

Napredek Notes

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With the cheers of frenzied fans still ringing in his ears, Bill volunteered for service with the United States Marines and passed preliminary examinations with flying colors. This was in April, 1940. The writer was at the depot when Bill left. Our country was not at war then, and it seemed like a tremendous adventure. We shook hands and still remember the parting words — "Take care of yourself, Bill!" His cheery reply: "Don't worry!" That was the last time the writer saw Bill — for he was with the Marines — doing his part for his country! After spending several weeks in training at Mare Island off California, Bill was sent to Pearl Harbor on the USS Arizona.

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Onward Betsy Ross

Dorothy Rossa, Lodge 186, AFU Cleveland, O. — Attention — all Betsy Ross members: the monthly meeting for February will be held this Sunday, February 15th at 1 p. m. in the Slovenian Workingmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. Notice that the time has been set for 1 p. m. so that you late risers will be sure to attend.

The Betsy Ross girls, under the Loyalite colors this time, bowled the Barberton Buckeyes last Sunday. The girls, Ann Urbanic, Beanie Zupan, Albina Gruden, Rosemary and Dot Rossa were defeated by a rather close margin of only 21 pins in the series. Rosemary Rossa with a high individual game of 202 and Ann Urbanic with 180 led the Flagmakers. The girls extend their thanks to the Barberton Buckeye girls for the good time shown them after the bowling session. The tasty and plentiful food satisfied even the most hungry of the group and dancing to the music of Pete Dutka's orchestra kept the Clevelanders from making their stay as brief as they had planned it to be.

Talking about Barberton hospitality, there is certainly none that can beat the Okolish and Opeka hospitality. Several weeks ago when two B. R. teams battled the St. Martin's five, the Okolish and Opeka families certainly were grand.

We are looking forward to a return match shortly.

The B. R. Skate as reported in another column was a huge success. We thank all of you who came and hope more of you will plan to attend the third party.

The Betsy Ross pictures are still available at a dollar per copy. If you want a copy please bring your money to the meeting Sunday.

Also — all Skating tickets must be returned and paid for by Sunday, Feb. 15th.

Don't forget to attend the meeting — Feb. 15th at 1 p. m. D. Rossa.

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

(Continued from page 5)

Midnight Skate. War-time cannot be used as an excuse and you can't blame the weather too much because, according to our reports, over 350 people braved a snowstorm to attend this excellent promotion. Among the first to secure tickets—the Little Stans were not even among the last to show up. (That's bawling us out, isn't it?)

Monday morning the editor's desk was filled to overflowing with glowing reports of the swell time had by all at the Second B. R. Midnight skate. From now on, a zipper closes our lips as we vow not to make any promises for the next doing—but just firmly resolve to break that "jinx."

From the editor's personal standpoint you've got to hand it to Betsy Ross for promoting such a fine variety of entertainment for its members and friends. They're go-getters all the way, who don't know the meaning of that sentence: "It can't be done." For if it can't be done—they'll be the first to go out and do it! Congratulations, B. R., and we hope that your affairs will continue to inspire other lodges in addition to increasing your own membership ranks.

Somebody suggested that they ought to change Rudy Vallee's theme song to "War Time is My Time" and in the interests of National Defense, it wouldn't be a bad idea.

It looked like war-time at the East 152nd Recreation last Friday, too. Napredek's Johnnie Kince must have been thinking of the Japs when he hit the maples for a resounding 264 and a new league high individual score. Laddie Debevec who just a couple of weeks ago scored a 257 resolved to beat Kince's score the same night, and nearly did it with a 234. In the other big engagement of the evening Ilirska Vila No. 1 sliced three games from Betsy Ross' big league lead by thumping the Flagmakers for three games.

Louie Champa of Maple Heights dropped over to pick up the Little Stans for a little Minnesota Reunion. His brother-in-law, one of the Lenich boys from Ely, on furlough from the Army, Dychie Grahek, and Mrs. Champa visited with the Kat Zgonec for a while then went to the Minnesota headquarters at Birk's. But Little Stan was bowling then for dear old Ilirska Vila No. 2 and didn't make it. Joe Birk reported a couple of other Ely, Minn., fellows dropped in, but apparently Little Stan again missed connections.

Most everyone interested in our coming National Tournaments—the Ten-pin and Duck-pin affairs — is eagerly awaiting more news concerning same. This week the supreme board is conducting its annual session at the Home Office in Ely, Minn., and we're certain that developments will take place so that appropriate announcements can be made. Just be patient and we'll go to town.

That song: "War Time is My Time" can well be applied to the many G-W members who are employed in Defense plants. A lot of them work the night shift, but very soon now, plans will be made for a social at a time when most can attend—a sort of get-together affair, nothing big—but if you come, we'll surely have a lot of fun! Tsk—that rhymes! Dogonit!

A lot of the people are asking, whatever happened to Slatko Sneezle? — Well Slatko jerked the army and we're quite sure he'll have a story for us soon—direct!

Ilirska Vila No. 1 Drubs Betsy Ross

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The Ivies No. 1 team belted the maples for a 2547 total in defeating the league leaders. The B. R. lads were no easy picking for the Ivies crew as the margins of victory in the second and third were only thirteen and five pins.

In another encounter which can be labeled as a surprise upset was the Napredek Bums clean sweep over their kins the Napredek Cavaliers. The three setbacks pushed the Cavaliers out of fourth place in the race. The Bums rapped the maples for a 2426 total as they trounced the Cavaliers.

The Collinwood Boosters kept astride with the Ivies No. 1 team for second place, as they downed the St. John Saints for all three games. The three wins made it six straight for the Boosters and put them within three games of first place.

A perfect score was recorded for the winning teams Friday night as the Ilirska Vila No. 2 team registered the fourth clean sweep by drubbing the St. John Johnnies. While the Cavaliers were losing three games the Ivies No. 2 team took hold of that opportunity and climbed into fourth place in the standings.

The evening's best individual performance was turned in by Johnny Kince of the Napredek Bums. He belted the maples for the league high single game of 264 and added games of 140 and 208 to place third in high three games with his 612 total.

Ivies Take Three

For the Ilirska Vila No. 1 team Mike Poklar and Steve Meyak with 556 and 523 respectively were the mainstays in defeating the Betsy Ross Flagmakers for three games. For the league leading Betsy Ross crew "Blackie" Krall with 530 and Frank Martich with 521 were high.

Kince Stars

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Boosters Make It Six

With Ludie Laurich hitting the maples for a 529 total and "Gustie" Fortuna for a 526 total the Collinwood Boosters were able to take all three games from the St. John Saints and make it six straight wins. For the Saints Jim Ruzic with his 465 total was high.

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The Ilirska Vila No. 2 crew made a complete about-face from the previous week's encounter and handed the St. John Johnnies a three game drubbing. Laddie Debevec with his 571 series and Little Stan with 476 led the barrage on the lowly Johnnies. Stan Barba with 485 was high for the Johnnies.

Two Hundred Circle

The select two hundred circle was entered by the following: Johnny Kince 264, 208; Laddie Debevec 234; Mike Poklar 203 and Eddie Zivkovic 200.

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The Slovenian

The Slovenian makes the rafters ring when he goes out to dance and sing. His wife "keeps house" so clean and neat.

You gaze in awe;
Then wipe your feet;
Before you dare to enter in.
To soil that floor would be a sin.

Her potica, so full of honey,
Is worth its weight in golden money.
Keeps you glued upon the seat—
While you eat and eat and eat!
She makes klobase smoked and dry—
Expertly seasoned—me oh my!
Crisp pohajne, delicious ajmaht,
And soup with noodles good and hot.

The Slovenian works from dawn till dark
Surely he will make his mark.
He keeps his head up ever high,
And looks you squarely in the eye.
He says to doubters, "Quislings!" —
"Ecran!"
He's right behind our Uncle Sam.

Evelyn Sternisha
No. 222, AFU

Combined lodges of Indianapolis, Ind., are sponsoring a benefit dance and party in the School Hall, St. Clair and N. Holmes avenue Saturday, Feb. 14th. Proceeds of this event will be donated to Red Cross. Everyone is invited to attend. Lodges combining to sponsor the benefit relief are: 45 and 194, AFU; and 52, and 134, K. S. K. J.

ON VALENTINE'S DAY...

Remember Uncle Sam, too!

Also Give U. S. DEFENSE BONDS STAMPS

DOPISI

(Nada)jevanje z 2. strani)

šolo' jemlje, je znižal, kakor sem mu prvič svetoval.

Nekateri člani ne verjamejo, če pokazete resnico na dlani, pa bodo še pogledali, če je še kaj na drugi strani dlani. Tajnik mora vse vzeti s smehom na obrazu, čeprav ga od znotraj grabi, da bi najraje iz kože skočil. Ampak tajnik je plačan, naj malo potrpi.

Dve reči imam v tem dopisu za priporočati. Plačujmo redno vsak mesec, in to, če le mogoče, v dvorani kjer pobirajo tajniki na 24. in 25. v mesecu; in drugič, bodimo pošteni napram tajniku ali tajnici. Pomnimo, da če se on ali ona zmoti pri vsakem članu za "dime," ne bo njemu ali njej ostal niti en sam rdeči cent.

Zahtevajmo od drugih, kar je našega, in dajmo drugim, kar pripada njim, da ostane pošteno vsestransko prijateljstvo med nami.

Ivan Kapelj,
član društva št. 71 ABZ.

Indianapolis, Ind. — V soboto, dne 14. februarja 1942 bodo združena društva v Indianapolisu priredila domačo plesno zabavo v korist Rdečega križa. Prireditev se bo vršila v spodnjih prostorih Holy Trinity šole na St. Clair in N. Holmes Ave. Prav lepo prosimo vse cenjeno članstvo in splošno občinstvo v Indianapolisu, da obišče to prireditev, ker je velikega pomena in ena prvih teh vrst med nami. Zato je umestno, da se na predpustno soboto spomnimo na trpeče narode, katerim Rdeči križ vedno pomaga.

Prav vljudno ste vabljeni vsi, ne bo vam žal, za kar vam jamčijo društvo sv. Jožefa, št. 45 ABZ, društvo "Samaritan" št. 194 ABZ, društvo sv. Alojzija št. 52 KSKJ in društvo sv. Ane št. 134 KSKJ. — Za pripravljalnici odbor:

Frank Velikan.
(Dalje na 8. strani)

Napredek Lodge 132, AFU of Cleveland, O., will sponsor a picnic at Stusek's Farm June 21st.

