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St. Mary's Church celebrates 90 years

This Sunday, Nov. 10, 1996, at 11:30 a.m., parishioners, former parishioners and Friends of Saint Mary Church in Cleveland, will gather to offer thanks to Almighty God for the blessing of 90 years of faith and service in both the Collinwood and Slovenian communities.

Most Reverend Metod Pirih, Bishop of the diocese of Koper (Slovenia), and representative of the Slovenian Bishops' Conference for Slovenians living outside of Slovenia, will be the Main Celebrant of the Mass of Thanksgiving. He will be joined by other priests from our Cleveland Diocese and from Slovenia.

Immediately after Mass, the celebration will continue at the Collinwood Slovenian Home in both halls, for the banquet and program. Following the program, "Veseli godci" will play for the dance.

The birth of Saint Mary Parish began humbly in the rented quarters of the first Slovenian priest to serve the people of Collinwood, **Father Marko Pakiz**. On November 10, 1905, Father Pakiz from Sodrazica, Slovenia, offered first Mass for the new congregation on Collamer St. (E. 152nd St.) midway between Manchester and Granger (the present Aspinwall and Pepper).

After holding services briefly in Saint Joseph Church, then on Aspinwall, the Slovenians decided to rent space at Shepherd's Hall on East 152nd Street. Inspired by Father Pakiz and the enthusiasm of early settlers like Michael Skebe, John Rosel, Anton Jakos, and Matt Slapnik, the drive for building a church began.

Where to build the church stirred a heated debate between those who lived north of rail yards and those who lived south. On January 1, 1906, 152 members of the congregation voted, and by a majority of ten votes, decided to locate the parish south of the railroad.

By June, 1906, five lots were purchased at the corner of Crosby (Holmes Avenue) and Case (East 156th) for \$2,000. Some who lived north of the railroad yards decided to organize their own parish. Under the leadership of the Czech priest, John Tichy, St. Peter and Paul Church was founded, but because of internal problems, was short-lived. Some of the Slovenian families returned to Saint Mary's, while others chose to have no affiliation.

In July 1906 construction of the church and parish house began. The cornerstone was blessed by Bishop Ignatius Horstman on September 17, 1906, and the first Mass in the church was held on the 4th Sunday of Advent, 1906. The church was formally blessed on August 18, 1907.

Tragedy was a part of the life of the early parish. On March 4, 1908, a fire at Lakeview School on East 152nd Street took the lives of 40 Slovenian children, 22 from the parish. The same year, Father Pakiz resigned for health reasons, and was succeeded by **Rev. Andrej Smrekar** from Knezak, Slovenia. Within five years, Father Smrekar died from a throat ailment and was buried in St. Paul Cemetery in Euclid, Ohio. A very prolific writer, during his funeral, a thief broke into the rectory and stole his manuscripts.

The third pastor, **Fr. Paul Hribar**, was born in Zgornji Tuhinj. As well as taking care of the needs at Saint Mary, he also cared for the mission church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Euclid.

Again tragedy struck. On October 18, 1917, returning from teaching catechism at the Mission with his sister Anna, both were killed as their car crossed the tracks returning to St. Mary. Both are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery.

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August Pust receives Ohio Distinguished Service Medal

During the Ohio National Guard's special maneuvers at Fort Grayling, Michigan, Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander presented the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal to four Ohioans at a protocol ceremony. The medals were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Arpad and Elizabeth Abelovsky, Worthington; Peter Ujvagi, City Councilman from Toledo; and Mr. August B. Pust, Governor's Office, Columbus.

The Ohio Distinguished Service Medal is the highest medal that can be given to civilians. It is awarded after a lengthy and well-documented process, focusing on meritorious service and issued by the permanent order of the Chief Commander of the military forces in Ohio.

Mr. Pust was one of the civilian observers present during National Guard maneuvers incorporating European military representatives, especially the Hungarian Home Defense Forces, as part of the ongoing military-to-military relationship between Ohio and Hungary.

In referring to Pust, who has been appointed by Governor Voinovich to represent the State of Ohio in international and multicultural affairs, General Alexander cited his volunteer contributions in the Ohio National Guard's meeting and exceeding the national goal of Partnership for Peace initiative.

A major part of Mr. Pust's service included support and contact in the new free democracies of Europe in the quest to redesign their militaries for control by civilian authorities and to prepare them for eventual NATO membership.

In the presence of the Hungarian military delegation, Mr. Pust thanked the people of Ohio and General Alexander for his award saying, "It is my pleasure and honor to be a part of this event. As an immigrant who came to this country from a former totalitarian regime controlled by Yugoslavia, now independent Slovenia, I have joined my brothers and sisters from the captive nations in the fight for liberty and freedom.

"By helping to create peace-trained forces and militaries of the newly independent republics, we are making a valuable contribution toward peace.

"Additionally, as assistant to Governor Voinovich since 1985, it has been my mission to further trade between Ohio and our partners overseas. Thanks to our volunteers, who are a valuable part of our public/private partnership, Ohio is a leader in international relations. It is a great feeling to be an Ohioan, serving our citizens with a focus on the world."

Avsenik, Kobal named Lifetime Achievers for Polka Hall

By Joey Tomsick

An impressive crowd of over a hundred National Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame Foundation members were on hand for the October 22nd "Preview Party" at the Shore Cultural Center. The annual meeting is designed to publicly introduce and recognize all of those who have been nominated for awards.

Nominees:

Nominees for the 1996 Annual Awards Show were introduced as follows:

Cultural Heritage: Western Slovenian Cultural Group of Western PA; Fantje na Vasi; Slovenian Heritage Association of PA; Slovenian American National Art Guild; Glasbena Matica Singing Society

Support/Promotion:

Gary Rhamy; George Knaus; Val Pawlowski; John Kuzman; Joe Toriskie

Best Vocal Performance:

Christine Mihelich Hibbs; Paul Yanchar Sr.; John Ross; Del Sinchak

Button Box, Individual or Duet: Lynn Marie Rink; Fred Ziwich; Joe Grkman, Jr.; Alex Meixner; Al Battistelli; Nancy Hlad

Button Box Group: Lipa Park; Mahoning Valley; Cleveland Lake Erie; Music Makers; Magic City BB. Showcase

Musician: Dick Tady; Eric Noltkamper; Fred Ziwich; Joe Toriskie; Steve Meisner

Sideman: Bob Bacha; Eric Noltkamper; Tom Grahek; Mark Habat; Norm Ko-

bal; Ralph Delagatti; Ron Sluga; Pete Kuhar

Band of the Year: Del Sinchak; The Casuals; Fred Ziwich; Polka Quads

Best New/Young Band: Larry Placek's Tune Masters; Eric Noltkamper's Sidemen; Frank Moravcik

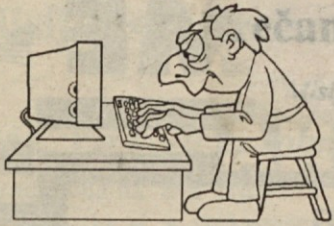
Recording of the Year: "Polka or Else" by Del Sinchak; "Country Polkatime" by Joey Miskulin; "Button Box Artistry" by Fred Ziwich; "Happiness Is" by Walter Ostanek; "I Love to Polka" by Jimmy Sturr; "Ole to the Indians" by Del Sinchak; "My Silver Anniversary" by Eddie Rodick.

Actually announced as winners that evening were from the "All Time Greatest Polka and Waltz" category, (Continued on page 6)

Joe Zelle misses target

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS
by John Mercina

AMERISKA DOMOVINA, NOVEMBER 7, 1996



How did your candidates do on election day? One of my favorites lost. I voted for **Sonja Glavina** for U.S. Congress. She lost to Louis Stokes. Ah, sweet mysteries of life. How can you be so cruel at times?

Anyhow, some of the other Slovenians did just fine, thank you. **Gary Suhadolnik** defeated his challenger for the Ohio Senate in District 24. Up and comer **Ed Jerse** won election as our Representative in Ohio District 14. **Ron Suster** ran unopposed and continues his masterful job as Judge in the Court of Common Pleas. **Millie Teuscher** (Starc) was victorious in her re-election bid as a Lake County Commissioner.

And **Tom Harkin** was re-elected to the U.S. Senate from the state of Iowa.

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In any event, we won't have the privilege of listening to the candidates campaign for awhile. I'm an old-fashioned guy; I believed everything they said - about each other. A few weeks ago I watched the debate between vice-presidential candidates on channels 3, 5, 8, 14, and 21. No kidding; it was on five channels at the same time. It's a good thing there was still channel 10 to view. It's the nature channel. They pictured some animals eating each other - right at dinner time. My dinner time as well as theirs. After watching some of the debates it was much more comforting watching the 4-legged animals devour each other.

It reminded me of Andy Griffith. There was an old movie called "No Time for Sergeants" on one of the channels recently. In it, Andy played a teen-age hill-billy who was a recruit in the Air Force. I love those movies when someone joins the military and their life is transposed in boot camp.

After that, I watched Andy again on three other channels. Only this time he played an elder lawyer on a series called "Matlock." Imagine that, the same program concurrently on three different channels. I needn't have worried though, Andy got his clients off the hook simultaneously. It's a good thing he only defends the innocent. Once, though I was astounded when he lost; it seems the person he was defending had lied to him and

Editor:

I would like to reply to Mr. Joseph Zelle's letter that appeared in the October 24th issue of American Home.

He blames public schools for drug abuse, high crime rates, etc. I firmly believe that the U.S. public school system is not to blame for this, but rather the unregulated free market, which discourages small businesses and encourages the growth of those who are already big.

The U.S. has some of the richest people in the world, the slimmest middle class, and the highest percentage of people living in poverty, compared to other developed countries.

A good example of disparity created by the free market is the health care system. The wealthy can afford any care, while others have a hard time making health insurance pay their bills or get access to more expensive treatments, and many do not have health insurance at all.

The same would happen with the schools. Not even a 15% or 20% tax cut, or vouchers would allow poor people to educate their kids in the best private schools.

I firmly believe that good education available to everybody is the way to go if one wants to eliminate crime, drugs, teen pregnancy, etc., and have responsible adults.

Many kids need good role models which they do not

was really the crook. Enough about politics.

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You notice they don't give nicknames anymore. It must be politically incorrect. Years ago everyone was given a nickname. A friend of mine in conversation always referred to an acquaintance as "Steamboats." It was Steamboats did this; Steamboats did that. In my mind I had pictured this gruff old sea captain. Turns out this guy had big feet.

Another was called "Boogie" Dolence, the baseball player. Don't ask; I don't have the faintest idea where that nickname came from.

In today's column about the Slovenian National Home's pre-Thanksgiving dance, Sylvia Plymessa refers to Bob Mills' son-in-law as "Short Stroke" Hopkins. Some day I'm going to ask Bob how he received that moniker. It must be something to do with his virtuosity on the accordion.

* * *

I'm reading "Lonesome Dove," a novel about the old west. In it most of the characters have nicknames, such

find in their own communities and public schools can partially provide that, although they cannot replace a good family.

I believe that we all should contribute to the schools because it is in all of our best interest. In other developed countries, such as in Europe or Canada, slightly higher taxes contribute for schools, health care, etc., and jobs are a little bit more secure than here in the U.S.

You don't see homeless people living in the streets, and crime rates are way below what we are used to seeing here in the States. Even if they pay taxes, people in these countries live good, happy and safer lives than we do here.

I believe that it is time to change the American Dream from making the big money to making a good community. Only when we don't see homeless on the streets and all the kids attend good schools, will Americans be able to claim that they have the best country in the world.

By the way, I am not a teacher or a government bureaucrat; Mr. Joseph Zelle is way off the target.

--Tea Meulia
Wooster, Ohio

as "Dish Boggert" or "Pea Eye." And the author at some point explains how each one received the name.

Can you think of some other nicknames - and how they came about?

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The children will sing on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio.

The Fall Concert is the children's opportunity to entertain you while carrying on Slovenian culture. The 32 youngsters, ages 5 to 16, will perform popular Slovenian folk songs and dance.

The chorus director is Cecilia Dolgan; accompanist is Edward Sumrada.

The concert begins at 3 p.m., with a social and dance following the program. Music for dancing will be by Jolly Jack Flaisman.

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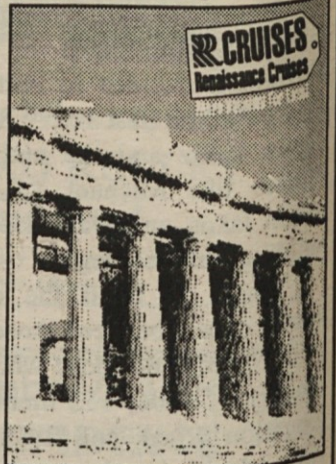
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The story of Slovenian genealogy

Final Installment

(The following are excerpts from genealogical presentations given during Slovenefest XV by Al Peterlin, founder-president of the Slovenian Genealogy Society.)

Was your ancestor in the Canadian Army? Most 20th century Canadian military records are not published, and remain in government offices. Permanent wartime records include: Boer War, WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. Records of deceased military personnel are open to families 20 years after the death of the individual. The address is **National Personnel Records Centre, National Archives of Canada, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0N3.**

The National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0N3, has emigration and immigration lists, most beginning in the late 19th century. The largest Eastern European immigration peak occurred between 1896-1914. Records after 1918 are held in the Records of Entry Unit, Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission, Place du Portage, Phase IV, Hull, Quebec,

Canada K1A 0J9. A written request, along with permission of the immigrant, or proof of death, and the approximate date of arrival is required.

Canadian passenger ship manifests are also available. Although none of the lists are indexed, those created before 1919 are available to researchers. Those created after 1919 have not been released by the Canadian National Archives. The manifests that have been released have been micro-filmed and can be searched at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario; in the North York Public Library of Toronto; via inter-library loan anywhere in Canada, and through the LDS Family Library System in the U.S. With no index, the researcher must select a port of entry, and then establish a starting point in time. This will not be an easy search, but it could be a very fruitful one.

In Canada, under provincial administration, each province began record keeping at different times; most began before the great Slovenian immigration, except for Quebec, 1926, and Prince Edward Island, 1906. Write to Vital Statistics in

each Provincial Capital. However, copies can be very costly, approximately \$22.00 per page!

In Ontario, for births after 1896, marriages after 1911, and deaths after 1921, write the Office of Registrar-General, P.O. Box 4600, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 2L8. There is a search fee. The earlier records are available from the Archives of Ontario, 77 Greenville Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9. Indexes are available. The records are on microfilm and can be obtained by inter-library loan or at the LDS Family History Center near you.

This is the last of a series covering U.S., Canadian, and old-country records; church and civil archives in Slovenia; military records and naturalization records; as well as helpful publications, and many more topics. For a copy of the complete series, or for information on joining the Slovenian Genealogy Society, write to John Leskovec, 10829 Tibbetts Road, Kirtland, OH 44094-5194. Let him know you read about it in the American Home newspaper.

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In your case, you may want to consider porcelain veneers. They are thin tooth-shaped shields of porcelain that are used to close spaces, mask stains and beautify your smile. Porcelain veneers offer strength and esthetics which give the appearance of natural teeth with little or no tooth reduction.

If the darkening of your teeth is severe, bleaching may help even out, or lighten the teeth, so that less enamel preparation is needed. In some cases, if the original alignment of teeth is not ideal, limited tooth movement may be necessary to enhance the end result of the above procedures.

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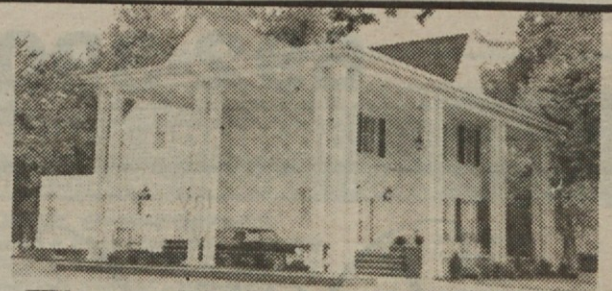
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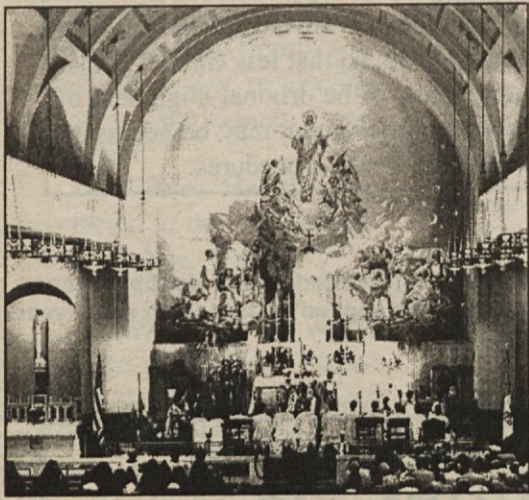
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Nineteen years later, **Rev. Victor Vrant**, an associate pastor, accidentally shot himself with a tear gas gun and died from the wound. One year later on August 7, 1937, a young seminarian, **Anthony Zorko**, and associate pastor, **Fr. Ludwig Kuznik**, tragically drowned in Lake Erie.

After the death of Fr. Paul Hribar, **Rev. Joseph Skur** from Prosnik on the Italian-Slovenian border, became the fourth pastor. In November 1922 he resigned and was followed by **Rev. Vitus Hribar**, also from Zgornji Tuhinj. Father Hribar was the founding pastor of Saint Vitus Church in Cleveland. He served as pastor for 30 years.

These years were not easy. He worked tirelessly for the welfare of the parish in spite of strong anti-clerical, anti-Catholic feelings in the community. As he is remembered in the parish's "Spominska kniga," Father Hribar "used hard words for hard times." He re-organized the parish choir, "Ilirija," under the direction of Martin Rakar, built a new brick school and new parish house.



Interior of the present St. Mary's

In May, 1952, **Rev. Mathias Jager**, a native of Ljubljana, became the sixth pastor. Immediately, he set to work to make improvements in the parish. In 1952, he began plans for an addition to the school. In 1953, he re-opened the Saturday Slovenian language school.

Because of the growth of the parish in the 1950s, Father Jager petitioned then Archbishop Hoban for permission to build a

new and larger church. On October 21, 1956, ground-breaking for the new church took place in conjunction with the parish's 50th anniversary celebration.

On February 2, 1958, the new church was blessed during a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edward Hoban. The church which seats 830 people, was filled to capacity. Cost of the new church was \$722,186.

The old church, which had been damaged by fire in 1957, was converted into a Social Hall and gymnasium. In 1967, Father Jager retired and was succeeded by **Rev. Victor Tomc**, the first American-born pastor, who grew up in St. Vitus Parish in Cleveland. During the 1940s, Father Tomc served as an Associate Pastor and worked diligently with the youth in the spirit of St. John Bosco.

As the seventh pastor, he had the awesome responsibility of paying off the debt of the new church and carrying the parish through the renewal of the Second Vatican Council and the challenges of the changing urban scene that included closings of factories and businesses in the Collinwood area, the scattering of the Slovenian community to the suburbs, and an aging neighborhood.

After serving as pastor for 20 years, Father Tomc retired in 1987 and was succeeded on April 1, 1987, by **Fr. John Kumse**, of Barberton, Ohio, the present pastor.

While the challenges of an urban parish are great, as Saint Mary approaches a new century and a new millennium, the spirit and hope of the parishioners is even greater. The celebration of Saint Mary's 90 years as a parish community is not only a time to remember the dreams and accomplishments, the struggles and tragedies of the past, but a

time to prepare for the future of the Slovenian Community through a spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm for who we are as a parish and as a people.

Come and celebrate with us on Sunday, November 10. Be one of the *Many Voices* that gives life to the *One Heart* that is St. Mary's.



Many people attend the first Mass in St. Mary's church



Msgr. Vitus Hribar in a Corpus Christi Procession 1940s.



Bishop Gregorij Rozman blesses the Bells of St. Mary's Church in Collinwood, Cleveland, Ohio.

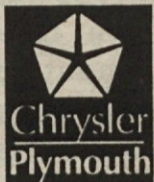


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Slovenian National dress (narodne noše) are needed for our 90th 11:30 a.m. Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Nov. 7. We ask as many people as possible to attend in national dress from all regions of Slovenia and particular to participate in the procession. - Fr. John Kumse.

Starting Over in America

By Anton Žakelj
translated and edited
by John Žakelj

(Continued From Last Week)

However, when the fields were cleared and planted, the soil was very productive. The corn and grain grew tall and yielded well. The grass in the hayfields and pastures was thick and produced ideal feed for milk cows, growing calves and work horses.

(And now back to my father's diary.)

December 30, 1949

We took a saw to Frank and a letter for my father to the post office. Stamps were 40 cents - they wouldn't take the international postal coupons I had bought in Austria. Mrs. Oman gave me three old coats. In the evening we showed some lace to Helen. She marveled at its beauty and gratefully accepted three pieces as a gift.

December 31, 1949

In the morning, I cleaned the cows, then the stable. In the evening, we went to confession in Willard. At night it rained. At 11 p.m. we went to midnight Mass for New Year's and communion.

During this past year, our deepest wishes have come true: we found a new homeland and we became members of a family where we can live without fear of persecution, torture or forceful death. We didn't come here to get rich but to find work to take care of ourselves and to be nobody's burden.

I'm worried about the relationship between our sponsors. They sometimes do not get along well with each other. Could I do something to bring them closer, or am I causing some of their problems? May God give me the grace to know what to do!

January 1, 1950

A new year began today - hopefully the beginning of a new life in a new country.

I woke before 6 as usual and went to the stable. Cilka went to Mass at 11. I tried to sleep, but Johnny cried so much that neither I nor Mary were able to comfort him. It was warm outside.

In the afternoon, I tried to

sleep again, without success. I felt sick and didn't eat supper.

In the evening, I explained to our sponsors our predicament during the war. I started feeling better. John listened without much interest and fell asleep. Cilka was angry.

January 2, 1950

The snow disappeared and in the evening it started to rain. John and I worked on the water tank.

John went to cook brandy from dry plums and sugar, which he had bought in Marshfield on Dec. 28. John knew how to make his brandy so it would look just like the commercial kind. He roasted powdered sugar in a skillet until it became golden brown; then he shook that into the bottles to make the brandy look just right.

January 3, 1950

John wanted to buy me Stamcar's 17-year-old car for \$150, but I wasn't able to promise repayment and "Aunt Mary" was against it: "You can buy an old car anytime you want," she said.

Eight cm. of snow fell today.

January 4, 1950

In the morning I froze part of my left ear when I was hauling manure outside. There was a strong, cutting wind. In the afternoon, we went to Karl's and to the post office.

There are no black people in Willard. There is one Indian family there. They live in a wooden hut outside of town. I've been told that about half of the family died of tuberculosis some years ago. They have a son who is a priest who is also sick. Farmers hire other members of the family at harvest time. I have heard that they work for beer, but people are not allowed to give alcohol to Indians.

January 5, 1950

It was -20°F in the morning, 10° above in the afternoon. In the evening I wrote to Mire, Cene, Vinko, and Frank in Canada and to Paul in New York.

January 6, 1950

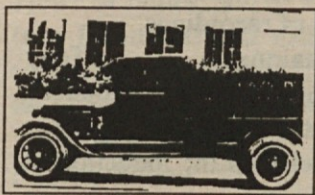
Today is the feast of the

Three Holy Kings, but there is no holiday on the farm. The temperature is again -20°F in the morning and 10°F in the afternoon, 0°F in the evening. I wrote to Jernej Zupan and Jernej Kopac. All together I finished 7 letters.

January 8, 1950

Johnny has a cold and probably getting a new tooth again. At 8:30 I went to Mass, then cleaned the stable. Mr. Podobnik, who was in Goricia as an American soldier, came to fix the well. He told me how he was arrested in Yugoslavia when he crossed the border.

An auto dealer from Greenwood came offering Stamcar's car for \$125. John thinks I should buy it. It has only 24,000 miles on it, since no one used it after their father died. Our Model



A Ford truck has 72,000 miles - it's the tallest and the dirtiest vehicle in the line in front of the church, but John won't let anyone wash it. Today "Aunt" Mary is not opposed to my buying the car either, but I don't have any money and I don't know when I'll earn any. John already told me that he can't pay me anything now when there isn't any work, but he'll give me \$50 a month in the summer.

Karl invited me to his place for dinner. John turned down his request to borrow the brandy cooker. Aunt won't allow it.

In the morning it was +6°F, then +45°F and windy.

January 9, 1950

In the afternoon, Karl's wife Mici and their daughter Jolanda visited us and invited us to come visit on Sunday. The post office sent me a letter and 20 cents, since I had paid them too much on Jan. 7 (they had finally accepted my international postal coupons). I helped John balance his

checkbook. The weather was warm.

In the evening, John, Frank (his son-in-law), Mary and I went to Loyal to watch the film "Lion."

January 10, 1950

A snowstorm today. We were unable to go into the woods to get firewood for the church.

The auto dealer came again to sell Stamcar's car.

In the afternoon, John and I went to Greenwood to fix the Ford. I sold 6 pieces of lace for \$14.50, which means we made 10 cents an hour for the labor and nothing for the materials. I promised to buy the car when I sold enough lace. The auto dealer and somebody else agreed to come look at our lacework.

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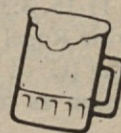
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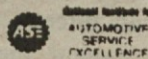
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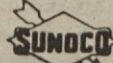
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**6 Annual Meeting of Society for Slovene Studies
November 14-17 at Boston's Park Plaza Hotel**

The annual meeting of the Society for Slovene Studies will be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, to be held this year at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, November 14-17. The Society's annual business meeting will take place in the Longfellow Room of the hotel on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 2:00 p.m.

In addition Society members will have six academic panels at the AAASS meeting, and various members will participate in a variety of other panels. Here are the SSS panels for 1996:

- Thursday, 11-14, 3:15-5:15: **Rajko Ložar, an Uprooted Scholar of a Small Nation in America.**
Chair: Bogdan Novak (U. of Toledo, Ohio)
Participants: Stane Gabrovec (National Museum, Ljubljana), Rado L. Lenček (Columbia University), Tom Ložar (Vanier College), Joseph Velikonja (U. of Washington, Seattle).
- Thursday, 11-14, 5:30-7:30: **Trends in Privatization in the Slovene Society.**
Chair: Tom Priestley (U. of Alberta, Canada)
Veljko Rus (U. of Ljubljana): Attitudes Towards Work, Ownership, and Privatization
Darja Piciga (Educational Research Institute): Private Education in the Context of Change in the Slovene Educational System
Kenneth Zapp (Metropolitan State U.): Privatization of Socially Owned Enterprises in Slovenija.
Discussants: Evan Kraft (Salisbury State U.), Lea Plut-Pregelj (U. of Maryland)
- Friday, 11-15, 3:30-5:30: **Slovenia and the European Union.**
Chair: Carole Rogel (Ohio State University)
France Bučar (U. of Ljubljana): Article 68, Par. 2 of Slovenia's Constitution as it Relates to Admission to the European Union
Jože Mencinger (U. of Ljubljana): From Yugoslavia to European Union: Economic Considerations
Dimitrij Rupel (U. of Ljubljana): Slovenia and Central Europe's March Toward the EU: The Restrictive Role of European Great Powers
Discussant: Jacques Rupnik (Inst. d'Etudes Politiques, Paris).
- Saturday, 11-16, 4:15-6:15: **Recent Slovene History: Perceptions & Dilemmas Arising from the Opening of Restricted Archives.**
Chair: Bogdan Novak (U. of Toledo)
Boris Mlakar (Institute for Contemporary History, Ljubljana): New Documents and New Assessments of the Liberation Movement and Revolution in Slovenia, 1941-45
Jera Vodušek-Starič (Institute for Contemporary History, Ljubljana): New Insights on Political Opposition during and after World War II in Slovenia
Amy Schmidt (National Archives, Washington, D.C.): World War II Yugoslav Materials in the US National Archives
Discussants: Rudolph M. Susel (Editor, Ameriška Domovina and Our Voice Newspapers, Cleveland) and Tamara Griesser-Pečar (Germany)
- Sunday, 11-17, 8:00-10:00: **The History and Literature of Small Nations**
Chair: Rado L. Lenček (Columbia U.)
France Bernik (President, Slovene Academy of Sciences, Ljubljana): A Case Study of the Relation between Literature and its Time in History
Lena Lencek (Reed College, Portland, Ore.): A Concrete Historical Determinant: International Horizons and Contacts of Writers and Poets
Timothy Pogacar (Bowling Green State U., Ohio): A Possible Historic Factor: The Nature of Readership before the Formation of a Society's Elite
Discussant: Rado L. Lencek (Columbia U.)
- Sunday, 11-17, 10:15-12:15: **Topics in the Musicology of Slovene Lands**
Chair: Rudolph M. Susel (Cleveland, Ohio)
Metod Milač (Syracuse U., Syracuse NY): Jacobus Gallus Carniolus and the Place of His Compositions in the History of Music
Edo Skulj (U. of Ljubljana): Survey of the Evolution of Slovene Church Vocal Music through the Centuries
Fr. Vendelin Špendov (Franciscan Monastery, Lemont, Ill.): Organ Music and Pipe Organs in Slovenia
Discussant: Joseph Velikonja (U. of Washington, Seattle)

The annual meetings of the AAASS and the Society for Slovene Studies usually take place in October or November and are generally well attended, not only by the scheduled participants but as well by individuals interested in Slovene studies. In 1997 the AAASS and SSS annual meetings will be held in Seattle, Washington, for late September, 1998, meanwhile, Boca Raton, Florida has been selected. Especially in the last several years there has been an increase in the number of participants from Slovenia.

For further information regarding the Society for Slovene Studies, membership applications, journal subscriptions, and other details, contact: SSS Secretary-Treasurer Dr. John Cox, c/o Dept. of History, Wheeling Jesuit College, 316 Washington Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003.

Dr. Rudolph M. Susel

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and the "Lifetime Achievement" awards. The announcement of these awards are made one month prior to the Awards Show to allow for media promotion and technical preparation for the ceremony. The sealed envelopes unveiled the traditional Slovenian melody "Silk Umbrella Polka" and the Avsenik/Pecon selection "Little Fella Waltz."

The Lifetime Achievement Award nominees included Frank Spetich Sr., Roman Possedi, Dick Tady and Norm Kobal. This highest award as voted on by the members of the American Slovenian Polka Foundation will be given to **NORM KOBAL** for his lifetime of musical accomplishments. Kobal's unique style and smooth sound on saxophone, clarinet and flute has made a major impact on the preservation of our music on hundreds of recordings.

Chairman Tony Petkovsek also announced that the Board of Trustees has selected the induction of European musician **SLAVKO AVSENIK** as a Lifetime Achiever. Avsenik will be in attendance for the Thanksgiving Polka Weekend, and therefore will be able to personally accept this special crystal award.

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Both Avsenik and Kobal will be officially inducted into the National Cleveland

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Death Notices

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Anton Gregorc, 69, husband of Amalia (nee Povirk); father of Amalia McDowell, Tony, John, Mary Ann Hren, Paul, Nada Gregorc, Mark, Helen Novotney, Vida Tripudo, and Vincent (deceased); brother of Joze and Marta Cvenkel; both of Slovenia; and the following deceased: Franz and Marla; both of Slovenia; grandfather of 19.

Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8 at St. Mary's Church, 15519 Holmes Av., Cleveland.

Family will receive friends today (Thursday), Nov. 7 from 2-4 and 7-9 at the Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills. Interment in All Souls Cemetery.

OSCAR FRYKMAN

Slovenian polka promoter, ambassador and radio personality Oscar Frykman of Chisolm, Minn., died on Sunday, Nov. 3.

HERMINE STRANCAR

Hermine Strancar (nee Ujovich), 80, a resident of Cleveland, passed away in the Slovene Home for the Aged on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Mary was a member of AMLA No. 8 and the Euclid Pensioners.

She was the wife of John; the mother of Dale (wife Gail) of Wexford, PA, and Diane (Robert) Mester; grandmother of six; and the sister of Joseph Ujovich and Antoinette Septaric, both of Lorain.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Friday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., where services were held Saturday at 8:45 a.m. and at St. Mary Church (Holmes Ave.) at 9:30 a.m. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

Donations to the Slovene Home for the Aged in her memory

SOPHIE TRENTON

Sophie Trenton, 81, a 60-year resident of Cleveland, passed away on Friday, Nov. 1st at Meridia Euclid Hospital of heart failure.

Sophie was born in Stilltown, Pa on May 15, 1915.

Mrs. Trenton was a Precinct Chairperson in Cleveland Ward 32 and Ward 11 for over 50 years. She was active in Northeast Little League for over 30 years and was parade chairman from 1953-57.

She is survived by her son David (former Cleveland Councilman) (wife, Amy); daughter Judy Zadell of Cleveland; grandchildren Mark, Pam, Kim, Anita, Lynn, and Brian.

Her husband, Stanley, and son Stanley and a sister Helen Matkovic are deceased.

Funeral was at the 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, Nov. 5 in St. Jerome Church, Cleveland. Burial in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

ZeLe Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JOSEPHINE OBERSTAR

Josephine Oberstar (nee Brdzic), 82, wife of the late Joseph; mother of Joseph, Janet, and Joanne (deceased); sister of Fred, Ivana, Ana, and the following deceased; Joseph, Mary, Victor and Michael.

Josephine was a member of St. Anne Lodge No. 4 AMLA.

Family received friends Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Funeral was Wednesday with 9:30 a.m. Mass in St. Vitus Church.

Interment in All Souls Cemetery.



JOSEPH SVEKRIC

Joseph Svekric, 84, a Euclid resident, passed away at Harborside Health Care Center on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Joseph was born in Johnstown, PA. He was retired from Spring Industrial.

He was the husband of Marie (nee Nagode).

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Thursday, Oct. 31 from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Christine Church at 11:30 a.m. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

GERALD SKULLY

Gerald Skully, 55, a resident of Lyndhurst, formerly of E. 71 St., passed at his home on Monday, Oct. 28.

Mr. Skully was a self-employed commercial artist.

He was a member of the National Guard and the New York Central System Historical Society.

He was the husband of Nalene (nee Takacs); the father of James; son of Anna (nee Dermotta) and Charles (deceased); brother of Charles of Michigan and Robert.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Friday 2-4 and 7-9 where services were Saturday at 9:45 a.m. and at St. Vitus Church at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations, in his name to V.N.A. Hospice of Cleveland, 2500 E. 22 St., Cleveland 44115.

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Many thanks to **Dr. Anthony S. Ravnik** of Piedmont, California for his very generous donation of \$50.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

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DID YOU KNOW

Slovenia...

Joseph Zelle

For the 100th anniversary of the first showing of a Slovenian film, a one-night film festival was presented in Ljubljana's Film Hall on Thursday, October 24. Three films of Karl Grossmann were shown: *Odhod od maše v Ljutomeru*, *Séjém v Ljutomerju*, and *Na domačem vrtu*. Also shown were Franc Hofér's *Prvi slédovi starosti* and Éric Rohmér's *Moja noč pri Maud*. Grossmann is considered the pioneer of Slovenian film. This evening not only noted the beginning of Slovenian cinematography but also the Institution of the Slovenian Film. Future plans call for the institution also collecting vintage world films presenting classical films.

Then Friday evening, October 25 the seventh International Film Art Fest was held in Cankar Hall, Ljubljana. This year the festival included Slovenian films. In all some 36 commercial and artistic films were included. Next year the event will be called the Ljubljana International Film Festival.

Tribuna, student's newspaper, appeared in a new format in its October issue. David Ipavéc, its new editor, said that the paper will be published with a circulation of 10,000. It will be available free. The *Tribuna* is devoted to matters relating to students and student life in Ljubljana and Slovenia.

This Fall a new school dedicated to management was started in Koper. At least 23 courses are being offered. The elementary program requires 40 hours of theoretical studies and 40 hours practical work per week. More than 2,250 hours of course work is scheduled.

Jamming at the Slovenian Home

The Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue will have its 7th Annual Thanksgiving Eve Jam Session on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The music will start at 7:30 and continue to 12:30 in the Eddie Kenik Room (annex).

Sandwiches and refreshments will be available. Admission is \$2.00 at the door. Security parking at the rear of the building.

Among the featured artists who will be performing are the Cleveland Lake Erie Button Box Club and "Short Stroke" Hopkins along with Zeke & Charlie Homesteaders and various Cleveland Button Box groups.

Those in attendance last year will remember such

special guests as Frank Yankovic, Walter Ostanek, Joey Tomsick, Roman Possedi, Al Batistelli, Eddie Kenik, Jeff Pecon and Tony Petkovsek.

It is also the perfect warm-up for Tony Petkovsek's Thanksgiving weekend dances. So if you play an instrument, or just like to listen, come on down and make this the biggest Jam Session ever.

PLEASE NOTE – Because of the Jam Session, our month-end social is being pushed up a week earlier to Wednesday, Nov. 20. It will take place in the lower hall at the usual time. See you there.

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**Barberton Slovenian Lodge
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The Slovenian Independent Society Home (Domovina Lodge) will recognize three lodge members and 10 charter members and past presidents of the former Slovene Kick-Off Boosters Club at an appreciation dinner on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Slovene Center, 70 – 14th St.

Lodge members to be honored are **Frank Doles**, **Olga Valencheck** and **Frank Wrobel**.

Doles is a 51-year member and a past president and trustee; Valencheck is a 60-year member who served on the administrative board. She was editor of the lodge's news bulletin. Wrobel is a 56-year member and served many years as a Trustee.

The Slovene Kick-Off Boosters was formed in 1951 to honor and assist the Barberton high school football team. Its major activity was an annual banquet for football players and their parents, coaching staff and school officials. The club was disbanded in 1976.

Charter members and past presidents to be honored are Bill Black, Clarence Gable, Eugene Linder, Joe Lukezic Sr., deceased, Kenny Millhoff, Clem Plucinski, Tony Plucinski,

Ziggy Plucinski, Leo Pudis, deceased, and Frank Shebeck.

"This is the first of what we hope will be an annual event to honor members and organizations who have made special contributions to our lodge and to the community," says Edward Shega, chairman of the organizing committee.

A social hour is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30. Immediately following the program, there will be dancing to the music of Frankie Spetich Sr., with the Magic City Button Box Showcase.

Tickets cost \$12 and are available at the Slovene Center or by contacting Polly Valencheck, 825-5471 or Mary Poje, 825-6247.

Besides Shega, members on the organizing committee are Joseph Gabrosek, Joseph Okolish, Mary Poje and Polly Valencheck.

The Slovenian Independent Society Home was organized in 1918 to offer health and death benefits to its members and to provide a cultural and recreational center for the Slovenian community. The lodge operates a ballroom and hall and eight bowling alleys.

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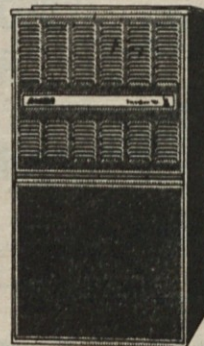
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