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DRUSTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Miklavžev obdarovanje članov mladinskega oddelka društva št. 149 JSKJ v Canonsburgu, Pa., se bo vršilo v nedeljo 22. decembra ob dveh popoldnevih v dvorani društva Postojnska jama v naselbinu Strabane, Pa. Daril bodo deležni vsi člani mladinskega oddelka, ki prišlejo sami ali v spremstvu staršev ob določenem času v dvorano. Tudi morebitni novi člani, ki se pri tisti priliki vpišejo v mladinski oddelak, bodo deležni daril.

Božičnico z lepo igro in Miklavževim obdarovanjem priredi družina aktivni mladinski oddelki društva št. 116 JSKJ v Delmontu, Pa. Prireditev se bo vršila na večer 25. decembra v slovenski dvorani v White Valley, Pa.

Miklavžev zabavo priredi na večer 23. in št. 221 JSKJ v naselbinu Center, Pa. Pri tej priliki bodo otroci obdarovani s primerjanimi darili, za starejše pa bo pripravljena prosta zabava. Prireditev se bo vršila v Slovenski dvorani na Centru 25. decembra in se bo pričela ob dveh popoldnevih.

Letni banket priredi na Štepanov večer, to je 26. decembra, društvo št. 26 JSKJ v Pittsburgu, Pa. Po banketu bo ples in prosta zabava. Prireditev se bo vršila v Slovenskem domu na Centru.

Zabavo z Miklavževim obdarovanjem otrok priredi na večer 24. decembra Gospodinjstvo št. 36 JSKJ, društvo št. 168 SNPJ, društvo št. 59 SSPZ. Pri tej priliki bo najprej Miklavž obdaroval otroke, nato pa se bo vršila prosta zabava za odposlane. Prireditev se bo vršila v Postojnski jami v naselbinu Strabane.

Zaključno veselico za leto 1935 priredi društvo št. 149 J. S. K. v Canonsburgu, Pa., v nedeljo 28. decembra. Veselica se bo vršila v dvorani društva Postojnska jama v naselbinu Strabane.

V Conemaughu, Pa., priredijo božičnico na večer 24. decembra društva skupaj, namreč, društvo št. 36 JSKJ, društvo št. 168 SNPJ, društvo št. 59 SSPZ. Pri tej priliki bo najprej Miklavž obdaroval otroke, nato pa se bo vršila prosta zabava za odposlane. Prireditev se bo vršila v Postojnski jami v naselbinu Strabane.

Na Silvestrovo, to je 31. decembra večer, priredi veselico društvo št. 136 JSKJ v Kraynu, Pa. Veselica se bo vršila v dvorani društva "Vihar."

Domačo zabavo za člane in prijatelje priredi na Silvestrovo večer društvo št. 16 J. S. K. v Johnstownu, Pa.

V Jolietu, Ill., je dne 10. decembra po enoletni bolezni umrla Mary Šega, rojena Zamec, stara 58 let, članica društva št. 149 JSKJ in društva št. 2 KSKJ. Pokopnica je bila rojena v Podgorici pri Vrhniki in je prišla v Ameriko pred 35 leti. V Johnstownu, Pa., je imela enega brata v Canadi, ki je umrl pred petimi leti, in enega sestro pa v starem kraju.

Društvo št. 44 JSKJ v Barbertonu, O., naznanja, da priredi letošnje veselico v soboto 25. decembra 1935. (Dalje na 4. strani)

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

REDNA LETALSKA zveza med Ameriko in Evropo je stvar bližnje bodočnosti. Med Zedinjenimi državami, Canada, Irsko in Veliko Britanijo je prišlo te dni do sporazuma za medsebojno sodelovanje v tem oziru. S poletji se bo pričelo že v letu 1936 in v letu 1937 se pričakuje redna letalska služba v obeh smereh po štirikrat na teden.

AMERIŠKI misijonarji v mestu Dessye, Etiopija, so protestirali pri ameriškem poslaniku v Add's Ababi, ker so italijanski letalci bombardirali misijonarsko postajo in bolnišnico v prvooimenovanem mestu. Ameriška vlada se po vsej priliki na ta protest ne bo ozirala, ker je pred začetkom sovražnosti med Italijani in Etiopci pozvala vse ameriške državljane v Etiopiji, da naj zapustijo deželo ali pa naj sami nosijo posledice.

PREDBOŽIČNO nakupovanje je letos najboljše v zadnjih petih letih. Povprečno je trgovina po vsej deželi za 30 procentov boljja kakor je bila v letu 1934.

NENAVADNA operacija je bila pretekli teden izvršena v bolnišnici v Indio, Cal. Črnc Simon, star 36 let, je bil tekom nekega pretepa ranjen z nožem v srce. Dr. R. M. Gray je prva ranjenca odprl in zašil rano na sru. Med operacijo je bolniška strežnica držala srce ranjenca v rokah, seveda v steriliziranih gumijastih rokavicah. Operacija je bila uspešna in so dani vsi pogoji, da ranjenec ozdravi.

V FREMONTU, O., je dne 13. decembra umrla črunka Elmira Green, stara 109 let. Rojena je bila še kot sužnja v Amherstu, Virginia, in je tam preživela nad sto let. Pred par leti se je preselila k svojemu sinu v Ohio.

V KOLIZIJI dveh vlakov nadulne železnice v New Yorku je bilo dne 12. decembra ranjenih 15 oseb. Neki petnajstletni deček je dobil tako hude poškodbe, da jim je podlegel.

ZA NOVEGA proviziornega predsednika republike Cube je bil po elektoralnem kolegiju izvoljen prejšnji državni tajnik Jose A. Barnet.

ITALIJANSKO - ETIOPSKA vojna je stopila v nov štadij z mirovno ponudbo, katero sta predložili Mussoliniju in etiopskemu cesarju vladi Anglije in Francije. V smislu te ponudbe naj bi Italija dobila v last dva velika komada Etiopije, enega na severu, enega na jugu. Nadaljni kosi Etiopije naj bi prišli v italijansko "interesno sfero," kjer bi Italija dobila posebne koncesije. Le primeroma ena tretjina sedanje Etiopije bi ostala neodvisna in bi kot posebno koncesijo dobila dohod do morja.

Etiopski cesar Haile Selassie je ponudbo zavrnil kot nesprejemljivo. Mussolini se ni nujno odgovoril, toda dal je razumeti, da jo sprejema kot podlago za nadaljno barantanje.

Javno mnenje v Franciji in Angliji je razdraženo, češ, da vladi omenjenih držav prodajata Etiopijo Mussoliniju preko glave Lige narodov. V Ligi (Dalje na 7. strani)

ZGODOVINA PURANOV

Purani so pravi ameriški ptiči, dasi jih sedaj v udomačenem stanju gojijo v vseh delih sveta. Pred odkritjem Amerike ni stari svet poznal te perutnine.

Perutinarji v Zedinjenih državah gojijo velike množice puranov, posebno po naših južnih državah, kjer je njihova prehrana najbolj enostavna. V državi Texas, na primer, se pasejo velike jate puranov vse leto na prostem oziroma po velikih ograjenih ranchih alfalfe. Mlada alfalfa je njihov glavni živež, tu in tam zabeljen s kobilicami in drugim mrčesom. Ko purani v eni pregradi alfalfo močno popasejo, jih poženejo na pašo v drugi zagrajeni oddelek alfalfe. Popašeni del puranega pašnika s stroji čisto vedno zeleni, nakar spustijo vodo nanj, da požene nova rast alfalfe. V tistih krajih imajo namreč irigacijo ali umetno namakanje.

Na jesen in zimo se vozijo veliki vlaki puranov proti vzhodu. Kakor znano, je največja zahteva po puranih za Zahvalni dan, za Božič in Novo leto. Običaj puranove pečenke za Zahvalni dan je tipično ameriški in izhaja iz časov prvih belih naseljenikov v tej deželi, ki so si za svoje prvotne "zahvalne dneve" privoščili za približek divjih puranov, katerih je bilo tiste čase mnogo po gozdovih.

Puranovo pečenko pa so poznali in cenili že prvotni Američani, Indijanci, mnogo stoletij pred prihodom belih naseljencev. Indijanci našega jugozapada so gojili udomačene purane že v davnih časih. Pitali so jih in debelili za gostije, katere so prirajali ob svojih posebnih praznikih. Tako so purani res tipično ameriška delikatesa za posebne praznike.

Ko so Španci prišli v sedanjo Mehiko, so tam že našli udomačene purane in so jih od tam vpeljali v svojo domovino. Iz Španije so se potem purani razširili po ostali Evropi in v druge dele sveta. Odkod prihaja angleški izraz "turkey" za purana, se ne ve natančno. Nekateri sodijo, da so Angleži najprej menili, da purani prihajajo iz Turčije, ali pa so mu dali ime po "cofku" na glavi, ki spominja na "cof" turškega fessa. Drugi pa mislijo, da prihaja označba "turkey" od hebrejske besede "tukki," s katero so purane označevali židovski trgovci s perutnino na Španskem.

Zanimivo je, da večina domačih puranov v tej deželi izhaja od puranov, ki so jih prvi beli naseljenci prinesli v Ameriko iz Anglije. Tako so naši domači purani napravili dolgo pot iz Amerike v Evropo in od tam nazaj v svojo prvotno domovino Ameriko.

Pred stoletji je bilo najti obilico divjih puranov vse od sedanje južne Mehike do Canade. Napredujoča "civilizacija" pa jih je močno iztrebila in zdaj jih je najti le v naših bolj južnih državah, malokdaj severno od Virginije. Da ta ponosni ptič ameriških gozdov ni že čisto izginil, se ima zahvaliti strogim lovskim postavam, ki ga ščitijo.

Divji purani se ne ločijo dosti od domačih; navadno so bolj temne barve in seveda bolj šiš letalci. V krajih, kjer še živijo divji purani, se na samotnih farmah neredkokrat parijo z domačimi. Puranci, ki so se izlegli iz jajc pure, katere je (Dalje na 8. strani)

SEZONSKO ZELENIJE

V božični sezoni v naših takozvanih zmerno gorkih krajih navadno ni najti mnogo zelenja na prostem, ako izvzamemo seveda iglaste gozde. Listnata drevesa so po večini gola in zemljo navadno krije bela snežna odeja. Zelenje je simbol življenja, upanja in veselja, zato ni čudno, da so v božični sezoni priljubljene dekoracije z zelenjem.

Med najbolj znane dekoracije božične sezone spadajo v tej deželi božična drevesca, božje drevece in omeča ali omelje.

Za božična drevesa se rabijo smreke ali jelke, tuintam pa tudi borovci. Sodni se, da je postavljanje in kinčanje božičnih drevesc germanskega izvora.

Božje drevece, ali kakor se v tej deželi imenuje, holly, je vedno zeleni grm ali malo drevo, s svetlim, trdim in navadno bodičastim listjem. Evropska vrsta te rastline, ki nosi latinsko označbo "Ilex aquifolium," raste divja po gozdih, ponekod pa jo tudi sadijo za okras parkih. Za zimo ta rastlina ni občutljiva. Na Slovenskem pride v poštev le za velikonočne butare.

V tej deželi pa spetajo iz ameriškega "hollyja" znane božične vence, brez katerega je v božični sezoni malokateri hiša. Ameriška vrsta božjega drevesa ima nekoliko manjše in manj bodičaste listje kot evropska. Raste divja po gozdih ali pa sajena po parkih in vrtovih vse od države Maine južno. V nekaterih krajih Californije je obsešeni in nerodoviti grci vsi obrasli s hollyjem. Botanična označba za ameriški holly je "Ilex opaca." V Južni Ameriki je najti še eno vrsto hollyja, ki ga imenujejo "mate" in katerega listje Indijanci pušijo mesto tobaka.

Zelo znano in upoštevano dekorativno zelenje božične sezone je v tej deželi omela ali omelje, ki se tu imenuje "mistletoe." Omela je zajedavka in raste najraje na jablanah; včasih jo je najti tudi na drugih drevesih. Vedno zeleni grmiček, ki se je udomačil na veji drevesa, rodi bele jagodice, ki vsebujejo nekaj lep. V starem kraju so ptičarji delali iz jagod omela lim za ptičje limance. Na Slovenskem omela najraje raste na jablanah, hrastih in mokijskih.

V tej deželi je navada, da sme v božični sezoni vsak moški poljubiti damo, ki jo sreča v hiši pod dekoracijo omela. Ta običaj prihaja iz Anglije in izhaja iz paganskih časov. Druidi, ki so bili svečeniki davnih Celtov, so pripisovali omeli čudovite moči in so jo rabili pri svečanostih zimskega praznika, ki je na gotov način sličil božiču. Evropska omela je jako podobna ameriški, toda prva se v jeziku botanikov imenuje "Viscum album," druga pa "Phoradendron flavescens." Angleška označba "mistletoe" pa na obeh kontinentih pomeni isto rastlino.

MASARYK ODPSTOPI

Predsednik Češkoslovaške, Tomáš G. Masaryk, je dne 14. decembra z czirom na svojo visoko starost odstopil. Masaryk je prvi George Washington republike Češkoslovaške in je bil izvoljen za predsednika leta 1918, nato pa ponovno leta 1920 in 1927; po določbah ustave bi zamogel biti predsednik republike. (Dalje na 7. strani)

GORKOTA V ZEMLJI

Zivljenje ljudi, živali in rastlin na zemlji je v splošnem odvisno od sončne gorkote, kljub temu, da skriva zemlja v svojem osrčju velikansko vročino. Vsa ta ogromna podzemna vročina pa je za sedaj še v praktične svrhe neporabljiva in človeku nič ne koristi.

Da je v zemskih globinah velika vročina, najbolj dokazujejo ognjeniki, ki stalno ali pa v presledkih iz svojih žrel bruhajo vročo paro, pepel ali pa gorečo lavo, to je raztopljeno rudnine. V hladni Alaski je nekak pokrajina, katero imenujejo "dolino desetstiscerih dimov," kjer iz neštivilnih zemskih razpok neprestano uhaja gorka para na dan. Dokaz za podzemsko vročino so tudi številni gorški vrečki, nekateri teh daleč v mrzlih severnih pokrajinah.

Znanstveniki so bili že pred leti mnenja, da je v osrčju zemlje silna vročina, kjer so vse rudnine v raztopljenem stanju. Pozneje se je začela uveljavljati teorija, da je sredina zemlje trdna in da so za pojave ognjenikov in vročih vrečev odgovorne lokalne razmere v različnih krajih pod zemsko površino. Zadnje čase pa se znanstveniki vedno bolj nagibajo k mnenju, da je bila prvotna teorija pravilna in da je zemlja površina le nekaka tanka skorja na razbeljeni lavi. Najnovejša raziskavanja potrjujejo to naziranje.

Pred par tedni je došlo s Havaja poročilo, da je po daljšem presledku spet začel bruhati ognjenik Mauna Loa, ki je visok 13,675 čevljev. Po precejšnjem potresu se je na strani ognjenika odprla velika, skoro tri milje dolga razpoka, iz katere se je začela valiti ognjena lava po pobočju. Tok te lave je bil v začetku precej hitre, postaja pa je vedno počasnejši, čim bolj se je lava ohlajala. Od vročine so se vneli gozdi na pobočju gore, druge posebne škode pa izbruh ni napravil, ker ni dosegel naseljenih krajev.

Štirideset milj od gore stoji mesto Hilo, ki je na direktni poti žareče lave, toda prebivalci so prepričani, da lava mesta ne bo dosegla, kakor ga ni dosegla še nikoli prej. Domače prebivalstvo veruje, da boginja Pele, ki ima oblast čez ognjenike, mesta Hilo ne bo uničila. V davnih časih, ko je boginja Pele imela neki preprič z bogom Kama Puaa, je bila premagana in je prosila zmagovalca za mistično, jo je Kama Puaa uslišal, pod pogojem, da mu obljudi, da ne bo mesta Hilo nikdar uničila z gorečo lavo iz ognjenika. Ta legenda še vedno drži pri domačinih.

Vsekakor so prebivalci Havajev navajeni vulkanskih izbruhov. Poleg ognjenika Mauna Loa, ki bruha v nerednih presledkih, je ognjenik Kilauea, visok 4090 čevljev, vedno aktiven. Tretji ognjenik, Mauna Kea, ki je 13,825 čevljev visok, je neaktiven.

Havajsko otočje, kakor znano, je teritorij Zedinjenih držav, oddaljen od San Francisca nekaj nad 2000 morskih milj jugozapadno. Teritorij, sestojč iz 9 naseljenih in 11 malih, nenasteljenih otokov, ima nekaj nad 6400 kvadratnih milj skupne površine. Največji otok skupine je Hawaii, ki meri nad 4000 kvadratnih milj površine, najmanjši pa Midway, katerega površina znaša komaj dve kvadratni milj. (Dalje na 7. strani)

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

Znano dejstvo je, da je stara Avstrija tekom svetovne vojne pošiljala slovenske polke oziroma polke, v katerih je bil znaten odstotek Slovencev, med prvimi na fronto in na najbolj nevarna mesta. Vladajoči avstrijski kliki se je zdelo slovenske krvi najmanj škoda. Približno tisto taktiko je zavzela Italija na etiopski fronti. Slovenski in hrvaški fantje iz Julijske Krajine so bili med prvimi, ki so prešli krvavi krst. Napad na Adovo je izvršila divizija "Gavinana," v kateri je velik odstotek naših fantov. Slovenske družine v Julijski Krajini so že pričele od vojaških oblasti dobivati telegrame o padlih sinovih in možeh. Kolikor je dosedaj znanega sta v Etiopiji že padla dva Pestojnčana, od katerih je eden sin gostilničarja S. efina. Telegrame s smrtnimi naznanili so dobile nekatere slovenske družine v Biljah, v Vipavski dolini in v vaseh blizu Postojne.

Martinova nedelja je prinesla Dolenjemu Logatcu hudo poveljen. Običajno pohleven počitek je hitro narasel v derot hodournik, ki je napravil velike škode. Milni ob vodji so čisto razdejani. Voda je vdiralna skozi vrata in okna v stanovanjska poslopja in ljudje so si komaj rešili življenje na kmečkih pečeh in podstrešjih. Pri posestniku Kavčicu je voda prišla celo v prvo nadstropje stanovanjske zgradbe. Govedo in svinje so še ob pravem času rešili Človeških prtev k sreči ni bilo pač pa sta bili dve osebi v zadnjem trenutku rešeni s splavom. Voda je uničila mnogo ozimline in odnesla precej lesa.

Na ljubljansko univerzo je bilo letos vpisanih 1773 slušateljev; med njimi je 334 slušateljic. Lani je bilo vsega skupaj 1813 slušateljev in slušateljic.

V Radečah pri Zidanem mostu je umrl za kapjo upokojeni sodni nadofic' Ignac Klopčič, star 65 let. Pokojnik je služboval polnih 35 let pri radeškem sodišču in je bil znan kot odločen narodnjak.

Wilsonov spomenik na Korčuli. Splitski rojak Anton Viločić, ki se je kot ladjedelniški mojster že pred 40 leti izselil v Severno Ameriko, je v New Yorku ustanovil odbor za postavitve spomenika pokojnemu predsedniku Zedinjenih držav in velikemu prijatelju našega naroda Wilsonu na Korčuli. Viločić, ki je častni predsednik in blagajnik odbora, je sam vložil v njegov sklad 500 dolarjev. Za svojega zastopnika v domovini je odbor imenoval G. Lupisana Vukića ter ga pooblastil, da osnuje odbor na Korčuli. Ta odbor že posluje in je že uvedel nabiralno akcijo v vseh občinah otoka.

Smrt ameriškega dobrotnika srbskih otrok. V Getariju v Franciji je umrl dobrotnik srbske dece v dobi svetovne vojne John W. Frothingam. Pokojnik je kot ameriški oficir preživel tri mesece v Bitolju in, ko je bilo mesto bombardirano, je prebivalcem, ki so ostali brez zavetja in hrane, pomagal z največjejo požrtvovalnostjo. Največjo dobroto pa je napravil s tem, da je mnogo otrok — sirot na lastne stroške odpremlil iz Srbije. (Dalje na 7. strani)

Vsak po svoje

Veseli božične praznike! In veseli bodimo, da nismo tam, kjer bodo krščanski Italijani krščanskim Etiopcem voščili veseli božične praznike z bombami!

Italijansko - etiopska vojna končno še ni tako slaba. Ubityh je bilo primeroma zelo malo ljudi in Italijani so zgradili mnogo cest, ki jih Etiopija krvavo potrebuje.

Neki vojni korespondent piše, da ena italijanska bomba stane več, kot cela iz blata zgrajena etiopska vas. In oni dan so italijanski letalci zmetali okrog 700 bomb na neko etiopsko vas in ubili deset oseb. To je vsekakor drag špas.

Nedavno so v Italiji praznovali rojstni dan italijanskega kralja, toda v Rimu so vojaške parade marsikatero Mussolinija in mu salutirale, Mussolini je govoril narodu in sprejemal ovacije, Mussolini je bil edini junak dneva. Kje je bil kralj s svojim rojstnim dnevom vred, nihče ne ve oziroma ni nihče poročal. Morda so mu bili srajce oprani in je moral sedeti za raufenkom!

V Texasu so nedavno videli nebeško mavrico, postavljeno narobe. Well, če je že vse drugo narobe, pa naj bo še mavrica.

Nekateri znanstveniki menijo, da bo prišla doba, ko bodo svet vladali mrčesi. Nam pebejem se zdi, da se ta doba že pojavlja. Na primer v Italiji in Nemčiji.

V teh težkih dneh, ko nam sonce tu na obrežju Erie jezera kvečjemu enkrat na teden malo pomezišne izza sivih oblakov, ko nas vremenski bogovi obsipajo s prezgodnjim snežnim konfetijem, ko se po naših cestah pretaka umazana snežna kofedra in ko sem tako zakopan v dopise cenjenih sobratov in soster, da se mi še ponoči sanja o njih ((o dopisih namreč), me prijazni in menda nekoliko poredni sobrati bombardirajo z izzivajočimi lepimi razglednicami iz sončne Californije. Eden je tam na ženitovanjskem potovanju, drugi pri letalcih strica Sama, nekateri pa se pod palmami in oranžami božanskega juga izprehajajo kar tako.

Saj ne rečem, vsaka razglednica me razveseli, toda vsaki porciji tega veselja je primešana mala pelineva kaplja zavisti.

Najlepše božično darilo za vašega prijatelja bo, če ga vpišete v J. S. K. Jednoto. Pa tudi Jednoti bo tako darilo najbolj dobrodošlo.

Kako se časi izpreminjajo! Včasih krepostna deklica ni upala iti v mraku brez spremstva niti do par blokov oddaljene trgovine; zdaj vam pa korajzna punca preleti širni ocean sama.

Večkrat sem že ugibal, kakšna označba bi bila primerna in točna za parfum dihurja. Zdaj vem. Prijatelj Pajk je konstatiral, da je tisti duh "vijoličen." Človek se vedno kaj novega nauči. Vsekakor pa sodim, da prijatelj Pajk ni mislil na prave, ampak na pasje vijolice. (Dalje na 4. strani)

MLADINSKI ODDELEK -- JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

When Trixie Had the Surprise of His Life

"If you think that little dog across the street is cunning, Peggy," said Mamma, as she drew up the chair beside the bed to tell the usual sleepy-time story, "you should have seen one I had when I was a little girl.

"We called him Trixie because he was always up to tricks. He was a perfect ball of white and, oh, so cute and darling and clean! Always in the summer, I remember, we used to have his long, curly, fluffy hair clipped close all over—except a great bang of it which was left hanging down over his shining, little black eyes to protect them from the glare of the sun.

"Nothing seemed to delight him more than, when we were out riding of an evening, to lean far out the side of the carriage and bark just as loudly and fiercely as ever he could at the dogs we passed—even the biggest of them. And when they would come dashing along after the carriage, Trixie would bark all the louder, and most anyone would think him a dreadfully ferocious dog. Of course, he was perfectly safe in the carriage—and we sometimes thought he knew it, for he would never bark while passing another dog when we were walking.

"One summer, sister Edith and I went up to Uncle John's farm to spend a week or two. We took Trixie with us. And he enjoyed the country and all the strange animals and flowers and birds just as much as we did.

"Uncle John had three dogs of his own, for people who live in the country always have them. One was a great big watch-dog, another a squatty, bow-legged bulldog and the third a beautiful silky-haired collie. Strange to say, Trixie seemed to make friends with all three of them. At first, he was very quiet and well-behaved and scared of them, too, for when he saw one of them coming up on the porch he would jump up on the lap of the nearest person.

"But after a while, when he saw that they had no intention of harming him, he became bolder; and it was not many days before he was playing around the yard with them and dashing across green fields and through the cool, green woods, barking and yelping and scampering along as though he were indeed just as much a real dog as they.

"Now Uncle John also had two little kittens. One was pure white and the

"Indeed, on second thought, I am quite certain Trixie didn't understand me, or, if he did, it went in one of his cunning little perked-up ears and out the other. For the very next day I caught him chasing Whiteie all around the front yard, around the trees and right through the flower beds. And the day after that he drove Blackie up a tree and jumped up and down, at the foot of the tree, as high as he could, barking and showing his teeth until even I, his mistress, felt almost afraid of him.

"But the next day—well, the next day something happened to little Trixie that he never forgot. It was the surprise of his life. In the afternoon, about an hour after dinner, I was just making myself comfortable in the hammock on the front porch when I heard him barking in the kitchen.

"I rushed back as fast as ever I could. Susan, the cook, had gone to the barn to hunt eggs, it seemed, and there was naughty Trixie spread out in his usual fashion before Blackie and gleefully barking at him and snapping his little jaws open and shut for all the world as though he meant to chew him up on the spot.

"Trixie! You Trixie, come here instantly!" I called.

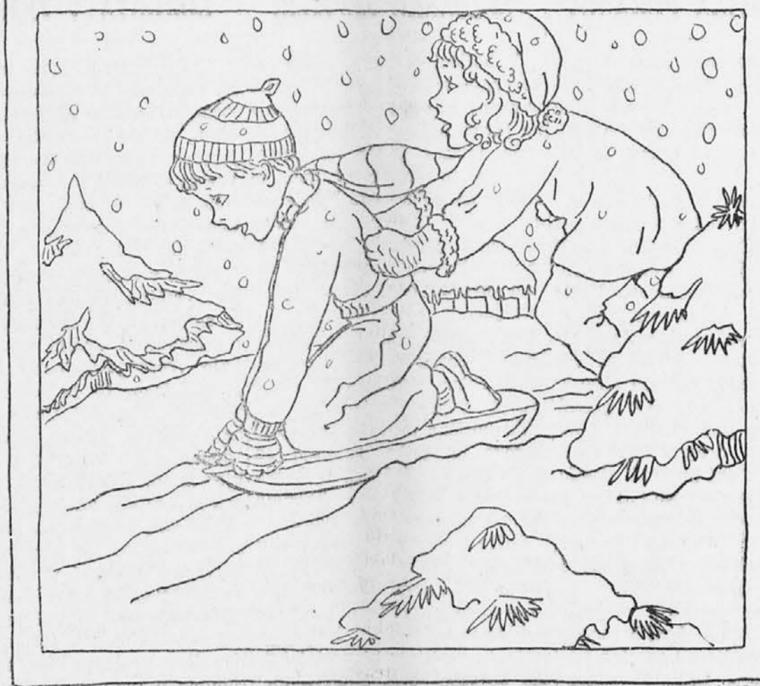
"But before I could reach down and pick him up, it happened. He gave a harder lunge than ever before and his little nose came within an inch of poor Blackie's scared face. Then, quick as lightning, Blackie's paw shot out and the sharp little claws caught Trixie right on the end of his nose!

"Trixie let one awful howl of pain and surprise, put his little tail between his legs and scooted out through the kitchen doorway so fast that all I could see was a little streak of white going like the wind!

"It was fully an hour before I could find him. And when I did he was whimpering like a baby. He licked my hand as I picked him up and whined and cried and—oh, I almost felt sorry for him. Right across his little black nose was a long, jagged scratch—and it had been bleeding. Of course, I got some warm water and washed it carefully.

"And that very afternoon when Blackie came out of the house onto the porch, lazily stretching his legs as he

GETTING A START



(To be colored with paints or crayons. Whenever you come to a word spelled in CAPITAL letters use that color)

"Oh, what fun in the White snow!" cries YELLOW-haired Susie May as she shoves BROWN-haired Teddy to a good start on his RED sled.

"Whee-ee! Here goes the November Express!" shouts Teddy steering the YELLOW runners of his sled most skillfully. "Jump on! Jump on!" he yells. "The express won't stop until we reach our journey's end!"

"Ho! ho! I am afraid it will end in a snow bank!" cries Susie May.

Susie May is dressed in a warm RED coat with GRAY (use BLACK lightly) curly fur. Her leggings and cap and mittens match her coat in color.

Teddy wears an ORANGE (use RED and YELLOW mixed) sweater and GREEN cap and scarf and gloves set, and his long snow pants are GREEN with ORANGE color cuffs.

Both children have PINK (use RED lightly) faces and RED cheeks and lips.

The BLUE sky is full of White snowflakes that have almost covered the dark GREEN pines by the side of the slide.

The house in the background has PINK sides and the roof is covered with snow.

"Oh, I love to go sledding!" cries Susie May. "It's almost like flying!"

The border of this picture can be colored YELLOW and the lettering bright RED.

Hail to the Holly Tree

There is something about a Holly Wreath that brings the most beautiful associations of the week preceding Christmas Day culminate in the hanging of a Holly Wreath in the window or upon the door. But even the delicious emotion that accompanies that rite does not compare with the feelings evoked by a full-grown female Holly Tree seen for the first time; seen, let us say, by a city dweller who never dreamed that the material for the happiest of Christmas decorations come from so noble a creation.

The trees are laden with berries from the lowest branches to the tip. It is a sanctuary for birds. Cardinals more brilliant than its fruit, fly through the branches and perch high among the leaves, to sing a grace before or after partaking of the feast provided. Bluebirds, or brown, making flitting visits and return again and again. Some are so pleased that they nest on the spot.

Of particular interest during December, the American Holly Tree is evergreen, and so is remarkably attractive the year around. Early spring brings tender green leaves to replace dark foliage of winter. Small cream flowers cover the branches. During summer the tree settles down comfortably into a state of greenness most restful to the eye. The berries form and hang there verdant until touched by a warmer color to cheer the heart in winter.

Country Hollies may be desecrated by the vandal, but one's own tree may easily be protected, used for an outdoor Christmas tree, and pruned carefully to furnish berries to the heart's content for the holidays. If fertile berries are desired, a male tree must accompany the female, since the species is dioecious. The nursery will take care of that feature; for this is the source, rather than the woods, from whence our home Hollies should come. —Flower Grower.

MISTLETOE

Mistletoe berries are white and translucent, about the size of small currants. They contain a sticky juice which serves to attach the seed to the branches of trees, where they grow when they germinate. These little berries are the favorite food of Thrushes, and the birds propagate the Mistletoe when they rub their beaks against the branches and deposit the seeds. Some seed is also carried on the birds' feet and feathers; thus the seed is disseminated from tree to tree.

Portuguese Mistletoe has bright-red berries. Mistletoe was known to the Druids as "all-heal"; they regarded it as an antidote to all diseases.

TI CLOVEK, JAZ CLOVEK

Zadnje leto svetovne vojne sem bila majhen otrok, tako majhen, da sem komaj videla na mizo. Stanovali smo v pritličju, ob cesti, v bližini vojaške bolnice. Vse življenje mi ostanejo nezbrisani tisti grozni dnevi. Ves dan in časih tudi vso noč so romale mimo našega okna nepregledne procesije ranjencev v bolnico iskat ozdravljenja ali smrti. Vseh narodnosti so bili in vseh starosti. Težko so se vlekli po cesti in neredko se je zgodilo, da je kateri omahnil in se zgrudil.

Nekoč se je zgrudil mlad Nemec. Frav pred našim oknom. Imel je predrveljeno roko, pa se je onesvestil, ker je izgubil mnogo krvi. Prenesli so ga k nam v vežo in poslali po sanitetni voz.

Vsi smo se trudili okoli onesveščena. Močili smo ga z vodo in naša mama mu je hotela odpeti bluzo, da bi lažje dihal. Ko mu jo je odpela, je padla iz desnega žepa fotografija, deček in deklica sta bila na njej, majhna, ljubka koderolaška.

Ko se je ranjenec končno oveselil, smo mu vrnilli fotografijo. Nežno jo je vzel v roke, jo poljubil in zašepetal: "Moja zlata otroka!"

Potem nam je povedal zgodbo, ki bo nezbrisana v mojem spominu vse življenje. Povem vam jo. Poslušajte. Nemec se je babil v Rusiji. Bila je zima, strašna ruska zima in vojaki so umirali od mraza. Neko popoldne so jih Rusi napadli. Nemci so se bojevali z velikim pogumom, toda Rusov je bilo dvakrat več. Bilo je strahotno klanje. Drug za drugim so padali Nemci. Kri je rdečila sneg. Mladi Nemec je bil ob ruskem napadu v majnem gzdilju. Nabiral je dračje, da bi si zakuril ogenj. Ko je začel streljati, je hitel tovarišem na pomoč. Toda pot mu je zastopil ogromen Rus z čolgo brado in divje srčecim pogledom. Nametil je puško nanj. Nemec se je sklonil in izdri bajonet, kajti puške ni imel pri sebi. Ko se je sklonil pa mu je padla iz žepa fotografija njegovih otrok in obežala na snegu. Divji Rus se je ozrl po sliki in videl dvoje smehljajočih malčkov. In roka v kateri je držal puško, mu je zastopetala. Divji pogled se mu je ublažil, oči ovlažile. Vrgel je puško od sebe in se sklonil k sliki. "Djetki, malčki!" je šepetal in ju ogledoval. Pctem pa se je okrenil k Nemcu in mu prožil svojo ogromno, mrdavdžji šapi slično roko, in rekel: "Ti čelovek, jaz čelovek!"

Nemec je še vedno držal bajonet v roki, pripravljen, da se brani. Ni razumel Rusa. Toda ta je odločno stopil k njemu, ga zgrabil za roko in mu sakričal prav v obraz: "Ti čelovek, jaz čelovek. Ne streljaj!"

Tecaj šole ga je razumel Nemec. Da, Rus je spoznal, da sta oba čeloveka, ki imata doma družino, ki se niče še nikoli videla in drug drugemu nič žalega storila. Čemu bi se potajno streljala?

In Nemec je odvrnil bajonet ter krepko objel Rusa.

ČUDNI RAČUNI

"Koliko je 3x3?" vpraša Primožek Marka.

"Čemu mi neki stavljaš take otročarije," se razhuži Marko. "Saj že vsak učenec prvega razreda ve, da je 3x3 9."

"Otročarija gori ali doll, jaz ti do-kažem, da 3x3 ni 9, nego mnogo več," reče Primožek in se nejevolnemu Marku dokazuje s svinčnikom v roki:

"Glej, zdaj zapišem 3. To je enkrat tri. Nato zapišem poleg trojke še enkrat tri, takoče 33. To je zdaj trinajsetdeset. In končno pristavim zraven še eno tri, pogled je 933. Tako čem ti dokazal, da 3x3 ni 9, nego trideset in tri!"

Marko pohlapeno nekaj zagodrnja to vidi, da ima Primožek — četudi le po svojevrstnem triku — vendar le prav. A popolnoma potlačiti v keš, se pa ne le da kar tako. Malo pomislil in nato se obrne k tovarišu:

"Ti, ki vse veš pa mi povej, koliko je deset in nič več?"

"Smešno vprašanje," se namrgodi Primožek. "Deset in nič več ostane deset."

"Ne boš," ugovarja Marko in zdaj tudi on prične dokazovati s svinčnikom na papir:

"Vidiš, to je 10. Deset in nič več — sem rekel. Torej 10 in zdaj pridem en nič več zraven, pa pride stevilno 100. — No, zdaj si se prepričaj lastne oči, da 10 in nič več ne ostane 10, nego 10 in nič več je 100!"

"Res tudi ti imaš prav," mu rad ali nerad mora priznati Primožek.

THE JUNIOR COOK

HOW TO COOK CARROTS

Cut off tops, wash and put in a cool place. An hour before meal time, scrape off rough places on the outside, slice into half-inch pieces. Do not use the end of the root.

Put on to cook in saucepan with boiling water. Use three pints of water to three cupsful of cut up carrots. Cook till tender. If carrots are young this will take about 30 minutes. Drain off water.

Add one teaspoonful salt, two teaspoonfuls butter and one-half cupful milk. Bring milk to a boil and serve at once.

Članci! To zgodbo zapišite v svoja zveca. Nosite jo s štoli življenja. In ne pozabite nikdar: katerekoli narodnosti je človek, človek je. In človek ki dvigne roko proti sočloveku, ni vreden svojega človeškega dostojanstva.

Nikoli svoj vojne!

MLADINSKI DOPISI Contributions From Our Junior Members

LAFAYETTE, COLO.

Čenjeni g. urednik: Ze je minilo par mesecev, odkar nisem nič napisal za mladinsko stran Nove Dobe. Sicer je pa bilo dovolj drugih dopisnikov, zato sem pustil prostor istim.

Zdaj, ko gre leto proti koncu, sem se odločil, da napišem malo daljši dopis. Domislil sem se zgodbe iz stare domovine in mojega mladega sosedu in prijatelja, s katerim sva bila skoraj vedno skupaj. Tako sva tudi skupaj sedela v tretjem razredu v šoli toda njemu ni šla italijansčina v glavo, zato je moral hoditi dve leti v isti razred.

Bilo je leta 1930, nekaj dni pred božičem, ko nam je začel učitelj razlagati, da se bomo morali vsi učenci in učenke iz vseh razredov vpisati med "črnosrajčnike," namreč vsi tisti, ki še nismo vpisani. Pozval je vse tiste, ki še niso vpisani, da to store pred božičem. Razlagal nam je, česa vsega bomo deležni. Dali da nam bodo obleko, obuvalo, kape itd., in pripomnil kako lepo nas bo videti, ko bo toliko število učencev na božično praznik korakalo v cerkev pod fašistično zastavo. Dejal je, da ko nas bodo videli naši starejši bratje in prijatelji, se nam bodo rade volje pridružili. Nadalje nam je obljubil, da ko nas pride obiskati fašistični načelnik, nam bo priredil "party" in večkrat bomo deležni raznih zabav. Potem nam je velel iti domov in nam je naročil, da povemo staršem vse, kar smo v šoli slišali, in da nam bodo oni gotovo dovolili, da se vpišemo med fašiste.

Ko smo drugi dan prišli v šolo, nas je učitelj prijazo pozdravil in nas vprašal, kaj so nam starši rekli. Par dečkov in deklic se je oglasilo, da se vpišemo, vsi drugi pa so povedali, da jim starši ne dovolijo. Učitelj je bil jezen, jezo nas je gledal in kričal, da če se ne bomo vpisali zlepa, nas bodo k temu prisilili.

Nekaj dni zatem smo dobili v šoli vsak po eno kartico, na kateri je bil fašistični znak. Učitelj nam je naročil, da moramo tiste kartice izročiti staršem, da jih podpisajo in s tem dovolijo, da se otroci vpišemo med fašiste. Ko je bil drugi dan čas za v šoli iti, sem prosil mamko, naj tisto kartico podpiše, ker drugače se bojim šole. Pa mi je rekla naj kar grem in naj povem, da očeta ni doma in da brez njegovega dovoljenja se ne morem vpisati.

Jokaje sem šel v šolo, ker sem se bal učiteljeve jeze. Tam sem videl vse učence bolj veselih obrazov kakor sem bil jaz. Ko pride učitelj, smo vsi nekako boječe oddali naše kartice brez podpisov staršev, kar je pomenilo, da nam ne dovolijo se vpisati med fašiste. Moj prijatelj Joško je pa kar odločno povedal, da on neče biti fašist.

Učitelj je zdajval, pograbil palico in nas vse pretepel; Joško jih je pa toliko dobil po rokah in hrbru, da je bil ves višnjev. Poleg tega nas je učitelj še grdo opsoval. Enake usode so bili isti dan deležni tudi učenci 4. razreda. Eden učencev je povedal, da črne strajke ne bo nosil, nakar ga je učitelj s palico lovil po razredu, da ga pretepe; on pa se je skrival pod klopi kot mačka, da ga ni mogel prijeti. Vsi ostali učenci v razredu so pa jokali. Tako se je tisto leto praz žalostno končalo za nas šolarje.

Kadar se spomnim na sosedu in prijatelja Joška, pa se mi zasmili. Slišal sem, da ga še dosedaj niso mogli spraviti v fašistične vrste; raje je pretepen, kakor da bi se vpisal k fašistom. To vam je odločen fant. Jaz sem pa vesel, da sem odnesel pete v svobodno Ameriko.

K sklepu želim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem članom in članicam odraslega in mladinskega oddelka, vsem mojim sorodnikom po Ameriki, vsem glavnim odbornikom JSJK, posebno pa g. uredniku, ki se mora ukvarjati z napakami naših dopisov. Želim tudi, da bi JSJK v prihodnjem letu pridobila mnogo novih članov v mladinski oddelku.

JACK SLAVEC, član društva št. 21 JSJK.

nam bo "Santa Claus" kaj prinesel. Vsako leto je prišel, za letos pa ne bo mo, kako bo. Vsekakor upam, da ne bomo zaman čakali.

K sklepu voščim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem bratcem in sestricam v mladinskem oddelku vsem glavnim odbornikom in vsem članstvu J. S. K. Jednote. Istokrajčan vsem mojim sorodnikom in prijateljem.

MARY M. SUPANCIC (14 let) članica društva št. 57 JSJK.

ELY, MINN.

Whoopee, I got a dollar check from the Nova Doba. Thanks, thanks very much to the judges who gave me. I really didn't expect any. Christmas is just around the corner and Santa Claus is on his way to our little Santa Claus, too, to my nieces and dad, who lost his pipe. I bet he will be glad to get a new one for Christmas. The dollar was good to get him one. I wish Santa Claus would be good to everybody this year and to you, too, dear Editor. I hope he will fill your stocking with things you like best and I hope the same for myself.

I got quite a few Christmas cards from juvenile delegates of the Nova Doba. Thanks, thanks very much to the judges who gave me. I really didn't expect any. Christmas is just around the corner and Santa Claus is on his way to our little Santa Claus, too, to my nieces and dad, who lost his pipe. I bet he will be glad to get a new one for Christmas. The dollar was good to get him one. I wish Santa Claus would be good to everybody this year and to you, too, dear Editor. I hope he will fill your stocking with things you like best and I hope the same for myself.

The winter sports are here again and we have lots of fun skating, skiing, sledding. We made some big snowdrifts. We have plenty of snow on the ice. People ride with cars and trucks across the lakes. The ice is not enough to hold them up.

I wish our page in the Nova Doba would be filled with more interesting articles because it is real fun to read them. Come on, Vicky Kumsse, send us some more of your sweet memories of your visit in Ely during the coming year. They're very interesting.

Last week was the funeral for Mrs. Smolchich, age 52. Surviving him are his wife and one daughter.

Mr. Mayerle also died suddenly. He went to bed in good health and was found dead the next morning. He was 47 years old. He leaves a wife and three children.

I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

JUSTINE KORENT (age 12) No. 200, S. 1st St.

MORLEY, CALIF.

DEAR EDITOR: It has been some time since I have written to the Nova Doba. We are back in school, wishing for vacation. Last Friday we had a school exercise the splendor of which I feel I can't share with others.

The carnival was sponsored by the musical organization of the Triunfo High School. This is the first time at such an enterprise and it is generally believed to become an annual event. Proceeds of this carnival will be used to buy uniforms for our band.

Ten-cent admission tickets were sold in all home rooms and a price given to three rooms which sold most. Ballots were used to vote for carnival queen. Two girls from the of the four classes were chosen and their names put on the ballots. I gave my vote to your favorite, marking an X in front of her name.

The carnival was held in a gymnasium and then you found yourself in a world of frolic. Barkers urged you to try their wonders; which were such a Paradise on Earth, a Beauty Contest, Jessy James, Artists, Magicians, and others, for only 5 cents each.

Refreshments were sold by the waitresses. A clever Dutch band played quaint songs and cracked jokes.

At 9:30 p. m. the Dutch band aided the crowd to the main auditorium. This consisted of a variety of dances, a magician, a play called "Mud" presented by a public speaking class. This was followed by a jitney dance at the school orchestra.

At 12 o'clock the Queen was announced. She was a beautiful senior. She was given a tremendous applause and cheer and was crowned with a beautiful blue and silver crown. She had on a light satin gown and both blended together.

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Their Backs Arched Until It Seemed They Would Surely Break

other as black as night, with a white star right in the middle of his forehead. Uncle John hadn't had them so very long, but his dogs had become thoroughly accustomed to them, and never chased them or barked at them, much less trying to bite them.

"But not Trixie. Oh, no, Mr. Smarty Trixie had no sooner set eyes on them one day, when he happened to steal into the kitchen unobserved, than he set up a most terrific barking. Why, you would have imagined he was a great, fierce watch-dog and there were burglars attempting to break in and carry off the entire house.

"I rushed into the kitchen to see what in the world was the matter with Trixie. And there I found him, his feet spread out, his cunning little bang hanging down over his eyes and his cute little tail wiggling and wagging for all the world like a limber switch when you're holding it by one end and shaking it.

"And the poor kittens—Blackie and Whiteie—well, he had them crowded into a corner, their little backs arched up until it seemed they would surely break, every hair of them standing right up on end and the most frightened, pitiable look on their tiny little faces you ever saw.

"I grabbed him up and ran out on the porch with him. I didn't spank him, but I did try to tell him what a bad little doggie he had been and I asked him how he would feel if Uncle John's big dogs drove him into a corner and barked and jumped at him!

"He wagged his little head and stuck out his little tongue, trying to lick my cheek, as much as to say, 'But they're only cats, you see—and it's such fun to make out you're going to cat them up!'

Daniilo Gorinšek: PRESENECENJE

To petelin naš baha se, da mu kar grebenček rase: mati koklja spet vali, —naj kokošji rod živi!

Einjavadet dni premijne, evomilade sper družine, zajec je deset bilo, zajec bo putk deset zato!

Koklja novi rod zvalila —s petelinom se čudila: račke tri so, putk je pet, goski dve—jih je deset!

"Kaj pomaga se čuditi, ko tako pač mora biti!" —tak petelin govori, kar je mlado, naj živi!

Daniilo Gorinšek: VETRNIJAKINJA

Ni se razcvela še roža dodobra, kar pride slana, pa jo pomori, niti še solnce ni k nam zasijalo, pride oblak in že solnce več ni.

Niti še hipec ni droben potekel, ko se je Majdica drla na glas, niti še hipec ni droben potekel, zdaj se že smeje, norčuje iz nas.

Niti ne bo več, to vem, ne minute, ko bo spet Majda tulila ko zver, ampak ne bo tudi dolgo do časa: morala v šolo bo, tam bo pa — mir!

Razsodbe gl. porotnega odbora J. S. K. J.

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Priziv sestre Frances Janze...

bo mnogo govorilo o odrešenju...

za društvene in jednotine probleme...

Frank Novak, tajnik društva št. 164 JSKJ.

Waukegan, Ill.
Članom in članicam društva sv. Roka...

S pota
Zima je tu v Minnesoti prav aprilsko muhasta...

Ely, Minn.
V vsaki slovenski naselbini v Zedinjenih državah bi moralo biti društvo...

Eveleth, Minn.
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Frank Novak, tajnik društva št. 164 JSKJ.

Waukegan, Ill.
Članom in članicam društva sv. Roka, ki niso bili na zadnji seji navzoči...

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prav zadovoljiva in seja jako živahna. Zeletji bi bilo, da bi bile vse seje take. Društveni odbor je bil izvoljen stari in ni bilo v tem nikakih izprememb.

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za nas in vredna, da se jo objavi. Želimo in upamo, da se bo bolezen ogibala našega društva vsaj še par mesecev ako e ne več.

Ko prinesete plačati assesment tajniku ali blagajniku, zahtevajte stenske koledarje, katere je društvo prejelo od Jednote. Koledarjev smo prejeli nekaj čez sto, torej zadosti, da pride po eden v vsako hišo našega članstva.

Anton Okolish, tajnik društva št. 44 JSKJ.

Strabane, Pa.
Društvo "Bratska sloga," št. 149 JSKJ, je sklenilo razveseliti s primernimi darili vse člane svojega mladinskega oddelka. V to svrhu so prispevali člani lepo vsoto v prostovoljnih prispevkih, nekaj pa se je doletelo iz društvene blagajne...

Obdarovanje mladinskih članov se bo vršilo v nedeljo 22. decembra popoldne v društveni zborovalni dvorani. Kdor ima še kakega člana za vpis v mladinski oddelak, naj ga pripelje v nedeljo 22. decembra v dvorano ter ga vpiše, nakar bo novi član tudi deležen darila. Starši naj torej pošljejo ali pripeljejo svoje otroke v zborovalno dvorano v nedeljo 22. decembra popoldne. Vesele praznike vsem! — Za društvo št. 149 JSKJ.

Frank Mikec, predsednik. (PRIPOMBA UREDNIŠTVA: Ostali del dopisa je zaradi preobilice gradiva za to izdajo odložen in bo priobčen v prihodnji številki.)

Conemaugh, Pa.
Pozor mladina in starši! Društvo sv. Alojzija, št. 36 JSKJ, društvo Danica, št. 44 SNPJ, društvo Sinovi Slave, št. 168 SNPJ in društvo Delavec, št. 59 SSPZ, priredijo skupno božičnico na večer 24. decembra v dvorani društva sv. Alojzija v Conemaughu.

Navedena društva so se obrnila s prošnjo in primernim respektom do ekselence Miklavža, da poseti njihove otroke, ako mu dopušča čas. Odgovora smo pričakovali z veliko nestrpnostjo in končno smo ga dobili. Miklavž je prijazno obljubil, da nas obišče na večer 24. decembra točno ob polu osmih (7:30), in sicer v dvorani društva sv. Alojzija.

Torej, starši pripeljite svoje otroke na to prireditev. Porabite priliko in privoščite svojim otrokom nekaj veselja. Veliko let je že preteklo od časa, ko smo bili mi otroci, toda spomin na otroška pričakovanja in na otroško veselje, katerega smo bili takrat deležni, ne bo nikdar izginil. Kakšno veselje je bilo, če nam je Miklavž prinesel par suhih hrušk in par sladkorčkov!

Tudi naša mladina ima taka srca, kakršna smo imeli mi, ko smo bili otroci. Veliko je govorenja in mnogo nestrpnega pričakovanja. Dnevi so tako neznanoski dolgi in nikakor se neče približati veseli božič! In, ko pride, mlada srca prikipevajo v pričakovanju in radosti. Torej, starši, obljubite otrokom, da se z njimi udeležite te božičnice, in osrečili jih boste že v naprej. In potem seveda pridite in se z njimi vred veselite in zabavajte.

Naj omenim, da ko Miklavž odide, se bomo pa tudi mi starejši lahko zabavali. Pri bari nam je zagotovljena točna postrežba in na razpologo bo tudi godba za ples, če bo katerega veselilo se malo zasukat. Torej, na svidenje v torek 24. decembra zvečer! — Za društvo št. 36 JSKJ.

Joseph Turk, tajnik.

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Nova Doba

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CURRENT THOUGHT On Christmas

Christmas day will be with us exactly one week from today. Christmas—with its decorated evergreens, Santa Claus with his gifts, all combine to inspire us with the Yuletide spirit.

Christmas day is a tradition universally accepted as a day of rejoicement. It is observed by many nations in the spirit that good feeling exists between fellowmen.

An indigent family may suffer from many wants during the year, but on Christmas day some benevolent club or association will see to it that the needy are furnished with better than ordinary food, clothes, and toys for the children.

Mankind, although lacking in wisdom and foresight at times, is intelligent enough to realize that one day in the year should be set aside to look around and see what can be done for the unfortunates. He is made conscious of the needs of his fellowmen in dire circumstances. And to make them feel happy and contented for one day at least is the true spirit enveloping Christmas day.

Have you noticed how the child reacts to the word Christmas? How the eyes of the boy and girl brighten up to a realization that gifts will be had? And to the tots who will believe in Santa Claus, no man of mystery is ever so welcomed as he with his white whiskers and a bag of toys.

To the high school and college students Christmas is associated with respite from the classroom. To the out-of-town students it may mean a trip back home to spend the holidays with his folks.

To the working class it is the realization of one day's vacation from the daily grind. Unlike other holidays, particularly during the summer months when plans are made to visit relatives and acquaintances residing in a neighboring state, Christmas is unique in that folks prefer to stay at home, where they enjoy the comforts of their home and their family.

Perhaps the Christmas tree is looked upon as just a symbol for Yuletide cheer by some, but to many it brings back memories of years ago: When they, too, were children and believed in dear old Santa; how their folks surprised them with unexpected gifts. It also brings memories of the dear departed ones who were with them perhaps on last Christmas day.

Several lodges of our SSCU have made arrangements to hold Christmas parties. Some already held theirs following the December annual meeting, while others, especially those who have the interest of juveniles at heart, prepare or have held an elaborate affair with a Christmas tree and Santa Claus to distribute the gifts.

Christmas parties for our juveniles should be encouraged. Associating an appropriate program of entertainment during this time of the year with the lodge work will leave an indelible impression on many of the young minds, who will remember the SSCU as an organization which is a fraternal and paternal institution.

Show an interest in the development of the young mind, whether it be entertainment or an outright gift, and the boy and girl will respond with some real enthusiasm in an undertaking in which both you, as the senior, and he and she, as the juvenile, are jointly interested.

A Christmas party for the juveniles fits perfectly in their scheme of good times appropriate during this season of the year. It also is an appropriate time to implant in the younger set the idea of becoming SSCU conscious.

Selling the SSCU through indirect means, such as Christmas parties, may reap far better results than programs held with the expressed purpose of increasing enrollments in the junior branch. This does not detract in no manner the spirit of the Christmas parties, which, after all, are given by the seniors because they wish to make the juveniles happy on the occasion.

However, the fact remains that a SSCU lodge held a program of entertainment for the benefit of its juvenile members, and although given in the true Christmas spirit, helps the local to grow during the coming year.

When this issue of Nova Doba reaches the readers it will be a case of only four or five days before Christmas, and like the many downtown shopping centers which carry the signs: "Do your Christmas shopping early," the editorial department likewise feels that it should extend its best wishes for a happy Yuletide day early.

So to all our members and friends of the SSCU, we say: A Merry Christmas.

Lodge No. 85

Aurora, Minn.—Members of St. Joseph's Lodge, No. 85, SSCU, are urgently requested to attend the annual meeting which will be held Sunday, Dec. 22. To be present at the annual assembly is the duty of all members who are to elect a business board and to dispose of business affecting the lodge.

Our lodge decided to fine each absent member from the annual meeting \$1.00, the money to go into the lodge treasury. Failure to pay this fine will suspend the effected member for one month. Entertainment will follow the meeting.

Matt Anzelc, Sec'y.

The North Star is brighter than the sun.

Young American Boosters

Walsenburg, Colo.—One year has passed since our present officers were elected. All of them have faithfully tried to meet the responsibility placed on their shoulders by the members. They believe they have executed their work efficiently. At the time this is read officers for 1936 will have been elected. We sincerely hope they will find their positions just as satisfactory as their predecessors. However, we must keep in mind that the lodge task is not entirely up to the officers; the members must co-operate with them whole-heartedly.

The Young American Boosters are happy to announce that they have received a telegram from Santa Claus, who states he will arrive in Walsenburg on Christmas Eve to be a guest of the Boosters at their Christmas Eve dance. Now, all of you boys and girls, from far and near, who have been good for the past year, be at the Pavilion, for good old Nick has something for each and everyone present.

The Christmas Eve dance will be another grand affair for not only the Boosters, but for all who attend. Our guests who have attended past Y. A. Boosters' dances recall that they leave the floor with a tired but happy feeling after an evening of dancing and fun. Tired because they could not refrain from dancing to the music rendered by Tony Just and his orchestra; and happy in the thought that they had such a good time.

It is with great pleasure that we extend a cordial invitation to all SSCU members and their friends, from far and near, to spend Christmas Eve with us and good old Santa.

Sometime in the early spring of 1935 the sandman must have given the Colorado Sunshine and Mt. Shavano members too much sleeping powder. We have tried time and again to awaken the sleeping beauties, but all in vain. Now that the winter and Santa are here maybe they will awake. We hope so. If your dreams are too personal, then let us know something about the weather. What say, Colorado Sunshine and Mt. Shavano?

In behalf of the Young American Boosters, I wish to extend everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Farewell until Christmas Eve when all roads lead to Walsenburg Pavilion, where Tony Just and his orchestra together with the Y. A. Boosters and Santa Claus will welcome each guest.

Mary R. Dolenc, Sec'y, No. 216, SSCU.

Lodge No. 25

Eveleth, Minn.—Members of Lodge No. 25, SSCU, are hereby notified of our next regular monthly meeting which will be held Dec. 22, starting at 8:15 a. m. The meeting will take place in the church hall and all members should attend and choose whatever officers they want for the lodge during 1936. The past meetings have been very poorly attended, and the present officers would like to see a 100 per cent attendance at the annual assembly, where members can offer suggestions for the benefit of our local. Hence, let us all be in attendance.

BRIEFS

Lodges Nos. 221 and 33, SSCU, of Center, Pa., will hold a joint Christmas party on Dec. 25, starting at 2 p. m. Gifts will be distributed to the children and a program of entertainment will be arranged for the adults.

Juvenile members of Lodge No. 116, SSCU, of Delmont, Pa., will present a play on the evening of Dec. 25 in the Slovine Hall of White Valley. Appropriate gifts of the season will also be given to the juveniles in attendance. The junior division of this lodge is very active, having held other programs of its own during 1935.

Christmas gifts for juvenile members of Lodge No. 149, SSCU, Canonsburg, Pa., will be distributed Sunday, Dec. 22, during a program of entertainment prepared especially for the juveniles. The party will start at 2:30 p. m. and will take place at the "Postonjska jama" lodge hall of Strabane, Pa. Each juvenile member will receive a gift whether or not in the company of parents if present at the designated time. Also prospective candidates for membership in the junior division will be rewarded with gifts.

The first round of the Cleveland Interlodge Basketball League comes to a close Wednesday, Dec. 18. At the time Nova Doba goes to press George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, enjoys the fourth position in the league's standings. Although the Cherry Tree Choppers have amassed a total of 104 points against the opponents' 94, they have won but three games and lost three. The first tilt lost by the GW, SSCU-Bukovnik Studios was by a score of 15 to 11; the second, 20 to 18, and the third, 20 to 19.

Santa Claus Treat

Conemaugh, Pa.—This year, as in the past, St. Aloysius' Lodge, No. 36, SSCU, will hold a Christmas treat for juvenile members on Dec. 24, starting at 7:30 p. m. We will have a big Christmas tree on display. Also the newly organized Slovene band will render a few selections appropriate for the occasion.

Frances Turk.

Juveniles of Lodge 116

Export, Pa.—Santa Claus will visit juvenile members of our lodge on Dec. 25 in White Valley Hall. Preceding Santa's visit will be a Slovene play, "Little Gypsy" (Ciganček), singing of Slovene songs and also some violin music. All of this will be executed by the juvenile members, starting at 7 p. m. Accordion music will entertain the adults in the evening.

Tillie Jenko, Pres.

Members are urgently requested to meet their assessments by the 25th of the month so that the auditing committee may look over the books for the year 1935 and not wait until the last minute. I will collect dues both at my house and at the meeting. Please keep the

St. Martin, No. 44

Barberton, O.—Members of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 44, SSCU, are hereby notified that our meeting this month will commence one hour earlier than usual; that is at 1 p. m., and will be held in the basement of Domovina Hall. We would like to see our young brothers and sisters show more interest in their lodge, with larger attendances at our meetings than in the past.

At our last meeting we decided to arrange a dance next month, on Jan. 25, at Domovina Hall. High Hats Orchestra was secured for that occasion. Now and then I hear complaints from our young brothers and sisters that not enough entertainment is provided in our lodge. My answer to such complaints is usually an invitation to attend the next meeting as the proper place to discuss such matters. This lodge, and for that matter any other lodge, is what you make it. When there is co-operation and interest among the members for the betterment of the lodge, then we find all kinds of activities and progress. More life and more pep. Let us never say: "Let George do it," because "George" may be expecting the same of you.

A special assessment of \$1.00 for this month is levied by our lodge to all members insured for sick benefit and 50 cents to members insured for death benefit only. This money will be used to defray lodge's expenses for the last six months.

Anton Okolish, Sec'y.

George Washingtons

Cleveland, O.—Assessments of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, will be collected on Dec. 26 instead of the 25th at my home, 6011 Bonna Ave. The reason for this change is that Christmas falls on the 25th.

One word in reference to our good resolutions. Members, don't forget that your due books must be in by the 26th of this month, on which night dues also will be collected, and any member who is delinquent in his payments should try and make this a clean-up month and start the new year right.

Agnes Kardell, Sec'y.

Lodge No. 70

Chicago, Ill.—All members of Lodge Zvon, No. 70, SSCU, are invited to attend the annual meeting to be held Saturday, Dec. 21. Officers for the year 1936 will be elected. I hope to see every member present to cast his vote for the candidates he believes are best suited for offices. Meeting will start at 7 p. m.

All members who failed to pay their assessments last month must meet their obligation by Dec. 27, otherwise they will be dealt with according to our by-laws.

Andrew Bavetz, Sec'y.

Editor's Note

Due to lack of space several juvenile articles will appear in next week's issue; also a few submitted by adult members. Several individual articles had to be curtailed in this issue for the same reason.

25th of the month deadline in mind.
Frank Urbha Jr., Sec'y.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Waukegan, Ill.—To every member of the South Slavonic Catholic Union of America, I wish to extend at this time of the year, not merely as a prevailing custom, but as a matter of appreciation for your loyal co-operation during the past year, my very best and sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want all the members to realize that this wish comes from the bottom of my heart.

PAUL BARTEL, Supreme President.

Ely, Minn.—The Supreme Secretary and his staff extend to the members of the SSCU their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—I am taking this opportunity to express my best wishes to all SSCU members for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DR. F. J. ARCH, Supreme Medical Examiner.

GW-Bukovniks Display Best Form in Downing Brooklyn Slovenes

Cleveland, O.—Trailing behind the Brooklyn Slovenes by an 8 to 5 score at the end of the first half, the GW, SSCU-Bukovnik Studio basketball team splurged into a scoring spree in the second half and wound up on top of a 23 to 17 score in the Interlodge League tilt Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Frankie Cimperman again led the onslaught with 10 points to his credit; Al Golobic turned in two beautifully executed pivot shots which aroused a nice round of applause from the audience. Al Flaismann gave a good account of himself, particularly in the first quarter, when his field goal, made from near the mid-floor, cleared the net in one of

those gratifying "swish" shots. Eddie Zgonc and Sammy Richter also contributed to the score.

The team as a whole clicked smoothly in their offensive, and as predicted, the GW players showed a decided improvement in the scoring maneuvers. Their defensive has been excellent throughout the season.

In the second quarter Tony Zakrajsek, Louis Skoda and Eddie Zaletel replaced three of the starting lineup.

The Brooklyn Slovenes, a fast moving quintet, somehow could not break through the GW-Bukovnik Studio defense with any appreciable consistency.

Newsy Notes

By Stan Progar, No. 228, SSCU SOS

Springdale, Pa.—Aho! Where are you? Why don't you answer? Man, oh, man, wake up. You've been sleeping long enough. I know, but, gosh, even a bear sleeps only six months. Get up and write to the folks and let them know that you can be just as active as they are. Bosh. It only takes half an hour if you really want to. Come on, let's hear from you; if not in the last edition this year, make it one of your New Year's resolutions.

This Means You

Yes, we mean you, and you, and you—Shadow, Weazel, F. Smole, Martin Oblock, etc. You, Shadow, get started and see if we can't get Mary Dolence going strong. Come on, Jennie Glavic, you have no reason to stop. Strut out with the Struthers' activities. Make it known that the Cardinals are "in" on the show.

Oh, you scribes, how are you? All these months slipping by and nothing said concerning Conemaugh, Claridge and Canonsburg. Let's go, Frances Turk, John Regina and Louis Polaski. Burn the wires leading to the Nova Doba to broadcast the three C's. Put up a fight for the space that is rightfully yours and crowd out some of us space hogs. O. K.?

Santa's Log

Gee, I'll have to get busy, for I only have five days to work. Five days in which I must corner the globe. Let's see, I must take a writing companion out to Gowanda, N. Y., to help Ernie Paleic. Oh, yes, I promised to take a book to Little Stan in Minnesota, entitled "How to Cover Up." Back in Colorado I must leave pens, paper and a book (topics for discussion) for

Smole, Peterlin, Godec, Oblock and Ambrozick. To Mary Dolence goes another book, "Helpful Hints for Trappers." Oh, yes, I promised Editor Kolar a book to better his hobby, "Helpful Hints to Bowlers." I must not disappoint him. To help diminish my library, I can leave a book at the home of Frank Progar. The title will interest many an ardent suitor, "Secrets of Married Life." Another book is to be left in Cheswick, "Things Prospective Husbands Should Know." This goes to the Electrons' new treasurer, Charles Matus. To the Electrons I promise at least fifteen new members this spring.

To the rest not mentioned: You will have to wait until Christmas Eve. So until Dec. 24, at 11:59 p. m., I leave you with the best wishes for your merriest Christmas. Bueno.

Prompt Payment

Again we have a new name appearing in this class: Joseph Progar, who along with Joe Yohman and Andy Kovac is paid up for one month next year. Who will be next?

Greetings

To all members of the Supreme Board, our capable editors and all SSCU members, the Pitt Panther and myself extend season's greetings and best wishes. May you be happy!

Santa Comes to Town

Center, Pa.—All children are invited to attend the Christmas party to be given by SSCU lodges Nos. 33 and 221 on Dec. 25 at the Center Slovene Hall. Santa Claus will be on hand in the afternoon. At 5 p. m. the orchestra will start the dance for the adults. Admission is 25 cents for men and 15 cents for the ladies.

Isabell Erzen.

MLADINSKI DOPISI Contributions From Our Junior Members

(Continued from page 2)

Last she was presented with two huge white flowers and the ceremony ended. After a little more dancing the crowd dispersed happy and contented. Being a queen will be also looked forward to, if this enterprise becomes annual. I will write again if we have another interesting activity.

ANNA KOS,
No. 140, SSCU.

ADAM, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. I am 11 years old and I am in the sixth grade. It is getting colder and I wonder if we will have snow for Christmas. I am wishing a Merry Christmas to all the juvenile members of the SSCU and to you, Mr. Editor, I am sending a story for which I hope to get a prize.

HOW I BROUGHT CHRISTMAS CHEER

One Christmas Eve as I was hurrying along the street, I met a little girl selling brooms. "A Merry Christmas, little girl," said I.

She politely answered, "The same to you. You see, I am selling these brooms so that I can get enough money to buy that little white kitten in the store across the street. But no one will buy any of my brooms today. If I could get that little kitten I would surely have a happy Christmas."

"Well," says I, "I must hurry home, and goodbye, little girl."

Yes, Christmas Eve was my birthday and as I came home my mother told me that my uncle had sent me a present for my birthday. She told me to hunt for it until I could find it. I hunted and hunted, but I could not find it, when suddenly I glanced under the stove and saw a box. I happily cried, "Here it is." I took the box from under the stove and saw that there were holes in the cover. "There must be something peculiar in here," says I to myself. Then I opened the box and found in it a little white kitten. When I saw it I thought of the little girl who wanted a kitten.

"Oh, mother, isn't this a cute little kitten," were the words that came from my mouth when I saw it. "But, mother, I do love this little kitten, and it does make me happy, but I wish that I could make someone else happy this Christmas. Do let me give this kitten to a poor little girl I met today. I know she'll be very happy, for she told me she would be happy if she had a white kitten."

"You may do what you want with it," responded my mother.

Immediately I put on my coat and hat, took the kitten and ran down the street to the little girl, who was still selling brooms.

"When I came there she said, 'Are you back here again?'"

"Yes, I am, and I have a surprise for you," was my happy answer. "It is a little white kitten for which you longed so much. You may have it with my best wishes for a happy Christmas."

"Oh, thanks!" cried the poor little girl. "I don't know how I can repay you for this gift."

"That's all right," I told her. "I have plenty of things for a happy Christmas. I am going now. My mother will be waiting for me again. I wish you a Merry Christmas."

When I reached home my mother was waiting for me by the door. I threw myself into her arms and cried, "Oh, mother, how happy I am. I am happier than I have been in years and one reason for my happiness is that I have made someone happy this Christmas."

CAROLINE LOVRICH (age 11),
No. 13, SSCU.

HELPER, UTAH.

DEAR MEMBERS:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. I am the other sister to Claire (not my older sister Anne) which Stan referred to in his article a few weeks back. It will be easier for me to write after a while. I have here a joke which may keep one's face sober.

"You know what? I heard that Little Stan's neck reminded them of a typewriter. Do you know why? Because it is 'under wood.'"

Don't feel offended, dear members and Stan, as this is only in fun.

ALICE O'GREENE (age 11),
No. 168, SSCU.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

How do you do, folks! This is Station SSCU broadcasting its usual monthly program. This entertaining feature was made possible by the suggestion from the headquarters of this nationally known Union. Lodge No. 36 is undertaking today's entertainment, which will consist of a talk containing several interesting items.

My first number will describe my school and its activities. Garfield Junior High School is located in the west end of our town. It is the largest of the three junior high schools in Johnstown, because it had the advantage of being the latest school built. Garfield has an enrollment of approximately 1,500 pupils.

Sports play an important part in the history of the school. Some of its activities are football, basketball and track. It competes with other schools

and the winner is awarded the Anderson-Walker's Trophy. Garfield has won every one last year and hopes to repeat its success this year. It has started out with a good record. It has in its possession the football trophy. Our husky Orange and black gridders won three games and tied one. This is the third consecutive year that Garfield has kept the football trophy.

We will now get our minds off sports and think of something different. I have it. We'll change and talk about the weather. Old King Weather is treating us very cruel. With his great power, and magic breath, he brought us a great deal of snow and let Old North Wind make us shiver with his cold wintry winds.

Besides all this torture, he pulled down the temperature to almost zero. This is very cold weather for us Johnstowners because Mother Nature protects us from the North Wind. She gave us the lovely hills which completely surround us and keep the cold winds out. If you juveniles know your geography, you will know that Johnstown is. It is nothing but a plain valley.

Christmas, one of our biggest holidays, is approaching rapidly. To make this day more joyous, Johnstown has placed a large Christmas tree in Central Park. The tree is enormous, having a height of 80 feet. It is decorated with 2,000 colored lights and makes a wonderful scene at night. A platform is also built in this park where Christmas programs are given each Friday. One of the greatest enjoyments for the kiddies is the mail box. On the days of these programs Santa comes and collects all of these letters and answers everyone he receives. I wish Santa would not only answer but bring the gifts that the juveniles desire as their Christmas presents.

To all of the members, both young and old, editor and Supreme Board members, I wish the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest New Year.

ANNA RITA GALL (age 14),
No. 36, SSCU

EXPORT, PA.

DEAR EDITOR AND READERS:

It has been quite a while since I have last written to the Nova Doba. Today I thought that I would pick up my pen and paper and begin to write. We, juvenile members of No. 116 SSCU, held a picnic last September and everyone had a good time. We made a profit of about \$30. At the September meeting we decided that the juvenile dues would be paid out of the treasury for the month of November, which amounted to over \$16.

At the last meeting, which was in November, a motion was made to have Santa Claus come at Christmas. At this meeting we also decided that the juveniles would present a Slovene play "Ciganček" (Little Gypsy). After the play, Santa Claus will come and bring gifts for all the members. He might also bring some for the older members. We wish that you all would come young and old folks, fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers. I would like to see you all at the Christmas party.

After Santa is through there will be free dancing for everyone whether they are members or not. Be sure to come and see the play.

This is the first time that the juveniles of White Valley, Lodge No. 116 SSCU, will stage a play.

At the last meeting we appointed five juvenile members and five older members to help prepare for this party and play.

The juveniles will make it the biggest and best party ever held in White Valley. Everybody is welcome to come to the Slovene Hall at White Valley, Dec 25. I sure would like to see Mr. Anton Terbovec come to White Valley on this day. If he does, he will be sure to get a gift from Santa. (Pa ne od rajne koke—veliko meseno klobaso od praveg štetinca.)

Members please be at our next meeting, which is in January. New officers will then be elected.

HELEN PREVIC (age 15),
No. 116, SSCU

HIBBING, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my second letter to the Nova Doba. Well, Christmas is here and we are all getting ready for the Christmas program at the school. We are going to have a very nice program. I am writing a Christmas story.

In 1933, on Christmas Eve, we were all sitting quietly, waiting for Santa. My Grandmother, Uncle Frank, Aunt Mother and Dad. All of a sudden we heard jinglebells. In comes a big, fat Santa Claus, carrying toys, candy and nuts.

While Santa Claus was giving the toys to the children my Uncle Frank was behind him taking nuts and candy out of Santa's basket. Santa said this was only for the children, but Uncle Frank would not listen and kept on taking nuts and candy and filling his pockets. When Santa turned around he said that that was enough. So he took a rope and tied Uncle Frank up and as he was pulling him outside the rope broke. He then had to take a chain, and pulled him right outside. He was going to put him on the sleigh, but he jumped right off and ran right back into the house. Santa didn't see him anymore.

That's what happens when you are naughty to Santa. But good old Santa brought everybody a present, even Uncle Frank. We had a real joyous Christmas Eve. Especially us children, who

got many toys, and I think we will never forget that Christmas Eve. This happened at our own home.

That is all for now and I will try to write in January. A Merry Christmas to all.

CAROLINE MAY KERN (age 11),
No. 54, SSCU.

CHISHOLM, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

Well—here I am with another letter to the Nova Doba. I am very sorry that I did not write sooner. It is the same old story. I kept putting it off day after day until here I am. But let us not think about it anymore. I want to thank you for the dollar prize that I had received for my previous letter. Anybody would be pleased to think his letter worth a dollar.

I am a sophomore now in the Chisholm Senior High School. It won't be long before I will be on my own. The goal that I am heading for is the aviator's. It will take a lot of plugging and stirring to reach this goal. Only men and women strong of mind and body are accepted for this rapidly growing industry.

Aviation is no place for weaklings and what is more, quite a little capital is needed for a fair start. I think it is wise to slow down now because once I get going there is no telling when I will stop. But before I close I want to say something else to all of you juvenile members through the Nova Doba.

Not any of you members seem to be seen about aviation. I seldom ever see a paragraph mentioning anything about aviation in this paper. But I have probably got you all wrong.

LUDWIG J. LAURICH (age 15),
No. 30, SSCU

ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

I am sending in a poem and a story:

SPINNING SONG

Close and close the shadows steal,
The night will soon be coming;
Turn, my little spinning wheel,
Humming, humming and humming.

Winter weather will not stay,
And at spring's beginning
I shall put away my spinning;
I shall wear a crown of red,
Woven of woolen thread,
That my wheel is spinning.

SANTA'S VISIT

It was Christmas Eve and Santa was out riding. Soon he came to Janet's house and he climbed up on the roof and down the chimney he went. He crept into Janet's room where she was sleeping. He saw a very small stocking pinned on the bed. Laughingly he said, "I'll surprise her by putting he toys on the bed and the candy in the stocking." Then he left the house with a smile on his face.

When Janet awoke she saw all the toys and dressed quickly to look at her Christmas presents. She saw a large nama doll, piano, doll bed, a wrist-watch, a box of chocolates and different kinds of candies.

Her mother was calling to her to breakfast, but she didn't come. She went to see what was the matter. But to her surprise she saw Janet with the nama doll in her arms. Janet said, "Oh, mother, Santa didn't forget me."

ROSE KOZAR (age 11),
No. 2, SSCU.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

DEAR EDITOR:

I am hoping that my contribution to the juvenile section will bring some cheer among all the members. For several months I haven't written and I want to say my sister urged me to write and so I did.

It is very cold in Sheboygan, and we haven't had much snow at all.

Here's wishing that Santa jumps on his sleigh and comes to our house this Christmas. What do you suppose he should bring? (Are you listening, Santa?) A guitar, a piano and an accordion so large that you can't see my head when I play it.

I am sending in a Christmas poem:

CHRISTMAS MORN

The sky, like a heaven is bright
With stars, twinkling like a ball,
And angels, in robes starry white,
Glimmer radiantly for one and all.

For on an early, snow-white day
A king had entered the world,
And to him a homage we do pay,
On this silent, Christmas morn.

I'm wishing you, Editor, and all the other members of our SSCU a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

FLORENCE PODRZAJ,
No. 82, SSCU.

MORRISVILLE, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:

With a melancholy feeling in my heart, I am now contributing my last letter to the juvenile column in the Nova Doba, which the juveniles have all to themselves to express their feelings and opinions, their experiences and life ambitions. In fact, a section all of their own, where they can contribute articles and really feel that they are members of the great SSCU.

Next month I will have attained the age of 16—the blooming age of girlhood where life's memories linger the longest—sweet sixteen. But even so I feel a sharp pang when I realize that I can no longer be among the juveniles, but must join the adult class. But still I am only a young girl and not an old

woman, but only advancing nearer to the age of maturity. Although I can no longer contribute articles, I still can enjoy reading the letters the other members write and I can exult over their success.

With the best of luck and wishes to the Nova Doba and all of our SSCU members I must now say Adieu! I also wish all a very Merry Christmas.

ANNIE WALLACE (age 15),
No. 53, SSCU.

CANON CITY, COLO.

DEAR EDITOR:

Here I am writing again. I was very lazy so I didn't write much. I hope you are all feeling well. I am in the ninth grade and 14 years old. I will tell you about school first.

I take five subjects. They are Algebra, English, Spanish, civics, and manual training. I like everything quite well. Spanish and algebra are kind of hard, but that's all right. Well, this is enough about school.

We have a dramatic club which gives plays. I was in one and we made lots of fun. It was a good play and had plenty of laughs in it. Besides the big play there were three others in between the acts. They were also good.

The boys in our school have baseball tournaments. I was substitute last year and this year, too. I get to play sometimes. We lost one game and are tied for first place with another school. I hope we win.

Well, I guess I'll be closing now. I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members, especially the juvenile members and Supreme Board members. I hope Santa does not forget us all.

FRANK YEKOVICH (age 14),
No. 147, SSCU.

HOOVERVILLE, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

I thank you very much for the dollar check that I received. It will help to buy me a beautiful gift for Christmas. We had snow about two weeks and it is very cold. We can go sleigh riding I took a ride on Sunday night and it was very slippery. I fell off the sled. This is my last letter for this year and I will write again in January.

I hope everyone has a happy vacation from school. We are having a week off. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Goodbye until the next time.

FRANCES MALNAR (age 11),
No. 36, SSCU.

LEBANON, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

Hello, juvenile readers, Little Stan and delegates. How are you all? Stan, I am expecting the specially printed novelty Christmas card, so don't be disappointing. I got an idea from your writeup that you would purposely miss sending someone a card so that they would kick about it. Clever Stan.

Well, I haven't seen many delegates writing recently and I suppose it is the same in every high school, especially with football and other school activities. See, juveniles, a good excuse, don't you think so? I doubt it.

Lebanon has one of the best football teams in the central Pennsylvania loop. I wonder what the Reading Red Knights think and the Steelton Stream Rollers? I think there were two or three Slovene boys on the Reading team who are members of our SSCU.

We, Lebanon Cedars, have not beaten Reading since 1931, and until this year had not been able to score a single point. Now we have actually beaten them in playing and sportsmanship.

Steelton is one of the biggest teams Lebanon played, but the fighting spirit shown by the Lebanon Cedars was too great to allow them much of a score, as the game ended with a tie, 7 to 7.

That's that about our sports, but the Lebanon victory over the Red Knights sure had the Reading fans talking.

With all the filibustering at a close, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JOSEPHINE MEZE,
No. 159, SSCU.

VIRGINIA, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is the second time I am writing to the Nova Doba. I want to thank you for the one-dollar prize I received the last time I wrote. I am writing a story about "Tommy's Thanksgiving." I am 12 years old.

The Gray family lived in a tenement house. It was very small. Tommy's father had taken ill and had died two years ago. They had a few possessions because Mr. Gray was always ill and unable to work.

Mrs. Gray and her family were then put into this small house. There were four boys in the family. Jerry was 7 years old, Teddy 10, Tommy 12 and Johnny 15. Jerry, Tommy and Teddy were still going to grade school, but Johnny was going to a high school.

Every day after school Johnny worked in an office. He made very little money that was hardly enough to keep up the family. One week before Thanksgiving Tommy was out playing with one of the neighboring boys, Bobby Lindsay. Bobby was telling Tommy what a nice big fat turkey they were going to have for Thanksgiving. Tommy felt very sad because he knew they could not afford to get a turkey. Tommy said to Bobby, "Oh, I do like turkey, but we can't afford one."

Johnny overheard this conversation and said, "Gee, I never can make my

family happy, but for—" Just then the boys were called in for supper. Johnny's mother noticed that he was always late for supper, but said nothing.

The day of Thanksgiving Tommy went in from his play. He was very sad. He washed and went to table for supper. To him the day seemed different because everyone in the house was happy. Mother had a big smile. Mother said she was glad that Johnny was early instead of late. Just then Tommy's eyes grew as big as saucers, for there coming from the kitchen came Mrs. Gray with a nice, big turkey.

Then Johnny said, "I've certainly made my family happy this Thanksgiving."

BERNICE STAMPOHAR,
No. 164, SSCU.

PUEBLO, COLO.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is a war song that I have composed while a sophomore in high school. Tune to America.

A mother bravely cried,
Go hence, my son, and fight
For your fair land,
Give all you have, dear one,
Your life, your all, my son,
'Til every battle's won
By your true band.

The war raged fiercely on,
From set of sun 'til dawn,
Days without cease;
Then when it all was o'er,
That mother's heart was sore,
Who sent her son to war,
To fight for peace.

Unnumbered homes have been,
Broken and seered with pain,
For freedom's sake;
Throughout an endless age
These bitter wars must rage,
And be retold by sage,
To history make.

Ages on age have seen
Such wars as these have been,
And prayed for color;
And after each conquest,
Goes on that endless quest
For consolation rest,
A soothing balm.

PAULINE ERJAVIC,
ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

Christmas Day will soon be here and so will Santa with his graceful reindeer and jinglebells on his sleigh, prancing and ringing to the music of his jolly laughter and bringing gifts to the good children. Remember, you must be good children to receive a package from Santa. I wish that you will all find many nice presents under the Christmas tree when you get up in the morning.

Christmas is the day when we should be happy and rejoice. I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the juvenile delegates and members and also the Supreme Board members; also great success and happiness during the year of 1936.

MOLLY KOROSEC,
No. 120, SSCU.

CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my second letter to the Nova Doba. I like to read the stories and letters written by the other juveniles. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas. I am enclosing a story:

JANE AND MAY

Jane was just about to start scrubbing, when May came in and asked her to go swimming and to do the work later. Jane, being a good girl, told her that she would finish the work first.

May was very angry and said that she would go herself. When Jane was nearly finished, her mother came and asked if she knew what happened to May. Jane said she didn't. She was very surprised to hear that May had drowned. She was very glad that she had stayed home, for it could have been her instead of May.

MARY E. KOTNIK (age 12),
No. 37, SSCU.

HIBBING, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. I am 14 years old and in the eighth grade. I go to McGolrick School. My teacher is very good to the children.

I belong to St. Francis Lodge, No. 54, SSCU. There are 10 children in our family, and counting my mother and father there are 12. We all belong to Lodge No. 54.

I am sending in a story:

A MAN LOCKED IN HIS OWN HOUSE

One day as I was walking down the street I happened to look around and saw a man looking out of his window. He pointed his hand to me and was staring at me while I was going by. I was so frightened I didn't know what to do. I started to walk over there and asked him why he wanted me. He asked me if I had a skeleton key, and I told him we did.

I went home and asked my mother for our skeleton key. She asked me why I wanted it and I told her the story about the man. I ran back to the man's house and he told me what to do with it through a little air hole in the window. He said to open the front door and I did it.

I asked him how he got locked in. He told me that he was trying to lock the door from the inside and his key broke. He didn't have another one.

His windows were locked from the inside and outside except one, which had a storm window. He had taken it off for the summer because he wanted more fresh air.

He was so glad that I came by that he gave me 25 cents. I was glad, too, and I thanked him and told him that what I had done was nothing.

PAULINE LAURICH (age 14),
No. 54, SSCU.

CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. I belong to Lodge No. 173, SSCU. I always enjoy the letters, poems and stories. I go to Oliver Hazard Perry School and I am in the fifth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Israel. I am now sending in a poem:

MERRY LITTLE ALICE

Dancing on the hillsops,
Singing in the valleys,
Laughing with the echoes,
Merry little Alice.

Playing games with lambkins,
In the flowering valleys,
Gathering pretty posies,
Helpful little Alice.

If her father's cottage,
Turned into a palace,
And he owned the hillsops,
And the flowering valleys,
She'd be none the happier,
Happy little Alice.

ELSIE DESMOND (age 11),
No. 173, SSCU.

LISBON, O.

This is my second letter to the Nova Doba. I am 13 years old and in the sixth grade. My teacher's name is Mr. Robert E. Reimund. He is good to all the pupils. We have only one room in our school. There are 53 children and it is quite a number for one teacher to instruct.

I will now tell you about my pet goat. It is all white, and can it climb and also chew things? I call my goat Nancy Lee.

I wish all the members would write to the Nova Doba. Come on, boys, don't be bashful and write. This means for the girls also. I will look forward for our paper to come and see how many boys and girls write. Best wishes to you, Editor, and members of our SSCU.

AGNES LESJAK,
No. 75, SSCU.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

I am sending this letter to express my thanks for the one-dollar check that I received for my contribution for the juvenile department. It sure will come in handy with Christmas coming around soon.

Well, howdy, Little Stan, I betcha you're hustling up for Christmas, too. The following is a Christmas poem that I am sending in:

SO YOU BETTER WATCH OUT

Christmas is around the corner,
Imitating little Jack Horner,
He is ready to jump out,
So, you better watch out.

When the Christmas tree shines,
And Santa's reindeer whine,
That's when he'll jump out,
So, you better watch out.

By the way, I am sending my best regards and Merry Christmas to all the juvenile members and also to our editor.

JOSEPH ZUGELL (age 9),
No. 26, SSCU.

ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

This happened on a Saturday noon in the summer time. The characters are Mary, age 10; brother, 3 years old, and Grandmother, a very old lady.

Mary: Grandmother, may I go to the circus today?</

