

NAPADI NA RUSIJO NA RUDARSKI KONVENCIJI

Sprejeli so resolucijo proti priznanju Sovjetske unije

Indianapolis, Ind., 2. febr. — Delegatje na rudarski konvenciji so na včerajšnji seji obsodili prevratne aktivnosti, ki jih vodi sovjetski agentje v Združenih državah, in sprejeli resolucijo, v kateri poudarjajo, naj ameriška vlada prizna sovjetske le tedaj, ako bodo ti dovolili ameriškomu delavstvu in vladi pravice do upravljanja svojih lastnih zadev brez sovjetskega vmešavanja.

Resolucija je bila ena od mnogih, ki so bile predložene delegatom in so se nanašale na sovjetsko Rusijo. Konvencija je dalje sprejela resolucije, v katerih urgira brezposelnost za varovanje, vladno lastništvo javnih naprav, desetodstotni zamjamec dobiček za farmerje, ter federalne in državne zakone za protekcijo vlog v bančnih institucijah. Konvencija se je tudi izrekla za neodvisnost Filipinov.

Resolucija, ki se nanaša na priznanje Rusije, se deloma glasi:

"Sedanja vlada v Rusiji je diktatura in tiste pogumne duše, ki v resnici hočejo socialistično vladati, so v ječah. Nikdo ne sme kritizirati obstoječe vlade... Ameriški kapitalisti pobijajo gibanje ameriškega delavstva in komunisti pomagajo tem kapitalistom pri razbijanju ameriškega delavskega gibanja. Nikakega dvoma ni, da to gibanje proti ameriškomu delavstvu, kakor vsa druga slična gibanja, pospešuje, vodi, financira in kontrolira sovjetska Rusija... "Mi priznavamo ameriškomu ljudstvu pravico do upravljanja svojih zadev brez vmešavanja Rusije... Dokler sovjetska vlada ne prizna tega načela, ne vidimo logične potrebe za priznanje sovjeto."

Thomas Kennedy, tajnik-blagajnik mednarodne rudarske unije, je dejal, "da ima dokaze, da Rusi pošiljajo trdi premog v Boston in ga tam prodajajo ceneje kot stane premog, ki prihaja iz Pennsilvanije in katerega kopljejo organizirani rudarji."

Debatna v senatu o federalni pomoči

Washington, D. C., 2. febr. — Vprašanje federalne pomoči za žrtve depresije je včeraj prišlo pred višjo kongresno zbornico, ko je senator LaFollette predložil osnutek, ki sta sestavila on in senator Cogan in kateri predvideva apropiacijo \$375,000,000. LaFollette je zahteval, da senat takoj razpravlja o tem osnutku. Pričakuje se, da bo debata trajala več dni.

Otroci izgubili prihranke v sled bančnega poloma

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Šolski otroci v Elmworthu, predmestju Pittsburgha, so izgubili \$24,000, ko je propadla Citizens Trust Co. Bančni uradniki so prihajali v šole in govorili o potrebi varčevanja, toda po polomu banke se je zvedelo, da vloge otrok niso bile zavarovane s bondi kot je bilo obljubljeno. Ako bi bili otroci vložili svoj denar v pošto hranilnico, bi bil denar na varnem.

Japonsko prodiranje proti Harbinu

Mukden, Mandžurija, 2. febr. — General Sigeru Honjo, poveljnik japonskih čet v Mandžuriji, je včeraj obvestil generala Ting Caa-a, poveljnika kitajske militaristične frakcije v Harbinu, naj umakne svoje čete iz Harbina. Honjo je dejal, da bo njegovo vojaštvo zaščitilo življenja in lastnino inozemcev v Harbinu, ki je v nevarnosti.

Napredek in nazadovanje

SNPJ je napredovala v premoženju, toda nazadovala v članstvu v letu 1931

Kakor bo razvidno iz računov, ki so že pregledani po gl. nadzornem odseku in ki bodo v kratkem objavljeni, je premoženje SNPJ v prejšnjem letu poraslo za \$481,560.13. Jednota je imela 31. decembra 1931 \$5,174,821.46 premoženja. Nasproti temu finančnemu napredku jednote pa moramo, žal, poročati, da nam je ekonomska kriza odjedla precej članov. Dne 31. decembra 1931 je SNPJ štela 42,316 članov v oddelku ograstlih in 17,270 članov v mladinskem oddelku; skupaj 59,586 članov. Poleg teh je 1500 pasivnih članov; skupaj 61,086. Ob koncu leta 1930 je bilo skupaj 63,448 članov. Izguba v članstvu torej znaša 2462. **TAJNISTVO.**

Uradniki priznali potrebo državne pomoči

Pred nekaj meseci so se posmejevali zahtevam delavskih organizacij

Chicago. — (FP) — Uradni krogi v Illinoisu so končno priznali, da več kot en milijon brezposelnih v državi pomeni resen problem, v sled tega je governer Emmerson sklical izredno zasedanje državne legislature, ki bo razpravljala o tem problemu. Governer je izjavil, da se potrebuje najmanj dvajset milijonov dolarjev za podpiranje brezposelnih, da se jih tako obvaruje pred aktualnim stradanjem.

Pred nekaj meseci so delavske in dobrodelne organizacije brezuspešno pledirale za podvzetje take akcije. Takrat so se jim smejali ali pa jih nazivali za radikale. Rekli so jim, da bodo reševali brezposelnost po Hooverjevem navodilu, to je da naj privatna miloščina rešuje ljudi na "ameriški način". Samuel Insull je ob pričetku kampanje za privatni sklad \$8,000,000 opozoril ljudstvo, naj se drži mirno. Rekel je, da je brezposelnost sicer resno vprašanje, toda vseeno se ni treba razburjati.

Sedaj je situacija popolnoma drugačna. Insullova grupa se je obrnila na governerja in člane legislature z apalom; naj dovolijo milijone dolarjev za podpiranje bednih. Sami poudarjajo sedaj dejstva, katerim so se prej posmejevali. V apelu pravijo, da je položaj obupen in da je državna pomoč neobhodno potrebna. Odprto namigavajo, da bodo sledile usodne posledice, ako brezposelni ne dobe kruha.

Injunkcija proti rudarjem

Injunkcija prepoveduje piketiranje premogovnikov

Lilly, Pa. — (FP) — Injunkcija, katero je izdal sodnik McCann proti rudarjem, ki so zastavkali proti Hughes Coal Co., je odprta križitev novega državnega zakona. Zakon predvideva, da mora biti unija reprezentirana na sodišču, kadar se vrši zalaganje o izdajni sodnijske prepovedi. McCann je s tem zadal zahrben udarec sedemsto rudarjem, članom UMWA, ki so zastavkali v znak protesta proti Hughes Coal Co., ki je odpustila 111 rudarjev ter odpravila nočno delo v svojih premogovnikih. McCann je v volilni kampanji poudarjal, da je prijatelj delavstva. Injunkcija prepoveduje rudarjem piketiranje in ahanje v bližini kompijske lastnine. Zadnja leta je bila unija zelo popustljiva napram predsedniku premogovne družbe C. A. Hughesu. Ta je potem priznal unijo, toda njegov naslednik se je odločil, da razbije rudarsko organizacijo za vsako ceno.

Zamorec obsojen na smrt

Birmingham, Ala. — Willie Peterson, mlad zamorec, je bil spoznan krivim ubijanjem in poslan v neke belopojtne dekle in obsojen na smrt na elektricnem stolu.

OTVORITEV RAZOROŽITVENE KONFERENCE

Krog tisoč delegatov prispele v Ženevo. Japonska ima 145 delegatov

Ženeva, 2. febr. — Svetovna konferenca za omejitev in redukcijo oboroževanja, prvi splošen poskus te vrste, je bila danes otvorjena.

Na konferenco je prispele krog tisoč delegatov iz 50 držav, ki so se izrekle za omejitev oboroževanja. Nekatere države, ki se niso izrekle za razorožitev, a so bile povabljene, so tudi poslale svoje delegacije. Na konferenco je dospelo tudi krog 400 časopisnih poročevalcev iz vsega sveta, ki bodo opazovali potek diskuzij in poročali o tem svojim listom.

Arthur Henderson, bivši zunanji minister v Angliji, bo predsedoval konferenci. On bo otvoril konferenco z govorom o potrebi razorožitve.

Japonska ima največjo delegacijo; šteje 145 članov, med temi devet časopisnih poročevalcev.

Svet Lige narodov je zelo vesel, ker je ameriška vlada naznaila, da bo kooperirala pri delu komisije, ki proučava situacijo v Sangaju. Prejšnje izjave, katere je podal ameriški konzul v Ženevi Prentiss B. Gilbert glede sodelovanja, niso bile preveč naklonjene delu Sveta Lige narodov. Svet je sedaj zadovoljen, ker je Washington revidiral svoje stališče in naznail kooperacijo.

Demokracija

Iz Chicago. — Klub št. 1 JSZ priredi prihodnjo nedeljo popoldne komedijo "Trije vaški svetniki" v tveh dejanjih v dvorani COPS, 18. cesta in May st. — Glavni odbor SNPJ začne jutri (četrtke) svojo letno sejo v jednotni dvorani. Seja bo trajala tri dni.

Iz Milwaukeeja. — Umrla je Mary Pavk, stara 54 let in doma iz Starega trga pri Črnomlju. Pred mnogimi leti se je priselila sem iz Calumeta, Mich., kjer je bivala 20 let. Zapuška moža, štiri sinove in eno hčer.

Iz Calumeta, Mich. — V so sedenjem Ahmeeku je umrl po znani trgovci Martin Cop, star 49 let in doma iz Lokey na Hrvaškem. V Ameriki je bil 33 let in zapuška ženo in devet otrok.

Frank P. Shultz si je pred par tedni hudo poškodoval nogo v rudniku, a je že na poti okrevanja.

Iz Clevelanda. — Umrl je Louis Robida, star 65 let in doma iz Vaseva pri Hinja na Doljenjaku; v Ameriki je bil 41 let in zapuška ženo, tri sinove in pet hčera. — John Milavec in Frances Petelin sta se poročila.

Iz Južne Amerike. — Prekmurški rojaki v Buenos Airesu, Argentina, so v decembru ustanovili svoje "Prekmursko slovensko podporno društvo," ki bo podpiralo bolne, člane. Društvo je strogo nepolitično. V odboru so: Jos. Zilko, predsednik, Florijan Turk, podpredsednik, Fr. Zvin; tajnik, Jurij Dravec, blagajnik.

Vojaška revolucija v Ekvadorju

Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2. febr. — Puške so pokale v Tulcanu v bližini kolumbijske meje, ko je klica vojaških častnikov v tukajšnji trdnjavi proglašala revolucijo. Na svojo stran so pridobili tudi civilno prebivalstvo, nakar so navallili na vojaške barake, kjer so ujeli lojalne častnike in jih zaprli.

Bile so tudi poulične bitke, ki pa niso dolgo časa trajale. Ko je vlada zvedela o revolti, je takoj odredila močne čete vojaštva proti upornikom. Vladi meni, da je glavna sila v revolti Modesto Larrea Jijon.

Japonske čete obnovile ofenzivo v Sangaju

Anglija pripravila bojkot proti Japonski

Smatra, da bi bil bojkot najučinkovitejše orožje. Govorice o japonsko-francoskem sporazumu

London, 2. febr. — Velika Britanija se vedno upa, da ne bo nalezla na ovire pri svojem načrtu za ustanovitev nevtralne cone v Sangaju. Prepričana je, da bo vojaška sila, ki je še tam ali pa na poti, s sodelovanjem ameriških čet lahko ščitila ameriške in britanske interese.

Anglija meni, da je to vse kar more storiti v sedanjem trenutku, nadaljnje korake proti Japonaki pa mora podvzeti Liga narodov. Komisija Lige narodov zdaj proučuje situacijo v Sangaju in poročila o rezultatu bo podala v kratkem.

Javno mnenje v Veliki Britaniji, ki je bilo sprvega naklonjeno Japonaki, se sedaj nagiba v prilog Kitajski. Japonaka je s svojo brutalno taktiko in ignoriranjem pravic ostalih velesil izzvala opozicijo.

Ako bo Japonaka tudi v bodoče zametavala pametne nasvete, bo Velika Britanija apelirala na Ligo narodov, naj odredi ekonomski bojkot proti Japonaki. Uverjena je, da bi bil bojkotiranje japonskega blaga močnejše orožje kot bojne ladje. Bojkot bi paraliziral japonsko trgovino in izvoz in uvoz blaga, od katerega je Japonaka odvisna, bi bil ustavljen. V tem primeru bi moral Tokio odnehati, da prepreči ekonomski polom.

Nekateri krogi domnevajo, da obstaja tajen sporazum med Francijo in Japonako. Francija je dobila vse kar je hotela od Lige narodov in sedaj je več ne potrebuje. Ako bi Liga doživela polom, bi si Francija umila roke in svačila krivdo na Japonako. Da to domnevanje ni prazna teorija, potrjuje stališče Francije, ki ga savsena napram situaciji v Sangaju.

Washington, D. C. — (FP) — Senatski komitej za pravne zadeve je s enajstimi glasovi proti petim odobril Norrisovo predlogo proti injunkcijam. Za predlogo so se izrekli Borah, Blaine, Black, Bratton, Ashurst, Dill, Neely, Walsh (Montana), Norris, Schall in Robinson (Indiana); proti pa Austin, Hastings, Hebert, King in Waterman.

Senator Norris, načelnik komiteja, je izjavil, da bo predložil poročilo večine v prihodnjih par dneh senatu. Izrekel je upanje, da bo predloga sprejeta na tekočem zasedanju. Prav ta načrt je isti komitej zavrgel na zadnjem zasedanju, toda od takrat so bile izvršene drastične izpremembe v komiteju.

Predloga poudarja, da je dolžnost federalne vlade protektirati delavske pravice do organizacije in unijskih aktivnosti, odpravlja protiunjske ali takozvane "yellow dog" pogodbe in prepoveduje federalnim sodiščem izdajanje injunkcij proti unijam v slučaju industrijskih sporov. Sodišča smejo izdati injunkcije edino takrat, ko prosiel lahko dokaže, da bo njegova lastnina utrpela veliko škodo, ako se delavske aktivnosti ne omeji s sodnijsko prepovedjo.

Odobritev predloge je važna zmagaz za delavske organizacije, kajti če bo sprejeta in postala zakon, ne bodo mogli delodajalci razbijati stavk s pomočjo sodnijskih prepovedi kot so jih doslej.

Naperjena je proti injunkcijam in "yellow dog" pogodbam

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Federacije S. N. P. J.

Čikaška federacija

Chicago, Ill. — Letne seje čikaške federacije SNPJ dne 26. jan. se je udeležilo sedemnajst bivših in novih zastopnikov ter zastopnic, in trije člani društva št. 86, ki so prišli po nalogu društva kot opazovalci, da o vtihs poročajo na bodoči seji.

V federaciji so prijavljena sledeča društva: Slavija št. 1; Delavec št. 8; Nada št. 102; Pioneer št. 559.

Zastopniki v tem letu so za št. 1 Blaž Novak, Anton Trojar in Fr. Zaitz; za št. 8 J. Lemo, Fr. Kosich in S. Malnarč; za št. 102 Katie Bernik, Mary Udovich, Angela Zaitz; za št. 559 Donald J. Lotrich, Mary Andreas in Frank Zavertnik.

Zaradi velikih nalog ter obilice dela, ki ga vrši federacija, je bilo sklenjeno, da se pomožni delegacija društev od tri na pet zastopnikov za vsako društvo. Obvestilo za izvolitev nadaljnjih dveh dobe od tajnika.

Finančno poročilo poudarja tajnik v posebnem dopisu.

Odborniki društva, posebno tajnik Br. Novak, so podali izčrpano poročilo o akciji za podpiranje brezposelnih. Mnogi vprašujejo, če bi jim mogli pomagati z obliko in obujali. Federacija apelira na člane v tem mestu, ako morejo kaj storiti v tem oziru, naj sporoče tajniku Br. Novaku.

Zastopniki na tej seji so sprejeli predlog, da federacija ostane pri svoji taktiki, s katero skuša doseči edinstvo med društvi v Chicagu in odpraviti sektaštvo. Resolucija, predložena na shodu federacije decembra lanskega leta, in kakor jo je potem deloma spremenjeno predložil Br. Fr. Zaitz na shodu druge skupine društev, ostane tudi v bodoče baza v našem prizadevanju za enotnost.

Federacija bo imela enkrat na mesec priredbo v dvorani SNPJ, o kateri sporoči podrobnosti odbor, in priredila bo piknik kakor vsako leto.

O delu v prošlem letu sta poročala tajnik in predsednik in med drugim navajala, da je bil piknik uspešen in da smo s priredbo za članstvo mladinskega oddelka prolektar decembra v dvorani SNPJ napravili velik moralni in gmotni uspeh. Otroci so dobili darila in bili postreženi. V ta namen so sodelujoča društva prispevala 50c na vsakega svojega člana v ml. oddelku. Prebitek priredbe pa je omogočil, da dobe vso to vsoto povrnjeno, ne da bi bila federacija pri tem kaj na izgubi.

Dohodki, zbrani v fond za podpiranje nezaposlenih, so bili porabljeni striktno v določeni namen.

Brat Lotrich je poročal, da je deloval za izposlovanje posebnih ugodnosti v bolnišnici Frances Willard za člane federacije. Obiljubljeno je popust v znesku \$1 dnevno za sobo članom društev, ki so v federaciji. Operacije pa bodo izvršene za polovico regularnih cen. V slučajih, kjer bi federaciji odbor ugotovil, da je član brez sredstev, pa bi bila operacija izvršena brezplačno. Povdarjal je, da bi bilo članom, posebno v teh časih, veliko pomagano s tako odreditvijo. Sprejet je bil predlog, da ima odbor pravico skleniti dogovor v tem smislu.

V odbor federacije za to leto so bili na tej seji izvoljeni: D. J. Lotrich za predsednika, Fr. Kosich za podpredsednika, Blaž Novak je tajnik-blagajnik, zapisničarica je Angela Zaitz, v nadzornem odboru so pa S. Malnarč, Katie Bernik in Fr. Zavertnik. Publikacijski odtok tvorijo D. J. Lotrich, B. Novak, Anton Trojar in Fr. Zaitz.

B. Novak je izrekel željo, da bi tajništvo delo prevzel kdo drugi, posebno se zato, ker dobliva očitke in je tudi napaden zaradi tega, ker je glavni odbornik pa se peča tudi s takimi aktivnostmi. Navzoči so povdarjali, da kritikov tu ni, da bi prevzeli delo, zato ga moramo vršiti naprej mi kolikor najboljši moremo. Bil je ponovno izvoljen soglasno in istotako vsi drugi brez opozicije.

V prošlem letu je imela federacija 12 rednih sej. Skoro vse so imele polnoštevilno udeležbo. Obdržala je štiri članske shode, na katerih so se obravnavali problemi jednote. Sodelovala je in se sodeluje v akcijah za zavarovanje brezposelnih, dalje v prizadevanjih, da se jim izvojuje takojšnja pomoč iz državne blagajne, in v več slučajih je posredovala pri takozvanih reliefih v prid svojim članom ali pa vplivala pri merodajnih faktorjih, da se jim pomaga v bedi. Imeli smo zastopnike v odboru za Unemployment Insurance ter aktivno sodelovali v agitaciji za razne načrte, katerih namen je omiliti mizarijo.

D. J. Lotrich je v svojem poročilu naglašal, da ni federacija storila ničesar, kar bi kdo lahko smatral za vzrok razdrojenosti. Nasprotno, pri vsaki priliki deluje v smeri sloge društev in članstva. Izdelala je tudi pogoje, na podlagi katerih lahko pride do skupnosti, če je na nasprotni strani volja za skupno delo.

Redne seje federacije se vrše vsak 4. četrtek v mesecu v spodnji mali dvorani SNPJ.

Angela Zaitz, zapisničarica.

POROČILO O POSLOVANJU ČIKAŠKE FEDERACIJE SNPJ LETA 1931

Chicago, Ill. — Federacija SNPJ za čikaško okrožje, ki je bila ustanovljena aprila 1930, je v prošlem letu posvetila glavni del svojih aktivnosti problemu brezposelnih ter pomožni akciji.

Aktivno je sodelovala v gibanju, da se brezposelnim pribori zavarovalnina in pa državna pomoč. Za mnoge je posredovala pri "welfare" ustanovah, iz svojih virov pa je podpirala 41 družin in 2 posameznika. Nabavljala jim je živila, delila je med nje obleke, katero so njeni člani zbirali, oziroma prispevali v Chicagu in deloma je pomagala tudi v gotovini.

Finančno poročilo za leto 1931 je sledeče:

Dohodki:	
Prispevki posameznikov za brezposelne	\$ 111.56
Društva in klub št. 1 za brezposelne	15.00
Dohodki priredbe 10. jan.	338.00

Dohodki piknika dne 23. avg.	556.37
Dohodki božičnice dne 20. dec.	359.90

Skupaj dohodki	1,375.82
Prenos iz leta 1930	145.61
Skupaj	1,521.43

Izdatki:	
Stroški veselice 10. jan.	46.08
Stroški piknika	379.49
Stroški božičnice	280.86
Postolina	18.00
Članarina State Conf. for Unempl. Insur.	8.00
Tiskovine	24.00
Kampanjske nagrade društvom	17.50
Najemnine dvorane	23.00
Potrebnosti za priredbe (grosdije) in drugo	50.75
Za nabavo živil družinam brezposelnih	355.70
Vrtno društvo od božičnice 1931	77.50
Vrtno društvo od božičnice 1930	40.38

Skupaj izdatki	\$1,301.49
Blagajna 31. dec. 1931	219.94
Skupni dohodki leta 1931	412.22
Izdatki	266.61

Ostanek	\$ 145.61
Dohodki leta 1930	\$ 412.22
Dohodki leta 1931	1,375.82

Skupaj	\$1,788.04
Izdatki leta 1930	\$ 266.61
Izdatki leta 1931	1,301.49
Skupni dohodki sklada za podporo brezposelnih	\$ 572.37
Izdatki podpore brezposelnim	439.76

Ostanek dne 31. dec. 1931	\$ 132.61
Ostanek tekoče blagajne	\$ 79.33
Skupni ostanek 31. dec.	\$ 219.94

Obleko in obutev smo prošlo silno delili vsako soboto popoldne v posebnih sobi Hambone kluba na 26. cesti. Njena vrednost konservativno računana je znašala okrog \$500.

Več članov je prispevalo živila, ki tudi niso vključena kot finančni dohodek.

Federacija ponovno apelira na člane v Chicagu, da prispevajo obleko ali obujala kolikor je ne rabijo, v pomoč brezposelnim. Ako je ne morete pripeljati sami ter jo izročiti hišniku poslopija SNPJ, br. A. Trojarju, obvestite tajnika, pa pride naš zastopnik po njo. Medtem, ko so zdaj mnoge družine deležne podpore v živilih od okrajnih pomožnih akcij, jim zelo manjka obleka.

Z vašo kooperacijo smo v preteklosti storili, kolikor je bilo v danih okoliščinah mogoče in z vašo pomočjo bomo z določenim delom nadaljevali.

Blaž Novak, tajnik.

Društvene aktivnosti

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Verona, Pa. — Na 23. jan. je bil med nami John Trečelj, ki nam je razložil delo naše SNPJ, ki je velikega pomena za naše ljudi v tej krizi in vedno. Hvala mu za njegov trud in nauk. Mnogo prošelj prihaja za pomoč v tej ali oni meri. Hvala gre članom, kateri so pošteno, da prosijo le takrat, kadar so v resnici potrebni. Tako je prav, pošteno moramo ravnati v vseh ozirih, pa se nam ni ničesar bati. Zavedajte se tudi tega, da vsaka stvar pride enkrat na dan, ker se ne da skrivati.

Bodimo resnični bratje in sestre pri SNPJ in delajmo zanj silno, kajti od tega bomo imeli koristi le mi kot njeni člani, kot člani naše dobre matere — SNPJ. Pazimo vsi skupaj, tako da bo za vse prav, ne samo za nekatere. Nikdar se ne skušimo o koristiti na račun društva ali jednote, temveč delajmo vsi skupno za napredek naše jednote, ki za nas tako lepo skrbi.

Zora Dvogan, članica.

Veselica društva 107

St. Louis, Mo. — Društvo Platinasti raj št. 107 SNPJ priredi veselico dne 6. febr. v Slov. nar. domu na 3331 S. 7th st. Veselica bo v korist društveni blagajni. Proslavili bomo prestopno leto s tem, da si bodo ženske same izbrale tovarila za ples. Tisti, ki bodo največ plesali, bodo dobili lep dobiček. Igrala bo dobra muzika ter bo tudi "prize fox-trot," ter lep "attendance prize." Vabimo vsa društva, kakor tudi občinstvo, da se po možnosti udeleži. Za zabavo in tudi želodčne potrebe bo skrbel odbor.

Odbor.

LISTNICA UREDNIŠTVA

M. L., Virginia, Minn. — Informirani smo, da vaša zadeva še ni končana in vaš dopis mora počakati.

Fr. B., Cleveland. — Dotična pomota je bila popravljena in ni več vredno komentirati. Uredništvo je prejelo več pisem za razne informacije, toda pošiljatelji se niso podpisali. Povedali smo že večkrat, da na pisma brez podpisa in naslova se ne oziramo.

INICIATIVA DRUŠTVA ŠT. 393

Društvo št. 393 SNPJ je na svoji redni seji, ki se je vršila 20. decembra 1931, vzelo v pretes vprašanje, dali naj se dovoli tudi moškim članom jednote, da se zavarujejo samo za smrtnino kakor se smejo zavarovati sedaj samo članice, in je po daljši razpravi prišlo do zaključka, da bi to bilo v interesu jednote in za članstvo koristno. Zato je sklenilo, da se posluži pravice do iniciativanja, kakor je določeno v VI. členu jednotnih pravil, ter predlaga tako spremembo pravil, da bo zavarovanje moških samo za smrtnino omogočeno in zakonito.

Naše društvo torej predlaga, da se spremeni zadnji stavek 7. točke XV. člena sedanjih pravil (stran 50), ki se glasi:

"Ženske prošilke se lahko zavarujejo samo za posmrtnino, in imajo iste pravice pri glasovanju in upravi kot drugi člani, izvenmali slučajev, ko se sklepa o bolniški podpori."

da se bo glasilo:

Vsak član, ki zadosti predpisom za sprejem v jednote, se sme zavarovati za smrtnino in bolniško podporo ali pa samo za smrtnino. Član, ki je zavarovan tudi za bolniško podporo, sme isto vsak čas opustiti, nikdo pa se ne more zavarovati samo za bolniško podporo. Član, zavarovani samo za smrtnino, imajo iste pravice pri glasovanju in upravi kot drugi člani, nima pa pravice biti v bolniških odborih niti do glasovanja pri sklepanju o bolniški podpori.

Sporodno s tem naj se spremeni in spravi v soglasje nadalje sledeče:

V predzadnjem stavku 2. točke XXIII. člena (stran 85) naj se črta beseda "Članice" in nadomesti s besedo "Člani," tako da se bo glasilo:

Člani, ki so zavarovani samo za smrtnino, plačajo le po 21c v upravni sklad.

Nadalje naj se črta v drugem stavku opombe k smrtninski lestvici v 6. točki XXIII. člena (stran 87) beseda "Ženske" in nadomesti s besedo "Člani," tako da se bo glasilo:

Poleg vsote omenjene v gornji lestvici, so še sledeča vplačila: Člani, ki so zavarovani samo za smrtnino, plačajo še 21c na mesec v upravni sklad; 114.

Nadalje naj se sprejme sledeča določba:

Te spremembe stopijo v veljavo 1. julija 1932. S tem dnem odpadejo vse določbe v pravih, ki so nasprotujočega pomena, ter se imajo pravila tolmčiti vselej v soglasju s namenom teh sprememb.

RAZLOGI

Časi so se precej spremenili in s njimi tudi naše gospodarske možnosti in potrebe. Radi brezposelnosti in trajnih slabih časov je članstvo postalo s časom finančno iscrpano in ne more več tolikih assessmentov kot so, v bodoče pa bo še toliko manj. Vsek izmed nas želi ostati član jednote, vedno pa nas mučijo skrbi, kako nam bo to mogoče. Brezposelnost je splošna in naš obstanek zelo negotov. Če bi bilo članom dovoljeno opustiti bolniško podporo, bi se jim zelo znižalo finančno breme in

mnogi, ki ne more plačevati assessmenta za smrtnino in bolniško podporo, bi zmogli vsaj za smrtnino. Tako bi se dala članom boljša prilika in mnogo bi se jih baš s tem ohranilo jednoti.

Poleg zgoraj omenjenih razlogov smatramo, da je tudi s stališča enakopravnosti priporočljivo, da se naredi taka sprememba. Mi se kaj radi in s ponosom bahamo o enakih pravicah, ki jih uživamo pri naši jednoti. Toda s ozirom na zavarovanje dosegaj še ni bilo enakih pravic. Ako smo člani in članice enakopravni v vsakem drugem oziru, bodimo še s ozirom na pravico zavarovanja.

Končno želimo še omeniti, da je naš namen vsakomur pošten in pravičen in da smo prepričani, da bo naš predlog v korist jednoti in nje članstvu, ako bo sprejet. Ponovno povdarjamo, da bo to ohranilo člane naši organizaciji, organizacijo pa članom. Zato resno apeliramo na vsa krajevna društva, da o naši iniciativi stvarno razpravljajo in jo podpirajo.

Anton Habine, Frank Koren, Frank Russ, predsednik, tajnik, blagajnik.

Mnenje gl. upravnega oddelka

Predložena iniciativa je bila na seji gl. upravnega oddelka, ki se je vršila 21. januarja 1932, po potrebnih razpravi soglasno potrjena. Iniciativa je pravilno sprejeta po društvu št. 393, ter je v soglasju s ustavo in pravili jednote in državnimi zakoni.

Upravni odtok smatra, da je priporočljivo, da se dovoli tudi moškim, da se zavarujejo samo za smrtnino. Medtem ko vemo, da je bil naš bolniški sistem leta nazaj velika privlačnost in da smo radi stabilnosti istega smatrali za potrebno, da so vsaj vsi moški zavarovani tudi za bolniško podporo, opazujemo sedaj, da bolniška podpora ni več tako privlačna in da nas veliko članov zapuša ravno zaradi tega, ker jim ni dovoljeno opustiti bolniške podpore. Večina teh so mladi člani, in ker je bodočnost jednote v mladini, je neobhodno potrebno, da poskrbimo za to, kar mladina zahteva in kar ji brez nevarnosti lahko damo.

Navodila gl. tajnika

Po pravih mora iniciativa, ki jo predlaga društvo, biti podprta v teku devetdeset dni po prvi priobitvi in po tolikih društvih, ki tvorijo najmanj 20% članstva jednote, da sme iti na splošno glasovanje. Društva, ki bodo iniciativno podpirala, prosimo, da to takoj naenaj g. tajniku, ter omenijo, kdaj se je vršila seja, koliko članov je prisostvovalo, ko se je glasovalo, in koliko jih je glasovalo za podporo iniciative. Samo tista društva se sme upoštevati, ki so odglasovala s dvotretjinsko večino navzočih članov in katerih poročila podpisajo predsednik, tajnik in blagajnik.

Nadalje določajo pravila, da javna razprava o iniciativi traja devetdeset dni. Za to iniciativno se torej odpre razprava v glasilu dne 3. februarja in konča 2. maja 1932. Ako bo iniciativa dobila dovolj podpore, bo šla takoj nato na splošno glasovanje.

Članstvu se priporoča, da se sanima za iniciativno in razumno razpravlja o nji. Predvsem pa naj pazi na interese jednote.

FRED A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.



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Položaj jednote

Kot poroča gl. tajnik na prvi strani današnje Prosvete, je SNPJ napredovala finančno v zadnjem letu, letu najhujše ekonomske krize v Združenih državah, brez malega za pol milijona dolarjev, istočasno pa je naše članstvo padlo skoro za dva in pol tisoča.

To, kar ne tiče izgube v članih, ni posebno razveseljivo poročilo, toda bilo je tega pričakovati v teh časih in razmerah. Pomisliti je treba, da je med našimi člani na tisoče brezposelnih, katerim so že davno pošli vsi prihranki in niso več zmogli asessmenta; med temi je, žal, mnogo mladih članov, za katere so plačevali starši in ti so opustili plačevanje za otroke, da obdržijo sebe v jednoti. Ti člani bi se bili lahko ohranili v jednoti s pasivnostjo. Ob koncu leta je bilo 1500 pasivnih članov, za katere je še vedno upanje, da se ohranijo. Veliko članov pa ne ve za to ugodnost in društveni tajniki jih niso pravočasno informirali in tako so izgubljeni za nas.

Veliko čudo — in skoro dvomljivo — je, če se je katera podpornica organizacija mogla obdržati s članstvom na svoji višini v prejšnjem letu in prav tako se bo v tem letu, ko kriza, kakor vse kaže, doseže vrh. Nekatere organizacije zaznamujejo proporno veliko večji gubitek članov kot SNPJ, toda nečemu tega objaviti. Mi se pa ne bojimo tega povedati. Saj krivda ne zadene jednote niti vodstva jednote. Za težke razmere, v kakršnih žive delavci Amerike zadnjih par let, ne more biti nihče med nami odgovoren.

Sicer pa nas ne sme brigati, kako se imajo druge organizacije. Naš položaj mora biti naša skrb. Izredne razmere, katerih ni nihče pred leti, zahtevajo izrednih akcij. Poskrbeti je treba, da jednota ne izgubi še več članov v tem letu. Izguba bi bila veliko večja, če bi ne imeli sklada izrednih podpor; ta sklad je ohranil jednoti več tisoč bednih članov. Kako bo s tem skladom v bodoče, ako kriza kmalu ne cede, ne ve nihče.

Potrebnosti so nujni ukrepi. V prejšnjem letu je članstvo reformiralo sklad bolezenskih podpor in s tem se je vsaj za nekaj časa izognilo izrednim doklad. Zdej ima članstvo pred seboj novo iniciativo — objavljeno v današnji Prosveti — ki obeta biti nova odpomoč za ohranitev članov. Predložena je izprememba v pravilih, po kateri bi se lahko tudi možki zavarovali samo za smrtnino in poškodnino ter se odrekli bolniški podpori, kar je danes dovoljeno samo ženskam. S tem bi si marsikdo znižal stroške asessmenta. Na ta način bi si SNPJ ohranila mnogo mladih članov, ki toliko ne reflektirajo na bolniško podporo. Danes je treba poskusiti z vsako praktično stvarjo, ki lahko olajša oreme članom in ne škoduje jednoti v splošnem.

Par besed o našem premoženju. Računi izkazujejo, da smo prejeli milijon dolarjev imetja. Ne pozabite, bratje in sestre, da ta vrednost je danes na papirju! Jednotino premoženje je večina v bondih, ki so zelo padli v tržni vrednosti — in najmanj ga je v bondih federalne vlade, ki so najmanj padli. Ako bi jednota danes hotela vnovčiti svoje bonde, bi ne dobila niti 60 odstotkov. Tega seveda ne bo storila, ker ni treba. Upanje je, da vrednost bondov spet poraste, ko mine kriza, in tako jednota ne bo izgubila na svojem premoženju. Toda nihče z gotovostjo ne ve!

Mnogo bondov je zapadlo z obrestmi in nekaj bondov bo propadlo. To so finančni udarci, ki so prišli nepričakovano in na katerih trpe vse podpirne organizacije, samo če jih hočejo priznati in dati svojem članstvu čiste račune. Toda — kakor že rečeno — mi se brigamo le zase in smatramo, da je pravilno, če je jednota na čistem s svojim članstvom glede svojega položaja.

Sicer pa ni to, kar se tiče premoženja, nobena tajnost. Vsakdo, ki zna računati in zasleduje dnevna borzna poročila v angleških dnevnikih, si lahko naredi približno sliko finančne situacije vseh onih organizacij, ki poslujejo javno, to je, ki objavljajo svoje račune in seznane svojega imetja v vrednostnih papirjih. To je danes kakor na dlani — in nič nam ne bo pomagalo, če bi hoteli delati na članstvo vtis, da ekonomska kriza ni prizadela premoženja naših jednot.

S tem pa še ni rečeno, da se sedanjí položaj ne izboljša. Momentalno je kriza, ki pa ne bo trajala večno. Zato moramo potrpeti, medtem pa biti previdni, da jednota izvori iz krize s čim manjšimi izgubami.

LJUDSKI GLAS

Svobodna beseda članov S. N. P. J.

Niso vsi simulant!

Nemacolin, Pa. — Ko prebram glasila organizacij, vidim, da imajo povsod težkote, ne samo pri nas. To je bilo vedno, kadar je kriza zadela deželo. Dosti jih je, ki mečejo krivdo na člane, češ, da je mnogo simulantov med nami. Po mojem mnenju ima vsaka stvar slabo stran. Tako je tudi pri članstvu, vendar ne moremo reči, da vsi simuliramo. Dosti je članov, ki so v resnici bolni in redno plačujejo svoje prispevke, pa se dogodi, da zdravnik pravilno ne izpolni nakaznice in član ne dobi podpore, dasi je upravičen. Na drugi strani pa simulant dobro preštudira pravila in dobro poskrbi za pravilno izpolnjevanje nakaznice, pa dobi podporo.

V sedanjí krizi imamo več članov na bolniški listi kakor pa v dobrih časih; sedaj so ljudje slabše prehranjeni in oblečeni in so podvrženi boleznim, kajti njihovo telo ni tako močno, da bi se lahko ustavljalo vsaki bolezni. Iz tega razloga moramo gledati na obe strani in delati previdno, če hočemo obdržati članstvo tej krizi. Stari pregovor pravi, da je lahko izgubiti, toda težko dobiti nazaj. Zato gledajmo, da obdržimo to, kar nas je stalo dosti truda in tekoč, ko smo dobili toliko članov v jednoto.

Tony Boyance, tajnik društva št. 554.

Nekaj vzrokov nezdrženja

Chicago, Ill. — Kako si človek po neprevidnosti nakopile nepotrebnega dela! Dopise kovati je za nas navadne zemljane precej naporno. Ako bi bil vedel, da me bo br. Miško tako trdo za besedo prijel, pa bi rajši molčal. Gori imenovani me pozivlja, naj izkažim še ostalih sedemnajst "pointov", zakaj se ne mislimo združiti. Upam, da ga ni člana v jednoti, kateri bi mislil, da moja malenkost zadržuje ali preprečuje združjenje federacij. To meni ni mogče storiti in tudi nisem v nobenem odboru pri organizaciji. Pa mogoče se prika naneša, da pridem v kakšen pododbor naše slavne "Zveze". Toda to še ni noben izmed sedemnajst pointov.

Ako bi prijatelj Miško znal samo za polovico črkaskih intrig in mahinacij, pa bi se tudi on počel z menoj strinjati. Najprvo vprašam br. Miška, kje in kako pridejo moji interesi v poštev pri združenju ali razdruženju? Predbaciva mi osebne mržnje in to smatra za en vzrok. Dobro si jo pogodil. Osebnost mrinje in to tistih cenjenih soborov "leaderjev", kateri mene in moje podjetje bojkotirajo (br. Miško ukihuje), so tudi krive, da sem proti združenju, toda to je najmanjši privaten 19. point. Po njegovem mnenju je shod klaverno izpade. Zveza je s shodom zadovoljna, toda moja krivda ni, če se tako klaverno pogoreli. Jeziti se, ker odbor Zveze vam ni nasel na nastavitvene limnice. Rabite razum, pa boste uvideli, da odbor ne sme dopustiti, da bo vsak Tom, Dick and Harry glasoval za vašo resolucijo. Shod vendar ni bil v ta namen sklican.

Trinajsti "point" je, da so odborniki Zveze previdni, a kom se bodo zvezali, kajti razporok je itak že preveč v Chicagu. Boljše je ostati "single" kot pozneje po instancah iskati svoje pravice.

Br. Miško povdarja, da so največja društva v federaciji. Dobro. V zvezi so pa majhna, jih je pa več. Saj pravijo, da se majhna žaba daleč skoči. Društvo Francisco Ferrer št. 131, kje sem jaz član, je majhno društvo, toda edino društvo v Chicagu je zadnje doklado v bolniški sklad izplačalo po 70c za člana iz društvene blaginje. Tudi je edino društvo tu, da je otroke obdarilo z dolarjem za novo leto.

Kaj je propagiral predsednik največjega društva v Chicagu za časa ustanovitve godbe SNPJ? Protivil se je godbi skupnih društev z motivacijo, da kaj takega more izvršiti njegovo društvo samo. Sedaj nimamo, niti nimamo imeli, ne ene ne druge godbe. Val so hoteli strune nategovati, pa je vse skupaj po-

čilo. To je 4. vzrok, zakaj se ne mislimo združiti.

Br. Miško izjavlja, da gl. odborniki imajo pravico biti društveni ali federacijski odborniki po pravilih. To se razume in ravno v tem tretji vzrok, da se do prihodnjega predpusta ne bomo omožili. Ali je br. Miško to znano, da je nestrpnost naših "leaderjev" privedla tako daleč, da je bilo celo na predzadnji konvenciji v pravila uslije, da gl. odborniki ne morejo biti društveni odborniki. Zato ker je bil gl. tajnik takrat predsednik društva, katerega "leaderji" erte kot republikanci svojega La Folletta.

Ob zadnji konvenciji so društva oskrbovala delegate s hrano ter jim isto tudi po bratsko sorazmerno dobro zasolila, in kljub temu je kuhinja naredila ravno \$100.00 čiste izgube. "Zveza" ima svoje pomisleke in žel v bodoče držati svoje prste stran. To je eden nadaljnjih vzrokov. Ker mi prostora (ne sapa) primanjkuje, zaključujem in na svidenje ob priliki. Pa brez zamere!

Paul Berger, član dr. št. 131.

Se iz Kanade

New Waterford, C. B., Nova Scotia, Can. — Dne 11. nov. 1931 je gl. tajnik poročal v glasilu o deficitu kanadskih društev SNPJ v bolniškem skladu. To je bilo pametno. Dne 25. nov. smo brali v Prosveti članek prvega podpredsednika Vidriha o tem deficitu; br. Vidrih kritizira kanadska društva in pravi, da je treba narediti spremembo, tako da bo jednota skrbela za posmrtnino v Kanadi, druge sklade naj pa kanadska društva samo financira. Jaz mislim, da to zadevo more rešiti le konvencija. Kanadski člani sami je ne morejo, razen če bi vsak plačal najmanj \$100 v naprej, potem bi že šlo nekaj mesecev brez deficita.

Od 11. nov. sem natančno pregledal vsako tedenako številko Prosvete, a do sedaj še nisem našel pojasnila vseh 27 kanadskih društev SNPJ, oziroma tajnikov, zakaj so društva imela take deficite. Dolžnost vseh tajnikov društev je, da to pojasnijo vsemu članstvu, kakšne vrste bolnike so imeli, da jednota vidi, če so pritožbe upravičene ali ne. Društvo št. 558, h kateremu jaz spadam, je imelo vsa leta, odkar obstoji, več ali manj prebitka v vseh skladih, ampak v zadnjih dveh ali treh letih je pa bilo nekaj članov v majni težki pobitih. Eden, ki je trajno pohabljen, je zahteval odpravnino in lani je odšel v Jugoslavijo. Še eden je tu, ki je do smrti nezmožen za delo in ta vleče, kar mu gre po pravilih; drugi je izgubil nogo. Tretji je že čez leto dni bolan in spet eden pol leta, oba pobita na nogah. To so bili naši glavni bolniki v preteklem letu. Če je bilo med malimi bolniki kaj "simulantov", to naj pojasni naš tajnik.

Naš društveni zdravnik, dr. D. J. Harding, je rekel, da za tri bolnike (lumbago in dve drugi, katerih imeni sem pozabil) bi jednota sploh ne smela plačevati nobene podpore, ker to so take bolniki, ki jih tudi najboljši zdravnik ne more kontrolirati, če jih človek ima ali ne. To je simulantov v korist. Dalje je zdravnik rekel, da vsakdo, ki spada h kakemu podpornemu društvu, se javi pri njem za vsako malenkost in potem navadno dolgo časa jamra in boleha, češar ne delajo drugi, ki niso v društvih. Morda ne bo komu po volji, a jaz pišem tako kot sem bil informiran.

Br. John Srebrnak od št. 63 priporoča, da bi gl. odbor preiskal, kakšni vzroki so v Kanadi za deficit, če je slabo podnebje, zdravniki ali je kakšna posebna bolezen, ki se ne da ozdraviti. Br. Srebrnak naj ve, da tukajšnje ponebje je dobro, zdravniki so dobri in slabi kot v U. S., bolezen pa, ki tu razsaja, je leta klat v Ameriki: premalo ali niti klat — Br. Val. Ručigaj od št. 691 piše, da imamo v Kanadi premalo "avstralskih čugafirjev", ki bi držali disciplino in simulante malo preturkali. Dobre nadzorstvo bi precej pomagalo povsed, v Kanadi in U. S.

Br. A. Polić od št. 671 je prijel Sularja, ker se "ne baš najlepše izraža" o Kanadčanih. Jaz dam br. Sularju prav; vsak naj svoje misli pove.

Po mojem mnenju je depresija glavni vzrok. Če bi hoteli za stalno odpraviti deficit v bolniškem skladu, moramo jednoto radikalno spremeniti. Za vse sumljive, nevidne bolnike ne bi smeli plačati nobene podpore, za druge bolnike pa plačati šele potem, ko je član šest mesecev v društvu. Vse sumljive bolnike bi treba poslati v bolnišnico. Ako nečemo tega, tedaj pa asessment tako zvišati, da ne bo deficita in doklad.

Herman Drobesh, dr. št. 558.

Pritožba iz Detroita

Detroit, Mich. — Kot večletni član SNPJ sem se seznanil z delom v društvu in jednoti in prišel sem do zaključka, da posamezni člani gl. upravnega odbora SNPJ ne izvršujejo onih sklepov, katere sta jim članstvo in konvencija naložila.

Prvič je glasilo Prosveta list članstva SNPJ in naročnikov, ki ga vzdržujejo in radi tega bi moral ta naš list odgovorjati vrvham članstva in radniške klase sploh brez razlike na to, kake vere, narodnosti in političnega mišljenja so člani. Vidim pa, da se to ne upošteva.

Drugič je danes ekonomska kriza, glad in mizerija, ki hara po vseh kapitalističnih deželah, zlasti v Ameriki. Tu je sedaj preko 12 milijonov delavcev brez vsakega zaslužka in med temi milijoni je veliko število naših članov in drugih jugoslovanskih radnikov. Poleg teh je neko število delavcev, ki se delajo po dva ali več dni v tednu in v slabih razmerah, da jih komaj prenašajo. Vidimo v listih vesti, kako delavci stopajo v stavke v raznih strokah. Omenjam le herojski štrajk rudarjev v Kentuckyju in drugih državah. Vsi ti štrajkarji, posebno organizatorji in vodje stavk, so izpostavljeni napadom, linčani so, ubijani, mečani v zapore in mučeni na vse načine. Vsi ti delavci potrebujejo pomoči: hrane, obleke in denarnega pomoči, kajti njihov boj je boj vseh delavcev, torej tudi naš. Tudi gl. upravni odbor ni še objavil v Prosveti nobenega konkretnega ukrepa ali navodila, kako bi se moralo pomagati štrajkarjem; ni dal še nobenega navodila, katera delavska unija je prava, da se delavci v njej organizirajo.

Ker je Prosveta list članstva SNPJ, je treba, da kot tak služi interesom članov kot delavcev in vsemu delavskemu razredu. James Latin, društvena št. 711.

Pripomba uredništva. — Čitatelj rešolucijo vaukeganke konvencije SNPJ in videli boste, kakih delavskih smernic se mora Prosveta držati. Pravila SNPJ ne nalagajo gl. upr. odboru, da bi organiziral člane v unijah ali jim dal navodila v tem smislu. Gl. upr. odbor izvršuje vse sklepe, ki so mu naloženi.

Jednota naj ustavi bolniško podporo!

Canton, O. — Vsa dan čitam vse članke in dopise v Prosveti in vidim, kako pisci ugibljejo, kako bi se jednota rešila iz težkega položaja. Člani in članice se poslužujejo pasivnosti. Za nekatere plačujejo društva iz svojih blaginj in za druge plačuje jednota asessment iz sklada izrednih podpor. Dosti je tudi članov, ki mislijo, da je SNPJ molzna krava, pa vlečejo iz nje, kolikor morejo izveči. Bratje in sestre, to ne gre! Kravo je treba dobro krmiti in šele potem se lahko molze.

Bratje in sestre, apeliram na vas, imajte malo več usmiljenja z našo materjo jednoto! Resnično smo v kritičnih časih. Vsi bolj ali manj občutimo to strahno depresijo in v tem času velike brezposelnosti vse podpirne organizacije trpijo finančno in na izgubo članstva. Mislim, da tako ne moremo naprej in nekaj je treba storiti.

Moje mnenje je, da SNPJ razpusti ali ustavi poslovanje bolniškega sklada za nedoločen čas in naj se ustavi plačevanje asessmenta v bolniški sklad. Bolniška podpora naj se ustavi vsem članom in članicam brez izjeme, dokler se razmere ne izboljšajo. Vem, da bodo nekateri proti temu, kar jaz pišem, toda mi moramo čuvati jednoto pred onimi, ki jo zmatirajo za molzno kravo.

Tony Ešla, društvena št. 315.

Sugestija za društva v Kanadi Winnipeg, Man., Can. — Zelim, da se vsi člani kanadskih društev SNPJ ozirajo na ta dopis, kajti znano nam je, da je padec kanadskega dolarja naredil nezadovoljnost med člani društev v Kanadi in lahko pride do tega, da izgubimo večje število dobrih članov, ako jih že nismo.

Tu in tam slišimo, da si kanadska društva, ki spadajo v ameriške organizacije, bodisi slovenske, hrvaške, češke, poljske ali nemške, pošljejo tu drugih organizacij v Kanadi a to zbog padanja vrednosti kanadskega dolarja, ker v današnjih časih pride plačevanje asessmenta predrago v ameriški valuti. Razmere v Kanadi postajajo vedno slabše. Naše tovarne zelo malo obratujejo in poleg tega smo tujerodni delavci zelo prezirani in kadar nam puste delati, nam dade najslabša dela. Plačo trgaajo kar naprej; v mnogih krajih so bile že dvakrat znižane.

Bratje in sestre na kanadski zemlji! Apeliram na vas, da se vsa društva SNPJ v Kanadi zavzemajo za to, da bi bila vsa naša plačila na glavni urad SNPJ po valetu kanadskega dolarja, obratno bi pa bila tudi vsa izplačila jednote za člane v Kanadi po valetu kanadskega dolarja. Na ta način ne bo SNPJ nič na izgubi, nas kanadske člane bo pa jednota rešila teh neprilik in tega nezadovoljstva, ki je danes med nami zaradi padca kanadskega dolarja. Meseca decembra so morali kanadska društva doplačati 25% pri asessmentu.

Ker bo gl. odbor imel ta teden letno sejo, je prilika, da ima na dnevnem redu tudi kanadsko vprašanje; to je vprašanje naše valute, ker ravno sedaj je pravi čas, da se kaj pametnega ukrene za olajšanje težko kanadskim članom.

Kot kažejo politične razmere v Kanadi, ne bo naš dolar dosegel vrednosti ameriškega dolarja prej, dokler naš ministri predsednik Bennett ne frkne iz vlade, kajti ta gospod je hotel ameriški vladi s peskom brisati oči, kar mu pa ni uspelo. Ker pa sedanjí kanadski vladi še ni poteklo niti polovico časa, bo trajalo predolgo, da bi čakali na spremembo vlade.

Zato, dragi bratje in sestre v Kanadi, vas prosim, da se zanimate za ta moj dopis. Obrnimo se vsi skupaj na našo SNPJ v Chicagu in apeliramo, naj gl. odbor čim prej reši to našo zadevo, tako da bo dobro za nas in jednoto. Upajmo, da nas gl. odbor potegne iz vode. V Kanadi nas je precejšnje število članov, ki se verujemo v našo mater in to je SNPJ v Chicagu. — Valentin Ručigaj, društvena št. 691.

Preveč federacij

Superior, Wyo. — Na januarski seji društva št. 134 je bilo prečitano vabilo društva št. 10 iz Rock Springsa, da bi se ustanovila federacija v okolici se nahajajočih društev SNPJ. Iz pisma je razvidno, da bi federacija delala za boljše pravila in manjšo delegacijo na prihodnji konvenciji. To se lepo sliši. Če pa bo vsaka federacija delala po svojem, bo jednota imela slaba pravila. V Chicagu imajo dve federaciji in kot je Paul Berger pisal v Prosveti št. 16, je jasno, zakaj imajo dve federaciji. Boljši zgled bi dali, če bi se združili v eni. Ako se pa ne morejo pogladiti zaradi imena, naj federacija žrtvuje prva dva zloga, zveza pa zadnjega in naj dobita ime "zve-racija."

Vse te federacije in zveze so kot sv. trojica: društva v federaciji, jednota v federacijah in federacije v federaciji. Naj bi že bilo, če ne bi to stalo člane in društva denarja. Na primer, če se ustanovi v Rock Springsu federacija in se pridruži tukajšnje društvo, bo treba dva ali več zastopnikov in rad bi vedel, če se kdo priglasil, ki bo hodil ali se vozil na svoje stroške 28 milj. In če se skliče masna seja članstva — o tem ni vredno pisati.

Priporočal bi, če imajo društva kaj prihrankov v blaginji, naj bi jih čuvala, ker vse kaže, da jih bodo potrebovala za asessment članov, ki so brez dela. Vse se lahko pripeti. Ako društvo založi asessment za brezposelne člane, bo to več koristilo jednoti in članom kot federacija. — Imeli smo pred kratkim tudi javni shod, na katerem se je govorilo, zakaj so doklade pri jednotah. Za en vzrok vem jaz brez

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Zdravstveni nasveti

Piše dr. John J. Zavertnik

Skrlatinka

Skrlatinka (scarlet fever) je akutna, infekтивna in nalezljiva bolezen, ki jo raznaša bacil "streptococcus scarlatinae". Karakteristični znaki te bolezni so drobni izpuščaji, podobni pikicam škrlatne barve, ki se pojavijo v skupinah po nekoliko rdečkasti koži, in bolno grlo.

Ta bolezen je bila znana že davno pred kr. števno ero, ampak dodobra ni bila opisana, dokler ni razsajala v Španiji leta 1610, odkoder se je razširila po Italiji in vsej Evropi. V letih 1735-1736 je epidemija trajala 14 mesecev v New Hamshiru in od takrat je bilo več epidemij v Ameriki.

Med glavnimi vzroki umrljivosti v Chicagu od leta 1857 do 1866 je bila skrlatinka na petem mestu; v prihodnjih dvajsetih letih se je umaknila na sedmo, potem pa na deveto mesto. Od leta 1887 do 1905 je bila na dvajsetem mestu. V splošnem poročajo, da bolezen danes ni več tako nevarna kot je bila svojčasno.

Skrlatinka je radka v vročem pasu sveta, tako tudi med zamorci in azijskimi narodi. Bolj se pojavlja v zmernem in severnem pasu in najbolj učinkuje na belopolitne narode. Do enega leta starosti je redka, do petega leta pa narašča podvrženost in doseže vrh v osmem letu; nato spet upada in malokdaj napade odraslega človeka.

Bolezen pride v vseh sezonah, najraje pa na spomlad. Napad je navadno hiter in javlja se z bljuvanjem, bolečim grlom in hitrim utripanjem žile. Starejši otroci imajo včasih mrzlico, mlajši pa krče. Vročica je zelo visoka in drži se tri do pet dni. Če pogleda otroku v grlo, vidiš, da so bezgavke (tonsils) svetlo rdeče barve, jezik je pa v začetku blaten, nato pa pordeči in oteče; podoben je zreli jagodi. Iz nosa teče mokrota in izleze v vratu zatečajo. Skrlatni mozoljčki na koži se navadno izpuščajo 12 do 36 ur po bljuvanju. Koža, kjer so izpuščaji, rada arbi in peče. Izpuščaji so drugi dan že dobro razviti. To traja štiri do šest dni, haker polagoma izginja. Nato se koža lupi, kar se začne šteti dan, včasih pa še drugi teden. Pojavi se na vratu in med prsti in traja deset do trideset dni.

Bolnik mora biti osamljen od drugih. V mestih mora biti bolnik pod karanteno 28 dni in še več, ako nos in ušesa ne prenehajo cureti. Vse predmete v bolniški sobi je treba desinficirati. Mokro iz nosa, ust ali ušes je treba obrisati z mehkim papirjem in papir sežgati. Posebno usta morajo biti vedno čista, zato se mrgajo izpirati z antiseptično tekočino. Grlo je treba grgrati s toplimi antiseptičnimi solucijami kot je "baking soda", listerin itd., trikrat ali štirikrat dnevno.

Bolniška soba mora biti dobro prezračena, ne sme pa biti v njej prepriha. Temperatura v sobi naj bo 68 do 70 F. Bolnik mora biti oblečen v flanelno spalno obleko. Skrbeti je treba za redno stolicu z magnezijo, če je treba. Srbeča koža naj se umije z gobo, namočeno v topli vodi, kateri je primešana "baking soda" ali oljno olje z enim odstotkom mentolata. V primeru visoke vročice in otečenega vrata poloji torbico z ledom na glavo in vrat. Zdravnik predpiše zdravilo ali stimulant, ki je potreben.

Dieta med stadijem vročice mora biti omejena na tekočine: mleko, sadni sokovi, zlasti oranžni in limonini etc.; kasneje daje juho iz zelenjave, redko zdrobljeno, čaj, pražen kruh (toast) in ječmenovo vodo. Bolnik naj ima dosti vode. Kadar vročica poneha in ni komplikacij, tedaj bolnik lahko dobi redno hrano. Komplikacije za časa škrlatinke so navadno otečen vrat, mokrota iz ušes, vnetje v nosu, revmatizem in oslabelost srca. Če je bolezen posebno huda, je potrebna injekcija serum (Dick's antitoxin serum), kar oskrbi zdravnik.

Skrlatinka se več ne povrača. Kdor ima to bolezen enkrat, je potem ne dobi več. Bolezen se lahko prepreči s tem, da se otroku odrežejo bezgavke v grlu in adenoidi v nosu. Danes se lahko otroci zavarujejo proti škrlatinki s cepljenjem seruma, ki se injicira v petih dozah, vsak teden po ena.

Ali je rak kulturna bolezen?

Precej razširjeno je naziranje, da je rak bolezen, ki se tem čedje pojavlja, čim višja je kulturna stopnja tega ali onega ljudstva. Po tem takem bi bil rak nekako prokletstvo civilizacije. Ampak dolgo je tudi že znano, in najnovejša raziskovanja potrjujejo, da se najdejo na raku bolni ljudje tudi med divjaki. Pač pa ufezne biti pogostost te bolezni v veliki meri odvisna od povprečne življenjske dobe. Povprečna življenjska doba zapadnega Evropea traja zdaj 55 do 60 let, doim žive divjaki povprečno le 30 do 35 let, tedaj ne zadosti dolgo, da bi mógel nastopiti rak kot starostni pojav.

Ljubezenska klinika

Neki ameriški "profesor", ki proglašja staro resnico, da je ljubezen bolezen, toda ozdravljiva bolezen, je v Chicagu otvoril "kliniko", v katero vabi vse, ki so nesrečno zaljubljeni. Dobra reklama mu je priskrbelo nešteto pacientov, tako da ga obiskuje vsak dan do 400 na ljubezni obolelih, kakor sam pripoveduje, in za vsakega je primeren recept, ki je baje vedno učinkovit. Mož pripoveduje iz svoje prakse, da so najboljši zakonski možje vrtnarji, najslabši pa brzojavni delavci. Kar se tiče intelektualcev, jih baje samo 45 odstotkov osredil svoje žene.

The Society shall insure to its members personal freedom of religious, philosophical, ethical and political creeds.

Declaration of Principles, SNPJ By-laws

PROSLET

ENGLISH SECTION

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Ben. Franklin, Letter to Historical Review

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FOR MEMBERS OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY AND AMERICAN SLOVENES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Initiative of Lodge No. 393

We, the members of the Lodge No. 393, of the Slovene National Benefit Society, have, at the regular meeting of our lodge, held on December 20th, 1931, taken into consideration the question of whether male members shall be given the privilege to insure themselves for death benefit only, as female members now have, and, after thoroughly discussing the same, have come to the conclusion that that would be in the good interest of the Society and beneficial to its members. Therefore, we have decided to avail ourselves of the right to initiation as provided in the Article VI of our by-laws. In accordance with that provision, we do hereby propose that the by-laws of the Society be amended and changed so that such insurance of male members will be possible and lawful.

It is moved by our local lodge that the last sentence of section 7 of Article XV of the present by-laws, which reads:

"Women applicants may be insured, if they choose so, for death benefit only and shall have the same rights as the other members, except as to the sick benefit matters"—

be amended to read as follows:

"Every member who has complied with all requirements prescribed for the admission into the Society, may insure himself for death and sick benefit or death benefit only. A member who is insured for sick benefit may drop the same at any time; and no member can take out insurance for sick benefit only. Members insured for death benefit only have the same right in voting and in the management of the lodge as other members, but cannot be on sick committees or vote on sick benefit."

At the same time the following shall be changed in accordance with the above amendment:

At the beginning of the forelast sentence of Section 3 of Article XXIII, the word "Women" shall be stricken out and substituted with the word "Members," and the sentence so amended shall read as follows:

"Members insured for death benefit only, shall pay 21c into the expense fund."

In addition to the above mentioned changes, the word "Female" in the second sentence of the foot-note to the death benefit scale in Article XXIII shall be stricken out of the by-laws and that sentence shall read as follows:

"Besides the amounts in the above scale, there are the following payments: Members who are insured only for death benefit shall make an additional payment of 21c per month in the general expense fund."

In addition to these amendments the following provision shall be adopted:

"These amendments shall go into effect on the 1st day of July, 1932. Beginning with that date, all provisions of the by-laws contrary to the meaning of these amendments shall become null and void, and the by-laws of the Society shall in every event be interpreted in accordance with the intent of these changes."

REASONS

The times have changed and with them our economic abilities and needs. Because of unemployment and lasting hard times, the members are becoming financially exhausted and no more are able to pay their assessments as high as they are, and evidently will be much less able to do so in the future. Every one of us wishes to retain membership in the Society, and most of us have to worry how to do so. Unemployment prevails everywhere and our existence is very uncertain. If the members were permitted to drop the sick benefit, their dues would be greatly reduced. Many who are not able to pay their dues for sick and death benefit would like to do so for death benefit only. Thus they would be given a better chance and many would thereby be saved for the Society.

In addition to the above mentioned reason, we think that such a change is recommendable from the standpoint of equality also. We often boast, with quite an amount of pride, of the equal rights enjoyed in our Society. In regards to insurance, there were no equal rights as yet. If male and female members are equal in every other respect, let us have equal rights in respect to insurance also.

In conclusion we wish to say that our action is promoted by just and honest intentions only, and that we feel convinced that this proposition, if adopted, will prove beneficial to the Society and its members. We may again that this will save the members for the organization and the organization for the members. Therefore, we earnestly appeal to all local lodges to give this initiative their sincere consideration and due support.

Anton Habinc, Frank Koren, Frank Rusa,
Pres. Sec'y. Treas.

The Opinion of the Administrative Committee

The above Initiative was properly submitted at the meeting of the Supreme Administrative Committee, held on January 21st, 1932, and, after due consideration, unanimously approved. It was properly adopted by the Local Lodge 393, and is strictly in accord with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, and the laws of the State.

In the opinion of the Supreme Administrative Committee it is advisable to give our male members an opportunity to insure themselves for death benefit only. While we know that years ago, our sick benefit system strongly appealed to the people, and that the rapid growth of the number of members was largely due to that fact, and that for the sake of preservation of stability of that system, it was then necessary to make it compulsory that at least all male members contribute to that fund, we are now observing that to a great number of members sick benefit is no more of prime importance, for many are leaving our Society mainly because they are not allowed to drop the sick benefit. Most of these members are young men, and since in the youth there is the Society's future, it is imperative that we provide for what they want and what we can safely give.

Supreme Secretary's Instruction

According to the provisions of our by-laws, the Initiative of a lodge must, within 90 days from date of first official publication, be seconded by other lodges of the Society, representing at least 20% of the total of its membership, to be valid for submission to referendum vote. Lodges giving the Initiative their support shall promptly report to the Supreme Secretary, giving date of meeting, number of members present, (Continued in the last column.)

Health Talks

SCARLET FEVER (Scarlatina)

Scarlet fever is an acute, infectious, contagious disease caused by streptococcus scarlatinae. Its characteristic features are a diffuse eruption (rash) consisting of minute points of bright scarlet color, closely grouped together on a slightly reddened skin, and a sore throat.

Scarlet fever was known long before the Christian era, but there was no accurate description given of the disease until there was an epidemic in Spain about 1610. From there it spread to Italy and then throughout Europe. In the years 1785-1786 there was a 15 month epidemic which started in New Hampshire.

Among the chief causes of death in Chicago from 1857-1866, scarlet fever occupies the fifth place. The next twenty years it fell to seventh and then to ninth place. In 1887 to 1905 it occupied the twelfth place. In is generally stated that the poison of scarlet fever has grown less, and because of this fact the death rate is considerably less at this time.

Scarlet fever is rare in the Tropics, and also among the Negroes and Asiatic people. It is more common in the Northern zones and in the cities, chiefly affecting the white race. Scarlet fever is rare under one year, and up to five years the susceptibility steadily increases, and reaches its maximum at eight years. After this it rapidly decreases and is slight during adult life.

Scarlet fever occurs in all seasons, but reaches its peak in early Spring. The onset is usually sudden, and is marked by vomiting, sore throat, and rapid pulse. In older children a chill is sometimes present, in younger children a convulsion. The fever is usually high and may be present for three to five days. If you examine the throat you will find the tonsils are a bright red color, the tongue is coated at first and then becomes bright red and swollen, having the appearance of a ripe strawberry. There is usually a discharge from the nose. The glands of the neck are swollen. The eruption or rash (scarlet) usually appears 12 to 36 hours vomiting. There is frequently intense itching or burning of the skin. This rash is well developed during the second day of its appearance. It continues from four to six days, when it gradually disappears. There is peeling of the skin which begins sometimes after the 6th day and is frequently delayed until the second week. It appears first on the neck and between the fingers, and continues from ten to thirty days.

The patient should be isolated from others. In the city a patient is quarantined for twenty-eight days, or longer, if there is any discharge from the nose or ears. All articles used in the sick-room should be disinfected. If there is any discharge from the nose, mouth or ears, mullin or tissue paper should be used, and then destroyed by fire. The mouth should be kept clean by frequent careful cleansing with an antiseptic mouth wash, toothbrush and applicators. Warm gargles of the throat with an antiseptic solution, such as baking soda, Histerine, etc. should be used three to four times a day.

The sick room should be well-ventilated but free from drafts. The temperature of the room should be 68 to 70° F. The patient should wear flannel night clothes, bowels should be kept open by enema, milk of magnesia, calomel, or cascara. For itching of the skin best is to sponge the body with warm baking soda water, or with mentholated 1% olive oil. If the fever is high and the glands of

the neck are swollen, ice bags should be applied to the head and neck. If any stimulants or medicine are required, these should be prescribed by the family physician.

The diet during the fever stage should be restricted to fluids, such as milk, fruit juices, especially orange and lemonade. Later vegetable broths, thin cereals, tea, stale bread toast, and barley water, can be given. Water should be given freely. When the fever subsides, the patient should be put on regular meals, if there are no complications. Some of the common complications in scarlet fever are swollen neck glands, discharging ears, inflammation of the nasal sinuses, nephritis, rheumatism and endocarditis (heart trouble). In severe cases of scarlet fever, Dick's antitoxin serum for scarlet fever, can be given to lessen the possibility of complications, and the course of the disease.

One attack of scarlet fever confers immunity for life. To prevent scarlet fever it is best to remove large and diseased tonsils and adenoids. At the present time one can be immunized against scarlet fever by Dick's scarlet fever antitoxin serum, which is given in five doses, one week apart.

John J. Zaverinik, M. D.

The Reveliers' Column

Ambridge, Pa.—Memories—That a trip to Yukon Jan. 23, was an all night jaunt for the Reveliers going by special bus. The Silver Stars had such a crowd that comfort was impossible. Who worried—the attendants being in a happy carefree mood and making the most of things. That meal given to a few lucky Reveliers by Jewel Petras in Herminie was fit for a king. The generalissimo of the Quacks, Lindy Lokar, giving the welcome sign to the Ambridge gang. Herman Preseren smiling, probably in his seventh heaven at the great turnout of lodges. The affair was another triumph not only for the Silver Stars but for the co-operative spirit of the E. S. locals also. The music of the Harmony Aces making a hit. Urankar and Kralj of the Musketeers, Miklaucic and Bira of the Strimlan and Prijatelj of Library and Tolar of the Struggles strutting their wares. Put a gang like that together and you're bound to have—what? Jane Fradel greeting friends—Rose Klapchar of the Torches, one of few femme prexies in the society, dancing—and Joe Cesar of the Comets with Joe Komata of the Ramblers saying hello. It's just tough that such gatherings have to break up. It was a great night.

How many know that the Quacks were out looking for the Corp Car.

BUFFALO BIG FOUR

Buffalo, N. Y.—The Buffalo Big Four are giving a Valentine Dance on February 12, at the Croatian Hall, Condon and Vulcan streets. There will be refreshments and a good orchestra has been secured. Dancing will start at 8 o'clock. Admission 35c for men and 25c for ladies.

Gowanda Boosters, Pathfinders and all the members of local lodges are invited to attend.

Fraternally,

Jennie Jernan,

Financial Secretary.

Lest We Forget

Wm. N. Radojeich

Harmarville, Pa.—The rapid cycle of events justifies another contribution; the happenings being stated herein.

A recent article stated that the Ramblers desired to affiliate with the E. S. Federation to be held at Herminie; owing that sector allegiance from social relationship in athletics, dance affairs and virtual friendship from a large scale personal contact and it is desired to comment upon the matter.

The Rambler lodge received the financial and full moral support of the W. Pa. Slovene Speaking Federation at the outset and thus we are necessarily obligated to them in respect to the stand that we assume for other Federations.

Primarily to obliterate the movement for several E. S. Fed. which is evidently now in vogue, the E. S. Fed. has inaugurated steps whereby two E. S. Fed. will function amicably and that is to support the movement at Library and localize it in Pittsburgh, thereby permitting the other E. S. Fed. to expand in membership in the opposite direction.

Thus it is evident that the Ramblers must share the allotment of the Fed. at Library and we trust that our members of the other Feb. accept our stand in good faith.

We had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with the charming fem-

mes and the likable chaps representing other lodges, too many to enumerate here and we anticipate future contacts with you all. We also want to publicly announce that the delegation appreciates the fine meal served by the charming young hostess and her assistants.

From all indications the Yukon dance was an overwhelming success and you can bet your boots that the Ramblers who were left behind for lack of transportation, will bewail the fact that they were not able to mingle with the crowd.

The Ramblers scheduled dance of Feb. 13, 1932 was postponed and will be turned into a 2nd Anniversary Dance to be held at the same place on April 23 and we trust that other lodges within a noticeable range refrain from holding an affair on that day. We're trusting on your Frat. Spirit because the Rambler dances are so few and far between that we want all of our actions and attendances to be reciprocated in one grand affair.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Gowanda, N. Y. L. A.—Reproduction of the photo would cost ten dollars.

To Contributors—Owing to the lack of space several articles of no immediate importance were laid aside for next week's issue.

Beacons Highlights

By M. N. T.

Cleveland, Ohio.—With the Masquerade Ball passing into oblivion, another Beacon social appears on the horizon. Stop! Look! Listen! you card sharks, and lend an ear to our two for this time it's to be a Card Party. You will also find in the limelight the Beacons Melody Pilots, directed by John Baumich, disseminating harmonies from their ever torrid instruments. This red-letter day will fall on April 2, and what a day it will be!

The last week-end, January 29, found the Beacons and New Eras cavorting at the Erini Club's (a group of Slovene boys athletically inclined) Novelty Dance at West Park, Ohio. Here, the Beacons Melody Pilots again met with tremendous success. Your scribes assure you that these boys certainly can say it with music—and what music!

A word to the wise is sufficient, and herewith we spill the beans. Beacons bigger and better than ever Fourth Anniversary will be a big program and dance to be held on Sunday, Nov. 27, will find everyone having the time of his life. Local lodges take notice!

The presentation of "What Luck!" by our Dramatic Club must have been the principal reason for the large attendance at the January 21 meeting. Trials and tribulations of the characters in this uproarious comedy brought forth many a guffaw from the spectators. Mary Abram certainly was a scream in her characterization of Hilda, the maid, John Aynik as Jimmy Carlin and his wife Alice played by Jennie Dedek also pleased the audience with their acting—which was so capably presented.

Are we going up? Our membership could progress more rapidly if more of our members would attempt to use some of their salesmanship ability. At our last meeting two transfer members were received, namely, Caroline Pozar and Frank Pozar. For the February meeting let's each of us bring a new member.

The proceeds derived from the dance and program held by the Cleveland Federation of the SNPJ on Sunday, February 28, will go towards the relief of the unemployed members of the SNPJ. Why not do your part? Attend this affair as it is for a worthy cause.

Last week's Highlights brought forth comments concerning its contents. Well, it certainly looks as though the truth hurts.

Our parting shot: All men are born free and equal, but then—some get married.

VALENTINE DANCE

Center, Pa.—A dance at the Universal Slovene Hall. You don't want to miss this. You couldn't miss the music your going to dance to. There is nothing like it. You fellows fetch your turtle doves and parents. This dance is coming on Feb. 6 at 8 o'clock. Plenty of refreshments for everyone. All neighboring lodges are invited to attend. Get your tickets in advance or at the door. Make all your dates before or after this dance but leave Feb. 6 for the dance.

Ann J. Kacin, Lodge No. 715.

Prushek Wins Award

Chicago.—Gregory H. Prushek, our own artist of paintings, again conquered a prize award for a gorgeously colorful new piece called "Landscape Composition." The Clyde M. Carr prize award went to our artist at the Thirty-sixth Annual Chicago Artists' Exhibition at the Art Institute here. Two Prushek's paintings were submitted and both accepted for the annual exhibit out of thousands of paintings sent by other artists. The exhibit opened Jan. 28 and will close March 20.

Louis Kosela.

Beer-Suds, "Inc."

By Check & XX-Check

Milwaukee.—Let's give three rousing cheers for the Badgers' 5th anniversary. This anniversary promises to be one of the most unique we have had so far. Our first anniversary served as a stepping stone to acquaint Slovenes to the name Badgers; our second brought forth some dramatic talent in the play "The Helping Hand"; on our third we produced "When a Feller Needs a Friend," and boosted our reputation for showmanship up quite a number of inches; on our fourth we had the delightful experience of seeing the So. Side Turn Hall filled to capacity for the well remembered play "The Automatic Butler"; and now on our fifth we take the extreme pleasure of presenting "Alibi Bill."

Bill is a lovable chap with all the usual troubles and tribulations of a newlywed benedict. While Almee, the "friend wifey," is supposed to be away for a week Bill decides to go on one of the spree he was accustomed to during the days of his bachelor freedom. This particular evening he wanders forth in search of a good time and suddenly remembers that his lodge is having a stag party.

"Hm," muses Bill, "this'll be a good way to prevent my being lonesome." So he steps with the portals of the "Ancient Order of Buffaloes" and here amidst pleasant surroundings, general friends and good liquor he develops himself into the highest state of inebriation. 'It so happens that at this stag he has the fortune (or shall we call it a misfortune?) of meeting the entertainer, Daisy Montaine, star soprano of the Tropical Babes. Well, somehow or other, Billie finally reaches home in the wee hours of the morning, and when the inquisitive maid Lucy comes in to do her daily chores, she hears two distinctly separate sounds of snoring, one coming from the spare couch and one from Billie's room, on the table

she sees blonde circles and peeping from one of Bill's coat pockets is a lady's stocking. Here's a riddle, where did these lady's articles come from, and who is occupying the spare couch? Under the circumstances what would you do at this point if a telegram were handed to you the same morning and after reading it you are astounded to find that "friend wifey" and pet mother-in-law are to arrive before noon...

See the unraveling of this tangle on Feb. 14 at the S. S. Turn Hall and rest assured that you will spend a most enjoyable evening that you have had for some time.

The Jugoslav orchestra and members which took part in the operetta "The Lucky Jade" wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for the wonderful representation of various lodges. The hall was completely filled and the rapt attention of the audience during the play contributed not a little to the success of the operetta. It is cooperation like this that spurs us on to greater heights and with the continued assistance of all our well wishes we shall do our utmost to show more times as this.

Our faithful bystanders, Lodge "Venera," is giving a masquerade ball in the gymnasium of the S. S. Turn Hall Sat., Feb. 6, Badgers, come, let's give them 100% cooperation.

Official Notice

Secretaries kindly take notice that the stationery has been shipped to the various lodges, who ordered it, last week.

If there is any lodge that placed an order, and did not receive the stationery, please notify the Supreme Office at once.

FRED A. VIDER, Supreme Sec'y.

NOT GUILTY

A Defense of the Bottom Dog
By Robert Hatchford

In confirmation of the statement of Henry the Eighth's Lord Chancellor, we have the evidence of Harrison, that after these 72,000 executions by Henry, there were more thieves than ever in the next reign. Harrison, who wrote in the reign of Elizabeth, says of the "rogues and vagabonds": "the punishment that is ordained for this kind of people is very sharp, and yet it cannot restrain them from their gadding."

In that day any one convicted, "on the testimony of two honest and credible witnesses," of being a "rogue," "he is then immediately adjudged to be grievously whipped, and burned through the gristle of the right ear, with a hot iron of the compass of an inch about." Amongst the "rogues" were included actors, jugglers, fencers, minstrels, and tinkers!

Harrison boasts that our laws against felons were more humane than those of the Continent. Let us consider the leniency of Elizabeth's day. A woman who poisoned her husband was burnt alive. Other poisoners were boiled alive, or scalded to death in "seething water or lead." Heretics and witches were burnt alive. Murderers were hanged alive in chains. Harrison adds: "We have use neither of the wheel nor of the bar as in other countries; but when wilful manslaughter is perpetrated, besides hanging, the offender hath his right hand commonly stricken off, before or near the place where the act was done, after which he is led forth to the place of execution and there put to death according to the law."

For treason men were "hanged, drawn, and quartered."

For felony, which was anything from highway robbery to theft of a piece of bread, men, women, and children were hanged. There were over two hundred and fifty offences for which the penalty was death. For "speaking seditious against a magistrate" the offender had both his ears cut off.

If a prisoner refused to plead he was pressed to death under heavy weights.

Harrison says that "there is not one year" in which "three or four hundred rogues" are not "eaten up by the gallowes." And then he goes on to remark that so many are the idle rogues, that "except some better order be taken, or the laws already made be better executed, such as dwell in uplandish towns and little villages shall live but in small safety or rest."

A hundred years ago there were over two hundred offences for which the punishment was death. Boys and girls were hanged for theft. Mr. Collinson, in Facts about Floggings, says that in 1816 there were at one time over fifty prisoners in England waiting to be hanged, and that one of them was a child of tender years. Mr. Collinson says:

The inefficiency and brutality of all this torture and bloodshed became obvious to the people, through the propaganda of a few daring and enlightened reformers, and it was swept away.

But let us come nearer home. About a dozen years ago the late Mr. Hopwood, K. C., Recorder of Liverpool, was good enough to give me his opinions on the subject of harsh and lenient punishment. Mr. Hopwood said:

I was first convinced of the uselessness of harsh sentences by attendance at two courts of sessions about thirty-five years ago. The two courts were those of Manchester and Salford—towns very similar as to population and conditions of life. In Salford the sentences were uniformly lenient. In Manchester they were uniformly severe. People said Manchester would be purged of crime; that all the criminals would flock to Salford. It was not so. The state of things continued for some years, and caused no increase of crime in the one, nor decrease of crime in the other town. Hence it becomes evident that a great deal of useless punishment was inflicted in Manchester. I was a young barrister at the time, and I took the lesson to heart.

Mr. Hopwood only claimed a negative result. He said: "I do not say I have reduced crime, but only that I have reduced punishment without increasing crime." For instance, I claim that during my six years at this court I have saved three thousand years of imprisonment.

When I remarked "that saved a great waste of money," he answered that it was "a great saving of humanity." He claimed that life and property were at least as secure under a clement judge as under a cruel one, and that his system saved much suffering and shame, not only to the prisoners, but also to those dependent upon them. He said that very often his treatment had a good effect upon the prisoners: "Do you know, often they are ashamed to come back."

Mr. Hopwood told me that at first he met with strong opposition, but that his example had such an effect that the local magistrates had come "to give six or ten months' imprisonment in cases where formerly the offenders would have got seven years."

Asked whether his leniency had caused criminals to flock to Liverpool, Mr. Hopwood answered, "Not at all"; and his denial was backed by the statement of the Chief Constable that "crime was decreasing to an appreciable extent."

(To be continued.)

The LaFollette-Costigan bill for 375 million dollars federal aid is inadequate even as a beginning, but it is a beginning which should be made at once. Every labor group ought to tell this to Congress in no uncertain terms. The next step on LaFollette's program is his public works bill. It is far from satisfactory. The public works bill we want will make housing its chief and direct concern. It will, moreover, seek to stimulate productive enterprises like the electrification of farm areas.—N. Thomas.

(Continued from first column.)

and stating how many have voted for the support. Only lodges casting two-thirds or more votes for the motion, and if such report is signed by the president, secretary and treasurer, will be considered.

It is also provided by the by-laws that discussion on the initiative in the official organ shall be open for 90 days. Discussion on this Initiative will be open on the 3rd day of February and will close on the 2nd day of May, 1932. If the Initiative receives the prescribed support from other lodges, it will be submitted to referendum immediately thereafter.

It is hereby recommended that all members take interest in this proposition and intelligently discuss on the Initiative. In all events, the Society's interests shall be carefully guarded.

FRED A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

FLASHES By Incognito

Our Valentine Dance is but ten days away. Pioneers. Have you made any efforts to dispose of your small allotment of tickets? That's fine, as the silent partner would say. Maybe you need more tickets? Several Pioneers have already sold their first allotment, but we will be happy if each of you just do your little bit. Looks very promising for a big attendance, still it is necessary to expend more effort for a greater degree of certainty and satisfaction.

Every member to the dance when February 13 comes! Let no one stay at home. And what is equally as important, every member should bring another friend along. If you members will respond as enthusiastically as you did for our "Bargain Event" we will again crowd the hall, perhaps not as full as in December, but full enough to make everybody comfortable. You still have time to do your scouting act.

On to the six hundred—that's our aim. Many of our good Pioneers are out with the determination to reach the six hundred mark in plenty of time to add 50 more for good measure before the convention. That's the building spirit that prevails in your lodge. It's been repeated so often, that the job of hunting a new member is simple enough; try it once and convince yourself.

To be able to get a new member for the Pioneers you must first possess the assurance that the Pioneer Lodge with its parent, the SNPJ, is a good organization. Then you must possess a determination that you really want to get your new member. Add to this a little courage and a few good explanations and you can land your prospect. Every officer can be pressed into service to help you gain your member.

Pioneer basketball team will play before a large audience on Sunday, February 7, at the Rainbo Fronton. The occasion is rare when such teams as ours can appear before people who know but little of the SNPJ in Chicago. The team will be known as the SNPJ Pioneers and everyone that can should come out and root.

Two of our players were not able

Silver Stars No. 729

Yukon, Pa.—Were you at our First Anniversary dance? If not, you missed the time of your life. The dance hall and basement were jammed to capacity. Lodges from all parts of Pennsylvania were witnessed laughing, joking, and merry-making, among the largest crowd ever witnessed in the Slovene home of Yukon.

Strugglers' Harmony Aces.—Boys! What a hit these boys of Cleveland did make! It can be said that they are among the leaders of the best orchestras who have played here and played just as well or better. All in all the orchestra was praised to the highest degree.

That so much highly spoken of co-operation was witnessed with the following lodges in attendance: Young Americans, Detroit; Strugglers, Cleveland; Aliquippa Excelsors; Midway; Yough Valley Knights; Universal Comets; Colonials; Coverdale; Fredericktown; Imperial; Clairton; Ramblers of Harnmarville; Revelers; J. Z. Jrs.; Keystoneians; Torch of Liberty; Morning Stars; Musketeers; Keystone Trojans; Claridge Roamers; Novi Dom of Yukon; Wyano; Fitz Henry; and Claridge Seniors. On behalf of the Silver Stars I wish to thank each and every one of you. Have I missed any lodge? If so, let me know.

The never-tired Silver Stars are not going to rest, they will continue in visiting lodge affairs, meetings etc., and each and every lodge that was represented at our Birthday dance, the Silvery celestials will repay them in the form of a visit. Saturday, Jan. 30, a visit was made to Broughton to repay those Keystone Trojans who attended our anniversary with a crowd of 40.

About ten door prizes were given away.

We wish to thank the following:—Fred Verhovsek, Wm. Stech and Rudolph Fradel for the donation of the cups. Thank you, Economy Cash Market, Central Market, Kilnes Grocery, Tessaro's, Semenko's, Pittler's Dept. Store, Hyman's, Molner's, and Kostello's for your kind and welcome donations which were given away as door prizes. We must not forget our young girls, Fannie Zalokar, Christine Mamich, Bessie and Mary Dobesek, for your delicious cakes. Thanks a hundred times to everybody.

Here we have a few dances that the Silver Stars will in all probability attend:

Feb. 6—Yough Valley Knights' Mask Dance.

March—Musketeers of Moon Run. Apr. 16-17—Strugglers' Anniversary.

This Sunday, Feb. 7, comes our second meeting of the year, we want all Silver Stars present for many reasons. Many important discussions will take place and another reason is—well, it's a surprise. I'm warning you ahead to be there and take part in the big surprise. Feb. 7, at 2 p. m.

It is understood by the articles of Joseph Indof Jr., that an English Speaking lodge is wanted in the Yough Valley of Smithton and Fitz-Henry. Joseph, perhaps the Silver Stars may be of help to you in organizing. Would it be too much in asking you and others to attend our meeting on Feb. 17? We're with you 100% for a new English Speaking SNPJ Lodge in the Yough Valley.

I'll say they are. The Silver Stars' Quintet have lost their last two games, 34-23, and 30-25. A good team has been built, but the lack of a coach is witnessed. The team makes their points in the first three quarters, but they lack stamina to finish strong in the fourth. Let's get more Silver Star rooters at Ocean Park. We sure miss those mushball girl rooters. Herman Preseren.

STRUGGLERS By Lindy

Yukon, Pa., the home of the Silver Stars, is the latest place that got SNPJ in the spotlight. The Strugglers' Harmony Aces proved as often said a real orchestra under the capable instruction of Bro. Louis Simoncic and the singing of our soloist "Radio Mike" were very commended.

Our congratulations and thanks go to you, Silver Stars, and we must say that it's your type that makes our English lodges progress. Let us forget, the cooperation of the Keystoneians, Revelers, Comets, E. Z. Morning Stars, West Newton Knights and several others whom the writer doesn't recall, also deserve a lot of credit.

The work of Bro. Preseren, Bro. and Sister Sklets, former Struggler, Bro. Fradel, the man at the switch, and several others—was outstanding.

Winners of silver loving cups were Senior Lodge in Yukon and Sister Grum of Detroit.

All that the boys said when they returned was "Oh, boy, we had a good time!" It was pleasing to note that several of the Penn. lodge officers

and accepted. Other applicants wishing to become members of 1000Q must file notice with yours truly not later than April 10 so that grand initiation can be held on April 16.

Let's hope you don't forget to attend the Strugglers' Harmony Aces orchestra thirteen dances to be held every Wednesday night at Slovene Workmen's Home, beginning Feb. 3. Admission only 50c. Added attraction—soloist "Radio Mike." Tickets can be bought at Polly's Kandy Kitchen, E. 168 and Waterloo Rd.

The dance to be given by Cleveland Federation of SNPJ lodges for the unemployed Sunday, Feb. 26, plans to be something real good. Bro. Donald J. Lotrich will be guest speaker for the affair. He is former President and present Sec'y of Pioneers.

Our last call to out-of-town members, lodges and friends as well as those in Cleveland. Anyone wishing to have his or her name or lodge's name in Strugglers' Souvenir Booklet can do so by sending \$1 in care of "Lindy" Lokar, 695 E. 162 st., Cleveland, Ohio. Why not be one of the outstanding and send in your dollar today?

No trace of car found while in Pa., except that it was last seen near West Newton, Pa.

Detailed plans as to how the militia should carry on its slaughter of unemployed workers were revealed and exposed. Use of gas—bombs and fire on mobs from rear were secret orders given the Militia. The New Leader carried a photographed copy of these orders. The present day worker is always in danger but the day is not far off when the present day capitalist will suffer.

Don't forget Sat., Feb. 13, Strugglers' Valentine Dance. How many are coming? Come early, stay late.

MOHAWKS

La Salle, Ill.—Our regular monthly meeting will take place Feb. 8. It is important that you attend since further plans for the observance of our Sixth Anniversary will be made. Dancing will follow the meeting.

Our best wishes go to the Integrity Lodge of Chicago, who have celebrated their fourth anniversary Jan. 31. May you celebrate many more and may your membership increase by leaps and bounds.

What we believe will be one of the best Slovene plays ever presented in La Salle, will take place Feb. 9 at the Slovene Dom. This play is being sponsored by lodge Edinost.

This scribe has received an unsigned letter from one of the girl members who claims that we created a great "ballyhoo" of our ticket selling contest, boys vs. girls, at our last affair, and now that the girls have won so handily, too, that we deem it best to forget all about this unfortunate affair. We believe that the party will be given in due time.

Once every year we try our best to attract the E. S. L. to La Salle. This year it will be our Sixth Anniversary which will take place April 2 and 3. Everything possible will be done for your convenience and entertainment. We urge you all to attend.

This writer has for the past several months written under the pen name of the Journalist, but hereafter will sign all contributions. Lad Vegrich.

Flood City

Johnstown, Pa.—We wish to congratulate the Silver Stars and we are very sorry we couldn't attend your dance. We also wish to thank Bro. Anton Turk for his wonderful article in the "Prosveta." It certainly ought to bring in a couple of transfers from Fire Hill.

The Flood City lodge No. 712 requests your presence at the Imperial Hotel (Moxham Slovene Home) Feb. 6, the "Pam Word" is a 25c ticket; don't miss getting one. The Sheriff and Absalom Hawks will reveal the story of Anne Watkins' grandfather who has given her the hotel, with Rustus, the colored boy coming in with his smart remarks. Mr. in Mrs. Gofas making their appearance with their goofy talk and Anne Watkins and her snappy are coming in ??? Come, see the rest. Music will be furnished by Stanley Kobl after the play. There will be plenty to eat and plenty to drink.

Mary Kernshets, Louise Bizlack.

Rocky Mountaineers

Denver, Colo.—We are very glad to hear that Sister Mary Gosar is better. We hope to see her in the near future at the meeting.

Come to every meeting in 1922. Take active part and show your sportsmanship.

Our entertainment committee went over with a bang. We hope to see you on time. I'm sure it will make the meeting much more interesting and more will come. There are some who never show up. Let's try to have every member interested enough to come to the meeting. The ones that come and take active part are showing their loyal co-operation. And I congratulate them.

Come on, every one! The meeting is Feb. 4. Come 100%. Entertainment after the meeting. Bring all your friends.

Bubbles.

L-I-N-K-S

Feb. 9 Springfield, Ill.—Lincolnton's dance committee will hold a Booster Meeting Feb. 9 at 8 at the Dom, 11th and Kansas at. You are cordially invited, as we will have important matters to discuss concerning our Sixth Anniversary program and dance.

Feb. 14 The Lincolnton's Lodge is going to have its Sixth Anniversary Program and Dance, on Feb. 14 at the Dom, 11th and Kansas at. The ball room is to be beautifully decorated. I promise you, it is to be something different from our past decorations, as you may say, it will be a novelty, something you don't see every day. All I ask, folks, is, come and see for yourself.

The program is to feature "A Poor Married Man," and I must say, our cast has worked hard. Their main thought is to please, and they usually accomplish what they set out to do. The music will be furnished by Russ Canham's orchestra. Hot, snappy, alluring. I know you will all like it.

Feb. 14 Remember, Lincolnton, this is one time we really need your help. Are you doing your part to make our anniversary program a success? If not, it isn't too late to start yet.

Frank J. Klasing, Chairman.

Loyalite News

Cleveland, O.—The Loyalite basketball team defeated the Progressive team tonight in a fast match, 25 to 25, at the St. Clair Bathhouse. The Pioneer outfit defeated the Loyalites, 28 to 25, in a very interesting game and were outplayed throughout the game by the Pioneer setting Pioneers led by Geo. Kovran who led the Pioneers in scoring. Suchar and J. Kuhl led the Loyalites in scoring.

The Loyalite boys playing an erratic game, seemed to be way off form and are waiting for another crack at the Pioneer lads and hope to reverse the score this time.

The Crown Sports, considered the best class A team in the city, defeated the Loyalites by a score of 18 to 16 in one of the best games the boys ever played at the N.E.Y. Indus. Carnival. The Kuhl led in scoring for the Loyalite crew. Spahar played a great game at guard, breaking up the candy makers in the pivot play. Dugales tried hard to outjump big Brynes of the Sweet's while Richmond and Ogallch held their positions well.

The Loyalites defeated the George Washingtons by a 24 to 20 score. B. Kuhl and Spahar led the scoring with 6 points apiece. Richter led the G. W.'s with 8 pts.

Teenie and Rosie are having a hustling time preparing for the coming wedding Feb. 6.

Anthony Kalfas, a new lad, who plays with the Loyalite team also plays with the Ramblers.

Joe Fonda is still out with an eye injury. Members may visit him at his home. —August Prusnick, Sec'y of Loyalites.

Wolverine Lodge

Detroit.—Dance! Dance! Dance!—There is going to be a big Pro-Lent Mask Dance on Tuesday, Feb. 9, sponsored by the Slovene Workers' Home. Come in costume regardless of the kind, because there will be three grand prizes which will be worth while getting at this time of the year. The admission is very small, only 25c. Dancing from 8 p. m. to 3. The "Wolverine Playboys" orchestra, hot and snappy. Let's forget about depression for this one night. A good time is assured every one.

Wolverines, let's not forget the big Valentine dance Feb. 13, sponsored by the "E. A." Let's all attend.

Don't forget to keep these dates: Feb. 9, Tans, on the West Side at the Workers' Home, and Feb. 13, Sat., at 6 mile. The admission at both places is 25c. Save 50c for the two nights.

The "Wolverine" have added another victory to their credit. They defeated the "King's Quintette" by a score of 20 to 17. The Wolves were in the lead always from two to four points. Johnny and Hank were put out of the game on 4 personal fouls while Martha Obed was put out for striking a man in self-defense. Eddy M. was high point man of the game, the rest of the boys played a marvelous game with Eddy Knapp jumping center. Dan, one of our dashing guards, sank the last basket of the game with only 5 seconds to play.

Come and see your team in action.

Hank and Joe.

Gowanda Boosters

Gowanda, N. Y.—Our First Anniversary Dance Saturday, January 23, was a grand success. Never since the opening of the Slovene Hall, five years ago, were there so many admission tickets sold. The throng of people was swayed into rhythm by the thrillingly hot melodious strains presented by Rizzo's Entertainers. The most outstanding thrill of the evening came when Bro. Tony Rizzo led his gang of "hot stepping ramblers" into a half-hour period of continuous dancing. During this half-

hour program he presented hot popular old time tunes. At this time the decorations on the walls and ceiling were torn loose and the crap ribbons were entangled amongst them. During intermissions music was furnished by Bros. George Samson Jr. and Eddie Geminak. The ten dollar gold piece was won by Billy Andolsek. The door prize, was won by a lady of Buffalo.

Some very fine speeches were presented by Rose and John Matekovich. We wish to thank the "Buffalo Big Four," SSCU "Pathfinders," and the senior lodges for their wonderful attendance. Our membership attendance lacked but two members of being 100% and we wish to thank every one for so willingly doing their share of work. With such co-operation we are bound to progress rapidly. Plans are being made to attend the "Buffalo Big Four Valentine Dance" to be held February 13. Get in touch with Lawrence Andolsek. Let's make this one grand attendance, gang!

Amelia Andolsek.

Voices of the Knights

West Newton, Pa.—Whoop! And plenty of it will be in the air, when the evening of Feb. 6 rolls into existence at the Masquerade Ball of the "Yough Valley Knights." How many are still in doubt whether or not to come to this grand affair? If in doubt give the "Yough V. Knights" the benefit of the doubt and you will never regret it.

The president of our dance committee, Bro. John Povirk, certainly has a god time in store for you all. Dancing will begin at 8 P. M., with music furnished by a very popular orchestra and on one of the best dance floors in this vicinity. Refreshments of all kinds will be served. Also prizes will be offered to three masked persons, namely the prettiest, ugliest, and unclassified.

Again we hope that Fitz Henry, Monemen, and McKeesport will be represented as well as all our other lodges.

On Jan. 23, the Yough V. Knights motored to Yukon, Pa., and were guests of the Silver Stars; we certainly had a wonderful time. Our Senior Lodge, No. 64, was also well represented. It was a great pleasure to meet such a well known person as Lindy Lokar, president of the Cleveland "Strugglers." Thanks to you, Lindy, for announcing our Masquerade Ball at the Silver Stars Anniversary. We are sorry that you cannot be with us Feb. 6.

Once again we will tell our members that our meeting date is changed to the 1st Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. sharp. This making our next meeting Feb. 7. Please make it a 100% attendance.

Mary and Rudy.

Keystonian Shavings

Hermistie, Pa.—Next Sunday the Keystoneians are having their second meeting of the year. I wonder how big of an attendance we will have? Come on, be at all your meetings, you'll find that they're both educational and interesting, so try and attend every meeting this year.

A wonderful time was had at the Silver Star First Anniversary dance over two score of Keystoneians made the short journey. Only the Yukon Senior Lodge No. 117 had a bigger attending membership. It was the latter who had the evening's honor of being presented with a beautiful silver loving cup which the Silver Stars presented to the lodge with the largest attending membership. But the Keystoneians weren't deprived of a prize, for one of our roving members, Frank Vozel, carried home a large box of McEace. It happened to be one of the many door prizes. A beautiful hand made Silver Star quilt, the most treasured prize of the evening, was won by the Claridge Roamers.

The Keystone Trojans, unheard of for quite a time, made the most remarkable appearance of the evening, when close to forty members appeared in the hall. Ye pen pusher met quite a few of those Trojans, and predicts a very bright future for them. We are only sorry that our dances had to conflict, or we'd have attended your affair.

Lady, the "Bonglers" popular perry, was there too. Others were seen in company of the J. Z.'s, Colonials, Trojans, Torchers and Revelers. The Harmony Aces made quite a hit with the immense crowd, and should be congratulated for their fine playing. Thanks are given them also for the early morning lift they gave to a few stranded Keystoneians.

The Keystoneian soccer team is without game, for the past few weeks. Can't games be arranged, or are we thru for the season?

There is much talk among our boys about having a mush-ball league with the neighboring lodges. What do you say, Silver Stars, Verano, Ramblers, J. Z.'s and Yough Valley Knights, are we going to organize a league this season? Let's hear something from you.

Those bowling Morning Stars are after a game from the Keystoneians for some time. What are we going to do—I suggest, we give them a game. Who's with me?

NOTICE, LODGE 594!

Oakland, Calif.—After Feb. 1 1922, my address will be 1529—36th Ave., Oakland, Cal.

Frank Slaby, Sec'y Lodge 594.

Lodge News Notes

MORNING STARS NO. 665 Pittsburgh, Pa.—On January 23 Morning Stars journeyed to Yukon to attend their First Anniversary Dance. Bad weather did not keep the Morning Stars from going. A very enjoyable evening was had by all members of this Lodge who attended this affair. Morning Stars got acquainted with many members of other Lodges, such as Y. V. Knights of West Newton, who seem to be a very nice crowd to associate with, made friends with a few more Silver Stars, and others.

For the benefit of those who did not hear the announcement that was made by a Morning Star Member:—Morning Stars will bowl with any English Speaking SNPJ Lodge who have a Bowling League; if you have not a League, organize one at your next meeting. For match games get in touch with the captain Anthony Birsa, 1238 Rush St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Cedar 4484-W.

Morning Stars are going to attend Musketeers Anniversary Dance on April 2. Let us see how those Bachelors of Moon Run act toward the girls.

We too are going to have a dance on April 9. English Speaking Lodges, reserve this day for our celebration. Carolina Miklavic, Sec'y.

YOUNG AMERICANS—SILVER STARS

Universal, Pa.—Young Americans, you are now the possessors of a Silver Loving cup awarded to you by the Silver Stars of Yukon; for one of your members attended their First Anniversary Dance. Representing lodge Young Americans, the most distant lodge from Yukon, the writer was awarded the cup, which certainly is an honor.

We must look further to preserve this souvenir for the new Slovene Home, to be erected in the city of Detroit, so that it may be in view to all the people attending the affairs of the Slovenes in Detroit.

Silver Stars, your Anniversary Dance has proved that it has broken all records of its previous dances; the attendance and representation of the numerous English Speaking Lodges of the SNPJ were larger. With the wonderful co-operation of your members and officers who have shown their ability at this dance, you can look forward to success.

The Young Americans again wish to thank you, Silver Stars, most sincerely, for the Loving Cup.

Antoinette K. Grum.

STARBANE PIONEERS

Starbane, Pa.—Do you have your ticket for the Valentine Dance February 20? If not, hurry and get one from any member of the Committee. This dance was originally intended for the fourteenth but so as not to conflict with the Ramblers dance we set it back. It's too bad the Ramblers had to postpone their dance. The Pioneers were preparing to visit you but now you must come and see us instead. We have not had the pleasure of meeting a Rambler yet, don't disappoint us. Eddie Chapman and his orchestra will furnish the dance music and the hall will be beautifully decorated in keeping with the Valentine Spirit. We just know that every one will thoroughly enjoy themselves and have no regrets after attending our dance.

The Pioneers monthly meeting is

LODGE NO. 354

Lafferty, O.—All nearby SNPJ branches are requested to take notice that the annual dance of this branch will be held Friday, February 13. The admission will be 50 cents for men and 25 cents for ladies. Members of this branch not attending will be fined 20 cents, so be sure to attend as a good time is assured by the committee.

A. Valigora, Sec'y.

LODGE NO. 235

Cockrell, Kansas.—Don't forget Feb. 13, there will be a big dance given by the SNPJ, Lodge 235 at Cockrell. There will be red hot music and plenty of grape juice. Admission 25c.

Committee.

IN MEMORY

Bridgeport, O.—With sad hearts the members of Lodge 64 must keep in mind the memory of our deceased Brother—Frank Skavlevich. He was a faithful member of our lodge and his death is a great loss to us. He was taken from us in the full flush of his youth and severed all our fond hopes and ambitions for him. Members of our Lodge will miss him always. Lodge No. 64 SNPJ.

Spirit-O-Grams By Whoosit

St. Louis, Mo.—The third round of the weekly bowling series produced some unexpected results with Gasparich winning two games from C. Kacin and then it was up to A. Kacin to provide the biggest upset of the short season by winning all three games from L. Kraus. The big upsets caused a triple tie for first place and a general tightening up of the league.

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February 7. Make it a point to attend. Reports on the progress of the English Speaking Federation will be given, which should be of great interest to you.

Pioneers make a date to attend the J. Z. Jrs. Valentine dance, February 27. Pub. Com.

UNIVERSAL COMETS

Universal, Pa.—From various reports brought back by the Comets, it seems the Silver Stars' first anniversary was a success. Although the writer was unable to attend, some twenty Comets who witnessed the affair, gave in full detail the evening's happenings. The Strugglers' Harmony Aces, who provided music for the occasion, met with great approval. Many of the Comets met Lindy of the Strugglers, recognized writer of the Prosveta.

To the Comets:—The February meeting will be an important one. Our new president, Henry Previe, who presided over his first meeting exceedingly well, needs your support. Please attend.

Last minute news. Mrs. A. Grum, who has been a Pennsylvania visitor for the past month, entertained a party of twelve Comet girls on last Friday evening in the home of her parents. The girls spent a delightful evening, thanks to Mrs. Grum's kindness.

Teanie Kumer.

WAUKEGAN

Meeting Feb. 4 Sports Club will hold its regular meeting on Thurs. Feb. 4, instead of Friday. The electric clock and Parker set will be "given away" at the social following the meeting.

Mask Ball Feb. 6 You are cordially invited to attend the masquerade ball at the Slovene Home on Feb. 6. Cash prizes amounting to \$75 will be given away. Put on your old clothes and a mask and you may be one of the lucky winners.

Anniversary Feb. 7 Tickets for Little Fort's Anniversary are still available at 50c. Remember it'll cost you 50c at the door. We hope to see the Badgers, Stalwarts, Integritys, West Allis, Singlars, Pioneers and all other lodges with us on Sun. Feb. 7. Tish.

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LODGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE VALENTINE'S EVE FOR US

Chicago.—Very little has been said about the oncoming Pioneer Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 13. Outside of the fact that it is to be held at the SNPJ Hall and that the popular Johnny's Joy Jesters, a seven piece orchestra, are to play, very little has been said. Of course, that already is a good deal, but it isn't all by any means.

Those of our patrons having attended the Pioneer Innovation Valentine Dance last year know that the decorations were unique. We pay particular attention to the doling up of the surroundings in the premises, so that our patrons assume an atmosphere of pleasantness immediately upon entering the hall. We use varied designs with a mixture of appropriate materials and when our boys put their wits together, they always produce a decorative arrangement which everybody admires. It makes the place look so much prettier, livelier and more pleasant. And our folks, we know, want to be among as nice and pleasant environment as possible.

We told you about the orchestra. They are good company for anyone and can bring courage and spirit back to the most downhearted individual. We have had so much of this depression, crisis, panic and what not, that a little diversion from the daily grind, with Johnny's Inspiring Joy Jesters, will be a real relaxation for the weary mind.

Now, so far as the decorations and trimmings are concerned, we could save ourselves the time, trouble, energy and money by leaving them off, but we feel that it's good for the eyes and the health. Our boys, therefore, say that it's going to be better and prettier than last Valentine's Day.

What about the rest of the arrangements? Well, the promotional committee, consisting of hustling Pioneers, has made it possible for you and yours to be admitted to this dance at the nominal fee of 35 cents, advance sale. At the door our cashier will want your half dollar. Wardrobe charges and the rest of the commodities will be placed on sale at prevailing prices. The service will be as complete as is possible and precautions against delays and abuses are all made.

We invite our good friends to another enjoyable evening feeling that the efforts expended by the committee will be doubly repaid with your attendance.

Publicity Committee (D.J.L.).

YOUNG AMERICANS' VALENTINE DANCE

I
There is a Lodge by the name of Y. A. They're to have a dance for Valentine's Day, which is to be held at Six Mile Road Hall.

So come one and all, Whether you're short or tall We'll manage to have room for you all.

II
They say that the Thirteenth is an unlucky day, But this is the luckiest for elders, I say.

They can walk right in without paying that day, Say we're not generous, I say, I say.

Sam Kavie, Chairman Entertainment Com. (Detroit, Mich.)

PATHFINDER HIGHLIGHTS

San Francisco, Calif.—Amid much flourish and show the Lodge Pathfinders opened their 1932 year with the installation of new officers, those being Pres. Robert Minerich Jr., Vice Pres. Rudolph Brodnick, Sec'y. John Stieh, Recording Sec'y. Mary Russ, Treas. Frank Russ and Serg. at Arms John Jermans. The meeting continued with requests by the members for more social and athletic activities, the outstanding request being for hiking. The meeting closed with the members resolving to make 1932 a Pathfinder year.

To acquaint the readers of Prosveta with a few of the noteworthy characters in lodge Pathfinders who attend meetings regularly (?) we begin with "Beauty" Minerich, Pres. "A square peg in a round hole," "Radical" Judnich, a fiery orator, "Powerhouse" Matjanich, always thinking of Miss M. P., "Frono" Russ, to us as great as Alexander Hamilton, "Whispering" Gustin (ever see a person who didn't like him?), and last and least (we're different) picture "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Shobar serenading M. R.

With all due apologies, "U."

LODGE NO. 544

Detroit, Mich.—Young Americans' Valentine Dance will be the next affair, held at 116 Six Mile Road, February 13. The old folks are strongly requested to attend this dance as they will be admitted FREE of charge; the admission will be charged to all young ladies and gents and 10c for all children.

The inter-lodge dance—Wolverine and Young American Lodges—will be held at the Slovane Workers' Home, March 12. The entertainment committee secured a six-piece orchestra for this occasion, "The Dixie Aces." Both the main floor and lower hall have been rented. Dixie Aces will play on the main floor and an ac-

ordion player will furnish music for the lower hall where polkas will be played for the older folks who prefer them. We hope that with such a treat as this, the old folks will surprise us by attending this affair.

Singing Club "Svoboda" will sponsor an operetta called "Pri April" (April First) at the Croatian Hall, 1329 Kirby East, January 31, at 3 p. m.

By all means we must not forget the "Masquerade Dance," given by the Ladies Club of SND, February 6, at 116 Six Mile Road. I'm sure you all know the Ladies Club are and have been working desperately hard to help and secure enough money to help build the Home for which we are all anxiously waiting.

The Sub-Branch of the Socialist Club 114 are sponsoring two plays, one in English entitled "Hans Von Smiah," and one in Slovene entitled "Grobni bodo spregovorili" at the Slovane Workers' Home on March 6. Let's all attend and see what the young folks have in store for us.

"Popeye."

KEYSTONE TROJANS

Broughton, Pa.—The whole Lodge 709 turned out to attend the Silver Stars anniversary dance in Yukon, with high hopes of winning the cup offered to the lodge with the largest representation in attendance. We were forty strong, but unfortunately were nosed out by—you couldn't guess—Yukon. Whether Seniors or Juniors, is immaterial, just the difference of putting something in your right or left pocket. Of course, we, and the J. Z. Jrs. from Library were overjoyed, and thought the decision the very height of good sportsmanship and discretion, and it affords me the greatest pleasure to extend our heartiest congratulations to Yukon, the winners.

Awarding the guess cake was also interesting. Everything was guessed from a house to locomotive, when, and you can't beat this, no—how two fellows, who as a mere coincidence had just been dancing with the Zalkar girls, thought of a "Dodge" key, by mere chance, of course, and both claimed the cake. Then we all had a good time down at the Zalkars.

And so aside from the car being stripped, somebody with a subtle sense of humor, no doubt, tearing off horn, brace, cable and all, a good time was had by all, yours in sincere appreciation. Louis Berlich.

LUCKY STARS

Imperial, Pa.—I just want to tell about the turn-out at the Lucky Stars dance on Jan. 16. Some seemed to be all haggard when the last strains of the "Home" waltz faded away. Those that still had pep went to the lower hall and danced till they bore holes in their soles. The sun was rising from behind the horizon when the last gang broke up singing "Show Me the Way to Go Home." Thanks are due to friends of Clinton, Cliffmine, Santiago, Oakdale, Cosopolis and Crafts. The lodges that were present were J. Z. Jrs., Colonial, Midway 89, Excelsior, Musketeers, Jolly Jrs., and our true pals, Revellers. Wotta host of them! They were the ones that made the crowd. Their Second Anniversary Dance, May 28, will not be missed by the Lucky Stars.

Thru my own write-ups and traveling I have found many true pals. Has the Prosveta the freedom of the press? Yes. Is there space only for my write-ups? No. Then why all the gossip about my write-ups and me? Since members of my locality don't like my write-ups, I wish that they would put pieces in the Prosveta. Since you all are older (those that criticize me), write about your experiences in life and travel. I'm not going to write about "Coffee Pot Inn" since I don't loaf there. Instead of gossiping about me amuse yourself with some sort of toy or go hunt a job. The best would be to study the laborers' conditions of yesterday, today and to-morrow. Join the organization like I did and help wipe out the capitalistic system of to-day. Would like to see a piece in the Prosveta soon from one of the gossipers. I know I'll enjoy reading it. But remember, your gossips will not put an end to my write-ups. Josephine Yamnick.

COLUMBINE NEWS

Pueblo, Colo.—The Columbines are sponsoring a dance on Tues. Feb. 9, at 7:30 p. m. I would like to see a big crowd for our dance, as this one is the first one we have sponsored in 1932, and if successful will plan many more including a play in the future. I wish all members who have been assigned to do a little work at our dance would try to get there by seven o'clock as we wish to have everything in order by the time the crowd starts pouring in.

In the past our dances couldn't boast very much of having better than 50 per cent of the members present, in fact there have been about 10 or 15 members, always the same ones. At this dance I would like to see at least a 75 per cent attendance on the members' part. All right, Columbines, altogether this time and surprise me by having a record attendance, and don't fail to mention this dance to your friends. All members have tickets, if they haven't, they can easily get them, as the secretary has plenty.

There will be no reasons for members not attending dance, unless they are not working, that can be taken into consideration, as the admission will be the small sum of 25c.

Dance Feb. 9, at 7:30 p. m., admission 25c. Fraternally, M. Grayson Jr., Pres. No. 577.

THE HOME TOWN RAG

By the "Four Soaks"

Ringo, Kans.—Hello, folks, again you hear from the "Four Soaks". We were once known as the "Three Soaks", but here lately we were fortunate enough to get a new member, so hereafter we will be known as the "Four Soaks". So just keep an eye on the articles entitled "The Old Time Rag" and keep up with the life of the "Four Soaks". Maybe some of you would be interested in knowing more about "we soaks". The "Four Soaks" are composed of four and only four members, and all four of them live up to our name. Especially at the Sunflowers and Rangers big times. Although we are undecided which one of us happens to be the biggest soak, we sometime think that we are all equal when it comes to that. That is why it makes it so hard to find new members that have the qualifications to become a member of the Soaks. If there is a lodge doing, the soaks are bound to be present, and they make themselves known.

The latest event we attended was the Leap Year Frolic, sponsored by the Sunflowers. We were hit hard at this event, for we all had a job. But everybody had a good time as they usually do at the big Sunflowers dances. The dance went over with a bang, and the Sunflowers showed their real spirit, except Bill; he was missing after eleven.

All Sunflowers are asked to be present at the next meeting. There will be a surprise for all, something very unusual, and don't forget the Valentine exchange for that night.

WHY AREN'T THE YOUNG AMERICAN DANCES A HUGE SUCCESS

Detroit.—The answer is very simple. It is all rolled up into two little words, "MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT." That is the whole story in a little nutshell.

Let me ask you, Young Americans, why can't we, a large fraternal lodge as we are, like other members of the SNPJ lodges enjoy ourselves at our dances? Why do we have to go to other dances and elsewhere to enjoy an evening of dancing and entertainment. When we should be supporting our own lodge, which needs our support? But I guess you can't blame the young folks for wanting and seeking good times elsewhere.

You know and can't expect them to dance to an accordion, banjo and some other musical instrument, which all in one does not make an orchestra. We should keep these three and four so called orchestras for our private parties which we should be having.

Of course we are all looking to our new home which is advancing rapidly, and we all want it to be a huge success, where all the young folks would spend their time at meetings, dances, private parties, and so forth. In this way we will not have our youth going and supporting other dance halls.

So come members of the Young Americans, down with the old country fashion, up with the new. Let us say that we can and we will have a good orchestra and entertainment at our future dances in a hall that at least has some decent ventilation and room enough for all couples who enjoy dancing.

We have a large membership and there is no reason why we shouldn't all be present at our dances with all of our friends. Friends, yes, how many of us really do invite our friends to our dances? Not very many. So let us talk about the Young Americans in a proud way.

A Regular Attender.

BASKETBALL

SNPJ Pioneers

Cuyler Lake View All-Stars (winners of 50 consecutive games) Sunday, Feb. 7, 1932, 7:45 P. M.

at the

Rainbow Fronton

Clark St. and Lawrence Ave. Following the Pioneer game the Chicago Bruins will play, featuring the two Murphys.

Admission 50 cents

Watch Chicago newspapers for detailed announcements.

JOLLY ALLIS LODGE 686

West Allis, Wis.—As time goes by, we finally decided to write another article. It looks as though we will have a successful year as the trend of our last meeting had an inclination toward success. We had some very delicious homemade cookies made by the two Dergants sisters.

And now the announcement you have been waiting for, namely, The Valentine Dance sponsored by the Jolly Allis Lodge on Saturday, February 13, at the beautiful Crystal Ballroom, 8. 54th St. and W. Greenfield Ave. Music will be furnished by none other than Tony Yonk and his famous Arcadian playboys. Tickets are being sold in advance at special prices. And listen, while you are writing down this date also make a notation for Feb. 14 Badgers' Valentine dance. Surely we don't want to disappoint them, do we? "Adie" Yercia.

Silver Stars No. 729

Yukon, Pa.—The Silver Stars First Anniversary sure went over with a bang both socially and financially. What fond memories! Our thoughts constantly linger back to January 23 at the Slovane Hall with the music of Louis Simonic and his Harmony Aces, where the First Anniversary Dance sponsored by the Silver Star Lodge was held. We appreciate the co-operative spirit of the outside lodges. The merry Keystoneans from Herminie did much to add to an enjoyable evening with their latest steps in dancing. And what large attractive groups from the Revellers, Ambridge Pa., J. Z. Jrs., Library, Pa., Keystone Trojans, Broughton, Pa., Morning Stars, Pittsburgh, Pa., Comets, Universal, Pa., Torch of Liberty, Latrobe, Pa., Clairtonians, Clairton, Pa., Youth Valley Knights, West Newton, Pa., Musketeers, Moon Run, Pa., Strugglers, Cleveland, Ohio, Young Americans, Detroit, Mich., Colonial, Covadale, Pa., Lucky Stars, Imperial, Pa. and Fitz Henry, Pa. Last but not the least our Senior Lodge and the Senior Lodge of Wyna, Pa. We think the above lodges mentioned for participating with us and helping us succeed in making this such a huge success. We hope to reciprocate in the near future at your lodges.

The Silver Loving Cup for the largest representation was won by our Senior Lodge No. 117, Novi Dom and the one for the farthest distance was given to the Young Americans of Detroit, Mich., represented by Mrs. Grum.

There were door prizes donated by the business people of Yukon and Wyna, Pa., whom we wish to thank immensely.

Our guess cake was guessed by a Keystone Trojan of Broughton, Pa., none other than Frank Zupancic, a real guesser was he.

The Revellers of Ambridge, Pa. sure are fond of souvenirs and it was our pleasure to accommodate them.

Our Committee through the brillian-

cy of Herman Preseren certainly de-

serve a lot of credit, for they surely

worked hard in making it such a

huge success.

We also appreciate the letter of

good wishes for our future years sent

to us by the Revellers from Am-

bridge, Pa. Many thanks.

Silver Stars, our monthly meeting

will take place on Feb. 7, 1932 at

the Slovane Hall at 2:30.

Come, get active, show some of

that real SNPJ spirit. On for a bet-

ter and more successful year.

Fannie and Jenny Zalkar.

Integrity News

Chicago.—Jan. 10 was a great day for the members of the Integrity lodge. This was our 4th anniversary and was a great success. We wish to thank all our neighboring lodges for being present, namely, Mohawks from La Salle, Stalwarts (Kenosha), Little Forts, Sunglars, Pioneers and all others. The speakers were Bro. Joseph Baumbach for Integrity, D. J. Lotrich, Second Vice President of SNPJ, Richard J. Zvertnik for Sunglars, president of the Mohawks and also Supreme President Vincent Calkins. As for the singing societies Preseren and Lira it was marvelous, such beautiful singing! The boys' concert was grand also.

The play? It was a great success for the first appearance. Each player did his part splendidly. Johnny Kochevar's Merry-makers orchestra was enticing and peppy. We thank each and every one who in one way or other helped to make this affair a success.

Bros. Joseph Baumbach and Louis Kosuh were given a little remembrance from the Integrity members for their appreciation of their splendid work in the past and we wish them to carry on in the future as in the past. The little gift was a ring.

Don't forget next Tuesday, Feb. 9, is the day for the regular monthly meeting. Come in full numbers and help make this a bigger and better meeting each month.

Fraternally,

Corporal.

Front Porch News

Canton, Ohio.—January 29 marks the birthday anniversary of William McKinley. It is only appropriate that members of our lodge know a little about the man whose name we bear.

Many are the biographies of William McKinley, but we shall have time for only the briefest review of his career. We see him as a youth of Niles, Ohio, at the age of eighteen in the civil war, advanced from rank of private at the beginning to the rank of major at the close of the war; admitted to the bar two years later at Canton; elected for seven consecutive terms as representative in Congress and elected for two terms as Governor of Ohio, and finally his election as President of the United States in 1896 and his re-election in 1900. His attributes: the love of little children, gentle deference to old age, honoring one's parents, etc.

On a hill overlooking the city of Canton stands a monument. It is simple in outline, rugged in strength, beautiful in conception, symbolical of the life and character of him whose memory it commemorates. The custodian tells me that not less than one million persons pilgrimage annually

to that spot. As I stood again within the confines of that majestic mausoleum, my eyes fell again on the sarcophagus which holds the remains of that illustrious American whose greatest ambition in life had been to lead a mighty people in the paths of peace and righteousness. The McKinley Lodge has reason to be proud to bear his name and live up to the ideals for which it stands.

At this time Mick 'n' Lee wish to extend heartiest congratulations to the Barborton "Buckeyes" who are observing their Fourth Anniversary this month. May you continue through many more years of success and anniversaries!

Voice of the Members

AGAIN

Chicago.—I agree with our Brother Editor's statement that his comment published to the article "Discourse of Richard J. Zvertnik" is not a reply to Bro. Richard J. Zvertnik, but only one of his many samples of his "creative educational" work; demonstrating, convincingly to us, his general, moral and fraternal unfitness and disqualifications to fulfill the duties of such a high office as Editor of our Society's Publications. Not only that, but he has the audacity to claim that he is following the footsteps and policies of his late Brother Joe Zvertnik to a T.

Has anyone read anything in such abusive, personal and libelous language as the Editor's remarks to the Discourse of Richard J. Zvertnik coming from the pen of the late Joe Zvertnik? At whose request was Bro. Molek's resolution amended at the Waukegan Convention so that articles on all labor parties must be published in our organ? At whose request was the "Voice of the Members" resolution adopted at the Chicago Convention so that all members in the SNPJ are guaranteed the freedom of the press? Who fought always against graft of whatever kind and nature? Who fought always against exploitations of workers? Who, if he was alive to-day, would fight against exploitation of co-workers in the SNPJ by splitting the salary on a 60-40 per cent basis? The answer is the late Joe Zvertnik.

Who is trying to undo this excellent work in the SNPJ? The only truthful reply is—our Brother Editor and his organized clique.

If our Brother Editor really can controvert the policies as brought forth in my talk at the mass meeting in Chicago, with facts; and if he can prove that my deductions are unsound and untrue, do you think that he would have to dodge the issue completely as he did and stress in his reply only personalities and hallucinations which exist only in his wicked and freakish mind?

Let personalities be personalities as Brother Richard J. Zvertnik is not going to waste any more time in personal discussions, even if our Brother Editor is inviting such contributions with his reply. Whenever our editor or any other member is ready to discuss the subject matter with facts and in brotherlike and gentlemanlike manner, then I will be more than glad to amplify and clarify any point in my Discourse that is not clear to him or the readers of the Prosveta.

Richard J. Zvertnik.

Member Lodge 632.

Editor's Remarks.—Every honest person, even an honest opponent of ours, knows that the policy of the Prosveta is now the same as it was under the former Editor. There can be no hair-splitting about that. That's all. In quoting again the Waukegan resolution on Socialist policy of our organ, where does Bro. Richard get his dope, "that articles on all labor parties must be published in our organ"? Where is the word MUST in said resolution? Does he know what he is talking about?—He mentions again that "salary-split on a 60-40 basis," which was fully explained to all sensible people; no further explanation is necessary. It only shows how our Brother hates to be personal and abusive!—Finally, Richard J. Zvertnik is the least qualified to speak on qualifications for any editorial work and duties, especially for any such work in the Slovane language, which he cannot speak and much less is he capable to write it.

SEEWAY

Ambridge, Pa.—"The Revellers' column" has never written any discourse on Socialism or other political matter, and we won't. We're exercising that personal freedom given members in regards to such matters. It is evident that of all political views Socialism is given the greatest leeway in these pages. Whether it is approved by the majority is a question, as such statistics haven't come to this writer's attention. Of what value it has been to the Society is also a problem. One wouldn't break the by-laws of the Society if he doesn't adhere to Socialistic principles. One may wonder if justice is being given to the members who are not proponents of Socialism when culture and education is only being given along its lines. What about giving some educational matter that wouldn't be along political lines? Furthermore one can be within the by-laws and "in a spirit of the principles of progressive labor organized politically and in trade unions," by writing articles and yet make no reference to Socialism.

Louis Kosuh, Member Lodge 630.

Musketeers' Musing

Moon Run, Pa.—The Musketeers have certainly started the New Year out right. A good start in our visiting trips was made when the first dance of the year, held by the Lucky Stars of Imperial, was attended. Quite a few Musketeers were present and were sure they all had a good time. Good Luck, Lucky Stars! We hope all your future programs are as great a success as your first attempt of the year.

We are a little late in announcing the officers for 1932; but you know the old saying, "Better late than never," so here goes:

Martin Urankar, very well-known, active Musketter member was elected president; by the way, Martin was our first president; Joseph Klacpar was elected vice-president. Joe is the official Musketter accordionist. William Bogotay, last years president, is assuming his new duties as financial secretary; Nuff said about this popular lad—Billy.

Mildred Jerala was elected Recording secretary and Christina Mahoney as treasurer. Among the Musketeers we have John Krally, Ross Jerala and Andy Paganick. We wish to congratulate the officers of 1931 and hope the new one follow in the same progressive spirit.

Thursday February Fourth at Seven-thirty—Are you coming to the meeting? Need we remind you of the private "after the meeting" party. Are you Musketeers Bachelors ready for your dancing lessons? Remember the bachelorettes will be on hand; and folks, remember, the sooner business is done, the sooner the fun begins.

Thursday, February Fourth, at seven-thirty.

Although it is not so close at hand, it is not a bit too early to start planning to be with the Musketeers on their Great Second Anniversary Celebration on May 7. You can all check that date as the greatest red letter day in Musketeers history. By the way, have you heard that it's to be held at the Summit Hotel in Moon Run? Many of our neighboring lodges are quite aware of the beauty and capacity of this spacious Ballroom. Many of our friends—far and near—who have not had the opportunity to dance in this ballroom should certainly try to be present, and long will they remember the day. Are you coming?

Rose and Mildred.

(Editor's Note:—Please attest your full names next time.)

STALWARTS

By Daddy.

Kenosha, Wis.—The big treat of the season is the "Depression Dance" at Robel's Hall, on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 7:30 p. m. until 1:00 a. m., held under the auspices of the Stalwart Lodge. Admission 10c. You must come over!

The committee made one "Happy Landing" when it landed the Royal Syncopators to laddle out the dance music for the "frolic." This orchestra is held high in esteem by those who know and appreciate dance music in all its phases.

Arrangements have just been completed for the personal appearance of the O. A. Club Quartette at the dance from 10 to 10:30 p. m. They are featured artists on Kenosha's Radio Station 6:30 to 7:00 each evening. The quartette is composed of G. Friedl, E. Pias, R. Zeihen and F. Odar.

You bet the "big parade" leads to Waukegan, the stronghold of the Little Fort Lodge on Sunday, Feb. 7. The occasion calls for the celebrating of the Sixth Anniversary of the order, and what a program has been arranged for the event!

Our next regular meeting is listed for Friday, Feb. 12, and 100% attendance is desired.

Who's Who in SNPJ

Latrobe, Pa.—Anton Zornik Jr. was a valedictorian of the class of 1929 of Carnegie Tech. in Pittsburgh. He is a very prominent figure in the Keystonean SNPJ lodge of Herminie. In his spare moments he is making SNPJ emblems of plaster of Paris. In this way he is advertising this great Slovane fraternal organization SNPJ. He is a dignified and refined young Slovane gentleman.

John Drescher was the captain of the Carnegie Tech. Football team for two years. He is this year the assistant coach at the Western Reserve University. He is a proud member of this great organization SNPJ and his hometown is Irwin, Pa.

Keystone Trojans of Broughton. A group of fine young Slovane girls and boys who showed us that they were still among the living when 38 of them went to Yukon on Jan. 23. They possessed that "divine spark" but it wasn't lit. But now they showed us all that they are SNPJ boosters. Fine

Girard, Kans.

spirit, Keystonean Trojans. We hope to see you at some future SNPJ affairs.

Ludwig Zupancic is the secretary of the Keystone Trojans, SNPJ. His picture was in the yearbook "The Owl of the University of Pittsburgh." He'll be one of our future attorneys. He too is a prominent member of his lodge.

Oscar B. Godina is the president of the Pioneer lodge of Chicago which is the biggest E. S. lodge of SNPJ; was a student at the Law School of the Northwestern university. He is the son of Bro. Philip Godina, manager of our Prosveta. Oscar is a very forceful speaker and a big booster for the SNPJ. Because of his jolly disposition he has a very big circle of friends.

From time to time I'll have a Who's Who list in this paper. The purpose of this column is for readers to get more acquainted with individuals you hear of. The first two on today's list were in Yukon on Jan. 23.—Bro. Godina spoke in Yukon two years ago. Do you remember? Jane Fradel.

Sidewalks of Detroit

The women of the S. N. Home will hold their Annual masquerade dance on Sat., Feb. 6 at 116 E. Six Mile Rd. hall. Better prepare your costumes, for the prizes will be well trying for.

The English Sub-branch is proving quite popular lately. It consists nearly entirely of SNPJ members.

Sunday, Mar. 6, starting at 3 p. m. in the home on Artillery Ave. the two act drama "Grobni Bodo Spogovori" will be shown. You will be held spell bound. The characters have mastered the slovene language in this play so well that Ceen, the instructor, feels confident of a good performance.

The Comedy "Hans Von Smiah" under direction of Matthew Klarich Jr. is sure to strike you funny.

Tickets bought before the program will be cheaper, so get yours now. Dancing to follow. A good time is assured every one by the entertainment committee.

STALWARTS' DEPRESSION DANCE

Kenosha, Wis.—Stalwarts' Depression Dance is to take place at Robel's Hall, Saturday, February 6, getting underway at 7:30 until—? A hot, tosy orchestra, known to Radio listeners as the "Royal Syncopators," will furnish the music for the occasion, and how these boys dish it out! Just try and make your feet behave.

A varied program of