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Napredek Notes

Euclid-Cleveland, O. — Last Friday's bowling proved that Napredek's Cavaliers are still on Victory avenue, by taking two games from the Ivies No. 1, despite the fact that they lost three to the brother Bums the previous session.

In the initial game Slopko tried hard with 158, but the Ivies won by a nice margin. Then Sterlek and Seseck came back with games of 184 and 179 respectively to hand the Ivies the bad news. In the nightcap, Seseck and Chukayne bowled 171 and 161, to help in handing over another defeat to 173 AFU No. 1.

Seseck led for the Naps, with a total of 479, and was followed by Slopko with 448.

The Bums were drubbed by Betsy Ross. After the fine style they showed the week before it seemed to be a hard blow. Krince did a good job with 497, and Zivkovic was a great help with 454, but it seems Betsy Ross was just one better, so they took all three.

The Napredek Bowlers wish to extend their sincerest sympathies to John and Frank Smrniak, fellow bowlers, on the death of their grandmother, Mrs. Peklenk.

We also take this occasion to congratulate our member and star baseball player of last season, Al Pertekel, on his marriage to the former Miss Lillian Antoinette Svetec, and to wish them both all the happiness, health, and good luck on their future course of life.

Napredek's monthly meeting was held last Friday evening, and two new officers were elected, namely, Mrs. Medved as Recording Secretary, and Mrs. John Tanko as Treasurer. New members are the Gustincic family, Marge and Molly Zgong, and Robert Chukayne who was transferred from the juveniles to the adults.

Again I stress better attendance at the meetings, so that you fellow members will know what your lodge is doing. Also, may I say if you want your lodge pins, see your Secretary, John Tanko, immediately. And in closing, I say, remember June 21st.

For Napredek, 132 AFU.
F. J. Chukayne.

The Grim Reaper again thinned ranks of our members in various sections of the country. In Strabane, Pa., it was reported Frank Drenik, aged 55 years, a member of several organizations among them, AFU, had passed away. Survivors are his wife, three sons, one daughter, and other relatives.

In the same city the death of Anton Lustrak, aged 49 years, was announced. A bachelor who had made his home with relatives, Bro. Lustrak was also a member of AFU.

In Davis, West Va., the passing of Mrs. Josephine Kosanic, (nee Dolence) at the age of 50 years was announced. A member of Lodge 106, AFU, she was born in Europe and lived in America 34 years. Survivors are her husband, three sons, and six daughters.

In Conemaugh, Pa., Blaz Kovacic, aged 55 years, and a member of Lodge 36 passed away. He was born in Jugoslavia and lived in America since 1906.

In Chicago, Ill., death of John Debelak, a member of Lodge 70, AFU, was announced.

Lodge 44 News

Barberton, O. — All members of Lodge No. 44, AFU., are asked to attend our next monthly meeting this coming Sunday, February 22, 1942 in the Domovina Hall on 14th Street at 2 o'clock p. m.

At our annual meeting, the following officers were elected: Frank Smrdel, president; John Balant, Sr., vice-president; Alice Zalar, secretary; Jennie Podlipce, Sr., treasurer; John Yentz, recording secretary; Anton Okolish, John Klancar, and Joseph Krizaj, trustees; August Maver, flag-bearer; Dr. J. J. Folin and Dr. F. M. Warner, lodge physicians.

To lead the sport activity in our lodge, John Opeka was elected athletic supervisor. He has done a lot to make our members interested in sports, and am sure that he will do more than ever this year. According to the latest news dispatches, the next National AFU Bowling Tournament will be held in the little hospitable town of Barberton, Ohio. We hope-a hope-a hope.

The men's bowling teams are getting along nicely. A few weeks ago the teams bowled the Betsy Ross and Napredek lodges from Cleveland, and are looking forward to return matches in the near future. All girls and ladies interested in bowling please come to the meeting Sunday so that we can have a little meeting after our regular meeting in regard to organizing a few teams.

The following fellow members are in the Navy: Frank Doles, and Frank Segulin, and the following are in the Army: Anthony Ausetts, Frank Okolish, Joe Zellia, and Jack Verhotz. We wish you all the luck in the world, and we are all working hard to make our United States of America, a safe and free country to live in.

Brother Frank Troha was on the sick list, and has returned to work. Brothers Martin Zaggar, Jr. and Mike Samic have also recovered from their recent operations.

There are still a few members who are behind in their assessments, and all are asked to pay same up by the end of this month, otherwise drastic measures will have to be taken. Inasmuch as practically all of us are working and will be for some time to come, there is no reason why we all can't pay our assessments on time. So let's all cooperate so that we won't have to suspend anyone.

Alice Zalar, Secretary,
Lodge 44, AFU.

Lodges reporting the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds were No. 230 in Chisholm, Minn.; and No. 1, in Ely, Minn. The latter lodge now has \$1,000 invested in Defense Bonds.

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Writer Louis Adamic addressed the Cleveland City Club at a luncheon meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14. Following this appearance a speaking tour was cancelled to allow Mr. Adamic to collaborate with the government on the writing and supervision of a scenario for a film to be produced in Hollywood, Cal., reflecting on the contributions of immigrants in the general development of our country. Mr. Adamic will write the scenario.

In Chicago, Ill., death of John Debelak, a member of Lodge 70, AFU, was announced.

Lodge No. 1 AFU Has New Secretary

Ely, Minn. — At the regular meeting of Lodge No. 1, AFU., held Sunday, Feb. 10th, I was elected financial secretary of Lodge No. 1, succeeding Lieutenant Joseph J. Kovach who was called into active service by the United States Army.

Members are asked to pay their assessments at my address, 826 East Sheridan street, Ely, Minnesota. Henry Pluth was elected to the position of trustee that was previously held by me.

The lodge also purchased another \$75.00 U. S. Defense Bond which brings the total amount purchased in bonds to \$1,000.

Louis Zgong, secretary,
Lodge No. 1, AFU.

Export Majestics

Export, Pa. — At the annual meeting of lodge, No. 218, AFU., held in December, the following officers were elected: William Korach, president; Della Calder, vice president; Bert Marcellio, secretary; Sara Helen Rebich, recording secretary; Nick Grubich, treasurer; John Biesuz, Mary Merrick, and Mary Biesuz, board of trustees; Eli Biesuz, athletic supervisor; Aldo Calder, sick committee chairman; Violet Merrick, Esther Biesuz, and Sara Helen Rebich, publicity committee; Della Calder, Mary Merrick, and Sara Helen Rebich, standing committees.

Members were enthused about promoting activities and adding life to the lodge, but so far we haven't seen it. Our monthly meeting was held January 15th. Rather it was scheduled, but because a quorum wasn't present, no meeting was held. Where are our members?

I urge every member again to attend monthly meetings. If not, perhaps they wouldn't mind paying small penalty fines for not attending. I talked to most members recently and especially asked if they read the Nova Doba. They say they do, but fail to see any news that Lodge 218, of Export, Pa., is holding any kind of affair or entertainment for its members. But why is this the case? It's because members fail to attend meetings to plan such entertainment and affairs. If no one shows up at the meeting, how can we be expected to make arrangements for activities?

Come on members! Let's see what we can do at the next meeting scheduled February 19th at the same place and time!

Sara Helen Rebich, recording secretary,
Lodge 218, AFU.

Important Notice

Cleveland, O. — Members of Lodge 71, AFU., please take notice that I will be at the Slovenc National Home on Holmes avenue next Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 24 and 25 from 6 to 9 p. m., to collect lodge assessments. Please make every effort to pay your dues on time. I will really appreciate all cooperation you can give me.

Elsie Desmond, sec'y,
Lodge 71, AFU.

Remember Pearl Harbor! Buy U. S. Defense Savings Bonds!

BRIEFS

Greetings in behalf of all AFU members

Center Ramblers

Center, Pa. — Well, what's wrong with our gang, anyway?

We started out swell with our bowling teams, but now it seems that things aren't going as well as they could. What's wrong girls?

I think I know what it is. Yep, we haven't had a match game for a while. Perhaps that is why some of you have lost interest. So how about it Claridge, Export, or any other women's team. We don't say we're experts, but I would like to see our girls get-together again. So if you want to book us for a match game please get in touch with Mary Peterrel, our athletic supervisor, R. D. 1, Turtle Creek, Pa. — So much for bowling.

I want to say that our last dance was a great success. I want to thank everyone who came to our "Victory" dance. I know everyone had a swell time. I know I did. I'm sorry, too, that we didn't have enough hamburger. They certainly did go fast. Must have been pretty good, eh!

Kathryn Sobr,
Lodge 221, AFU.

Lodge 57 on Winning Splurge

Export, Pa. — Lodge 57, AFU., continued its winning ways in recent duckpin match games against Lodge 138 of this city. In a game played Feb. 14, Lodge 57 swept all three games from No. 138. Another match game will be played with Lodge 138, Feb. 21. Everybody is invited to be on deck to watch Lodge 138 in their attempt to even the series. Previously Lodge 57 won games from Lodge 116, AFU of Delmont. This was the first match with Lodge 138.

Lodge 57, led by Poscic, R. Supancic, scored games of 716, 661, and 734; while Lodge 138, with Bill Skerly and Frank Zalusky leading the way scored games of 689, 582, and 630.

Louis Supancic,
Bowling club mgr.
Lodge 57, AFU.

Onward Betsy Ross

By Rose Mary Rossa, Lodge 186

Cleveland, O. — Here we are folks, again with the latest—And let me tell you it is the LADDEST, we have been asked to be on the lookout for a LADDER—but we forgot to ask what size it is to be so Ivan how's about information concerning this, Huh?

And speaking of weddings there's the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Eugene March just back from their honeymoon in Florida—doing a bit of cake cutting last Sunday. Congratulations go to Mary Bratovich who received a beautiful sparkler on Valentine's Day from her boyfriend Stanley Rossa. Happy Birthday wishes altho a bit late go to our good friend Eleanor Alex who celebrated hers last Sunday. Our good luck wishes go to Edith Femec who is working in Washington doing secretarial work. Army bound is our friend Frank Marson Martic—Frank leaves February 19th (today) good luck Marson and may we hear from you soon.

BOWLING—The boys are still out there battling it out (Continued on page 6)

G-W's Plan 15th Anniversary Party

Cleveland, O. — Gradually gaining added momentum, Geo. Washington Lodge 180, AFU., met in regular session last Tuesday, and decided to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the lodge by holding a social get-together following the business session of the meeting, scheduled March 10th.

At the last session the list of officers for 1942 was officially revised to read as follows: John Kardell, president; Mary Pechaver, vice-president; Stanley Pechaver, secretary; Agnes Kardell, treasurer; John Merhar, recording secretary. Other officers remain as previously reported.

To members who are puzzled regarding when and where to pay their monthly lodge assessments, Little Stan informs that he will collect assessments in Room 6 of Nova Doba office, 6233 St. Clair Ave., from Wednesday thru Saturday of each week, during regular office hours. The secretary will also be in the office on the 25th day of each month from 7 to 9 p. m. The secretary's telephone number is HENDERSON 3889, and members are urged to call whenever necessary and prompt attention will be given their requests.

Newly transferred members at the last meeting were Mr. and Mrs. William Lindgren, formerly from Ely, Minn. Mrs. Lindgren is the former Mary Mantel, daughter of one of our

Idle Chatter

By Little Stan

Enumclaw, Wash. — We've been away for some time but here we go with another edition of Idle Chatter. Had no idea this column had such a nice following and that it actually would be missed. So many have inquired why we don't make it a regular weekly feature. Sure, that would be fine but how about a little cooperation from some of the other members. I'm not twins—I have only one writing arm—I haven't a typewriter and then you know there are other clubs and organization crying for attention.

Saturday p. m. were surprised to have visitors in the persons of the Tomisch Twins and Vince Zergaj all former Elyites. The Tomisch Twins are so much alike the only way you can tell them apart is—one of them wears glasses. That night, with the Bob Kardell's and the Bill Lindgren's, the Little Stan romped about several popular night spots. Stopped over to Joe Struna's—this time rang the chimes for sometime, but they were out. Drove to Yank's popular spot on East 152nd. Immediately upon entering ran into Andy Champa, formerly from Aurora, and the Smuk boys, formerly of Ely. At a nearby table saw the Tomisch Twins weren't wasting any time. Escorting the Baudek sisters, also former Elyites, the Twins ate up the dance floor in Ely National Home style. Their impression of Cleveland: "It's just like home!" In a heavy and wet snowfall dropped in a west side sandwich shop—into Birk's and home to bed.

Drove to Broadway Sunday afternoon where our good friend, and G-W, Joseph Kolkmeier was busy as can be. His work would keep him busy until midnight—then back to Minneapolis to continue work on another job. Kolkmeier is an excellent CPO and it was he who installed a modern up-to-date bookkeeping system in the Home Office. (Continued on page 6)

On Jan. 31st, the Krain Ballroom catered to one of the largest crowds in its history when it honored the President with a Birthday Ball. Over a thousand persons attended the dance which netted over \$400.00. This financial report was the uppermost topic with the male members of the committee, but it surely went secondary with y. t. to all the beautiful gowns and furs and lovely coiffures. Oh gee, oh gee! A million dollar fashion show.

What a grand time everyone had. At midnight a grand march (Continued on page 6)

