

Father Time and Our Lodge

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Father Time has already put a new year before us. The years come and go and we keep hoping that next year will be better. To some of us this year will be better, but to others it will be just another year of worry.

Since 1929—I am sure that many of you can recall these past eight years—there have been "panics," a "depression," and now a "business recession." Regardless of what you call it, it still means the same thing. The big business men are so tired from overwork that they just had to call a "recess." Yes, it has been rather hard for the capitalists to make millions of dollars of profits when we were supposed to be on the way to recovery. They are fearful of what would happen if we completely recovered, but that is just a dream.

We must organize stronger than ever in order to cut down hours and raise wages. Only through organization can we make this a better America in which to live. The ringing in of 1938 brought us nothing more than a depression here in America, and war clouds and fascism from Europe.

Everyone of our members of SNPJ Lodge "Land of Palms" 594 should adopt the resolution to get new members into our organization. You may belong to a Labor organization in order to better living conditions, and for more security. However, a fraternal benefit organization, such as our Slovene National Benefit Society, gives protection to you and your family in case of sickness, accident and death. You may also participate in the social functions which the Society gives. There are many people in all walks of life that need protection and we who are already members should take it upon ourselves to enlighten them and bring them into our circle. Since we are at present celebrating the 25th anniversary of the SNPJ Juvenile Department, let us get out and at least double the membership in that department.

The Northern California Federation of the SNPJ lodges is planning to make 1938 a year to be remembered for some time to come. May 1, 1938, is being set aside (thanks to Lodge 304 for relinquishing that date) to celebrate the SNPJ May Festival. We have requested that a supreme official be here, as we have done so many times in the past. But this time we are going to succeed and will have Supreme Secretary Fred Vidler here as a guest and main speaker on that date.

The SNPJ lodges up and down the Pacific Coast, and in the states between Illinois and California, should plan at once for some sort of a celebration and invite Brother Vidler for the occasion while he is traveling to the Coast.

Plans are going ahead here and we invite everybody to come and help us celebrate SNPJ May Day Festival. There will be more regarding this date from time to time. Watch for further announcements.

FRANK SLABY, Secretary, Lodge 594.

News and Comments

LATROBE, PA.—The SNPJ Torch of Liberty lodge is sailing along splendidly although this column has been rudely abandoned to some extent lately because of excess work in school.

For the guidance of the Lodge in the new year of 1938, we have agreed to have the same leaders with a few exceptions. Our officers have all been very faithful, industrious, and endowed with the right spirit; therefore, there has been very little need for any changes.

With the advent of the new year, a certain new fraternal spirit arises within the members and this is all very fine if only it would adhere to them, but usually it slowly fades away. This year, it should be definitely decided by all the members to attend all meetings. After all, missing only one meeting puts one behind the happenings of the Society and Lodge.

The issues of the Prosveta contain numerous enlightening articles. Those contributors should keep up their fine articles, for we are in need of such knowledge. The present day system meets out just so many problems which are disgusting and which require much thought and consideration.

Naturally, the actual purpose of many actions of the nation's leaders and public officials can be concealed from the none too observant mass of people who are, no doubt, satisfied with all that is happening or they would not express their opinions in the way they have been at the polls during each election.

This mass of people must be educated and the newspaper is one means. Of course, reading the daily newspapers does not contribute much to one's knowledge for they only give the stories as revised to suit certain individuals. The mass should read newspapers containing the worker's side of the situation, newspapers stating actual facts. Obviously, the workers cannot begin to think rightly without a good basis, and a newspaper giving the actual facts may serve as a starting point. The Prosveta is one example of such a newspaper.

Education should come first and it is from that point that one can proceed to get results. By these results is meant a united people working and striving for the betterment of themselves and not for a privileged few as is being done now. The present conditions would be hard enough to endure if nothing could be done about them, but as it is, with our living conditions within the power of the majority—the people who vote—it is doubly discouraging to live with such uncertainty and fear as to what is going to occur the following day.

MARY ELIZABETH FRADEL, Lodge 725.

Timely Thoughts

THINK OF IT—One hundred and thirteen billions of life insurance in force in the United States—approximately seven billions of which is carried by fraternal cooperative societies. Are you and your family fully protected? Remember, there is room in the SNPJ for the whole family.

IF WE CAN learn to combat the physical and mental factors that make us old before our time we will add years to our life. The WILL to do the things that help us to maintain our health and hold back old age can be accomplished to some extent by each individual. Learn the art of leading an active life. Read, think, plan, retain your interest in your fellow men. Keep going; don't stop.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—First of all I want to wish all the Prosveta readers a very happy new year.

Juvenile Campaign

The New Year begins the greatest and biggest juvenile campaign of our Society and ample opportunity for all to get prizes. So now is the time to get behind this campaign, contact all your friends, neighbors and shop mates. Talk juvenile insurance, the advantages of belonging to the SNPJ, and for the very small cost, hardly over 1/4c per day. So each member make a resolution to at least get one new juvenile member this year, and I am sure it will be a great success.

Coming Events

Jolly Allis Card Party on Sunday, Jan. 9, at Pilgrims hall, 72nd and West Greenfield ave.

National Bowling tournament in Chicago sponsored by the Pioneer Lodge in late April.

Badgers' May Ball, May 7.

Fun-o-Leers' 8th annual dance this Sat., Jan. 8, at S. S. Turn hall (upper).

per), with music by Lela Schmidt and her Dutch girls.

This 'n' That

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perko Jr. finished the old year with a bouncing baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Spek heralded the new year by being the proud parents of a baby boy. Congrats.

Engagements: Elsie Kosrog, Antonette Toms and Mary Pesar are sporting diamond rings. Congrats to all of you.

John Debelak surprised all by returning home New Year's, after jaunting around down in Florida, Texas and the southwest. Welcome home, John.

After this article you will be reading articles from scribes other than those that have been writing them during the past year. I believe that these articles will be just as interesting as the past. Thanks to Zip and Yoyo for the fine cooperation they have given me in the past in writing articles. LEO SCHWEIGER, Lodge 594.

Young American News

DETROIT, MICH.—Having elected practically an entire new Executive Committee, the Young Americans anticipate a very successful year in 1938.

With the exception of our President, Raymond Travnik, the new faces that will appear as our lodge officers are as follows: V. President, Joseph Golia; Secretary, William Travnik; Treasurer, Joseph Mihelich; R. Secretary, Charles Kaitner; Auditing Ch., Max Culkar; Ass't., Robert Travnik; Asst'l., Joseph Wierbleki; Sergeant-at-arms, Leon Hostnik; En't. Comm. Ch., Henry Retsel.

As Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, we find a new face in Henry Retsel, and a host of 23 capable volunteers to aid him for the coming year. As we go down the list, we find three or four faces missing, hoping that they will fall in line in time for the first Entertainment meeting.

Well, boys and girls, it happened, and on Christmas eve, too. Something that we were all waiting for. Two of our progressive members have done it (or are going to do it). Yes, folks, Ray Travnik, our President, and Velma Locniskar were engaged. We also see that Dan Cupid came around the corner and pierced the hearts of Brother Frank Vidlerger and Sister Mary Pregel.—Congratulations.

Happy events happened at the homes of the Rugels and the Zakrajseks. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rugel were presented with a baby girl, and Mrs. Jennie Lipar Zakrajsek with a pair of twin boys. Both mothers are doing nicely.

Brother Frank Grum is recuperating from a recent operation, and is also doing fine.

BOWLING takes place at this time, and we see that the Young Americans' 1st team (Red Wings) are starting to put the pressure on the other teams in the Slovene-Croatian Bowling League, having won 16 out of the last 18 games, and putting them in fourth place, and claiming practically all of the Individual and Team events. The Young Americans' Demons, having had sole possession of first place, found themselves hitting a slight slump, losing the lead by 1 game. The other two Young Americans' teams, Cardinals and Slovenes, have had trouble getting started, but have found themselves and are beginning to pick up lost ground.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, the Young Americans' team were really hot, shooting 894-993-949, respectively, for a total of 2836. Bob Travnik's 575 and Joe Golia's 565 lead the pack.

We notice in the Prosveta that George Curda and his Pioneers are winning all their Match Games from opposing SNPJ Lodges. Well, George! The Young Americans are raring for another crack at your Pioneers. (Say about the first of March, eh!)

It also comes to mind that the Pioneers are worried about the orange bowl. Well, fellow bowlers, the bowl is having the finishing touches put on it, and will be brought along to Chicago by us for safe-keeping. Injury to this trophy would break our hearts.

Another thing, the Young Americans are still wearing their red and blue shirts.

Last but not least, on our list, is that the Young Americans' New Sports Club has already gotten together and has arranged a combined Dance and Box Social on Saturday, February 12, at the SND, 17153 John R. Further information on this affair will be published later.

"THE MUZZLERS"

Manor Cadets Observe First Birthday

MANOR, PA.—Our final meeting of the year was well attended. With the election of new officers a few changes have been made. Each meeting, more interest is taken by all our members. That means we are getting somewhere.

Just a few more days and it will be a year since the SNPJ Manor Cadets ESLS has been organized. With that a few new members have been added to our group, also few transferred members. And now, in the new year, we have promises of some new members. We hope to progress in the current year steadily.

With the holiday season at its end, let's start the new year with real fraternal cooperation. In the past year the Cadets have tried their best to patronize SNPJ lodges of different localities, and we hope that with the coming of our First Anniversary dance, we will be able to say we got

Harry H. Bennett, Ford personnel manager, will not answer the union's request for negotiations, and if he did all he would say is Phooey!

He will continue to ignore the labor board and the Wagner act.

Bennett, in case you have forgotten, is the big law-and-order boy, being such a stickler for law observance that his thugs maimed men for life for distributing handbills.

real cooperation from our SNPJ lodges.

Don't make any plans for Jan. 15! Why? That's the Cadets' First Anniversary dance. And I know you won't want to miss it as it's going to be a real treat. No matter how far or near you may be, come just the same. It's our desire to make new friends. Our Committee are real folks; they will make you acquainted, also make you more than welcome. So come and spend the evening with the Cadets on Jan. 15 at the Moose Temple, 7th st., Irwin. Music by the Shirley Brothers. Admission 40c per person. Don't fall us.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, Lodge 749.

NOTICE, YOUNG AMERICANS!

DETROIT, MICH.—Having been elected Secretary of the Young American Lodge 564, SNPJ, and wishing to cooperate with the members as much as possible, I wish to announce, that beside collecting the dues at the regular meeting and at home, I will also be at the SND hall, 17153 John R., every 25th and last day of each month. When making payment of your dues at my home, please be advised that the address is 1658 Pasadena ave., Detroit, Mich., and the phone TO-5-6155.

WILLIAM TRAVNIK, Sec'y Young American Lodge 564.

Comments On This and That

By IVAN MOLEK, Editor

FREEDOM OF SCIENCE

Last week, the American Association for the Advancement of Science had its annual meeting in Indianapolis and among other things, namely, the flood of customary reports on progress in this and that field of science, it made one radical step. For the first time in history the American scientists passed a resolution declaring therein that—

"Science and its applications are not only transforming the physical and mental environment of man but are adding greatly to the complexities of social, economic, and political relations"—and that, "Science is wholly independent of national boundaries and races and creed and can flourish permanently only where there is peace and intellectual freedom; therefore, the American Association for the Advancement of Science makes one of its objectives an examination of profound effects of science upon society; and that the Association extends to its prototype, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and to all other scientific organizations with similar aims throughout the world an invitation to cooperate not only in advancing the interests of pure science but also in promoting peace among nations and intellectual freedom in order that science may continue to advance and to spread more abundantly its benefits to all mankind."

If we realize that this organization of American scientists very loosely holds together all possible human elements that we can find in American politics, business, profession, and social philosophy—the men among whom the majority professes very conservative ideas in regard to economics and social problems—we marvel at their declaration as stated above.

For the first time they declared that science, applied and pure, stands above all questions concerning the holy state, races, and holy religions and to be wholly independent of them; for the first time they have collectively recognized that the duty of science is not only to delve into the atom, measure with light years the distances of the outside universes, fight the diseases of men, or build the machines for the American capitalism but to guard the intellectual freedom and work for peace on earth!

Surely, this is a long step forward and right into the midst of the whirlwind of today's economic and social confusion! Of course, we know that many, many of these scientists have individually been working specifically in that direction for a long time, but as a body of the whole they now moved for the first time. Imagine those old men of this or that science who are inclined towards fundamentalism and hostile to the fact of evolution, moreover, who hold bourgeois opinions in the field of economy, or who are even sympathetic to fascism, concurring in this resolution!

It is the totalitarian tyranny of Germany, Italy, and Russia that jerked them into the above declaration; the fear of dictatorship has awakened this group of scientists to the realization that they, too, should stand forth for freedom, peace, and democracy. Indeed, it was timely.

But, alas, the American scientists are sadly mistaken if they see danger to the freedom of science only in the European types of tyranny. Right here at home, and the enlightened minority of them knows it too well, they are subjected to a great degree of shameful exploitation for private profit, and they are confined to degrading intellectual slavery. If the German, Italian, Russian, and Japanese scientists are nothing but tools of dictators for building the hugest war machines in all history and aiding in suppressing democracy at home, the American scientists, together with their British and French brothers, are not in a much better position. Many a scientist is forced to lay off his good discovery or invention in order not to endanger the private investments, stocks and bonds, which would suffer if a new thing should revolutionize industry; many a pure scientist is forced into silence in order not to endanger the income of charlatans dealing with religious superstitions and who hold mass ignorance as their richest asset. Yes, freedom of American science is very little above that of freedom in dictatorial countries! It has voluntarily surrendered its highest duty—that of fearless search for truth!

It must be borne in mind that the scientists are also workers, and the most useful and precious workers in the world. Without them, the present industrial society cannot exist. It is the engineering science in all fields that drives the power of wheels, and ordinary workers are its right arm. Organized labor and organized science working together in harmony and in perfect understanding can dispose of the parasites of all sorts and reorganize society to suit them in no time.

And this will come. There is no hope for mankind outside of science, which is organized common sense, coupled with the organized will of intelligent workers. They together will transform the world into a real paradise—as soon as they realize that they should unite.

This union will be the real revolution, because the only revolution that builds and uplifts is transpiring in the scientific laboratories. What is missing as yet is the intelligent army of the workers ready to join the scientists in taking control of the laboratories.

Loyalite News

CLEVELAND, O.—The monthly meetings of Loyalites in the year 1938 will fall as usual—on the second Wednesday of the month. This month it will be on January 12. Let's see if we can't make it 100% attendance. Others do it—why can't we?

The assessment dues from now on will be collected at the Slovene Home at 18010 Holmes avenue. The lodge demands the dues to be paid on the 24th and 25th of each month; so I hope you will cooperate with the secretary. In case anything comes up and you cannot come on those days, you will, of course, call at the secretary's home, 834 Rudyard rd. See if you can't try to make it a habit to come to the hall; it will be easier for you and the secretary.

Loyalites want to thank everyone who helped to make our 11th anniversary dance a big success. It was truly the biggest crowd we have had at a dance in many moons. Frankie Yankovic and his orchestra certainly surpassed themselves with their melodic tunes.

Thanks to all the members and others who helped with the decorations, kitchen, barroom, etc. Space does not allow us to mention all the names, but it certainly was swell of all of you.

Before I forget: There will be a door prize at each monthly meeting. You, of course, will have to be present to receive the prize. So don't forget January 12.

THE TWO STOOGES.

Women's Round Table

By MARY JUGG

And Again: Eve

Mae West got her foot in the mud all over again, because she dared to attempt to create a character from one of the most disputed of all heroines (or was she?). Now if she had taken a real character and built a fictitious story about it, all would have been hunky-dory. But when she put her hand on the Bible and tried to make a real person out of the most fictitious of all characters, then that was too far for any human sensibility. Truly, ours is a most ungrateful people...

Maybe the radio censors and glib public who couldn't turn off the dial while she was performing so "atrociously" (deah! deah!) hadn't heard of some other famous excerpts about Madame Eve. Because it is an all too well-known fact that none will read these lines, either, these quotations are herewith given.

Once upon a time Mark Twain wrote a little sketch called "Eve's Diary." So we'll turn a page of this intimate account, which Mark Twain says is "translated from the original." Here it is:

"... That is what I am—an experiment; just an experiment, and nothing more."

"... I followed the other Experiment around, yesterday afternoon, at a distance, to see what it might be for, if I could. But I was not able to make out. I think it is a man. I had never seen a man, but it looked like one, and I feel sure that that is what it is. I realize that I feel more curiosity about it than about any of the other reptiles. If it is a reptile, and I suppose it is; for it has frowny hair and blue eyes, and looks like a reptile. It has no hips; it tapers like a carrot; when it stands, it spreads itself apart like a derriek; so I think it is a reptile, though it may be architecture."

And then this same master of satire, humor, and pathos wrote "Extracts from Adam's Diary" in which he says:

"Monday.—This new creature with the long hair is a good deal in the way. It is always hanging around and following me about. I don't like this; I am not used to company. I wish it would stay with the other animals."

We open the pages of Robert G. Ingersoll and see therein: "I say that nearly every religion has accounted for all the trouble in this world by the crime of woman. I read in a book... that the Supreme Being concluded to make a world and one man; that he took some nothing and made a world and one man, and put this man in a garden; but he noticed that he got lonesome; he wandered around as if he was waiting for a train; there was nothing to interest him; no news; no papers; no politics; no policy; and as the devil had not yet made his appearance, there was no chance for reconciliation; not even for civil service reform. Well, he would wander about this garden in this condition until finally the Supreme Being made up his mind to make him a companion; and having used up all the nothing he originally took in making the world and one man, he had to take a part of the man to start a woman with; and so he caused a deep sleep to fall on this man—now, understand me, I didn't say this story is true—after the sleep fell upon this man he took a rib, or as the French would call it, a cutlet, out of this man, and from that he made a woman; and considering the raw material, I look upon it as the most successful job ever performed."

Friendly City News

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Our Bowling team is progressing rapidly. Dec. 8, we bowled against Gal's team of Conemaugh, winning one game and losing two, by eleven pins. Dec. 15 we bowled against them again, this time we lost all three games, the last by only one pin. Tough luck, girls. We hope you have better luck next week. It was too bad that all the girls weren't able to wear their red jackets, some of them being too large and had to be altered. Our Manager, John Gabrenya, sure strutted around with his jacket. We certainly enjoy these birthday cakes from the girls on the team, so far we've had one in three consecutive weeks. The other girls on the team gave handkerchiefs in return as a birthday gift.

Come on, Friendly City girls, join our Bowling team and have fun as the other girls are having. That will mean more birthdays and more cakes. Zora Koss is going to town bowling 106. Stella Sudolnik is still the champ, bowling 135, and Ella Deselon close behind with 131, with the rest of the girls varying in between.

Our yearly meeting held Dec. 11 was one of the most enjoyable since the history of the Friendly City, so the members said. As we did not celebrate our Eighth anniversary of the lodge last August, we did so at the meeting, with a cake baked by Sister Elsie Culkar. Dancing followed after a very orderly meeting, with music furnished by Pal Bumper. Our sincere thanks to John Gabrenya and Ed. Markum for making this meeting more successful by showing talking moving pictures, which were enjoyed by all.

Our new officers: President, Jos. Culkar; Sec., Beanie Yacoby; Rec. Sec'y., Elsie Culkar; Treas., Stella Sudolnik. The bouncers were also chosen, so members, it looks like we'll have to behave at the meetings, as Dune Yacoby is the president of the group, with two very able assistants, Frank Cekeda and Tom Bricey. Federation representatives are Jos. Culkar and Thos. Bricey. Our meeting began at seven p. m. and ended at two a. m., giving you an idea just what fun we had. Members, attend our meetings and we can have every meeting just like our last one.—A happy New Year to all.

We still want to remind you to come to our Jan. 15 Dance and Play.

THE TWO BOOSTERS.

Figment of Imagination

THE FEAR of danger—usually the figment of imagination—accounts for the failures of many things we set out to do. If we move forward with understanding of the task ahead, and a determination to meet all obstacles courageously we will win out in the end. Lack of knowledge and the ignorance that breeds fear has put the brakes on many well laid plans.

FLASHES

CHICAGO.—What is this thing democracy? Is it something that has one meaning at one time and another meaning at another? Some people are for democracy as long as it serves their purposes. They oppose democracy when it gives the other man the edge. I would say that there isn't any such thing as true democracy. And there are good reasons why we don't have true democracy. The people don't have the complete knowledge and therefore not the full intelligence for a true democracy. They are too susceptible to false notions and ideas. I don't consider an election in America the sign of democracy. Not what we see of it in our own precincts, wards, cities, counties and states. What we have here is simply a lineup of strength of the opposing parties and factions. It's a question of which one can buy off the largest number of votes. It's simply a matter of which party can bluff and fool the people better. Yes, and which can lie to the supposed electorate the best.

Democracy has served the upper class pretty well up until recent years. The hired and paid politicians merely did the bidding of the 60 royalist families of American and the American voters fell for the bait, hook and line and sinker. Actually, we, 130 million people, are being ruled by the dictatorial powers of these 60 royalist families. When these 60 families want to cause a "stir" in the stock market, it is done. A stir in the stock market throws our whole economic system out of balance and affect the livelihood of all the 130,000,000 inhabitants. When these 60 families want to stop legislation against their wishes it is done, in one way or another. Do we need to prove our point? Nothing should be closer in memory to us than the defunct NRA and the other defunct alphabetical attempts of the New Deal. I don't want to go into the merits or demerits of the New Deal but it proves that Big Business (the 60 royalist families) opposed it and knocked it out, piece by piece. Hence, the will of the majority does not prevail.

What's more, as soon as the present limited amount of freedom extended us by this upper class gets too burdensome for them we shall have fascism, which is nothing else but an iron heel of this upper class clamped down on this limited freedom. Hence, these royalist families want fascism so they can rule with an iron hand and make 130,000,000 people do exactly as they dictate. There is no outlet from dictatorship of one kind or another. The only question for us to decide is whether the Black Reaction dictatorship of Big Business is going to prevail or whether the workers are going to be sensible enough to form a workers' government which is going to dictate to the upper class. Americans of the republican and democratic parties are too corrupt, too dishonest to govern any other way. Thus far Big Business has been able to buy off any old party politician, at any time, at their price.

We call our own elections in our own lodges democratic. Oftentimes it is everything but that. We know of any number of instances where groups "ganged up", so to speak, on opponents, to defeat them. Oftentimes, people voted and didn't know for what they voted. If our conception of democracy is merely getting people to cast a ballot, then we can learn a

thing or two from the dictators. I contend that hypocrites can use democracy to advantage as was the case of Hitler (he was democratically elected). I also firmly contend that the upper class can do as they please democracy or no democracy. And as long as that prevails who are we to bleed ourselves in order to entrench the royalists even more firmly. Nor do I want to be misunderstood. We want democracy! But we must not put all of our faith in such democracy because at the crucial moment such a democracy will fail us.

This writer wasn't at all satisfied with Ivan Moleks' interpretation of democracy in two instances during December 1937. In one editorial democracy was everything and just last Friday (in the Slovene section) he opposed the measure now before Congress to give Americans a chance to decide whether they want to fight on foreign soil. I am only lukewarm to this measure because I believe that the jingoists can still scare the fooled Americans to vote for war in a foreign country because they own and control the press, radio, churches, and every other means of spreading propaganda and can manufacture enough lies, falsehoods and sympathy (for American capitalists) to get 75% of the votes. But I do see a new trend in this measure and feel that every American should support this resolution. Just because Mussolini urges us to adopt it is no reason for us to oppose it.

Freedom and democracy, beautiful words for dreams! Let's hear what the rest of you think of it. We can discuss it sanely.

Zefran's Undertakers took the SNPJ Nationals for a one way ride last Wednesday while Nachtmann's Dentists gave Lotrich Insurers two defeats. Zaverin's Medicos washed up the Parkway Laundry squad in 3 games thus causing a three way tie between the Nationals, Insurers and Medicos. It's really great to see the Pioneer Bowling League running so close and so true to form. Bennie Sprayer replaced one of the players who left because of night work. Prof. and Mrs. Maynard C. Krueger are expecting another happy event.

The next Pioneer meeting will take place January 21. We understand it's going to be a Juvenile Social night as well. Our folks feel that to be a good way to start our juvenile campaign. Prepare to be present.

An invitation is going to be extended to all senior lodges to send bowling teams to the National SNPJ Bowling Tournament which will be held in Chicago during April. A special division is being planned for them to give all of them an equal opportunity. And you young kiegles, get in shape and help put the SNPJ on the keggers' map.

Everything went off swell for New Year's eve. We had a good time and ushered in 1938 without a headache. Now we'll wait for Congress to pull us out of the present slump and put some of the 12,000,000 unemployed back to work since private business seems to be on a strike.

D. J. LOTRICH, Lodge 559.
Editor's Note:—The editor will reply to Bro. Lotrich's contentions about democracy in his next week's Comments.

shall not go into details unless it will be the membership's wish to do so.

Let us show our loyalty to our new administration and boost our Lodge. Help the Lodge and perform a real service to humanity by getting two new members during the month of January.

MICHAEL FLEISCHACKER, Secretary, Lodge 631.
Editor's Note.—Your intimation about "dictatorship" will remain groundless unless you prove otherwise.

For the smart labor spy who wants to be above suspicion, Mum's the word.

How can Caesar's wife have been all she was cracked up to be in a day before there were such things as modern deodorants?

Friendly City's Big Dance

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—A special invitation is extended to all Friendly City members to attend the meeting of January 9. Do you remember the big attraction at the last meeting? Of course, how could you forget—well—John Gabrenya, by popular demand, is going to entertain us again with motion picture projections. Let's show Johnnie how much we appreciate these pictures by turning out in full swing.

And don't forget that little red circle you drew around January 15. That's the date of our Big Dance at the Conemahall hall. I know all the members have sold their tickets and if you want any more, kindly call our secretary. If you haven't turned in your money for these tickets yet, do so at the dance. Once again may I say, "Spruce up your glad rags for the 15th of January."

Come on, the rest of you Friendly City girls, because we don't want you to miss the fun. We bow every Wednesday night at Gal's. I'll admit most of us are amateurs, but at the date we're going now we are sure to turn out some professionals. And may I add, girls, we have a very capable manager.

The first member on our 1938 Juvenile list is non other than Donny Jacoby, and we are out to add many more before the year's up.

See you all at the meeting of January 9. MITZI BOMBATCH, Lodge 684.

Revellettes Club

AMBRIDGE, PA.—At the meeting of the Revellettes, the following officers were elected for the current year: Pres., Jewel Pekol; Vice Pres., Jennie Kasky; Secretary, Mimi Rosenberg; Recording Secretary, Ann Pavlik; and Treasurer, Marge Pelta. Hoping to have more new members in the coming year. Let us cooperate with the new officers and wish them a lot of luck.

Right after the meeting a Christmas party was given, presents exchanged, refreshments served at the table free. Said Teeny, "Looks like 'Patey Kelly'." I wonder why Jay and Tee were laughing all the time. Where was Gertie File? Dot and Marge doing the latest style dancing. All the girls wondering what the "Big Package" had in it. We went in the house, all you could hear the girls say, "Oh, how nice! Everything a big cottage should have. A big Christmas tree with all the packages under it. Girls started to play games. Sophie was so anxious to thread the needle—and what an eye. Jewel was telling Teeny fortune. The other game was a punch-board. Then gifts were passed out. Jenny K. certainly had to unwrap the little gift. Teeny won a lamp as a door prize. No 15 was a lucky number.

Girls, you missed a good time! Some girls wanted to stay longer, but time couldn't permit. We certainly had a glorious time at this Christmas party.

Please come to the meeting on Jan. 12. A REVELLETTE.

Veronians Elect New Officers

VERONA, PA.—At our annual meeting, which was well attended, the following officers for 1938 were elected: L. Cassol, president; J. Lassar, vice-president; J. Stefancic, secretary; V. P. Jakovac, treasurer; C. Zolet, recording secretary; Trustees: E. Podgornik, chairman; M. Perotic, L. Jakovac. Bowling Committee: F. Mohar, C. Zolet, M. Cassol, M. Vrbancic. Slov. Home Committee: R. Podgornik, E. Krulac, F. Mohar. The meeting was followed by a free social enjoyed by all.

Sympathies are extended to John Jerick and relatives in their recent bereavement.—Our SNPJ Senior Lodge 216 will be 25 years old in May. It held a New Year's eve dance at the Slovene Dom.—(Sorry, this letter reached us too late for last week's issue.—Ed.) SECRETARY.

Film Survey

"Associated Film Audiences" Make the Following Choice of Best Films for 1937:

THE LIFE OF EMILE ZOLA (Warner Brothers). Because it is not only a thrilling and moving indictment of social injustice, but sounds a mighty cry for social action that will wipe out the forces of war, intolerance and reaction.

DEAD END (United Artists). Because it is a fervent indictment of a society that allows housing conditions that foster crime and inequality of opportunity. Incidentally the first picture to treat a striker sympathetically.

BLACK LEGION (Warner Brothers). Because it is a scathing indictment of terrorism and a brilliantly realistic production.

THEY WON'T FORGET (Warner Brothers). Because it vividly portrays the vicious web of sectional prejudice and a perverted power of the press used to incite such prejudices to mob hysteria.

SPANISH EARTH (Garrison). Because it is an intensely moving, and dramatic document of the struggle for democracy now being waged by the Spanish people.

THE ROAD BACK (Universal). Though much of the vitality and power of the book is lost in the film presentation, it is one of the best anti-war films produced in America and clearly shows the dreadful results of war on individuals and social conditions.

THE GOOD EARTH (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer). Because it was the first realistic portrayal of the Chinese people and though its conclusion suffered from the allegorical qualities of the book, the magnificence of the first section overcomes this in the main.

THE WAVE (Garrison). Because it is a very rare achievement, an almost perfect blending of music, photography and story, film art in its purest form.

THE LAST NIGHT (Amkino). Because it is a splendidly produced dramatization of an historical event showing the mechanics used by a people to seize power.

BALTIC BEAUTY (Amkino). Because it dealt in brilliant fashion with the problems of an intellectual during the social revolution in Russia.

CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer). Because it was a movingly enacted and a compelling portrayal of the fine qualities of work and working people.

THE GOLEM (Metropolis). Because it is a splendid dramatization of a classic of Jewish folklore.

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS (Radio-Keith-Orpheum). Because while the film was not quite as powerful as it might have been, it nevertheless was a most worthwhile effort to show a people's historical fight for liberty.

RETURN OF MAXIM (Amkino). Because, as a sequel to the YOUTH OF MAXIM, it is as fine, which means in acting, direction and historical content.

THEY GAVE HIM A GUN (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer). Only because the producers attempted to show that war and the freedom to kill taught men in modern warfare breeds gangsterism.

YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE (United Artists). Although a gangster story, it contained as such, strong social overtones and was brilliantly directed.

MAYERLING (Pax Film). Because it is perfectly enacted and directed and a very moving love story.

Old 'Pacific Mutual' Officials Indicted

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—In our local papers I read: "Arrangements for the surrender of fifteen former officials of the old Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California indicted secretly last week by a Phoenix (Ariz.) grand jury, following disclosure of their names by Federal officials."

Special assistants to the Attorney-General, Daniel E. McGrath and Ben Foster, who presented evidence to the grand jury following a subsequent investigation of the old company's affairs, yesterday issued the following statement in making known the names of those accused.

"Attorneys representing individuals during the inquiry into the conduct of the affairs of the old Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California requested permission to surrender their clients to the jurisdiction of the proper court in the event of their being indicted."

"Upon the assurance that they would so surrender themselves we have been authorized by Bryen McMahon, assistant Attorney-General in charge of the criminal division of the Department of Justice, to request the court in Arizona to make public the names of the persons indicted in that jurisdiction."

The defendants are charged with use of the mails in an asserted scheme to defraud and with conspiracy to violate the mail fraud statute, the charges being based on acts assertedly committed prior to the date of reorganization, July 23, 1936. Specifically, it was stated, the indictment contains seven counts of straight misuse of the mails and one conspiracy count.

Although the local officials did not make public the indictment which was returned before United States District Judge Ling in Arizona, it was learned that the asserted fraud is an extensive one covering a period of years and involving large sums of money.

The indictment is reliably reported to contain a charge that the defendants used the funds of the old company to maintain an artificial market for the stock of the company. The defendants assertedly made loans to companies with interlocking directorates, the loans being made to the benefit of the defendants.

The indictment contains further charges, it was stated, that the defendants paid dividends from the capital structure of the company and not from its earnings. The further charge that a stock syndicate was created and operated by the defendants, or under their direction for their own purposes and to the injury of the company, is made in the indictment, it was reported.

The indictment assertedly further sets forth that numerous false statements and representations were made by certain of the defendants pertaining to the financial condition of the company and that the mails were misused in so doing.

Following the announcement by Special Prosecutors McGrath and Foster of the names of those involved, their attorneys were notified and preparations to surrender the fifteen accused were begun. While it was not learned definitely, it was said that the bonds would run upwards to \$25,000 in each case. Most of those accused are residents of Los Angeles and may post bonds here for their appearance in Phoenix at the time of trial.

No comment is necessary to this leaf in the book of present day social order.—Partele.

Gowanda Boosters

GOWANDA, N. Y.—The editorial of December 22 mentioned two members who have been active in lodge affairs for a number of years, namely, Bro. Philip Godina, manager of our publications, and Bro. Louis Kosela, member of the Ambridge Revellettes. I met both these gentlemen at the past convention and found that they take their work seriously.

There are many others whose work stands out, some well known to the readers, others very seldom given public mention. Nevertheless, they are hard workers for their lodge. We have here in Gowanda one, namely, Bro. Lawrence Andolsek, whose work for the Boosters has put him in the class of better workers for the SNPJ. He is a charter member and has done much to keep harmony in the branch lodge. His work during the past seven years has taken much of his time and money, yet you seldom see his name appear in print, and his kind never complain. If a little work done by him will keep others from complaining he will gladly do it. He is interested in sports, but he will not let the principle of the lodge come first. He is a real credit to the SNPJ.

Mike Mlakar, chairman of the Seventh Anniversary Dance and Program, to be held January 29, 1938, reports that plans are pretty nearly complete. There will be a new line of entertainment, but it will be of the same high standard that the Boosters have become famous for. In selecting Frank Slejko and his orchestra the Boosters have acquired the kind of music that goes best with the gaiety that prevailed at these affairs. Out-of-town lodges, remember that there is still time for you to get your gang together and plan to make this trip to help us celebrate our anniversary. What say, Stan K. from Johnstown? Why not get your gal and head for Gowanda on this night?

Many of us have been forced to give up the usual Christmas custom of exchanging gifts because of the present business recession. This seems to be a hardship until we think of the widespread suffering in the war-torn Spain and China, then we realize the greatest gift anyone can receive is peace.

This and That
Just wondering if Frank Groser and his gang still remember the SNPJ Day at Universal.

The Booster Girls and Boys bowling teams are still in second place.

Thanks to the many friends who sent us season's greetings.

All members should make it a point to attend the first meeting of the new year to be held January 20, 1938.

LOUIS KLUCIK, Lodge 728.

Meeting and Dance

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.—How many of you Cavaliers have made a New Year's resolution to attend the regular monthly meetings? I am reminding those of you who haven't given it a second thought that the next meeting will be held on Jan. 9, 1938, at the usual place. Members, show your cooperative spirit! Will you? Remember that the Cavaliers are sponsoring their Annual January dance on Jan. 22 at the local Slovene hall. Music by the popular seven-piece Walt orchestra from Canonsburg. More concerning this next week.

THE WANDERING TROUBADURE, Lodge 741.

Consumers Union Launches Health Campaign

Consumers Union of United States, Inc., is launching a unique health campaign this week. Thousands of posters warning consumers against two types of medicines sold in drug stores are being distributed to trade unions, women's clubs, fraternal societies and similar organizations. This is believed to be the first time in the history of American public health campaigns in which widely advertised and distributed remedies are the subject of a direct and open poster attack of this nature. The nation-wide display of the poster will bring essential health information to hundreds of thousands.

According to Mr. Arthur Kallet, co-author of "100,000,000 Guinea Pigs" and Director of Consumers Union, "the recent killing of over ninety persons by a sulfanilamide compound containing a poison may have shocked the American public, but it is even more shocking that a drug, aminopyrine, which is known to have caused the deaths of at least 500 persons every year during a three year period, is on sale in almost every drug store in the country! This drug, aminopyrine, is found in many widely advertised 'remedies' used by hundreds of thousands for the treatment of colds, headaches and menstrual pain. Aminopyrine in thousands of cases causes a disease known as agranulocytosis, which is marked by a destruction of the white blood corpuscles. The danger is so acute, and protection by our laws is so completely lacking, that we feel impelled to issue a general public warning. This we are doing through our poster campaign, because nearly every publication of large circulation derives considerable income from the advertising of such 'remedies,' and will not print a line which might offend the advertisers. The public needs to be informed of the brand names of these products so that it can get the protection which the government fails to provide."

The poster now being distributed lists the dangerous products by brand name and contains numerous quotations from medical literature to substantiate its warnings to the public. It points out that the manufacturers of medicaments containing aminopyrine must certainly be aware of the dangers of the products they manufacture, but that they are concerned only with sales and profits and not with hazards.

In addition to the warning against aminopyrine products the poster also carries a warning against mineral oil nose drops. According to Consumers Union's medical consultants, these nose drops can cause lipid pneumonia when administered to young children and they are responsible for many needless infant deaths. The exposure by Consumers Union of their dangerous effects caused the Board of Health of New York City to issue a press warning against their use. Unlike the Board of Health press statement the poster not only warns against their use but also carries the brand names of the dangerous products.

Consumers Union is a non-profit membership corporation which has grown from 3,000 to 45,000 members in eighteen months. Membership is increasing at the rate of nearly 1000 weekly at the present time. It maintains a staff of technicians who analyze and rate consumers goods in a monthly magazine, "Consumers Union Reports." Products analyzed are reported on by brand name as "Best Buys," "Also Acceptable," and "Not Acceptable." Consumers Union members, according to reports received by Consumers Union, save considerable sums annually through its completely disinterested and scientific buying guide service. The organization has no connection with any manufacturer or distributor. Its income comes from small annual membership fees, and it will not accept any advertising in its magazine. In addition to rating products by brand name under the above-mentioned classifications, Consumers Union publishes monthly "Labor Notes" describing the working conditions and the rates of pay in the factories where many of the products reported on are manufactured.

Mr. Kallet declares that "though the 'Labor Notes' do not, of course, affect the technical ratings of the products they do indicate that Consumers Union is a progressive organization which supports labor's struggle for improved working conditions and higher wages. Most consumers, after all, are also workers, and they can and do assist each other as workers by patronizing those manufacturers who co-operate with the trade unions. A considerable proportion of our membership is composed of groups of workers in many trade unions who are enabled to join at greatly reduced group fees."

The present health campaign indicates that Consumers Union not only assists the consumer by telling him what is best to buy, but also by warning him against spurious, adulterated and dangerous medicines, foods, cosmetics, etc. Hundreds of clubs, trade unions and other organizations are expected to cooperate in the display of the "Health Warning" poster. The first poster campaign will be followed by others as the need presents itself.

Latest reports from the 10th anniversary dance committee show that letters were sent out to various lodges inviting them to insert ads in our Souvenir book. The first response came from our friends the Cleveland Comrades. Many thanks. The committee will continue their plans on a program that will try to please. Stephanie and Mary listened in on the boys, but they say it's a deep secret as to the seat of welcome the 'lads will bestow upon the Jolly Allis girls. Hmm!

These new application blanks that eliminate the various old blanks should prove a boon to secretaries.

My idea of the two most active E. S. lodges (as a whole) are the Canonsburg Pioneers and the Detroit Wolverines. Of course, each lodge has an active group, but these two are active in larger numbers—I used to wonder why the "Glutton" called himself that 'cause I didn't think anyone would live up to those characteristics, but now I decided he took the appellation because a glutton is also called a "wolverine." I'll betcha I quit now, but you'll be hearing from me regularly for a time. (A voice: "Is that a threat?") Oh my!

Jolly Allis' 1938 Resolutions

WEST ALLIS, WIS.—Howdy, folks! Well, the New Year is here. The usual procedure is to make a new resolution. For the Lodge the resolutions are to surpass the one hundred mark. Avenue the pasting La Salle gave us on our home grounds and win back the Jolly Allis-Wolverine trophy next Labor day in Detroit.

While still on resolutions you mamas and papas can sure make a good one by resolving to get your little ones in our Juvenile Department. With the campaign on it cost less than ever.

The first big event of the year for our lodge will be a card party to be held this Sunday, Jan. 9, at lower Pilgrims hall, So. 72nd and W. Greenfield ave. Here is a chance for all you "card sharks and sharkness" to win a valuable prize. Come on over and celebrate with us. You can't help but have a good time. Our resolution to get over a hundred members is helped by the Federation who tackled on an additional three months to their membership campaign.

The first meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday. Plan to attend. Besides the initiation of some new members and the officers a bingo party will be held after the meeting. Let's give the officers a reason to start the year with a great amount of optimism for the future.

Over the Back Fence
Congrats to Frank and Marion!

THE OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—Wed., Jan. 19, at 8 p. m. is the Integrity's regular monthly meeting. Installation of officers takes place. The meeting will be short, after the meeting we'll have a short program by the Juvenile members and adults. After the program we'll have dancing and "colored water."

This meeting will be a 10th anniversary meeting. Ten years ago the Integrity held its first meeting called by young and active members of the SNPJ. From a handful of these active members the Integrity Lodge progressed step by step to place itself among the 19 largest English speaking lodges. Yet we must realize we are not at the goal of success.

It would be appropriate to attend our Jan. meeting and it would be timely for some of the organizers of the Integrity Lodge to come forward with an article in the Prospecta to tell us something about the Lodge's progress during the 10 years. It would be a fitting matter under the Integrity name to give us a hand in a way of publicity in regards to this. No one

Was Your Boss Listed?

The 2,500 firms employing labor spies "read like a blue book of American industry," according to the La Follette Senate civil liberties committee.

An industry is known by the company it keeps.

Like James H. Rand Jr. and Pearl (I Break Strikes) Bergoff, birds of a feather flock together.

Unfortunately, not all jailbirds have jail as their habitat.

knows better than you who have organized the Lodge; you who exerted every effort to put the Integrity on the top list in the SNPJ.

Members Should Assist
"There is a tendency among some members to consider only the insurance feature of the SNPJ organization to which they belong. They fancy they have performed their duties when they have paid their dues promptly. They assume that the officers are paid for the recruiting work and upbuilding of their Society. They therefore maintain a policy of passive indifference. Such members are not living up to either their privileges or their duties. They may be termed the "learners" on the fraternal system. They expect others to assume duties which they alone can perform. They do not appreciate that fraternalism comprises more than the payments of benefits. It has to do with the lives we live. It not only extends assistance and comfort to the bereaved. It affords means of recreation and social enjoyment. It provides avenues through which we may improve ourselves from practically all points of view."

To Whom It May Concern

"Every member of the Society in good standing shall have a right to attend the meeting of any Lodge." (From section 118 of the SNPJ by-laws.) This also applies to all other meetings of the SNPJ. In the future please observe these by-laws. The Integrity Lodge upholds the SNPJ principles in every respect. The SNPJ is against dictatorship and so are we. What happened in Chicago on Sat. Dec. 18, was a part of dictatorship and as we understand, this is the first time in SNPJ history. We

PIONEER ATHLETICS
CHICAGO.—After much discussion and thought the Pioneer Athletic Comm. has set April 31 and May 1 as the day for the National Bowling tournament. This later date was taken because most of the participants will travel by auto, therefore they will be assured of better traveling conditions and at this later date all other bowling will be over and all teams can concentrate on the National Bowling tournament.

In the near future the lodges will receive entry blanks, which they are urged to return filled out at once. More details as to the prizes will be published at a later date. We understand that quite a large number of teams are to come from the Young Americans and Wolverines. There will be a division for senior lodges. We urge the Senior lodges to organize teams and enter the tournament.

The lodges of the Mid-West that plan to participate in the Traveling Bowling League, please inform me at once. No definite word has been heard from the Badger and West Allis girls' and Waukegan men's teams. If we are to go through with the plans we must know at once. To the interested members in the above lodges: Please contact me at once whether you are to participate or not.

As the bowling season goes along the fight for the first place in the Pioneer Bowling League gets tighter. Only seven games separate the first and last place teams. The standing of the league after last week's bowling:

SNPJ National	Won	Lost
Lettrick's Insurance	24	15
Zavertnik's Medicos	24	19
Nachtman's Dentists	24	23
Kolar's Florists	21	24
Pat-Ra-Cola Beverages	20	25
Zefran Undertakers	19	26

The Pioneer Athletic Comm. is indebted to the sponsors of the above teams and urges the members of the Lodge and SNPJ to patronize them whenever possible. We also invite you to come to the South-West alley every Wed. night at 8 and see the bowlers in action.

A large number of Slovenes are members of Local 108, United Rubber Workers of America, and invite you to attend their dance at the Lawndale Masonic Temple, Saturday, Jan. 29. There will be dancing in both halls. Steve Palla's orchestra, well known to all dancers, will be featured in the ballroom. **FRANK GROSER, Sec'y., National Athletic Comm.**

WOLVERINES' NEXT YEAR
DETROIT, MICH.—The year 1937 is history. The Wolverines had one of their BEST years since the Lodge was founded. It has now more members than it ever had. More members joined last year than any previous year. What has done all that? Athletics!

The Wolverines and Young Americans held the first SNPJ bowling tournament last spring which was well attended. Many more, I am sure, will be at Chicago this year for the same. The SNPJ Day was held in Milwaukee on Labor day and was the largest in attendance. This year it will be held in Detroit and preparations are well under way for even a larger crowd.

So let's go on with athletics for the SNPJ.

"1937 a Wolverine year": 38 strong Wolverines journeyed to Penna for the Fourth of July celebration.

Wolverine Field day held in August. Main attraction—married men pulling the single men across the creek for the second straight year.

The trip to Milwaukee for the SNPJ Day.

The Wolverine banquet and the farewell party in honor of Tony Stefler and many more activities.

Bowling. Since we didn't bowl during the holidays until Jan. 9, here are the standings at present with one more bowling Sunday before the first half season is over.

Oklahoma	Won	Lost
Kansas	16	11
Pennsylvania	14	13
Michigan	14	13
A. Maccani, J. Bernick, J. Debelak	10	17

AL. MACCANI, Lodge 677.

PIONEER SPORTS

CHICAGO.—After a few weeks of absence the writer wants everybody to know that he and the Bowling League are still in existence, and going places. December 29 was a bad night for the leaders of the league and after it was all over three teams were tied for first place and the balance of the five teams pressing hard. The major offenders were the second division teams who took the leaders unexpected. They were not satisfied with one or two games but had to have three. Here are the results of

Even if many of us are not given to New Year's resolution, let's make up our minds to turn a great deal of the English pages in Prosveda into

Dec. 29: SNPJ Nat'l lost three to Zefran Undertakers, Zavertnik Medicos won three from Parkview Laundry. Pat-Ra-Cola Beverages won three from Kolar Florists, and Nachtman Dentists won two from Lotrich Insurance.

Many of our readers who are interested in sports and read last week's paper, noticed the article of Brother Frank Groser, Sec'y of the SNPJ National Athletic Board, stating that the Pioneer Lodge 559 was allowed \$500 from the Athletic fund to give away as prizes for the National Bowling Tournament to be held by the Pioneers April 30 and May 1. The total prize list including the amount shown above will reach in the amount of \$700 after all the entry fees are turned in. Entry blanks will be mailed out shortly and outside lodges please cooperate as there is a nice prize list and we hope each year will be greater. This is considered the largest amount of money to be given in prizes since the SNPJ organized. We would like very much to hear from our older lodges and try and get together as many as they can, including the younger lodges. Young or old, we want all to participate, this includes the far away lodges. Who knows, possibly your lodge will have it next year.

The Pioneer Athletics had a special meeting in December due to a request from the Midwest League to change our date of the Tournament in order not to interfere with the anniversary dance sponsored by the Integrity Lodge that we would try and have this Tournament April 2 providing other Lodge affairs were not on that date. However, when the SNPJ National Athletic Board met here Brother Ray Travnik advised Brothers F. Groser, G. Curda and Fred Imperi, who were present, that the Detroit Lodges could not give their full support on April 2 (date we planned on having after changing from April 30 and May 1) due to a Slovene-Croatian Bowling Tournament on April 2. This date set at Detroit was planned some time ago and it could not be changed, as entry forms were in and plans of schedules were set; furthermore, the Detroit Lodges sacrificed their regular league play in order to support this Tournament. Therefore, the Pioneer Executive and Pioneer Athletic committees decided that this being the case our original plans of April 30 and May 1 will stand.

It is impossible to run this Tournament in May as various lodges have affairs and the weather warm, also the traveling in the early part of April and the latter part of March would never do. One must take into consideration that time is a great factor in an event of this kind which needs time to work out. Detroit has at least 20 teams and their support is needed the same as all the other Lodges. So let's get the ball in good shape and see what you can bring home of the large prize list. Where there's money there is spirit. Get your terms organized and help make this tournament a success. More news next week about the Tournament. **GEORGE CURDA, Sec'y-Treas., Pioneer Athletics.**

Universal Comets Give Athletic Dance

UNIVERSAL, PA.—If you want to make merry and really enjoy an evening, attend our Athletic Committee's dance on Sat. Jan. 8. It will be one of those jovial get-together affairs everybody likes, one not bound by formality and convention of the ballroom kind, but just one where we can mingle freely, sing together in the corner, and dance to our hearts' content to the blasts from Hal Carter's orchestra.

We are glad to hear that John Podboy and his caravan from Strabane and the neighboring lodges of Verona, Harnerville, and Claridge will be with us. Will others, too, make their appearance and surprise us? We assure you a grand evening.

The National Duckpin Tournament at Ambridge on New Year's Day was quite profitable as well as enjoyable to several of the Comet keggers. Both our men's and women's teams copped first prize in the main five-person event. And Sis. Anna Yersets and Margaret Vichich won enough to fill a couple of good-sized toy banks.

an educational organ, filled with matters that mean so much in our lives—security of job, unemployment, trade unionism, social insurance, economic causes of war, cooperation. Those of us who really feel that we owe something to the pioneers of the SNPJ can please them most by making such a page of the English section.

The Women's Round Table, whatever may be said about it, is a start in the right direction and will become more interesting as many more air their ideas and observations. Generally, the Prosveda has of late carried articles of the sort here discussed. Can enough of us be inspired to continue and make of our section something that the elders would care or be glad to read? I'm ready.

LOUIS V. KUMER, Lodge 715.

In Defense of the Unemployed

We are tired of hearing smug condemnations of WPA workers by people who would commit suicide rather than work and live as WPA workers must.

One favorite criticism is to the effect that WPA employees frequently refuse to accept private employment when it is offered them.

We do not know whether this is true or not and our purpose is not to deny it. What we aim to do is to justify such refusal.

The fact is that WPA workers receive more money during a year than many private employees who frequently are worked on short time at low wages. Why should not any man seek to do the best he can for himself and his family?

And why should any self-respecting individual be willing to serve an individual profit-seeker just when the latter needs his services and satisfied to be cast aside when it suits private industry?

Some years ago we used to sing the song, "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier." Well, neither did we raise our sons and daughters to suit the convenience of private profiteers.

Workers have a right to choose their jobs to their own advantage. Those whose spirits have not been killed will always do so.—Reading Labor Advocate.

SINGING CLUB "ADRIJA"

EUCLID, O.—The "Adrija" singing club is sponsoring a Midwinter Frolic Saturday, Jan. 15, at Slov. Society Home, Rechev ave. Johnny Pecora's orchestra; door prize: admission 30c. All interested should join the club. Practice every Monday night at eight. We sing Slovene and English songs. Frank Vanter is our teacher. Officers: A. Debelak, pres.; M. Molk, v. pres.; Mary Pemec, treas.; Mary Korencic, sec'y.; Jennie Korencic, rec. sec'y.; L. Semc, sergeant-at-arms. **A MEMBER.**

Success Story

"Even my best friends wouldn't tell me how unpopular I was," mused White Collar Charlie. "I was at a loss to understand why they never came near me."

"Then I began gargling Listerine and taking a course in how to make friends and influence people."

"Last week four guys were around to touch me for a ten-spot."



Lodge Letters

ELECT CLUB OFFICERS
CANONSBURG, PA.—The officers of the Girls' Club, SNPJ Lodge 589, elected for the year 1938, are: Anna Kaminski, president; Frances Batista, vice pres.; Helen Terschel, sec'y.; Frances Floriganic, treasurer; Anna Oravic and Mary Koval, pub. committee. This club deserves credit for the fact that they are active throughout the whole year, having all kinds of affairs which arouse the interest of all.

The officers of the Men's Club, elected for the year 1938, are: Frank Podboy, president; Samuel "Boom" Rotella, vice pres.; Mike Curtis, sec'y and treas. Griev. Comm.: Joe Hokey, Jacob Chencic, John Podboy. "Skinny" Koklich was elected chairman of the Sick Committee for the Lodge.

"Happy New Year," and what is a better way than to start it with a bang! Initiative, to call; and response, to act; are the factors of our organization, the SNPJ. And what better chance have we to prove ourselves than in the coming campaign? Let's go, SNPJ!—(Received too late for the Dec. 29 issue.—Ed.)

On December 18, 1937, the Pioneer Lodge 589 paid their final tribute to our Bro. Okleson. The funeral procession, managed by Bro. Geo. Hinton, undertaker, was a caravan of automobiles, which showed the many who wished to pay their final respects. The services began at 2 o'clock and then the body was escorted out by the Lodge 589, led by Max Chesnic, Color Guard. The pallbearers were Arthur Sneyperger, Eddie Floriganic, Frank Koklich, John Popka, Victor Massack, and Frank Cades.

WE THREE.

W. VA. MOUNTAINEERS' JAN. MEETING
PIERCE, W. VA.—Please notice, members, that our next meeting is on Jan. 9, 1938. Since we did not have our elections at our December meeting we will have them then. The attendance was so poor at our last

meeting that we had to postpone elections and all the other important transactions that take place at that last meeting in the year.

This is to notify you, members, that all those not attending our January meeting will be assessed the sum of \$1. The sick and those who are away working are, of course, excepted. The above motion was passed unanimously at our last meeting. Remember the date—Jan. 9, 1938. **A MEMBER.**

LODGE NO. 41 PLANS DANCE
PLEASANT VALLEY, PA.—SNPJ Lodge No. 41 will hold a dance on Jan. 22 at the Pleasant Valley hall. All neighboring lodges are cordially invited. The dance music will be furnished by Frank Baloh. Dancing from 8 p. m. until midnight. **WM. BOHINCE, Sec'y.**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
CANTON, OHIO.—This is to inform the party of Lodge 315 who wrote an anonymous letter to the Main office about a sick brother, not to write, but to report such things at our meetings. **THERESA ROCHUS, Fin. Sec'y.**

TO MEMBERS OF LODGE 121!
DETROIT.—Your Secretary will be present at the SND hall, 17153 John R., every 25th and last day of each month, to collect dues for Lodge members. **(MRS.) LEO JUNKO, Secretary Lodge 121.**

TO THE LOYALTY MEMBERS!
CLEVELAND, O.—Our meetings will be held every second Wednesday of the month, as usually. Our next meeting being Wednesday, Jan. 12. Come out and help us initiate our new officers. **FRANK ZADELL, Lodge 590.**

YOUNG AMERICANS, NOTICE!
DETROIT, MICH.—The Young Americans' first monthly meeting of

A Fighter for Freedom
(This is the portrait that won first prize in The New Republic's "Little Known Fighters for Civil Liberties" contest.—The Editor.)

DEAD MEN are beyond saving. Mass meetings, resolutions, letters and telegrams of outraged protest cannot give back life to Joseph Shoemaker of Tampa, Florida, who was kidnapped with two of his colleagues and lynched because of his political and union activities and died of the injuries he sustained. But such protests do have meaning, for they can save the lives of martyrs to come and, in the city of Tampa, they may hammer a dent into the armor of the Ku Klux Klan, which was responsible for the murder. This was the job that Frank McCallister, living in the neighboring city of St. Petersburg, set out to do. The Klan had openly violated the most elementary of civil liberties and the murder of McCallister's friend was the lever with which the rotten structure of the Klan might be toppled over. It is now almost two years since Shoemaker died in a Tampa hospital, his back a mass of bloody pulp into which hot tar had been smeared, his leg amputated by physicians in a desperate effort to save his life after the night riders had held him over a fire. No one has been punished yet, and the prosecution of the case has received a dreadful setback in the recent acquittal of the six policemen on trial. It seems doubtful that justice will be attained, but Frank McCallister still presses on.

Millions of Americans know the story of Joe Shoemaker but not the name of the man who has made it possible for them to learn the truth hidden under the palm trees of Florida, where "life at its best is cheapest." McCallister has wisely preferred to work in effective obscurity. He gathers the facts and makes them available to the newspapermen of the nation; he summons to the cause of civil liberty the eloquent voices that are not afraid to speak; he organizes groups of justice-loving citizens, such as the National Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa, to spread the sorry truth throughout the country. The reluctant prosecutors, who at first would have been happy to ignore the murder, became aware of the public pressure McCallister had aroused and realized that they were under the surveillance of the people of the whole country. Indictments were handed down and five of the policemen were convicted on charges of kidnapping. They appealed, the higher court delayed, and postponed its decisions. McCallister filed a brief with the LaFollette committee, organized a group of prominent Tampa citizens who visited the Governor and left with him a memorandum about the case. A few days later the court spoke—conviction reversed. Despite the blow, the fight went on as though it had only begun and McCallister showed no fatigue or discouragement. He visited local editors who were stirred to action by his demands as he spoke with the voice of a public opinion he had created. The Shoemaker case came back into the headlines, the editorial columns grew passionate once more and the defendants were brought to trial for the murder. The jury was allowed to hear only one-third of the state's evidence against the men, the year 1936 will be held on Sunday, Jan. 9, at the SND, 17153 John R. of Officers will take place at this promptly at 10 a. m. The Installation meeting along with other items of importance.

ROBERT TRAVNIK, your old Secretary.

W. VA. SNPJers, NOTICE!
PIERCE, W. VA.—Don't forget to come to our next meeting, Sunday, Jan. 9. Try to bring as many new members as you can, and don't forget to write to the Mladinski List, which all of you get and read. **MARY VIDMAR, Pres. Junior Div. Lodge 29.**

judge directed them to acquit the defendants and obediently they followed their instructions.

Frank McCallister may be unknown to the millions who are still shocked by the verdict the jury has returned, but he is not unknown to the Ku Klux Klan, which curses his name behind its white hood. On the dark lonely street where McCallister lives with his wife and two children, automobiles filled with Klansmen are often parked at night, their headlights turned off, their presence a silent warning. If he walks an unlit street, he must glance over his shoulder to see who follows. If an automobile suddenly draws to the curb where he is standing, he must move hurriedly on.

McCallister still looks like the insurance salesman he once was. A neat, tall figure, carefully dressed, with a good-natured smile, he fills people with confidence and gets the facts they would ordinarily be afraid to reveal. "We'll get in to see the Governor," he says, "even if he doesn't want to see us! Remember, I was once an insurance salesman."

He is not a native Floridian. Born twenty-nine years ago in Illinois, he moved into Florida with his parents during the real-estate boom. The collapse left his family impoverished and his insurance job was their only support—until he was fired for presiding at a public meeting addressed by a Socialist. He lived in New York for a year or two but returned to St. Petersburg in 1933 to fight for the maintenance of Florida's civil liberties. Cuban cigar-makers threatened with deportation because of union activities, Negro turpentine workers held as peons in the northern part of the state, unemployed workers abused of their demands for relief, citrus pickers terrorized in the orange groves, have had his effective assistance. City councilmen in his own town have heard his protests against Negro discrimination, particularly when they deliberately rejected a federal PWA appropriation that would have provided better housing for Negro citizens.

News of an attack on civil rights spurs him to immediate action, and he is off at once in his battered old car to the scene of activity. On one occasion, a few hours' notice was sufficient to send him scurrying across the state of Miami, where he boarded a plane for Havana in order to save the life of one of Batista's intended victims. In the prejudiced atmosphere of the South, in a community where the Ku Klux Klan controls the public officials and holds open demonstrations in full masked regalia, he wages his energetic campaign for the right of men and women to enjoy "the blessings of liberty."

—Aaron Levenstein.

IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM

HORSES, DOGS AND CATS GET HOLIDAY FEAST—headline. "A lot of chiselers imposing on the public bounty," sez Breadline Benny, as he wonders whether he will find a lump of meat in the New Year's stew. "There are plenty of wagons to pull, rabbits to chase and mice to catch for animals willing to work."

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The cold days in January are here—and we bet before they roll around again Ford is going to talk union and like it.

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Beware Whiskers and Red Pants
New ramifications of the red network are constantly being discovered. After Brazil cracked down on Tarsan's apes and Jugoslavia on Micky Mouse, Japan put a ban on Santa Claus.

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You can't blame Japan for being suspicious of Santa Claus. The old gentleman is reported to be such an internationalist that he even believes in giving presents instead of bombs to Chinese babies who cherish anti-Japanese sentiments!

The John Smiths

