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### Three More Tests

BY COINCIDENCE, C.F.U. Training Schools for Lodge and Nest Officials are to be held this weekend in three rather widely separated centers of the Society.

Wholeheartedly endorsed by the Executive Board, these classes will be called to order Saturday, Oct. 25, in Milwaukee, Saturday, Oct. 26, in Detroit, and Sunday, Oct. 26, in Monessen, Penna.

Serving as the Home Office instructors will be: Supreme Secretary bro. Joseph Bella, Milwaukee; Supreme Treasurer bro. Martin Krasich and Junior Order Director bro. Michael Grasha, Detroit; and Sick Benefit Dept. Secretary bro. John Ovarich and Croatian Section of the Zajednicar Editor bro. Philip Vukelich, Monessen.

Suffice it to say that we wish the instructors and their "students" well as they go about the serious business of taking a long, hard look at their Society.

For the record, the three Schools to be held this weekend will bring to seven the number of such gatherings staged since the inception of the idea back in March of the current year.

The first School came to pass April 26-27 in Chicago; the second June 7 in Millvale, Penna. (Croatian Center); the third Aug. 30 in So. St. Paul, Minn.; and the fourth — and the first to take place in Canada — Oct. 5 in Hamilton, Ontario.

Pending are similar Schools in Northern and Southern California, which, in keeping with the Supreme Board decision of Sept. 11, 1958, will be under the supervision of Supreme Secretary bro. Bella.

So, we are moving along in this respect and doing so much faster than expected.

For the better, we hope.

Those of our readers with long memories will remember that we approached with editorial caution the sponsorship of the first two Training Schools.

In fact, we asked our members to look at those "pioneer" Schools in the light of Aristotle's immortal advice to the people of his time: "One swallow does not make a Spring."

Now — with four Schools behind us and three on the weekend agenda — we no longer need exercise conservatism in dealing with these very necessary undertakings.

We are satisfied with what has been accomplished to date in Chicago, Pittsburgh, So. St. Paul and Hamilton.

Nor can we foresee any weekend "flops" in Milwaukee, Detroit, or, closer to home, in nearby Monessen. We may, of course, be wrong in the end. It wouldn't be the first time.

But right or wrong, these CFU Training Schools are here to stay!

### Silver Strings

ALTHOUGH SUCH events are by no means frequent, it seems to us that we are "forever" editorializing the debut of another Junior Tamburitza Orchestra.

Only two weeks ago — in the Oct. 8 issue, to be exact — we welcomed aboard the Aliquippa, Penna., "Jadran" Junior Tamburitza and went on to hope that their Sunday, Oct. 12, public debut would turn out to be a huge success.

Now we are glad to report that it was just that; a howling success.

Today we welcome the newest such juvenile ensemble on the CFU scene and wish its members smooth sailing when they make their debut on Sunday, Oct. 26.

The object of our affections in this case is the Milwaukee-West Allis, Wisc., CFU Mother's Club "Silver Strings" Junior Tamburitza Orchestra, which will make its debut Oct. 26 in conjunction with the celebration that day of the 55th Anniversary of "Nada" Lodge 255.

Taught by Charles Elias, Kenosha, Wisc., one of America's foremost exponents of the tamburitza arts, these youngsters have a great musical future ahead of them.

We hope to be around "throwing orchids" at them for a long time to come.

### You're An Asset

EX-PRESIDENT of the United States Harry S. Truman and Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams must have had quite a field day during their whirlwind tour Sunday, Oct. 12, of Detroit.

Before day was done they 1) addressed a gathering of Poles honoring the memory of U.S. Revolutionary War hero Count Casimir Pulaski; 2) turned up to help the Italians celebrate Columbus Day; and 3) joined the area's Croats in commemorating the 12th anniversary of the trial and imprisonment of Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac.

The latter exercises were held in the city's International Institute under the auspices of the Detroit Croatian Board of Trade and other Croatian organizations in that Michigan metropolis.

Commenting on the Truman-Williams "safari" in its Monday, Oct. 13, editions, the Detroit "Free Press" reported:

"You're an asset to the population of this great country," he (Mr. Truman) told the cheering Croats. "We wish there were more of you."

As to the Governor: — "Williams earned the loudest applause at all three celebrations by addressing each group in its native language."

As to the proverbial little man who wasn't there: "Nikita Khrushchev should have been in Detroit Sunday. He could have seen what makes America great . . . seen it on every face, on every coin. E pluribus unum. One nation out of many."

So there is room in these United States for the so-called "Nationality Groups" which — like it or not — are, yes ARE, the backbone of this Nation of ours!

### The Year Ahead

THE YEAR ahead appears destined to be a memorable one in the annals of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

Certainly two coming 1959 events would guarantee as much at this time.

For one, the Society will celebrate next year the 65th Anniversary of its founding Sept. 2, 1894, and undoubtedly do as much in a grandiose manner.

For another, the 10th Nat'l Quadrennial Convention of the Croatian Fraternal Union is definitely scheduled to be held in September of 1959 in Detroit.

Considerable thought is being given to the "when, where, how" angles of the 65th Anniversary celebration and the Executive Board should have a master plan drawn up for the next meetings of the Supreme Board in March, 1959.

In the meantime, many are looking ahead to the Detroit Convention and wondering what will come to pass during the course of that quadrennial convalesce.

We wish we knew the answer(s).

Be that as it may, let us all hope that 1959 will be a good year for the Society and its thousands of members in the United States and Canada.

**In Passing**  
PARTISANSHIP is Harry Truman's middle name when it comes down to domestic politics. He is, on that subject, a tireless scrapper, one who obviously relishes the cut, thrust, jab, and sock of political campaigning. This quality has long since earned him the sobriquet "Give 'em hell Harry."

But Mr. Truman has one admirable inhibition on giving 'em hell. He stops, as the phrase goes, at the water's edge of foreign policy. On this point no American in public life is more responsible and prudent than he. No doubt this results from an innate good sense and also from his own harsh experiences when as President he was most partisanly, and most unfairly, attacked on the Korean War, which was viciously labeled "Truman's War."

— Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

## The C.F.U. And You

By Martin Krasich  
— Supreme Treasurer —  
(Fifth of a Series)

We would deviate this week from our serialized coverage of the Textbook used in conjunction with the Society's Training Schools for Lodge and Nest Officials to call attention to a highly pleasing fact.

The fact that this weekend of Oct. 25-26, 1958, will see three such Schools called to order in Milwaukee, Wisc., Detroit, Mich., and Monessen, Penna.

In each case, Executive Board appointed Home Office instructors will conduct the classes.

Supreme Secretary bro. Joseph Bella will be in charge of the Milwaukee School, to be held Saturday, Oct. 25; Junior Order Director bro. Michael Grasha and the writer are to preside during the Detroit classes, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26; and Sick Benefit Dept. Secretary bro. John Ovarich and Croatian Editor of the Zajednicar bro. Philip Vukelich will conduct the Sunday, Oct. 26, School in Monessen.

Inasmuch as all three Schools are being covered in separate articles appearing in this issue of the Zajednicar, we will refrain from going into the detailed plans for these undertakings.

### Children's Home

Returning to our coverage of the Textbook in question, we ask our readers to join us in a brief review of the CFU Children's Home at Des Plaines, Ill.

The Home was actually started in 1915 — in Chicago — with the founding of a new organization then known as "Association for The Maintenance of Croatian Orphans in America."

However, the Home as we know it today did not receive its first children until 1927, thus making this year the 31st Anniversary of that humanitarian episode in the history of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

The largest number of youngsters resident in the Home was in 1937 and 1938, when the total reached 144 boys and girls.

From that time, those depression-ridden days in the history of America and Canada the number of children at the Home has been dropping steadily.

Today there are about 30 youngsters under the care of the Home.

### True Value of Home

Has our Children's Home indeed fulfilled a great function over the decades? A good question.

The answer, of course, is yes, for approximately 500 youngsters entered and left its portals the better off for their days as wards of the institution.

Many of those "graduates" are now prominent professional figures, tradesmen, businessmen, respected fathers and mothers.

What might their lot in life have been had they not come to be sheltered and brought up by the Croatian Fraternal Union? Who knows from day to day what life holds in store for him?

But we do know that the nearly 500 who were raised in the Home have ever pointed to the Society as the mother who reared them and sent them into the world with heads raised on high.

All of us should be grateful for this to those pioneers who foresaw the necessity of the Children's Home and brought it into being many, many years ago.

### In Dollars and Cents

The Children's Home, (The CFU - P. 11)

## - When, Where With Duquesne Tams -

Date	City, State	Scene
October 23	Irwin, Pa.	Norwin Joint HS
October 29	Donora, Pa.	High School
October 30	McKeesport, Pa.	Memorial Theater
November 5	Springdale, Pa.	Cheswick Theater
November 6	Clarion, Pa.	State College
November 8	Shaler Twp., Pa.	High School
November 9	Ambridge, Pa.	High School
Nov. 10-11-12	Monongahela, Pa.	Catholic HS
November 16	Campbell, Ohio	St. Johns H.S.

Beginning November 21, the Tamburitza group will embark on their annual Thanksgiving Tour, which will be taking them throughout the Mid-West. Watch for these dates.

## America's Most Colorful Collegiate Ensemble

# Duquesne's Famed Tammies

(First of a Series)

CERTAINLY the most extraordinary collegiate organization in the U.S., the Duquesne University Tamburitza group is a group of 24 unusually talented, but otherwise typical, college students who sing, play and dance their way through college.

In an average of 90 full evening concerts which they present each year throughout the country, they entertain, enthral and amaze American audiences with their renderings of the unbelievably beautiful music and dances of the Slavic people.

The group takes its name from the "tamburitza", a Balkan stringed instrument which forms the basis for their musical work.

With headquarters at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., the young artists are full-time students receiving scholarships in return for their participation in this unique group.

Technically, they are amateurs; however, critics consistently praise the professional caliber and continuity of their production, which is far above average college level.

The organization is currently in its 22nd season of activity. It is directed by a staff of three, headed by Mr. Walter W. Kolar, who are all top-notch men in the field of Slavic folk culture.

The entire aggregation of talented, enthusiastic young students has never failed to delight all who have come to witness their performances.

### Truly Unique Group

Duquesne University's famed Tamburitza group is the only organization of its kind in the U.S.

Being a scholarship group, its main purpose is to enable talented students, regardless of nationality, to pursue a full-time university program that will lead to a degree of the student's choice.

This is realized by putting to use the age-old instrument of the Southern Slavic peoples, the "tamburitza".

In addition to playing this stringed forerunner of the modern guitar, the collegiate performers sing, as well as dance, to the music of many nations.

### Careful Screening

The Tamburitza group, in their operations, can be to a large measure compared to many other extra-curricular or sports programs at institutions of higher learning.

Each student who comes into the organization is screened and auditioned on the following three points: 1) scholastic standing, 2) character, and 3) talent.

He or she, when accepted, may enter the school of their choice, be it Education, Music, Business or Science.

After completing their four-year course, they are replaced by new, incoming freshmen. Thus the group, over a four-year period, has a complete change of personnel.

Authenticity has long become a key word in the programming of Director Wal-



All-around is Miss Georgette Spohn, one of the stars of this year's edition of the inimitable Duquesne University Tamburitza group. She's a member of Ambridge, Pa., Lodge 153.

ter W. Kolar and his staff. Costumes, dances and instrumentation used in the two-hour program are outstanding and of unique origin.

Growing popularity of the Tamburitza group have afforded them appearances in the United States, Canada and Europe. Excellent programming,

colorful entertainment, and superb showmanship are qualities which have become traditions with these artists and have earned them the name "America's most colorful collegiate musical organization."

### A Historical Lesson

Each year for the past (Duquesne's - P. 11)



THE FABLED Lakes of Plitvice, Croatia, which will long remain in the memories of the 130 American and Canadian members who visited Yugoslavia back in 1956.

## Seeing Is Believing

# An American In Yugoslavia

The writer toured through much of Yugoslavia from Aug. 11 to Sept. 10, 1956, as the leader of a group of 62 American and Canadian members of the Croatian Fraternal Union who visited that controversial country in Southern Europe. Following his return to the States, he penned a series of 20 articles covering the tour for the enjoyment of the Society's younger American and Canadian born members. These articles are being repeated at this time for the edification of those currently engaged in the CFU's two-year Membership Campaign and endeavoring to win the Grand Prize Award of a 1960 visit to Yugoslavia.

Fifth of a Series

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IT WAS A DEAD-TIRED "Boat Group" of 87 American and Canadian members of the Croatian Fraternal Union who got off the Simplon Orient Express in Zagreb's Railroad Station, or Kolodvor, very late the evening of Friday, August 10, 1956, more than 8 days after they had sailed August 2 from New York aboard the French Line's "SS Flandre" bound for Europe.

People jammed every available inch of space in this still imposing railroad depot in the Capital City of Croatia to greet their brethren from

the United States and Canada and tears and cheers — hugs and kisses — combined that muggy evening to send chills down the spine of the writer as he watched that scene in the land of his forebears.

The most excited, of course, were those who had finally come face to face with relatives and friends they had not seen in years. On hand to welcome the

### Fabulous Hostelry

Welcoming the group in the name of "Matica" was Drago (An American - P. 12)



With The Editor

### Some Hostess

The City Manager of Harlingen, Texas, recently asked for applications for a newly established post, "Parking Hostess."

Her duties: — Giving tickets to overtime parking violators.

### Electronic Marvels

Consider the gantry towers at Cape Canaveral, Florida, from which are launched giant rockets and other hell-bent-for-destruction inventions of man.

Standing 12 stories high and weighing thousands of tons, these towers move along widespread rails with the care and precision of the finest laboratory instrument. Each tower is a mechanical and electronic marvel housing, among many other items, a complete communications system, two fire protection systems, and an emergency escape cable on which workmen at the upper stations can slide to the ground.

### Couldn't Do Better

According to the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, American families are putting 3.9% of their after-tax income into life insurance.

### Life's Like That

An upholstery firm in Missouri was hit by high waters back in July and promptly advertised a "flood sale" of \$20,000 worth of goods damaged in the process.

That sale was still going on two weeks ago when a river in the area again spilled over its banks and hit the same store.

Which would leave the owners running one "flood sale" behind schedule.

### Getting Up There

More than 24 million workers in 900,000 plants, businesses, companies, and other establishments are now covered by the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act, nine million more than were covered by the original act of 1938.

### Hey, Milwaukee!

Prediction: — Pittsburgh to win the Nat'l League pennant in 1959 and take the World Series in 5 games. Clip, save, and reserve jeers for the proper time.



Oh, No, Not That

Millions of kids who watch tee-vee are in for a shocker tomorrow.

That's the day, Oct. 23, 1958, when Zorro will kiss the leading lady on his show. Oh, brother.

### Tin Can Alley

The nation's can makers expect 1958 production to total 43.5 billion cans — roughly 250 for every person in America.

### Something Needed

A machine is now in use which measures frost damage in citrus fruit by beaming X-rays through the fruit rotating on a platform. What will they think of next?

### Signs of The Times

Sign on a gas station on the outskirts of Lansing, Mich., warns: "Last place to fill up before Christmas." Got it? That's right. The station is the last such stop before motorists reach Christmas, Mich.

### Some Members Pay Their Dues

When They Are Due  
Some When They Are Overdue  
Some Never Do  
How Do You Do?