

## United Mah-Val Lodges In Readiness For April 12th Banquet In Croat Home

Youngstown, Warren, Struthers Groups To Stage Huge Kolo Show During Fiesta

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Chief Executive of the City of Youngstown.

### No Rock-and-Rollers

The "Strossmayer" Croatian Singing Society will favor with several selections during the course of the Program.

Also assigned roles in this celebration are three Kolo Groups comprised of boys and girls from Youngstown, Warren and Struthers. In the opinion of the writer, these youngsters will "bring down the house" before they finish their dance routines.

Last, but not least, will come the Pozega Tamburitza Orchestra to play for the post-Banquet Dance and keep the celebrants in a gay mood until the early hours of the morning.

In the end, everyone will know that this is indeed the 65th Anniversary Year of the

Croatian Fraternal Union.

### Ticket Information

Again, last minute tickets for the Banquet may be obtained from the writer.

They may also be obtained from the officials of any one of the eight participating Youngstown, Warren, Struthers and Campbell Lodges.

It is the fond hope of the sponsoring United Lodges of Mahoning Valley that every available seat will be occupied during this Sunday, April 12, Banquet in the Lodge 66 Croatian Home, 1012 West Federal Street.

In fact, considering the CFU membership in this area and the significance of the celebration, there is no reason why 1,000 people cannot be in attendance at these festivities.

Milan Skrtic, Publicity United Mah-Val Lodges

## West Allis 391 In Salute April 12th To Fiftieth Year On Fraternal Scene

Supreme Treasurer Is Slated To Speak During Festivities In So. Side Armory

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sich's first district speaking appearance in quite some time and many are expected to hear the special address he is to deliver April 12.

### Stars of The Future

Featured during the Program will be the "Silver Strings" Junior Tamburitza Orchestra under the direction of Charles Elias.

Comprised of youngsters ranging in age from 8 to 14 years, this ensemble was organized around one year ago by the Milwaukee-West Allis CFU Mothers' Club, one of the most active such groups in the Society.

Naturally, all these boys and girls are members of the Junior Order Department of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

Those who have yet to enjoy the music and songs of the "Silver Strings" Junior Tamburitza Orchestra are in

for a rare treat when they make their appearance on the occasion of this public salute to the Golden Anniversary of Lodge 391.

### Truly Great Artists

Other local CFU, civic, etc., dignitaries are also expected to take part in the April 12 proceedings.

Dancing following the Program will be to the music of Charles Elias and his Tamburitza Serenaders, one of the finest such organizations in the United States.

All sorts of solid and liquid refreshments will abound on April 12 and the service will be to the satisfaction of all, no matter how large the turnout for this great celebration.

Tickets may be purchased at the door on the day of the affair itself.

Dobro nam došli!

## Milwaukee-West Allis Mothers Club To Mark Society's 65th Anniversary

Junior Tamburitza Plan To Observe Anniversary of Organization Same Day

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The Silver Strings Junior Tamburitza are making plans for the celebration of their First Anniversary and the 65th Anniversary of the CFU.

The date of this great event will be announced in a later issue of the Zajednicar. The young tammies and the Kolo Queens, together with their instructress, sis. Ann Puskarich, gave a performance at the Eagles on March 17.

Happy Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zalec for their 13 years of happy wedded life and a happy birthday is extended to the mothers celebrating birthdays in April.

We take this opportunity to wish Mr. Michael Papa, Jr., a speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to his home at 5839 West Washington St., West Allis.

Also congratulations to our former kolo instructress, Mrs. Mary Hildebrand, and her husband Delbert on the arrival of their little daughter Cindy Ann. We know that grandmother and grandfather Komes are very proud and that grandma Komes will enroll Cindy into the ranks of the Nest.

It won't be long before sis. Dorothy Benicky and her hus-

band Nick will be working on the land at their new home. Good luck to you both.

Congratulations are extended to sis. Sophie Plazek and husband Steve as they recently became grandparents.

It won't be long before the stork visits the home of our former recording secretary, sis. Radulovich. The mothers surprised her with a Baby Shower.

The undersigned was also very pleasantly surprised by the 41 mothers and Charles Elias who staged a birthday party, complete with a gift and luncheon, in her honor. Thanks to all for this thoughtful gesture.

My heartfelt thanks also to all who were so kind and thoughtful during the sorrow brought on by the passing of my father.

Mitzie Knaflic, Pres. Mothers Club



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## Musical Toasts of Two Continents At Pitt Mosque Sunday

PITTSBURGH — One of the most popular members of the Duquesne Tamburitza this season is Tony Dren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Dren, Sr., of Chisholm, Minn.

To summarize Tony's high school years would take one word: "Outstanding." Elected both Freshman Class President and Senior Class President, Tony was also a member of the Student Council, the National Honor Society, and held office as Vice President of the Key Club — an organization which stresses the importance of "leadership."

This leadership also extended into the realms of sports, where Tony received letters in wrestling, football, and track.

In the fine arts, he showed his talent in dramatics as a Student Director for his class play.

Besides all this, Tony graduated as an Honor Student



... Tony Dren ...

with the highest male average in his graduating class. His position was third in a class of 104. Receiving scholarship offers to eight different colleges, Tony turned them all down to accept the scholarship offered to him by the Duquesne University Tamburitza.

A five-year man with the Tammies, Tony is an accomplished dancer and solo vocalist with the group. He is

also one of the leading technicians on the Tamburitza Brac. And just try to catch him once on the show when he's not smiling!

At Duquesne, Tony is in the School of Pharmacy and is receiving some of the top grades in his class. Several semesters he has "come through with flying colors" with his name on the top of the Dean's list.

Upon graduation from Pharmacy School, Tony plans to continue studies in pharmacology which will eventually lead up to a Dr.'s degree in this field.

Tony will be front and center next Sunday, April 12th, when the Tamburitza present their Annual Greater Pittsburgh Concert at Syria Mosque.

Tickets for the concert, which will begin at 8:15 p.m., may be obtained at the Mosque the evening of the show.

## Sup. President In Ohio April 12

Lodge 14 Preps For Celebration

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ternal Union, will be the principal speaker during the Program.

Others scheduled for speeches are John Kovach, former CFU Sick Benefit Dep't Secretary and at present a member of the Ohio State Legislature, Rev. Stephen Migalic, and Cleveland City Councilman Wilson Latkovic.

The dance which will follow the Program is open to all who cannot attend the Banquet.

### Memories, Memories

Much of the early Northern Ohio history of the Croatian Fraternal Union and its predecessors, the Hrvatska Zajednica and the Narodna Hrvatska Zajednica, was written by the "Old Timers" to be honored here Sunday, April 12th.

If each of these venerable pioneers could be heard during the Banquet, all would tell a similar story — one of the many trials and tribulations which plagued the Society 50 and more years ago and put to the sternest of tests those who fought against great odds in those days to keep the organization from falling apart.

Today, of course, the Croatian Fraternal Union is a multi-million dollar organization comprised of more than 110,000 adult and juvenile members residing in the United States and Canada.

For this the younger members are indebted to their parents and grandparents, those who brought the CFU through two world wars, a still painfully memorable depression, and other trying times in American history. Surely the least that these younger members in Cleveland can do to show their respect for their elders is to attend the Lodge 14 Banquet and Program on Sunday, April 12.

## Chicago Singers Plan Concert For May 16th

CHICAGO, Ill. — Croatian Singing Society "Zora" will stage its Spring Concert on Saturday evening, May 16, in the American Hall, 1438 W. 18th Street.

## Old World Atmosphere To Prevail April 11 In Detroit Croatian Home

DETROIT, Mich. — Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 351 will stage a National Dance at their spacious new Croatian Home, 1731 East McNichols Road, on Saturday evening, April 11.

Those who have national costumes are asked to wear them to the dance as three main prizes and additional awards will be given for the most beautiful and most intricately decorated costumes.

Incidentally, these national costumes may be representative of any part of Yugoslavia, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia, Bosna-Hercegovina, Macedonia, or Montenegro.

Tamburitza music is scheduled for the event and our ever active ladies will do their part in preparing the refreshments.

Hoping to see you all there. Mark Kramarich, Rep.

## Nest 242 Grouns Plan Spring Fete

SO. CHICAGO, Ill. — Here we are working like busy bees, preparing for the Concert which will be presented by our Nest 242 Tamburitza and Kolo Group.

This important event will take place on Sunday, April 19, at the Croatian Hall, 9618 Commercial Ave., at 5:00 p.m., admission to be a nominal \$1.00.

The youngsters are working very hard to provide the best in entertainment and dancing will follow the concert with music provided by the Muselin Continentals.

Such home made delicacies as sarma, roast beef, sausages, cakes, etc. will be prepared by the committee who will be happy to serve you.

We must also take this opportunity to remind the parents of Nest 242 members to bring their children's dues payments up to date before the 25th of each month.

If you cannot attend the meetings which are held the second Sunday of each month in the Church basement, at 1:00 p.m., you are welcome to come to my home at 9832 Muskegon or mail it to me before the 25th. These are my orders from the Lodge.

Pauline Stanley, Mgr.

## Mon Dance Group Poised For Debut

Coming Out Party Event Of April 11

MONESSEN, Pa. — The newly organized "Sloga" Kolo Club will present their first Concert and Dance on Saturday evening, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the Croatian Home, 1053 Schoonmaker Avenue.

This fine group of forty people includes children from four years of age, as well as the mothers of these children. Organized since November they are showing the versatility and exuberance which the kolo invokes, through the special numbers choreographed by their teacher, Charlene Vukela.

Beautiful national costumes will enhance the picturesque dances of Yugoslavia, accompanied by the popular Sloga Tamburitza, under the direction of Mr. Steve Zoretich. He will also direct choral numbers by the Singing Society.

Guests will include the delightful Trafford Junior Tamburitza, under the baton of Don Knezevich, who will take you on a European Tour of Music, and the East Pittsburgh Kolo Club, who have exhibited their talents on the TV Polka Party and concerts and programs in the Pittsburgh area.

Much talent is evident too among the youngsters of the Sloga Kolo Group. Entertaining with some charming accordion numbers will be Joseph Malezia and John Matish, while Candy Elyanich will render a piano selection. The vocals will be sung by Antoinette Smoke.

Mr. Joseph Grbin, President of the Croatian Home, cordially invites all members and friends to attend this brilliant concert program.

## South Side Pitt Club Planning Dance Series

S. S. Pittsburgh, Pa. — We are very happy to announce to our members and friends that beginning Saturday, April 25, and every 4th Saturday thereafter, we will have popular tamburitza orchestras entertaining at our Croatian American Citizens Club. Please remember the above dates and by all means make it a date to attend.

Club Committee

## While The Crocodile Tears Flow On And On

# Society Far From Falling Apart

PITTSBURGH — As your Membership Campaign Chairman we've been closely following the progress of the drive and assiduously reporting to you the month-by-month results.

Those periodic reports were capped with the end-of-year resume in the Feb. 11, 1959, issue of the Zajednicar, wherein your entire official family reviewed the first half of the campaign and paid fitting tribute to all 1291 recruiters who participated in the quest for new members.

The consensus of opinion, borne out by statistics which showed that 1958 was the best year in over a decade of campaigning, agreed that we really had something to "crow" about.

Admittedly, the senior department showed a net loss of 279 members at the end of the year, but the campaign did replace over a thousand deaths and as many cash surrenders and some other lapsations.

Imagine what the loss would have been had there been no new members to replace that.

### Voltaire In Outlook

We take issue with a "review" of our campaign which appeared recently in a Canadian Croatian language newspaper.

The author is a long-time and devoted CFU member who, however, is always inclined to be, at the least, skeptical of everything that "Capitol Hill" initiates. His Voltairic outlook beclouds even our most shining achievements so that even this record breaking campaign is of questionable value to him.

### Youthful Minnesota Members Proud of Selves

## Iron Range Kolo and Sports Club Booming Organization

CHISHOLM, Minn. — The CFU Kolo and Sports Club of CFU Lodges 240, 8, and 210, sponsored a very successful Mardi Gras Festival on February 7, 1959, at the Chisholm Moose Club.

Prizes were awarded for the three best costumes with Mrs. Jay Bichanich, the snowman, receiving the first prize. Second was Mrs. Joe Kozak, as old father time, and third was Mrs. Einar Holland, a confederate soldier.

Acting as Judges were Mrs. Mary Ognanovich of Chisholm and Martin Marinak and Frank Juricich of Hibbing, Minn.

Music was furnished by the Junior Echo Tamburitza which are comprised of Bill Marinac, Judith Mavas, Dennis Parrucci, Thomas Radotich, Ronald Novoselac, Franklin Sterle, Jean Mavana, Jeanne Levasseur, Carol Bi-

By Michael Grasha  
Chairman, Camp. Comm.

For his benefit and for all those doubting Thomases who see the CFU on the verge of retrogression and catastrophe let us point up a few obvious facts of life.

First of all—it is true that our first year lapses are relatively small—much smaller than in most other organizations.

It was pointed out that the Society lost about a thousand members via cash surrender. This in itself is proof that they were members at least 2 years, for otherwise there would have been no cash equity and, consequently, no cash surrender.

So, let's not generalize and say that members are indiscriminately signed up and drop out within a few months.

### Heckling Not Answer

Secondly — can we really expect an influx of new adult membership to match the record of decades ago when tens of thousands of immigrants were arriving from the old country every year?

As long as we remain selective in our recruiting, and we personally see nothing wrong with that as yet, we can, at best, hope to recoup our normal losses with junior transferees and a few outsiders.

And, if more of us would get into the campaigning rather than "heckling" from the sidelines we could end each year with at least a modest net increase in the adult department too.

### The Plight of Others

Now let us make a short

comparative study of a few other organizations and their "progress" as abetted by the most modern techniques of operation and the employment of paid field agents.

We gleaned these most revealing statistics from the March 1959 issue of the Fraternal Monitor which carried a partial listing of 1958 fraternal societies' activity.

A society with some half million members and over 200 millions of dollars in assets wrote up a record breaking, and for us, staggering 95 million of new insurance.

Yes, fantastic, but they netted only 15 million thus keeping but one out of every six new dollars written up. Think of the cost of that operation.

Another organization also with over 500,000 members wrote up 21 million and netted 4—a retention record of but 1 out of every 7. They lost close to 2000 members besides.

A third society with some 150,000 members wrote up 11 million of new coverage, netting just three quarters of a million—thus retaining but 1 dollar out of every 14 written up and, incidentally, losing 2,000 members in the process.

And, what did our "poor" CFU do with not a single paid agent in the field? Our legion of volunteer recruiters signed up \$5,350,200.00 of new insurance enabling the Society to show a net increase of \$1,799,452.50 for a retention record of 1 out of every 3 and bringing the Society a net increase of 1261 members. Methinks that we have nothing to fear but fear.

Kapa dolje našim graditeljima!



THE IRON RANGE CFU Mardi Gras held earlier in the year was a huge success. Shown here are several of the prize winners and the three judges who decided the best costumed patrons. The Minnesota Lodges which sponsored the fete are constantly on the social move.

chanich, Dianne Allison, Judith Holland, and Sharon Holland, under the leadership of Tom Krmpotich and John Bauman.

It was an enjoyable evening

Mary Ognanovich, Pub.

## Special Meeting For Columbus 310 Members

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A Special Meeting of "St. Anthony" CFU Lodge 310 will be held Sunday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m., in the Lodge Hall, 377 Reeb Avenue.

Nancy Golombek, Rec.

## Rankin Home Staging Saturday Night Dances

RANKIN, Pa. — A series of Saturday night dances will be held in the club rooms of the Croatian Home.

The Four Steps of Brad-dock Hills will take the spotlight on Saturday, April 18, and on May 2 we will have the pleasure of dancing to the music of Danny Kukich.

No admission will be charged on the mentioned dates

EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER

## Beaver County Lodges Are Interested In Purchasing Suitable Picnic Grounds

Delegates Attending April 26 Meeting Will Hear Reports On Available Sites

ROCHESTER, Pa. — Del-

egates representing six Lodges of the Croatian Fraternal Union and one Lodge of the Croatian Catholic Union met Sunday, Feb. 22, 1959, in the United Croatian Club, New Brighton, to discuss possibilities of purchasing picnic grounds for the use of all Lodges in Beaver County.

Represented were CCU Lodge 38, New Brighton; and CFU Lodge 59, Beaver Falls; 85, Rochester; 304, Ambridge; and 484, 490 and 738, all of New Brighton.

The pros and cons of purchasing picnic grounds were discussed from every angle by the 18 representatives in attendance at the Feb. 22nd

meeting. John R. Mikan, Rochester Lodge 85, was named Chairman of the group. He is the Secretary of Lodge 85 and a member of the Supreme Board of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

Secretary of the committee is Louis Zuzak, for years an official of New Brighton Lodge 484 and long active in that community's United Croatian Club.

The next meeting of the committee is to be held Sunday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the United Croatian Club, 3rd Ave. at 8th St., New Brighton. Invited to attend are all CFU Lodge officials and interested members.

Other details later.