikov prostorih v Colorado:

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Canonsburg, Pa. — Tem potom pozivam člane in članice društva Bratska sloga, št. 149 JSKJ, da se gotovo udeležijo prihodnje mesečne oziroma letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 10. decembra in zborovanje kot je nih prostorih v nedeljo 2. decembra in se bo pričelo v 2. uri popoldne. Na omenjeni seji bodo volil odborniki za letne seje, ki se bo vršila v navadno prostorih v državi Colorado:

John Lipec, tajnik.

White Valley, Pa. — Tem potom pozivam člane in članice društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 36 JSKJ, da se kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo prihodnje mesečne in obenem letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 10. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v tajnikov prostorih v White Valley, Pa.:

John Kos, tajnik.

Geneva, O. — Prijateljem v Clevelandu, Barbertonu, Akronu, O., in Davisu, W. Va., ki so me v preteklosti večkrat obiskovali v Ashtabuli, Ohio, naznam, da sem se preselil. Od sedaj naprej me najdejo na naslovu: 170 Liberty St., Geneva, Ohio. Želim vsem vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto.

Frank Sezon, član društva št. 44 JSKJ.

Conemaugh, Pa. — Člane društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 36 JSKJ se pozivlja, da se kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo letne seje, kar ter se bode vršila v nedeljo dopoldne dne 17. decembra.

Frank Sezon.

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Nova Doba



ANNUAL MEETINGS

Our lodge secretaries are making their annual appeal to members to attend the December meetings.

Column after column of lodge meeting notices for the annual meeting appear in the pages of Nova Doba.

"Be sure to attend the most important meeting of the year," write the secretaries, "for election of officers for the year 1940 will take place; rules and regulations governing the local branch will be read, and where necessary, revised. A program of entertainment will follow the meeting, including serving of refreshments and a light lunch."

In many lodges, the December annual meeting resembles homecoming night, for many otherwise disinterested and absentee members, make it a point to be present at the final meeting of the year. Much to the delight of the officers in charge, who may be facing a large number of empty chairs during the year on meeting nights, the large attendance at the December assembly compensates any number of poor meeting attendances during the year.

Not only do the secretaries urge you, the members of our SSCU, to attend your December annual meetings, but also the president, treasurer, recording secretary, trustees and members of other committees.

It is very important, and also essential, that you—a member of our progressive organization—co-operate with your fellow brothers and sisters, co-operate with your officers, by attending the annual meeting.

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The annual meeting can be a source of inspiration to the lagging members, who merely pay assessments and nothing more, to show a little animated interest in their branch. The proceedings can be conducted in a colorful way by an ingenious president with the support of the other officers and members.

Instead of dragging out the smallest and inconsequential detail, stick to the more important pieces of legislation. Instead of permitting the discussions to get out of order, insist on the business at hand. And be sure that two or three members are not given the floor constantly, much to the disgust and general despair of otherwise enthusiastic members.

In the annual meeting, the officers in charge have an excellent opportunity at their disposal to inspire large attendances at all the meetings throughout the year.

Collinwood Boosters

Cleveland, O.—Well, I am back again after an absence of two weeks. Our campaign for new members is proving to be a genuine success. We are progressing more and more as the year draws to a close. At the last meeting of the Boosters Loychie Ivancic came through with another new member in the person of Eddie Marincic, who is well known in the Collinwood area. Incidentally, Eddie (Mariner) Marincic is the third consecutive new member whose height ranges over the six foot mark. John Grubescic and Joe Zurga preceded him.

A novelty was introduced at our last meeting by Alice Strum, and approved by all members present. It consists of the following: Any member or members whose birthday falls during the month of January would have to contribute towards refreshments, be it a bagful of hamburgers, candy, or soft drinks, etc. The same goes for all members who celebrate their first day on earth in February, and so on every month throughout the remaining months of 1940. This arrangement, I am sure, will keep all the members awaiting for that meeting night, at least we think it is worth a trial.

I wish to make a correction. In one of my previous articles the following misprint occurred: "Lou Sajovec, manager of Napredek's football team," should have read, "Lou Sajovec, manager of Napredek's softball team."

My pen is dry. I will sign off until next week when I shall tell you more about the next meeting. I may even reveal a hint about officers' night.

J. Laurich, Publicity

"A moth leads an awful life."

"How come?"

"He spends the summer in a fur coat and the winter in a bathing suit."

Betsy Ross Meets

Cleveland, O.—All members of Betsy Ross lodge, 186, SSCU are requested to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, December 10th, at the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. This meeting is of vital importance to you all as the election of officers for the ensuing year shall take place.

It is the duty of every member to attend this meeting. All the members should look forward to this annual assembly as it enables them to express their choice in the election of officers. The members must keep in mind the capabilities of individual officers and their contribution to the progress of the lodge.

Only through the co-operative spirit of component members can true progress be attained by our lodge.

Members are cautioned to keep the date of our next meeting in mind, and not to be confused by the change. Sunday, December 10th has been selected for the annual meeting in order to give all members an opportunity to attend. Normally, our meetings are held on Mondays.

Meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting, and the 1940 calendars of our SSCU will be distributed. All members are reminded to pay their assessments at this meeting or at my residence by the 29th of this month. Please co-operate with your secretary for he has additional detail work during the month of December. Also help him to complete the records for the fiscal year.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y.

Lodge 149

Canonsburg, Pa.—I wish to take this opportunity to urge members of lodge "Bratska sloboda," 149, SSCU to attend the annual meeting, which will take place in the usual quarters on Sunday, December 10, starting at 2 p.m. It will be necessary to make various decisions on the future course of the lodge for the next year; elections of lodge officers for the year 1940 also will take place. Therefore, it is imperative that members attend in full numbers to elect a board which will be satisfactory to all.

Shall we hold a Christmas party this year? This is another item that will have to be acted upon at the annual meeting. Our 160 juvenile members look forward to Santa Claus and his gifts. Although our lodge treasury is not overflowing with funds, still with 135 adult members we can make some arrangements for the Christmas party.

Members who were absent at the November meeting are informed herewith that it was decided that all members pay 50 cents additional into the lodge treasury as well as the regular monthly assessments. This special assessment must be paid either in December or January. The five-cent lodge due collected every month from each member is not sufficient to cover all lodge expenses.

I would propose that a lodge due of 10 cents be collected from each member with full benefits, and 5 cents from members with partial benefits.

Martin Zagari, Sec'y.

BRIEFS

Lodge 37, SSCU of Cleveland, O. will hold a dance on Saturday, December 9, in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave.

A dance will be held by lodge 40, SSCU of Claridge, Pa., on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Slovene National Home. Vadnal quartet from Cleveland will provide the music.

Dramatic Club Ivan Cankar of Cleveland, O., will open its season on Sunday, December 10, with a play at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave.

The Junior Slovene School of the Cleveland Slovene National Home will hold a Christmas party on Sunday, December 24, for the students and friends. Included in the program is a play, to be acted by the juvenile students, and then Santa Claus will distribute gifts.

Lodge 183, SSCU of Yukon, Pa., will hold a dance on December 30.

Lodge 230

Chisholm, Minn. — Members of lodge "Sloga," 230, SSCU are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting on Thursday, December 14, at the usual quarters and starting at 7 p.m. This meeting is important for election of the board for the coming year will take place, and other essential business also must be transacted. Members are requested to come to the meeting on time, so that we may start promptly at 7 p.m.

A program of entertainment will follow the meeting. The committee on preparations reports that the entertainment will be above par, and that no one shall regret the individual contribution of 15 cents. Members are requested to bring along their friends to the entertainment.

Mary Zurga, Sec'y.

With the Cardinals

Struthers, O. — As the year of 1939 draws to a close, the time arrives when our SCU lodges hold their annual meetings. At these December meetings members elect officers for the year 1940. Our meeting falls on December 8th, at the home of Bro. John Pogacnik, 32 Grace St. Everyone should be present. Keep this date in mind, for at the meeting you shall exercise the right to nominate, elect or be elected to some office in our lodge.

Calendars will be distributed. A light lunch and refreshments will be served after the meeting is adjourned. All members are requested to be present at 7:30 p.m., or even a little sooner.

We would like to see the following present at the meeting: Stella Vlosich, Julia Vlosich, Anna Zlatich, Mike Marasovich, Rose and Angeline Slabe, Mary and Joe De Lost, Frank and Anna Maizel. Also others who have not been attending regularly. Joe Zlogar is also requested to be present as is our mascot "Pinky." Every member should pay their assessments on time as December is a busy month for the secretary. Be seeing you all at the meeting.

Edward T. Glavie, Sec'y.

No. 229, SSCU

Lodge 132

Euclid, O. — All members of lodge "Napredek," 132, SSCU are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting on Friday, December 8, starting at 7:30 p.m. Many important matters must be discussed and passed upon at this meeting.

For this reason the members are requested to come to the meeting on time, so that we can start the meeting promptly. Since this is the final meeting of the year it is the duty of each member to attend, if at all possible, so that he may hear the report of the lodge for the year. With 175 members in the adult department, and 160 in the juvenile, it is not asking a great deal to expect a good attendance. The Union's calendars for 1940 shall be distributed at this meeting.

A very important problem for the annual meeting is the election of a board for the coming year. I would suggest that a few younger members be elected to this board. Let us encourage the younger blood by extending to them some of the lodge responsibilities. Since the new enrollments arise from native born it is only logical that we recognize this fact and act accordingly.

Our Union can continue to do business for many years, if we interest enough of our youth. We, the older members, will pass out one after another, and without youth, our Union shall cease to exist.

I want to report that two of our members are convalescing at the hospital. They are John Cimperman, senior, and John Cimperman, junior. Both underwent operations, and both are on the road to recovery. We hope they shall soon return to their family. The entire Cimperman family belongs to the SSCU. The father is a member of over 30 years standing.

John Tanko, Sec'y.

Lodge 155

Blaine, O. — As decided and ordered at the November meeting, I invite all members of lodge "Napredni Slovenci," 155, SSCU and urge them to be sure and attend the annual meeting on Sunday, December 10, starting at 2 p.m. Each member knows that important business must be disposed of at the annual meeting, including election of officers for the next year. Hence, it is only logical that all members attend if at all possible.

In conclusion, I wish to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Paul Ilavar, Sec'y.

Lodge 112

Kitzville, Minn. — Members of lodge "Sv. Janeza Krstnika," 112, SSCU are notified to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, December 17, starting at 10 a.m. Election of the administrative board will take place at this meeting. Calendars of our Union for the year 1940 will be distributed. Absent members from our meeting will be dealt according to the lodge by-laws.

This is for the information of all members so that there shall be no excuses. In conclusion, I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all supreme officers and the members of the SSCU.

Frank Shega, Sec'y.

Winter Social Season Makes Debut

LODGES PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL SESSIONS

By Uncle Stan



Ely, Minn. — Recovering from the effects of a thrill — that of being an "uncle" for the first time — your columnist has assumed a proud, perhaps somewhat haughty attitude (Tsk tsk) and is prepared to do a good job at being a real "Boter."

For at first he was so excited he couldn't understand whether he was an uncle or an aunt. But now that things are humming smoothly Uncle Stan is ready to shoot to you with quick snappy dispatch, the happenings of the day.

Tomorrow night (swell song) — and the second day of December, the Gophers were a-swinging to the musical strains of Franky Dejak and his orchestra in the National Home. A big crowd was set to do justice to the Gophers' first social event of the season. Dec. 10, Gophers will gather with adult members in the National Home to participate in the annual meeting and election.

Refreshments will follow, and if there are enough of the younger boosters present, we might convince the "oldsters" it would be well to throw in an accordion for dance music for good measure. Make plans to attend. The meeting will start at seven p.m.

A news-flash from Joliet, Ill., from Cousin Joseph Kozlevcar, who announces a birth of a baby girl, weight 8½ pounds November 25. That was just two days after Stan was officially ordained into the mystic order of Uncles. Congratulations!

Dec. 1st — The Rains Came! And believe it or not but before this, citizenry in this famous Arrowhead country basked in perfect Indian summer weather. Last year on Thanksgiving Day, the thermometer hit 20 degrees below zero. This year, the temperature rose to the remarkable November height of 48 degrees above the zero mark. Lakes remained frozen solid enough to carry the weight of a car. They were shiny, smooth as glass!

City Skating rinks have not yet been started. But the ideal weather, nice ice, drew several hundred to the lakeshore. Before a bonfire, underneath a big yellow moon, they skated and frolicked away the night... More fun. Then the day after Thanksgiving, the rains came again, and by nightfall it turned to snow. Today a white blanket of snow covers mother earth, and the populace has settled down to the fact that winter, tho' a little late, is here to stay for a few months. Temperatures remain balmy.

Nevertheless that's enough weather talk. Being December, associated with the warm and vibrant Christmas season, lodges throughout the nation will plan Christmas parties for juveniles and adult members. One day this month is set for annual meeting where officers will be elected, and other business usually confronting members at this time of the year will be transacted. Everyone should attend. No doubt there will be

Lodge 61

Reading, Pa. — All members of lodge "Sv. Jurija," 61, SSCU are invited to attend the annual meeting on Saturday, December 9. The meeting will take place in the usual quarters, that is on 666 Schuylkill Ave., commencing at 7 p.m. I don't believe it necessary to emphasize the importance of this meeting, since interested members already know.

There was no November meeting because a quorum was lacking. Why the attendance is so poor is a mystery. I hope to see the members attend at least the annual meeting. If the members attend the meetings in such poor numbers because of the officers, let them exercise their privilege with the election ballot at the December meeting. And if the present meeting place is not satisfactory, then, this too, can be changed at the annual meeting.

John Pezdric, Sr., Sec'y.

Rambling Chatter

By Big Stan

Strabane, Pa. — Yes sir, it's like I told the man in the middle. The only reason he is in the middle is because he happened to stand between two other fellas. A little silly don't you think? Right. But just as true as red is red and the SSCU is the fraternal known to man. Yes, just as true as Little Stan being a proud uncle. Congratulations Stan, or should I pass on the glad hand to sister Mary and father Eddie? But still, we know how you feel for the same thing happened to the old Rambler away back in '36. Boy, I'll never forget when brother Frank became a beaming papa and I an uncle. The first time I looked upon Frank Jr., all I could do was to grin and say "gosh." Yes, that's the way it was. One day I was just plain Stan and before you knew it, zowie, I was an uncle. Then, it happened again Stan so I have one on you. Brother Joe and his wife were blessed with a little angel and I was uncle again. But some time I still believe that I am both uncle and aunt for one little boy on our street says, "how can you be an uncle to a little girl?"

But how does Little Al feel? I'll bet my best Sunday shirt that brother Al won't take a back seat to no one on chest expansions right now. I can just see him in the Ely Shopper's headquarters, turning out copy after copy and not hearing a word from his co-workers. Just beaming, smiling and saying to himself, "gosh." But what say Al, how about doing a friend a favor? Stop smiling just long enough to tell father Eddie and Mother Mary that back here in Strabane there lives a fella that is mighty happy over the increase and that he offers his best wishes for much happiness and good fortune to mother, father and the baby. Will you, Al?

Yes, just as sure as shooting,

every member of the Sentinels will be fined fifty cents if they miss the DECEMBER MEETING without a good, sound excuse.

It's election month you know and the most important month in the annals of the SSCU.

You could say that attending this meeting is about as important as paying your dues monthly. You must be here so

don't say that you didn't know.

If you attended the November meeting, you would not have to find this out by reading this and in all probability, maybe the fine would not be necessary.

You must attend the election meeting; come early and get it over with so we can get back to our families and get set to enjoy our Christmas. You see,

our meeting comes just a day before Christmas. And another thing, come and get your 1940

SSCU calendar. Boy, it's a pip.

Without a doubt, the other fraternals will have to go some to beat the present SSCU day marker.

All of the delegates that attended the conferences, that is, all that were at the Home Office when the picture was taken, are right there, saying hya every time that you gaze at it. The picture of the delegates is bordered in brown, in prints that can only suggest one thing, "True, friendly and Fraternal." Wait till you see it. You too will say, "yep, that sure is something."

Extra...

Yea bo, reason enough for an extra for your rambler is to attend a kiddies party. Boy won't we have fun, I mean all of us kids. Oh, oh, that will be enough till after the party when Uncle, daddy Stan again becomes a kid and does everything but wear rompers. Oh yes, the lucky kid, little Frankie

Happy Delegates

Pittsburgh, Pa. — It seems like only yesterday that a gay and carefree group of delegates left the train at Ely, Minnesota to embark on one of the greatest adventures of their lives. Yet four months have elapsed since we parted. The memory lingers on. Every now and then a delegate sees something or some person who reminds him of Ely. On Saturday, Nov. 11, I had the pleasure to renew one of my Ely acquaintances in the person of Wm. Stavor, of Cheswick, Pa.

But I am getting ahead of my story. That afternoon my father and I went to see supreme trustee Janko N. Rogelj, who was staying in Pittsburgh prior to going to Cheswick, Pa. where he was scheduled to speak at the tenth anniversary dance of lodge "Vesela bodocnost," 203, SSCU. Mr. Rogelj and I talked about the good time we had at Ely, and when Dr. F. J. Arch, our supreme medical examiner arrived, the reunion was complete.

Then Mr. Rogelj, Dr. Arch, Mr. Sneler, my father and I started for Cheswick in Dr. Arch's brand new 1940 Chrysler. Boy, was that riding in style.

In about 20 minutes we reached the Slovene Hall in Hamamelle, where the dance was held. Once out of the car we could hear the swell music of Joe Kramer Jr. and his orchestra of Uniontown.

As I entered the hall I saw Bill Stavor on the dance floor. I rushed over and greeted him. Both of us fairly beamed with delight as we met, like good SSCU delegates always do. Bill introduced me to his sister and several of his friends. Then followed the surprise of the evening. Bill and another fellow accompanied a young girl singer, who rendered several Slovene and American numbers. Bill plays a banjo and is a very good musician. After the act, Mr. Rogelj made a grand speech on the virtues of our SSCU.

The music started again, and now for the next surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Oblock, from Unity, Pa., arrived upon the scene and again the air was full of stories about Ely.

We had to leave too soon. Before starting for Pittsburgh we stopped at Mr. Tony Klemencich's cafe to see this active SSCUer. After talking for about half an hour we had to leave to give Mr. Rogelj enough time to catch his train. However, before we left, Mr. Klemencich gave each of us a freshly killed rabbit.

So in happy spirits we left Cheswick. When we arrived at Butler Street, Dr. Arch left Mr. Sneler, my father and I off, and then he took Mr. Rogelj and his rabbit to the station. Thus ended a very enjoyable night.

This is your Pittsburgh reporter signing off until next month.

Bob Jurgel
No. 26, SSCU

Lodge 111

Leadville, Colo. — All members of lodge St. George, 111, SSCU are requested to attend the annual meeting. Election of officers for the coming year will take place. All members who will not be present shall be subject to a fine.

Anton Hren, Sec'y.

Zigman, son of John Zigman. Boy oh boy, don't you wish you were going? Yea man, it's going to be a time. Yipee. But now, let's just say, "so long-every buddy."

Stan Progar

Climax of Activities

Kent, O. — Ilirska Vila will climax its activities for 1939 with the final meeting of the year to be followed by a dance. As usual the meeting will be in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave., Hall No. 1. All members are urged to attend. Last year we had a fine representation from the women as well as the men. Let's see if we can get all the women to come this year to the meeting.

Besides several important discussions, the election of officers for 1940 will take place. Why not make it your point to attend that meeting and cast your vote for the person you think capable of filling any office. Unless you express your opinion how will the lodge know who should be the right person to take charge of the lodge affairs.

Who doesn't like a good evening with the members of Ilirska Vila? Well, come on out December 10, 1939 to the Slovene Home and have a swell time. Of course there will be plenty of refreshments.

Plan to be on hand for the final meeting of the year, December 10, 1939. The more the merrier and the better the business can be taken care of.

Supper will follow the meeting and then there will be dancing. Give yourself a little diversion. It will do you good to dance and sing with your fellow lodge members once again. Ask any of the members who attended last year.

Unfortunately I don't think I can get away from my work here at college but my spirit will be there on December 10 at the meeting and the dance. If you were in my position you would feel badly when December 10 rolls around and you couldn't join one of the swellest crowds of the SSCU. Take the opportunity while you may. Attend that meeting. If you couldn't that would be different but when you are there in town go and have a nice time. I only wish I could.

My sincerest wishes for a successful meeting. I hope Ilirska Vila will be as successful in the future as it has been this last year. I think personally that our lodge has been one of the lodges that has been active 100 per cent in their undertakings.

The one thing the members of Ilirska Vila can do to show their appreciation for the activities of the lodge this last year is to help put off with a bang the last meeting of the year. Hoping that you all have a nice time at the meeting I want to remind you.

What—Final 1939 meeting of Ilirska Vila.

When—December 10, 1939.

Time—3:00 o'clock.
Crowd—That depends on how many really are interested in the Ilirska Vila.

Fun—Dance will be colossal as it usually is. Wherever there is an Ilirska Vila member the affair is bound to be a success.

Don't forget.

Anne Prosen

Lodge 43

East Helena, Mont. — Members of lodge "Sv. Alojzija," 43, SSCU are notified herewith to attend the annual meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, December 12, starting at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in John Smith's hall. It is necessary to elect an administrative board for the year 1940 at the annual meeting, and many other important matters must be disposed of at the meeting. For this reason, it is essential that all members attend if at all possible.

Therefore, members, be sure to attend our meeting on Sunday, December 10. Entertainment will follow the meeting. Invite your friends to the program of entertainment.

Barberton Bowling Highlights

Barberton, O. — On November 17th, St. Martin's Bombers bowled a match game against the St. Martin Split-Splitters at the C. & M. Alleys. The Split-Splitters ended on the losing side. Anthony Okolish Jr. brought his music box but as the game progressed he was in no mood to play it. A few rooters were on hand to encourage the bowlers.

ST. MARTIN'S BOMBERS
J. Mekina 160 203 188
J. Jenko 196 171 201
J. Okolish 202 170
J. Opeka 146 194 199
J. Ujicic Jr. 231 164 203
N. Tholt 168

Totals 935 902 959

ST. MARTIN'S SPLIT-SPLITTERS
F. Okolish 167 133 232
F. Smrdel 111 142
J. Ambrozic 119 218 133
J. Klanecar 120 167 145
A. Okolish Jr. 85 110
J. Ujicic Sr. 120 93
Handicap 25 38 15

Totals 627 818 728

On Saturday, November 25th the Betsy Ross team of Cleveland, Ohio came to bowl a match game with the St. Martin's Bombers at the C. & M. Alleys. The Betsy Ross team came out on top with a total score of 2668, the Bombers having a total of 2555. Honors went to Jack Penko of the Bombers who bowled a high single game of 235 and a total series of 606. A good crowd attended to cheer for their respective teams.

ST. MARTIN'S BOMBERS
J. Mekina 170 183 192
J. Penko 185 186 235
F. Mekina 179 142 176
J. Opeka 180 121
J. Ujicic, Jr. 180 157 140
N. Tholt 129

Totals 894 797 864

BETSY ROSS
F. Mestek 207 206 145
M. Krall 212 187 141
J. Lunka 169 159
A. Mestek 173 131
G. Kovitch 226 156 184
C. Wohl 170 202

Totals 987 850 831

After the match games a few bowlers bowled doubles. Here are the results for total pins:

G. Kovitch—C. Wohl 1144
F. Mekina—J. Ujicic 1132
T. Mestek—A. Mestek 1020
N. Tholt—M. Kraska 1036

John Opeka

No. 44, SSCU

Lodge 173

Cleveland, O. — Members of lodge "Ilirska Vila," 173, SSCU are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting in full dress. The meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10, in room No. 1 of the new building of the Slovene National Home. Meeting will begin at 3 p.m.

All members who have the lodge interest at heart should come to the meeting at least once a year. That is, to the annual meeting in December, so that they may avail themselves of the reports given on the lodge's business for the year.

Members are requested to pay their assessments on time this month and thus save the secretary a great deal of work, expense and time.

Therefore, members, be sure to attend our meeting on Sunday, December 10. Entertainment will follow the meeting. Invite your friends to the program of entertainment.

Frank Beniger, Sec'y

who made our record possible, thank you.

Entertainment will follow the regular order of business.

Louis Smith, Sec'y

A Good Thought

By Albena Nosee

Euclid, O. — There are many fields of work in life. Surely you can find just one thing that you can do, and do well. Do you know what your ability is? Every young man and woman who seeks to achieve must first sum up his knowledge and capability. Don't wait too long to find yourself, or others will not stop even to look. The lessons in school are far removed from actual work in the business world. You don't waste the last five minutes while waiting for the dismissal bell or you find yourself out with the count of three. You find yourself in many predicaments. Just give ear to this:

STENOG'S LAMENT

I'm sitting in the office,
I haven't done a thing.

Just sitting here and waiting

For the telephone to ring . . .

When it does I answer sweetly:

"No, I'm sorry he's not here;

May I take the message for

him?"

And they hang up in my ear...

At one o'clock I'm hungry,

So I go out to eat;

I come back at two-thirty

And amble to my seat . . .

There's no one in the office

I'm really in despair;

There's nothing here to look at

But tables and a chair . . .

It's four o'clock and closing

Is drawing very near.

When in walks my employer

And says, "What! No one

here?"

He goes into his office

And opens all his mail,

He sits there for an hour—

It happens without fail . . .

At five o'clock I'm going—

And to the door I breeze;

A voice from yonder office

Says: "Take a letter, please."

Diet School

The question of diet is increasingly important in the sedentary lives of office workers. It isn't so much how much you weigh, but how you got that way.

Behind the scenes in every large hospital now is the trained dietician, wielding an unseen hand in the recovery of sick patients. At University Hospitals in Cleveland, sponsored by Community Fund, is one of the few Diet Schools in the nation. Miss Marie L. Hines, director, has under her supervision ten college graduates majoring in dietetics, all selected on a competitive basis. The course corresponds to internships for M.D.'s.

At the Diet School are Diet Clinics to which come various kinds of cases — diabetes, ulcer, underweight, overweight, maternity, anemia. Each has a specific treatment, a special cure.

Contributions From Junior Members

DENVER, COLO.

Startz. Congratulations . . . We appreciate the fact that you sent us the poem you had promised us. Congratulations to Roseline Mantel for making the Honor Roll, as you stated in your letter, Florence. Yes, we all agreed with you on the Freshmen initiation. We also read your wonderful paragraph about Mrs. McReady. I guess if you say she is lovely and possesses all qualities of a scout leader, we agree too. We do hope you luck with your future Girl Scout work. I should think you girls could also make a journalism club in your scout troop, Florence. What about it? I'm sure the readers would enjoy hearing about it so please let us know... To near-by Ely we go to Soudan where we find Irene Pavlich telling us how thrilled and happy she was wearing that \$1000 snake-skin dress. That meant the best model, boys. Irene goes on and tells us about the smell of winter; then Haloween and also speaks of the Magician Line. Hope to see another article in this month, Irene . . .

Rose Yartz writes to us from Chisholm about a very clever story entitled "Haloween Night" . . . To Omaha, Neb. "We Go" and find delegate Charles Broderick thanking the editor for the check he received. Hey, wait a minute. I can just keep up with Charles when I read his article very fast. It makes me feel as if I was just at the game. That was swell Charles . . . Oh, Emily we are sorry to see you leave the juvenile department, but you have reached your sixteenth birthday and are eligible for the adult department. Yes, members she hails from St. Louis, Missouri and just wrote her farewell letter to the Nova Doba, from the juvenile page. We do hope to see your articles in at other times, Emily. And don't forget to always boost our wonderful juvenile page, Emily . . . Up to Gowanda, N. Y. Violet Widgay writes us a clever story entitled "Fatal Hunting Accident." It was a sad ending, Violet. Your other part of the article on the Armistice was grand. We hope to hear again from you for this month... Down to Pa. into Pittsburgh we find Bertha Kral who is kept very busy with her school work. Wish you the best of luck with your hobby, photography, Bertha . . . To Strabane, our other town reporters we find Florence Zele writing a very interesting letter about her trip over to the U. S. from Italy, where she was born and telling about her arrival in Strabane and getting acquainted with Veronica Barbic. We do hope you will either be a secretary or beauty operator, Frances. And thanks for the compliment . . . Veronica Barbic is our other young journalist and she writes us a very interesting article too about her school and meeting Jackie Schimmel there. Say hello to her, will you please Veronica, from me? Well, Veronica when you write to more than one paper and weekly you get the experience of writing and that is how I am getting along with my writing. Don't forget to have a special article for this Christmas edition of ours, Veronica. Bye to all juveniles and may we have many more articles in this month and many more for the beginning of the year.

At this time I am very busy working on a story and hoping to have it finished by March or April. I started to write the story about a year ago, but had forgotten about it. So now I am busy writing and continuing with it. Hope the readers will enjoy it when it is completed.

Next month is the beginning of a new year. Every year the juveniles pledge that they will make a resolution to keep on writing. Most of them don't keep their resolutions. I know even I didn't this year. But beginning with the month of January and until next December, 1940 I do hope to have an article in every month. Will you? I'm sure that there will be at least a few juveniles we can depend on. So why not you be one of those juveniles? You can make it your purpose to be it, I'm sure. So think about it, juveniles. Let's see how many articles we can have for the new month and year of 1940.

In closing this letter I wish to extend from the bottom of my heart best wishes and greetings to all supreme officers. Big Stan and Little Stan, the other writers of the Nova Doba, all members of the SSSC and all my other friends whom I met at the convention. Really and truly I hope you have the merriest of Christmas times and also a Happy New Year and may it really be a good and better one for the future for all our fine and wonderful friends of the SOUTH SLAVONIC CATHOLIC UNION. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR—YOUR SSSC TRUE FRIEND.

Elsie M. Desmond
No. 173, SSSC

ROSLYN, WASH.
DEAR MEMBERS OF THE SSSC:

I feel lower than one of Washington's coal mines for not writing sooner but that's the way it is.

I have several people to thank: namely, the SSSC board members for the wonderful time they gave me in Ely, the Slogar family for their kindness to me during my stay at their house, the delegates from Montana for their pleasant company on the train to Ely, and many others.

From what I read in the Nova Doba some of you "guys" think quite a lot of football teams but those of the Pacific coast are just as good if not better than yours.

Our high school team, known as the Cle Elum Warriors, just won the Yakima Valley championship. Nice going, eh what?

Much of my letter writing was neglected but I'll try to make it up. To Emil Zebre I'll send the pictures he wanted, to Louis Shiray and the rest of the Colorado kids more letters, and last but not least, my friend Leonard Peru-shek a nice long letter.

We usually have quite a Haloween celebration, which amounts to a headache for the "coppers." Our chief noise maker was the firecracker while soapin windows was one of our leading pastimes. None of that trick or treat stuff for us.

This is all I can say now, so until next time I bid you adios. With this I remain

Sincerely yours,

Frank Jovanovich

CHISHOLM, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

After reading the interesting letters and stories written by others members of the lodge I became interested enough to try and write one myself.

There are four others in our family besides myself that are members of the lodge and all are interested in reading letters from other parts of the country.

In this part of the country the chief industry is mining. There are enormous pits around our city from which comes most of the iron ore in the world.

In our city we are proud of our new athletic park which is just being completed. It covers forty acres of land surrounded by a wall four feet wide, eight feet high, and is made of solid rock. Inside there is a baseball field, two diamond ball fields, football field, bocce ball courts, and places for all sports imaginable. All the stadiums, twelve tourist cabins, field house, and the wall are made out of rock which came from within the forty acre area. That just shows how many rocks are around here and besides many truckloads of rock were hauled from there.

I enjoyed writing this letter very much and I hope I shall be able to write more often.

Frances Prebil (Age: 15)
No. 30, SSSC

PITTSBURGH, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

The letters which are written by the juveniles are most interesting, especially near the holidays.

Thanksgiving is over and I had a most wonderful time. I do hope everyone knows the real origin of Thanksgiving.

Since school started I've had a most wonderful time and I've been kept quite busy. I really don't know if I'm really as busy as I think I am because I hardly found time to write, although I have been writing faithfully for the past months. Between the school work we eighth graders have, and our social parties I am kept quite busy. I guess.

If you have taken notice newspapers have pictures in them about Christmas. Everybody is glad when this beautiful time comes again. I don't know if they do it in all cities, but we go caroling on Christmas eve. We go in groups and sing Christmas Carols. Most people love to hear them and they are appreciated by all. I suggest that some of you juvenile members try it. It is most interesting work. I just can't seem to wait.

They say that history repeats itself. I agree, especially on women's clothing styles. The old fashioned bustles have come back. They are very attractive. Another thing that is the style is old-fashioned jewelry. It is very pretty and also attractive. Styles seem to go in cycles.

I guess that this will be all for this month and until next month. I will be wishing you all a "Very Merry Christmas."

Bertha Krall (Age: 14)
No. 26, SSSC

CHISHOLM, MINN.

DEAR EDITORS:

I have decided to write again, after my Haloween story, but this time my letter should be more interesting than last time.

The Christmas spirit brings to our minds the receiving of presents more than the giving of presents to others, but it should not.

The Nova Doba has given us cash prizes, which some children depend on, for the buying of Christmas presents, for the ones they love. I think that all of us should give a present to the Nova Doba.

My idea of a present to them is that we should try to get more new members into the society. I have tried to get some into it and I have had some promises.

When you want to get a member into your society act very polite, and tell them of all the good times they will have if they joined a society as the St. Joseph's here in Chisholm.

Even though their fathers aren't working they can pay for their sons and daughters to be in the lodge easily because the rates are so cheap. And even though you don't get the Nova Doba at home and you are in the lodge, I think it would be perfectly safe to use someone else's paper. Many boys and girls are in St. Joseph's lodge here in Chisholm, but they are so bashful to write, so let's see how many I can persuade to write now and I think it would be perfectly grand if all of the old members would get at least one or two new members into a fine lodge as is this one that I am in.

I think and will wager that everyone who joins this lodge, will surely love it and get their money's worth.

Rose Yartz (Age: 15)
No. 30, SSSC

BARTON, OHIO

DEAR EDITOR AND READERS:

As I sit down to the table with paper and pencil in hand, I find myself writing to this wonderful paper, the Nova Doba. It is quite a long time since I have written a letter but I will try to write more often.

Bro. Frank Mekina should be congratulated for his splendid articles in the Nova Doba a few months ago on the Horace Mann Jr. High School. I'm in Life in the CC Camp. They were very the freshman class, that is the ninth

interesting and I want to take the pleasure of congratulating him.

For Haloween, the St. Martin's Lodge of Barton held a masquerade dance at the Domovina Hall. Everyone enjoyed himself but only three came in costume. First prize went to sister Mary Klancer, who was dressed in a Slovene costume; second prize to Margaret Juric, who was dressed as a fairy, and third prize to Margaret Kustinski, who was dressed as an angel. It seems the judges didn't have such a hard time deciding which was the winner. All three of these girls did a good job of dressing up.

Many people had trouble deciding when to take the turkey's life, Nov. 23 or Nov. 30. Well, now that it is over I guess you planned it so that the turkey is no longer living.

No sooner is one holiday over and another is on its way. Christmas is slowly creeping around the corner but soon it will rush out to greet us. Store windows are filled with toys, toylands have opened in stores, and children are playing and wishing for a certain something that they want very badly. One great problem is so many men are working only a few hours each week and some none at all.

I will close my letter by wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas.

Josephine Cerne (Age: 15)

No. 44, SSSC

BUTTE, MONT.

DEAR EDITOR:

I haven't written to the Nova Doba for a long time. I have postponed this delightful task from day to day, week to week, and yes, even months. Now I wish to break that long silence. Here is a joke I am submitting for publication.

Woodrow Wilson, former president of the United States, came to the gates of heaven where he met Moses. "Well," Woodrow," said Moses, "how are you?"

"Fine," answered Wilson, "and how are you?"

"Fine," replied Moses, "and by the way, are they making a mess out of your 14-point program, aren't they?"

"Heck," said Wilson, "you should see what they are doing to your ten commandments."

Dorothy Predovic

No. 190, SSSC

BARTON, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

I haven't written for a long time, so I thought that I should write to the Nova Doba. Here is some news about school. In my room we have a club named the Variety Club. Our president is Delores Sedey, Kathleen McDermott, secretary, Bob Doll, treasurer. At Norton school a girl fell off a swing, the board striking her on the temple. She died as a result. Another girl fell down the stairs and broke her arm.

Mary Novak

CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

Here I am again writing to you and all the members of the SSSC. Many may be too sick to write because of all the turkey they had eaten on Thanksgiving. I had an enjoyable Thanksgiving because my sister came home from Kent State University. She brought with her two songs sent by Margaret and Florence Dorothy Startz's mother. They are wonderful.

It would be a better Christmas if we had some stories to read from the juveniles. Don't forget to write letters so that the editor will have to add another page for the juveniles next week. I want to see all the members, young and old, at our lodge dance on December 10. We will have a good time. So, don't forget to come. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am submitting a poem about Christmas. It is entitled, "The Things Santa Will Bring."

On Christmas we hang out our stockings.

For Santa to put in good things. There'll be many tags.

For the good girls and boys. You might get Noah's ark, Or a scooter to ride in the park. But if the boys like,

They might get a bike. There will be books of all kinds, About railroad and street car lines. There will be some about dogs. And some even about hogs.

For the boys there will be a tool chest. And the babies will get a robin with a red breast.

If the girls are good I bet, They will get a sewing set.

And I suppose the boys will like it If Santa will bring them a lovely craft kit.

But if you are bad and make your mother sick, Santa will bring you a nice big stick.

And the babies will get a robin with a red breast.

If the girls are good I bet,

They will get a sewing set.

And I suppose the boys will like it If Santa will bring them a lovely craft kit.

But if you are bad and make your mother sick,

Santa will bring you a nice big stick.

Florence Prosen (Age: 11)

No. 173, SSSC

DENVER, COLO.

DEAR EDITOR:

You'll have to excuse me for not writing sooner. I've sat down at the table a number of times already intending to write, but something would always interfere. So now I thought I'd better get this off my mind.

The weather here in Denver is pretty nice for this time of the year. We had our first snowfall on October 29th but, it's quite warm now through the day.

I wish to congratulate Elsie M. Desmond for the fine article which has been published on her trip to Ely and the convention. It was indeed very interesting and I did enjoy reading it, also Florence Dorothy Startz and Justine Korent. I enjoy reading your articles every month too. Dorothy and Justine Keep up the good work.

Well, how does everyone like school. I'm sure I like it this year. I go to Horace Mann Jr. High School. I'm in the Life in the CC Camp. They were very the freshman class, that is the ninth

Fran Milčinski:

Kleveta

Moja hčerka hodi v humanistično gimnazijo. Zaštan humanistične gimnazije je bilo obično govorjenja in pisanja tako za kakor zoper njo. Vestno sva pretehtala razloge za in razloge zoper in potem sva se odločila za ženo, da pošljeva hčerkovo vajno. Kajti tja ji je pot do doma vendar ne najde najbližje.

Stvar me je vznemirjala. Pa ko mi je slednjič pričela kратki spanje in tek, mi je žena razdelila, kaj da je: njej je bilo že znano in me je prosila, naj se ne jemim.

Hodi torej v humanistično gimnazijo in tako se je zgodilo,

Ali nerodno je vendar, oklepjan biti to od lastne krv. In je človeka sram, da se mora pred javnostjo braniti napadov mlajši njeni bratci.

Torej—to je bilo takrat, ko so bili povabljeni in so se potem doma hvalili, kako so bili pridni. Pridni! Grohot peklenški!

Pričelo se je bilo z medvedkom. Součenka je imela medvedko, navil si ga pa je plesal in zraven prijazno brundal.

"Smrči," je dejala deca. In Lev najmlajši mož z nedostojnimi dovtipi, se je takoj spomnil in je dodal: "Kakor atek."

Atek — to sem jaz.

Pa so se vsem štirim razvojnim jezikom. In potem je kar vredno izjaviti, da je bilo izjemno.

Pazite, da ne zaprovite uglede naše družine, ki ga skuša vaš oče vzdrževati ob najtežjih razmerah!

Ti humanistka si najstarejša, tebi je izročena režija in tvoja je odgovornost. Da mi ne bo

RADIVOJ REHAR:

SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

"Končano je!" je vzkliknil Savadagak, pustil spremišljevalec na straži ter se umaknil k ujetniku in njegovemu čuvarju. Sklonil se je k Atlantu in mu dejal v atlantsčini:

"Tvoja tovariša sta mrtva in isto se bo zgodilo tebi, če boš skušal pobegniti. Obljubi, da boš poslušen in jaz ti obljudljam, da se ti niti las na glavi ne skrivi. Si razumel?"

Atlant je prikimal.

"Dobro," je dejal Savadagak in mu potegnil listje iz ust. Atlant je globoko zadihal in se zginal.

"Kdo si, ki mi govorиш?" je vprašal.

"Tisti, ki si ga zasledoval."

"Aztek?"

"Azteški častnik."

"Kaj nameravaš z menoj?"

"Nič zlega. To se pravi, če boš poslušal moje besede in se ne boš upiral."

"Govori!"

"Si iz čete zasledovalcev pobegle princeze?"

"Sem."

"Koliko jih je v tvoji četi?"

"Dvanajst. Če si dva ubil, z menoj še deset."

"Kje so ostali?"

"Više gori na cesti, ki vodi v smeri toka Kale."

"Tu spodaj ste bili samo trije?"

"Samo trije."

"Pridejo oni s ceste sem?"

"Ne."

"Kam krenej?"

"Dalje."

"Kaj ste hoteli tu?"

"Pregledati strugo reke."

"Čemu?"

"Ce ni skrita v njej vaša."

"In bi nas bili napadli?"

"Samo v skrajni sili. Sicer smo imeli nalog, obvestiti o izsleditvi svojega poveljnika, ki je pri ostalih naše čete."

"Je častnik?"

"Da."

"Koliko čet nas zasleduje?"

"Stiri. Dve po desnom in dve po levem bregu."

"Skupaj osem in štirideset vojščakov?"

"Da. A zasledujejo vas tudi v galejah po Kali."

"Koliko galej je odploilo?"

"Deset."

"Koliko je na njih vojščkov?"

"Na vsaki dvajset."

"Skupaj dve sto?"

"Da."

"Kdo je poveljnik?"

"Častnik Naramis. Na njegovi galeji je tudi vaš princ."

"Princ Aftagad?"

"Princ iz dežele večernih gora."

"Kako je prišel na galejo?"

"Poslal ga je veliki."

"Čemu?"

"Da vas pomaga ujeti in pripelje nazaj vašo princeso. Če tegata ne storii, bo žrtvovan."

"Hvala ti!"

"Snemi mi obvezzo z oči!"

"Selo na galeji."

"Na galeji? Kam me nameravaš odpeljati?"

"S seboj v deželo večernih gora gotovo ne."

"Potem me izpusti."

"To bom storil tedaj, ko bomo že dovelj na varnem."

Savadagak je poklical dva vojščaka in jima naročil:

"Odnosita ujetnika na galejo. Tam naj počaka zvezan, da se vrnem."

Vojščaka sta dvignila Atlant in ga napol odnesla napol odvleka po strimi k strugi in na krov. Pribičnik pa je z ostalima dvema ulovil konja cehib ubitih zasledovalcev ter ju skupaj s tretjim, ki je stal privezan ob robu, spravil v goščavo in privezel. Nato je odvzel orožje ubitima ter zavleklo trupli do roba reke, obtežil ju s kamenjem in vrgel v globino. Uzamana voda se je zapenila nad njima in ju sprejela v svoj mokri grob.

"Opravljeno je!" je vzkliknil. "A potrebna je sedaj večja previdnost ko prej. Zasleduje nas še dve sto pet in štirideset ljudi. Devet jih je v naši neposredni bližini. Ko bodo predolgo pogrešali odsotnost trojice, jo bodo pričeli iskat, zato ne smemo več dolgo ostati tu. Biti moramo še pred večerom v bližini Kale."

Stopil je na krov galeje in sam snel Atlant obvezo z oči. Vojščak se je radovalno zastrmel vanj in se nato ozrl še po krovu in okolici.

"Izvrstno skrivališče," je zamrmral. "Tu bi vas težko zasledili."

"Vendar ste bili že tik nas. Če ne bi bili dovolj previdni, bi bili izgubljeni."

"Ne vem," je vzkliknil ujetnik, ki je bil med tem opazil Savadagakovo orožje in ga spoznal. "S takim orožjem so oborjeni samo naši višji častniki."

"Tudi na galejah?"

"Tudi."

"Potem smo mi močnejši."

Evalasta in Ista nista več vzdržali. Izvedeli sta že, kaj se je zgodilo in sta hoteli ob blizu videti ujetnika. Stražarja pred votilino ju nista mogla zadržati, morala sta se vdati. Ko sta bili na galeji, se je Ista krčevito oklenila Savadagaka.

"Hvala ti, najhrabrejši med 'najhrabrejšimi!' je zajecljala.

"Pod tvojim vodstvom je beg varen," je dejala princesa.

"Storil sem samo svojo dolžnost," je odgovoril pribičnik. "S tem, da sem ujel tega živega, sem izvedel vse, kar sem potreboval."

In Savadagak je sporočil princesi, kar je zvedel od Atlanta, samo o princu Aftagadu ji ni črnih besede. Ni je hotel vznemirjati in je mimo tega le predobro vedel, da bi ga v svojem strahu za brata lahko ovirala pri delu. Potem je spravil na galejo pre-

proge in blažine iz votline ter pripravil vse za odhod. Skrbelo ga je samo še, kaj naj napravi z ujetimi konji. Pobiti jih ni moral, če jih pusti privezane, poginejo, če jih izpusti, pa lahko opozore ostale zasledovalec na usodo tovarišev. Vendar se je po dolgem oklevanju odločil za zadnje.

"V nekaj urah bomo že daleč ed tu," si je dejal. "Naj potem tudi odkrijemo, da smo se skrivali v tej globeli. Odposlat je vojščaka po stražarja ob robu golnicave in mu naročil, naj odvže konje ter jih izpusti, da odidejo kamor hočejo.

Ko je bilo tudi to opravljeno, so se uprla vesla v umazano vodo in galeja je zapustila svoje skrivališče. V drugi polovici popoldneva je počasi plula proti Kali, da ob mraku nadaljuje po njej pot v morje. Atlantu je Savadagak razvezal vezi in ga sprejel po trdi obljubi, da ne bo skušal pobegniti, v svojo službo. Pomagal je veslati. Malo pred mrakom je ubežna galeja naglo in gibčno zaplula v veletok in pričelo se je ubežniško potovanje druge noči, ki je bila prav tako deževna in temna kakor prva. Spet je sedel Savadagak na krovu in streljal v noč. Ob šumenju valov je sanjal o svoji domovini in snoval načrte, kako bi rešil prineca Aftagada, kajti grožeči mu usodi ga ni mogel in ni smel prepustiti. Vedel je predobro, da bi potem bilo kljub srečni vrnitvi v domovino izgubljeno življenje vseh ubežnikov.

Noč potovanja po Kali je minila mirno in iz daljave je pologoma prihajalo novo jutro, malo manj deževna, a še vedno precej meglo. Galeja je ob prvi zori plula vzdolj golih nizkih obal, za katerimi so se širile nedogledne nižine. Nikjer ni bilo nobenega drevesa in še manj primernega skrivališča za prekodnevni odpoitek. Ubežniki so morali previško plati dalje, upajoč, da bodo napsled le kje našli iskanoto, a to upanje se jim ni uresničilo, daso potekale že prve dopoldanske ure in zo se tudi megle pričele razgubljati.

Savadagak je postajal nenciren, a tudi ostalih se je polaščal vedno večji strah. Galej, ki bi mogli naleteti nanje, se ni bal toliko kolikor naselbin, zlasti pa mest. Dotlej je k sreči opazil na bregovih veletoka le nekaj manjših atlantskih selišč.

Okoli desete dopoldanske ure je dosegla galeja mesto, na katerem se je Kala v ostrem ovinku obračala proti večerni strani. Bregovi so postali višji in bolj skaloviti, vendar so bili še vedno čisto neobrasli. Ti bregovi so na ovinku onemogočali pregled reke v večjo daljavo, ki bi bil sicer mogoč kljub redkih megljih vrahov. Savadagak je zato ukazal, zaustavljal in brzino galeje, katero je usmeril k levemu bregu. Ta previdnost je bila edina resitev, ki je načrtev prve nevarnosti, ki je prežela za velikim skalnatim pomolom na ovinku. Savadagakove bistre oči so jo opazile takoj, čim je galeja dosegla sredino lokalnega brega. Za pomolom je bila srednje velika galeja Atlantov, ena izmed onih, ki so bile odposlane na zasledovanje ubežnikov. Ko jo je Savadagak opazil, je ladjo zaustavil in jo okrenil nazaj proti toku; upal je, da je zasledovalci morda niso opazili, a ta up je bil prazen.

Zasledovalna galeja, ki je zaostala za drugimi zaradi pravil nekaj poškodb, je takoj opazila ubežno ladjo in njen poveljnik ni niti za trenotek podvomil, da je dosegel cilj svojega naročila. V nekaj minutah je bila zasledovalna galeja že sredi Kale. V Savadagakovih možganh so se prehitale misli. Pretehtal je v nekaj trenotkih vse možnosti obrambe. Sprva je hotel bežati pred zasledovalci nazaj, proti toku veletoka, a to namero je že v naslednjem hiper opustil. Spoznal je, da bi bilo veslanje proti toku preveč naporno in počasno in bi mimo tega mogla prilulti navzdol še druga atlantska galeja. Tako bi prišel v zasedo, iz katere se ne bi več rešil.

(Dalje prihodnji)

Janko N. Rogelj:

Ubogi psiček

Zadnji je šla mama v mesto. Domov je prinesla igrače za našo malo deklico. Med igračami je bil tudi belkastorumen pesiček, ki je imel črna ušesa, črn gobček in lep rdeči jezik. Kaj bi bil pes brez jezik?

Psiček je mlad, nič ne laja; dar pasjega govora so mu dali v kratki repk. Ce stisne repk, živalca zavlici na zadnjem koncu telesa. Sicer to ni lepo za današnje civilizirane čase, ko že vsak človek ve, na kateri koncu psa spada lajanje in civiljenje. Toda — tako je. Pa si pomagajte. Sicer je psiček edina žival, pozna tudi maniro in oliko. Izpod repa dovojuje samo evileč glas — nič drugega.

Ata je ugovarjal mami, zakaj nosi mali deklici psička. Take zverine imamo že dovolj. Štiri pasje mrcine zehajo v stanovanju. Hrta sem prinesel iz Toronto, Canada. Bel je kot sneg, na visokih nogah, a iz dolgega gobca mu visi rdeč jezik. Sicer si je res zlomil nogo pred nekaj meseci, toda pes je še vseeno. — Pred leti je prišel z menoj iz Collinwooda velik in kosmat pes, ki tudi evili v repu. Mrcina je tako velika, da straži ljudi v sprejemni sobi. Privezan je z rdečo vrvico k nogi male mize. Zato menda izgleda tako hud in nevaren. — Potem imamo

klica dovolj druge zverine, če se hoče igrati z njim. Pričel je modro naštevati: Poglej, mama, nad knjižnico gospodarita dva tesena medveda iz Denverja, Colorado, ne dače v stran kruli lončen prasiček iz Ribnice, poleg njega brska pikasta kokoš iz Velikih Lašč, a lupinast polž iz Višnje gore komaj čaka, da bi mu kdo posvetil malo več po zornosti. —

Rekla mi je, da sem prestari, da bi se razumel na igrače.

Vse, kar mi je rekla, se prav nič ne strinja z dokazi modrijanov in učenjakov, ki trdijo, da gre starim ljudem na otroče, kar se pameti tiče. Ata je bil hudo učlanjen, ker se mu je kralilo pravice do otroče pameti. Bo pa naša deklica drugače vedala, ko se najni pameti srečata v nekaj letih. To me hudo tolaži.

Naša deklica je pokazalo neizmerno zanimanje za novega kužka. Zavrgla je vse punčke. Posvečala je vso pozornost mlademu ceku z rdečim jezikom. Morda je res, kar pravijo ljudje: Rdeče nase vleče. Poljubovala je psička na gobček s toliko luhu in življenju, da se je grdo omotil rdeči jezik, ki je vsesko mokrotre dobil še bolj živo in kričeč barvo. Kar nevoščljiv sem bil deklice, da ni v meni več tiste plavonske luhovne hiše z lica, ki jih je pričela obhajati čudna slutinja, ki se je uresničila.

Zadnji je prišla v hišo njena sestrica Nancy. Tudi nji se je dopadel mladi psiček, še bolj pa rdeči jezik. Pestovala ga je, postavljala na mizo ter vlekla za konicasti rdeči jezik. Mene je pričela obhajati čudna slutinja, ki se je uresničila.

Najmlajši je prišel v potrit izgleda psiček brez jezika. Naša deklica ga ne mera več. Ata in mama sta pričela ugibati, kaj se je izgordilo z jezikom. Kdo je krije; naša malta deklica ali sestrica Nancy?

Ata je svetoval mami, da naj vsak dan pogleda v posteljico deklice, če bi bilo tam kaj rdečega, jezik podobnega. Mama je ugovarjala atu, da jezik tja ne bo prišel v rdeč. Gleda je zavojni znamenje na očeh, ampak z roko tudi in s čevljem tudi. Mislim, da prav tolmačim simbol. Ta simbol pravi, da umetnik ne gleda samo z glavo, ampak z roko tudi in s čevljem tudi. Mislim, da prav tolmačim simbol.

Nekateri slikarji so ekspresionisti. Jaz mislim, da je najmlajši je ekspresionist. Naslikal je hišo, poleg hiše majhno kolibico, ugeni, kakšno! — iz te kolibice se dviga z veliko ljubezni naslikan silen oblak. "To je smrad," je dejal. On slikar tudi smrad.

Zdi se mi, da moj najmlajši obeta načrte.

Svetovali so mi, naj prosim zmanj, da mu podelim umetniško ustanovo, da se izobrazi v Rimu in v Parizu. Rekli so mi, naj se požurim in prosim takoj. Dečko je star pet let, šestega pa dol.

To je star let, šestega pa dol.

Dedaj, ko doseže dvajseto leto, so rekli, bo pršnja baš rešena, ako jo vložim takoj.

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