

Truman predložil kongresu proračun za prihodnje leto

Skoro 40 milijard dolarjev za kritje stroškov. Predsednik ignoriral priporočila republikancev

Washington, D. C., 13. jan.—Predsednik Truman je predložil kongresu proračun za prihodnje fiskalno leto, ki se prične 1. julija in zaključuje 30. junija 1. 1949. Ta je \$39,668,000,000 in skoro polovica vsote naj se potroši za narodno obrambo in pomoč zunanjim državam.

Proračun za narodno obrambo je enajst milijard dolarjev, pomoč zapadni Evropi na podlagi Marshallovega načrta pa naj bi znašala sedem milijard dolarjev. Truman je v poslanici predlagal, naj kongres dovoli potrošnjo \$250,000,000 za pomoč Kitajski.

Truman je naglasil, da je proračun realističen in osnovan na ekonomiji, čeprav predvideva potrošnjo \$1,941,000,000 v prihodnjem fiskalnem letu nad vsoto v tem fiskalnem letu. Sodisce, da bodo skupni dohodki v prihodnjem fiskalnem letu znašali okrog \$44,467,000,000.

Preden je bila Trumanova poslanica prečтана v kongresu, so republikanci, ki imajo večino v obeh kongresnih zbornicah, naznanili, da bodo znižali proračun. Jeze se na Trumanu, ker je v poslanici ignoriral njihova priporočila za znižanje izdatkov.

Truman je priznal, da je veliko število ameriških družin prizadetih zaradi dragejše in visokih davkov. V svoji poslanici, katero je prečital pred člani

Admiral Halsey pohvalil pomorščake

Novo poglavje v ameriški zgodovini

Philadelphia, Pa., 12. jan.—Admiral William F. Halsey je v svojem govoru v tem mestu pohvalil pomorščake in naglasil, "da bodo spisali novo poglavje v ameriški zgodovini."

Halsey je bil vrhovni poveljnik ameriške bojne mornarice na Pacifiku v vojnem času.

"Vsi vemo, da so pomorščaki, kadar je bilo treba izvajati vojno, storili vse, kar so mogli," je rekel admiral. "Pozabiti ne smemo, da so pomorščaki pripravljeni za izvršitev dela, kadar je cilj ameriške politike zaščita miru."

Halsey je govoril v zvezi s proslavami 172-letnice ustanovitve zborov pomorščakov. Sedanjí poveljnik zborov je general Clifton B. Bates. V svojem govoru je dejal, da Amerika ni nikdar imela preveč pomorščakov. Dalje je rekel, da pomorščaki, ki so bili poslani v Sredozemlje, bodo ostali na bojnih ladjah.

CIO oddaja nov radioprogram

Washington. — (FP) — Prvi radioprogram organiziranega delavstva, ki obravnava razna vprašanja z natečajem, je bil oddan dne 6. januarja ob 9.45 zvečer (centralni čas) po omrežju ABC pod vodstvom CIO. Naslov programa je "It's in the Family." Program se bo oddajal vsak tork o omenjenem času. Na vsakem programu bosta nastopili dve družini, katerih krušni očetje so člani unij CIO. Družina, ki bo v natečaju zmaga, bo dobila vladni bond za \$100, poročena družina pa bond za \$25. Program se oddaja iz New Yorka in vsak član CIO in njegova družina ima pravico prijave na tem radioprogramu. Vprašanja se bodo nanašala na mnenja šest milijonov članov CIO.

Sodišče odločilo v prilog zamorki

Državna univerza jo mora sprejeti

Washington, D. C., 13. jan.—Vrhovno sodišče je odločilo, da mora državna univerza v Oklahomi sprejeti zamorsko dekle kot učenko v pravnem oddelku. Dekle je Ada Lois Sipuel. Sodisce je podalo odlok po zahtevu, ki je trajalo štiri dni.

Pred dvema letoma je Sipuel kot kvalificirana dijakinja vložila prošnjo za sprejetje v pravní oddelku univerze, katero vzdržuje davkoplačevalci. Njena prošnja je bila zavrnjena na podlagi zakona, ki prepoveduje zamorcem vstop v šole belopolitceve.

Vrhovno sodišče je naglasilo v odloku, da je zamorka upravičena do legalne izobrazbe na univerzi in mora biti sprejeta. Prej je Sipuel študirala na zamorski univerzi v Langstonu. Bila je odlična dijakinja. Odlok vrhovnega sodišča je velika zmaga zamorcev.

Lastniki listov proti unijski delavnici

Chicago. — (FP) — Joseph Rhoden, predsednik lokalne tiskarske unije, je obdožil zvezo izdajateljev časopisov, da si je izbrala Chicago kot poiskusno točko za odpravo zaprte delavnice. Tiskarski delavci pri šestih čikaških dnevnikih so na stavki od 24. novembra preteklega leta. Izdajatelji se opirajo na Taft-Hartleyev protidelavski zakon, da z njim ubijejo unijsko pravico do zaprte delavnice. To je glavna sporna točka v boju, ki ga vodijo organizirani tiskarji proti nakladam izdajateljev listov. Vseh šest glavnih čikaških dnevnikov je rokah milijonarjev in multimilijonarjev.

Stavka davčnih uradnikov v Italiji

Rim, 13. jan.—Okrog 150,000 davčnih uradnikov je zastavkalo. Stavka je izraz simpatij do bančnih uslužbenecv, ki so zastavkvali pred dvema tednoma. V stavkah v Italiji je zdaj udeleženih okrog 312,000 delavcev.

FOSTER POJASNIL STALIŠČE AMERIŠKE KOMUNISTIČNE STRANKE

Washington, D. C., 13. jan.—William Z. Foster, vodja komunistične stranke, je dejal, da je stranka lojalna federalni ustavi, zaeno pa je namignil, da se v slučaju izbruha vojne med Ameriko in Rusijo ne bo boril na strani Amerike in ne svetoval drugim komunistom, naj se bore. Vojna proti Sovjetski uniji bi bila krivična, imperialistična in kriminalna.

Foster je rekel, da kapitalistična Amerika in socialistična Sovjetska unija lahko živita v miru, poraziti pa je treba Trumanovo doktrino in Marshallov načrt. Ako bo Wall Street diktiral, bo Ameriko zadela nesreča.

Vodja ameriške komunistične stranke je odgovoril na vprašanje, katerega mu je predložil Bert Andrews, glavni dopisnik newyorškega lista Herald Tribune, v Washingtonu. Na vprašanje, ali bi prijel za orožje, če se bi Amerika zapletla v vojno z Rusijo, je odgovoril:

"Komunisti, kakor drugi progresivni Američani, vidijo raz-

Domače vesti

Družinski koledar izšel

Chicago.—Te dni je izšel Ameriški družinski koledar za leto 1948 v zalogi Jugoslovanske delavske tiskovne družbe (Proletarca). Uredil Frank Zaitz, cena \$1.50 in se naroča pri: Proletarec, 2301 S. Lawndale ave., Chicago 23, Ill. Knjiga je zopet krasno delo, pestra po vsebini in bo v veselje in pouk čitateljem. Toplo priporočamo vsem rojakom, zlasti pa članstvu SNPJ. Več o Družinskem koledarju ob priliki.

Smrt članice

Westville, Ill.—Po dolgi bolezni je umrla Margareta Pinta, članica društva \$16 SNPJ. Star je bila 67 let. Tukaj zapušča sina, v New Yorku sestro, v starem kraju pa dve sestri, katerim društvo izreka sožalje.

Smrt v starem kraju

Chicago. — Mary Kuhl iz So. Chicago, mati gl. blagajnika Mirka Kuhla, je prejela vest iz starega kraja, da je v St. Jerneju na Dolenjskem umrla njena mati Marija Škal v visoki starosti 91 let. Pokopana je bila na božični dan. V starem kraju zapušča tri hčere in dva vnuka, v Ameriki pa štiri hčere, 21 vnukov in 26 pravnukov. Njen edini sin Jože Škal je umrl meseca oktobra.

Nov grob v Detroitu

Detroit.—Dne 12. jan. je umrla Mary Anzick (Aniček), stara 53 let, doma iz vasi Oberh pri Novem mestu, članica društva 677 SNPJ. Pogreb se bo vršil ob dveh popoldnevih (dan) iz Louniskarjevega pogrebnega zavoda, 5045 Trumbull st.

Nov grob v Penzi

Slovan, Pa.—V bližnjem Langelothu je 5. jan. po dolgi bolezni umrla Jedit Skafar, stara 65 let, doma iz Iga pri Ljubljani. Tukaj zapušča hčer, sina, sinaho in brata, v starem kraju pa več sorodnikov. Mož ji je umrl pred šestimi leti, enega sina pa je zgubila v vojni. Bila je članica društva 241 SNPJ, ki preostalih izreka globoko sožalje.

Iz Clevelanda

Cleveland.—Dne 9. jan. je umrl George Štimac, član društva V boj 53 SNPJ in WOW. Star je bil 75 let, doma iz vasi Požar, okraj Gorski Kotar, v Ameriki 37 let. Pokopan je bil civilno. Tukaj, v Cleveland Heightsu, zapušča poročeno hčer Zoro Malnar, pri kateri je stalnoval, v starem kraju ženo in dva sinova, v Franciji pa hčer. Bil je dober član društva V boj, ki preostalih izreka sožalje.

Rekordna uposlitev lanskega leta se letos ne bo ponovila

Washington. — (FP) — Uposlitev delavcev v preteklem letu je dosegla višek. Bila je večja kot kdaj prej v mirnem času. Nenavadno veliko število starejših delavcev in delavk je dvignilo število uposlenih. Poleg tega je poldrugi milijon več mladoletnih, ki so uposleni ali iščejo delo.

Zadevne podatke je objavil zvezni urad za delavsko statistiko. Ewan Clague, načelnik tega urada, je naznanil, da je lanske uposlitev prvič v zgodovini ameriške ekonomije dosegla število 60 milijonov. "Izgledi za nadaljevanje števila uposlenih delavcev v tekočem letu ne kažejo, da se bo ta rekord vzdržal," pravi Clague v svojem poročilu.

Lani je bilo okrog poldrugi milijon več starejših delavcev in delavk uposlenih kot v predvojnih letih. Veliko število po vojnih porok in visoko število rojstev je povzročilo, da več kot poldrugi milijon mladih delavk ni bilo zmognih za delo. Na drugi strani pa mnogo mladih delavcev pohaja šole na podlagi veteranskih pravic. Računa se, da se okrog milijon bivših vojakov poslužuje teh prilik.

Dvigavanje cen v preteklem letu ni rezultiralo v zvišanju nakupne moči, četudi so bile mezde v

MARSHALL PRED KONGRESNIM ODSEKOM

Zaslišanje o ameriški pomoči zapadni Evropi

ANGLIJA PROTI RESTRIKCIJAM

Washington, D. C., 13. jan.—Državni tajnik George G. Marshall se je zapletel v kontroverzo z nekaterimi člani kongresnega odbora za zunanje zadeve, ko se je pričelo zaslišanje o njegovem načrtu, ki predvideva potrošnjo sedemnajst milijard dolarjev za ekonomsko okrevanje in rehabilitacijo šestnajstih držav v zapadni Evropi. Prej je Marshall nastopil pred člani senatnega odbora za zunanje zadeve. Pred njimi je izjavil, da mora biti načrt sprejet v predloženih obliki. Vztrajal je pri zahtevi, da mora državni departament, dobiti vso kontrolo glede izvajanja načrta. Odločno je zavrnil predlog republikancev glede ustanovitve posebne agencije, ki naj bi nadzirala trošenje ameriškega denarja v zapadni Evropi.

Znamenja kažejo, da bo nižja kongresna zbornica revidirala Marshallov načrt. Kongresnik Mansfield, demokrat iz Montane, je potisnil državnega tajnika v zadrego z vprašanjem, ali ni namen načrta zaježitev Rusije, da se ne bo njen vpliv raztegnil na zapadno Evropo. Marshall je priznal, da je to eden izmed namenov načrta.

Iz zanesljivih virov se doznava, da Velika Britanija pričakuje levi delež pomoči na podlagi Marshallovega načrta. Upa, da bo dobila \$10,200,000,000, ali 60 odstotkov od skupne predvidene pomoči zapadnim državam.

Dalje se doznava, da skuša Velika Britanija skleniti dogovor z drugimi državami v zapadni Evropi, da se bi izrekle proti vsem restrikcijam. Na svojo stran je pridobila Francijo, Belgijo in Holandijo. Velika Britanija pričakuje, da se ji bodo tudi ostale države pridružile v opoziciji proti restrikcijam.

Velika Britanija je dobila od Amerike vsoto \$3,750,000,000 v obliki posojila in darila pred osemnajstimi meseci. Ta vsota

Kampanja za kontrolo cen obnovljena

Anderson napovedal pomanjkanje mesa

Washington, D. C., 13. jan.—Poljedelski tajnik Clifton Anderson je v imenu Trumanove administracije obnovil kampanjo za vzpostavitev kontrole cen in odmerjanja, ki naj bi rezultirala v znižanju življenjskih stroškov. On je nastopil pred člani senatnega odbora za bančne in denarne zadeve.

Možnost je, da se bo kongres udal pritisku in revidiral svoje stališče. Anderson je ponovil napoved, da bo nastalo pomanjkanje mesa prihodnje pomladi. Dajal je, da klavniške kompanije grmadijo profite, toda dokazov ni glede kopičenja mesa. Anderson je podprl načrt senatorja Flandersa, da se ustanovi posebni ustroj v svrhu odmerjanja mesa in drugih potrebščin.

Nobeneza izgleda ni, da bodo republikanci, ki kontrolirajo obe kongresni zbornici, dali oblast Trumanovi administraciji glede kontrole cen, ki se stalno dvigajo.

Rumunska republika dobila predsednika

Bukarešta, Rumunija, 13. jan.—Za začasnega predsednika rumunske republike je bil izbran profesor Konstantin Parhon, se glasi uradno naznanilo. Rumunija je bila proglašena za ljudsko republiko po abdikaciji kralja Mihaela. On je zapustil Rumunijo in je sedaj v Švici. Bivši kralj je kmalu poročil dansko princezno Anne Bourbon-Parma, ki je odpotovala iz Copenhagena v Švico.

Rusi aretirali predsednika univerze

Berlin, 13. jan.—Ruske okupacijske oblasti so aretirale dr. Hermana B. Wella, predsednika državne univerze v Indijni, ko je prišel v rusko okupacijsko cono v Berlinu. Po zaslišanju, ki je trajalo tri ure, je bil Wella izpuščen. V zadnjih tednih so Rusi aretirali 17 Američanov, med temi 12 vojakov, v svoji okupacijski coni.

Naj bi zadostovala štiri leta, toda bila je skoro vsa potrošena v enem letu.

KONVENCIJA TRETJE POLITIČNE STRANKE

Garfield naznanil priprave za kampanjo

UNIJE ZAGOTOVILE PODORO

Chicago, 13. jan.—Konvencija tretje politične stranke bo v Chicagu. Pričela se bo 11. aprila po izjavi onih, ki podpirajo Henryja Wallacea kot predsedniškega kandidata. Takrat se bo vršila tudi konvencija progresivne stranke v Illinoisu.

Priprave za kampanjo in konvencijo je naznanil Z. H. Garfield, tajnik progresivne stranke. On je naglasil, da se je boj šele pričel. Garfield je bil mornarični poročnik v vojnem času.

"Šli bomo preko voditeljev nekaterih unij, ki so se izrekli proti ustanovitvi tretje politične stranke," je rekel Garfield. "Obnili se bomo do članov unij. Zavedali smo se od začetka, da bomo morali iskati oporo pri članih unij, ne voditeljih."

Uradniki več unij so izjavili, da se ne strinjajo z deklaracijo članov sveta unij Kongresa industrijskih organizacij v Illinoisu proti ustanovitvi tretje stranke. Herbert March, predsednik unije klavniških delavcev CIO, tajnik-blagajnik Sam Parks in zapiskar - Samuel Curry so zagotovili podporo tretji stranki. Podali so izjavo, ki se glasi:

"Člani sveta unij CIO ne govorijo v našem imenu in ne v imenu ogromne večine članov unij. Mi bomo podpirali Wallacea kot predsedniškega kandidata."

Ernest DeMaio, predsednik enajstega distrikta unije United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers CIO, je dejal, da voditelji unij nimajo pravice do diktiranja članom, komu naj oddajo svoje glasove pri volitvah v novembru. Člani unije živilskih, tobaknih in poljedelskih delavcev CIO so podprli Wallacea kot predsedniškega kandidata na listi tretje stranke. Charles E. Lawson, predsednik unije United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers CIO, je dejal, da si člani pridržujejo pravico do odločitve. Unija ima 30,000 članov v čikaškem distriktu.

Progresivna stranka nadaljuje borbo za priznanje, da bo lahko postavila kandidate na listo pred primarnimi volitvami v aprilu. Zadeva je pred okroglim sodiščem, ki bo kmalu podalo odločitev.

Vežbanje turških mornarjev v Ameriki

Stroške krijejo ameriški davkoplačevalci

Washington, D. C., 13. jan.—Mornarični departament je razkril, da je prišlo v Ameriko 275 turških mornarjev, katere vzbajajo sedaj ameriški mornarični častniki v operiranju manjših bojnih ladij. Mornarji so v taborišču v bližini Norfolk, Va., kjer je mornarična baza.

Vežbanje mornarjev se vrši v smislu pogojev ameriškega pomorskega programa. Kongres je odobril ta program, ki določa potrošnjo \$100,000,000 kot pomoč Turčiji, v marcu lanskega leta. Stroške vežbanja turških mornarjev morajo kriti ameriški davkoplačevalci.

Mornarični departament je prej naznanil, da ameriški častniki vežbajo tudi grške mornarje. Kongres je sankcioniral ekonomsko in vojaško pomoč Grčiji in Turčiji na podlagi Trumanove doktrine, katere cilj je zaježitev Sovjetske unije in širjenja sovjetskega vpliva povod.

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Besede in dejanja

Predsednik Truman je zadnji teden ob otvoritvi letošnjega zasedanja kongresa podal svojo poslanico o "položaju države", kakor mu nalaga ustava. V tej poslanici je pokazal, da ima pred očmi predvsem prihodnje predsedniške volitve. Ker si je svojo nominacijo kot kandidat demokratske stranke že zagotovil, zato se je v tej poslanici predstavljal volilecem kot "liberalen" kandidat, "Priatelj" delavstva in farmerjev, "Apostol" svetovnega miru in—militarizma (boje v isti sapi!), "Zagovornik" civilnih svobod, velikih reklamacijskih, konzervacijskih in elektrifikacijskih projektov na zapadu a la Tennessee Valley Authority, "Zaščitnik" žolstva, vdov in sirot, "Zagovornik" raztegnitve in izboljšanja socialne zaščite za vse, kakor tudi uvedanja "socializirane" medicine za slehernega prebivalca, "Nasprotnik" trustov in kartelov, "Izpovednik" Marshallovega načrta ne samo za zapadno Evropo, marveč za ves svet izven sovjetije in končno tudi kot "Zagovornik" znižanja dohodninskega davka na dnu za vse sloje enako in zvišanje korporacijskega davka.

Z drugo besedo: Truman je v tej poslanici obljubil 95% volilecem masno ocvirkovo potico, vsemu svetu čvrst "mir", militarizem in wallstreetarjem pa izpolnitev njihove najbolj vroče želje: osedlanje dežele s splošno obvezno vojašino in militariziranje Amerike v enakem ali pa še večjem obsegu kakor je bila kajzerjeva ali Hitlerjeva Nemčija ali pa Japonska. In tudi v silne namene:—za "obrambo" dežele in svetovnega miru...

Truman v svojih "poslanicah" kongresu rad nastopa kot "liberalen" načelnik države. To pot se je še posebno potrudil, odnošno so se potrudili njegovi svetovalci in pisarji poslanice, da pokažejo Trumanu in demokratsko stranko kot pravo "newdeal-sko" stranko, čeprav se je "new deal" že zdavnaj odpovedala in se kosa z republikanci v reakcionarnih, antiljudskih in antidelavskih dejanjih.

Bela hiša je bila prisiljena udariti na struno 90-odstotnega liberalizma, kajti demokrate strašiti Henry A. Wallace in novo politično gibanje, ki ima biti porojeno v bližnji bodočnosti. In Bela hiša je udarila na struno 90-odstotnega liberalizma v zavesti, da bo ostalih 10% reakcionarnih točk na vsej črti uničilo Trumanov "liberalni" del "programa".

Vsa "liberalizem" namreč, ki priporoča osedlanje dežele z obvezno vojašino in prusjaškim militarizmom, v zunanji politiki pa zasledovanje "Trumanove doktrine", poslanske z "Marshallovim načrtom"—vsak tak "liberalizem" je v sredini votel, ob kraju ga pa nič pi.

V to kategorijo spada tudi Trumanov "liberalizem" in "liberalizem" njegove stranke. In to posebno, ako primerjate Trumanove besede z dejanji njegove administracije ter večine demokratskih v kongresu ali kjerkoli. Besede so sem pa "liberalne" in blagodne, dejanja pa skoro na vsej črti povsem republikanska, to je do mozga reakcionarna, antiljudska in antidelavska in v interesu Wall Streeta. In sicer ne samo v zunanji politiki, marveč tudi v notranji. Edina razlika med obema kapitalističnima strankama je morda v tem, da republikanci hrepene in skemarijo, kako bi bogatim slojem znižali dohodninski davek, Truman pa priporoča, ako že mora priti do take redukcije, tedaj naj vsak davkoplačevalec dobi \$40 "draginskega popusta": enako vsoto tudi za vsako odvisno besedo. Toda kot pravi Chicago Sun v uvodniku, je to le Trumanova politična poteza, kajti on dobro ve, da republikanci ne bodo pristali na zakon, ki bi na eni strani dajal "draginski popust" poedinim davkoplačevalcem, na drugi strani pa določal zvišanje korporacijskega davka, da državna blagajna ne bo trpela.

Silčno je v resnici z vsemi drugimi Trumanovimi "liberalnimi" točkami. To je razvidno tudi v poslanici. Kdor jo kolkaj pažno prečita, lahko uvidi, da je bila spisana z vidika gola političnega oportunizma, kajti pri nobeni "liberalni" točki ni opaziti nikakršnega duha najstari ali odličnosti—"to in to je treba storiti v prihodnjih desetih letih," je rečeno na več krajih.

Ako se predsednik Truman v čem odlikuje, tedaj se "odlikuje" v tem, da dela tako kakor tisti duhovniki, ki pravijo raz prižnice: "Poslušajte, kaj pravim in ne glejte, kaj delam." Naj navedemo par primerov.

V tej poslanici se Truman zelo ogreva za utrjevanje civilnih svobod, ki so danes na zelo šibkih nogah. Kongresu priporoča, naj sprejme potrebne zakonodaje, posebno pa zakon za odpravo diskriminacije pri delu (fair employment practice), ki se tiče najbolj zamorskih državljanov in raznih drugih manjšinskih skupin. V resnici Truman v tej poslanici kar gori za "obrambo" civilnih svobod in omenja slovito (zda je skoraj pozabljeno) poročilo predsednikove komisije. Silčno je storil že večkrat prej. Toda Truman pri teh sklicevanjih popolnoma pozablja, da je lansko poletje prav on izdal drakonično odredbo, s katero je za dal največji udarec civilnim svobodam vseh vladnih uslužbencev. Na podlagi te odredbe je bilo čez dva milijona vladnih uslužbenecv podvrženih pravi inkviziciji. Na podlagi te odredbe je predsednikova "prizivna" komisija nedavno postavila FBI (tj. tajne agente) za voditelje in sodnike te inkvizicije in odrekla sleherni osumljeni ali obtoženi osebi pravico ne samo do soodenja in izpravevanja denuncianta, marveč tudi pravico, da izve, kakšni so dokazi proti njemu. Po mnenju mnogih je to direktno kršenje ustave. Ves ta "lov na coprice" je spravi v tok sam predsednik Truman—tisti Truman, ki bi se rad prikazal kot velik "zaščitnik" civilnih svobod! Še tisto svojo odredbo je Truman dal korajžjo tudi "neameričkemu" odseku nižje zbornice, da se je še z večjim zaletom vrzel na svoj "witch hunt". Truman se v svoji poslanici tudi kaže kot velikega nasprotnika trustov, sploh kot nekakšnega antitrustnega sv. Jurja. Toda

IZ ZAPADNE METROPOLE

Pueblo, Colorado.—V soboto, 20. dec., zvečer je društvo Orel priredilo božičnico—društveni mladini. Vkljub temu, da je polovico otrok trpelo z ošpicami, se je vse sijajno izteklo. V kotu dvorane je stalo okrašeno in razsvetljeno božično drevo. Mlajši otroci so prihajali v spremstvu svojih mladih staršev, večji pa v grupah. Vse je bilo nenavadno dobro razpoloženo in dobre volje.

Najprvo je bil na sporedu program, katerega so priredili člani mladinske krožka pod nadzorstvom voditelja krožka Leota Stonicha s pomočjo njegovega svaka Edwarda Wagnerja, katere je nadarjen fant, samo to napako ima, da ni član jednote in tudi ne kaže da bo postal.

Oder je bil okusno urejen. Občinstvo je pozdravil sedemletni Joseph Babnik, kar je bilo prav ljubko. Nato je zapela Nancy Zupancic, tajnica krožka, "Christmas Silent" in "White Christmas" s spremljevanjem na klavir Joanne Komornik. Nancy je izvrstna pevka. Za tem je Joanne Komornik podala na glasovir "Winter Wonder Land" in "Christmas song." Charles Spurlock je zalagal na harmoniko dva komada, izmed teh dveh je bil eden "Silent night," drugi pa slovenska polka. Igra enodejanske "What to give dad?" v kateri so nastopili: John Lipce, Nancy Zupancic, Katie Marinich, Joanne Komornik, Charles Spurlock in Norma Pelc, je bila dobro podana. Za tem je vsa grupa peela "Christmas Carols."

Zaključni govor je imel 11-letni Gerald Gatewood. Čeprav se je vstavljal, strmeče gledal okoli sebe, kako je prišlo, da se more kaj takega pripetiti, ni naredilo prav nič slabega vtisa. Zdelo se nam je, kot da je še pripomoglo do uspeha, zraven pa tudi vemo, da mladina ima tudi svoje težave.

Nato smo članice društva pogostile vse navzoče s prigrizki, sladoledom in sladčicami. Miklavž, katerega je predstavljel član Frank Yager, je pa skrbel z deljenjem sadovnice, da ni bil nikdo žejan; delil je tudi bonbone, da se ohrani stara tradicija. Nato se je odraslejša mladina zavrtela ob zvokih "juke bokse" in se zabavala pozno v noč. Skratka, bil je eden najprijetnejših večerov, kar jih je še imela mladina pri društvu Orel.

Kot se sliši od vseh strani, zanimanje za društvene seje in seje drugih organizacij med našim narodom umira počasne smrti. Druge narodnosti imajo ravno isto bolezen. Pravimo: "Pred leti je bilo drugače." Ko smo bili mi mladi ni bilo toliko gledališč, sedaj ima tudi vsaki "beer joint" muzikanta, da zva-bi današnje mladino na ples in tako naš ostanje čedalje manj na sejah. Starejša generacija ima izgovore, eden ta, drugi druga, včasih so pa krivi tudi razburiljivi duhovi, da kdo priše, da ne bo nikdar več stopil v dvorano. Ampak kljub vsemu temu je bila zadnja seja zanimiva, čeprav ne zadosti obiskana.

Predsednik Pechnik je bil poklican v Denver na konferenco C. I. O., nadomestoval ga je Frank Stark. Sklenili smo, da bomo storili vse kar moremo, da tiste tožbe proti slovenskim naprednim časopisom ne bodo uspele. Če ima denar veljavo na eni strani, jo bo imel tudi na drugi. Na seji v decembru smo darovali za božična darila sirotam v domovini, podprli Prosveto matico za eno leto, darovali za jetične. Za te ne vem, če bo kaj zaleglo ali ne, ker Colorado ni jetična država, dali smo za Rdeči križ, bomo posegli pa še za to stvar. Za enkrat smo dali 25 dol., če bo treba bomo dali še in tako naj store tudi druga društva, pa bomo videli kje

tiste dni, ko je bila v delu njegova poslanica, pa je dal broc Jamesu S. Landisu, liberalnemu predsedniku zvezne letalske komisije, ker je bil trn v peti letalskih monopolistov. Na Landisovo mesto je potem imenoval generala Kuterja, ki ne bo šel na roko samo Wall Streetu, marveč bo tudi usmerjal vso vladno letalsko politiko po načrtih generalnega štaba, ki se mrlično pripravja na novo vojno, kakor tudi vsa Trumanova administracija, kot pravi Henry A. Wallace.

bo zmaga, to je če je denar glavna stvar za kar gre, v časti nič več ne verjamemo.

Frank Stark ml., sin našega vrlega člana Franka Starka, je bil bolan za pljučnico, sliši se, da mu gre na bolje. Frank Stofac se nahaja v bolnišnici, kjer je bila tudi Katarina Blazina, katere se zbirali doma. Na bolniški listi so tudi: Agatha Boitz, Nick Chuich (?), John Fatur in Elsie Gabryan.

Mary Hegler je imela kratek dopis v št. 252. Prosvete z naslovom "Kdo je Rose Radovich?" Je prav, da se stvar razčisti, ker priimek naredi vtis, da sem Hrvatica, čeprav je moj moj pri-sten Slovenec. Mary je fino dekle, zda je za devec, ker je vdo-va, zavedna, ker je ponovila naročnino listu za vse leto na-prej, samo razumelo se je kot, da je nekaj skritega za mojimi imenom. Da bo vse odkrito, naj pojasnim, da so me v farovžu zapisali v veliko krstno knjigo pod imenom "Terezija Tisot". Ker se mi je "Terezija" zdelo nekako nerodno ime, sem s podpisovala "Rezika Tisot". Ko sem prišla v Ameriko k sestri in njenemu možu, se je prvi fant, ki me je prišel pogledat, zasmel od ušes, ko je slišal moje ime: "O, to pa že ne bo šlo tukaj, jaz te bom imenoval 'Rozzi'." "Saj bo res najbolje tako," sta zdihnila sestra in njen mož in pri tem je ostalo. Ko sem se omožila z Nickom Radovichem, sem mu vse v eno za-trjevala, da se "Tisot" veliko bolje sliši kot "Radovich". Nič ni pomagalo, ni hotel, pa ni ho-tel spreminiti "Radovich" v "Tisot", zato ne preostaja sedaj drugega kot da se zopet podpišem—
Rose Radovich.

NA NASLOV
AMERIŠKE DOMOVINE

Cleveland, O.—Ker baje Ameriško Domovino zelo skrbi, kaj pravi članstvo SNPJ, ker rev. Gabrovšek z tožbo ograža stanje lista Prosvete, naša velikodušna in resnoljubna "A. D." pa sko-doželjno ščeva in hujaska članstvo proti uradnikom SNPJ v upanju, da bi se dobil kdo v SNPJ, ki bi reakciji, zbrani okrog A. D., pomagal z napadi na vodstvo SNPJ, je potrebno, da naše članstvo, zbrano na svojih sejah, izrazi svoje mnenje in poda svoj odgovor tej "čuv-rnici resnice" na njeno vpraša-nje.

Članstvo društva Naprej št. 5 SNPJ je na svoji redni seji dne 4. januarja razmotrivalo o ome-njeni tožbi in blagohotno svetu-je ljudem okrog A. D., da si ne delajo preveč skrbi glede mišljenja članstva SNPJ. Naš od-govor je, da se zgražamo in ob-jozamo dejanje prečistitega rev. Gabrovška in smatramo, da so zmožni takih dejanj samo ka-rakterji kot je Gabrovšek. Si-cer pa vse, kar se vrta okoli A. D., ni dosti boljše ali pa nič.

Se enkrat ponovimo: Članstvo našega društva stoji na strani vodstva SNPJ, ker je uverje-no, da je vodstvo vedno delalo v korist organizacije in bo tudi sedaj vodilo organizacijo po po-štenosti poti, tako da bo pravica zmaga, taki karakterji, ki se da-žajo tožiti jednoto, bodo pa do-bili, kar jim pripada po vseh pravihli poštenosti.

Za društvo Naprej 5 SNPJ:
Joseph Sluk, predsednik,
Ludvik Medvošek, tajnik,
Joseph Batla, blagajnik.

POBIRANJE ASESMENTA

Cleveland, O.—Članstvo društva Naprej 5 SNPJ naznanjam, da se bo ta mesec pobiral asse-ment v SOBOTO, 24. JANUAR-JA, to pa vsled tega, ker pade na 25. januarja nedelja. Priče-tek ob običajnem času v spodnji plemi dvorani SND, 6417 St. Clair ave. Tudi druga društva bodo pobirala assement na isti dan.

Ludvik Medvošek, tajnik.

POROČILO O LETNI SEJI
DRUŠTVA 119 SNPJ

North Chicago, Ill.—Na letni seji društva št. 119 SNPJ je bila lepa udeležba in seja vsakozhi zanimiva.

Predno smo pričele z dnevnim redom, je nas pozdravil v imenu zadržnega odbora poslo-vodja Matt Ogrin in nam poja-snil namjen njegovega obiska. V lepih besedah nam je pojasnil, da ob tem času, ko se sloven-ska zadruga združuje z wauke-gansko, je njih odbor sklenil, da ob priliki tega dogodka podari majhen dar našemu društvu kot častno priznanje, ker je ideja za ustanovitev zadržne trgovine prišla od članic našega dru-štva.

Br. Ogrin nam je povedal še več drugih zanimivih stvari o zadržništvu ter poudaril, da so se ženske zavedale potrebe pod-cernih organizacij in prav tako potrebe zadržne trgovine, ki nam preskrbuje vsakdanje po-treščine. Začetek je bil sicer težak, a kjer je volja in razu-mevanje, tam se vse premaga in tako je nastala iz naše zadržne trgovine velika zadržna orga-nizacija.

Naša predsednica se je v ime-nu društva lepo zahvalila br. Ogrinu in zadržnemu odboru za priznanje, da se je spomnil našega društva ob priliki pro-slave združenja.

Članice smo z veseljem spre-jele dar, in sicer pet kosov po-sode iz svetlega jekla. Ta po-soda bo oddana na listke samo med članicami. Sklep je bil, da se v ta namen običje vse čla-nice, da izvršijo to delo vsaka v svojem okrožju. To delo so prevzele sledeče članice: Anna Mahnich, Mary Brenc, Valen-tina Kobal, Josephine Kozina, Marian Spacapan in Antonia Bezek.

V odbor za tekoče leto so bile izvoljene vse stare odbornice: Predsednica Anna Mahnich, pod-predsednica Josephine Kozina, tajnica Antonia Bezek, blagajni-ca Helen Jereb, zapisničarica Rose Kencilja, Nadzornice: Ma-rian Spacapan, Mary Brenc in Mary Novak. Zdravnik L. F. Kompare.

Društvene seje se bodo vršile po starem, to je vsako tretjo ne-deljo, začetek ob dveh popoldne. V društveno blagajno plača vsa-ka članica deset centov mese-čno, kakor do sedaj.

Naša prihodnja seja se bo vršila v nedeljo, 18. januarja. Po-dani bodo računi, po seji pa bo-mo imele malo domače zabave. Vabljenje so vse članice.

Antonia Bezek, tajnica.

DRUŠTVO OREL
OBŠOJA NAPAD NA
SLOVENSKE ČASOPISJE

Pueblo, Colo.—Na seji društva Orel 21 SNPJ, katere se je vršila 4. januarja, je članstvo raz-pravljalo o tožbi, katero je na-peril Franc Gabrovšek proti Prosveti, Proletarcu in Enako-pravnosti, ter prišlo do zaključ-ka, da se da popolno moralno in finančno pomoč, da se utihne vatikanske agente.

Društvo je na tej seji dalo tu-di malo podpore (\$25) v svrhu boja proti reakciji. Naše dru-štvo ne bo tudi v prihodnosti pozabilo, s kom imajo napredni listi opravka v današnjih kritič-nih dnevih.

Frank Pechnik, predsednik,
Rose Radovich, tajnica,
Ludvig Yoxey, blagajnik.

ČLANSTVO
DRUŠTVA 126 SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Na letni seji društva Cleveland 126 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za leto 1948: Predsednik Louis Smrdel, podpredsednik Matt Martinčič, tajnik John J. Gabrenja, 22010 Ivan ave., Euclid 23, Ohio, telefon IVanoh 6973, bla-gajnik Andrew Curry Koren-cin, zapisnikar Blaž Novak. Fi-nančni odsek: Louis Virant, Frank Jokovic, Victor Gruđen. Vrtar John Pogačar. Društveni zdravniki so vsi slovenski zdravniki. Zastopnik za Prosveto John J. Gabrenja.

Seja se vršijo vsako tretjo ne-deljo v mesecu v SND na St. Clair ave. Društvo vodi stalno kampanjo za novo članstvo in plača za zdravniško preiskavo

za odrasli oddelek ter \$1 nagra-de, za mladinski oddelek pa 50c, torej ni trud zastoj.

Društvo podpira sledeče orga-nizacije: Prosveto matico, Slo-vensko narodno čitalnico na St. Clair ave., slovensko solo in SANS.

Apeliram na članstvo, naj agi-tira za nove kandidate v oba oddelka, zaeno pa prosim, da bi prihajali na letno sejo v večjem številu. Prihodnja veselica se bo vršila 14. februarja v Sloven-skem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave. Vsak član in članica bo dobila vstopnico na januar-ski seji in na 25. v mesecu, ko bo plačal svoj assement. Za vstopnice pa bo treba plačati v mesecu februarju z društvenim assementom. Društveni asse-ment v tem letu je 22c me-sečno, in sicer iz razloga, ker društvo plačuje \$2.50 pogreb-tem pri vsakem pogrebu. Torej ravnajte se po navodilih!

J. J. Gabrenja, tajnik.

POROČILO O LETNI SEJI

West Allis, Wis.—Prav lepo je bilo videti toliko članstva na letni seji društva 104 SNPJ. Po seji smo se pa prav bratsko in sestrsko zabavali. Lahko bi ime-li malo razvedrila po vsaki seji, saj jih je samo 12 na leto.

Izvoljen je bil stari odbor, le predsednik nadzornega odseka je nov. Imena uradnikov za l. 1948: Predsednik Frank Puncer, pod-predsednik Rudy Singer, tajnik Joseph T. Turck, 1208 So. 60 st., West Allis 14, Wis., telefon Greenfield 4114, zapisnikar An-ton Jersin, blagajnik Anton Demshar. Predsednik nadzor-nega odseka Charles Kramere. Društveni zdravnik J. S. Stefa-nez.

Mesečne seje se vršijo vsak drugi petek v mesecu, začetek ob osmih zvečer v Kraljevi dvorani. Assement se bo pobiral na dan seje od 7.—10. ure zvečer in zadnja dva dni v mesecu od 2.—9. ure zvečer. V primeru, če pade na zadnji dan nedelja ali pa praznik, se pobira asse-ment dan pozneje. Člani, ki se ne morejo udeležiti seje, lahko pošljejo assement s pošto na-kaznico (M. O.).

Apeliram na članstvo, da v bodoče plačuje pravočasno in točno assement, kajti zalagal ne bom za nikogar več, ker sem pri-moran držati se pravil SNPJ. Ako boste suspendirani, boste morali pripisati posledice sami sebi, če bi slučajno ob istem času zboleli. Za člane, ki ne pla-čajojejo točno assementa, bi bilo jako koristno, da bi večkrat prečitali pravila, da bi bili na jasnem, kaj pomenijo razne do-ložbe pravil.

Zaključujem z željo, da bi i-meli to leto večjo udeležbo na naših sejah.

Joseph T. Turck, tajnik.

VABILO NA
MAŠKERADNO VESELICO

Sirabano, Pa.—Gospodinski odsek društva Postojnske jame 138 SNPJ bo priredil maške-radno veselico dne 17. januarja v društveni dvorani. Prav vlju-dno vabimo vse znance in pri-jatelje iz bližnjih naselbin, da se udeležijo te naše veselice, ob priliki vam bomo pa povrnilo.

Za ples bo igrala F. Klemen-čičeva godba iz Bridgevilla. Od-dane bodo tudi nagrade za ma-ske. Naše članice se prav prid-no pripravljajo, da bodo vsem posebnikom čim boljše postregle. Torej na veselo svidenje v so-boto, 17. januarja v dvorani SNPJ, začetek ob osmih zvečer.

Mimi Pavčič.

SEJA CANKARJEVE
USTANOVE

Cleveland, O.—V nedeljo, 18. januarja, se bo vršila seja Can-karjeve ustanove v starem po-slopu Slovenskega narodnega doma, 6409 St. Clair ave. Na tej seji bodo predložene prijave čitalnic, knjižnic in sindikatov iz Jugoslavije, ki žele, da jim pošljemo vezane letnike Can-karjevega glasnika.

Seja se bo pričela točno ob eni popoldne, kajti pozneje se bo vršila seja clevelandске federacije SNPJ, katere se bo ude-ležilo več odbornikov. Člani in odborniki te ustanove so pro-seni, da se seje udeležijo.

Tajnik.

NA ZNANJE ČLANSTVU
DRUŠTVA 115 SNPJ

Joliet, Ill.—Vse člane in čla-nice društva 115 SNPJ vabim na sejo, ki se bo vršila 18. janua-rija, začetek ob štirih popoldne. Po seji bomo imeli pivo, vino in kranjske klobase. Torej vam ne bo žal, če se udeležite, zaeno boste pa zvedeli kdo so odbor-niki za leto 1948, tajnik se bo pa seznanil s člani in članicami, kajti on se je zadnjič izrazil, da je dosti članov, ki ga ne poznajo.

Prosim, da si vzamete dve uri časa in gotovo pridite na prvo sejo v novem letu. Slišali boste tudi poročilo o šestmesečnih raču-nih in letošnjih stroških in dohodkih. To je posebno važno za članstvo, kajti če je kakšna posebna naklada, se jezijo na tajnika. Torej sedaj je čas, da se stvar uredi, da bo vsem po volji. Jaz sam ne bi rad plače-val doklade, ker sedajne razme-re ne bodo dolgo trajale, torej je treba tudi malo gledati za bo-dočnost, zaeno pa se ozrimo v preteklost in videli bomo v kakšnem položaju smo bili vsi. Ču-vajmo društveno blagajno, ker nam bo morda lahko v hudi po-trebi še prav prišla. Vse kaže, da se nam obeta več slabega kot dobrega, kajti mi se staramo, na naše otroke pa se ne moremo zanašati, da nam bodo oni po-magali, saj dandanes sami sebe komaj preživljajo. V nekaterih družinah delata mož in žena, a kljub temu komaj izhajata.

Na seji bomo tudi razpravlja-li glede društvene dvorane. To-rej na svidenje!

Frank Sterniša, blagajnik.

NA ZNANJE
ČLANOM SLOVENSKEGA
KLUBA V LLOYDELLU

Lloydell, Pa.—Opozarjam vse člane društva 60 SNPJ in 35 AFU, ki so tudi člani Sloven-skega kluba v Lloydellu, da je bilo sklenjeno na zadnji klubovi seji, da morajo vsi enakopravni člani kluba paziti na svoje kar-tice, namreč kdaj vam poteče članarino in da jo plačate v istem mesecu kot vam poteče. Na primer, če vam je potekla 1. januarja 1948, mora biti pla-čana ne pozneje kot na-seji va-šega društva. Če tega ne stori-te, boste morali svoj društveni prispevek sami plačati.

Prosim, da to obvestilo upo-šteevate, da ne bo pozneje kakšnega prerokanja. Ob tej pril-i ki tudi naznanjam, da priredi klub veselico v nedeljo, 18. janua-rija, začetek ob osmih zvečer. Za ples bo igrala izvrstna godba "Vagabonds" iz Shorona. Vsi hvalijo to godbo, torej je res izvrstna. Na svidenje na klubovi veselici!

John Jereb, tajnik.

PREŠERNOV SPOMLADAN-
SKI KONCERT 18. APRILA

Chicago, Ill.—Ob začetku leta navadno organizacije delajo na-črte za aktivnosti skozi leto. Ta-ko se je tudi pevski zbor Prešeren odločil, da priredi svoj redni spomladanski koncert v ne-deljo, 18. aprila t. l., v dvorani SNPJ na Lawndale ave. in 27 ulici. Prešeren obeta prirediti zopet dober program in apeli-ram na slovansko javnost, da rezervira ta dan za Prešerana.

Zelim in upam, da druge or-ganizacije upoštevajo to nazna-nilo in ne prirejajo svojih pri-redb na isti dan.

Poročano je že bilo, da je bil Rudolf Sedlar, član dr. 449 SNPJ, težko poškodovan pri delu in se nahaja v bolnišnici Loretta na Central ave. in Harrison st.

Rudy je bil kot kovač uposlen pri Kropp Forging Co. že 24 let, a nesreča se je pripetila, ko je "pina" izpodletela izpod parne-ga klavida in zadela brata Se-dlarja malo nad kolonom leve noge s tako silo, da mu je zdro-bilo kosti. Zdravniki so delali na njemu 3 ure, predno so no-go uravnali skupaj, kar se razu-me, da je precej bolesto. Ven-dar je Rudy no potu okrevanja.

Poleg gori omenjenega dru-štva, je Rudolf Sedlar tudi član SANSa in aktiven član pevске-ga zbora Prešeren. Prešerenovci mu želimo skorajšnje okrevanje in vrnitev k zboru.

Tajnik.

Anton Udovich.

Slovenska narodna podpora jednota

2657-59 So. Lawndale Ave.

Chicago 23, Illinois

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MICHAEL VROVNIK, direkt. mlad. odd.
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JOHN SPILLAR, peto okrožje
URSULA AMBROZICH, šest okrožje
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Uradno naznanilo
LETNO ZBOROVANJE GL. ODBORA

S tem se uradno naznanja, da se bo letno zborovanje celokupnega glavnega odbora SNPJ vršilo v drugem tednu meseca februarja. Prva seja se prične v četrtek dne 12. februarja 1948 ob deveti uri zjutraj, v običajnih enotinskih prostorih na naslovu 2657-59 South Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Kakor vselej, bo tudi to pot pred pričetkom zborovanja pregledovanje knjig in računov ter jednotinske poslovanja sploh po gl. nadzornem oddelku, ki se sestane v to svrhu nekaj dni prej. Ravno tako bo imel svojo seja dan pred skupnim zborovanjem gl. gospodarski odbor in sestanejo se k svoji seji tudi glavni in distriktni podpredsedniki.

Člani glavnega odbora, izvolite to vpoštevati in si medtem svoje posle tako uredite, da se boste gotovo udeležili tega zborovanja!

VINCENT CAINKAR, gl. predsednik.

IZPLAČANE SMRTNINE
v decembru 1947DEATH CLAIMS PAID
in December, 1947

Ime umrlega člana Name of De'd Member	Vzr. št. Vital No.	Član društva - Member of lodge	Član št. - No.	Vredn. - Amount
Louis Petak	11336	3 Johnstown, Pa.	1,000.00	
Joseph Tomazin	11352	5 Cleveland, O.	600.00	
Charles Lonski	11357	5 Yale, Kans.	500.00	
Frank Kozel	11377	14 Washington, Ill.	1,000.00	
John Kostelec	11366	20 Ely, Minn.	600.00	
Joseph Fabjanich	11365	21 Pueblo, Colo.	1,000.00	
Francis Bollesar	11375	21 Pueblo, Colo.	1,000.00	
Matt Kitz	11382	23 Darragh, Pa.	600.00	
Anton Potocan	11354	27 Frontenac, Kans.	600.00	
Jennie Renke	11358	28 Cleveland, O.	1,000.00	
Louis Trubnick	11318	28 Cleveland, O.	30.34	
Alvina Bawa	11360	28 Thomas, W. Va.	600.00	
Annora Selina	11369	28 Chicago, Ill.	2,000.00	
John Kralj	8833	42 Aurora, Minn.	600.00	
Frank Pevac	11383	45 Vandling, Pa.	230.00	
Jacob Debevec	11340	60 Lloydell, Pa.	600.00	
Mike Capen	11360	72 Bartholomew, O.	100.00	
Mike Snyder	11328	73 Roslyn, Wash.	1,000.00	
Vincenzo Kozelj	11368	77 De Kalb, Ill.	600.00	
Frank Ivanovic	11354	81 Midway, Pa.	600.00	
Frank Rusic	11354	81 Midway, Pa.	600.00	
Annie Pierce	11324	106 Imperial, Pa.	150.00	
Anton Lubancic	11343	109 Nantamoo, B. C., Canada	600.00	
Joseph Tomazin	11091	117 Yukon, Pa.	300.00	
Anton Burger	11330	121 Chicago, Ill.	1,000.00	
Mary Zupancic	11353	126 Strabana, Pa.	600.00	
Peter Ruzar	11359	142 Cleveland, O.	901.23	
Joseph Vidic	11326	154 Muddy, Ill.	2,000.00	
Andrew Renko	8977	203 Butte, Mont.	544.54	
Peter Kaps	8977	203 Butte, Mont.	544.54	
John Novak	11341	220 Henryetta, Okla.	600.00	
Joseph Zuray	11370	222 Hillwood, Pa.	500.00	
Djuro Ivoevich	11381	236 Granite City, Ill.	1,000.00	
Barbara Jercinovic	11350	250 Madison, Ill.	1,000.00	
Frances Fritz	11345	253 Diamondville, Wyo.	1,100.00	
Anton Shumak	11347	267 Kemmerer, Wyo.	250.00	
Janko Jazbec	11350	274 Lyons, Ill.	600.00	
Mary Pompe	11350	277 Burrelltown, Pa.	1,000.00	
Anna Brodnik	11361	280 Homer City, Pa.	1,000.00	
Louis Marolt	8155	291 Smithfield, Pa.	300.00	
Vinko Krivokapic	11368	297 Ralston, N. Mex.	1,000.00	
Joseph Vlastick	11308	308 Anacostia, Mont.	1,000.00	
Joseph Corin	11373	311 Peoria, Ill.	600.00	
Frances Serchen	11376	317 Exeter, Pa.	300.00	
Helio Zorich	11376	327 La Salle, Ill.	600.00	
Joseph Gregorich	11377	327 La Salle, Ill.	600.00	
Frances Belay	11378	328 Virginia, Minn.	1,000.00	
Albert Stoper	11337	388 Purdysville, W. Va.	1,000.00	
Mary Filip	11361	390 Calumet, Mich.	600.00	
Stephen Wuklich	11346	400 Ranton, Pa.	1,000.00	
John Frezion	11351	402 Kansas City, Kans.	600.00	
Mary Roven	11384	421 Elm Grove, W. Va.	1,000.00	
Nikola Vlanich	11317	431 Barre, Vt., W. Va.	1,000.00	
Andrew Koron	11356	440 Cincin, Ill.	1,000.00	
Alojzija Cudar	11393	559 Chicago, Ill.	1,000.00	
Valentin Poliz	11374	711 Detroit, Mich.	1,000.00	
Michael Barla	11396	721 W. Alloups, Pa.	1,000.00	
Cliri Ermenc	11357	738 Ensmelaw, Wash.	600.00	

Skupaj - Total \$41,311.33

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik - Sec'y.

Glasovi iz naselbin

NA ZNANJE SHARON-
SKIM ROJAKOM

Sharon, Pa. — Opozarjam vse naše rojake in rojakinje, da si zapomnijo dneve naših priredb. V nedeljo, 18. januarja, priredi ples federacija društev SNPJ za vzhodni Ohio in Penno, dne 25. januarja pa se bo vršila priredba podružnice 30 SANSa. Prosim, da se udeležite obeh priredb v velikem številu.

Dne 21. februarja pa bodo predvajane slike iz stare domovine, kot govornik pa bo nastopil Marko Kuhel. Začetek programa ob pol osmih zvečer. Po predstavi ne bo plesa, ker ne bo dovolj časa na razpolago. Ves

dobiček je namenjen za SANS. Vstopnina bo menda 50c. Videli boste zanimive stvari iz prelojene domovine. Pridite!

Nadalje naznanjam članom našega doma, da je bilo zaključeno na letni seji, da plačamo obresti na vaše zadolžnice za zadnja tri leta, torej vsakdo, ki lastuje zadolžnico, bo dobil \$12. Želim, da pridete na sejo Slovenskega doma, ki se bo vršila 25. januarja, kajti potrebno je, da rešimo še veliko zadev, zaenot pa boste slišali poročilo tajnika in blagajnika za vse leto. Tisti, ki se ne morete udeležiti seje, boste pa prejeli denar po pošti. Vsak član bo prejel tudi posebno

listo, ki jo mora izpolniti in poslati nazaj v naš urad, poleg tega pa \$1.20 letnega asesmenta, če hočete biti član našega doma in biti upravičeni do vsega, česar predpisujejo pravila. Kdor ne plača asesmenta do 30. marca, bo avtomatično suspendiran. Seveda tisti, ki nečete biti aktivni člani našega doma, ni potrebno, da plačate asesment. Slovenski dom pa vam je dolžan \$100, to pa je vse, kar lahko zahtevate, kadar hočete. V veljavni so nova pravila in v smislu postavbe mora vsak član plačati asesment. Torej tisti član, ki ni aktiven član našega doma, nima nobene obveznosti, dom pa ne do njega. Toliko v pojasnilo glede našega doma.

Frank Kramar, tajnik.

FILMI IZ SLOVENIJE
V INDIANAPOLISU

Indianapolis, Ind. — Ker ameriške oblasti nečemo izdajati potnih listov za obisk v Jugoslavijo, sta se društvo Preiser 34 SNPJ in podružnica 61 SANSa odločili za predvajanje kinofilmov iz stare domovine, katero se bo vršilo v nedeljo, 18. t. m., začetek ob sedmih zvečer v Slovenskem narodnem domu, 2717 W. 10th st. Torej tako bomo za malenkostno vsoto videli Jugoslavijo na platnu. Vstopnina samo 50c.

Videli boste lepo Slovenijo in naše brate in sestre, kajti tudi slišali slovensko govorico. Kdor še nima vstopnice, si jo naj takoj preskrbi pri sledečih članih društva št. 34 SNPJ: Biegroff (?), Kuhel, Kecham (?) in Arnolda, M. Skufca, Haugh st., Stanley Ule in George-Luzar, Varmen ave., Joseph Klemen, Holmes ave., Andrej Gabrijelčič.

Naj noben Slovenec in Slovenka ne zamudi te lepe prilike in gotovo pride pogledat te filme iz stare domovine.

Stefan Skorjanc.

DRUŠTVO 48 ZA
BORBO PROTI TOŽITELJU
NAPREDNIH LISTOV

Barberton, O. — Na redni seji društva 48 SNPJ, ki se je vršila 4. januarja, je članstvo razmotrivalo o tožbi, ki jo je napravil kaplan Gabrovšek proti Prosveti, Enakopravnosti in Proletarcu, ter se izreklo za borbo proti tožitelju. Naše društvo je zato pripravljeno pomagati gmohtno in moralno, da se porazi črna reakcija.

Dolžnost slahernega napredno zavednega državljanja je, da se bojuje za svobodo tiska! Ne smemo dopustiti, da nam bi reakcija uničila naše napredne časopise, zato je priporočljivo, da vsak naročnik zgoraj imenovanih časopisov daruje gotovo vsoto v sklad za svobodo tiska, kajti advokati le tedaj dobro zagovarjajo stranko, kadar vedo, da bodo dobro plačani. Priporočljivo bi bilo, da bi vodstvo Odbora za svoboden tisk napravilo obširno agitacijo za prispevke za ta sklad.

Alois Ocepek, tajnik.

PROGRESIVNE SLOVENKE
V SHEBOYGANU

Sheboygan, Wis. — Kakor je bilo že poročano v Prosveti, smo tudi v našem mestu ustanovile krožek Progresivnih Slovenk.

Dne 25. t. m. bomo imeli prvo prireditev, in sicer kartno zabavo v Hudernikovi dvorani, začetek ob pol treh popoldne. Imele bomo darilo za vsako mizo, kakor tudi pri vratih. Vabimo vse zavedne rojake in rojakinje. Vstopnina samo 25 centov. Torej na svidenje!

Odbor.

NAŠE AKTIVNOSTI

Milwaukee, Wis. — Krožek 8 Progresivnih Slovenk je za tekoče leto izvolil sledeči odbor: Predsednica Mary Musich, podpredsednica Mary Schuler, tajnica Anna Puncer, blagajnica Mary Sterle, zapisničarka Angeline Ohojak. Nadzorni odbor: Rose Musich, Antonija Gošteinik in Josephine Slatnik. Prosvetni odbor: Mary Gornik, Helen Ambrozich in Agnes Medved. Seje se vršijo vsaki tretji tork ob osmih zvečer v Lenkotovi dvorani na osmi in National ave.

Vse Slovenke, katere se zanimajo za današnje krize in težave tega razburkanega sveta, so vlnodno vabljene, da se nam pridružijo. Skrajni čas je, da se naše misleče ženstvo združi v močno skupino in na glas pove širni javnosti, kaj je mnenje

tega tako imenovanega nežnega spola. Pridružite se nam in delajte z nami!

V soboto, 31. januarja, bo naš krožek priredil domačo zabavo v Lenkotovi dvorani. Pričela se bo ob osmih zvečer. Ženske pripravljajo za ta večer izvrstno večerjo in tudi dobra godba je zajamčena. Ne zamudite te zabave!

Sansova letna seja se bo vršila v nedeljo, 18. jan., začetek ob dveh popoldne pri Reberniški. Članstvo je vabljeno k obilni udeležbi, da tako dobi priložnost izvoliti dober odbor za to leto.

Naprejev koncert bo dne 8. feb. v SS Turn Halli. Pričetek bo ob štirih popoldne. O tem bodo pa Naprejevci več pisali.

Ančka Puncer.

PLES IN SEJA
DRUŠTVA LILJE

Milwaukee, Wis. — Vabim članstvo Lilje 764 SNPJ, da se udeležijo seje v velikem številu. Vršila se bo 16. januarja. To bo prva seja v l. 1948.

Na letni seji so bili izvoljeni sledeči uradniki za tekoče leto: Predsednik Frank Ermenc, podpredsednik John Dobnik, tajnik Louis Selich, blagajnik Joe Evannich, zapisničarka Fanny Medle. Nadzorni odsek: Apolonia Butchar, John Skusek in Stanley Vidmar.

Želim, da bi se letos boji udeleževali se, tako da se vsaj enkrat na mesec skupaj snidemo in se malo pogovorimo.

Družabni klub Lilje (to so naši mladi) pa ima ples 17. januarja v Collins Meyer Postu, 725 W. National ave. Za pijačo in prigrizke je preskrbljeno, za ples pa bo igral Louis Bashell in njegov orkester. Udeležimo se plesa in podprimo naše glabelne. Ne izgovarjajmo se, da smo že prestari! Sedaj smo v predpustni dobi in je dobro, da se malo zavrtimo, saj zabava človeka pomladi.

Starši, kateri imate otroke v odraslem oddelku, nagovorite jih, da vstopijo v Lily Social Club. Oni imajo sejo prvi petek v mesecu na domu Johna Skuska, 1411 W. Mineral st.

Apolonia Butchar.

PLESNA VESELICA
DRUŠTVA PIONEER

Chicago, Ill. — Društvo Pioneer 559 SNPJ priredi svojo veselico na Valentinsko večer, to je v soboto, 14. februarja, v dvorani SNPJ, 2657 S. Lawndale ave.

Vsak član SNPJ ve, da ne more nobeno društvo izhajati brez dohodkov. To je vzrok, da tudi mi zopet priredimo veselico in malo podpremo našo blagajno, ki se vedno izčrpuje.

Vstopnice so bile že razposlane vsem članom in članicam našega društva. Odbor upa, da bodo vse razprodane v predprodaji, kajti le na ta način lahko upamo na uspeh.

Za ples bo igrala izvrstna Kovičeva godba, ki je prav tako dobra kot Jankovičeva iz Clevelanda. Torej ne pozabite in se udeležite te veselice. Vabimo članstvo tudi drugih društev in sploh vse naše prijatelje in znance. Vsem bomo dobro postregli. Torej na svidenje 14. februarja!

John Simon.

VABILO NA MAŠKERADNO
VESELICO DRUŠTVA 13 SNPJ

Bridgeport, O. — Vse članstvo društva 13 SNPJ, kakor tudi članstvo vseh društev od blizu in daleč, vlnodno vabim na maškeradno veselico našega društva, ki se bo vršila 7. februarja v Boydsville! Zabava se bo pričela ob osmih zvečer.

Na letni seji so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za leto 1948: L. Suteršič, predsednik, F. Kotar, podpredsednik, M. Potnick, tajnica, F. Wočko, blagajnik, A. Bradach, zapisk., F. Matko, direktor za mladino, F. Glivar, vratar, F. Mihelc, maršal, J. Strauss, zastavonoša.

Seje so vsako prvo nedeljo v mesecu, začetek ob dveh popoldne. Ponovno opozarjam član-

stvo, da bi se udeleževalo seji v večjem številu in plačevalo asesment ob pravem času, da lahko pošljem denar v gl. urad ob pravem času. Zapomnite si, da jaz pošljem denar v gl. urad že prvega v mesecu.

Važno pa je tudi, da se s točnim plačevanjem asesmenta izognete suspendiranju v slučaju bolezn ali poškodb. Ob zaključku teh vrstic pa želim vsem članstvu SNPJ veselo novo leto, jednoti pa želim še večji porastek članstva v tem letu kot v lanskem!

Mary Potnick, tajnica.

VABILO NA VESELICO
DRUŠTVA 258 SNPJ

Bellaire, O. — Društvo 258 SNPJ bo priredilo plesno veselico 27. januarja, začetek ob osmih zvečer v Shadeside, Ohio, Legion Halli, blizu 38. ulice. Za ples bo igrala dobra godba, odbor pa bo skrbel, da bodo posetniki vsestransko dobro postreženi.

Ker naše društvo ni priredilo zadnjih pet let nobene priredbe, podpira pa razne dobrodelne ustanove, kakor tudi spada k federaciji, pričakujemo, da nam bo šlo članstvo okoliških društev na roko in se udeležilo naše veselice v velikem številu. Vse članice in članice odraslega oddelka našega društva pa opozarjamo, da bo moral vsakdo plačati eno vstopnico, pa če se udeležijo veselice ali pa ne. Tak je bil zaključek večine na letni seji. Torej na veselo svidenje 24. januarja!

Odbor.

POROČILO O BOŽIČNICI
IN VESELICI

Windsor Heights, W. Va. — Veselica in božičnica, ki je je naše društvo 407 SNPJ priredilo za članice in članice mladinskega oddelka, je prav lepo izpadla, kajti take priredbe nismo imeli tu že nekaj let in otroci so že težko pričakovali Miklavža. Seveda so ugubili, kdo bo Miklavž in kdaj pride.

Kakor nalašč pa je prišla na našo priredbo skupina iz Lisbone, O., in Miklavž je bil hitro izbran, tako da ni nihče vedel kdo je. Otroci so imeli veliko zabave z Miklavžem, on pa z njimi. Vsak otrok je dobil svoje darilo, potem pa se je pričela prosta zabava in ples. Lepa hvala vsem, ki so se udeležili priredbe in tako pripomogli do tako lepega uspeha. Vse priznanje tudi vsem delavcem, kakor tudi mrs. Ujčić, ki je darovala dve blazini, s katerimi se je krilo stroške, ki smo jih imeli z otroki. Odborniki za leto so vsi stari razen predsednika (?). Društvo ostane še naprej v federaciji, prav tako pri Prosvetni matici.

Fr. Kolenc, tajnik.

DRUŠTVO NADA VABI

Chicago, Ill. — Zensko društvo Nada št. 102 SNPJ priredi na pustno soboto 7. februarja domačo zabavo na katero ste vabljene vsi, ki ste radi dobre volje. Zabava se bo vršila v jednotni dvorani na So. Lawndale ave. in 27. cesti.

Igral bo Debečev orkester. Glede postrežbe pa onim, ki redno posejajo Nadine veselice, ni treba dosti praviti. Kajti vsakdo lahko že v naprej ve, da bo raznih dobrin na razpolago.

Oddale bomo tudi radio, torej bo šel nekdo s te zabave še posebej vesel. Vstopnina na zabavo je samo 50c. Povabite s sabo tudi prijatelje, ker nikomur ne bo žal biti v družbi naših članic.

Angela Zaitz.

POROČILO O LETNI SEJI
DRUŠTVA 318 IN DRUGO

Baggsely, Pa. — Čas beži kot silni veter! Se nedavno smo imeli lepo jesensko vreme, sedaj pa smo že sredi zime in staro leto je zatoleno.

Decembrska seja društva 318 SNPJ je bila obiskana nekako srednje, vendar pa je bilo videti, da ima društvo še precej bodočnosti. Upam in pričakujem več zanimanja za napredek društva v splošnem. Lepo je, da se udeležijo članstvo vsaj glavne seje, ni pa dobro za društvo in jednoto, da se pušča v nemar vse druge seje v letu.

Rada poslušam slovenski radijski prgram, ki je oddajen s postaje WLOA v Braddocku. Program vodi aktivni Anton Rednak, ki lepo in razločno govori slovensko. Zelo mi je tudi ugajalo petje dveh deklet iz Strabana, ki sta zapeli neko partizansko pesem. Tudi pevsko

Društvene vesti

Summit, Ill. — Naznanjam članstvu društva 707 SNPJ, da so bili na decembrski seji izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za l. 1948: Predsednik John Primozich, podpredsednik Matt Woglar, tajnica Mary Vick, 7327 W. 60th Place, Argo, Ill., zapisničarka Anna Wintar, predsednik nadzornega oddelka Mirko Vick. Zdravnik je isti kot je bil. Seje se vršijo vsako tretjo nedeljo, začetek ob dveh popoldne pri bratu Woglarju, 6064 Court, Argo, Ill.

Jacob Adam.

Milwaukee, Wis. — Naznanjam članicam društva Venera 192 SNPJ, da je bil na letni seji izvoljen ves stari odbor. Predsednica Mary Musich, podpredsednica Jennie Jenko, tajnica Mary Vasil, 814 W. Walker st., telefon Mitchell 8274, blagajničarka Mary Glavan, zapisničarka Christine Kocjan.

Nadzorni odsek: Frances Rozman, Ursula Ruppe, Anna Puncer. Zdravnik dr. Frank X. Schuler. Seje se vršijo kot poprej, to je vsak drugi tork v mesecu v Lenkotovi dvorani, 739 W. National ave.

Mary Vasil, tajnica.

Cle Elum, Wash. — Na letni seji društva 371 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za leto 1948:

Predsednik Raymond Kladnik, podpredsednik Frank Albrecht, tajnica Mary Zevart, Rt. 4, Box 50, Cle Elum, Wash., blagajnik Jakob Kováčič, zapisničarka Frances Kladnik.

Nadzorniki: Tony Breznikar ml., predsednik, Bartol Zevart in Anton Breznikar st. Društveni zdravnik dr. Rogolski. Seje se vrše vsako prvo nedeljo v mesecu, začetek ob dveh popoldne v Slovenskem domu. Hvala za sodelovanje!

Mary Zevart, tajnica.

Joliet, Ill. — Članstvo društva 115 SNPJ vabim na prihodnjo sejo, ki se bo vršila 18. januarja na 1214 Wilcox st. Podano bo poročilo nadzornega oddelka za l. 1947.

Dne 9. jan. smo pokopali br. Alexa Ferberžarja. Pogreba se je udeležil vs. odbor našega društva in pogrebci. Izkazali smo mu zadnjo čast. Naj v miru počiva, družini pa naše sožalje.

Na tem mestu želim omeniti, da ne bom več pobirala asesmenta med sejo, ampak samo pred sejo in po seji. Torej udeležite se prihodnje seje. Po seji bomo imeli malo okrepčila.

Angelina Silc, tajnica.

Ashland, Wis. — Društvo 500 SNPJ je obdržalo letno sejo 28. dec. Udeležilo se je le devet članov. Izvoljeni so bili vsi stari odborniki. Sprejet je bil sklep, da morajo plačati vsi člani in članice odraslega oddelka \$1 doklade v mesecu januarju

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For Members of Slovene National Benefit Society and American Slovenes

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BADGERLAND NEWS

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Don't forget you bowlers who intend to bowl in the Midwest Bowling tourney in Sheboygan, get your teams lined up and get your entry fee in to Stan Sedmak, Bob Alper or our sec. Total cost for the three events is \$5.25, which includes your bowling. Entries must be in by Feb. 10 and the bowling will be held March 6-7.

It's a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bitenc. Congratulations.

You polka and waltz lovers will be happy to know that Frankie Yankovic and his boys will again invade Milwaukee this week. They will appear at the Ron-De-Vo Ballroom, N. 12th and W. North ave., Thursday, Jan. 15. Our information is that they will start playing at 7:30 p. m., so come early and stay late.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 17—On this date the Social Club of the Lily lodge will stage a dance at the Collins-Meyers Clubhouse Post, 725 W. National ave. Louis Bashell and his boys will furnish the music and a good time is promised to all who attend. So come one, come all.

Jan. 23—This is the date of our regular monthly meeting. Make plans to attend the first meeting of the year as a real treat is in store for you.

Bowling Taps

The top bowler of the week goes to Doc Kriskovic who really picked the maples for the big total of 684 in the Remic 875 loop. Doc was in rare form as he garnered ind. games of 223-225-236. Nice going, Doc. The only other boy to reach the select group was Al Jerry who cracked 193-225 and 211 for a total of 629. Just missing the select class was Matty Graf with 214-595. Other good scoring was Matt Levar 241-581, Johnny Sedmak 211-569, Wally Remic 567, Al Maren 554, and Johnny Brownell 550.

The Badger girls have started slugging the pins again after a stop-over due to the holidays. Scoring was only ordinary with Frances Debelak leading the parade with 493 including a big 219 game. Olga Bolka had a 447 set. Fay Darragh had 445 helped along with a 180 game. Dottie Simerl spilled 432 with a 186 game. A 427 set was spilled by sec. Fannie Kropussek.

In the Women's Classic, Jane Perko hit the honor column with 525, and Mamie Ambros cracked 509 in the Hank Marino Women's loop. Well, folks, this about covers this week's news and don't forget news of our members' doings is in demand by your scribe, so send the news to our sec. SALTY, 584.

Meeting Notice

CLEVELAND, O.—The Cleveland Athletic League will hold its annual meeting on January 25 at 1:30 p. m. at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair ave. New and old representatives are requested to be prompt. A special invitation is extended to visitors who are always welcome.

AGNES C. JERIC, Rec. Sec'y.

New Emblem

The British cooperative movement has chosen as its national emblem a design incorporating the word Co-op and three chain links.

To Members of Cleveland SNPJ Federation

CLEVELAND, O.—All lodge representatives to Cleveland SNPJ Federation are hereby notified that our next meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 18, at 2 p. m. at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair ave. Election of officers of the Federation for 1948 will take place at that time.

Our Cleveland Federation is playing an important part in local SNPJ fraternal activities. It is not only entirely self-supporting, but it is also making financial contributions to many deserving causes and organizations. The last celebration of the national SNPJ Day was one of many successful undertakings of our Federation.

It is expected that the meeting will be over by about 4 p. m. and it will be followed by a private entertainment. Refreshments will be served to all present and music in some form will be provided. I wish to extend our special invitation to all those many workers who have helped so generously and unselfishly at our latest Labor Day affair. Officers of local lodges are also invited.

MATT PETROVICH, Pres.

Official Notice

MEETING OF SUPREME BOARD

Official notice is given hereby that the time for the yearly meeting of the Supreme Board of the Slovene National Benefit Society is set for the second week in the month of February. The first session is to begin Thursday, February 12, 1948, at nine (9) o'clock in the morning, in Society's auditorium located at 2657-59 South Lawndale Avenue, Chicago 23, Illinois.

As usually before every meeting of the whole Supreme Board, there will be an examination of the books and Society's business by the Supreme Supervisory Committee who shall meet at the Headquarters for that purpose that much earlier. Likewise will the Supreme Finance Committee and Supreme Vice-Presidents and District Vice-Presidents have their respective meetings the day before the meeting of the whole board begins.

Members of the Supreme Board kindly take notice of this announcement and, in the meantime, try to adjust your personal matters so you will be able to be present at this meeting for sure.

VINCENT CAINKAR, Supreme President.

Farrell Lodge 31 Planning Dance

FARRELL, Pa.—Once again your old "jotter down kid" has managed to thrash out a few lines of news about our lodge affairs.

The SNPJ Lodge No. 31 held their regular monthly meeting Sunday, Dec. 14, at which time election of officers for the new year was held. The following were elected: Charles Steklacic, president; Eva Sostarich, vice president; Irma Bogolin, recording secretary; Eva Paulenich, secretary; Dorothy Bogolin, treasurer; auditors, Irma Bogolin, Angelina Kusmus, and Eva Sostarich.

It was decided by unanimous vote that the meetings will be held in the home of our Secretary, Eva Paulenich, starting with the first meeting of the year. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p. m.

I want to bring to your attention that YOU, who are members of our lodge, are expected to voice your opinions on various subjects for the betterment of the Society. Don't be one of the "sitbacks," come out and really express your views at our meetings. If the betterment of the Lodge is to amount anything at all, it will be through the cooperative efforts of all and not a mere handful of officers.

One of the first handicaps involved is the attendance at the meetings. Remember, folks, little effort is required to grab your coat and hat once a month and come down to the meetings; yes, just as easy as going to see Sweater Turner driving Cornell Wilde in their current roles in "Who's Joe Stalin" or "Where Have You Gone, Joe?" down at the local theatre.

Remember gang, those good old puppy love days—well, bring your favorite gal, mother, sweetheart, father, brother or sister and even Uncle Tom the pussy cat to our stomp session to be held at the Slovenian Hall, corner Baldwin and French streets, Sharon, on Sunday, February 15, at 9 p. m. For your stamping and stomping of jazz, jitterbug, waltzes and polkas, we have none other than Stan Kobal and his Slovene orchestra from Girard to play for us. By the way, Stan, let all your Golden Eagles of Girard know we extend our heartiest welcome. In other words, "drag" them over to Sharon. The same goes for the rest of our neighboring lodges.

Well, gang, yours truly has got to sign off for now, being I've got to set an atom bomb off at our next meeting, so see you all at the dance. By the way, all outsiders attending the dance, come up and let be known you're present. So long for now.

CHARLES STEKLACIC, Pres.

Phosphate Purchase

Two thousand acres of phosphate deposits have been bought by Central Farmers' Fertilizer Co., an association of fifteen regional cooperatives wholesalers. The land is near Georgetown, Idaho.

Invitation to SNPJ Sup. Board Members

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle No. 26-SNPJ is having a Valentine celebration on Thursday evening, Feb. 12, at SNPJ Hall. An invitation is being extended to all SNPJ Supreme Board members to be our special guests on this occasion.

A variety program will be given, refreshments will be available, and dancing will be part of the evening's festivities. Other entertainment is also being planned so that everyone may have a good time.

We are looking forward to visiting again with you, and we will do our best to help make your stay a pleasant one.

PERFECT CIRCLE

Detroit Federation Will Elect Officers

DETROIT.—The Detroit SNPJ Federation will meet Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 at the Slovene Home at John R.

All newly elected delegates from lodges 121, 516, 564, 677, 711, and 751 please attend this meeting, as new officers for 1948 will be elected at this time. The Federation is a very important unit in the SNPJ. Here in Detroit the Federation has a big job to do for the coming SNPJ convention in 1950. So let's start now and build a good strong Detroit Federation, let's elect active members as officers for 1948, let's attend all Federation meetings in '48.

HANK RUPERT.

Lodge 729 Hold Birthday Dance

YUKON, Pa.—Silver Stars will celebrate their 17th year of organization again with a yearly dance. This dance is always recognized by everyone everywhere, as it is set aside to be an extra special dance here in Yukon.

So—the date is Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Slovene Hall. Music by the well known Frank Porovne and his orchestra, featuring Louis on the accordion. There is no need to emphasize the popularity of this band, as the local Slovenes recognize the orchestra as the "top" Slovene band in Penna. During the dance, confetti, balloons and other decorations will highlight the affair. Dance time, 9 to 1.

This year I have resigned as Sec'y of the Silver Star Lodge, so may I thank all you members for your fine cooperation while I held this position of our society. I enjoyed the work, but certain difficulties compelled me to resign as an officer. To my successor, Anne Sever, congratulations and best of luck to you. As a member of the Silver Star Lodge, my efforts for our success will remain the same. See you all at the dance.

CAROLYN ZALOKAR, 729.

Editor's Note

BESSEMER, Mich., M. M.: Sorry; your letter postmarked Jan. 5 at 5 p. m. reached us after last week's paper went to press.

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—One-fifth of the U.S. families still have annual incomes below \$850, Pres. Truman told Congress Jan. 7 in his message on the state of the union.

Universal Comets

UNIVERSAL, Pa.—Dates to remember:

Jan. 18—Regular quarterly meeting of the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania at the SNPJ Hall, Sygan, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Jan. 25—Regular quarterly meeting of the Slovene Federation of Western Pennsylvania at the Slovene Hall, 57th and Butler, Pittsburgh. A program will be presented beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Feb. 7—Dance by Lodge No. 41, Irwin, featuring Frank's Trio.

Feb. 14—Dance by Comets Lodge 7155, at the Slovene Hall, Universal, featuring Frank Porovne and his Musical Stylists.

Comets News

Our first meeting of this year was held on Sunday, Jan. 4. Newly elected officers were immediately installed, and the meeting continued under their supervision. The officers are as follows: John Richter, president; George Remezzo, vice-president; John J. Kumer, secretary; Henry Previc, treasurer; Mike Rosignoli, recording secretary; Albert Previc, Sgt.-at-Arms. The auditors are Mary Caesar, Max G. Kumer, and Albert Scaramucci. The lodge reporter is M. R. Kumer.

The Xmas party held at the Slovene Hall for the juveniles was a big success. Movies were shown, individual and group singing took place, and a stocking of good things to eat were distributed to the juveniles. Santa Claus was present, of course, and one of the juveniles stated that he talked just like her father.

Bowling continues each Friday evening at the Kingpin Alleys in Springdale. Thirty-four bowlers are entered in the lodge bowling league. The lodge has entered two teams (one man's team and one woman's team) in the league sponsored by the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania. Our first league game was held on Sunday, Jan. 4, when the two teams defeated the teams from the Harnarville Lodge 713. The

Hearts of America, SNPJ Lodge 690

KANSAS CITY, Kans.—The annual election of Lodge 690 officers was held at our December 19 meeting. They are as follows: President, Joe Rezin; Vice President, Antonette Sarnoski; Secretary, Frank Rodina; Treasurer, Mary Rodina; Recording Sec'y, Mary Bileck; Auditors, Alice Spacek, Chairman; William Rezin, Nick Belassi. Hall committee, Frank Rodina, Philip Lukinac.

The wedding bells rang for Bro. Roy Linton in 1947. Our congratulations.

The Christmas party was a success, thanks to Sister Mary Rodina for the wonderful gifts she shopped for the children. It was so nice to see all the members there. Thanks to Mrs. Kvaternik for the good doughnuts. Let's all try and get together more often. I know all of you enjoyed the party.

Just heard Sister Mary Rodina was operated Monday and getting along pretty good. Here's to a speedy recovery.

Our meetings are to be held each 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p. m. at 5th and Elizabeth. So I'll be seeing all of you Jan. 21st.

MARY BILECK, Rec. Sec'y.

Cavaliers Hold Dance Saturday

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa.—A last minute reminder to all neighboring lodges and friends of the Cavaliers Lodge 741 dance Saturday, Jan. 17. Music will be furnished by the Streamliners. Dancing from 8 to 12. No need to voice the popularity of this band; as our last dance was such a success, we have again engaged them. Everybody welcome.

On the sick list is Sis. Mary Leskovich. All members are urged to make their usual required visits. Wishing a speedy recovery to Mrs. Leskovich.

Our monthly meeting on Jan. 4 really started out with a bang. A record breaking apwd. was in attendance. Hope this continues.

EMMA KOROSEC, Sec'y.

Cardinals Mark 20th Birthday

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio.—The first Lodge 640 meeting of the year has come and gone. Election is over, and congratulations to the new and old officers. So now we have to get our heads together and work hard.

As you all know, April is not far away and this means our anniversary. In April, Lodge Cardinals 640 will celebrate their 20th anniversary. We are planning a big dance for this occasion. So, Sisters and Brothers, come to the February meeting at the Boydsville Hall at 7:30 p. m., because we need your help and suggestions to make it a better and bigger dance than we have ever had.

We will have our February meeting on first Monday, Feb. 2. After the meeting we will have a Valentine exchange and then a big cover dish supper. All members are urged to attend. If there are any details you would like to know about the February meeting, call your lodge secretary or some other member. I am sure they will be glad to give you the desired information. So come one and all to the February meeting. April isn't far away.

MARY OPATRY, 640.

Secrets are now coming out, how Spain was an ally of Hitler and Mussolini. How Spain supplied and shipped grain, coal and fuel, rubber and other supplies to the Nazis during the war. We'd ship to Spain and they in turn would reship to Germany in British boats. Hundreds of thousands of tons were thus shipped, according to captured documents now being published.

girls took three games, and the men took two out of three games. Last Sunday, Jan. 11, the teams travelled to Sygan to meet the teams from the Imperial Lucky Stars Lodge 716.

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FLASHES

By Donald J. Letrich

CHICAGO.—At the regular meeting Friday, Jan. 16, the Pioneers will install their 1948 officers. Members are urged to attend in full numbers and give the new officers a good start. We've done enough good for our many members to deserve the full support of all of you in 1948. Paul Chapman, the new president, promises to start the meetings promptly at 8 p. m. Regular routine work will be concluded in rapid order to allow time for the after-meeting social. Games and cards will be played after this meeting. Various committees will be named to serve in the new year.

In addition to the Valentine Dance which is being promoted by the Pioneers for February 14, a Bowlers' Dance is being arranged for the time of the Pioneer Invitational Handicap Bowling Tournament. The date is being checked at present. Likewise, we will hold our annual picnic at Pilsen Park, Saturday, Aug. 7. Lodges are asked to respect the dates.—A meeting of the combined officers and dance committee took place last Friday night at the Center. We went over the major points of the dance and promoted matters of general welfare. The response was good. Our aim is to interest more of our regular members in our work in 1948.

From Miami, Florida, the Miskos send us greetings and the thought of the fine weather makes us want to be there.—The Toman Library will hold a discussion on the need for Universal Military Training in peacetime, this Friday. All who can should listen to the discussion and take part in the question period. The library is at Pulaski and 27th st. Time, 8:30 p. m. Admission is free.—The U.S. Treasury is urging all who will be cashing their maturing series C bonds to reinvest them in the series E. This can be done at the issuing agencies. The Yugoslav Savings & Loan Ass'n is such an issuing agent.—A note from Joe Tratar informs us that he is working at the Post Office in Fontana, Calif., and the town takes pride in announcing its Helicopter mail service. A lot of our people have settled in Fontana in recent years.

This Marshall plan is being talked about more than any other single problem now. Is it good, or is it bad. It's hard to understand why it wouldn't be good if the recipients will be the needy people. But, will they? Yes, it's hard to understand that Uncle Sam won't expect twice as much in return, in a hidden manner. Surely, strings will be tied to the giving. Let's not fool ourselves. When we become so generous we will demand that others do things against their will. . . . If worked properly, the funds can save many lives and boost the hopes of millions of the common people. Still, it will be one group only that will receive these benefits, if I know anything about Uncle Sam. We are supporting a British King on a Greek throne, reactionary as can be. The same in Italy, and in France?

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MICHAEL R. KUMER.

What a crime. Our boys were out there trying to kill the Germans and our Big Business boys permitted shipments to Spain and then on to Germany. When you read things like that you can't help but let your blood boil and shout in anger at this crazy civilization. It just doesn't sound like sense. That's why I have no faith in those who uphold this system. To them, millions of good people mean nothing. It's profits they want. Wake up, you common people.

On Friday, Jan. 24, the Slovene Center Social Club will hold its annual meeting at the Center. Members should attend. Bring your friends. A social with dancing will follow.

Violet Lodge 747 Will Meet Sunday

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The annual meeting of Violet Lodge 747 was quite a happy occasion. The attendance was satisfactory, and so were the refreshments after the meeting. But we did miss some of those young members who promised so faithfully last year to stick together and attend all meetings.

I'm making a special appeal to all those members who are interested in sports and all-around athletic activities, to be present at our next meeting on January 18. Some worthwhile decisions will be made for the good of the lodge and members, so be sure to attend.

The new officers elected are as follows: William Clarine, president; Inez Martinelli, vice pres.; Helen Ambrozich, sec'y.; Frank Kerener, treasurer; Louis Ambrozich, recording sec'y.; auditing committee: Joseph Tamshe, Frank Remshak, and Frank Sushnik.

Those members who enjoy good food, peppy dancing to the music of Rudy Smole, and a good old time social gathering, should attend a Domnea Zabava Dance given by the Progressive Women on January 31, at Lenko's Hall, 7th and National. Just call yourself invited and drop in on us for an enjoyable evening.

HELEN AMBROZICH, 747.

Sheboygan News

Lodge Moderns

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—All members of Lodge Moderns are urged to attend the regular monthly meeting Sunday, Jan. 18, at Fludernick's Hall. Officers elected for 1948 will be installed and many important lodge matters will be discussed.

Our Juvenile Director, John Resnick, and his assistant, Dolores Suppanchick, promise that a Juvenile Circle will be a reality in the near future.

Ken Kossman and his Melody Masters, dispensers of old-time and modern music, have been engaged to play for the Bowlers Dance, which will be held in conjunction with the Midwest Bowling Tournament at Fludernick's Hall, S. 10th and Indiana.

All Midwest lodges planning to participate in the Midwest Bowling tournament, which will be held in Sheboygan on March 6-7, are urged to send in their entries early. If any Lodge has not received entry blanks, drop a card requesting some to: Tournament Secretary Frank Resnick, 1418 Martin Ave., Sheboygan, Wis. Entries close Feb. 17.

Bowling Notes

Edward Resnick was in fine form in last Sunday's whirl of the local Snappy J. League, hammering out a lofty 685 total on games of 246-210-229, his 246 and 685 being season's records. Other good counts were Larry Casper 593, Bobby Zore 524, Matt Stefanciek 521, and Eddie Brager 516.

The Blues and Golds are tied for first place, with 29 wins and 22 losses, and the fast improving Reds are last with 17 wins and 34 losses.

Don't forget the meeting Jan. 18. JOE JERIC, 634.

W. Leaders Lodge 608 Will Install Jan. 20

BUTTE, Mont.—The Western Leaders Lodge 608 will install their 1948 officers at the next meeting on January 20, at 8 o'clock, at the Slavonic American Hall in East Butte.

All our officers have been re-elected by acclamation at the December meeting, which was rather poorly attended. They are: Peter P. Stefanatz, president; Al R. Louren, vice president; Anne Prosper, secretary; Mary A. Quayle, treasurer; Virginia Paynich, recording secretary; John Marvin, sergeant-at-arms.

Ruth Matuly is chairman of the

LODGE YOUNG AMERICANS

DETROIT.—Attention, members and friends, hold Saturday, Feb. 28, a date in reserve to attend the Young American Anniversary Dance at the Slovene Workers Home, 437 S. Livernois.

The Young Americans have secured the services of Frank Porovne and his Musical Stylists, a very popular band from western Penna. The previous date of Feb. 21 was changed on account of the Eastern Invitational bowling tourney in Cleveland coming on the same weekend.

The Young American bowlers' drawing was also changed for the same reason. Contact any Young American bowler or the writer for a drawing ticket for a nominal donation. Prizes include a combination radio, bowling ball, electric toaster, mixer, electric chef and waffle iron. As you all know the best salesman will receive a very liberal prize.

ATTENTION ALL Slovenes and friends, There are still four hundred Slovene National Home shares available; the buying of these shares will help considerably in building our new auditorium and clubroom. The SND house committee have hired an architect who has prepared sketches for the proposed new building.

The completion of this proposed New Home would help in SNPJ lodge activities as the location is well centralized for our Slovene residents and friends. The lodge officers should stress the purchasing of shares by the lodges and individuals.

The SNPJ bowling league (men's division) have already begun the last half of their schedule, and we find the Y. A.'s leading in most of the events. Leaders are as follows: Team standings, Y. A. Pirates, team high 3 games Wolverine Bums 2809. Team high, one game, Y. A. SND, 996. Individual high three games, A. Hometz (Y. A.) 268. Individual averages first five, V. Hostnik (Y. A.) 191, E. Blake (Y. A.) 188, J. Kaminski (Y. A.) 183, A. Maccani (Wolv.) 183, E. Coolman (Wolv.) 182.

Elwood Blake, our all-star kegler, a member of the Deluxweld team of the all-star loops here in Detroit, bowled in Chicago last weekend in two team sweepstakes. The team placed first in one and fifth in the other, the cash awards amounted over \$1,300. Elwood was a member of the team which placed first and second in the same classics last year. Nice going, El.

The Young American bowlers are organizing for the trip to Cleveland Feb. 21-22 for the Eastern Invitational tournament and it looks like five boys' and two girls' teams will participate.

The Young American and Wolvener committees for the National SNPJ Bowling tournament, week-end of April 24-25, are getting everything in shape for the greatest SNPJ bowling tournament. The Palmer Park Recreation alleys are contracted for the bowlers (one block from the SNH and half block from Woodward avenue transportation facilities). The Hotel Detroit (Woodward avenue) will be the visitors' headquarters and the Sproat Street Hall (1/2 block from hotel) has been rented for the bowlers' dance with Frankie Yankovic orchestra furnishing the music. You can see everything has been done for the convenience of all SNPJ bowlers and visitors.

Congratulations to the very popular Leo and Bertha Bernick on the arrival of a baby boy, also to Don and Rosemarie Fritz on their new baby daughter.

JOSEPH GOLIA, 654.

West. Penna E. S. Federation to Meet January 18

OAKDALE, Pa.—The next meeting of the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania will be held in the Slovene Hall, Sygan, Pa., on Sunday, Jan. 18, beginning promptly at 2:30 p. m.

Since this is the Annual Meeting it is most important that all affiliated lodges be represented with three delegates each, as many important items are on the agenda including the election of officers and various committees.

Let's have a nice turnout as the members of lodge No. 6 will be our hosts and you are assured of an afternoon of business and an evening of fun.

JAMES M. MAGLICH, Sec'y.

auditing committee with Joe and Emma Malesich rounding out this group. ANNE PROSPER, Sec'y.

S. N. P. J. SPORTS

Kegling Kapers

By J. J. Spilar

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Riding majestically on crest of 17 triumphs in the last 21 outings, the Concordian No. 1 crusaders added three more victories to their string at the expense of the Utopian No. 3 gang and also a tiehold on first place. Johnny Japel's 570 series led the brisk competitors to a 2618 team total, third best in the actual column. Frank Bohine hit 503 for the Utopians.

In the runnerup spot, one point behind, camped the Struggler No. 2 team who loused up the comeback hopes of the Lunder Adamic Hotshots with a three game gooselug job. Joe "Boots" Karlinger had 520 for the challenging crew while Rudy Bavec's 527 topped the Lunder's endeavors.

The Spartans were cast in a duel role of heroes and villains after soundly trimming the Comrade No. 1 powerhouse in all three melees. A special vote of thanks was registered by the Concordians and Strugglers who passed up the Comrades in the scramble for top honors and as for the victims—need we say more? Belkin Billy Schlarb and Eddie Selan with 569 and 580 sparked the Spartan sluggers to their ninth consecutive win. Captain Joe Koren was high for his mates with 560.

A 247 tally by Joe Zupanec, second best shot in the individual standings, a 201 by Tony Gerchman and a 200 by Ernie Merritt enabled the Utopian No. 1 quintet to record a 1114 team score, fourth in the handicap tries. Then the bottom fell out and the opposing Euclid No. 158 team went on to capture the final two tilts with Frankie Tegel's 584 and Tony Ogrin's 563 showing the way. Ernie Merritt's 531 headed the Utopians' drive despite Mr. Zupanec's fine 247 blast that was followed by 148 and 117 astonishers which stunned Joey a plenty.

From way down yonder up to 15th place was the reward for the Comrade No. 2 fellows after taking all three contests from the Utopian No. 3 bowlers. Mike Preseren paced the former with 525 and Steve Barge had 478 for the latter.

The heaviest handicap series of the day was established by the tied for third Utopian No. 5 five who walloped a 3157 set in subduing the Concordian No. 2 aggregation three times. Your writer's 594 highlighted the heavy barrage that places third so far this season. Joe Matulis had 496 for the Concordians.

Team Results: Utopian No. 2—3. V. Boy O. H. Zorman 583, P. Ickra 466, Spartans 3, Comrade No. 1—0. W. Schlarb 589, J. Koren 560. Concordian No. 1—3, Utopian No. 3—0. J. Japel 570, F. Bohine 503. Struggler No. 2—3, Lunder Adamic 0. J. Karlinger 520, R. Bavec 527. Comrade No. 2—3, Utopian No. 4—0. M. Preseren 525, S. Barge 478. Utopian No. 5—3, Concordian No. 2—0. J. Spilar 594, J. Matulis 496. Utopian No. 6—2, Loyaltite No. 2—1. W. Kronik 562, L. Zadell 561. Zdruzheni Bratje No. 1—2, Loyaltite No. 1—1. T. Debeljak 508, M. Krall 573. Loyaltite No. 4—2, Cleveland 1. A. Tibyash-J. Braddock 474, T. Yuretic 505. Struggler No. 1—2, Euclid Vets No. 158—1. J. Pretnar 476, J. Zgonc 466. Loyaltite No. 3—2, Zdruzheni Bratje No. 2—1. A. Ferfilla 454, R. Kastelic 450. Euclid No. 158—2, Utopian No. 1—1. F. Tegel 584, E. Merritt 531.

Sideline Slants: The initial Sunday of the new year started off with a bang. Good scores, attendance, humor, a toast here and there—and Joe Koren turned in his bowling fees for the third straight week. Who can ask for more! Mr. & Mrs. Krist Stokel enjoying the evening's entertainment. Krist rooted vigorously for his Lunder Adamic sports but to no avail as they dropped all three. The Mrs. Grum, Jeglich and Skok also on hand as their huddles' Comrade team was being shellacked. "Just like that," remarked an ardent rooter in describing Frank "Cheeno" Ruz's feat in making the 4-7-9-10 split.

Frank Golob and Joe Zupanec pocketed a sawbuck apiece for their 232 and 247 efforts. "Louis" Shorty Zadell turning over a new leaf on his bowling outlook for the coming year—he hopes. Two three baggers in the first game for 199 and a string of five in the second for 206. Rattling top honors along with Mr. Zadell for the most over the average stars were Jim Rataic (120) 166-147-164 and Elmer Pintar (138) 152-205-158. After amassing that terrific 759 series in the Omarlo Home Loop, Jolting George Jelinek retained with 660 in the East 185th St. "A" League and then posted another 660 set again at Omarlo's. Between those hot shots George slipped in with a measly 590. Loafing, bud?

For a ripping time, stop in at the Utopians' regular monthly meeting social this Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Slovenian Hall on Waterloo. . . And

Pioneer News

CHICAGO.—With a few changes in the top teams, the Pioneer Men's Bowling league now finds the Zefran Morticians in first place, one game over Cer-Bell Inn, followed by Dr. Zaveritnik's, Dr. Nachtman's, W. Walter's and Parkview Laundry all tied for third place. The past few weeks have found none of the bowlers shooting good scores, at least in the 200 bracket.

Standings: Zefran Mort. 29-22, Cer-Bell Inn 28-23, Lawndale Tap 27-24, Dr. Nachtman 27-24, Dr. Zaveritnik 27-24, Dr. Walter 27-24, Parkview Laundry, SNPJ Printery 25-26, Skyline Tap 24-27, Lotrich Insurance 23-28, Ed's Tap 23-28, and Center Social Club 22-29.

Valentine Dance

Joseph Kovich's orchestra will be on the bandstand for the Pioneer Valentine Dance at the SNPJ Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 14. Kovich's orchestra and especially his accordion are becoming very popular to Chicago dancers. He doesn't only play popular music, but does a neat job at playing polkas. The admission price is 75 cents, which includes all taxes, and the committee promises the best of refreshments will be furnished in both the kitchen and bar. Each Pioneer member received two tickets to be sold, so do your fraternal duty and attend and invite your friends.

Center Meetings

On Saturday night, Jan. 24, at 8 o'clock there will be a meeting of the Slovene Center Social Club at the clubrooms, 2301 S. Lawndale ave. Election of officers for the new year will take place, also plans for the future will be made. After the meeting there will be a social with refreshments and dancing. Members are urged to attend and bring your friends for the social. Friday, Jan. 30, there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Slovene Labor Center to elect a board of directors and to vote on any changes proposed. All stockholders are urged to attend.

Sweepstakes

Elwood Blake of Detroit Young Americans was in Chicago several weeks ago bowling with the Delux-weld team. On a Saturday night at the Cascade alleys the team shot 4,064, good for 4th place money and the following night shooting on the last squad at Roy Schalk's sweeper they topped 4,007 pins, good for 1st prize and \$1,000. Big time bowling is on again with Petersons and other tournaments, so we expect to see Blake and Pugel in a few weeks. Lots of luck, fellows.

Be sure to attend the meeting Friday night at 8 sharp. Be sure to sell your tickets and volunteer to help make the dance a success.

COMMITTEE.

STRABANE PIONEERS

STRABANE, Pa.—At this time we would like to extend in behalf of the Pioneers Lodge 589, a very happy and prosperous new year to all SNPJ members.

The past year has been quite successful for the Pioneers. The lodge has continued to gain new members and in the membership campaign, finished second to Lodge 138 of Strabane in securing new members. With the end of 1942 the Pioneer lodge showed a good gain in membership.

During 1942, the Pioneers in conjunction with lodge 138 of Strabane, had the honor of being the first and only lodges of the SNPJ to pay dues for all members over 65 years of age. Some members who could not pay dues at that age were helped long before, but under the present setup, any member of either lodge upon reaching the age of sixty-five, regardless of their ability to pay or not, will have their dues paid by the respective lodge. In this way many of the older members needn't have any fears whether they will be able to keep their SNPJ insurance during their declining years.

In social affairs, the Pioneers had some of the biggest and most successful in the lodge's history. Beginning with the very successful Valentine party, Frankie Yankovic's two days' appearance in March, the joint affair with Lodge 138 at Forest Villa, Frankie Yankovic's band again in October and his last appearance in December and finally our social calendar was closed with a successful 21st Christmas Dance.

Every affair was well attended, the Valentine party for members only had the largest turnout of members in our lodge history. All three appearances of Frankie Yankovic packed the hall to overflowing. In his last appearance in Strabane in December, the crowd was as big as his first appearance. And for our Christmas dance another huge crowd attended to hear Frank Klemencic and his Slovenes playing downstairs and Jackie Martincic upstairs. All in all it was a successful year both financially and socially. And Lodge 589 is grateful to all of you who came to make our affairs such a success. Thanks to you all.

In sports, the Pioneers' softball team also had a good year, winning the second half of the City League although losing the playoffs for the title.

A balina league was organized for the first time from the members of 138 and 589 and it proved to be quite a hit. In a rolloff by three teams tied for first place, the Flashes beat the Old Folks for the lodge championship.

Bowling has been popular with the women and men, both having leagues. The Pioneers also have a team entered in the local City League and the boys are doing fine.

At this date the first half of the Women's and Men's leagues has been concluded. The winners of the Women's Division are the Phillies captained by Helen Tershel and the winners of the Men's Division are the Tankers, led by Bill Tomiec.

On Jan. 24, the local alleys will hold a mixed doubles tournament. They still need a few women bowlers, so let's see more of you girls sign up for this tourney, which will be a lot of fun.

Pioneer Patter

It seems that in some manner, we had forgotten to mention that the Ambridge Reveliers had attended the last two Frank Yankovic's dances here in Strabane, and in order to keep Tony Progar out of trouble, we promised to mention it in this last article of ours. . . Some of you who didn't come to the club on Xmas afternoon to enjoy Frank Klemencic's music, missed out on a good show. They even had Johnny Yarkosky and his fiddle join them and had everyone laughing.

On Jan. 31, the Women's Bowling league will sponsor a dance at the local SNPJ Hall featuring Frank Klemencic and his Slovenes. Congratulations to Louis Verch who will take that walk down the aisle in Cleveland with Christine Fabec. Remember our next meeting on Sunday, Feb. 1st, at 8 p. m.

PUBLICITY COMM. 589.

Little Fort Lodge

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The Little Fort lodge meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 8 p. m., at SNH. Installation of the new officers will take place at this time.

Officers elected for 1943 are, pres., Frank Jerab. It's been a long time since any of our men members braved to accept this office. Frank deserves a congratulation, he is active in athletics and well liked among the members. A good support in his work will be our new vice-president, Jack Stazer, who is also an athlete. Sec'y is Christine Strizar; treasurer, Bill Jerab; rec. sec'y, Dorothy Gabrosek; auditors, Vic Belec, Ed Laben, and Louis Jenich. Publicity, Dorothy Gabrosek, Tony Pierce, Bill Jerab and Albina L. Furlan.

Perhaps the ice of inactivity has been broken. It seems that our lodge is in for a prosperous 1943. Let's all of us give the newly elected officers the needed help to achieve this goal.

The 22nd anniversary dance of the Little Fort lodge will be held on Feb. 14, at 9 p. m., at the Slovene Nat'l Home. Music will be furnished by Stan Gregorin and his orchestra. Tickets are already on sale. Further details will be published later.

Wedding bells have been ringing for many of our members this last fall and winter. Among the lucky ones were Elvira Mihavec, now Mrs. Roberts; Eddy Konchan, Miriam Machnich, now Mrs. Lansing, and Johnnie Gregorin who married Mitzzy Grum just recently. Reported engaged to certain young men are Eva Simsic and Dorothy Krainc.

New babies have arrived in the families of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Zainer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krainc, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Krainc, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson (formerly Dorothy Judnich), Mr. and Mrs. Gus Troha (formerly Frances Hrovatin), Mr. and Mrs. Smith (formerly Lorraine Miller). Congratulations and best wishes to all of you.

Another important date for our community will be the celebration of the merger of No. Chicago Co-op with Co-op Trading, Inc. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the SNH. The program will begin with a concert promptly at 7:30 p. m.

The merger will be symbolized with a wedding ceremony. Miss North Chicago will marry Mr. Co-op Trading. Representatives of various organizations will serve as witnesses; among them will be the women of lodge 119 SNPJ, who almost 28 years ago first sponsored the idea of organizing a Slovene co-operative in North Chicago. Invited as witnesses are also the two mayors of the cities of Waukegan and North Chicago.

Jerry Voorhis, executive secretary of Cooperative League, former congressman from California, a writer, a progressive and outstanding speaker will congratulate the bride and bridegroom.

Math Ogrin, a longtime manager of the co-op will greet the audience with a short speech.

The program will be closed with the wedding march at 9 o'clock, after that the wedding dances will begin. The wedding feast will be served to all guests from 9 to 11 o'clock in the downstairs hall.

Admission for the program, dance and refreshments will be only 60c. Tickets are available at all co-op stores.

For the program, and for the dance will play Perush Band from Joliet. This orchestra plays over the Joliet radio station every Sunday from 4 to 4:30 p. m. and for the records of Rondo Record Co.

On the afternoon of the program at 3:30 this orchestra will stop at the Co-op Appliance store on McAllister. So if you wish to appraise the music in advance you can hear it there, but don't miss the wedding dance in the evening.

ALBINA L. FURLAN.

Keystoners 755 Elect Officers

SHARON, Pa.—At a well-attended meeting on December 14, at the Slovene Home, the Keystoners of Lodge 755 held their special meeting. At this meeting, the following officers were elected for the year of 1943: Al Zaggar, president; Kathryn Stiebel, treasurer; Marie Dillon, recording secretary; "Boots" Kvocak, Al Timko, Leno Dolci, auditors; Max Macek, financial secretary.

Following the meeting there was a little social affair which included singing and dancing. Later refreshments were served by Mitzie Germandnik, Kay Lamber and Kathryn Stiebel. We wish to thank Mitzie especially for the delicious cake she baked for this occasion.

Our meetings will still be held the last Sunday of each month at 2 p. m. How about seeing more Keystoners attending these monthly meetings and not wait until the last of the year. Come on, Keystoners, let's start the new year out right and be at the meeting January 25th at 2 p. m.

That evening a dance was held and the music was furnished by none other than the best Slovene orchestra in this district. Naturally, one guess it was the Vagabonds. If you enjoy good Slovene music tune in every Sunday to station WPIC at 4:15 in the afternoon. If you're in the Yungtown district some Friday night stop in at the Krakusy Ballroom and the Vagabonds will entertain you and I assure you'll want to hear more of them.

Now that the holidays are over we can get back to our weekly bowling at the Slovene Hall. Don't forget every Wednesday night at 8 p. m.

On Jan. 4 we held a dance which was very successful. The music was furnished by the Kopal-Rachich orchestra from Warren, Ohio.

The Keystoners of Lodge 755 wish everyone a happy and prosperous 1943.

MARIE DILLON, Sec'y.

Detroit Wolverines

DETROIT.—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz who are the proud parents of a 7 lb. 8 oz. girl born on the morning of Sunday, Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Kipela recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

On the sick list are Ignac Cerne and Jack Zordan. Joe Sone Jr. is on the Y. A. sick list. He is now at the Veterans hospital in Dearborn and will be for some time. Joe, believe it or not, is passing a lot of time by working. With his own acquired technique, that of running the yarn between his two big toes while completely relaxed, he is turning out some beautiful scarfs. Since my report about Joe in one of my last articles there has been one Y. A. out to see him. For a fellow who has to spend three more months in the hospital let's have some visitors.

Bernice Williams is transferring to Oregon. Rita Parnes is one of our newest members and is bowling in our Sunday League.

Attention, bowlers! On Feb. 8, 15, and 22 our Sunday league will begin at 6 p. m. instead of the usual time 4 p. m.

Here's a last reminder about that important date Jan. 16. This will be the time for our first meeting of 1943. Due to uncontrolled circumstances, there will be a revote on the question of just where we, the Wolverines, will hold our monthly meetings. John R. Hall or West Side Hall. This question has caused quite an uprising at a few of our past meetings and needs to be settled. In the interest of the Wolverine Lodge I am asking every member who possibly can, to attend this meeting. When you do, vote not what your personal feelings tell you but what you KNOW will be better for our organization. There are arguments for and against our present meeting place and because I do not want to show any partiality, I will not go into detail as far as any of these argumental points are concerned. I'm just asking every member to come to the John R. Hall at 7 p. m. Friday, Jan. 16, to vote and settle this question once and for all. See everyone at the meeting.

LOUISE PINK, 677.

Midwest Athletic League Meeting

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The next meeting of the SNPJ Midwest Athletic league will be held on Jan. 25, in Waukegan, Ill. The place is the Slovene Home at 10th and McAllister ave. At this meeting, a lot of things will be discussed. Activities for the next year as well as the election of officers will take place.

Attendance at the last few meetings has increased considerably and more lodges are joining the Midwest league all the time.

The next Midwest bowling tournament will be held in Sheboygan, Wis. on March 6-7. Lodge Moderns No. 634 is sponsoring the tournament. A large turnout of Midwest bowlers is expected.

A number of secretaries of lodges have sent me the names of their elected athletic representatives but others haven't done this. Let's see all of the representatives of all the lodges at the meeting in Waukegan on Jan. 25.

JOHN J. POKLAR, Sec'y.

Forward, Loyalties!

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The mixed league, having recovered from both their hectic Xmas party and the New Year's holiday, were all in the trying to bowl Sunday afternoon. All but Shorty Debenak, Frank Ruzsa, and Frank Krovos. What was wrong, boys, can't you take it any more?

Team No. 3 headed by Zupon who are in top position losing 2 and winning the third by 4 pins to last position team 6. Morry Debenak's 2nd place forfeiting 3 games to team 1, who are now tied with team 2 for third place. Tony Kastelic, Loyalties new president, won the jackpot with his 204 game. Nicky Dietz was right behind him with 200. Ginie Braddock staying close behind hubby Joe by hitting 463 to his 477. Stanta brought Lil Tibyash a new ball and shoes and she really was throwing the pins.

Congratulations go forth to our fellow bowlers Alma Strazisar and Frank Kravos, Marge Mivsek and Morry Debenak, also fellow Loyalties members Lucy Bezek and Edward Skapin on their recent engagements. We have a few of our bowlers on the sick list and we all wish them a speedy recovery. Frank Kurat who recently had an operation and Frank Lamosek who was in an automobile accident Xmas Day. Here's hoping to see you both at our Bowlers' Dance on Feb. 7. Music by Johnny Vadal and his Columbia Recording Band. To be held at the Slovene Hall on Holmes ave.

Notice to bowlers. We still have a few books of drawing tickets to sell, so let's all get out and do our part. So far the most tickets have been sold by Stan Zupon, Tony Kastelic and our newest member Butch Codasky. So come, don't let the same people do all the work all the time. This drawing is for the benefit of all you mixed league bowlers. Let's also get rid of as many dance tickets as possible. Make our bowlers' dance as successful as was the Xmas dance.

Also don't forget our special meeting for all who intend to bowl in the Eastern Invitational tournament to be held Feb. 21-22. Time of the meeting will be announced in the very near future. Or by contacting Stan Zupon, Mu. 5356, Shorty Zadell, Po. 6475, for the men. Sophie Pajk, Mu. 7271, Steffie Mesojedec, Po. 3383, for women.

Was talking to Shorty Zadell and he claims he came home from the Xmas party with a baby bottle and nipple and whoever it belongs to can have it by seeing him. He promises to have it full for whoever claims it. Personally, I think he'd rather have the throat sprayer. Must have liked the taste of the medicine that was in it. Well, it was fun while it lasted, wasn't it?

SOPHIE PAJK, 590.

Lily Social Club Give Dance Jan. 17

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—On January 17, Lily Social Club, of Lodge 764 will hold a dance at the Collins-Meyer Post, on West National ave. The music will be furnished by Louis Bashell, one of Milwaukee's own recording artists. Remember the dance as the first on your list for the new year's entertainment.

In the past our club has held many fine and wholesome activities, all set for you and your friends to enjoy.

Our club started over half a year ago. It is a young club, with new ideas. The people responsible for our organization are two Milwaukee youths, John Skusek and Tillie Butchar, who are president and secretary, respectively.

Lily Social Club is an organization designed for you. As a new member you will participate in holding dances, go on beach and skating parties, and attend unusually fine functions that will make your time pleasant.

Every club has had its hardships, and our group is no exception to the rule. We had little or no funds to start with. Who knew of our club's activities, or joined our ranks? This all came about with the same energetic desire that moulds any functional group. A plan of entertainment and advertisement was drawn up and carried out.

The holiday party, given at the home of one of our members, Dick Tarkowski, in joint with Len Skibinski, was a gala affair and all members had a good time. These parties are spontaneous in being a success, because all are welcome and it is the youth who make them a success.

See you all at the dance Jan. 17. "BUTCH," 764.

Veronian News

VERONA, Pa.—Once again the dance schedule has been arranged and the dances will proceed as in the past, every other Saturday. Therefore, the next dance will be Saturday, Jan. 24, featuring the Musical Stylists, beginning at 10 p. m. Look forward to seeing more of you members from Harvard, Harmsville, Pgh., Centre, Harwick, and other neighboring lodges.

The next E. S. Federation meeting is Sunday, Jan. 18, at Sygan. Prexy Elmer Eifler asks that when you different lodges elect members to attend same, please see that one of the delegates will be interested in running as a member on the Athletic Board. This is an important office and one has to be interested in the different sports activities.

That's all for today. See you at the dances. Remember every other Saturday.

CORNELIA GORUN, 680.

Reveliers Column

AMBRIDGE, Pa.—Dates to remember: Jan. 18—Rozmarin Singing Society of Ambridge dance at the Penn Roof Ballroom, featuring Frankie Yankovic's orchestra with Johnny Pecon.

Jan. 18—English Speaking lodges of Western Penna. federation meeting at the Sygan Slovene Hall at 2:30 p. m.

At the last regular meeting of the Reveliers the following members were elected officers for 1943: Pres., Bill Bono; Vice Pres., Andy Spolarich; Sec'y, Veronica Uhernik; Treas., Louis Uhernik; Rec. Sec'y, Betty Plese; Juvenile Director, Andy Clay; Sick Committee chairman, Tony Grandovic. Congratulations and very best wishes for success in the new year.

At the recent annual meeting of the SND in Ambridge the following officers were elected: Pres., Rudy Rosenberg; Vice Pres., Rudy Peltz; Sec'y, Martin Habich; Treas., Joseph Tekstar Sr.; House Chairman, Tony Grandovic; Trustee, Chairman, Val Kosela; Entertainment Chairman, Eddie Rosenberg.

Also at the last lodge meeting the following were elected delegates to the next federation meeting at Sygan on Sunday, Jan. 18: Tony Grandovic, Joe Becek, Johnny Licker.

New bartenders at the Slovene Home are Rudy Kosela with the help of Joe Kosela and yours truly, Val Kosela. Just wondering if any of the neighboring Dom has three brothers for bartending.

On Sunday, Jan. 18, the Rozmarin singing society of Ambridge is holding its first dance since the pre-war days and featuring none other than the popular orchestra of Frankie Yankovic who needs no introduction. Johnny Pecon will also be featured with the orchestra. This is Frankie's first appearance in Ambridge and a large crowd is expected. The Penn Roof Ballroom is located on the Main Street in Ambridge, between 4th and 5th street, about 3 1/2 blocks from the Slovene Home. Every one is invited and we are hoping to see you and you.

Sports: Both of the Reveliers bowling leagues are in full swing with the tepin bowling every Tuesday night and the duckpin bowling it out every Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Both of hte leagues use the Club Alleys at Fourth and Maplewood. Will have more information of both leagues later when the first half is over.

In the inter-lodge bowling the Revelier teams have won six games from the Veronian lodge when they failed to make their appearance. Any of the members interested in joining the bowling leagues, turn your name in. 1. for one, disagree with one of the by-laws in the inter-lodge league, stating that no substitute will be permitted to join any game. After all, wasn't this league started to create good fellowship among lodges? A substitute now and then is an advantage to all. I hope the committee will think it over before putting it in force.

Johnny Junior Krek's orchestra has recently made a big hit with all the local dance lovers by his supreme playing of those fine Slovene polkas. Any of the local lodges that want nothing but the best in Slovene music should contact Johnny Krek in Sygan.

J. Z. Jr. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, Pa., via Akron, Ohio.—Just one more month and the Vagabonds from Sharon, Pa. will be back in the Slovene hall in Library. They made such a hit with the crowd on Thanksgiving night that the chairman of the affair made arrangements for the Vagabonds to return for the J. Z. Jr. Annual "Heart to Heart" Dance on February 14. If you did not attend our Anniversary Dance be sure to make this a date as you will definitely enjoy dancing to the music that the Vagabonds so capably render. They are really tops.

The quarterly meeting of the English Speaking Federation of Western Pa. Lodges will take place this Sunday, Jan. 18, in the Sygan Hall in Sygan. Have your lodge represented with members who may and will want to hold some committee job or office. These members in accepting such nominations for these positions should only accept if they will carry out the job to the best of their ability.

The annual duckpin tourney that the Federation usually sponsors on New Year's Day we hope will be held in the spring some time. The crowd that gathers at this affair is anxiously awaiting the date of this tourney. Other tournaments have been mentioned in the Prosveta but none for the W. Pa. lodges.

THIS 'N THAT: Belated congratulations to Lefty Lotrich. . . So it was a boy for the Kumers and a girl for our J. Z. Jr. member Emily McPherson (way out in Nevada). Congratulations to both families. . . Hello to Helen Ribarich in Los Angeles. . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all the senior members of Library who are on the sick list. . . Will have to get acquainted with the Dermottas of Salem, Ohio. Pass through Salem on way to home. . . Saturday and Sunday night socials continue at the Hall each week—drop in sometime. Until again, here is hoping that a few more J. Z. Jr. resolved to attend the meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

FRANCES D. LIKAR, 682.

At one of the "celebrity nights" in the local Slovene Home we had nothing but the best with Rudy (Bob Hope & Bing Crosby) Rosenberg and John (Russ Morgan) Uhernik and Louis (Al Jolson) Uhernik plus the fine singing of Joe Tekstar, Rizo (Mills Brothers quartet) Spotty and Flashes. Nice going, fellows. Those of you who missed the show should ask for an encore.

Famous expression at the club is "Don't tell Rosey what to do," eh, John?

Don't forget all roads this Sunday, Jan. 18, lead to Ambridge for the big dance held by the Rozmarin singing society at the Penn Roof Ballroom, with the music of Frankie Yankovic orchestra featuring Johnny Pecon. Dancing starts at 9 p. m. till? Here's hoping to see you, you and you there.

VAL KOSELA, 699.

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Salem Circle 10 Elects Officers

SALEM, Ohio.—The following officers were elected at the December meeting of Circle 10: Pres., Mary Kordan; vice pres., Theresa Stokovic; sec'y, Frances Kordan; recording sec'y, Rose Mary Celin; treasurer, John McGuire.

Prizes for perfect attendance were given Mary Kordan, Jacqueline and Patricia Dermotta. For collecting the most sales tax stamps Theresa Stokovic, Henry Kordan and Don McGuire.

This year we had a Yule party for the Circle members only. After the meeting, gifts were exchanged. This is Jimmy Kordan's last year in the Circle, so he was chosen to distribute the gifts. Whenever we had a party, Jimmy was always ready to play his accordion for us and we shall miss him very much. Each one received a treat of candy, tangerines and ice cream.

Games were played and prizes were won by Stanley Kataro, Jimmy Kordan and Dawn Pavkovich.

We wish all a very happy and successful year.

FRANCES KORDAN, Pres.

Youth of America Circle No. 47

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—The Youth of America, Circle 47, held their yearly meeting on Dec. 12. We elected new officers for the year of 1948. They are as follows: President, Charles Beam; Vice President, Charles Dezelon; Secretary, Virginia Rager; Recording Sec'y, Doris Parker; Treasurer, William Hersher; Sergeant-at-Arms, Donald Czerak; Librarian, Frances Brys; Assistant Librarian, Peggy Duncan.

We'll have no play night or movies until the hall in which we meet is remodeled. We will have movies on Mondays and our meetings on Wednesdays after the hall is completed. We invite everybody to our movies. We bought new checkers, cards, ping balls, and many other games. We have no basketball team this year because we couldn't get a floor.

The boys are talking baseball already. Mr. Matt Nozak has promised to take us animal-trapping as soon as there is a nice snowfall. He also said that we'd go on several hikes this year. We will not be allowed to play dodge ball and volley ball, after the hall is completed; there will be checkers, cards and games that we don't have to run around.

We are having a dance the first Wednesday of each month; the fee is five cents. We are having them so we can raise money for new records. We want to keep the hall looking nice, so we are going to do the right things in making it that way.

We had a Christmas program on Christmas eve. The members of the Moxham Slovene Home gave us full charge of the Christmas party. There were 70 members in the Glee Club and they sang five carols. We also have a chorus of 25 girls; they sang White Christmas and Jingle Bells. The girls in the chorus were between the age of 11 to 14. Rose Marie Dezelon and Janet Strozer sang a duet of two carols.

Frank Miklaucic played several selections on his accordion. Greta and Gretchen Kaushep played many selections on the accordion and steel guitar. After our part of the program Mr. Gerlack showed us Christmas movies. After the movies Santa Claus made his appearance, gave us wonderful treats put up by the members of the Slovene Home. We all enjoyed hearing the Moxham Slovene band making their first appearance after many years in retirement.

We wish to thank Mary Jane Pichy for playing the piano for our Glee Club and Girls' Chorus. President Charles Beam was master of ceremonies. There were 304 children present at the party. Many took part in dancing after the program, the music furnished by Greta and Gretchen Kaushep and Fran Miklaucic.

We want to remind the members who have library books out to turn them in to Frances Brys. We hope everybody had a merry Christmas and we wish everybody a happy new year.

VIRGINIA RAGER, Sec'y.

Jr. All Stars Circle No. 4

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Just a little reminder to all Jr. All Star members that this Saturday, Jan. 17, is our first monthly meeting for the year of 1948. Highlighting this meeting will be the installation of new officers, which means something a little extraordinary in the line of initiation. Some of you repeating in offices will probably remember last year's installation very well. Oh, what you will have to go through to be Circle No. 4's executive board. Of course, it's all fun and hope nothing will keep you away. The meeting again will be held at Reberneck's Hall at 1:30 o'clock sharp until four o'clock.

Any of you members having suggestions, ideas of plans for future activities of the Circle, especially

plans to celebrate our first anniversary, the 10th anniversary of Juvenile Circles and the 35th anniversary of the Juvenile Department will please jot them down and bring them along with you to discuss at the meeting.

This will also give each of you members an opportunity to personally bid farewell to one of our very active juvenile members, vice president for the year of 1947 of the Jr. All Stars, Eddie Vidmar, who has attained the age of eighteen and is being transferred to the adult lodge Lily, where we know he will continue to carry on his splendid work. Eddie attends Boys' Technical High School, was responsible for organizing the Jr. All Star Band and with his leadership have become a very successful band. You heard them make their first appearance at our card party last June. They have played for local lodges' doings during the year. Eddie excels in bowling and we are very sorry that he will not be able to compete in the Juvenile Bowling tournament, but he shows promises of being one of the best on adult teams. Eddie, also well-known around the Milwaukee beaches and pools as a "big handsome lifeguard," also received medals for saving people's lives. On behalf of the Jr. All Stars and myself I want to say we are all proud of him, and YOU, we hate to see you go, but we're wishing you the best of luck and success and hope that you will think of us and may we persuade you to be an assistant director. How about it?

At the meeting each active member will be presented with a brand new membership card to show that you are a member of the Circle. You are asked to bring this membership card with you, to each meeting and to keep it neat and clean and be sure not to lose it.

Start the year off right, attend each meeting and work towards the goal of obtaining a perfect attendance award for the year of 1948. Being a good member, active on committees, trying to participate in all affairs, bringing in good members for the SNPJ will entitle you to special awards, as well as contributing to the Voice of Youth for outstanding prizes. Keep all of these thoughts in mind, see you at bowling, see you at the meeting Saturday. Refreshments will be served.

MARIE ERMENC, Director.

Perfect Circle News and Views

CHICAGO.—Last Saturday morning, Perfect Circle held their first regular business meeting of 1948. So many business matters had to be discussed and planned that the whole morning was devoted to this alone.

Voice of Youth Awards

Perfect Circle was most happy and proud to learn that once again they were the winners of The Voice of Youth trophy award for contributing the most outstanding written articles and drawings to the magazine for the year 1947. The children work hard for the magazine, but they all feel it well worth the effort, what with the beautiful trophy and individual prizes that reward any and all efforts involved. The Circle extends congratulations to the second and third place winners, Circle 21 of Sharon, Pa. and Circle 63 of Willard, Wis.

Individual winners from Perfect Circle in the contest were Myra Beniger, Grace Gerdanc, RobAnn Sannemann, Sylvia Trojar, Myra Andres, Lewis Reven, Ella Mae Selak, and Doris Trojar. After the winners received their choice of prizes, which were very much admired by all the members, the new Voice of Youth contest for 1948 was discussed, and it looks as if it is really going to be a good one. The current issue of the magazine was also gone through, and the Circle membership was very much interested in all the news and added features it contained.

The members of Perfect Circle are indeed grateful to the SNPJ for all the excellent opportunities extended to them through this fine magazine, and each and everyone of them say, "Thank you very much, our SNPJ."

Merch of Dimes Broadcast

The skating party held Jan. 3rd started off this month's extra activities, and this coming Sunday will find Perfect Circle attending the annual "March of Dimes" broadcast at the Civic Opera House. Parents and friends are welcome to join the Circle and can obtain tickets from the Circle director. We will meet in front of the SNPJ Hall at 10 a. m. if anyone is interested in going with the group, otherwise we usually manage to meet in front of the Opera House.

Two special meetings, plus two regular meetings and our usual Sunday morning bowling sessions will round out this month's schedule.

Valentine Program and Social

Perfect Circle is planning to hold a Valentine program and social on Thursday evening, Feb. 12, SNPJ Hall. The Supreme Board will be in session at this time, and the members of the board are cordially invited to be our special guests for this occasion. The program planned

for this occasion will go into rehearsal this weekend, and we are getting set to have a good time, so plan on being with us for this annual event.

Bowling Tourney News

Perfect Circle is making plans to hold the SNPJ National Bowling Juvenile tournament here in Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, April 3-4, and as soon as final details are set, more will be said about this coming event. A "Bowlers' Ball" will be held in conjunction with the tournament on Saturday night, April 3rd, SNPJ Hall.

While on the subject of bowling, the Circle will not bowl this Sunday, Jan. 18, as we will be attending the broadcast, and we have been told that some cork balls will be available when we resume bowling on January 25.

Special Meeting Notice

This Saturday, Jan. 17, will find Perfect Circle members busy making the necessary valentine decorations that will be needed, and if possible, some time will be devoted to rehearsals as well. Bring your own scissors, crayons and paste (paper and trimmings will be furnished). Members are requested to be at the hall by 10 a. m. so that we can accomplish all that has been scheduled for this meeting.

ANN SANNEMANN, Director.

Jolly Quips Circle Shows Progress

ALIQUIPPA, Pa.—The Jolly Quips Circle 56 sponsored a Christmas party recently for their parents and many friends. A short program and play called "Santa Goes on Strike" was presented by the Circle members. This was followed by movies of the Circle of their past Circle activities. This was especially enjoyed by the members.

After the program and movies, Santa put in a surprise appearance with his gifts and candy. A delicious luncheon was served by the committee to all. This was followed by balloon blowing contest which was won by Nancy Roub and Bernice Galixer. All in all, as we heard someone say, this was the nicest party ever. Our thanks goes to Co-Director Frances Zakrajsek, entertainment committee, and to Mrs. Ann Ranics and Mrs. Mildred Yaklich for their assistance. A good deal of praise should be given to Joe Derglin who did a wonderful job as Santa Claus. Even his own son Dickie didn't recognize him.

The annual meeting of the Jolly Quips Circle was held on Sunday, Jan. 4, and the most important part on the agenda was the election of officers. They are: Dorothy Rudic, president; Anna Boranko, vice pres.; Bernice Gollner, sec'y; Marlene Smrekar, treas.; Elsie Kabay, rec. sec'y. A publicity and an entertainment committee was also elected.

112,000 STRICKEN

Dramatic strides in the conquest of polio have been made in the last decade through the American people's continued support of the annual March of Dimes of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Since its establishment in 1938 by the late President Roosevelt, the National Foundation and its 2,735 local chapters have assumed the burden of providing medical care and treatment for 88,000 infantile paralysis victims out of a reported total of 112,000 stricken in the ten-year period.

Join the 1948 March of Dimes today!

These officers will be installed at our next meeting.

Plans were made for future activities of the Circle. First on the program will be a Valentine Party scheduled for Feb. 1. Prizes will be given for the most unique valentine box and also to the most popular member receiving the most valentines.

A theater party has been planned for the small fry on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 12:30. Special films for children have been selected by the Women's Auxiliary of Aliquippa. All children under ten years of age arrange to meet Co-Director Frances Zakrajsek at the theater at 12:15 p. m. Be on time.

The teen-agers are scheduled for bowling practice at the Orpheum Bowling Alleys on Friday, Jan. 16, at 7 p. m. It will take a lot of practice to get in shape for the coming tournament in April.

Our Circle is going to celebrate its First Anniversary in March with a big dance. More about that in the near future.

As usual, after the business meeting birthdays of the month were honored. This month Helene Hostlich and Anna Boranko shared the honor with cake and soda pop.

JOSEPHINE STRUBLE, Director.

Circle 10 Has New Director

SALEM, Ohio.—This is to announce that I have resigned and Mrs. Mary Dermotta has been chosen as Director of Circle 10 for the year 1948. I hope she will receive as much or more cooperation as I did. If all her plans work out, Circle 10 should have a very successful year. I wish to thank all the mothers and fathers, Frank, Jimmy and Henry Kordan, our musicians, and anyone who helped in any way during my four years as director. It has been a lot of fun and I enjoyed it very much. It also meant a great deal of hard work.

Circle No. 10 will celebrate its 10th anniversary in September and I hope it and all Circles will have a very successful year.

Mrs. MARY KORDAN.

Comrades' News

CLEVELAND.—1947 has gone and with it a successful year for the Comrades. Within the period of the year, we have obtained several adult and juvenile members, our finances have not made any extensive jumps this year due to the fact that we have contributed heavily this past year and have not been able to sponsor too many affairs, that is the money-making kind, but our social profits have jumped sky high. And on we go to a bigger and better year. On behalf of the Comrade Lodge, I am saying thanks to all of those good people who have worked so diligently all year to make Comrades the lodge that it is.

Back in the roster go Tony Kerze as proxy; Paula Spik, v. pres.; Joe Fift, sec'y; Pauline Ross, treas.; Fran Preseren, rec. sec'y, and a faithful line of representatives to the auditing committee, federation, farm board, stockholders, athletic league, library and club druffev.

The \$9 award, the accumulation of 9 months, went to Marie Shaver. The \$1 monthly award went to her sister Otilia.

As meetings go, our annual meeting was a very nice success. The pork roast made by Ma Yarshen and potica baked by Juliann Zakrajsek's Mom went very rapidly, too rapid. (I had to scrape the bottom.) It would be very nice to see all of these people every third Tuesday of the month.

The bowlers had a very nice report to give, the men's No. 1 team was in first place, as the women's No. 1 team is also.

On Dec. 13, the Comrades had their annual yule dance, which proved to be one of the biggest successes ever had. The bar is quite the place. On one side the dancers renewing friendships and on the other the faithful Comrade men bartending aided by the versatile Comrade women. One complaint, where are the lodge members on nights of the dance and our sister lodges?

After the dance the weary Comrades trekked upstairs where the Spartans were in the last throes of their annual meeting and party. There seems to be a grand spirit of comradeship between the Spartans and Comrades; they do get along rather well.

The Xmas holidays were spent by your writer at home (Yukon, Pa.) and as it happens very often, the more and more popular Frank Yan-kovic and his Yanks played there again. That gives the opportunity for many old friends to get together.

Members! Attend your meetings and start preparing for the Eastern Tourney to be staged in Cleveland in February and the National Tourney in Detroit in April.

And as in the beginning, I again sincerely hope that every lodge as a whole, and every member as an individual, may attain what they strive for.

FRANCES PRESEREN.

REACTION WANTS TO KILL SLOVENE PROGRESSIVE PRESS

"Prosveta", "Enakopravnost" and "Proletarec" Sued for \$1,200,000

By the Editor

Those of our members who read Slovene are already familiar with the lawsuits which Franc Gabrovsek filed against the Cleveland Slovene daily "Enakopravnost", our "Prosveta" and the "Proletarec". However, since there are a large number of our members who cannot read Slovene, we shall inform them here about this assault against the three progressive Slovene papers in this land of ours.

The case briefly is as follows: About a year ago all three papers published a series of articles written by Mirko G. Kuhel as secretary of the Slovene American National Council (SANC) purporting to show a rather sordid business conduct of the Co-operative Association in Ljubljana under the management of Franc Gabrovsek who was its high executive from 1929 to 1941, until he fled to London just before the invasion of Yugoslavia.

Bro. Kuhel based his articles on the material which had appeared in the "New Co-operative", organ of the co-operative movement in Slovenia. In fact most of his articles consisted of verbatim reproduction from this periodical, the "New Co-operative".

In these articles were reprinted a number of letters which had been written by Franc Gabrovsek as the manager of the Co-operative Association giving instruction to various people as to how to cover up—"for the benefit of the co-operative movement," as he later explained in the "Ameriška Domovina" of Cleveland—defalcations which had occurred in various branches of the Co-operative Association throughout Slovenia. In these defalcations a number of Catholic priests were involved as the managers of the local, or village, branches of the Association. These branches, bound together in the Co-operative Association, were financial institutions, similar to our Credit Unions or Savings and Loan Associations.

Mr. Franc Gabrovsek—or rather Father Franc Gabrovsek, since he is an ordained Catholic priest, although he did not practice this calling much in Slovenia because prior to his management of the Co-operative Association he served as secretary of the dominant clerical Slovene People's Party for a number of years—looked offense against Bro. Kuhel's articles and filed libel suits against the three papers which had printed them. He filed suit against the "Enakopravnost" last May in Cleveland for \$200,000 "damages" and against our "Prosveta" and the "Proletarec" last December in Chicago, demanding a cool \$500,000 from each.

These sums are, of course, fantastic—they might as well be for five or 50 million dollars for either sum would be just as logical. The mere fact of these huge "reparation" demands shows there is something else behind these lawsuits than the feeling of "defamation of character."

Anyone who is at all familiar with the age-long struggle between the clerical and progressive forces among the Slovene people here or in the "old country" knows reasonably well what is the primary reason behind these Gabrovsek's lawsuits. The primary aim, we are convinced, is nothing more nor less than the killing of all three publications which have been a big thorn in the flesh of the clerical crowd around the "Ameriška Domovina" which in 1934 enthusiastically acclaimed the clerical-fascist butchering of the Austrian workers and couple years later with equal zeal defended the Franco counter revolution in Spain.

This same crowd is now fanatically defending, day in and day out, for four years already, the unspeakable Slovene quislings and the fascist "Domobranci" who, with the blessing and guidance of Bishop Rozman, in 1944 at a large gathering in Ljubljana swore allegiance to Hitler for his birthday. They are defending these quislings and traitors and other assorted clerical-fascists with all their might, deception and poison while at the same time proclaiming their "loyalty" to America. How could one be loyal to America while defending its open enemies, that is Hitler's and Mussolini's allies during the last war, is beyond us. However, to cover up this incongruity they are raving like maniacs against "Tito" and "communism," as is now the fashion of all the witch-hunters.

Of Franc Gabrovsek who was one of the leaders behind the scene of the reactionary forces among the Slovenes in America opposed to the Liberation Movement and the People's Government and closely connected with the power politics of the Vatican and other reaction, we might say that after twenty-five years of politics and financial management he was installed as an assistant priest at the St. Vitus parish in Cleveland and is still earnestly collaborating with the "Ameriška Domovina" in the clerical struggles against the Slovenian progressive forces here and abroad. After his flight to London a few days before Yugoslavia was attacked, he worked for the emigre Yugoslav Royal Government and was sent to New York in 1941, where he continued his employment in the Yugoslav Information Center until it closed late in 1943.

This, briefly, is our story pertaining to these lawsuits the primary aim of which is the extermination of the "Enakopravnost", "Prosveta" and "Proletarec". They hope to accomplish this because of the reactionary political climate and witch-hunting through which this nation is now passing as the result of the back-wash of World War II.

The defense of all three papers is being financed by the special Defense Fund which was created, together with its committee, at the SANC convention which was held last Spring in Cleveland. Send all contributions for this Defense Fund to JOHN POLLOCK, 24485 Lakeland Blvd., Cleveland 22, Ohio. He is the treasurer of the Fund.

STARLIGHTERS, CIRCLE 39, SNPJ, BON AIR, PENNA.



The year 1947 will probably go down in the records as one of the most successful enjoyed by Starlighters Circle of Bon Air, Penna. since it was organized nearly nine years ago. As you can see in the picture above, smiles of success brighten every face for it was on the day that this picture was taken that new jackets were distributed among the members who earned them. The Circle was active in softball last season and both boys and girls were well represented. This was only one of several activities which brought happiness to the juveniles during the year and, no doubt, many more await the members in the months to come provided they continue to work hard, attend meetings and affairs regularly, and otherwise keep the ball rolling in the right direction.

Reading from left to right, the members are as follows: (First row) Mary Barach, Francis Malinovsky, George Strippy, Julia Salaz, William Shoemaker, Joanna Jacoby; (2nd row) Tony Dolence, Director, Gerald Korbar, Joseph Luxar, William Lesnak, Victor Blisjak, Josephine Dolence, Asst. Director; (3rd row) Virginia Korbar, Betty Turic, Victor Kusher, Dorothy Bregar, Irene Butara, Rose M. Bozic; (4th row) Florence Priestow, Alice Boric, Bertha Widmar, Louise Milavec, Helen Glova. Absent when picture was taken—Paul Shiley, Daniel Blisjak and Francis Jacoby. Congratulations to the members and Directors of Starlighters Circle 39 on its splendid progress, and best wishes for 1948.

Lodge No. 759 Plan Benefit

Plan Benefit

BROWNSVILLE, Pa.—Once again the voice of Lodge 759 speaks. It's been quite some time since we've had anything in the Prosveta about ourselves.

First of all I want to thank the members for attending our first meeting of the new year with such fine interests in our lodge. And I surely hope you will continue on each and every month thruout the year.

For those members who didn't attend our January meeting, I wish to announce we planned some big affairs thruout '48. Our membership is trying to plan an affair of some kind for the benefit of our lodge treasury; this business was carried over to our next meeting. So come on, 759ers, and let's really get together on this affair and see if we can bring our treasury over the top.

All of you mushball fans, who have talked so much about us having a mushball team of our own, now's the time to come to our next regular meeting and start the ball rolling. After all it takes time and work to set up a team; let us get organized now so that by the time mushball season is on, we'll be ready and able to play against other teams.

And now I want to take time out to thank all of those members and lodges who have sent such nice greeting cards to our membership.

Now to all of our Lodge 759 members. Don't forget our new year's resolution. Each and every one of us is to try and try hard to bring in a new member in 1948. Let's see who will be the first one to bring in a new member. The members want to see just how much our lodge can grow in one year. It can grow to be a bigger and stronger lodge if each and every member lives up to his or her duty and promises to bring in a new member in 1948.

Joliet Lodge 115 Will Meet Sunday

JOLIET, Ill.—I thought I would take a minute to write a few lines. First of all I wish that all the members of Lodge 115 would attend our meeting Sunday, Jan. 18, so that you will know who your officers are for 1948.

You will also hear the report of lodge auditors for last six months and then for the whole year so you will see how we are doing. At this meeting we can make plans so that we won't have to pay special dues at some future time. We can't have times like this always; the bottom of all this will fall out some day. So let's get prepared and save our lodge treasury when we older members are out of work and no other income to pay our dues. Then we will need our treasury.

So please come to the meeting. After the meeting we will have refreshments and klöbse. Wishing everyone a happy 1948.

HELEN STERNISHA, 115.

Our meetings are still held the 1st Sunday of the month at 1 o'clock sharp, Croatian Hall.

MARY BRANDSTETTER, Sec'y.



RELIGION IN JUGOSLAVIA

(Continued)

PURPOSE AND RESULT OF THE TRIP

It was not our purpose to pass judgment on the political forms or economic policies of the new Yugoslav government but, since social problems are the concern of the clergy in America, we wished to see what the general attitude of the government was towards the incapacitated and handicapped. We found the Yugoslav social program providing the best available care and instruction for the blind, the large number of deaf-mutes in the country, and, particularly, the 200,000 war orphans. We visited nine institutions of varying character in the social service field. We found them exemplifying a high degree of social concern for human beings. In the great youth projects it seemed to us that high standards of discipline and morality were being maintained and encouraged.

On the road from Zagreb to Lepoglava Prison, where we went to see Archbishop Stepinac, we passed a religious procession of peasants making its way along a country road. They were carrying a large processional cross and religious banners. On the way back from the prison by another road, we came upon hundreds of peasants afoot and in wagons, most of them in holiday attire. We found later on the road that they were congregating in vast throngs at the country's leading Roman Catholic shrine, Sveta Marija Bistrica, a sort of Yugoslav Lourdes or Ste. Anne de Beaupre, where we spent more than an hour.

In the village square, where the handsome church with its surrounding chapels is located, there were scores of booths selling religious art objects, devotional material, toys and refreshments. There were also merry-go-rounds and mechanical contrivances for amusement. It was like an American street fair.

While staying at the Hotel Esplanade in Zagreb—owned and operated by the state—we talked with several of the seventy or more Serbian Orthodox priests from all parts of the Republic of Croatia who were gathered for a convention.

By asking questions of religious leaders at many points, we were satisfied that the trials of individual clergymen or monks which have taken place are individual cases in which collaboration with the enemy, or acts of sabotage against the government, have been involved. They do not in any way represent persecution of religious groups. On the contrary, we met clergymen who had carried on their religious duties during the period of the German and Italian occupation, who could properly be classified as "minor collaborators." They were suffering no penalties of any sort. Roman Catholic authorities themselves confirmed this openly. Monsignor Rittig stated flatly, "The government has acted only against serious collaborators."

(NOTE)—With the respect to these acts of sabotage, it should be said that sporadic incidents of violence are still occurring, and account for some of the police precautions which we witnessed. Much was made in certain sections of the unfriendly foreign press, and in some American journals, about the time we made our trips, over the execution of two monks after a public trial. It was stated that they were condemned to death simply "because they had criticized the Tito government." Since some newspapers commented on our trip in connection with this assertion, we present the following statement for whatever it may be worth:

An American correspondent who covered the trial told us that the two men were convicted of participation in the bombing of a Zagreb textile factory in which three workers were killed and much valuable machinery destroyed (textiles being the worst bottleneck and shortage in the country). He said that the nine persons involved had incriminated each other, and that the evidence produced by the prosecutor indicated that the parts of the bomb had been smuggled in from abroad, the transaction involving American dollars. He added that there were found in the possession of the nine individuals concerned in the crime, copies of an American Croatian language paper printed in Chicago, containing, among other items, articles written by Archbishop Stepinac's secretary, Dr. Stjepan Lackovich, who is now in the United States. This same secretary issued a press release condemning the truth of our Belgrade statement on freedom of worship.)

We had a one hour interview with Marshal Josip Broz-Tito at his summer home in Bled. We asked him many questions concerning the relations of church and state. The group had no discussion before the interview as to what questions would be asked. The entire interview, including both our questions and his answers, was taken down stenographically. It later appeared in the major newspapers of the entire country, in most cases on the front page.

In every part of the country we were received by the leaders of all churches with genuine courtesy and friendliness. Perhaps the happiest of all these experiences occurred in Zagreb when we met Monsignor Doctor Svetozar Rittig, a Papal Chamberlain, a representative of Yugoslavia at the Paris Peace Conference, and Minister without portfolio in the Croatian government. As a young man he was secretary

of the distinguished Roman Catholic leader, Archbishop Stepinac. During the days of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire, he was one of the first and strongest advocates of a Yugoslav state. For many years he was pastor of St. Mark's parish church in Zagreb, one of the most beautiful churches, we all agreed, we had seen any place in the world. Its altar sculpture was the work of Mestrovich (now teaching at Syracuse University) and its new historical murals the work of Khakovich. When the Italians and Germans set up the quailing Independent State of Croatia, Monsignor Rittig, at the age of seventy, left Zagreb, and from then on served with the Partisan Movement. Today he is clearly among the first citizens of the new Yugoslavia.

After our interview with him, he gave us a gracious invitation to dine with him at his home the following evening. Commenting on the religious conditions in the country, he said: "Things are not as they are printed in a section of the Roman Catholic press abroad. The separation of church and state has caused much feeling. The state, however, is giving the church large amounts for reconstruction, and is also helping the theological seminaries. Real life is bringing all religious groups together. Reality is proving stronger than theory. People's priests should not abandon but stay close to the people."

At the close of the evening together he brought out a large and valuable 16th Century volume, which he is planning to bequeath, along with other historical documents, to the University of Zagreb. He asked us to sign our names on the fly-leaf beneath the following inscription which he composed after long thought: "This book will go from hand to hand through many generations. Having shown to our American friends this document which shows how the Italian Jesuit theologians established that the Yugoslavs are one people with their own language and with the same faith, but with two churches; and having established that fact, we write our names on these pages in order to enhance their value. So, the war being over, while we sit together in this fellowship, we jointly pledge ourselves to work among our people and in our churches for brotherhood, love and peace in the world. Zagreb, 31 July 1947."

This welcome, so warmly expressed by Monsignor Rittig, was duplicated at Ljubljana and at Sarajevo, where Roman Catholic priests were among the committees which met us at the station. Amidst the dust and din, they delivered formal addresses of welcome to which an equally formal response was made. At Sarajevo the Franciscan monk, Fra Bono Ostojich, in his brown habit, added to the variety of these experiences, as did the Moslem leader of that 40% Moslem city. We felt a strong bond of interfaith understanding and sympathy in these gatherings, both between the local religious personalities, and towards the American Protestant visitors. Especially was this true in Sarajevo's Hotel Europe where, at a formal dinner, addresses were made not only by government officials but by the Franciscan friar, the Moslem leader, Mohamed Ridranovich, the Orthodox priest, Dr. Janjovich, and the president of the Jewish Congregation, Dr. Kamiliv. As Dr. Jean Nusebaum, who knows Europe so well, commented, this atmosphere of religious tolerance and cooperation is something new to the Balkans and an innovation not to be dismissed as unimportant.

It was these and many other experiences during our fortnight in Yugoslavia that led us to assert, in a brief statement given out at a foreign correspondents' press conference in Belgrade, that in our opinion "there is today in Yugoslavia complete freedom of worship and respect for religious beliefs and institutions."

We are American clergymen with deep convictions on the social implications of the Gospel of Jesus. Accordingly, there is one important aspect of the question of religious liberty about which we wish we felt more certain—both in Yugoslavia and elsewhere. We refer to the freedom of the church to criticize and to speak out prophetically on questions of national welfare. We are not convinced that the churches in Yugoslavia can claim this right or that they have wanted it. Even in America this right is questioned by many who dub as "political" all pronouncements by the church in the field of social welfare. In Yugoslavia, where churches have traditionally had scant interest in such questions and too much interest in their own maneuvering for special privilege, it is not surprising that the government should insist that they "keep out of politics." The present questions concerning freedom of the church in Yugoslavia to criticize would be more to the point if the churches there had a better record in the matter of standing up for human rights in the days of col-

THE UPPER CRUST



"Don't you wonder how that thin man carries that huge box?"

FIGHT FOR HEALTH

By the Physicians Forum—Federated Press

"140 Million Patients"

A book jam-packed with facts on our nation's health has just appeared. Written by the former chief investigator of the Senate subcommittee on wartime health and education, a professional health writer of experience and ability, it presents a devastating indictment of the level of medical services received by the average citizen.

The book has a quiet humor and whimsy that makes it delightful reading, and it combines successfully new information with reading pleasure. The author, Carl Malmberg, deserves congratulations for his effective contribution to our health knowledge.

"140 Million Patients" exposes the myth that the U.S. is the healthiest nation in the world, reviewing the facts on the appalling amount of preventable diseases and defects in our population, as well as the inability of the average American to obtain adequate medical care.

This is traced clearly to our "buy it if you can," fee-for-service medical system, essentially a commercialized arrangement in which dollars come before humanity.

Many examples are given of the appalling waste and tragedies, resulting from misleading drug advertisements which implant quick health ideas into our heads.

For example, the laxative habit, traceable directly to drug advertising, is related to a large number of the 7,000 appendicitis deaths which occur annually in the U.S., since it is very dangerous to take laxatives at the time of an acute appendicitis attack. The average person rarely needs a laxative, and there seems little doubt that most doses taken are either unnecessary or harmful.

Documented evidence is presented concerning the popularity of such illegal and unethical practices as fee-splitting, kick-backs, price-fixing of medical appliances and commodities, and price-gouging. Thus, the Justice Dept. found that about 5,000 physicians were implicated in a kick-back system with the largest optical supply companies in the country, and were responsible for fixing the price of eyeglasses at unnecessarily high levels.

How good is American medical care? The author quotes from articles by outstanding medical experts showing how, in case after case and disease after disease, incompetent handling of our major health problems is the rule, not the exception. Consider the findings even of official medical society committees that a half to two-thirds of our maternal deaths are preventable, provided only that current medical knowledge is used with average prudence and knowledge.

Reflect on the judgment by such a committee in Minnesota that fewer than 7% of all pregnant women in that state receive obstetrical care meeting minimum requirements, yet this State has the best maternity record in the U.S.

Consider the finding that two-thirds of patients with cancer of the rectum admitted to hospitals had

laboration with Hitler and Hitler's puppets.

Furthermore, it is essential to remember, as churchmen said to us, that two years after a devastating war, the relationship of the church to the state in Yugoslavia is going through a process of readjustment. The separation of church and state is something new in the life of that country, though familiar enough in America. Obviously, economic and other factors make adjustment difficult and not always pleasing to church leaders trained under the old tradition. (To be continued.)

Spotlight
On Hollywood

By HAROLD J. SALEMSON

A Notable Film

HOLLYWOOD—(FP)—Gentleman's Agreement follows Crossfire in Hollywood's cycle of films against anti-Semitism and it is a picture of which Hollywood, Darryl Zanuck and the U. S. can well be proud. Starring Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and John Garfield, the screen adaptation of Laura Z. Hobson's novel follows the book faithfully—too faithfully, perhaps.

If there is a fault to be found with Gentleman's Agreement, it is that it is too slavishly like the novel. Not that we advocate changing stories when they are brought to the screen; but filmization requires translation to the new medium. What Mrs. Hobson's slick writing covered up in the printed version, the film emphasizes to its detriment. The printed utterances of an anti-Semitic nature were less jarring than the same words spoken from the screen. The danger that anti-Semites will like this rather than be shamed by it seems to be greater in the film than it was in the book.

Despite that, however, it is a fine, courageous piece of work. The performances by the stars are excellent; and Celeste Holm, as Ann Devery, gives the supporting performance which should win the Academy Award in that category. Moss Hart's screen-play is honest. Elia Kazan's direction uneven but truly brilliant in spots, and Peck is his usual great self, Dorothy McGuire stickily sweet (as required by the part), and Garfield provided with probably the finest role of his career, not baring body and soul. Gentleman's Agreement is a film you will not want to miss.

Chaplin's Movie Best of the Year. It is gratifying that, among the five U. S. films selected by the Nat'l. Board of Review as the best of the year (along with two British, two Italian and one Australian), all were of an essentially progressive nature.

It's A Wonderful Life was the one among them that meant the least; Boomerang, though this was eliminated in the screen version, was originally a plea against anti-Semitism, and remained a message of tolerance; Crossfire and Gentleman's Agreement are two of Hollywood's finest and most courageous attempts to meet an important problem head-on; and Charlie Chaplin's Monsieur Verdoux, selected as the best film of the year, was particularly gratifying to this columnist, who so selected it months and months ago. The Nat'l. Board of Review, no "red" organization (it was originally organized by the movie industry itself to ward off the threat of government censorship), through its honest selections, has done a service to the public: Hollywood producers should see the hand-writing on the wall and realize that only their progressive films stack up against the best of the foreign output (Shoeshine, Odd Man Out, Great Expectations, To Live In Peace and The Overlanders were the five foreign selections included by the board).

More Co-op Power

Nine REA co-ops have bought out the Eastern Minnesota Power Company for \$14 million. Control was purchased from the Manufacturers' Trust, New York.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Unable to produce a report on cooperatives, Congressman Walter Ploeser, chairman of the House Small Business Committee, issued a blast against monopoly in the tire business December 28.

Big profits are used unfairly to cripple small independents, Ploeser's Small Business Committee charged. Manufacturing and distribution are being combined, and small dealers are finding the competition too tough. Small tire dealers complain that the five large manufacturers dominate the entire industry.

The Small Business Committee has consulted both the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission, it was reported, and strengthening of the Anti-Trust Laws may be sought.

Sadly missed by wife, Rose Mlekush and children, Riverside, Ill.

In Loving Memory
of our beloved husband and father
Martin Mlekush, Sr.
who passed away on January 14, 1945.

We do not forget him.
We loved him too dearly
For his memory to fade
From our life like a dream;
Our hearts mourn sincerely,
For grief often dwells,
Where it seldom is seen.

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New Anti-Labor Campaign;
Uncle Sam Fools the Bill

Big business is starting a new campaign for shackles on labor even more drastic than those contained in the Taft-Hartley Act. The McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, for example, ran a series of full-page advertisements in newspapers, clamoring for additional repressive legislation.

First, the "ads" raised the scare that John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers may again "cut off the nation's coal monopoly." From that McGraw-Hill went on to demand that unions be prosecuted under Federal anti-trust laws; that industry-wide bargaining be outlawed; that utility strikes be prohibited and that new curbs be placed on what it called "feather-bedding."

The irony of it all is that Uncle Sam fools a large part of the bill for such vicious propaganda, since corporations are permitted to charge off the expense of such "ads" in their income tax returns.

And McGraw-Hill, which publishes more than 25 trade magazines, is able to drum up more "ads" for its own publications from anti-union employers by running such propaganda in the newspapers.

McGraw-Hill winds up with an appeal to the foes of labor to go after their Congressmen and get them to pass harsh, new laws. That should be a cue to workers to wake up and work for the election of lawmakers who will not do the bidding of labor-hating corporations such as McGraw-Hill.—(Labor)

World-Wise

By Israel Epstein—(ALN)

The first results of the U.S. army war crimes trials of German big businessmen who backed Hitler were announced Dec. 22. We are not sure which they illustrate more—the shortness of human memory or the strength of moneyed solidarity.

Of six Nazi industrialists who powered Hitler's war machine, used his slave labor and supplied his gas chambers, three were released scot free. Friedrich Flick, Germany's biggest coal and steel man, got seven years. The other two got five and 2½ years. Since all had been held many months pending trial, their remaining terms are much shorter than their sentences.

The judge in the case was Charles B. Sears of Buffalo, N. Y., an old Republican who in 1942 ordered Harry Bridges, west coast union chief, deported as a "dangerous alien." This verdict was later set aside by the U.S. supreme court. With the Nazi bigshots, however, Sears did not live up to his tough reputation. In fact he was soft as putty and summarily dismissed the "crimes against humanity" charge against all defendants.

In Nuernberg on Dec. 22, Sears Week February 18 to 21.

ruled that "a person cannot become guilty of a crime against humanity merely by exerting anti-Semitic pressure to procure . . . industrial property owned by Jews." In other words, this crime does not exist if you "merely" get a Jew killed to take over his factory, which has competed with yours.

In Nuernberg also, Sears virtually apologized to a defendant, and rebuked a prosecuting attorney, for "harsh" courtroom treatment of Otto Steinbrink, No. 2 man in Flick's coal and steel empire and a longtime member of Hitler's SS storm troops. He rejected as "unthinkable" the idea that Steinbrink, "who as a U-boat commander has risked his life . . . to save survivors of a ship which he had sunk, should willingly be party to the slaughter of thousands of defenseless persons."

The defenseless persons are dead and cannot speak for themselves. While we are not lawyers, however, we know that neither legal nor lay opinion accepts good conduct in one respect as disproving crime in another. Some of the worst yeggs in history were model husbands and fathers.

Co-op Week

Wisconsin will celebrate Co-op Week February 18 to 21.

ST. PAUL FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN
ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans	\$15,401,773.06
This Association holds 2565 first liens on properties in Chicago and Suburbs, including Guaranteed Veterans Loans. These loans average 6004. Practically all loans require monthly payments of interest, principal and monthly reserves for real estate taxes.	
Loans on Investors Accounts, pledged	28,057.62
Properties sold on Contract	25,038.91
Homes sold on monthly payment plan, which the Association holds title until paid in full.	
Real Estate Owned and in Judgment	11,266.60
Properties which the owners can redeem by payment in full.	
United States Government Securities—and Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago	1,172,382.40
These bonds are Series G Bonds, other short term bonds and are carried on the books of the Association at par value, also Membership in the Federal Home-Loan Bank of Chicago, makes available long and short term credits that the Association may require in the course of business.	
Cash on Deposit in Banks	1,360,242.59
This includes cash on deposit in Banks, and a nominal petty cash fund which is kept in the office of the Association.	
Office Building and Equipment	42,162.56
This investment includes the office building at 2116 West Cermak Road, Chicago and all the furniture and office equipment.	
Other Assets	21,844.51
The premium for the insurance of the safety of the accounts up to \$5,000.00 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation together with miscellaneous prepaid and accrued items.	
Total Assets	\$18,062,768.25

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Members Share Accounts	\$13,701,204.53
The above represent accounts on which dividends have been paid to-date. Each investor's account is insured up to \$5,000.00 against loss by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, Washington, D. C.	
Mortgage Loans in Process	1,765,346.60
The above represents first mortgage loans that the Association has made, to build, repaid, refinance or for the purchase of homes, but has not yet disbursed this amount.	
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	1,500,000.00
This Association under its charter may borrow from this reserve institution, by pledging first mortgage loans as security in accordance with the terms of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act.	
Dividends declared	44,872.34
These are actual dividends available to holders of Certificate of Investment Shares for the previous six months ending December 31, 1947.	
Advance payments by borrowers for 1947 Real Estate Taxes	267,338.85
Other Liabilities	8,470.47
Reserves	44,389.63
Specific Reserves	700,000.00
Undivided Profits	31,145.63
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$18,062,768.25

Frank P. Kosmach, President and Manager of the St. Paul Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago, located at 2116 West Cermak Road, Chicago 8, Illinois, submits the report of progress during the year 1947.

During the year, \$345,474.70 was paid in dividends to its members.

During the year, 2251 New Members started their Savings Accounts with the St. Paul Federal.

During the year, 896 Members made a First Mortgage, for a total of over seven million dollars, of which 409 were construction loans and the balance were for the purchase of homes.

During the year, assets of the Association were increased by five million dollars, a gain of 37%.

The assets of the Association are now over eighteen million dollars. The Association now has over two million dollars invested in G.I. Veteran Loans.

The Association now has members in 42 states who have deposited their savings.

You, too, can become a Member, and you are invited to start a Savings Account with this strong and friendly institution, as we are as close to you as your mail box.

This tried and proven Association never had a Withdrawal Notice, and never missed a dividend since its organization in 1889. All Savings Member Accounts are insured up to \$5000 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation of Washington, D. C., and the current rate of dividend is 2½% per annum.

In behalf of the Association, I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to our many friends who have made our growth possible by recommending our Association.

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