

Campaign Comments

The Jubilee Campaign

The jubilee membership campaign sponsored by the Society to fittingly observe its thirtieth anniversary should be supplemented by each and every local branch with their own local campaigns. To date many local units have already answered the call and are actively engaged in securing new members and getting new subscribers for the organization's daily organ. There is a new and increased enthusiasm displayed in a number of the more outstanding locals which points most favorably to ultimate results in their local membership drives.

In order that the local branches may reap during this campaign the best results, they must draw up definite plans which might be summed up in the following manner:

1. Set your lodge quota to be reached in a given period during the anniversary year.
2. Outline your lodge activities and set a definite date for the Society's anniversary celebration which will attract large group of young people—our prospects and potential members.
3. Arrange anniversary programs; plan carefully and include attractive numbers, so that each and every member will take an active part in the affair.
4. Engage outstanding speakers and give the celebration the most significant importance possible.

These seem to us the most essential points which should enter into every well planned anniversary affair. Particularly the young people in our varied communities should fall in line to celebrate their Society's thirtieth anniversary, for it is for them that the Society will function and offer service in the future. Therefore, they should say it gladly and willingly with new juvenile and adult members and new subscribers to the organization's daily organ.

The Daily Prosveta

Besides the obligatory weekly official organ the Society is publishing also its daily organ—the daily Prosveta. While the weekly reaches a wide range of readers, the daily is confined almost exclusively to the Slovene reading public. The small percentage of the young people who are able to read the daily is almost negligible and the daily cannot depend on them for its source of subscription revenue. But the fact remains that its steady readers enjoy it beyond any other paper and would not part with it for any other substitute. The Prosveta is their daily visitor, their constant friend and faithful teacher. The Prosveta depends almost entirely for its existence on its subscribers. It has been established on the principle to serve our working people first and at all times and not for profit.

The depression, so it seems, is somewhat abating, but in its wake it left many of our people in a serious situation and their meager earnings have a hundred ways to go. Therefore, it remains for the young who have a much better chance to meet the situation, to come to their rescue. And we are confident our elder people will appreciate every favorable move executed by the youth. Our organization will receive a most fitting tribute indeed, if our youth will earnestly show their interest for the increase of our Society's daily organ.

In short, our young people should show their willingness to preserve and expand the SNPJ institutions by action and by action alone. The following rules should be observed:

1. Take every opportunity offered for the securing of new subscribers to the daily Prosveta.
2. Create active interest among fellow members at lodge functions for the daily organ and new members.
3. Pay a fitting tribute to the Society's 30th anniversary by subscriptions for your parents, friends or acquaintances.

Let us make the anniversary year of the Slovene National Benefit Society the most spectacular year in its history—with new members and subscribers.

All Embracing

The Labor movement is the grandest movement in history. It signifies the awakening of the race and symbolizes the hope of humanity. All that is essential in our material life, and all that is vital and fundamental in religion, are embraced in the emancipating program of the Labor movement.—Eugene V. Debs.

Nothing is easier than fault finding; no self-denial, no brains, no character, are required to set up in the grumbling business.—Robert West.

FLASHES By Incognito

"THIRTY NEW MEMBERS FOR THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY SNPJ CELEBRATION" was the slogan adopted at last Friday's enthusiastic Pioneer meeting. That means a new member for every year of valuable service the SNPJ has rendered. It means an increase in membership and activity of the Pioneer Lodge. And to show that we meant it WE STARTED OFF WITH THE INITIATION OF FOUR NEW MEMBERS and the nomination of NINE NEW APPLICANTS.

Thirty new members means that we must initiate at least 5 new members every two months. That's not a very large quota considering that we already have exceeded our first month's share. TWENTY-SIX MORE must be gotten in the remaining months of 1934. New nominations were made by Catherine Stefancich, Donald J. Lotrich, Dr. J. J. Zaverinik, Oscar Godina, John Olin, Dr. Andrew Furian and John Kopach.

In addition to securing four new members the Pioneers received SIX TRANSFERS and REINSTATED THREE from the Passive list while graduating TWO INTO THE ADULT DEPARTMENT FROM THE JUVENILES. Furthermore, the annual audit report was read by Frank Sodnik, the 1934 committees were approved as prepared by Oscar Godina and the Executive Committee, and Donald J. Lotrich gave an outline of our 1933 membership and financial standing.

A goodly number of members were present including Mary Jane who won the first month's after-meeting drawing. This augurs well for the Pioneers. It makes us feel that there is increased enthusiasm, increased spirit and increased desire on the part of the Pioneers TO GROW AND EXPAND AND TO BECOME MORE AND MORE INFLUENCED IN THE LIFE OF OUR PEOPLE IN CHICAGO.

After the meeting we had real good hot dogs and buns donated by Catherine Stefancich and Estelle Norieko. We also danced to the tunes of Ralph Townsley's accordion.—We have a fine 1934 start. Now to continue and wind up this celebratory year with victory and success.

The annual meeting of the CHICAGO DISTRICT FEDERATION OF SNPJ will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, 1934. Every delegate is urged to be present and help select officers for 1934. PLANS FOR THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON APRIL 8, 1934, WILL BE COMPLETED ALSO. We, therefore, need a full representation.

A thrilling last minute rally in last Thursday's Tournament basketball game gave the Pioneer girls a 15 to 14 victory over the much heralded Pullman A. A. Ditta Zaverinik was

the outstanding performer with 7 points. Pauline Tomich and Frances Tratar came thru with 3 points each. Mildred Zordan, Anna Zordan and Rose Zvokel helped splendidly in the victory. The Pioneer girls trailed thruout the game until the closing minutes when they spurred and upset the dope.

Earlier in the week the Pioneer girls added a practice game to their string of victories by trimming the Leber Jewellers 17 to 8. Two more girls have been added to the squad and another has promised to report so that it looks mighty promising for the team. Because of a hitch in the arrangements the schedule had to be altered somewhat.

Marie Sluga, residing at 4101 W. Cullerton ave., has had an appendix operation performed. She is now recovering at home. Frank Obeggar, 2456 N. Clark st., has injured a finger of his hand. Jerry Kriegsles is at the Presbyterian Hospital and Bogomir Krampusch is still laid up at home, 2029 W. Cermak rd., with a crushed leg. That's our list of sick. Visit them.

Baby boys are now in vogue. A fine boy was born to Anna and Louis Reven and another one to Regina Klicka. Congratulations.

Don't forget Nada's dance on Sat-

Off the President's Bat

Cleveland.—We are in the swing of our social activities for the year 1934. The first event on the program will be a dance to be held January 27, 1934, in the lower hall of the Slovene Auditorium. Here is what is being offered that night.

Dancing from 8 p. m. to 2 a. m. to the melodious music of Bill Connolly and his orchestra, WJAY radio artists. A musical preview of what to expect that night can be secured by tuning these boys in any night on this station.

Refreshments at prices that will please you. Our good friend, Mary Zak, with her capable assistants, Milly Tomsic, Vida Belinger and the Spik sisters, will be on hand to serve you in the kitchen. The Wild Bull of the Pampas will, as usual, be behind the bar.

The name "Soiree," title of our dance, was the spontaneous idea of one of our very prominent attorneys, at our last committee meeting. When asked for its definition he remarked that his friend Webster was the logical person to interview. We can say, however, that your expectations, whatever they are, will be fulfilled to the highest degree that night.

We want you to advertise the posters you received with your tickets.

Silver Stars of Yukon

Yukon, Pa.—Searle was the author of these famous wise words, "A secret once told is no secret at all," and how true those few plain words ring. People, any sort of people have secrets, their own secrets, but as soon as one may inform another of that secret, it will not be a secret any more. But in these next few paragraphs we're not going to divulge any secrets, but give you straight facts on important coming dates.

This coming Saturday, Jan. 27, the Slovene Ladies club of Yukon will hold a dance and play. "Ladislavnik," a Slovene play, will be given by the White Valley Dramatic Club, and will begin at 7 o'clock. Dancing will follow the completion of the play and the music will be played by the S. K. R. Melody Boys, a real polka band. The price for ladies will be 25c, gents 35c, and children 10c. The Slovene youth should attend this affair and help our elder ladies.

Hey, you carl sharks, here's a chance to win a prize. On Friday evening the Ladies Auxiliary (ladies again) will hold a card and bingo party in the Hose House for the benefit of the volunteer firemen. Suppose we all volunteer to pay 25c and help them out. Besides being eligible for a prize you'll get a luncheon thrown in for good measure.

A pre-lenten dance on February 10 will about finish the social doings in the Yukon Slovene Hall until after Easter. This dance will be sponsored by Lodge 117 SNPJ, our seniors. All Silver Stars are invited to attend to help them out, since their financial degree is somewhat depressed. "Bud" Tragger will be the orchestral feature. Senior lodges of West Newton, Wyano, Hutchinson, Herminie,

Greensburg and the Keystoneans and Y. V. Knights are invited.

Suppose we go into the social light in another way. Friday, Jan. 12, a surprise party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Dan Yelochan who were celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary. Guests from Cheswick, Claridge, Arona, and Yukon attended the party that included dancing. The music was bellowed out of a squeeze-box by Mike Kottar. We wish you many years of everlasting happiness, Mr. and Mrs. Yelochan.

Up in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kovatch, a surprise was delivered. This makes a new Silver Star. Congratulations. Foreman MacKovsek of the Decorating Committee enjoyed himself.

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Screenings

Springfield, Ill.—The January meeting saw the 1934 officers initiated and final plans made for the Feb. 4 Lodge Birthday. Discussion of our vaudeville show, and especially our mock wedding, put the gang in a hilarious mood. This is the third successive meeting in which there was no premium on friendly fun and smiles.

And talking about mock weddings, Brother Joe Klasinz did us one better. He was married to Miss Adella Shimanek last Saturday, with our own Freda and Frank J. Klasinz as attendants. A justice of peace tied the knot. Congrats, Brother Joe, if a bachelor may do so.

Two juveniles were nominated as our part in National Membership

urday, Feb. 10. John Rak has the Pioneer tickets for Nada's affair. Pioneers should buy them from him. Incidentally, Oscar Godina has tickets for Integrity's Annual affair.

Little Fort says, "Hello, Pioneers! Come up and see us for our Eighth Anniversary Feb. 4, 1934." We still remember how we used to hire a special choo-choo and pack in 60 Pioneers and go to Little Fort Land for a gala day. How we wish we could do that today. Come on you young folks, help us change this terrible capitalist system into a Co-operative Commonwealth so that we will be able to work and travel to and fro and help do good in this world.

"Labor and the Next War," by James O'neal, Professor Scott Nearing's "A Nation Divided" and Norman Thomas' "Why I Am a Socialist," numerous booklets, were sent the Pioneers by the Educational Bureau JSF and distributed last Friday night. The Pioneers affiliated with this institution for 1934.

Pioneers will want to attend Saturday night's Domaca Zabava of the Unemployed Club at the SNPJ Hall. Tickets are only 25c. Help out the group that's keeping up the movement to improve conditions for workers unemployed and employed.

On March 10, 1934, the Pioneers will run their First Balloon Dance at the SNPJ Hall. The dance committee has decided to place many novelties and prizes into the balloons to make it a worthwhile affair. Keep the date open.

Display them at your work of employment, club rooms or stores. We are sure that they will attract favorable comments.

More tickets, of course, are available by getting in touch with Johnny Allich. He informed me the other day of an unusual request, unique at least during the past few years; a member came to his house to request additional tickets and at the same time volunteered to serve in any capacity at our coming affair. That, my friends, is real, honest-to-goodness news, which makes the hearts of the officials swell with genuine satisfaction. It looks to us as though the spark of co-operation is slowly but surely being kindled again in the breasts of the members. May it spread like a house on fire.

Let us all make an earnest effort to insure the first social affair of the year a grand and glorious success, a mark for other groups to shoot at. We have done it in the past and there is absolutely no reason why we cannot do it again.

Talking about ducks recalls to memory the October Harvest Dance held in the palmy days of 1929. That year Ann Erste disposed of one hundred and fifty-two (152) tickets; Boris also ran with 79. This high mark still stands for any affair of this nature. Will it ever be surpassed?

Who knows but what we have another Ann in our midst, but this time one of the male sex. Our brief association and contact with this young fire-brand leads us to believe he will be one of the main cogs in the injection of life and spirit in our group. Bro. Kremzar is the young lad we have in mind. His boldness, forwardness, loquaciousness and co-operation is just what we are looking for. More power to you.

There is more that can be said, but we will leave well enough alone. As a final word, make it a point for you and your friends to be there on Jan. 27. This not only applies to our members, but to representatives from all the surrounding lodges in the vicinity.

January 27, 8 p. m. to 2 a. m. a real "SOIREE" night.

Joseph F. Fifolt.

Relief is Not Socialism

As we go about our business in the Social movement, we occasionally come upon individuals who call themselves Socialists but have been persuaded that Federal social relief agencies and unemployment relief policies are of approaching Socialism.

To our mind, nothing could be farther from the truth. For a Socialist to view measures as Socialism is just about as sensible as it would be for a pacifist to accept an efficient Red Cross system during a blood war as a sign of peace.

What the present national administration doing is merely caring for the victims of private Capitalism. But while social services and relief agencies and made-work projects bind up the wounds, they do not put an end to the conflict which causes all the misery.

The true pacifist will not sneer at the work of the hospital corps, but he will never cease to demand that wars cease. The intelligent Socialist may recognize virtue in relieving the plight of Capitalism's cast-offs, but he will always remember that relief would not be necessary were it not for the fundamental economic injustice of the system which permits a few people to own the means of life and exploit their fellows.

No, Mr. Roosevelt is not heading the nation into Socialism—not if he knows it. What he is doing—and not any too successfully—that is taking up the human slack so that the private profit racket may function yet a little while longer.

Socialists accept relief but they are more interested in ending the system which makes relief necessary. They seek to use the power of government to go a long step in a different direction than Mr. Roosevelt is going. Mr. Roosevelt is trying to give public employment to workers who can no longer be profitably used by private industry. Socialists want to take over private industry and operate it for social welfare instead of for the profit owners. There's a big and vital difference between the two objectives.—Reading Labor Advocate

Five to Four

The fact that for once a 5 to 4 decision the Supreme Court went right instead of wrong ought not to make any of us too optimistic. When the learned court held that state legislature had power to give temporary relief from the enforcements of socially harmful contracts whether the troubles were produced by physical or by economic causes, it took a position which makes the prospect of fundamental economic change by orderly peaceful means a little brighter. It is not certain that the same five will stick together and say that the Federal government has power analogous to the rights of state government under what lawyers call their police power. At any rate, it is highly absurd and exceedingly dangerous that our future should depend upon the accident that five old men out of nine will take a fairly liberal stand. Imagine a country where a government's power to act depends upon what one old man—in this case the chief justice—thinks it the limit to which a document almost a hundred and fifty years old will permit it to go.

More significant for evil, I fear, than the Minnesota decision for good was an article Harry H. Woodring, Assistant Secretary of War, formerly Democratic Governor of Kansas, in *Liberty* January 6, 1934. My attention was first called to it in Columbus, Ohio, men who saw its significance. The title of the article is "The American Army Stand Ready," and the editor introduces it as "an assuring picture of preparedness for any crisis." The army, it appears, is ready and able to maintain the government in the event of social breakdown. The Civilian Conservation Corps isn't the army of peace which the President has talked about. The C.C.C. mobilization is to us more than a great military achievement, it is dress rehearsal of the army's ability to intervene, under constitutional authority combating the depression." Mr. Woodring and the courage of his convictions. According to him, the army is ready to run the whole New Deal. After referring to the number of Federal departments or agencies at Washington, our candid author says: "It would not be too much to say that with proper constitutional authority the army could take over and run them in the interest of the New Deal."

It is my opinion that the army should take over immediately some of the activities which are now being handled by some of the executive agencies. Now, Assistant Secretary Woodring would probably tell us that he is a good American that he doesn't like Fascism, and that he believes in our constitutional liberties—whatever they are. What he proposes is a kind of military dictatorship genuinely Fascist in nature. His article is a complete justification for everything Socialism have said by way of criticism of tendencies inherent in the New Deal.—Norman Thomas.

The Reveliers' Column

Ambridge, Pa.—In an Ambridge woman's league (bowling) the Reveliers are steadily in first place. To the present date they have won thirty games and lost six.

The team consists of Gertrude Uhernik, Katharine Raaky, Eve Cousins, Betty and Anne Obed. The entire initiative, organizational and financial has been carried on by the girls themselves. Their record deserves commendation, and the lodge should know of it.

To the Chicago Integrity Lodge the Reveliers extend congratulations and well wishes on the occasion of their Sixth Anniversary celebration on Jan. 28.

ALL THAT SORT OF THING. With all the stir in these pages about the word "Graniash," let it be known that in Ambridge the name is Slovene, or in some cases Slovenian. In some cases, in way of slang, some lads were called "Grinders," which term is rarely used. I've also heard the name "Granianders" applied to Slovenes occasionally. Locally the young Slovenes know they are descendants of Slovene parents and are familiar with the word Slovene.

Quite a number of Revels are planning to go to the Pitt Boosters' dance in Pittsburgh on Feb. 3. A few more of the Revels returned to work recently. Some are commenting on having some sort of a blow-out because of it.

Listening in on some of the routine chatter of the gang. Joe Kerzan's passing around the cigars (recently married) provided the congregation with the necessary ammunition to

STRUGGLERS

Cleveland.—Well, here it goes, "the cat is out of the bag." This year's big event will be held by Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges on 8th of April at Slovene Nat'l Home on St. Clair ave. There will be a vaudeville show and dancing in both halls. Bro. Vincent Cankar, Supreme President of the SNPJ, will address you. Get your tickets early and help celebrate.

Here It Is!

The long awaited date pertaining to the Strugglers' 7th Anniversary has been released and will be held on Sunday, April 29, at Slovene Worker's Home, Waterloo rd. Here are a few of the secrets. This celebration promises to be the largest ever given by any lodge in this city. It will not only feature the Strugglers' 7th Birthday, but 30th Anniversary of the SNPJ combined. A vaudeville show will be presented in the afternoon and in the evening there will be dancing. Plans are under way to book one of the leading radio teams of this city plus other new and interesting talent. Folks, it's going to be something you don't want to miss.

Out-of-town visitors will be cared for and welcomed. Will Kosela, Kren, Preseren, Kress, Strings, etc., bring their armies here? Besides this the Strugglers plan to issue a beautiful Souvenir Book, something entirely different and a thing every member will want. Special rates of \$1 have been made to SNPJ lodges wanting to be placed on the Honor Roll. Watch these columns for further details.

A Great Committee

The following Entertaining Committee has the task of making new Strugglers' history: Sisters H. and A. Zupanec, Marolt, Strauss, Dolask; Bros. Urae, Marolt, M. and J. Lokar, Laurie, Slejko, Tolar, Pretner, Koss, Perusek. The Entertaining Committee elected the following: John E. Lokar chairman; Ted Laurie, Vice Chairman; Anna Strauss, Rec. Sec'y.

It's Free

Look! Strugglers' next meeting will present an unusual program. The meeting will be held Wed., Feb. 7, starting at 7:30 p. m. sharp. A prominent speaker will address you. Following this the "Valentine Party" gets under way and it's FREE to all Struggler members. If you want a good time, you won't miss this get-together party.

J. Z. Jrs. Bright Spots

Library, Pa.—Only a couple of weeks and the J. Z. Jrs. First Dance will be here. Feb. 17 is the date. It will be held at the Slovene Hall, Library, Pa., from 8 to 1. The admission will be very reasonable, only 35c per person. Also a good orchestra was hired for this occasion. Red Carter and his Dixie Boys, the famous radio artists from station WN-BO at Washington, Pa.

The show the J. Z. Jrs. sponsored at the State Theatre, Library, Pa., on Jan. 14, was a great success in every way. The house was packed to capacity. A greater success was made out of this show than the members expected. So the only thing to do is to hold another show in the near future: what do you say?

And I'm sure that the members extend their greatest thanks to the committee, who worked so hard to make this show a success. Especially, Bertha Intihar, who worked very hard because she had to take care of the tickets; she had a real job on her hand. Also Edward Terchek and Frank Lickovitch; the trumpet-er did a great job in advertising the show. That is what you call co-operation among the members. Let's

Flood City

Johnstown, Pa.—At our last meeting the installation of officers took place. Other important highlights were about our Fourth Anniversary celebration; a committee of three have charge in arranging a suitable program and dance. The date as yet has not been selected, but more than likely it will be the latter part of March or the early part of April.

Our former secretary, Josephine Riejack, needs to be thanked by the membership of the lodge for her untiring efforts as secretary for two years; she did "not choose to run" this year, so all we can say, is—Thank you, Josephine. Two transfers have also been received—two sisters, Josephine and Olive Chuebeck; the former was a well known member of Naka Sloga, and the latter is admired by many school children in Lorain Boro, being a teacher in that school. Welcome to our lodge, girls. How many more of the young folks can we get for next month?

"Graniash Popul"

Personally I have been a booster of Aynik's slogan "I am a Slovene" all my life, because I have been brought up that way, thanks to my parents. This topic has aroused considerable discussion, and it seems that we folks from Penna are getting all the blame for the word "Graniash." I know that it is used extensively, and

Commodores' Log

Cleveland, O.—Our Jan. monthly meeting turned out to be a huge success. We had as our guests members from the Beacons, Comrades, Strugglers and New Eras. We were sorry that our prey (ex) was unable to attend, but the V. P. Jos. Konchan opened the meeting and bared in the new officers. Probably it was the excitement and the novelty that accounted for Pres. Frank Ewal-ski's nervousness, but we're sure that it will wear off after a few meetings and he'll be o. k. We welcomed into our midst three applicants, Elsie Lecto, John Ivanic and Jos. Pulita. To the Cleveland SNPJ Federation we're sending two talkative females, Marion Konchan and Dorothy Pulita, who, we are sure, will represent this Commodore quite effectively. A special meeting was decided to be held on Jan. 26 at the home of Sec'y, Ann Zarnick, in order to take care of details, etc., in regards to our dance, Feb. 10. Members please make an effort to attend. Ad cards will be distributed at this time.

Sidelines

"Lindy" Lokar and Johnny Aynik telling hilarious tales about some of their trips and also about Louis Kosela and arousing our curiosity so that we hope that there will be a smoky atmosphere in Cleve'and Feb. 10, Louis. Mickey Dan quotes that he'll bring his whole tribe to the Commodores' dance. Frank Koss, Sec'y. of the Strugglers, tells Ann Zarnick a few things about "How to Be an Efficient Sec'y." We're glad that Johnny Ivanic is going to be one of us because he is an accordionist, and he certainly popped up the meeting with his cheese-box. The Commodores have gone "French," giving a "Soiree" Jan. 27, and we'll bet that half of them wonder whether it's a drink or someth'n. We're beginning to wonder whether Joe

Badgerland Buzz

By Betty Boop

Milwaukee, Wis.—After an absence of about a month, I'm back with more "buzz."

Our Last Meeting

was held for the first time at Sost-rich's Hall. There isn't a thing wrong with the hall and the meeting in itself was very interesting. Now let's see if we can't have 'em every time. Where's all your "pop," gang?

More good times in store for everyone. Members decided on a "Domaca zabava" sometime soon and a May Ball—in May. Members on both committees will have to watch for announcements thru this paper as to dates, time and places of these committee meetings.

Where do you think most of the members could be found after the meeting? Friday nites mean Fish Frys and there was "Zup" and Frankie Obluck impatiently awaiting their fish. "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." Girls, remember that.

At another table—Angelina Brence, Eddie J. Harry U. Hank M. Marco S., Schweiger, and Rose K. Imagine, trying to out-drink our table, but we can hold our own, too.

A few of the girls wanna know why some of the Badger boys don't get busy and learn to do the "Friars" and the "kop." How about it?

"Keyhole Peeker" missed his regular Thursday at the Futurist. What happened???

Talk about hang-outs and favorite high-spots, there's a variety among us members, there is.

Luck? at Cards

"Lucky at cards and unlucky in love," so the saying goes, but I don't know. Anyway, Alice W. won a dandy cake plate and is she proud of it??

"Ye All Know"

or almost all know who Betty Boop is and I must confess it isn't as interesting as it once was. In conclusion, I want to say that it's been a lot of fun writing these articles for members to read and believe me, it's

often we ask for the repetition of "Graniash" and in discuss on they correct themselves and say Slovene. Sister Homes gives a clear explanation of the origin of the word, and now I hope that we will all be Slovenes to one another, and not "Graniashers."

Francis Langerholc.

Buckeyes' Bits

By "Oh"

Barberton, Ohio, Jan. 27 is the date! The Buckeyes wish to see a crowd at their Sixth Anniversary dance. We are assured of the local crowd attending and we wish to see some Zipperers of Akron, Golden Eagles of Girard, and other lodges from out of town. The place is Do-movina Hall on 14th st. "Babe's Blue Birds" will furnish the pulsing rhythm and there will be food and beverages to satisfy a king. Admission is 25c.

We hope that the Comrade affair on Jan. 27 will also be a success.

The Buckeyes all join together and offer their heartfelt sympathies to Bros. Joe and Anthony Znidarsic and the family upon the recent death of their mother.

The Buckeye members are reminded that if they do not come to the dance they will pay a fine of 25c. Please come.

Here With Comrades

Cleveland, O.—Beginning with this issue the writer will endeavor to contribute more or less regularly to the column which he started three years ago. The years have seen some changes and will see more.

Our January meeting was fairly well attended for the inauguration of the new executive board. It was carried off with dispatch by Pres. F. Foltz whose execution abilities have not been dulled by his four year lay-off. It was orderly and attentively listened to by the members. Three new transferred members were welcomed, and are: Ann Gabrenja, Sylvia Jedlicka and Louis Shuber. We welcome them and hope they swing into step with the new year.

An aggressive advertising campaign has been launched to make our coming dance on Sat., Jan. 27, a well

Beacons Highlights

Cleveland.—The grand Jubilee SNPJ campaign is on, all members are expected to do their share. Securing new members for a fraternal organization is not such a hard task after closely observing other various organizations. The E. S. lodges of Cleveland are all taking a great interest in the present campaign. With the industrious members of our local lodges, we can make the SNPJ and its true fraternalism known throughout the Cleveland Slovene metropolis.

The Cleveland SNPJ Federation is planning a Thirtieth Anniversary Commemoration to be held April 8. Reports have been made that all local lodges will participate. A more definite report as to the program will be announced after the January 28 Federation meeting.

January 27

will be a big day for many lodges. On this day Comrades' Soiree will take place in the Slovene Home on St. Clair avenue.—The Buckeyes of Barberton are going to hold a good time dance.—The New Eras out on the West Side will sponsor their initial 1934 dance on this same night. We regret the fact that so many lodges chose this date for their affairs. It is impossible for any person to attend all these affairs. We have tried in the past to attend every doing of the above named lodges and were rather successful.—Our senior lodge "Na Jutrovem" is holding its annual dance on this very date also. With the wonderful co-operation these lodges have shown the Beacons in the

SNPJ Federation Doings

WEST PENNA. E. S. FEDERATION NEWS

Universal, Pa.—Although ground hog day has not yet arrived, this one is emerging prematurely from his hole after a somewhat lengthy hibernation. Unlike his brethren, however, he intends to "sorta" stay out and "moosey" around a little bit and not immediately make the proverbial retreat back to his inner confines.

The ground hog has not been altogether asleep all of this time. True he has not given articulate voice through the Prosveta to many of the things he has observed and heard, but he has failed to read not one issue, nor has he failed to make his usual personal meditations of the material contained, once applauding, once deploring, now commending, now condemning, but always wondering. His musings run something like this:

"My personal nomination for the best week-in-and-week-out articles goes to Incognito. (I'd like to know his name.) His literary composition may possibly not be as good as that of some of the other contributors, but who in 'ell cares? After all it's the stuff that is in it and the spirit that animates the fellow making it itself manifest. That is what counts! Where others dwell in more or less banalities, frivolities, and fantasies he stands on firm, solid earth. Joseph Drasler is not far behind. Mary Jugg is the 'berries' (to use a wholly crude and just as inadequate an expression) when she writes. That social study class of theirs in Chicago is a splendid thing.

"I can't understand Joe's inconsistency, though. Here is just about the first time in Penna's history that we've had state jobs distributed by Civil Service without the taint of politics, and he is displeased. How do I know that these jobs are untainted? Well, I was a fortunate recipient of one, and politically speaking, I'm on the wrong side of the fence with all of the insiders and influential ones. Undoubtedly the system used was not perfect, nor will perfection for so many people of so diverse conceptions of what that word means ever be attained. But for the limited time at hand to do the big job which it did—well, the Liquor Control Board deserves at least more praise than censure from even the most bitter ones. Sometimes in the future let's hope that all jobs will be given on the merit system for the ambitious to give full play to their talents in the interest of society. At the same time even the lowliest must have the best which the ability of society to produce (not waste) can give them. That's Socialism!

"In the borough of Wilmerding, near here, a burgess was elected on the Socialist ticket over his opponent who ran on both the Republican and Democratic tickets. Yet it was in reality a defeat for real Socialism."

There was no branch organization in this place and the opportunists who were defeated in the primaries on other tickets happened to capture the Socialist nominations. I mention this because I notice that some SN-PJ members ran on the Socialist and on other tickets, too, in unorganized districts and some won. It is just as absurd to suppose that one can be a Socialist—I mean a Socialist!—and something else too, as it is for one to be born both in Mongolia and Saskatchewan at the same time. It can't be done! Nor do the Slovenes of any town or city in which Slovene candidates happened to be politically triumphant, have cause for jubilation, if the candidates did not win only on a Workers' ticket. Nor do Italians if an Italian won, nor Germans if a German won, etc. People's interests—nowadays are too interwoven and interrelated for mere consideration of where one's parents or immediate ancestors came from. But I do want to congratulate fellows like Barbie and others who had the moral stamina (or guts) to fight what in their knowledge was a losing fight against scavenging opportunists—and lose on a Workers' ticket.

According to Comet reports the Federation affair at Ambridge was an overwhelming success. Much thanks is due to the Reveliers, Excelsiors, the Athletic Board and others who helped to put this affair across. And if it won't seem too ironical from one who might have helped but didn't—I want to personally thank Louis Kosela and the Athletic Board for pinch-hitting as a result of the Publicity Committee's falling down on the job. Incidentally, I am sorry I wasn't at the Federation meeting on Jan. 21 at Ambridge, but the chance of hearing the noted Socialist speaker, Frank Crosswath, at the Malta Temple in Northside Pittsburgh, couldn't that easily be passed up.

Michael Demshar, one of our Slovene Comet members, was back with us recently. Mike is a junior at Columbia University and played tackle in the Tournament of Roses game against Stanford new year's. He is also an honor student. Good luck, Mike!

"Because of the unusual amount of business to be transacted this next Federation meeting (election of officers, etc.) there probably was no speaker listed."

At this juncture the Ground Hog's powers of introspection rapidly wane under the combined influence of Morpheus and the appearance of "Old Sol." It is too much for the first day anyway. He crawls back into his hole. But expect him again whether in pleasant expectancy, disinterested tolerance or painful disgust!

Max G. Kumer.

attended, gala affair. Mimeographed circulars and a limited number of tickets have been sent to almost every member in the club. We are bidding for the attendance of more members at his affair than have attended any other during the past four or five years. Let's come out in a body to dance from 8 p. m. to 2 a. m. to the strains of Bill Connelly and his Melodians. We're getting an entertainment bargain unequalled for a very nominal sum.

Just a word about the tickets. Every member selling ten tickets is entitled to one free. Kindly make your returns of the tickets, or their equivalent in money, to the writer at the dance.

A new entertainment committee will be chosen and asked to serve at our Feb. meeting. The committee will have its first opportunity to be active after the meeting when we plan to have a card party for the members. Tables are to be lent by the members who have some means of bringing them and the cards will be lent through the courtesy of Zele and Sons, funeral directors. Anyone who was not at our last meeting and can bring a table is requested to do so. Refreshments will be served at the tables.

Since their organization the Commodores have displayed a spirit of fraternalism which has been on the wane in most of our English-speaking locals. Their enthusiasm, friendliness and good will are contagious; so much so, that a large body of Comrades is organizing to attend their card party and dance at Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Dennison ave., on Saturday, Feb. 10. We wish them success most heartily.

The Cleveland SNPJ Federation meeting Sunday, Jan. 28, will be an important one. Undoubtedly plans will be crystallized for the 30th Anniversary Celebration in April. Joe Jare, Comrades' representative, should have an interesting report for us at the Feb. meeting.

John J. Alich, Lodge 566.

Visitor: "It's a marvelous record. Eighty-six, and never had a bottle of medicine in your life. What do you put it down to?"

Oldest Inhabitant: "Well, I'm no friends w' the doctor!"

