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Table with weather forecasts for Chicago and St. Louis.

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Tartum nėra nieko smagesnio kaip labdarystės darbas, kurį pavienis žmogus ar draugija gali atlikti.

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Londonas. — Tarpe kitų laikraščių ir "London Times" rašo, kad Amerikos prezidentas Rooseveltas yra aiškias pro-brity susisėstymą. "London Times" rašo, kad ir didžiama šalies gyventojų esą Anglijos reikalams pritariu.

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IS LDS 109 kuopos metinio susirinkimo.

Kuopos metinis susirinkimas įvyko sausio 2 d., Liuosybės svetainėje. Ne visi kuopos nariai susirinkime dalyvavo.

Pradėlant naujus metus, kuopos pirmiūkė pridavė naują aplinkatį ir Susivienijimą, t. S. Vaisnorę. Per visą vakaus laiką iki pereoito susirinkimo turime 12 naujų narių. Kas svarbiausia, kad didžiama jaunivai.

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—Kp. Korespondentė.

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# MR. YOUTH GOES TO WASHINGTON

Despite its Hollywood tone the banner above this item is not an advertisement for the latest movie. It has to deal with a real life drama which will be enacted by America's youth, when the American Youth Congress sponsors its Citizenship Institute in the Capitol on February 9-12 inclusive.

The principal actors in this "Moving picture" of Youth are Miss and Mr. Student,

Mr. Young Farmer, Miss and Mr. Shop Worker and Miss and Mr. Jobless. The drama has to deal with how these seven young principals are brought together by the necessity of jobs, education and opportunity. They are going to Washington to let their Congressmen and Administrators know what goes on back home — how the government is working—and what youth needs to exist.

From every section of the country they will converge on Washington to tell their representatives that they want jobs, security and peace.

Chicago's cast of actors is expected to include upward to two hundred hands with youth from diversity of organizations participating.

Once in Washington, the youth get into motion in the greatest drama that has been performed in recent years.

On February 9 the principals will register, then pay a visit to Congress, after which they will assemble at a Lincoln Memorial Meeting.

On the following day the principals will again visit Congress in the morning and devote the afternoon to a discussion on "Jobs and Training". The evening will be devoted to entertainment.

On February 11 the morning will be devoted to religious services with a sermon on "Interfaith and Interracial Understanding". The afternoon session will be devoted to "Civil Liberties and Citizenship."

"How the War Affects Us" will be the topic of an evening session which will wind up the day.

Lincoln's birthday, February 12, will be devoted to a National Assembly Meeting with a business meeting in the morning and a citizenship campaign in the evening.

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## THE Pulse OF Youth

Matt Sholomskas

SOONER than we were able to realize, the New Year was upon us. Our last recollection before the discordant melody of blaring horns, screeching noise makers and shrilling whistles began was the strains of "Scatterbrain". Maybe "Scatterbrain" was not the last thing we heard, perhaps it was the echo which was pounding in our weary head. After a careful recapitulation, we finally decided that it must have been the 25th time that we heard the melody in some 12 hours. Maybe that is why, we were a little "Scatterbrain" when the New Year finally rolled in.

The only thing new about New Year to me, is that now I have to change two digits everytime I write a letter. As for the traditional resolutions, I have at last arrived at an iron-clad resolution which will withstand all uncertainties of time and circumstances. I had resolved not to make any New Year's resolutions. Perhaps, I shall not have the fun of breaking a resolution, but for once I shall be able to say: "Yes sir, I'm still sticking to my resolutions."

LET us forget, 1940 happens to be leap year. If that means anything. For I for one believe, that if young people want to marry, and especially if a young lady wishes to catch her prize, leap year will be of little help to the 1,500,000 people who would like to marry but can't. Opportunity to marry is not created, unfortunately, by the addition of one more calendar day every four years. It consists of the more material thing, known as security, i. e., a job at decent wages standards. Until then plans of young people to marry will continue to dangle in mid air.

GETTING air minded reminds us of an advertisement of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. which recently appeared in the "Life". "Transports for TRADE and bombers for DEMOCRACY." the ad read. Take it from us, where there is profit to be made, that's where you'll find the big industrialists. Isn't it funny though how even the war has caught up with the advertisers. Who the guy that said: "We are neutral?"

Those who try to do something and fail are infinitely greater and succeed.

## "THE YANKS ARE NOT COMING" IS RALLYING CRY OF STUDENT MEET

MADISON, Wis.—More than 350 delegates made the shores of Lake Mendota resound with cheers and applause for every expression of opposition to imperialist war, and especially for the slogan, "The Yanks Are Not Coming" when the fifth annual convention of American Student Union convened last Wednesday at the University of Wisconsin.

## U.S. Army to Use Glamour to Recruit

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Army recruiting sergeants will take to the air next month in a high pressure attempt to fill the 227,000 enlistment quota set by President Roosevelt. Four flying recruiting units—two planes each—will tour the country.

The tour is another part of the campaign to "glamorize" the army using all the high-pressure methods of modern American business—and more besides. "Glamour" is a word found in the army's own publicity.

For the first time magazines soon will be carrying army advertisements, paid for by some commercial sponsor. The advertisements will show soldiers in laboratories and planes, and even on kitchen-police duty.

For the last two months the army itself has been paying for recruiting advertisements in newspapers, especially those in small towns and rural areas, where the army finds most of its recruits.

Even the open road soon will be used by recruiting officers. Bids have been requested for 18 luxurious offices on wheels — big truck and trailer combinations with sleeping quarters for five soldiers.

Super-salesmen among the army's recruiting officers will staff the tour units.

## AUTOMOBILE VERSUS HORSE AND BUGGY

In 1910 the horse and buggy came in second in a maintenance contest with the automobile, according to information noted by research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

An automobile of the time, it was asserted, operated at a cost of one and four-fifths cents per passenger mile, but the horse and buggy cost two and one-half cents to cover the same distance.

## Cool Southern Hospitality

ATLANTA, Ga. — Wintry blasts hit Dixie this week sending temperature down to below freezing from Virginia to the northern fringe of Florida and endangering crops.

Molly Yard, national chairman of the ASU, opened the first session. She read greetings from the West Coast "Yanks Are Not Coming Committee." of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, from James Carey, secretary of the Congress for Industrial Organization, who reminded the delegates that there are 4,000,000 unemployed youth, and from President Roosevelt.

Eleanor ("Tony") Grose, New England secretary of the American Student Union, made the report for the National Executive Committee on "the State of the Union."

"Is this the war we have been striving to prevent?" was the question asked by Miss Grose in opening her report. From her analysis of the predatory character of the war and the efforts of the financial and industrial interests of this country to get us into the war, and from the enthusiastic applause which greeted her report, it was evident that the most progressive section of the American student body, represented by the ASU, was solidly behind the fight to keep America out of the imperialist war.

## LDS to Honor Drive Workers At Gala Dance

A gala dance honoring the best LDS Youth drive workers in Chicago will be held at Syrena's Restaurant, 4270 Archer Ave. on Saturday, January 13.

Youth who have enrolled two or more members during the month of December will be the guests of honor and will be admitted free of charge. The Second District Youth Council will play host to all other LDS'ers and their friends who will be charged the slight admission of 25 c.

If by the time of the affair, the Chicago Council has completed its challenge quota the dance will become a victory celebration.

## Sparks Lead All The Rest In LDS Drive

Keeping in stride with the whirling pace that won for them the membership drive trophy in the 1937-38 LDS Membership Drive, the Sparks were leading the youth branches of the country as the New Year rolled in.

Official figures, which were released in the January 1st issue of the Tiesa, showed that the Sparks were eight members better than their closest competitor, being credited with 20 new members up to the time the figures were released.

## Dies Witnesses Read Like Rogues Gallery

NEW YORK.—In conducting his campaign to slander the Communist Party, the Soviet Union and progressive organizations in this country, Congressman Dies has not hesitated in calling criminals and persons of questionable character to write the Red-baiting testimony into his records of so-called investigation of un-American activities, it has been learned upon investigation of the past records of witnesses which have testified before the Dies Committee.

Among the crime suspects and those of a questionable character are William McCustion, ship-owners stooge in the Maritime Union and wanted for murder of a union leader in New Orleans; Edward F. Sullivan, committee investigator, fascist and sentenced for larceny in Massachusetts; Alvin I. Halpen, deserter from the Lincoln Brigade and arrested for the theft of \$180 in Washington; and William Gerneay, who admitted on the stand of the Dies Committee that he had been a labor spy working inside A. F. of L. Unions.

## ILLINOIS LIBRARIES FOUNDED DURING 70's

During the late 1860's and the early 1870's widespread interest in reading led to the founding of a number of public libraries in Illinois, research workers of the Illinois Writer's Project, WPA have learned.

Organized in 1867, the Ladies Auxiliary Library Association of Peikin, Tazewell County, at length became the nucleus for a public library. In 1872, Elgin voted a tax of three-fourths of a mill on each dollar worth of taxable property for the purpose of building a public library.

## Davey Jones Claims 250 Ships

AMSTERDAM. — The newspaper Algemeen Handelsblad said today that 250 merchant ships of all nationalities have been sunk so far in the war.

Second position is shared by two branches with the Montello "Gliders" and the Chicago "Monarchs" each having 12 new members to their credit. Third place honors are also divided amongst Chicago and Massachusetts, with the Roselanders and the South Boston "Lindens" each having 10 members.

Individual honors among the youth drive workers are divided among Tony Vasaris, Montello, Mass., and Bill Rasins, Chicago. They lead all the rest in the Committee of 100, having each enrolled 12 members. They are members of grade two.

Complete drive tabulations to the present date show that Chicago with a total of 52 new members has passed the half-way mark and is leading Massachusetts by 15 members, Massachusetts has 37 new members to its credit.

In the competition between the Metropolitan and Cleveland Councils, the Metros hold a slight edge of 4 new members more than their opponents. The Metros have 18 to Cleveland's 14.

## 600 MEMBERS ENROLLED IN LDS IN 6 MONTHS

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—Averaging 100 new members a month, the LDS in the period of the first six months of the Tenth Anniversary Jubilee Drive has enrolled 600 members, it was announced by the National Committee of the LDS early this month. Nearly 200 members have been active in making possible the enrollment of new members.

MADISON, Wis.—A resolution, introduced by Kenneth Parn Chicago A.S.U. Secretary, calling for struggle to keep America out of the imperialist war and unmasking the efforts of the imperialists to use Finland for a crusade against the USSR, received the overwhelming approval of the foreign policy round table which voted 61-2 for the resolution.

## Going Thru Life

THE RETURN OF SERGEANT NOBODY

TWENTY-THREE years ago he was the pride of America... young feminine hearts missed a beat when he passed by... some pretty damsels even sighed... and why shouldn't they... he looked so handsome, so gallant... his khaki uniform and brass buttons hypnotized and fascinated... magnetized the thousands that bid him overseas... he saw them all... even though his eyes were to the front... and his head held high... a sea of faces... drawn faces of those who knew... sorry faces of those left behind... gay young faces whirled at the gigantic tide of khaki and gleaming brass buttons... excited kids, who did not understand, but thrilled at the music and parade...

THIS WAS a glorious day... his body tingled with excitement and elation... imagine marching before a throng of hundreds of thousands... the center of attraction, with everyone's eyes riveted on you... it gives you that feeling you just can't describe, only experience... the music seemed to do something to him... his blood surged in his veins with a fervor... the wafting of the flags by the breezes put strength in his wearied feet... momentarily, he was unmindful that shortly this would be over... ended and repeated when the next contingent was sent off to France... and then a silent embarking for France to be followed by the grim spectacle of taking one's place in the trenches...

I DID NOT know him then... for I was just getting off my furs to undertake the somewhat difficult task of navigating and standing on two limbs... but what my young brain and eyes were unable to perceive then was conveyed to my ears overflowing lips the other evening... he was seated close to me in a little tavern... his thin lips affectionately embraced the rim of a beer schooner... perhaps even as affectionately as lover's lips cling together... but the same people who revered and cheered him over a score of years ago would not recognize him now... he was like a hunted man... it seemed that a great fear hovered over him... or that he was haunted by something uncanny and sinister... he was trying to escape... his eyes were like those of a man who was beaten... there was only despair in the pale blue eyes which at one time must have gleamed and shone with a hope and a desire... but he did not solicit pity... he was indifferent to the "Whole damn set-up"... he pleaded only to tell how he went over the top... "I was always in the first wave... if the first wave was shot to hell, the second wave took its place... and then a third and a fourth... what do you think about when you come face to face with an enemy... well, buddy, you just don't think... your mind becomes a blank... you're mad then... you don't know what you're doing..."

"I VOLUNTEERED... to fight against someone... no, no, to fight for my country... yes, buddy, I wasn't shirker... they made me a sergeant... of course, I was working when I enlisted... making thirty per... had a girl too... hell, I must have broken my parents' hearts... it was kind of a shock to them... they didn't see why the hell I should quit my job to become a soldier... guess they were right... but I didn't see it that way then... what the hell, you couldn't break away from the spirit of becoming a soldier... everybody was enlisting then..."

"NO BUDDY, I wouldn't advise you to join the army... you'd be a damn fool to quit your job to become a soldier... I figure maybe within six months we may be in this war up to our necks... then it would be your neck buddy... oh, yes, I came back... many of us came back... the important thing isn't whether we came back, it's how we came back... my lungs are shot to hell... yes, I got a gut full of lead too... the doctors said I suffer from shell shock too... that's why I drink... hell, it makes me feel better... no, buddy, don't join the army..."

I LEFT HIM sitting there... he wanted to tell us how he went over the top but the hour was getting late... as we opened the door he waved his hand and wished us a Happy New Year... then he clutched the beer schooner fondly with both hands and lifted it to his quivering lips... then he settled down contentedly... forgetfulness had come to disperse his fears... yesterday he was America's hero, today only sergeant nobody...

MATT SHOLOMSKAS.

## PHOOLOSOPHY

FLASH-BACKS FROM THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

That lonely soldier across the street who was gazing so intently and wishfully at our merry making—That fellow that passed out with the old year—The champagne—The kissing game (the girls played too)—The jiu jitsu contest (I spent half the night on the floor)—Scotch and soda—The policeman who accused us of setting off firecrackers in the ballroom across the street—We convinced him that we didn't (but we did)—Auld Lang Syne, featuring the frog croaking bass of our dis-harmony octette—The song "Scatter-brain" heard at least 20 times (the gang dedicated it to me each and every time)—The gin emerging victorious in its bout with the host—Dawn, and the large number of evening gowns, top hats and half-conscious forms going to church—Announcing my arrival at home by marching to the top of the stairs (and rolling down again)

DAZE—Something you enter at Christmas, come out of just in time for the New Year, after which you are again in a...

A Chicago newspaper telling about the starving Russians on its first page and decorating the second page with a picture of a wrecked Russian food truck, hundreds of loaves of bread dotting the landscape. Such contradiction! The least the editor could have done was to put the news item and the picture in separate issues. Also on page one, we read about the Russian freezing to death. On page three we saw where the Finns had discovered some war material left behind by the Russians. Said material included four hundred woolen overcoats. Hats off to the capitalist press.

A Burlesque on Comics

Latest thing in comic magazines is a comic magazine burlesquing comic magazines.

No doubt all of you have heard of the Super Man, the guy who can stand under water for eighteen hours at a stretch or jump off the Empire State Building with no ill effects. In the burlesque, Super Man boards a plane for Hong Kong. The plane proves to be too slow for our hero so he leaps out the window and in one jump clears the Atlantic Ocean plus Sahara Desert. He swishes clear across the Red Sea, passes Persia like a pay train passes a bum, leaps over the Himalayas and winds up in a seventy-five story hotel (the villain's abode) in Hong Kong. All in the space of two minutes.

Our hero must be super human, reports the magazine, for it would take mere man a trifle more than two minutes to leave New York, jump the Atlantic, cross the Sahara, pass through Persia and arrive at Hong Kong still full of pep. Another thing—there ain't no moral being who can even climb the Himalayas, much less jump clear over them. And there ain't no seventy-five story hotel in Hong Kong. But do not scoff at this, for as the publisher says "If you see it in a comic magazine, it's so, see!"

PHOOLOSOPHER.

## Review of "Johnny Johnson", Pacifist Tombstone Carver Who Almost Stopped A War With Laughing Gas

By REE ALIS

Last Saturday found us at the Hull House Theatre witnessing an anti-war play entitled "Johnny Johnson".

Of the post-war vintage, the play is a story depicting the exploits of a pacifist tombstone carver who almost stopped the war with a tank of laughing gas. As entertainment, the play has its merits, being replete with humor and hilarity which are generated by the principal character, Johnny Johnson, in his attempts to first keep America out of war and then when America enters the war to bring the war to a close.

While the play does stir anti-war sentiment it swerves off on a tangent and goes up a blind alley, leaving one with the impression of futility of fighting against war. It exhibits another weakness in a scene of the meeting of the high command of the allied forces who talk about the number of men they are willing to sacrifice for the big offensive. This scene would impress one with the idea that the commanders are a bunch of maniacs who nonchalantly plan the destruction of millions of men, without showing that the high command are sane and clever instruments of the imperialists for whom they are waging the war.

The best parts of the play are the scenes at the recruiting station, the scene in no-man's land and a realistic simulation of warfare with sound effects et al. In the former scene, Johnny Johnson, who is undergoing a physical and mental test turns the examination into an intelligence test of his examiners and proves his superiors less intel-

ligent than himself. The scene in no-man's land where Johnny captures the German sniper, who turns out to be only a lad of sixteen, is exemplary for it strengthens Johnny's convictions that the soldiers are only pawns in the hands of their commanders. The scene ends with Johnny giving a message to the German lad to deliver to a German sergeant who is organizing the German soldiers against war.

While the audience laughs at Johnny's antics, Johnny really should be more pitied than laughed at. He is a sincere sort of a guy who wants to stop the war but hasn't the slightest idea of how it should be done, though he feels that the only thing necessary to bring the war to a close is for the soldiers to lay down their arms.

This weakness could almost be forgiven if it were not for the fact that the last act creates the impression of stark futility of Johnny Johnson's efforts to end the war. Consisting of three scenes this act first shows Johnny being questioned by a psychiatrist, then ten years later participating in a debating society consisting of inmates of the asylum and finally peddling cheap toys on the streets.

Yet in this air of hopelessness Johnny still clings to the conviction that there would be averted if there were no soldiers. Even to the last, when he is approached by a lad in Boy Scout uniform, who happens to be the son of the woman for whom he had subordinated his pacifist ideas and enlisted in the army, he exhibits his abhorrence of war by telling the lad that he will not sell him a toy soldier since he does

## Straws in the Wind

New Year's Eve in Chicago... possibly like New Year's Eve in any town, hamlet, village, city and by-way where such a time is marked by revelry... Chicago, alive and vibrant, pulsing with anticipation and realization of a moment... In the Loop where the crowd was not as large as in former years, but rougher—with a spirit that bordered on recklessness rather than of good-spirited playfulness...

Crowds milled along the main stem from ten till twelve trying to work up a fancied idea that a moment will change one year to another along with life... And rather bored after it was all over...

Twelve o'clock and somewhere a siren shrieked a shrill signal... From the street gongs banged, whistles blew, horns moaned and toy noisemakers sold by hawkers along the way went scree... Shots flashed in staccato barking... Human cries wailed... A bugle called... Over the humming roar of the city rose a din of sound, sweeping, surging in tremendous, terrible beat... Factories, engines, all the vast chained workday power of Chicago swept up into a wild, demonic, torturing voice, yelling its New Year's message in tearing might... A rolling, swelling majesty piled the immensity of the noise... From every street, every house, every store, every cafe and restaurant, every throat rose voice until the city spoke with one great strident, sky-piercing shout... Power, pleasure, speed and sorrow...

Throughout the city, with glory of clamor, crashed the church bells of every faith... The bells, too, thought that their racket could herald change...

Off with the old, on with the new... But nothing changed... Still the same passions... Still the same thoughts... Still the same struggle... All resolutions like the tattered Xmas decorations hanging weather-beaten in the streets... One man begging a dime, one hungry man looking with bitter eyes through a restaurant window as the paunchy waste makes the ledger look mighty red... For the empty handed multitudes the noise a knell to their wants... The power and the glory of the city selfish and unconcerned as the skies that swallow up the distinct cacophony of the moment...

—BUNNI SOVETSKI.

## You May Be Interested

BY W. P. A. WRITER'S PROJECT

When Illinois became a State in 1818, its pioneers at some points in the south, could purchase a wide variety of fine manufactured goods, most of which had come from large eastern centers, such as Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

In one account of these early times, research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, W.P.A., noted an advertisement of a merchant at Carmi in White County, who was opening a new store. Among the articles he offered were tea kettles, ivory and common combs, silk handkerchiefs, India muslins, stationary, window glass, sieves, grindstones, hand saws, Dutch ovens, frying pans, "and a great variety of cutlery."

Another early advertisement shows that settlers could find a market close at home for some of their own products. One storekeeper announced that he would pay cash for "tallow, candle cotton, turnips, soft flax for wicks, onions, parsnips, carrots, venison, hams, butter, cheese, eggs, potatoes, hops, sage and twilled bags."

Rivalry, sometimes bitter and other times friendly, enlivened the days of tavern owners in pioneer times. Resourcefulness played its part in getting customers for meals and lodging, and travelers had many a good laugh over the devices tavern keepers used to get business.

In one instance the main road broke into two branches for a short distance. Each branch had its tavern, and a problem for the owners was how passersby could be made to take one fork or the other. It is reported that all went merrily until one proprietor started cutting down trees so they fell across the road leading by the tavern of his neighbor.

Other owners made much of signs and the drawings on some are said to have made up in humor what they lacked in skill. One sign, it is related, was supposed to represent an eagle, but those who saw it generally agreed that it looked very much like a prairie wolf, according to the artistic judgement of most persons who saw it.

## CHICAGO LDS'ers CONTEMPLATE NATIONAL LDS BOWLING TOURNEY

This year, 1940, will find Chicago's LDS'ers attempting something which will be new in the annals of LDS bowling history, a National LDS Bowling Tournament which is expected to attract the best LDS bowling teams from all over the country.

Invitations for the meet will be sent to all the LDS youth branches in the country and it is expected that keggers from Cleveland, Detroit, Kenosha, Brooklyn, Newark, and other cities will participate.

The meet will be open to both boys and girls bowlers, with prizes including team trophies, individual prizes such as bowling shirts, medals, etc. awarded for the best keggers.

In all probability the tournament will be held at one of Chicago's finer bowling alleys, the date is tentative.

An entry fee of \$3.00 will be

charge per each five man team. This does not include payment for bowling.

Every individual bowler will be required to pay an additional \$1.50 for each event entered. This does not include the girls bowlers.

The entry fee for girls will be one dollar with the exception of mixed doubles which will be \$1.50.

Teams which are contacted are urged to communicate at the earliest date with the sponsoring committee.

## YANKS ARE NOT COMING IS MESSAGE THAT IS SPREADING LIKE CRY OF PAUL REVERE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—The maritime workers in the West are still spreading the word throughout the nation that "The Yanks Are Not Coming". The pamphlet has passed the 95,000 mark and now the sixth edition has rolled off the press to the tune of 100,000.

The Keep America Out of War Committee of District 12 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific has changed its name and has taken its own slogan and is now the Yanks Are Not Coming Committee.

Letters from all over the country continue to pour in and orders are being rushed out daily. The stickers issued by the committee has passed the 25,000 mark and now comes out another organizer—The Yanks Are Not Coming button. With red, white, and blue colors, bearing the slogan and a picture taken from the pamphlet's cover, the button is already carrying the message of the people.

Harvey O'Connor (Mellon's Millions) writes: "The Yanks Are Not Coming" is a 20th century Common Sense that Tom Paine would have been proud of. Rev. Holmes says: "I have always been an enthusiastic for the pamphlet. I think the great days of reform and revolution have been the pamphleteering days. I hope these days are coming back. The

Yanks Are Not Coming is a good beginning."

The first week in January will see another step forward in the campaign of the Yanks Are Not Coming Committee with a bulletin to be issued regularly will make its initial appearance. Filling a real need to pass on information, statistics, and organizational hints and proposals to get into action the thousands of people writing in to the committee this bulletin will take the road as the organizer of the maritime workers against war. From neighborhood committee to city-wide councils the bulletin will carry the message and urge the formation of the Yanks Are Not Coming Committee in every neighborhood of town and city. Stretching their hands from coast to coast and border to border the great mass of American people will build a steel wall of defense against the war mongers and fighting under their banner The Yanks Are Not Coming will stop in their tracks the war clique of Wall Street.

## MILLIONAIRES & BULLFROGS

When I read of a millionaire jumping from a high window to his death, it reminds me of how bullfrogs leap from the bank into the water. The frog leaps with a loud, brief bellow and makes the sound of "punk" as he enters the water. When I see or remember how the frog leaps, it reminds me of how millionaires leap.

One fellow wrote: "A nation is prosperous only to the extent that it is blessed with millionaires." If one wanted to meet nonsense with nonsense, one might say: "A country is great only to the extent that it is blessed with bullfrogs."

Really, there is one strong quality common to millionaires and bullfrogs. "A frog would starve to death with hundreds of dead worms and insects all about him, because his eating movements can be started only by the sight of moving objects. Or the frog will swallow a bit of cloth that is dangled in front of him, and that has no food value whatever.

aire, after losing his money or a large part of it, will see no possibility of future happiness, even though a vast number of possible pursuits of happiness are all about him. He feels there is nothing to live for; that he just can't go on; therefore some of them leap to death. This is because their happiness-pursuing movements, for the greater part, can be started only by a vision of increased wealth and power, which means more exploitation, robbery, and oppression. After the loss of their money, they cannot be moved to pursue harmless and honorable ways to pleasure and happiness, but they will go after more wealth and power no matter how destructive the means they must employ to acquire them.

There may be some laws of life that can properly be called laws of human life, but this does not alter the laws and properties that are common to all life. Millionaires have shown that certain laws and properties are common to frogs and people. The frog

## L. D. S. Bowling Developes Into Three Corner Fight

had depended on the stimuli of moving objects to start his eating movements so long that hunger makes the activity of looking for moving insects or worms so strong in his life that other stimuli are shut out and do not direct him to eat dead organisms.

Likewise, under the very powerful stimuli of great wealth and power, the millionaire's ability to enjoy wealth and power has developed to such extremes that the lust for his lost wealth and power is so strong that other stimuli are shut out or suppressed and cannot direct him to pursue other ways of pleasure and happiness after the loss of his wealth and power.

Friends might remind him that poor people find happiness; that he could cultivate new interests and be happy, but greed and lust are so strong in his life that he cannot give in intelligent consideration to such facts. Certain laws are operating alike in the frog and in the millionaire. The same laws and properties of life cause the frog to ignore food in dead organisms that cause the millionaire to commit suicide or to live in misery after losing his money, being unable to turn to other pursuits of pleasure and happiness.

The reflex of greed may be so frustrated that it will destroy the organism in order to escape the agony; it may do this against the weak protests of other reflexes within his organism. Each reflex proceeds with infinite selfishness to attain all the power and control it can. An extremely predominant reflex is willing to save itself at any cost to the other reflexes within the same organism or at any cost to anything outside the organism.

Promoting the welfare of the whole organism is not always the strongest reflex within an organism. People subject their bodies to perils, tortures, and abuse in order to attain or acquire what is desired by a predominating reflex. Self preservation may be the first law of reflexes, but not always of living organisms.

JESS M. LESLIE.

### TOLEDO SCHOOLS REOPEN

TOLEDO. — The 44,000 public school children in this city of 300,000 who have been on an enforced six-week vacation, returned to classes this week.

The Board of Education met last night to decide on possible reductions in educational service. Schools closed in November.



TROLLEY HOSTESS—Birmingham, Ala., Electric Company makes history by adding hostesses and free coffee to street car service. Here's Hostess Louise Mc Connell aiding passenger. Hostesses especially help women with packages and children.

Leaders in the LDS Bowling League maintained their respective places over the week end.

In the feature game of the day the mighty Redwings A tangled with the Sparks. These games were grudge games that grew out of a rivalry which started when the two clubs began competing against each other in sports.

The Sparks trounced the A's twice and thus are only one game behind the leaders. D. Riva led the onslaught by bowling a 203 game and a 501 series while F. Solomon held the Redwings A together by bowling a 525 series.

In another feature attraction the leading Hamiltons encountered the ever trying Monarchs who can't seem to put together a team.

The Steel boys handed the Monarchs two defeats and thus the Monarchs had their losing streak to eight consecutive games. In the third game the Monarchs overcame the Steel boys by picking their spares in the last frame and by doing so won the game. A. Lucas led the Steel boys by bowling a 516 series, while George Janelinas led the Monarchs with 553 series.

The Hot Shots downed the bakers of Silvercup by winning two games. After losing the first game the Hot Shots went on a rampage and won the last two games by wide margins. Mike Batutis paced the Hot Shots with a 532 series, while the bakers were led by Larry Smith with 462 series.

The Redwings B team were handed a stinging defeat by the Goopies. The B's were riding on velvet before encountering the Goopies. They had won 9 of their last 12 encounters. The Goopies won the first 2 games but lost the final encounter, due to J. Shaiko's bowling only a mere 90 game. The Goopies were led by P. Lan-

deck who bowled a 525 series, while the B team was led A. Klaus with a 486 series.

Hot Shots and Hamilton Steel are tied for first game with the Sparks trailing by one game.

Individual leaders maintained their respective places with Frank Solomon pacing individual leaders with a 170 average, closely pursued by Mike Batutis with a 169 average, Frank, likewise, holds the record for high three games series with a 600 total, while Johnny Petraitis holds high game with a 227.

### TEAM STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Avg.
Hot Shots	24	15	779
Hamilton	24	15	734
Sparks	23	16	769
Redwings B	21	18	737
Monarchs	17	22	736
Goopies	17	22	691
Redwings A	16	23	788
Silvercups	15	24	866

### Individual Standings (First Ten Only)

	Hg.	Avg.
F. Solomon	219	170.19
M. Batutis	204	169.22
A. Lucas	226	168.23
J. Bernot	207	163.30
J. Lascoe	208	163.11
T. Zebraitis	211	162.18
A. Statkus	205	162.3
D. Riva	203	160.33
F. Kwain	217	160.16
E. Stoka	203	159.4

## BETTER ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED AT SPARKS SWEETHEART BOWLING WITH THE PASSING OF HOLIDAYS

Most of the Sparks Sweetheart Bowlers must have done a lot of shopping in the last two weeks. Less than ten showed up to bowl on our regular bowling nights. Now that we all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's celebration and our shopping days are over, for at least a year, we can look forward to our usual 15 or twenty bowlers each Wednesday.

One top ranking game took place after our last couple sessions. Johnny Kunsy took over the leading position and is expected to stay there for some time

since his only competition, Phil Zanowiskas, won't be bowling steady for a while.

John Lascoe was on the tree lance list with us again. In case the girls should want to improve their curves (bowling variety) they certainly should consult Johnny. Other free lancers or guests were: Al Lucas, "Sully" Solomon, new Redwing president, Leo Kasimer and Frank Burnetis.

Bronie Yurkonis and Ida Stankus are still on the missing list. Matt Sholomskas is also on the absentee list. How about giving us a break this new year? Good! We'll be expecting you next Wednesday.

### Standings

Name	Games	Avg.
John Kunsy	18	158
Tony Guzauskas	18	146
Lawrence Ruben	3	146
Louis Zanowiskas	18	140
Bud Jasen	33	139
Peter Thomas	5	138
Matt Sholomskas	12	137
Joe Pecelunas	9	135
Ben Davidonis	13	134
Eddie Pran	13	132
Leo Kasimer	3	129
Bronie Yurkonis	18	122
Julia Kunsy	9	121
Catherine Puleikis	18	114
Kay Danis	12	109

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