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Interesting Campaign Figures—1938-1939

Last week's official campaign report for December, the final campaign month, shows that our lodges brought in 566 new adult and juvenile members—during one single month!

This is a new record for our membership campaigns conducted during the past ten years. The previous one-month high was reached in December, the final 1938 juvenile campaign month, when 426 new members were secured.

Another new record was the total number of new members secured during the nine-month 1939 campaign period—2874 new members! For by comparing the total number of new members secured during the twelve-month juvenile jubilee campaign of 1938, which brought in 2586 new members, with the nine-month 35th anniversary campaign of 1939, which brought in 2874, we see that the latter, although shorter by three months, surpassed the former by 288 new members!

For a closer view of the number of new members secured during the two above-mentioned campaigns, we present the following official figures:

CAMPAIGN OF 1938		CAMPAIGN OF 1939	
January	165	January	272
February	246	February	276
March	303	March	315
April	244	April	260
May	158	May	248
June	196	June	315
July	138	July	267
August	140	August	361
September	148	September	566
October	160	October	
November	258	November	
December	426	December	
Total	2586	Total	2874

It will be noted that each of the nine campaign months represented in the right-hand column exceeds the number of members secured in the corresponding month in the left-hand column.

In other words, last year's nine-month campaign brought in nearly 300 new members more than the 1938 twelve-month campaign!

Therefore, last year's unofficial quota of 3500 suggested as a fitting tribute in observance of our Society's 35th anniversary, would undoubtedly have been reached if it were allotted an equal period of campaigning. Besides, it must be remembered that the 1938 campaign quota was one thousand lower than last year's.

Wouldn't it be appropriate and timely for our English Speaking Lodges this year to continue their own campaign and bring in a little more than 600 new members to make up for the three months' "shortage" of the past year?

Let us remember that our future athletic and sports allotments will have a direct bearing on our ability to secure new members. And the 1941 convention, at which time this question will come up for a definite showdown, is not so far off.

Wolverines Plan Annual Snow Train Excursion to Ionia Winter Sports Park Feb. 4; Confetti Ball Feb. 24

DETROIT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4, the Wolverines will take their annual snow train excursion, but instead of going to Grayling, as we have the past few winters—this year we will go to Ionia Winter Sports Park at Ionia, Michigan.

This is a natural winter sports park with its range of hills affording a natural toboggan slides, a large skating rink—as well as ski trails along the banks of a little stream which winds its way through this park.

The park is only 2 hours and 50 minutes from the Brush Street Station in Detroit, which means that we can leave at 8:30 a. m., spend six hours at the park, and still be back home at 7:45 p. m. Passengers may also board the train at Milwaukee Junction, 8:39 a. m.; Highland Park, 9:43 a. m.; Royal Oak, 9:55 a. m.; and Birmingham, 9:55 a. m.

It is important to anyone who is intending to go that he contact Joe Cerne Jr. at 45 W. Greendale (Tel. 7-8219) before Sunday, Jan. 28, as this is the last date on which reservations can be made. Joe can also be contacted every Sunday afternoon at the Palmer Park Recreation, Six Mile and Woodward. The fare is \$2.50 for

the round trip via the Grand Trunk Lines.

Another splendid opportunity for spending an enjoyable day with your friends—take advantage of it!

Staff/Staff: Joe Kern spent the New Year Holidays in Milwaukee and reports that, weather conditions being favorable, we can expect some of the Jolly Allis gang at our Confetti Ball on February 24. We are pleased to announce that "Jo" Klarich won the Snow Train Ticket for selling the most admission tickets to our dance of Nov. 18. This business of winning seems to be a habit with "Jo." In fact, when it was announced that there would be a prize for selling the most tickets to our dance of Feb. 24, "Jo" suggested that the prize be a pair of bowling shoes, saying that she would like a new pair. However, we believe that Al Macaroni and L. Kovach will give her some competition this time.

The address of our new Fin. Sec'y Al Macaroni is 7182 Mackensie—Ty. 5-6950, but why not make it a habit to pay your dues at the lodge meeting each month.

The Wolverine Girls are now tied

TO OBSERVE 3RD BIRTHDAY WITH DANCE JAN. 27TH

MANOR, PA.—Manor Cadets' lodge 749 will hold its third anniversary dance on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Pleasant Valley Hall. Dancing will be from 8:30 to 12:30, to the music of Martin and his Slovene Commanders, a band that can really swing it.

The Pleasant Valley Hall has been remodeled and the road leading to the hall from the main highway has been greatly improved. So don't let the weather stop you from coming and enjoying yourself. We would like to see our friends from Export, Universal, Harnmarville and other neighboring lodges present.

The Cadets had their first meeting of the new year with a huge turnout. The Bank Nits must be bringing them but unfortunately the winner of the dollar, Floyd Gomez, was not present. Carolina Kukulovich and Thomas Solomons were elected as delegates to attend the Westmoreland County Federation meeting at Herminie on Jan. 28. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

THOMAS E. SOLOMON,
Lodge 749.

Jolly Allis Will Hold Party Feb. 25

WEST ALLIS, WIS.—More than overdue to write another article, I thought this would be as good a time as any to start right in again. With things happening it shouldn't be difficult. After the installation of officers and business of our last meeting was taken care of, we all participated in a game of bingo. We all played bingo before, but this was different. Leave it to May Kuhn and Albin Smith who were in charge of the entertainment. It took them three hours of shopping to get the prizes, and what you wouldn't give to have one for your hope chest. Believe it or not, Al Yannik did most of the winning, and all his hope chest needs now is a bit of a feminine touch.

The Jolly Allis boys' bowling team sure went over the plank like a cyclone; they didn't let their opponents even get within striking distance. The boys rolled well over 2700, which is the high three game series for the league. The man who really started the whirlwind was A. Kostenjewe who broke in his new ball properly by hitting a 616 total.

The Jolly Allis card party will be held Sunday, Feb. 25, at the lower Pilgrim hall, So. 72nd Street and Greenfield Avenue. The time will be 2:30 p. m. and the admission is 25 cents. Let us keep the date in mind and attend, not only yourself, but bring your friends along.

JOLLY, Lodge 686.

Montana Stars to Install Officers

BUTTE, MONT.—The last regular meeting of Lodge Montana Stars, SNPJ 730, was held on Dec. 24 at the Narodni Dom. There was a large attendance and social took place after the meeting. The following officers were elected:

President, Frank Bolfeta; Vice President, John Chebul; Secretary, Joe Perusich; Treasurer, Walter Kondal; Rec. Secretary, Frank Lovshin Jr.; Supervising Committee: Jack Clements, Frank Farnen, and Mrs. Mary Malonek. Our lodge physician is Dr. V. O. Ungherini. The meetings are to be held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 2 p. m.

All members are requested to take notice of the new Secretary's address which is 2506 Princeton, and do not forget to pay your dues by the first of each month to keep from being suspended.

The next meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p. m. All members are asked to be present as there will be some important business to attend to.

FRANK BOLFETA, Lodge 730.

for first place in the bowling league, but even so, the Wolverine Caboose Team will bowl them a three game series starting with one game on Sunday, Jan. 21. This game will be bowled before the regular league bowling gets under way. An Entertainment Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, immediately after bowling.

T. STEFFLER, 677.

JZ Jrs. to Give 2nd Polka Dance Jan. 27

LIBRARY, PA.—The J. Z. Jrs., SNPJ lodge 682, are holding their second annual polka dance on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Slovene hall. The music will be furnished by Paul Dolinar and his orchestra. As you all know, Paul and his boys can make everybody happy. Come out and see for yourself.

What happened to the J. Z. Jrs. boys' bowling team on New Year's Day? They surely didn't seem to be hitting that king pin as well as usual. Better luck next time, boys.

Don't forget, folks, our polka dance Jan. 27. A good time is assured all who attend. And last but not least, the "Heart to Heart" dance on Feb. 10. "GRANISH POP," Lodge 682.

Warren Lodge to Stage Midwinter Dance Saturday

WARREN, O.—Is dancing your hobby? If so, here is an ideal place to go. The SNPJ lodge 321 is holding its mid-winter dance Jan. 20. The place is located on Burton Street, at the Croatian Hall. The invitation is extended to all near-by and distant lodges, as an enjoyable evening is assured to all.

Featuring the super-colossal music of the ever-popular Jack Persin and his orchestra, who scarcely need any introduction to all music lovers of the SNPJ.

A few side-glances: We wonder why Frank R. has been interested in Warren lately? A few friends of ours from the Golden Eagles say Frank started new year off right, any one who wanted to dance with that certain maiden from Warren had to have his permission. That ever-popular Traveling Bachelor, Al Cvelbar, will soon be saying "I do." My! but things happen very fast. The shy ones have waited for Leap Year to get their breaks.

May we remind you once again about our dance. Let's have some representatives from each lodge and with your cooperation, we hope that the dance will be a great success. So plan to be with us this Saturday, Jan. 20. Start your new year right by attending all the SNPJ dances.

A MEMBER, Lodge 321.

L. A. Lodge Will Give Mask Dance Saturday, Jan. 27

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The social committee of the SNPJ lodge 615 have planned to have a masquerade dance on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the American Armenian Hall, 1310 So. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles.

There will be good music for both modern and old-time dancing. And it has been a habit for the past few years to have klobase (smoked sausage) at the masquerade dances, therefore we will have klobase again this time. Prizes will be given to the three best costumes.

All lodges in Los Angeles and neighboring towns are invited. We would like to see all the members bring their families and friends because a good time is in store for everyone. We'll be seeing you at the dance on Saturday, Jan. 27.

To those that read Sister Krushlin's column in Slovene in the January 3 Prosveda, "I would like to make a correction. The dance is not Feb. 27, but it is Jan. 27."

ANNA SADAR, Rec. Secretary.

Export Marine News

EXPORT, PA.—The following officers of SNPJ lodge 788 will lead the lodge this year: Fred Zecker, president; John Rogina, vice-pres.; August Carfang, rec. sec.; Frank Trebets, fin. sec.; Edward Briggs, treas.

A special meeting was held Dec. 31 to initiate new members, George Denarich and Mike Japansin. All members are requested to attend the next meeting as there will be important discussions about our softball team, and we will also elect delegates to the Westmoreland Fed. Meeting which will be held Jan. 28.

The Marines are sorry to hear that one of our active members, Frank Rosina, was injured in an accident Dec. 27 while traveling to work. We wish him a speedy recovery. Plans were made to attend the Comet Dances at Universal last Saturday, and on Jan. 27, the Marines will travel to Pleasant Valley to attend the Manor Cadets' dance.

"THE GOBS," Lodge 758.

KEYSTONIANS TO HOLD PRE-LENT DANCE FEB. 3RD

HERMINIE, PA.—On Jan. 7, the Keystone lodge convened for their first time of the year. The new officers were installed and pledged to carry on the duties of their respective offices. With full cooperation from their members, there is no reason why the Keystone lodge cannot make 1940 their Banner Year.

After the regular routine business was transacted, the membership decided to set aside Saturday, Feb. 3, for the date of their next dance, which will be known as Pre-Lent Dance. All neighboring lodges are requested to hold this date open and spend the evening with us. To date no definite orchestra has been decided upon. One of the following orchestras will furnish the dance melodies for the entire evening: Vadal Quartet, Bergant Sisters, or Frank's Trio. Watch next week's edition for the announcement by another Keystonean scribe.

Event: Pre-Lent Dance. Time: Saturday, Feb. 3. Place: Slovene Hall, Herminie, Pa. Orchestra: To be announced next week. Plan to attend. A special invitation is extended to all neighboring lodges and friends to come to our dance.

A KEYSTONIAN, Lodge 613.

Will Mark Silver Stars' Anni. Jan. 27

YUKON, PA.—Completely recovered of the holiday hangover, we make an attempt at a so-called article.

For shame, Silver Stars. Yes, it is a shame to come to the first meeting in 1940 and see no increase in the attendance. Haven't any of you resolved to attend all meetings? That is a resolution that should be foremost in thought. We'll accept the excuse of unfavorable weather conditions this time. But next month you better buckle up your coats and galoshes and venture out to the Dom. If our coming anniversary dance proves to be favorable, we intend to make plans for another party. So on your toes, members.

Speaking of anniversary dances, we hope you haven't forgotten those plans to attend the Silver Stars' 9th Anni. Dance on Jan. 27, where the Vadal Quartet will preside at the entertainment booth. The evening's fun will begin at 7:30 and continue until 12. The admission is to be 25¢ for ladies and 35¢ for men. Talk about bargain! Can you ask for more? 5 1/2 hours of fun with the Vadalns for only 25 and 35¢. We would like to see some of the lodges who have never attended an S. S. affair. We assure you you'll not regret it.

All S. S. committee members are requested to be at the hall no later than 7 p. m.

Until Jan. 7 and the Vadal Quartet, FRANCES PRESEREN, 729.

Heart of America Give Party Sunday

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—The entertainment committee of SNPJ lodge 690, of which Zvonimir Kvaternik is chairman, have completed plans for a card party to be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 3 p. m. at the Croat-Slovene Nat'l Home on 5th and Elizabeth.

Members, as this is our first affair of the year, let us all make it a point to be present, your friends are also invited. We also extend invitation to members and friends of SNPJ Lodge 406, to the Croatian Community Players and other lodges to come out and spend a very enjoyable evening. There will be plenty of music. A door prize will be given away, also winners at tables will receive prizes.

Let's all come out and make our first affair of the year a great success. Admission is only twenty-five cents per person. There will be plenty of refreshments.

JOSEPH REZIN, Secretary.

Lodge 41 to Give Dance Saturday

IRWIN, PA.—On Saturday, Jan. 20, SNPJ lodge 41 of Pleasant Valley will sponsor a big dance at the Slovene Hall. The committee has secured a new orchestra for this dance—Joe Kramer's orchestra of Uniontown. It is heard over WBNS every Saturday at 3:15 p. m. This is the first time this orchestra has appeared in this district. There will be plenty of refreshments. All neighboring lodges and friends are invited. Let's all head for Pleasant Valley for a real time on Jan. 20.

A MEMBER, Lodge 41.

Jolly Juniors Break Record, Add 219 New Members in 2 Years; Turn Deaf Ear to Petty "Criticism," March On!

SYGAN, PA.—This being our first article of the new year and a little late for resolutions, here's hoping you've included in your list the one which reads that "I in 1940 will take more interest in lodge affairs and also attend meetings more frequently."

Our first meeting of this year, as usual, was very poorly attended. We initiated two juveniles, namely, Fr. Dolinar and Charles Davidson, who were transferred to the adult department. We know that in Frank we've gained a very active member and let's hope Chuck proves the same.

Our membership during the past two years was increased considerably. We've gained 159 juveniles, 58 adults, plus 4 transfers for a total of 219 NEW MEMBERS. We don't receive any credit for this success, but plenty of criticism, locally. We've been called foolish, you're only causing more work for yourself. Imagine members who've been in the SNPJ since the day it's been organized tell you this. This will give you an idea why their membership has been at a standstill for the past 10 years.

We've made a habit of turning a deaf ear towards this kind of talk. To be secretary of an organization doesn't mean that after the meeting you throw your books in the desk and say, "Well I'm good for another month." Some may think I'm throwing bouquets at myself when I use "we" in my articles, but no, I think I have a right to. I've been responsible for securing 85% of these new members, I've been elected as publicity committee and our secretary has received 100% cooperation as far as lodge business is concerned. This will give you an idea why we had difficulty in electing a secretary to serve us for the year.

Following is a list of the new officers: Pres., Geo. Usnick; Vice Pres., Sophie Anbel; Treas., Rudy Kramer; Fin. Sec., Elizabeth Barufaldi; Rec. Sec., Lawrence Kaucic. Aud. Com.: Agnes Balint, Chairman; Sophie and Mary Anbel. Sergeant, Enoch Knez. Pub. Committee: Arthur Dermotta, Ann Pletersek, John Barufaldi. Our Financial Secretary just asked me to include in this article, that all members that are in arrears with their dues to please have them paid up or you'll be suspended. It's against our wishes, but these are orders.

We're still a little hot under the collar, but with a drop in temperature we'll probably cool off and forget about this gossip and criticism and cooperate with the officers. Your first step towards cooperation is to attend our next meeting to be held

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as previously on the second Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Bowling News
What's an article without a little something about our members. First we have our ace bowler S. Daniels, whose averages dropped 10 points at the tournament. We knew the moment that blonde walked in we were through for his weakness in bowls. Fire-Ball Bakers' ave. also dropped. This was due to a severe cold. Nine Pin Buzz they call me. Well, I hadn't any time to figure out, but later I realized that. Effler of Verona was using my ball. A 255 single and 625 3 game ave. "I've been robbed," Lesjak shouted when he got that split on a double. He usually throws up his hands, pulls his hair a little, but he sort of broke away from this at Carriek.

As for F. Ramous, no alibies, takes it very cool and "I'm to blame," says Shank. The only error I caused by letting Elmer use my ball cost us the first prize. I'll see that it doesn't happen again and next year we'll probably bring home the bacon or shunka. We missed Henry Ruppert at Carriek and upon questioning a member of their lodge he informed us that Henry has fallen in love. Does this mean your lodge is going to lose an active member? No, I hope. The very same happened to us a number of years back, but we're still fighting for the SNPJ. He probably found the one that promises to stick to her work. We've met many other friends, too numerous to mention, but we must say we've all enjoyed it, had a wonderful time and we hope to have you all back with us at our next tournament.

JOHN BARUFALDI, 669.

Westm'land Fed. Will Meet January 28 at Herminie

HERMINIE, PA.—Notice to all delegates of the Westmoreland SNPJ Federation, that the next conference will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Herminie Slovene Home at 10 a. m. Please be on time as important business will be on the day's order. Besides the routine business election of officers will be held.

We regret to report that we lost our Federation Treasurer, Bro. Joseph Zorko, who was buried Jan. 2 in West Newton, his home town.

The SNPJ lodge 87 will hold a masquerade dance Feb. 3. Prizes of five, three and two dollars will be given away. All members and friends are invited to attend.

ANTON ZORNIK, Fed. Sec'y.

SNPJ Lodge 'Keystoners' Will Give Another "Nite of Entertainment" at Slovene Workers' Home January 27

SHARON, PA.—Since 1939 joined the ranks of yesteryears, again we Keystoneans pause momentarily leafing back, also forward, through the bygone '39. Finding it really pleasant to glance back and seeing that you, our Fraternal Brothers and Sisters, have cooperated to the greatest extent and have helped and made for us another year of noteworthy progress, I thank you.

We now look forward with keen anticipation, for we know and expect that during 1940 progress will continue at a top-notch pace.

Marking the first great event of the Keystoneans' year, let us pull out our memos and chalk up another night of joyous entertainment. Where? Slovene Home, Sharon, Pa. What? Dance. When? Saturday, Jan. 27. Again, we have been successful in booking the swing-and-away the polka-way, the ever-popular Jack Persin and his orchestra. Your night will be well spent with the Keystoneans always at your side on their tiptoes, always ready to serve you. Be present. We'll be looking for you all. Golden Eagles, Buckeyes, Harnmarville Ramblers, Strabans, East Palestine and from elsewhere.

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POSTAL REGULATIONS.

A SUGGESTION: Postal regulations prohibit publishing or mentioning in any way items covering raffles or games of chance in newspapers. Papers containing this information are refused admittance to the mails. Our members will, therefore, kindly eliminate such subjects from their articles.

My Week

By Louis Beniger

Last week, as is the case with most of us, a large part of my interest centered on the swiftly unfolding European drama. Most recent events, among other things, have again brought to the limelight the Balkans, the "old powder keg." Several outside forces, dominated by the unholy trinity of Hitler, Stalin and to a lesser degree by Mussolini, are so zealously pressing the "issue" of the unfortunate Balkans for a final showdown.

The Balkans is composed of six countries—Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. The peninsula is a place of strange contrasts. The total population numbers about 75 million people who live in an area of 640,000 square miles. But that section of the earth's surface is of great strategic importance politically, economically and geographically.

The majority of the population is engaged in farming. The Balkans is one of the greatest cereal-producing regions, as well as important livestock producer; oil, iron ores, zinc, copper, etc., are some of its other products. And these are also some of the "strategic" factors. More than anything else, dictator Mussolini would like to make another Finland of Yugoslavia. At the present, however, he must be satisfied to mark time.

Of great strategic importance, of course, is the Dardanelles, controlled by Turkey. It is the only connecting waterway between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, a strait of about 50 miles and about three miles wide. The struggle for the control of the Dardanelles is an old one, Russia and Great Britain being the most recent contenders, as they were several times before.

The Balkans gave America millions of immigrants. At the turn of the century and up until the World War, thousands upon thousands of immigrants from the Balkan countries poured to our shores. Among them were many of our own people. There is many an interesting, stirring story behind their adventures and experiences which are rarely brought to light in print.

Only last week I noticed in the Daily Prosveda an unusually vivid description by Mrs. Josephine Malovich of Chicago. She tells of her early immigrant days in this country nearly three decades ago. Much human interest is contained in accounts of this kind, and it is no wonder that Louis Adams likes to deal in his books and articles with such rich material.

Our immigrants have done many worthwhile things, considering their many handicaps. Their many institutions are perhaps the most outstanding proof. This year, for instance, Proletariat, organ of the JSP, is observing its 35th anniversary—an anniversary of hard, persistent work and constant struggle for the advancement of our workers.

Sheboygan News

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.—On Sunday, Jan. 21, the Optimist club of Sheboygan is holding their annual Optimist Skate Derby at Kiwanis Park. Ray Zittel will again defend his Sheboygan County championship against a list of very promising blade artists. Among whom we find Rudy (Babe) Saye, a member of Lodge Moderns. Babe Saye will be wearing a flashy red and white skating uniform. Displaying an eight inch SNPJ emblem sewed out in silk thread, in natural color, on his jersey. The suit is really tops in speed skating apparel and we are truly proud of being sponsors for Babe.

My bet is, that Babe will capture the trophy by at least 20 points. I'm not making this wager because of the fact that he is our member, but, because he is fast on the get away and it seems to me he can burst out with considerably greater speed in the last one or two laps of any race bet 1/4 or 1 mile. Members, I urge you to come down and cheer for your fellow member in a race that promises to be the greatest in the history of the Optimist Derby.

The outlook for Lodge Moderns in 1940 is very bright. With newly added interest by some of our well-shall we say, just members. Will we endeavor into a greater field of activities? One field of activity I am sure will be surpassed in '40, and that is, in our friendly good will visits to our neighboring lodge affairs.

Mrs. Frances Rupnik's husband, Jack, who was struck by an automobile on Highway 23 last summer, was operated on for the second time, three weeks ago. Jack, we wish you a speedy recovery.

I wish to thank the members of Jolly Alis and Badgers for their attendance at our dance on Dec. 2, 1939, in such a large number. A bit late, but better late than never, they say.

By the way, Badgers, did you say April 13?

FLASHES

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Pioneers will install their officers at the regular meeting on Friday, Jan. 19, at the SNPJ Hall. All members are urged to attend the meeting. The fourth quarter audit report will be made, our tourney dance and invitational handicap bowling tournament will be discussed, other activities for 1940 will be checked, reports will be made on the Christmas party, our bowling league, the juvenile circle, and the Pioneer Bulletin.

Committees which will be functioning for 1940 will be named by the new President. A couple of new members will also be initiated. William Putz promised to decorate the hall for the installation and the new Entertainment Committee will take charge of the refreshments after the meeting. We will have \$5 cash on hand for some member who will be present.

We wound up 1939 in a glorious fashion. Altogether, we initiated 20 new members which gave us a total of 62 initiations for 1939 and which helped to bring us the highest membership total on record—402. Our other achievements were equally as good. We had successful dances and prize picnic and our bowling league stood out prominently. Many of our folks traveled long distances to participate in festivities of other lodges, thereby creating good will for the Pioneers. We have every reason to believe that we shall attain our goal of 700 by the time we celebrate our

Buckeye Bits: Fed. and Lodge Dances

By Nellie

BARBERTON, O.—A hungry man doesn't have to be persuaded to eat (for do you remember, Gandhi?) nor does the fun-loving fellow have to be persuaded to go where he can have lots of fun. The Northeastern Ohio Federation is holding a dance on January 20 at the Slovene Home in Barberton. An interesting program is planned in the form of a masked ball and prizes will be given for outstanding costumes. For dancing feet, there will be that delightful, pleasing music of the Vadsala of Cleveland. This Federation dance is the first SNPJ social event of the year and will undoubtedly draw a large crowd, so come along and have yourself a time.

Memories are like the seasons; they are always in existence. Summer days can fall on one part of the earth for a time and then vanish only to come back without fail. A memory can be lodged in the heart, but it, too, can be brought to mind at will. Look into your hearts you SNPJers who attended the last Buckeye Heart to Heart Dance—dig out the memory of a wonderful evening and let the vivid picture of a grand occasion act as an inducement to attend another such affair, for the opportunity to do so will be presented by the Buckeyes who will hold their second Heart to Heart Dance on Feb. 3rd at the Slovene Home. A similar dance program will be arranged and, this being Leap Year, special dances will be listed on the program with the fairer sex doing the asking. (Better watch out, Al Gorence!) Music will be furnished by Pete Sarnick and his Cleveland orchestra, which is a very nice "bunch of band." Keep a date with the Buckeyes and make room for another glorious memory.

The Buckeye girls bowled a special match with an Akron team Sunday and tasted defeat. Notice to the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Beaters by the Barberton Gai Bowlers: Kindly forward an A-1 excuse even though intended for recruits; if you're all out of good ones, any left over will do; it's needed so badly. (P. S.: Don't get so excited—the other team was a good man's team and they weren't SNPJers anyway!)

Last year the Buckeyes enjoyed a number of games with the Cleveland girls. The idea of a few matches this year sounds good. Pauline Spik, if interested, you know how to get in touch with the Buckeyes.

Spirit-o-Grams

By WHOOTIT

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The "Spirits" first 1940 meeting on Jan. 12 had good attendance and abundant enthusiasm, with new officers installed by Brother F. Mahnick, as follows: J. Spiller, B. Ducots, Mary Sveglitch, Sophie Vertovsek, and Ida Maurich.

The above may be new officers, but their records show years of previous experience, as Jno. Spiller who was until two years ago the Spirit president for eight years; Ben Ducots held the vice presidency position for a year; Mary Sveglitch, transferred from the Integrity Lodge in Chicago, is known to all as "Miss," was considered one of the most popular and active members in that locality. We consider ourselves fortunate to have her with us. Sophie Vertovsek was our Financial Secretary four years, and is serving her second term as

15th Anniversary in November. So, Pioneers, get on the bandwagon with your fellow officers and workers and help us in our endeavors.

Entries for the Pioneer invitational handicap bowling tournament scheduled for Sunday, March 10, have been mailed to the Secretaries of the lodges in Sheboygan, West Allis, Milwaukee, Waukegan, Chicago, La Salle, Springfield, Joliet, St. Louis, and Detroit. Since this is a handicap tournament, every bowler, good or bad, will have an equal opportunity to share in the prize money. A definite prize of \$25, and possibly more, is assured the winners of the men's division. Individual high games will also receive proportionate amounts. This tournament will be run in two divisions, one for the men and another for the ladies. Women's teams will receive all the money which will come in from the women's entries. We hope that our fellow fraternalists will take advantage of getting a real warming up at this handicap tourney in preparation for the National Tourney, May 4 and 5.

Tony Stoes, who is President of the Hearts of America in Kansas City, reports that his lodge has secured eleven new members during the month of December and attributes the good results to the fine celebration they held on Nov. 28. We are glad that they have taken advantage of the celebration offered them and hope they will continue adding new members throughout 1940.—Brothers Pike and Koebe from out Pennsylvania way made a flying visit to these parts during the holiday season. Mike Reading sends us a beautifully illustrated booklet from the Tournament of Roses. We listened on the radio for a description of the Roses parade and thought it was beautiful, but the illustrations in the booklet outdo by far any vivid description on the air.

The men bowlers of the Pioneer league had better beware, lest some of our ladies will supplant them as the top-notchers. Last week Judy Norris rolled a beautiful 207 game, Millie Jakes an even 200, for their highest scores this year and for that extra dollar. Other ladies rolled fine games as follows: Frances Vider 170, Bertha Hudale 166, Agnes Maly 165, Louisa Harmon 161, Mae Jurecek 159, Mae Groser 158, Sylvia Borienik 150, Angeline Godina 149, Angeline Zalta 147, Anne Kochever 146, and Margaret Kochever 147. We report these scores for two reasons: to show that our girls are becoming good bowlers and to recognize them, thus giving them additional incentive. The lowly Nada squad tripped the Wencels in three games. The Babenicks did the same to the Slovene Labor Center squad and the Seteckas copped two from the Boulevard Florists.

The men's division is now ready to go into the home stretch. Zefran's Undertakers won all three from the SNPJ Printers. They were led by Joe Zefran's 212 and his fine series of 589. Naashinan's Dentists won two from Reliable Liquor. The Zaveritniks lost two to the Hujans and Lotrich's Insurance took two away from Dr. Walter's squad. Zordan's 208, Kramer's 202 and Darovec's 200 were the best efforts of the boys. A splendid match game was rolled last Saturday night between the Pioneer boys against Val Videgar's Aurora boys. Our boys came out on top with a 2609 score. Elmer Larson of the victors after a fine 251 game and a 576 series. After the series, we all trodded to the Center where we had an enjoyable time until the early hours of the morning. Many Pioneers witnessed the match.

Nada's dance and party will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the SNPJ Hall. The Pioneer allotment of tickets are in the hands of the Secretary. Arrange to attend.—Our own March 9th Tourney Dance committee is scanning for a good orchestra and we hope to make an announcement soon.—Tom Cakale's concert is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 4, at the SNPJ Hall. The singers of Sava and Preseren will participate.—We congratulate Frank and Alice Reven upon the arrival of their first baby. Frank already made inquiry about bringing the child into the lodge.

(Omitted item will appear next week with appropriate comment.—Ed.)

DONALD J. LOTRICH, 599

treasurer. Sister Ida Maurich, our re-elected recorder, also held the financial secretary position for one year. Thus with our efficient executive board and a group of active members as the Spirits, we should have one of the most progressive and prosperous years.

It certainly was good to read the splendid results of our Jubilee Campaign which concluded in December, but the Spirit of St. Louis has mentioned to have their own Campaign for the year 1940 with medical examination and initiation FREE. Spirit! Do your duty, and get those new members, whether juveniles or adults, and let's hit the 4 star Mark by 1941. (More Spirit news next week.)

Juvenile Circles

CIRCLE 13 PLAN CONTEST FOR NEXT MEETING, FEB. 23

CLEVELAND, O.—Attention, Circle 13 members! Be sure to come to our next meeting which will be held on Friday, Feb. 23. This meeting will be one of the best we ever had.

At the last meeting our adviser, Mrs. Medvesek, planned to have a contest in which every member can join. Besides that we will have other things. The boys will work on the scrapbook and the stamp album; the girls will sew potholders. If possible, bring your Feb. M. L. with you because we are planning to read the articles and stories that will appear in that number. And don't forget to study the M. L. as the test or contest will consist of that material.

Circle 13 wishes to thank the SNPJ for the beautiful pencils.

TONY SPENDAL, Circle 13.

CHICAGO'S W. SIDE CIRCLE TO MEET EACH SAT. AT 10

CHICAGO.—The newly formed Juvenile Circle of the West Side SNPJ lodge will continue to meet each Saturday at the Boys' Club, 2801 S. Ridgeway, but the time has been changed. The session will start at 10 o'clock in the morning instead of 9:30. However, the doors will open at 9:30 for early comers.

The attendance last Saturday was larger—23 juveniles were present. It was a lively, spirited meeting. After the routine business, movies were shown by the management of the Boys' Club. Movies will be shown regularly each 2nd and 4th Saturday and our juveniles can see them free of charge.

Don't forget our next meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20.

SIMON TROJAR, Director.

CIRCLE "W. Y. A. SNPJERS" WANT MORE COOPERATION

THOMAS, W. VA.—On Dec. 31, the "W. Y. A. SNPJERS," Circle 16, held a party. This party was held so the juveniles could show the adults their work of the past year.

The program committee worked hard to get everything arranged and distributed the parts. When the time came to practice, no one knew his or her part. They all had plenty of time to learn them! Only one boy participated; the rest must be very bashful. As a result, the program was called off. The administrator wasn't present. The party would have been a success if all the members would have shown a little cooperation. Let us take our work more seriously and let us cooperate in the future more closely, and the result will be satisfactory. Let's make our Circle meetings and parties more successful by attending them and behaving like little gentlemen and little ladies.

The Circle thanks Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lipovec and daughter of Kempton, Md., for attending the party. They also wish to thank the members of SNPJ lodge 20 for attending.

M. VIDMAR, Circle 16.

FEBRUARY 4 IS DATE FOR NEXT CIRCLE 11 MEETING

FRANKLIN, KANS.—Circle 11 held a very successful Christmas party at Franklin Dec. 23. The program was very interesting. Circle President Henry Jolevich played on the accordion and the Girls' Trio sang several lovely songs. A Slovene poem by Mr. John Shular. Olga Knapich and Henry Jolevich appeared in a Slovene play "Kmet in Fotograf". The dance music was furnished by the Kansas Playboys.

After the program, Ol' Santa appeared on the scene and handed out presents to each juvenile member, after which refreshments were served and then dancing started. Everyone present had a very good time.

Our January meeting was held at the Breezy Hill hall. In spite of very bad weather the meeting was held as announced. Our next meeting will take place at Camp 56 on Feb. 4. All members of the Circle are invited to come.

DOROTHY KARLINGER, Secretary.

Clev. SNPJ Athletic Dance February 17

CLEVELAND, O.—The annual Athletic Dance of the Cleveland SNPJ lodge will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the St. Clair SNH. Proceeds will go toward the fund we are creating for sending our bowlers to the Nat'l SNPJ Bowling tourney to be held in Waukegan in May. Members are asked to get rid of their tickets, as we have additional supply of tickets for your disposal. Let's all get together and put this dance over in the real style.

The next meeting of our athletic group is scheduled for Jan. 19 at the St. Clair SNH at 8 p.m.

More news on our athletic and membership activities next week.

GEORGE CURDA, Chairman.

Golden Eagles Map New Plans With Other Fraternalists; to Consolidate Juvenile Members of SNPJ Lodges

GERARD, OHIO.—Our first meeting of the year proved to be very pleasant and entertaining, combining a sensible discussion with several things on the lighter side and probably for this reason the clock wheeled along so smoothly that it was eleven before we were ready to check out. About sixteen members warmed themselves by Nagoda's new stove and watched about the resignation of one of the Circle's guardians, about the possible purchase of a filing cabinet or a desk, about our five cent monthly assessment and finally about a four-lodge proposal to initiate and formulate plans for housing the same.

Having other things to occupy her time completely, Sis. Frances Milavec decided to discontinue in her capacity as the "Dawn of Youth" adviser. After a conference with the officials of Lodge 49 there will be a combined meeting between our lodges with the idea of working for a full consolidation between the juveniles of both organizations. Sometime soon you will be sent a card asking for your participation in the joint meeting, so when you get it, check the date somewhere where it may act as a reminder.

As of equal importance was the suggestion for a sort of Slovene Hall managed and operated on a cooperative basis. While a committee has been chosen to represent the Eagles it certainly wouldn't be amiss to receive instructions and question routine from our "silent partners." The responsible lodges for this action are starting from "scratch" so a great deal must be accomplished commencing with diversified and clashing opinions which will lead to definite and constructive principles. Attend our monthly meetings where developments are surely to be unwrapped for your benefit.

This past Christmas eve, while most of us were at home comfortably warm and rather content, a lonely man—Nick Katsavas, aged "48 or 49," spent the same evening in his home—a five foot sewer pipe. Strange, indeed, if he would prefer this type of shelter to the usual kind. But not so strange are the circumstances which caused him to seek a sewer pipe ("where I can spit on the floor") to keep out the wind and rain. In his better days, he, too, probably was employed for short periods at least—and the man or woman who bought his services must be living in quarters as wonderful as his are dull. Even yet, this man must have an appetite, as an ordinary man; he must have pockets (if he has pants) in which he would like to jingle a few dimes—as an ordinary man; he must have emotions which at times must cause him to shake his wrinkled fists at the uncompromising world—all with tragic despair and he must have happy remembrances of a home to which he was welcomed and consoled.

Is he in his adopted "home" because there is no wood in the land? Is he shining shoes because all of our youths are busily engaged in industry? Is he poorly dressed and lightly clad because there is a scarcity of wool and lack of clothing workers? With industry at 90% it is reported that there are still at least 9,000,000

unemployed. A one hundred per cent figure would dent this figure but little, so what does the future hold for us? Pay attention to the industrial production and compare this with your unemployment list.

Off the Record.—The special five cent levy was proposed and passed so that H. Cigolle will have to collect that amount from each member. Although you will not be obliged to purchase any dance tickets this year, we do look forward to enthusiastic lodge spirit to bring you to our future affairs. Stanley "Pop" Hribar and family are now located in Avon Park, where George Ritter is "honorary mayor." Florence Lukis is on the sick list. Visitors can find her at home on Lantern Rd. off Meridian in Youngstown. Dear "Old Man," it's a secret, but we intend to keep on praising the "Buckeye Boy Bouncers" hoping that they may become too confident and thus destroy themselves. We gotta use psychology—we just gotta. Wish us luck and save your idea for a few months—we might need it. Sis. Julia Piro's suggestion of an Entertainment Committee should be warmly received at the next meeting. And keep your eye on "Ma" Valencheek's original use of words and deductions. She and "Oh" have a flair for writing.

Little Fort Lodge

Waukegan, ILL.—Yes, pleasure night indeed! Our own Slovene National Choral Society will again present an amusing and entertaining musical program here in our own Slovene Hall, Saturday, Jan. 20, some time after 7:30 o'clock in the evening. And what's more, it will be for the benefit of the Slovene Hall, with all the proceeds going for the purchase of various necessary stage and hall requirements.

Under the direction of Paul J. Sifler, the superb Choral Society will present the following program: Violin selections by Ralph Harjo, young Finnish virtuoso; acrobatic and gypsy dances by the excellent Foberg School of Dancing; a piano duet by Paul J. Sifler and Christine Stritar; delightful songs by the Kim Trio; selections by Juveniles Slovenes; and of course, the Slovene Choral Society. The Choral group will sing "Gypsy Love Song," the run-around-year-brain song which brings happy memories of a previous concert; "Mraku," the Slovene favorite of all times; "The Bells of Saint Mary," and "Spanish Gypsy Song." There will be dancing after the program.

Rightly believing that the other clubs, lodges, societies, and groups close to the Slovene Hall would also welcome an opportunity to aid the Hall in providing those features most desired by our people, the Choral Society turned to them for assistance. And assistance came in the form of selling and purchasing tickets, advertising the show, etc.; Little Fort Lodge, No. 14, and No. 110 of the SNPJ, have done their share. Yes, once again the entire liberal and free-thinking Slovene community of Waukegan and North Chicago joins on behalf of the Slovene Hall. To the Choral Society, many thanks for showing the way!

C. U. Notes

The annual meeting of the North Chicago Co-operative Credit Union was interesting and well attended. The enthusiastic members unanimously approved the Board's recommendations regarding the amendments to the Credit Union By-Laws, which were mentioned in our last article. The feature of the evening, of course, was the election of the Board of Directors.

The officers of the North Chicago Co-operative Credit Union for 1940 are: Anton Nobel, President; Anton Kersich Jr., Secretary; Math Ogryn, Treasurer; Anton Lukancic, Jacob Mesec, Mary Troha, as members of the Credit Committee; and Andrew Morok, Anton Celarac, and John J. Zelenik, as members of the Supervisory Committee. With much regret the membership of the Credit Union accepted the resignation of Anthony Pierce, one of the most enthusiastic and well-informed Board members during the year 1939.

Lodge Notes

The January meeting of the Little Fort Lodge, No. 568, SNPJ, will be held on Sunday, January 21, at the Slovene Hall, beginning about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Assessments will be collected, the officers will be installed, various policies will be decided upon, assessments will again be collected, appropriations for the JSP and the Midwest Athletic League will be made, representatives to the SNPJ Athletic League will be selected, and the Anniversary Committee will give its long and interesting report on the committee's activities and plans.

Yes, the Anniversary Committee will give its (etc. etc.) report. With the Anniversary Celebration usually occurring in February, the Committee has not even met. Three attempts were made by three members of the

A Column

By Mary Jugg

It is amazing how alert Big Business is to anything that might challenge their privileged methods of dealing with the public.

Anyone who cares to consult the records will be equally amazed to see how consistently alike have been all the methods for overpowering a growing public consciousness for health and well-being whether it be in regard to pure-food laws, opposition to child labor, or cooperative methods.

The latest blow is against consumers' groups.

No sooner did various organizations begin to hint that advertising may not be all it is puffed up to be, that housewives should read the labels on food-stuffs and demand that all the information be placed on labels, that certain advertised products may be not only useless but actually harmful—no sooner was this action begun than manufacturers sensed the danger to their trades and began not only a spirited anti-campaign but one well backed by dollars.

Probably no word has achieved a more complete black eye in America than "communist." So degraded is the implication of the word that it, no doubt, shares a place with "heretic" during the days of the Inquisition. So easy is the handle to attach and so thoroughly does it black-out every positive quality of the object so named that it has become not only a derogatory blanket with no thought necessary but also extremely enticing to apply.

And as it happens that Consumers' Union has been dubbed "communist" by the majority of the Dies committee so shamelessly that leading newspapers (which carry large ads on which they are dependent) have editorially spoken against it.

The latest issue of Consumers Union Reports carries excerpts from editorials of the New York Times, the New York World-Telegram, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and statements by Harold Lohr and Jerry Voorhis (himself a minority member of the Dies committee) denouncing it.

An article in the January issue of The Forum written by a leader in the cooperative movement explains the length to which manufacturers' associations have gone to stamp out not only consumer groups but also co-operatives and education about propaganda devices in distributing worthless and inferior goods.

Cooperatives, too, have been daubed with the word "communist" regardless of the fact that their beginning was the Rochdale movement in England in the last century, and that it had promised to take a stronghold in America long before communist Russia was dreamed of and that, in fact, communist Russia has shown no indication toward consumer self-education for their mutual well-being and advancement in the form of co-operatives.

The use of the word "communist," by the way, reached an all-time high in the Chicago Sunday Tribune of Jan. 14, whose picture section carried a view of the American Student Union in Madison, Wis., listening to a speech by Earl Browder. The caption read: "Typical communist faces." It is very likely the first time in our history that anyone has tried to determine one's party affiliation by a look at the facial contour!

Heretofore, scientists have had a job proving that you could not tell one's nationality by judging his physical features. How will they cope with this one?

And still another danger in the blanket-adaptation of this word is that it dulls the mind to any real discrimination and thought of what its real meaning is, thereby paving the way so much smoother for the real wiles of communist propaganda.

W. Pa. Fed. Will Meet at Imperial Jan. 21

OAKDALE, PA.—The next meeting of the W. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania will be held at the Slovene Hall, Imperial, Pa., on Sunday, Jan. 21, beginning at 2 p. m.

Items to be heard and discussed are: Athletic Committee report on the Jan. 1st bowling tournament and dance; report of membership campaign committee; report of delegates attending the last senior Federation Conference; report of executive committee pertaining to the organization of new English Speaking Lodges; annual reports and recommendations by the executive board and various committees; election of officers and committees.

I trust that all the lodges affiliated with the Federation will each be represented with three delegates.

JAMES M. MAOLICH, Secretary, W. Pa. Fed.

We have word from New Orleans that the Huey Long bridge across the Mississippi is being guarded day and night by newly-hired employees. It is not quite clear whether the purpose is to prevent a U-boat attack or to prepare for the coming elections.

FRANK RESNICK, 634.

and is serving her second term as

treasurer. Sister Ida Maurich, our

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LEO SCHWEIGER, Lodge 564.

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elections.

Plymouth Rock and Ellis Island

Summary of a Lecture by LOUIS ADAMIC
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the gist of a lecture which Louis Adamic, author of "My America," "The Native's Return," "Grandmothers," and other books, has been delivering during the past few months under various titles at the United States before public forums, teachers' and social workers' conventions, university and college audiences, women's clubs, and special groups. It is printed here with Mr. Adamic's consent.)

Eighty-five years ago, Walt Whitman said of the U. S.: "This is not a nation but a teeming nation of nations." The U. S. has been that from the start. It was recognized as such by the Founding Fathers John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson, who were a committee created for the purpose, recommended to Congress that the new national emblem of the U. S. should contain, besides the emblem of the Original Thirteen States, also the national emblems of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, and Holland, as representing "the countries from which these States have been peopled." This always has been a country of many strains.

There is no doubt, however, that once upon a time, early in its career, the U. S. was a much simpler place in its human makeup than it is today. Even, say, 100 years ago the people of this country were predominantly derived from Britain: Anglo-Saxons, who were mostly Protestants. There were few Catholics and few Jews. There were, to be sure, great numbers of Negroes, but they were nearly all in the South, and slavery created the illusion that they were outside the processes of American culture. Upon a different basis, the same was true of the Indians.

As the dominant element, the Anglo-Saxons began to create a cultural pattern for the country. The threads being woven into this pattern were the English heritage, the English language, the "Colonial" experience, the Revolution and its ideas, the sense of the frontier, and, to no slight extent, the attitude to life called Puritanism. In connection with these cultural beginnings, there appeared a system of national hopes or aspirations that came to be called the American Dream—a matter mostly of faith in the human individual and the concepts of liberty, fraternity and equality, of general welfare and democracy which were stated or embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. This Dream was a sort of flowering of the idealistic, socially creative urges of the Anglo-Saxon people here, whom I now like to call the old-stock Americans.

At the beginning of their story as a group in this New World were Jamestown and Plymouth Rock.

After the Revolution, which had occurred in part because England did not permit free immigration into the Colonies, new people were coming over right along; but for a good while they were chiefly Anglo-Saxons with some Germans and Hollanders—Protestants nearly all of them.

We have no immigration figures prior to 1820. In that year about 8,000 immigrants entered; in 1830 the number was 23,000; in 1840 approximately 84,000 came in. There were many Catholic Irish among the immigrants during these decades, but most of them still were Anglo-Saxons and Protestants of the German and Dutch strains.

Then the Machine roared its way onto the national scene, bringing on the Industrial Revolution and the passion to develop the country in a hurry and to get rich quick; and came, too, the Civil War; and there began the New Immigration.

In the last 100 years 38,000,000 immigrants came over; 24,000,000 in the last 50 years. And the majority of them were non-Anglo-Saxons and non-Protestants, and were not very closely attached to the attitude to life called Puritanism.

Some of these new people came, of course, in a spirit of adventure or because they were lured over by American industrialists. Most of them, however, were escaping from oppression, terrorism, even massacres; from army service and militarism; generally, from life in ghettos and from economic or personal frustration or fear of frustration. It was as if they came in response to the lines struck—in 1886—on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

To most of them, as it had been to earlier immigrants, the Pilgrims, America was a refuge, a chance for a better life. They came and spilled themselves upon America, 38,000,000 of them, all of a sudden, in what was a mere moment in history; representing over 50 different national backgrounds, speaking as many languages and several hundred dialects, owing allegiance to over two hundred religions and governments, and adhering to about a dozen different religions.

Most of these new people went into the cities, to work in factories and mills, in small shops and stockyards, on the new bridges, roads, and skyscrapers; or into the small mining towns and camps. But many, too, went on the land as pioneers. Or they went into fishing along the various coasts of America and on the Great Lakes; or in the woods as timber workers. And everybody

ton, of all places, 71%; Detroit, San Francisco, Minneapolis, and St. Paul 57% each. Most of the large cities north of the Mason-Dixon line and east of the Mississippi are over 50% "foreign," so-called; which is true also of many small communities.

English, of course, continues to be prevalent tongue of the country, and there is no least desire anywhere to have it supplanted; but we do have over 1,100 newspapers and magazines published in about 40 foreign languages, and about 1,000 radio programs daily in other languages than English, and hundreds of parochial and "national" schools in which a great number of American-born children are taught more than a score of foreign languages.

These facts and estimates, I think, are charged with dynamic possibilities, good and bad, but I believe mostly good if we are careful and intelligent. Involved in these facts is much of the future of the U. S.

Each of the new-immigrant groups has a number of successful, prominent or famous individuals. There are over 2,500 immigrants in *Who's Who in America*—scientists, artists, musicians, educators, etc. The great majority, however, are humble folk, workers and farmers who skate on the thin ice along the margins of our erratic economy. Some are or were on relief, though not nearly as many as generally imagined. There is no doubt, though, that most of them are economically better off here than they would have been in the old countries. They generally realize this and are glad to be here; their devotion to this country, in many cases personally known to me, is almost beyond adequate statement.

But while this is generally true, many, perhaps most, are not quite at ease, not quite at home, spiritually or culturally. They are more or less different from the old-stock Americans, and are regarded as different, and they feel prejudice in various forms directed against them from various sides, from the dominant group, because they are different. Of late years, the Depression has had a hand in this. In many places the foreign-born and those of their American-born children whose names had a so-called foreign sound were laid off first, before the old-stock workers, sometimes even before the Negroes. This caused a vague, often unconscious sense of panic among immigrants and their families, and the tendency became for various groups to stay together and hold on to their foreign sections, which in the better times had begun to show signs of disintegration. In recent years, too, there has been a powerful backwash of group feelings or national emotions from the drastic events in Europe; some of it natural and inevitable, and some of it purposefully stimulated by agents of Old World governments.

At the risk of oversimplification, this backwash and the Depression have been effective in increasing prejudice and intolerance, and in driving—more or less—the various elements back upon their own resources as groups.

Anti-Semitism has increased; we all know that—with the result that the tendency among the Jews in many parts of the country is to suppress their talents and ambitions, and to draw more or less apart from the main streams of American life. To a lesser extent, in milder forms, the same is true of many other new groups.

My impression is that, in this game of prejudice, the most consequential are the attitudes of the old-stock people because they are the dominant group and whatever they do is more important, it seems, than what is done by the newer people. Such words as "alien" and "foreigner" are flung about all too carelessly, with all too much derision. Many people, when they say "alien," mean not only the alien, but also the naturalized immigrant; and often not only him, but also his American-born son or daughter if his or her name happens to sound "foreign."

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Committee to hold the first meeting, but, alas, Friend Committee Members must needs plow along other paths. Very accurately and courageously did the able members at the annual meeting last December vote down the special assessment resolution presented by the Executive Board! Was not the membership going to work hard all year? Did we not have an Anniversary Committee of ten hard-working and capable Little Fort members? Were not the facts as presented by this department wrong; were not the arguments not clearly thought through? Oh, yes, come next 1941 we would have a well-filled treasury, and all would be serene again on the western front! Bah, come next 1941 the happy Little Fort members will dish out fifty-cent pieces every month, says we. Perhaps the able members will be able to talk this committee into action again; perhaps they won't.

"ACRES," Lodge 568.

Lily S-D Club Will Present Play and Concert Sunday

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The Lily Singing-Dramatics Club invite you all to attend our second annual affair Sunday, Jan. 21, at SST hall. The afternoon program will consist of singing by guest clubs Planinaka Roša, Naprej, Sloboda and our juvenile chorus and our adult singing club.

In the evening we will present a three-act play, "V Zlatih Starih Časih." The play takes place in a tavern (gostilna) in Slovenia when Janez is preparing for a trip to America and his friends and relatives gather to bid him farewell, and shows him after when he arrives in New York. There is singing in the play and comedy, too. There will be dancing immediately after the play. Music by Louis Bashell and his orchestra.

Admission will be 35c in advance and 40c at the door. The afternoon program starts at 3 o'clock and evening program at 7:30 o'clock. We invite you to come and see and enjoy a grand affair.

JOHN PAULIN, Secretary.

Social Security Board Takes Steps to Contact Potential Beneficiaries

Steps are being taken by the Social Security Board to contact 528,575 account holders, who may be eligible for retirement benefits in 1940, and to inform them of their rights under the amended law, John Corson, Director of the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, announced.

"Data are currently being prepared to inform three groups of their eligibility under the retirement provisions," said Mr. Corson.

"First are those who have received lump-sum payments under the original Social Security Act. A total of 178,575 persons received \$9,930,751.38 in such payments up to August 10, 1939, when the act was amended and lump-sum payments ceased.

"Many in this group will be eligible for monthly benefits beginning in January 1940. Letters have been sent to all such beneficiaries informing them of the changes in the act and of their possible rights as a result of the amendments. These are people who expected no further benefits and to whom the monthly benefits will come as a windfall.

"They must, however, show six quarters of covered employment to establish their claim. They must make formal application and the future monthly payments will be in lieu of the lump-sum payment they have previously received. Monthly payments will not begin until the amount of that lump sum has been deducted."

Illustrating this deduction of earlier lump-sum payments, Mr. Corson cited the case of a worker who had received a lump-sum payment of \$125

Official Proceedings

SNPJ FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting of Nov. 18, 1939

The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m. by Chairman Petrovich. In attendance were Brothers Gankay, Lotrich, Petrovich, Vider, Vogrich and Zupan; Olip sent a message that he would be late.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following report was given by the Chairman: The St. Clair Savings and Loan Association will not service any loans at 1/4 of 1% service fee, and as a consequence we will be able to get hardly any loans in Cleveland. He received correspondence from F. A. Vider on the loan to the SNPJ Farm and decided that the Committee take further action.

Brother Vider read a letter from the officers of the Springfield (Ill.) Dom asking for a twenty year contract in the repurchase of the Dom, otherwise they cannot undertake this job again. Zupan's motion to allow a twenty year contract was seconded. Vogrich made a contrary motion to sell the property at \$4500 to our people, or \$5000 net to others. The motion was seconded and carried by a three to two vote.

He read a letter from Andy Unetich regarding our loan No. 7, which has expired and which should be extended. The original loan was \$2000. The present unpaid balance is \$1200. A five year extension was granted unanimously. A letter from the St. Clair Savings & Loan Ass'n itemizing a list of thirteen borrowers who request reductions in interest rates to 4 1/2%. Vider's motion that a charge of \$15 be made to anyone who wants a reduction in interest rate, on any of our FHA loans, was seconded and carried.

Several letters were read in connection with the loan to the Recreation Farm Board of Cleveland, Ohio. On motion it was decided that we write to the Insurance Department explaining the situation and asking for permission to keep the loan inasmuch as we considered it a good one. (At this juncture of the meeting, Brother Olip came in.)

A meeting of the Bondholders Protective Committee of the National City Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 1st, 1939. Philip Heller will be one of the representatives. It was suggested that one of our officers go to that meeting. Zupan's motion that Vider represent the Society was seconded and carried.

Brother Vogrich reported on the following matters:

Investments made since the last meeting:

City of Grand Rapids, Water Revenue bonds, 2 1/2% at 99	\$29,700.00
Four insured Savings & Loan Associations	20,000.00
Total	\$49,700.00

Bonds matured and paid:

City of Thomasville, N. C., \$20,000.00 Claxton, Ga., School District 2,295.00 Fort Myers, Fla.	1,000.00
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Mortgages repaid:

17-A	\$8500.00
26-J	3250.00
70-J	275.00

Bessemer City, N. C., past due interest coupons were sold for \$139.50. Total sales, maturities and loans repaid were \$30,459.50.

The American Insurance Union bonds which came due July, 1937, have been refunded: For our \$10,000 investment, we received ten \$800 bonds, one hundred shares of voting trust certificates, and cash of \$826.90, in

SNPJ MEMBER IN STUDENTS' ISSUE OF "WHO'S WHO"

ROUNDUP, MONT.—Thomas Jancic Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jancic of this city, who will receive his B. S. degree in mining engineering from the Montana School of Mines in June, is among those students who will be listed in the 1939-40 issue of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* which will be released soon.

Young Jancic, along with his parents, is a member of SNPJ lodge 700. He is also a member of Theta Tau fraternity which he serves as marshal. During his second year he was president of the Maverick club and assistant proctor of the residence hall, and the last two years has served as proctor. For two years he played hockey with the varsity team and has been active in intramural sports. For three semesters in succession his name appeared on the honor roll of the school.

Bro. Jancic graduated from the local high school in the class of 1936, with honors, receiving a scholarship to the School of Mines. As a high-school student he was active in school clubs, was on the staff of the annual, and had a leading role in the annual senior play.

"Who's Who" is published through the cooperation of over 500 universities and colleges. Its purpose is to serve as an incentive for students to get the most out of their college careers. Only outstanding students are listed in the book, and Tom's name, including his brief biography, will be among them. Heartly congratulations to our young member, with best wishes for a bright future.

The John Smiths