



## JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

CLEVELAND, OHIO, FEBRUARY 21, 1940

### LINCOLN'S CREED

I AM NOT BOUND TO WIN, BUT I AM BOUND TO BE TRUE. I AM NOT BOUND TO SUCCEED, BUT I AM BOUND TO LIVE TO THE LIGHT I HAVE. I MUST STAND WITH ANYBODY THAT STANDS RIGHT... WHILE HE IS RIGHT... AND PART WITH HIM WHEN HE GOES WRONG.—

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Perhaps, no other man in American history holds higher esteem in the hearts of the people of this country than ABRAHAM LINCOLN. He was born of very poor parentage in Kentucky on February 12, 1809. Though his opportunities for education were meager and his struggles many and difficult, he succeeded in attaining the highest office in public life, the Presidency of these United States. We honor his memory in this issue of the Vrtec Section in bringing to you his CREED. Reread it slowly and carefully. Absorb its every word for it came from the heart and mind of a kind and noble character, truly a man for the ages.

### IMPORTANT FESTIVAL NEWS

In Cleveland, the United Lodges Festival Committee has been at work for sometime making preparation for our National Juvenile Cultural event. A letter from Brother John Kikol, Secretary of this Committee, informs me that 16 Vrtec members have been selected, from entries submitted by Units located outside the City of Cleveland, to appear on the program. These will render a variety of vocal, instrumental, dance and acrobatic numbers, while local talent, chosen from Vrtec No. 5, No. 11 and No. 171, will complete the Festival stage program with a play, drill team performance and miscellaneous entertainment. The names of Vrtec members residing elsewhere than Cleveland, who have been selected to appear on the Festival program, are as follows:

Gordon Kronosek	Indianapolis, Ind.
Leo Robas	Indianapolis, Ind.
Grace Vivian Beaton	Strabane, Pa.
Iva & Matilda Krizaj	Girard, Ohio
Irene Rovani	Girard, Ohio
William Marn	Girard, Ohio
Betty Jane Bernik	Milwaukee, Wis.
Tommy Leskoshek	Milwaukee, Wis.
Edward Udovich	Chicago, Ill.
Mary Jo Townsley	Chicago, Ill.
Mary Lou Gratchner	Chicago, Ill.
Wilma Gratchner	Chicago, Ill.
Virginia Korber	Bon Air, Penn'a
John Klajder	Bon Air, Penn'a
Josephine Martincic	Bon Air, Penn'a

# With Our Juniors

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,  
Director of Vrtec and English Speaking Lodges



### TRANSPORTATION, QUARTERS, ETC.

The Supreme Board at its meeting last week approved a motion to the effect that all "Guest Representatives" (Campaign winners) and Festival stage program participants from out of Cleveland will be rewarded equally. This means that each representative and participant will be entitled to RAILROAD FARE and pay at the rate of \$2.00 PER DAY while traveling to and from Cleveland and for each of TWO DAYS allowed for the stay in Cleveland. QUARTERS and MEALS will be furnished FREE. A SIGHTSEEING TOUR of the city will be arranged by the local committee and MOVIES will be taken. Each will receive a Festival badge and insignia as a souvenir and for identification purposes. Complete instructions will be mailed to Administrators, representatives and program participants in due time. No change, however was made in provisions pertaining to Cleveland Festival representatives and those who will have parts in the stage program.

### ATTENTION VRTEC WRITERS

Although no special rules have been drawn up for a literary contest for 1940, prizes for outstanding news articles, poems, stories and other contributions of interest will continue to be awarded by the Society for the first six months of the year. Awards will be made quarterly instead of monthly or every two months as was done in the past. Prizes for January, February, and March will be awarded together, as will those for April, May, and June... The number and amount of prizes will depend on the number and quality of contribution submitted for publication in the Vrtec Section... Any Vrtec member is eligible to submit one or more contributions to the monthly issues of the Vrtec Section, each of which must be signed with the name of the writer... Mail all con-

tributions to "NAPREDEK," 6231 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

### SUGGESTIONS ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

If you are finding it difficult to attract members to your Vrtec meetings, socials and other events, read through the following list of suggestions; perhaps, there is something here you can use or which might help to spring an idea of your own. When you've tried something new and it succeeds in appealing to your members, let other members hear about it through our Vrtec Section, for it is quite probable it can be used with just as much success by Vrtec groups in other communities...

**BIRTHDAY PARTY MEETINGS:** — When a member has a birthday, plan a short after meeting party in his honor, or if it happens that more than one have birthdays the same month, the party can be arranged on all of them at the same time.

**AMATEUR TALENT MEETINGS:** — Once or twice a year it would be advisable to plan a program composed of local juvenile talent in music, song, dance, readings, etc. These should be open meetings with invitations sent to non-members as well as members.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:** — Every year each Vrtec Unit has a birthday, which is an ideal time for a reunion of all members, juvenile and adult. This affair should be unusually elaborate and open to members and friends from the community and neighboring towns and cities. Publicity for the Vrtec and Society should be carried out on an extensive scale.

**PARENTS NIGHT MEETINGS:** — A meeting of this kind could be held several times a year. Invite parents to attend these meetings. Arrange to have a variety program of entertainment for the occasion. Dancing, music and song could be indulged in by everyone. Wind-up

the evenings with refreshments.

**HOBBY SHOWS AND CONTESTS:** — One of the most successful ways to encourage initiative among boys and girls is to stage a hobby contest and make their exhibits a public show. Woodwork, drawing, photography, collections of many kinds, sculpturing and modeling, sewing, crocheting and knitting are a few ideas along this line. Prizes should be awarded for the best entries. The BALKAN JUNIORS of MILWAUKEE a HOBBY SHOW last fall in which sixteen members participated. It was easily one of the year's outstanding local Vrtec attractions.

**SLOVENE READING AND WRITING:** — This suggestion will not prove a popular one because it requires a certain amount of study, but the GO-WANDA DAWN PATROL VRTEC, organized last summer, have this included in their educational program and judging from reports received from the Administratrix are getting along splendidly. It pays to know more than one language and, especially, is it important that one learns to speak the language of his forefathers.

Other suggestions are: —

QUIZ and SPELLING BEES  
GAME and STUNT MEETINGS  
DRILLS and GYMNASTICS  
OUTDOOR and INDOOR  
SPORTS  
FIRST AID TRAINING  
STORY TELLING MEETINGS  
VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL  
GROUPS  
HOLIDAY PARTIES and  
PROGRAMS  
PICNICS, OUTINGS and  
HIKES

He that has light within his  
own clear breast,  
May sit in the center, and enjoy  
bright day;  
But he that hides a dark soul  
and foul thoughts,  
Benighted walks under the mid-  
day sun;  
Himself is his own dungeon.

—Milton

# SPARTAN JUNIORS

## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

By Bill Wapotich

Subject: Basketball

The game of basketball is one of the only games deliberately invented. That is it wasn't discovered by accident. It is of comparatively recent origin, being invented in 1892 by Dr. James Nasmyth, who like other physical directors was seeking a game that could be played during the winter to fill the gap between the football season in the fall and the baseball season in the spring and summer.

The rapid growth of basketball is due to the fact that it can be played both indoors and outdoors and that it is not an expensive sport. Very few players and not much equipment is needed, thus basketball is adopted to high schools and colleges.

The game of basketball is so popular now that no gymnasium or playground is now considered adequately equipped which does not have some provision for this game.

Basketball can be played on any rectangular surface free from obstruction. The maximum dimensions for a basketball court is 90-50 feet while the minimum can be 60x35 feet. Along the sides are lines, three feet from the wall, so that there shall be no danger that a player rushing over a side-line will be injured. At the end of the court are boundaries marked directly under, and on a line with the board surface which the basket goal is fastened.

Exactly at the middle of the end lines are fastened the baskets or goals, which are nets of cord fastened to metal rings eighteen inches in diameter. These rings are attached to wooden backstops, six feet long and four feet high. These baskets are placed ten feet from the ground on the backstops.

Directly inward fifteen feet from each basket is drawn a free throw line, two feet long, parallel to the end lines. From this free throw line the free throws for a goal are made which are awarded to an offended team as a penalty for a foul committed by the opponents. This free throw line, and the throw from it, are protected from interference by a "free throw line" leading from the basket. The lane ends in a circle six feet in diameter. The lane is made by two parallel lines three feet apart on either side of the basket and continues on until it intersects with the end lines.

Exactly in the center of the court is drawn a two foot circle in diameter in which the ball is put in play.

The game of basketball is one of the fastest games known to man. Basketball calls for speed, accuracy, endurance and above

all teamwork. A team consists of five players: two forwards, one center, and two guards. These players may move anywhere on the field. Substitutes are allowed to be put in the game in case of sickness, accident, or when, for any other reasons, a captain or coach desires to put in a substitute player.

The purpose of each team is to score as many points as possible by tossing the ball into its opponent's basket, and at the same time prevent the other team from securing possession of the ball or scoring.

The scores count as follows: a goal scored from the field counts two points while a goal from the "free throw line" counts one point. Such a free throw is awarded when certain fouls have been committed. The referee or the umpire may call fouls on offending players for various offenses. There are two kinds of fouls—technical and personal fouls. A player who has had four personal fouls called on him by the referee may be disqualified from the game.

The winner of game is the team scoring the greater number of points during the periods of play. In case of a tie as many five minute periods as needed are played until the tie is broken. The game is usually played in two halves of twenty minutes each. But rules in various league in the length of playing time.

One of the most important parts of the game is the ball. The ball is round, not less than 30 and not more than 32 inches in circumference. It consists of a rubber bladder which is inserted in a leather cover and inflated. The opening in the cover is then laced together. The completed ball must weigh, according to official requirement, not less than 20 nor more than 23 ounces.

The most important group of people in a basketball game are the six officials. There are two timekeepers, two scorers, one referee and one umpire. They all have various duties to perform during the course of the game, all too numerous to mention.

The most important factor in basketball is teamwork. A team of moderate players, but who play well together, who play a strong team, will defeat a team of experts who play each one for himself. This has been repeatedly demonstrated.

### OUR DOINGS

Well here I am again with more news from the Spartan Jrs. Our last meeting which was held on Friday, February 9, 1940 was well represented. We also had a Valentine party after the regular meeting.

Important business of the day was our Skating Party which will be held April 19,

1940. So write this date down somewhere where you'll be sure to see it. The small sum of 35c for an evening of fun. Say, boys, this is a swell place to take your girlfriend.

The great day is not so far away. Did you say what day? Well how could you forget the May Festival. The Spartan Jrs. are all looking forward to this day. It's going to be fun meeting all those boys and girls out of town. A very fine program is being scheduled for this day.

### Now for Some Gossip

We certainly missed our former president, Andy Elersich at our last meeting.

Dolores Rossman looked blue—could it be because that certain fellow wasn't present.

Eddie Stokel wasn't present either; we wonder who the girl is that keeps him so busy.

Sophie Colaric the steady Vrtec writer who finally admitted she can't think of anything else to write.

Helen Papesh really isn't shy as she looks. I think her boyfriend has something to do with her being so shy.

Elsie Drobnic forgot to bring funny books so she had to sit and listen to the meeting. It wasn't so bad was it Elsie?

How unusual to see Billy Wapotich coming in late.

Anthony Sterle always seen eating ice cream before our meetings begin didn't have any for a change. (Maybe he was broke.)

You'll be hearing from me soon again.

Until then I remain,

Alice Popotnik,  
Rec. Sec'y

### THE STEAMSHIP

Ships driven by steam were first, in point of time, among power-propelled vessels. For over a century, ships of this type have been carrying passengers and freight over the "seven seas." To increase carrying capacity, steadiness, comfort, and speed has been the aim of shipbuilders everywhere, and in the effort to attain the standards set, they have increased, enormously, both the size of the ships and the power of their engines. The finest trans-Atlantic liners of today—the ocean greyhounds, as they are called—carry, besides cargo and crew a floating population as numerous as that of a small town. Typical of these magnificent steamers, and previous to 1929 the largest ever built, are the Majestic and the Leviathan. The former is a German-built ship which the original owners called the Bismarck; the latter, also German-built, was originally christened the Vaterland. By the system of measuring by which tonnage is established, authorities declare that the Majestic is the larger vessel of the two particularly as it is six feet longer. The former Bismarck

### Avalons

Renton, Pa. — Hello everybody! Here comes that gossip reporter with news of the day and that of two weeks ago. By the way, members, how many of you attended the free dance held by the Social Club of Renton? Do you also know it was because of them that the Vrtec sold candy and the rest of the goodies? Many thanks to them for helping us get started on our money-making schemes. Thanks V. for the cooperation you promised but didn't give toward this affair. The thanks really go to Mary Likar, the administrator's wife, for relieving me of my job for a few hours dancing pleasure. Free refreshments were plentiful, but why tell about it. The only ones interested are the boys and they know all about it.

By the way, something's "fishy" about our recording secretary starting high school again. I don't blame you, Amelia. I heard the Logans Terry boys are powerful!

Virginia Bogatay is also interested in the school. Or is it the school? Little sister won't tell, but news does travel. You'll also have to be interested in our meetings in the future, for as our president you will have to attend regularly. That, by the way, folks, will be new for her.

Just another person I'd like to know about is George Pivik, members of another Slovene fraternal. What have you got that makes the members listen so? I really believe your talk did some good. Thanks to you and I sincerely hope you will attend more of our meetings in the future.

Emma Kern, Sec'y-Treas.  
Vrtec 109

*We are our own fates. Our own deeds*

*Are our doomsden. Man's life was made*

*Not for men's creeds,  
But men's actions.*

—Owen Meredith

was unfinished at the outbreak of the World War, but a clause of the Treaty of Versailles compelled the Germans to turn it over to the Allies in perfect sailing condition; this demand was fulfilled in 1922. The Majestic now belongs to White Star Line, whose boats sail under the British flag. When war was declared in 1914, the Vaterland was interned in New York harbor. Early in 1917, when it became apparent that Germany and the United States would soon be at war, the Germans damaged the machinery of the ship, but after America's declaration of a state of war, it was repaired, renamed the Leviathan, and was used to transport American soldiers to Europe.

I wish to express my thanks to my girlfriend for explaining to me how to write this article.

Pauline Zupancic  
Vrtec 5

## BALKAN JUNIORS

### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Milwaukee, Wisc. — February 14th is St. Valentine day, a day of memories sweet and a day of excitement and joy. Do you remember the first Valentine you received, a Valentine with a big heart and lace around it, with a verse like, Will You Be My Valentine, or, To A Sweetheart Forever. Then as you grew up Valentine Day meant much more to you. You began to understand the meaning of St. Valentine who was loved because of his big heart. He placed food on doorsteps of the poor and always helped those in distress. He died on Feb. 14, about 2,000 years ago, but the sign of his heart has come down through the ages. As you see signs on store windows you think of your dear friends to whom you will send Valentines and make them remember you.

### A Reminder of the Past

Vrtec No. 33 had a sleigh ride party. We met at Colgo School and a truck came and took us to the farm. When we got to the farm some of us went into the farm-house and the rest went to see the animals out in the barn.

After that we got on the sleigh and it took us around the airport. It was a beautiful sight for we went in the night time. We sang to our hearts' content. Some of us were squashed but we didn't mind it because it kept us nice and warm. After we rode around the airport a couple of times we went back to the farm-house. Then we went back and ate our lunches. We got hot cocoa or coffee and potato chips from the farm lady. Then we returned home with the truck. Those who didn't go surely missed a lot of fun.

Margaret Ohojak,

Vrtec 33

### OUR HAYRIDING PARTY

Milwaukee, Wisc. — Friday, February 2, 1940 our Vrtec went on a hayriding party. About 28 people went. We were happy to see some of our parents agreed to go along. We met at Kagel playground. There a truck came for us. Girls in snow pants and boys also dressed warmly climbed upon the truck. We left the city and out to a farm. After we got there some went into the house while others like me went into the barn. After a while everyone climbed into the hay and went for a ride in the wagon. We were sorry it did not snow for then we could have taken the road. As it was we went for our ride out into the field. When we came back to the farm, hot cocoa and coffee was ready for us to drink with our lunch. A few of us stole away and got up into the hay. We climbed up to the very top of the hay. Milan tried to take the short-cut down by swinging on the ropes. I'm afraid he landed

very hard. After we were discovered it was time to leave, but we didn't mind. Some of us went over to the house and had another lunch there. It certainly was a wonderful night. We would like to have another hay-riding party this spring. I'm sure every one that was in this party will want to go again.

Norma Stampfel, Sec'y  
Vrtec 33

Milwaukee, Wisc. — Vrtec 33 is beginning the year of 1940 as a progressive year not only in activities but also in membership. At our January meeting Tom and Martin Leskoshek, Laverne Kacymarski, and Connie Mulligan were initiated as new members. February 2, 1940 a hayride was held and according to those present everyone enjoyed themselves. Senior lodge Balkan had a "Domača Zabava."

The month of February has many historical dates; the most important are Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday.

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky, February 12, 1809. His youthlife he spent in the backwoods country; it was full of hardships and poverty. But he struggled on, he was determined to make a better place for himself in the world. A self-educated man, he became a successful lawyer in Springfield, Ill. He was elected president in his fifty-second year, which office he held 4 years, 1 month and 4 days. He was assassinated in Ford's Theatre April 14, 1863 by a pistol shot fired by a John Wilkes Booth. He was appropriately called the Father of Emancipation, for the great Civil war to free the negro slaves was fought and successfully won during his administration.

He visited Milwaukee three times during his lifetime and an old historian describes his visits here. He says that Lincoln was a tall, gangling man, who walked with loose awkward strides. If his height was above the average, his homeliness was above the average too. His face was deeply seamed with a prominent mole near his mouth. In appearance he was one of the common men of whom he had said, "God must love them because he made so many of them." On his first visit here Lincoln had a debate with the great Stephen A. Douglas. He was paid \$100.00 for that. The second time he came here he was campaigning as a captain of an Illinois Infantry Company which was hunting the unfortunate Indian chief Black Hawk. The third time he spoke as a candidate for presidential election on Sept. 30, 1859. He was a minor celebrity then already. He mounted the back of a wagon and made the great speech full of predictions of good times to come, advancement in indus-

## Concordian Juniors

### CONCORDIAN JUNIORS ELECT

At the annual meeting of Vrtec 171, the following officers were elected:

President, Natalie Svetic; vice-president, Dorothy Grebenc; secretary, Mary Menich; treasurer, Vera Somrak; sergeant-at-arms, Frances Skrab.

On the auditing committee are: Patsy Maple, Agnec Lesar and chairman Jennie Zupancic.

Mary Holland, Angy Pevec and Christine Streiner were elected for the entertainment and publicity committee.

We were informed that Marge Jeric was re-elected administratrix, but we have three new supervisors. They are Elsie Maple, Helen Russ and Tony Dusa.

Our meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month in room 2, Slovene National Home at 7 o'clock.

Mary Menick, Sec'y

### CONCORDIAN JRS. HONOR CAMPAIGN

Come one! Come all! Let's join the Honor Campaign now. The beginning was Jan. 1, 1940, and it will end May 31, 1940. In order to qualify you must enroll five new members. There try, agriculture and in knowledge.

Abraham Lincoln will always be remembered as the Liberator, free-thinker and a martyr in the cause of freedom, as an example for the young people to follow.

Washington was born February 22, 1732 near Bridges Creek, Westmoreland County, Va. He did not go to college, but was a surveyor in early life, and in 1759 married Martha Curtis, a rich widow, who was born in 1732 and died in 1802. He became a great soldier, and led the Continental forces to victory in the Revolutionary war. Washington was a planter, living at Mount Vernon, Va., when first elected President.

Marie Ermence (Age: 14)

Vrtec 33

### NO MORE RESOLUTIONS

Milwaukee, Wisc. — Altho the new year has scarcely begun, most of us have forgotten about our noble resolutions.

You hear the whistles blow, sirens shriek, bugles blow. When the clock strikes twelve, all at once your chest expands and resolutions in your head begin to form. They are so easy to make, but hard to keep. Now if I only didn't make so many, I might keep a few. Each day my mother reminds me of another broken promise. Now I ask you, how can a fellow keep track of all his noble intentions?

What I want to know is who invented new year's resolutions anyway? I resolve that no more resolutions I will make and I'll enjoy a peaceful state of mind.

Edward Ermence

Vrtec 33

are only two "catches." The new members must be enrolled by the contestants themselves, and they must be insured in Plan A. Once you have enrolled the five members, you will be known as an Honor Member. In June (Juvenile month) you will be presented with an emblem at a special affair that is being planned as a surprise. Everyone is eligible to join so ask your neighbors, ask your friends and enroll them. Don't miss this chance to become an Honor Member.

Natalie Svetic, President  
Vrtec 171

### WASHINGTON'S THOUGHTFULNESS

After Washington's retirement from the presidency, Elkanah Weston was a guest at Mount Vernon.

He had a serious cold and after he retired he coughed severely. Suddenly the curtains of his bed were drawn aside, and there stood Washington with a huge bowl of steaming herb tea. "Drink this," he said, "it will be good for that cough."

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Washington possessed in a peculiar degree, the great gift of remembering faces.

Once while visiting in Newburyport, he saw at work on the grounds of his host, an old servant whom he had not seen since the French and Indian war, thirty years before. He knew the man at once and stopped and spoke kindly to him.

Vera Somrak

Vrtec 171

### A FRIEND

I have a lot of friends,  
I suppose that you have too,  
But out of all these friends,  
Can you pick one that's true?

Now I have just that friend,  
With whom I work and play,  
And we get along just swell,  
Throughout the livelong day.

We seldom have an argument,  
And almost never fight.

I help her, and she helps me,  
This makes things turn out  
right.

Just take this little test,  
To see what you can do,  
And out of all your friends,  
Pick one that's really true.

P. S.—This poem was dedicated to Dorothy Grebenc, a member of Vrtec 171, by a friend of hers.

*The splendors that belong unto the fame of earth are but a wind, that in the same direction lasts not long.*

—Dante

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*"Careful with words," is ten times doubly so.  
Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back dead;  
But God himself can't kill them when they're said.*

—Will Carleton

"Outlookers' Corner", published as a section of the Napredok's Vrtec page. The Junior Editors are:

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"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

By Eleanor Ster

My Darling Scatterbrain:

If I Only had a Brain, Oh, Johnny, I'd be South of the Border with Billy, at the Balalaika, Can I Help It if I'm Careless, After All there are Bluebirds in the Moonlight and I'm In the Mood for the Moonlight Serenade.

It's a Hundred to One that You won't Say Hello to the Mexicali Rose during Indian Summer, which the Hawaiian Chimes are playing Aloha. I'm a Lucky Guy for You're a Sweetheart and I Love You Truly as you are the Jeepers Creepers.

Especially for You, Joseph, Joseph, I'll play the Blue Hawaii in My Blue Heaven, Over the Rainbow He's Making Eyes at Me. I Must see Annie Tonight for the Wizard of Oz said that If I didn't Care for Your Heart and Soul, I'd be with Little Sir Echo.

In My Old Kentucky Home singing the Indian Love Call. Does Your Heart Beat for Me when we play the Penny Serenade? To You, the Sunrise Serenade is shining on White Sails on the Swanee River.

I remain Faithful Forever,

Annie Laurie

P.S. Holy Smoke! Can't You Take a Joke!

#### IN MEMORIAM

The Outlookers wish to extend their deepest sympathies to the family of Louis Kolenc, one of our younger Vrtec members, who died last Thursday. Playing cops and robbers with his friend, he was accidentally shot through the temple, dying two days later.

Louis, or "Sonny" as he was known to his friends, was ten years old, and the youngest member of our baseball team. Possessing beautiful blond, curly hair, and being small even for his age, he excited quite a bit of comment at the 1938 Athletic Meet held at Bridgeville, Pennsylvania. Sonny played short-center for the team through the tournament.

Young as we are, we can understand the great sorrow which his family, mother, father, two brothers, and a sister must feel by his departure, for we, too, shall miss a smiling face, and about four feet of fun-loving little boy.

"All honor to him who shall win the prize,"

The world has cried for a thousand years;

But to him who tries and fails and dies,

I give honor and glory and tears.

—Joaquin Miller

## THE OUTLOOKERS' CORNER

### RECIPE FOR CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

By Madame La Ster

Chicken Soup.—Contents:

3 carrots, large  
1 can of tomatoes  
(Outlookers, Better Value)  
pinch of salt (if it "Yells" don't use it).  
2c parsley  
3c celery  
1 onion, medium  
1 leaf of cabbage  
3 chickens, not too small  
3 quarts of water.

Put water on stove and let it boil for ten minutes. Wash your carrots and peel them. Slice them lengthwise and then in half. Drop them in the kettle and watch so the water won't splash or you might get burned. Wash your parsley, celery, leaf of cabbage, and tie them together, so they won't drown. Put them in the pan and salt.

Then tie your three chickens to a string, dip into the water and then take them out. Every five minutes dip them into water and take them out. This is to give the soup a better flavor. Put in the tomatoes, don't forget to take them out of the can. Cook for three or four hours till the bones of the chicken start coming apart.

Noodle recipe:

3 cups of flour  
4 eggs.

Knead your flour and eggs till smooth (no bumps allowed). Roll out with a rolling pin until smooth. When dry roll together and cut very thin. If this is your first time they will probably be a little thick, but don't be disappointed for you will do better next time. When your chicken soup is done drop in the noodles. Cook for about ten minutes and then serve. (Better wait till it cools off a bit.)

This recipe is approved by the Outlookers' Kitchen of Recipe making.

#### NEWSY TID-BITS

Eleanor Ster, always up to date on the latest of hot stories, is sure peppering her conversation very generously with Confucius sayings—and, boy, are they something! Wow! . . . Guess Harold Kraly was a mite embarrassed at the last meeting when his brain didn't click with any of the questions asked him during the quiz bee. That's okey, Harold, the only thing you missed out on was a chocolate bar, and it wasn't so hot, anyway . . . Olga and Eleanor looked kinda cute keeping score for the quiz bee. They even got half a chocolate bar for all their work . . . Tank about gentlemen—president Zaubic spent the bigger part of last month's meeting inviting them to take off their hats—which did finally did . . . Frank Yagodnik spent the last two weeks in bed with mastoiditis, and guess

### HEADLINE FLASHES

By Olga Zaubi

The special meeting that was called on January 18 was well attended. Election of officers for the year was held. The following were elected: President, Olga Zaubi; vice-president, Betty Ann Tushar; secretary, Eleanor Ster. The officers were also given full responsibility of keeping up the Outlookers' Corner.

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It was a real pleasure to see some of the old faithful members present at our yearly meeting. To tell you the truth, my dear old brothers and sisters, we surely appreciate your coming very much.

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Our regular meeting of February 2 was held in the new bar-room of the Slovene Workmen's Home. Having liked the place so much, we decided to have all our meetings there.

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After the meeting we all gathered together and had a real "Uncle Jim's" quiz bee. The girls played against the boys. Each winner was given a big, juicy candy bar.

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Every three months we have a meeting set aside for what we call "Parents Night." We invite all parents to attend this meeting which is going to be held on March 1. After this meeting we are going to have a party. Prizes will be given to all the winners. To cheer us up and make our feet itch we are also going to have music.

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I want to extend my congratulations to Johnny Zaman, once a member of our Vrtec and now transferred to the Utopians, for his splendid work as a basketball player. Last week Johnny was awarded a scholarship to Fenn College.

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I want to thank the Utopians in behalf of four Vrtec for giving us a dollar each month to do what we please with it. This dollar is given to a member at each meeting. Three dollars will be given away at the next meeting.

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Our little Lillian Ster, sister of our secretary, Eleanor, met with an accident a few weeks ago. She was taken to the hospital for a very serious burn. This is what happens when her big sister watches her.

what charming president of the Outlookers (not mentioning any names) got him a box of candy for Valentine's day! . . . Florence Turk surprised us by attending our meeting for the first time in months—she also got a candy bar for the quiz bee . . . This has been a quiet month, so guess that's all, but just wait until Leap Year's Day—maybe we'll get married . . .

## Vrtec No. 112

### STARLIGHTERS

Bon Air, Pa. — In order to keep my New Year's Resolution I finally came out from behind the stove and decided to write.

We proceeded, as is customary to elect new officers for the New Year 1940. The officers were elected as follows: Tony Germak, president; Irene Martincic, vice-president; Frances Pristov, secretary and treasurer, Frances Martincic, recording secretary, Frank Middler, Victoria Marhefka and Sophie Zelek, auditors, Louis Bozic, sergeant-at-arms.

I'm still wondering if every one enjoyed themselves as much as I did at the New Year's Eve party held at the Bon Air hall.

Just a brief summary of the party. Who was that red-head you were with T. G.? It looked as though Johnny B. had one too many.

But I suppose, all in all, a good time was had by all. Some complained of sore feet, while others had what you would call "the night after" effects while still others had torn shoes. Ask a certain Matilda about that.

Frances Pristov, Sec'y-Treas  
Vrtec 112

## Progressor Juniors

Bridgeville, Pa. — I was sure surprised when I heard I was picked as representative of Progressor Juniors for the Cleveland Festival Campaign. With the help of Supreme President Kvartich and our new administratrix, Sister Clara Kvartich, we rounded up members for the Festival. We all hope these new members will help make our club bigger and better.

This is my first letter to the Vrtec, but not the last. I never miss reading the Vrtec for I think it's very interesting.

I am a Junior at Bridgeville High school and take the Home-making course. I spend my leisure time listening to the radio and dancing. Also my time is spent working after school.

I would like to have some new pen pals, so those looking forward to a pen pal, please write to me. My address is 921 McLaughlin Rd., Bridgeville, Pa.

Sincerely yours,

Ella Yuvancic  
Vrtec 169

Mother—Jackie, dear, what did you do in school today?

Little Jackie—We had nature study, mother. Each pupil had to bring specimens from home.

Mother—And what did you bring, precious?

Little Jackie—I brought a bedbug and a cockroach.

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Harriet—Mabel, what is a gentleman?

Mabel—A gentleman, dear, is a man you don't know very well.

## COMETS' NEWS

FRANCES ROSENBERGER

This month I will write a brief biography of our president Frances Rosenberger.

This charming Slovene lass was born in Ambridge, Pa., on August 20, 1924, and has been living in Ambridge ever since. She has attended various public schools here and is now a student of the Ambridge High School in her sophomore year. Is taking the Commercial course and her favorite subjects are Typing and Biology. She has participated in a number of school plays and is a member of the chorus.

Among her hobbies are dancing, basketball, reading and other outdoor sports.

She finds it very interesting to correspond with Vrtec members and friends. Frances has held the office of president of our Vrtec in the year 1939 and was reelected this year as president. She has been doing very fine work in building up our Vrtec. Keep it up Frances!

Her ambition is to become a stenographer.

I am sure she will succeed in whatever she does in her future years. Here's wishing you all the luck, happiness, and success now and forever.

I'll be back next month with another brief biography of our recording secretary.

Agnes Tekstar, Sec'y  
Vrtec 44

### COMETS' COLUMN

Ambridge, Pa. — This month two of our Comet lads will leave our Vrtec. These two members are none other than Gus Rosenberger and John Uhernik. They will be transferred to the adult class of Lodge 41, SSPZ.

Rus Rosenberger celebrated his 18th birthday this month. Rus was a very faithful member of our Vrtec. When our Vrtec was organized in June 1935, he was elected treasurer. During his term of office he did splendid work and whenever asked to help in the affairs, he did it willingly. He was also a member of our Vrtec softball team. Gus participated in the SSPZ Athletic Meet at Cleveland and at the meet held in Bridgeville. He was a good player on the team and the position which he played was third base.

Another member who will be transferred to the adult class is John Uhernik. He was also a loyal member of our Vrtec and was elected vice-president of our Vrtec when it was organized in June 1935. He carried out his duties to the best of his ability. He served as the president of our Vrtec for one year. John was also a member of our softball team and played at both meets for our softball team.

We are sorry to see them leave us but as it goes everyone sooner or later will have to be

transferred to the adult class.

I hope that you two boys will forever remain loyal members of this great and powerful organization. In behalf of our Vrtec I wish both of you lads a very "happy birthday (even though it is a bit late to say so). I also wish both of you plenty of luck, happiness, and success in your future years.

Agnes Tekstar, Sec'y  
Vrtec 44

Ambridge, Pa. Here we are with two months of 1940 almost gone. Most of you have probably broken some, if not all, of your resolutions. However, it is never too late to resolve to attend Vrtec meetings.

I think we emphasize duty in regard to the attendance too strongly. I've noticed that the same people attend our meetings all the time; this is so because they enjoy themselves at these gatherings. In view of this fact, I believe many of you who are not among the "regulars" should come to every meeting. Believe me, you are missing something if you stay away.

One evening, after I had come from a meeting, I sat thinking of ways and means to make the meetings more interesting and enjoyable for those attending. Before long, I found myself in front of the Slovenski Dom. Hearing a commotion, I entered, and found I was just in time to see another Comets' meeting get under way. Our president, Frances Rosenberger, and the other officers took their places. The meeting was called to order; before I knew what it was all about, the meeting was adjourned. Agnes Tekstar was announcing the program for the day. The first thing she announced was a play entitled "After the Dance is Over." The leading male role was taken by Stanley Uhernick and the leading lady was none other than charming Alberta Vlastic. They were ably assisted by Frank Sumrok, Margie Tekstar and Marshall Grosdeck. The play proved to be a delightful comedy. The actors turned in a wonderful performance and the applause at the closing of the curtain, was deafening.

The next part of the entertainment consisted of dancing and refreshments. The music was provided by our own orchestra, with Marshal Grosdeck at the piano, Frank Tekstar at the drums, Joe Yanchar at the bass fiddle and Mary Yanchar at the accordion. Oh, yes the vocalists were Sophie Tekstar and Marion Vlastic. The refreshment table was being cared for by Frances Rosenberger and Agnes Tekstar.

While dancing to the strains of "Darn That Dream" I felt a rough hand grasp my shoulder, and someone kept forcing me toward the door. Angrily, I

## SYGAN HILL JUNIORS

### A CHANGE

Sygan Hills, Pa. — Again new ideas beam! One in particular is most exciting and new. This idea has been long used by other social groups to raise funds. Since we are now in a position to think of a joyous and successful meeting, this bright new plan shall be used.

At our last meeting in January we discussed this subject and all were 100 per cent in favor. So if you will all cooperate we'll all play "games" at our meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 instead of the third Friday of the month. The change was necessary in order that all basket ball players could attend. The following meeting in March will again be held on the third Friday.

Julie C. Kramzer, Sec'y  
Vrtec 72

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Just the other day I eavesdropped in our family's discussion, whether or not my brother should go to Bank-Nite. As he spoke, "mama, what would you do if I won the \$125," I instantly recalled to mind a story quite suited to this problem. As they talked about hundreds of ways to spend the money, I intruded

turned to see who my tormentor was, only to find myself looking into the face of mother, who was trying to get me out of the chair and into the bed.

Yes, darn that dream! Why can't it come true? Perhaps it will some day; for who knows what the future holds?

Jane Gaspersic, Rec. Sec'y

### COMETS' FLASHES

By AGNES TEKSTAR

Mary Sumrok and Katherine Kanaky have celebrated their birthdays this month. In behalf of the Vrtec I wish both of them a very happy birthday!

Yours truly would like to hear from Joy. So why not drop a line.

It seems at though Sophie Tekstar lives at Gorup's house because she is there almost every day.

Joe Sumrok sure can dance polkas. It must run in the family, Joe.

Peter Georgiadis sure can sing "El Rancho Grande" in Spanish. Keep it up Peter, and maybe someday you'll sing with an orchestra.

Mary Yanchar seems to be in a daze about a certain ?

Where's the article that you promised to write, Jane? Wake up Jane! I know that you have something very interesting to write so why not send an article to the "Napredok."

Louis "Flash" Uhernik hasn't attended a Comet meeting for quite some time. I wonder if a certain ?? has something to do with his not attending our meetings any more.

In behalf of the Comets' Vrtec I wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Josephine Rosenberger, member of Lodge 41 and mother of our Vrtec president.

In my last article I omitted a name of one of our members who took part in the program on the day that our Vrtec held a party. Marshall Grosdeck played a number of tunes on the piano. He really can play and we hope that he'll play for us again.

### Song Hits

Be "In the Mood" and attend every monthly meeting.

Remain "Faithful Forever" to the SSPZ and the Comets' Vrtec.

very thoughtlessly to compare my story with that of another boy's, who visualized loads and loads of dreams.

"One day this little boy trotted over his father's bare, hunting ground. As he gazed here and there, he spied a rabbit, not far from where he was standing. As he stood gazing half paralyzed with anxiety he visualized a lifetime of happiness. He said, "Ill catch that rabbit, take it to our neighbor and barter it for a spring chicken. Soon this fine "piška" will lay dozens and dozens of eggs. Later on, she will develop into a beautiful "kokla" and will hatch loads and loads of "piščance". One day these "piščance" will develop into fine "piške" and "petelinčke." When these chicks have fully grown and ready for the "pot," I'll sell off the crew. With this money I'll buy a young calf. As young Ferdie grows up he'll aid me on the farm and I'll say, "hej rogin" . . .

And so the comparison ends, ending the dream because the little boy thought out loud and frightened the rabbit away.

Julie Kramzer

### PEOPLE WE ENVY

Oh! how I've longed to live thousand and one lives. Haven't you?

In the movies, perhaps in a story, the heroine has won your admiration because she was enchantingly young and successful. How you've wished you were she or he. Even, at times, haven't we mocked these characters; used some of their odd phrases, tried to perfect ourselves?

Even in our own small towns live some enviable people. Some old, some just blooming in youth. Some are afflicted with disease, others are blind, deaf or disabled, but we don't hear them moan or yop. Can we help admiring such courageous people?

I've longed to be the No. 1 glamour girl of a certain season, with a million dollar debut—at times to possess such a gifted voice as Diana Durbin.

In our town lives a sweet girl; just bubbling over with health, youth and beauty. At one time this girl was happy. All that is changed now. We pity the youngsters who must learn the cruel things in life the hard way, be it lessons in school, home, or life, itself.

Now there's grandma, old in body but alert, young and ambitious in mind. As her kind, tired face gazes at us, we can read her thoughts as, "My child, if I were as youthful as you . . ."

Youth, middle age and maturity, each have their enviable points, haven't they?

Julie C. Kramzer

## A SLOVENE LETTER

Gowanda, N. Y. — Naj vam kot članica Vrtea št. 148 nekoliko napišem glede mojega potovanja iz starega kraja, iz Jugoslavije, kjer sem zapustila svoj ljubi dom in svojo ljubo šolo. Dom moj je v vasi Hinje pri žužemberku. Hodila sem v šolo v drugi razred in sem zapustila svoj ljubi domači kraj in igrače. Prišla sem v Združene države, v ljubo Ameriko. Prišli smo z ljubo mamiko k mojemu dragemu ateku. V New York smo dospeli 27. julija leta 1937. Naš parnik je bil "Ile de France." V Gowando smo prišli dne 28. julija. Zdaj hodim tukaj že v četrti razred. Učim se še precej dobro in govorim angleško, tako da nobeden ne ve, da sem šele pred par leti prišla iz starega kraja. Stara sem že enajst let. Sedaj vas vse skupaj lepo pozdravim.

Josephine Stich,  
članica Vrtea 148

## DAWN PATROL

Gowanda, N. Y. — Once again it's Dawn Patrol reporting. First of all, I must mention something about our dance held last January. Everybody was having a good time, dancing, singing, eating and last but not least drinking. The play was successful with all the members in the cast knowing their parts perfectly. One of the interesting part was when our little Bobbie Vehar sang "God Bless America" in his beautiful style of singing. I think he deserves much credit as he is only three years old, and can do better than most of the older members. Another interesting part was "Getting Citizenship Papers" Roller Skating, and Afraid of a mouse. The play presented by Lodge 211 was played nicely and so was Vrtec 148. Later in the evening, the cake with words engraved on it "Vrtec 148 SSPZ and Lodge 211" was the center of attraction and it was won by Mrs. Samson. She was very kind to give a piece of the cake to all who wished to have some. Many thanks go to you Mrs. Samson. George Samson and John Vehar also did a bit of good playing and they always had a crowd dancing.

The stockholders of the Slovene Hall held a meeting last month and were kind enough to give us the Slovene Hall free for our meetings and Slovene school. They also deserve many thanks. The Slovene school will be discontinued after the middle of April and come on gang let's see more of you attend the school, before it closes for the summer vacation. Until next time, yours truly will be signing off.

Violet Widgay, Treas.  
Vrtec 148

*This creature man, who in his own selfish affairs is a coward to the backbone, will fight for an idea like a hero.*

—George Bernard Shaw

## Dawn Patrol

Gowanda, N. Y. — Our last meeting held February 11 was well attended. At this time we discussed the organization of a softball team to be coached by George Samson, Jr. Mr. Samson, the so-called Chief of Police of Hidi, is a member of our Senior SSPZ lodge. After the meeting was adjourned, delicious refreshments were served us by the Entertainment Committee. None of us was disappointed because Cupid remembered us with Valentines. From the number of Valentines Henry "Stub" Scrabec received, it's obvious that he's quite a favorite with the young ladies.

Everyone who attended our dance on January 20 had an enjoyable time. In the early part of the evening, we held a little play. Little Bobby Vehar did a nice job singing "God Bless America." Ralph Korbar and John Matekovich, Jr., supplied the humor by their act "Getting Citizen Papers." The last part of our show was about the organization of the SSPZ Vrtec.

After the play a dance was held in the lower hall with music being supplied by George Samson, Jr., and John Vehar, who played the accordion and cornet. Mrs. Josephine Samson won the cake and donated it to the SSPZ. It was divided among those who took part in the play. They all thanked Mrs. Samson by singing "God Bless America" for her.

Chatter — Evidently "Stub" doesn't know that when he goes to the theatre, he pays admission to see a picture on the screen, and not one in the audience — Who was the handsome young gentleman that was courting Mary Stibil at our last meeting? Here's your chance, Mary, it's Leap Year — Did you ever notice Frances Smerke's dimples when she flashes one of those smiles? — What do you think of Milan Miller as a modern Lochinvar? — We will soon have an accordionist of the fair sex in the person of Anne Stibil, who is progressing splendidly. See you all again very soon.

Reporters.

Gowanda, N. Y. — This is my first appearance in this paper. I've been a member for quite a long time and I hope to make more appearances in the future.

The senior members of lodge 211 were kind enough to let us have our own meetings. We also have a Slovene school. The last time we had a test it happened that Eleanor Matekovich (the youngest one that goes to our school) was the best one. She received a present. Violet Widgay came in second with an average of 94 and I came in third with an average of 91.

Eleanor had 97. That happened to be the second or third time she won.

George Samson played at our dance, or should I say, play. We gave away a cake. Mrs. Samson who won it donated it to the SSPZ children. We each got a piece and I said it was very good.

Anne Stibil  
Vrtec 148

## ROVING REPORTS

Not froze yet in Gowanda but the weather is terrific; and sickness, we sure have it here.

Our play that was held January 20, was a great success. Many thanks to the officers of the senior lodge and supervisors of the Vrtec for their cooperation. We also had our pictures taken. They turned out very nice, and did our administrator have work getting orders and distributing them. Our last meeting was very well attended and a Valentine party followed right after the meeting. Did we have a lot of fun playing games! Sisters Frances and Mary have their hands full arranging the entertainment after each meeting. That's the job that was bestowed upon them.

Looking thru the Vrtec section I've noticed many articles telling of the good times they are having. I enjoy reading the Vrtec very much. Many, many thanks to Mrs. Samson who won the cake and gave it to us children. We sure will never forget you.

And now for a few hints pertaining to us and others and especially those who are wondering who the Roving Reporter is. To Eleanor Matekovich, who was quite ill a speedy recovery and that she may soon be back in school. There are a couple of boys in the Slovene School who I think should pay more attention to their work and not giggle and laugh all the time. It makes me laugh when I hear them talking about me and how they blame others, but just watch the articles. Maybe some day you will find out. Well, I think I will close for this time and more roving reports in future articles.

I remain your,

Roving Reporter

## CUT STRING TRICK

Before appearing for this trick the performer cuts two pieces of string each about 18 inches long. One of these he rolls into a compact little ball and holds it out of sight, grasped firmly between the bases of the thumb and forefinger of the left hand.

Then appearing before the company holding the other length of string up for all to see, he asks someone to cut it into half a dozen pieces. When the string has been cut, he holds up the pieces to show that they really are pieces. Next he rolls

## Challenger Jrs. News

Strabane, Pa. — Due to the illness of our administratrix Miss Frances Vrhovnik, the Challenger Jrs. February meeting had to be postponed to the following Friday. We are very glad that her illness was a short one, and that she is back well and able to work again. Since time did not permit us to arrange a Valentine party, we decided to have an Easter party instead. So let's see a large turnout at our March meeting, so that all sorts of arrangements can be made for a grand party. The monthly meetings are being held at the home of our administratrix Miss Vrhovnik, every first Friday of the month at 6:30 p. m. So let's see you all there. Now for a little gossip in

## Information Please

Why do so many girls attend knitting classes? Is it just a meetings place to exchange gossip, or are they really learning to knit? Who's the curly-headed boy friend that Blanche has been seen with? Does red-head Beton go with a certain "Pat"! Johanna Vrhovnik, a very good knitter has almost completed her sweater. How many years has it taken Lillian Helay to knit her sweater? It was for herself now for her five-year-old brother. Geraldine Daley has moved to Canonsburg, we members will miss her jolly remarks, but don't worry, she promises to come to all our meetings.

Margaret Hickerson has moved to Nashville, Tennessee. We wish her a pleasant stay and hope to have her back soon. Margaret plans on staying at her sister's home for at least five months.

## Sports

Since the Chartiers Creek has frozen over a number of members gather there each evening for a game or two of "shinnie," (old-fashioned hockey). Others take to the steep Snake Hill for a rough and thrilling sport "Yankee Riding." Also seen enjoying the winter sports, coasting on Snake Hill were Pattie and Terry Koval. How about a few of you fellows that are on the P. C. giving us a little news about the various sports that your fellow members take part in.

Junior Reporter

the pieces into a little ball, chattering away to divert attention from his hands.

While rolling this ball between his hands, he contrives to secrete it in his right palm and continue the rolling process with the little ball of uncut string from his left hand. Finally, he opens up the substituted ball to show that the cut piece has been "restored."

*Multitudes think they like to do evil; yet no man ever really enjoyed doing evil since God made the world.*

—Ruskin

## Indianapolis Jugoslavs

### CALLING ALL GIRLS

Indianapolis, Ind. — We urge all girls of Vrtec 9 to be present at the next meeting as a very important question is to be discussed. The young ladies of this Vrtec have been sitting at the sidelines for a long time but are now forging ahead. The girls are now in the majority holding office so we believe that now that we are ahead we want to stay there. How about forming a softball or a drill team. If you have any other ideas bring them to the meeting.

Come on girls! Show the boys what we can do!

Remember our motto. "Forge Ahead Girls."

We are glad to see Miss Elma Qualitza back as our administratrix. For a time we were afraid we would lose her and we were really relieved to know that she would be ours for another year. It is through her efforts that the girls are getting out of the rut and becoming active and interested Vrtec members. Let's show her we are thankful by coming to the meetings.

"Thanks millions for your help, Elmie!" That comes from all of us.

Wilma Mergole  
Vrtec 9

Indianapolis, Ind. — The champs of '39 are now preparing for spring training. The champs as you all know are the Jugoslavs from Indianapolis. The Yugoslav team is said to be and will be one of the strongest in the coming meet. The team will be coached by the able Tony Qualiza, Jr.

The meeting for the softball team will be held the first Sunday in March. All new members as well as old are urged to be there. The captain and co-captain will be elected.

The team will be built around the five returning players, Louis Snidersich, All Aimin, Bill Komlanc, Louis Dragan and Al Flajs.

### JUGOSLAVS' GOSSIP

John (Poodle) Prop. is a wonderful guy—he poodles.

We don't see the Teller-Aller any more. What is the matter?

Martin (Mutt) Dragan sure did have a good time at the Hard Time Dance. (What do you say, Mutt?)

Boy—Could those Mergole girls jitterbug! They sure did have a good time at the dance; they are swell girls and very faithful members.

Romie—Little Big Man Who Wasn't There—just recently showed up at a meeting. Keep up the good work, vice-president.

June (Blondy) Canalos was dancing with— Where was Dogwood?

Louie (the Moocher) Znidarsich, has just spent his last days as a foreman of the print-shop at George Washington High. Editor, have you any jobs open? (Please notify the Moocher.)

Zaker—How does it feel to come home at 4 a. m.? Shame on you—that is a bad example for the younger member.

Rose and Mary Klarich are hoping to see Cleveland soon. (We wish them all the luck.)

William (Bill) Komlanc is seen bowling every Wednesday night at a certain bowling alley. (Trying to catch up with the boys, Bill?)

Mary Kocjan was seen looking out of

# Mountaineers

Pierce, W. Va. — This is the first time I have written for the Vrtec page. I am sorry that I haven't written before. Sister Mary Klevisher has been asking me to write for some time, so at last I am writing.

I have read a story about the Czechs under Hitler's rule, so I will pass it on to you. The story was very interesting.

### The Indigestible Czechs

On November 15, nine Czech students were shot down by German bullets in front of their schoolmates. This was done to teach the other Czech students a lesson. Two nights before, the German soldiers stormed three colleges, imprisoned 1200 students, and sent an undetermined number of wounded to the hospital.

The Czech people are unhappy but are not crushed. They do everything in their power to annoy the German government without raising a disturbance.

When moving pictures of Germany are shown on the screen, there is always something added by the proprietor that makes the movie a joke. If Hitler is making a speech on the screen, the people break into a fit of coughing. They roar with laughter when they see German soldiers goose-stepping across the screen. The Czech children go down the street imitating the German soldiers and shouting "Heilt Hitler!" which in Czech, means, "Cure Hitler!"

When a German soldier comes into a Czech store, the thing he wants is not available or the clerk doesn't understand German. When a German comes into a restaurant, it is almost impossible for him to catch the waiter's eye.

One day an old man came up to a German soldier and offered him a glass of beer. The German thought from the way the old man smiled that it was a toast and that it was all right. If the German soldier had understood Czech, he would have known that he was drinking a toast to the destruction of the Reich and all its work, especially the army.

The Czechs pour coffee down the bore of German machine guns so that they will be put out of commission the first time they are shot. Needed parts of machine guns disappear. Artillery shells are found defective. If packages that are to be sent to Germany are marked "Fragile," one of the mail clerks is sure to drop it. In this way the Czechs do widespread damage to German war material.

Pamphlets are distributed through underground methods.

Czech farmers have lots of

the window at a certain party. (Was it because of Rudy Bayt?)

Henry Bayt (still the bowler he used to be) bowled a game about 167. (Not bad, eh!)

butter, and Germany needs all she can get. So, the Czech farmer, instead of churning the milk for butter, feeds it to his pigs.

When the Czech students were shot down to teach the Czechs a lesson, they remained as "pig-headed" and noncooperative as ever. They have had experience before and still will not cooperate.

Virginia Kavcic,  
Vice-Pres. Vrtec 140.

### MOUNTAINEERS

Pierce, W. Va. — To those of you who were not present at the January meeting, I want to say you missed one grand time.

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Virginia Kavcic, who has been acting as our president for the past few months. The main business of the day was election of officers. The following were elected to serve on the board of officers for 1940: President, Junior Carrico; vice-president, Virginia Kavcic; secretary, Mary Bullick; treasurer, Mary Klevisher, and our newly elected administrator is Joe Fortini. You can rest assured that each officer will fulfill his office to the best of his ability.

At the previous meeting sister Jennie Klevisher promised to give us a treat. I know everyone of you who were present were pleased, but what about the members that were not present? Well, you just missed a grand time! All the members wish to thank sister Klevisher for the fine treat.

Our meetings will be held every third Sunday of the month at 1 o'clock in the Pierce School building. Now since the meetings will be in the school building, it will be more convenient for all of the members.

### Time to Leave Us

As a time comes for everything, so the time has come for Jennie Klevisher and Johnnie Pinasky to leave us.

Jennie has been president of Vrtec 140 since its organization in 1936. She was always willing to help at any affairs. Jennie has been residing in Washington, D. C., for the past few months.

Johnnie, who has been residing in Petersburg, W. V., for the past few years, has also proven to be a loyal member of our Vrtec.

To both of you: I hope you've enjoyed being members of our Vrtec and may you find much happiness with the senior members.

Good luck to both of you!

Mary Klevisher, Treas.  
Vrtec 140

### Letter From Washington, D. C.

Dear fellow members:— As I am about to leave your Vrtec I feel that I should write this letter to you expressing my joy on the progress you have made since we organized.

How well do I remember the year of 1936 when our Vrtec came into existence. At that time there were only eleven members, but today there are many times that number. Yes, you members deserve much praise and honor, for due to your unceasing work and cooperation our group became an active part in this great organization, the SSPZ.

One of the highlights of the year 1937 was our winning of a prize in the Wheel of Progress Campaign, which proves that you all were striving to reach the goal—success. One of my most pleasant memories is the visit of brother Michael Vrhovnik in the spring of 1939.

I know that you will make this year a great one. I know that you will endeavor to increase the membership and that you will cooperate in every undertaking as you have in the past. I hope that as the Vrtec grows you will continue to grow in spirit and strength of mind.

Now I shall bid farewell. I am happy to have been one of you, yet unhappy to leave you. Now as I am about to join the Senior lodge I take with me many happy memories—our Vrtec meetings, laughter and shouting at picnics, and especially the fine leadership of our former administrators, brothers Frank Polantz and Louis Royce, and administratrix, sister Lovie Panther. I know you shall progress under the leadership of brother Joe Fortini. Farewell, dear members, farewell!

Fraternally yours,  
Jennie Klevisher

### NEWSETTES

As the two little birdies were flying around Pierce, they picked up some news, gossip, or what have you.

Who's that girl that's always talking about a certain blonde on the basketball team? Could it be you, Flome?

Where have the Gasser sisters been keeping themselves? Don't forget our meetings are every third Sunday of the month.

Wonder why Junior "Oscar" Carrico turns red when he conducts the meetings? Could it be the girls, "Oscar"?

Richard Evans sure has the girls after him. Wonder if it's because he is a basketball player? Or is it that he is so handsome, girls?

Our ever-charming secretary, Mary Bullick, sure does keep Jimmy waiting! Won't you tell us why, Mary?

Whose blue Ford is seen in Pierce so often? We bet Virginia Kavcic knows! Betcha! Betcha!

Jennie Gasser always sings Oh! Johnnie! Oh! Johnnie! We bet she means Oh! Tommy Are we right, kid?

Gee did a certain girl have a big smile on her face when she saw Johnnie Pinasky at the last meeting! Must we tell,—? Don't worry, we'll keep it under our hats!

A certain lad is going to teach a Mountaineer lass to drive a car. Wonder if it's really that?

We miss Bruce Sayer's wise-cracks at our meetings. Bring them along next time!

Jimmy W. said he likes the Pierce girls, but they're all too "stuck-up!" Will you let that pass, girls?

Jennie G. is getting to be a real jitterbug. Keep it up, Jen! You'll teach us then.

Bill Mangin has been steppin' out quite a bit lately with the girls. Maybe it's because of his voice!

The Pierce senior girls are wanting to organize a girls' basketball team. Wonder if they'll come through as tournament champs? Hope! Hope! Hope!

Until we flutter around again "tweet-tweet."

"Newsey and Nosey"

# White Valley Kingsters

White Valley, Pa. — Since this is the first time I'm writing to the "Napredak" I'll try to make it as short as possible. First of all I want to thank everybody that attended our dance, Feb. 4, 1940. We had a very nice crowd and all of you that didn't attend missed a swell time I'm sure, but there will be others.

Our administrator with the help of Hilda Homce, Edith Barber, and Edward Sabec, did a very good job behind the lunch counter, and Helen Mladenick, Helen Kastelic, Irene Arbore, were at the door. Sorry to hear of Hilda's illness. Hope you're getting along O. K., Hilda.

Well, that's all the news for this time. I'll try and dig up more for the next time.

Johnny "Penner" Previc,  
Vice-Pres., Kingsters

## KINGSTERS

Delmont, Pa. — The Kingsters Vrtec 103 of White Valley held their first monthly meeting of the year on January 15, 1940. At this meeting the election of officers took place. They are as follows:

President, Helen Previc; vice-president, John Previc; secretary, Helen Mladenick; recording secretary, Jerry Heronik; treasurer, Edwin Sabec.

These officers with the cooperation of the other members, should make 1940 the best in the history of the Kingsters.

The Kingsters have already started 1940 off with a bang. On February 4 we had our fourth anniversary dance which was very successful. In behalf of the Kingsters, I would like to thank all of those who attended our dance in making it a huge success. I am sure that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves immensely.

Our next regular meeting will be held on February 18 at the White Valley Hall, 11:00 o'clock sharp. Refreshments will be served after the meeting, so we would like to see most of the Vrtec members there. Assessments shall be paid to all the Vrtec members this month out of the Vrtec treasury.

Until the eighteenth, adios,  
Helen Kastelic, pres.  
Vrtec 103

## KINGSTERS

White Valley, Pa. — At our last meeting, which was held on Jan. 22, 1940, the election of new officers took place. They are: president, Helen Kastelic; vice-president, John Previc; secretary, Helen Mladenick; recording secretary, Jerry Havranek; treasurer, Edward Sabec. Very glad to say that our administrator is still Mr. Michael Kastelic. We hope to make a bigger and better Vrtec in 1940. And now a little about our members.

Helen Mladenick—we haven't seen any of your recipes in the Napredak. You didn't give up, did you?

Irene Arbor took us by surprise and attended the last meeting. We would like you to attend all our meetings, Irene.

Helen Kastelic.—The sweets were very good. Could the hostess be just at good?

Hilda Homce didn't attend our meeting. Did Walter keep you back?

Anna Gerloskey.—What happened to you? We didn't think you would miss a meeting.

Edward Sabec seems to be a very bashful boy. Wonder if we ought to know him better.

Johnny Previc (Penner).—Well, he's one of those boys that like to sit down and do their night work. No, he doesn't need any help—do you, Penner?

Joe Havranek.—The teachers really like him. Maybe it's your ears they go after. By the way, Joe, if you must move seats in school please move your own.

Stanley Geloskey and our arithmetic teacher seem to hit it. She's alright, isn't she, Stan?

My friend Anna.—No one can keep her home from the movies. Maybe Anthony is down there some place. Why don't you try going the evenings when no one can see you?

Delores Yelochen is now a full-fledge member of the SSPZ.

Edward Dezlen has a new baby brother now.

Lillian Theadore, also a new member.—We hope you will attend all meetings, Lillian. We have more members but since they don't show up at the meetings we don't know anything about them.

And now about the dance which was held on Feb. 4. We had a very nice crowd. The CCC boys of Slickville had a nice time. We were very glad to see the Homer City boys. If I'm not mistaken Frank Rink is one of the boys. Export surprised us by attending this affair.

Universal also attended and had a swell time. Syganers were missed by a few of the girls, I think. Don't be so mean, boys.

We want to thank everyone that attended the dance and helped to make it a success. Well, that will be all for this time, so until next time—So long . . .

Edith Barber  
Vrtec 103

## STEALING STEPS

Here is a game popular with youngsters. The player who is "It" turns his (or her) back on the other players who stand 20 to 30 feet back of him in a line. The "It" counts aloud to 10. While he is counting the line can move toward him. But the moment the counting stops and the "It" whirls around, the moving players must stop. If the "It" sees any player moving, that player must go back to the starting line. The last player to reach the counter's side is the "It" next time.

Visitor—I think it's nice for a man to spend a lot of time at his own fireside.

Mrs. Farmer—Yes, but if he spends too much of it there this weather there won't be any wood to keep the fire going.

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Wardie (adoringly)—Darling, all the time you're kissing me, I'll be holding my breath. Is that dignified?

Jackie—Good lord, no! That's suicide.

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER DIGEST PROJECT IN CLEVELAND

By F. J. Erzen

Many articles have been written concerning various WPA projects and their programs. I should like to inform the public about the purpose and development of the Foreign-Language Newspaper Digest Project in Cleveland, Ohio, which is under the supervision of Mr. Oscar Ban, a trained and capable newspaperman.

This project will make available a historical record of translated abstracts from foreign newspapers published in Cleveland. Its object is to record the history, activities, organized life, adjustment problems and processes, thoughts, opinions, and culture of Cleveland's immigrant groups as reflected in their language press. A staff of 128 translation abstractors transcribe into English the material found in the Cleveland foreign newspapers published in 11 languages. The following newspapers were selected from 28 Cleveland foreign-language publications: The American is the Czech daily; Waechter und Anzeiger (Sentinel and Advertiser), the German daily; Ameriška Domovina (American Home) and Enakopravnost 'Equality', the two Slovene dailies; Szabadsag (Liberty), the Hungarian daily; La Voce Del Popolo Italiana (The Voice of the Italian People), the Italian tri-weekly; Yidishe Welt (Jewish World), the Jewish daily; Dirva (The Field), the Lithuanian weekly; Wiadomosci Sodzienne (Polish Daily News), the Polish daily; America, the Roumanian four-edition weekly; Rodian (Family), the Carpatho-Russian semi-monthly; and Hlas (Voice) the Slovak weekly.

Public planning and other agencies concerned with the problem of assisting foreign groups in this community to adapt themselves to local conditions have long been hampered in their work by the lack of easily accessible information about the groups with which they deal. Certain foreign groups in this city have made outstanding contributions to the cultural development of not only this community, but their home countries as well.

Cleveland has a very large population of foreign groups, and being an outstanding example of the American "melting pot" ideal, it lends itself particularly well to a study of this sort. A better understanding of the motives and customs of the immigrant population is one of the objectives of this subject. The purpose of the Digest is to prepare a set of multi-graphed books providing convenient reference for anyone interested in study and research. It will assist students of history, sociology, politics, economics, and other subjects. It will preserve the history of Cleveland's immigrant population, and, as many newspaper files are deteriorating, it will be of permanent value to those writing annals of local interest.

The abstracts are classified under six headings in the following order:

1. Individuals — filed alphabetically by personal name and concerning persons of each nationality who live in America;
2. The Nationality Organizations — filed alphabetically by corporate name, which include churches, lodges, newspapers, libraries, and so forth;
3. The Local Setting — containing material concerning the general

Cleveland scene; 4. The New Country — dealing with American national issues and other than local activities of the immigrant groups that do not specifically relate to the local setting; 5. The Old Country — containing abstracts dealing with the internal and foreign affairs of the motherland of the nationality group; 6. The World — containing all material that cannot be filed under any of the other classifications.

The abstractors are selected by means of oral and written tests. They translate the necessary information in clear, simple English. Later the article is checked by a carefully selected worker in each language group. After being checked, the abstracts are classified, edited, and typed for multi-graphing and are then indexed by experienced workers.

Included in the Slovene organizations group are the programs, conventions, meeting, benefit performances and public appearances of 165 societies. There are 9 dramatic clubs, 15 senior singing societies, 9 juvenile choruses, 7 political clubs, 9 Slovene national homes and their various clubs, and many other merchant and pleasure clubs. Published are, detailed accounts of the activities of the large Slovene and Croatian organizations and their Cleveland branch lodges. Included in this group are the Hrvatska Bratska Zajednica (Croatian Fraternal Union); Hrvatska Radiša (Croatian Welfare Society); Jugoslovanska Katoliška Jednota (South Slavonic Catholic Union); Kranjsko - Slovenska Katoliška Jednota (Grand Carnolian Slovenian Catholic Union); Slovenska Dobrodela Zveza (Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association); Slovenska Narodna Podporna Jednota (Slovene National Benefit Society); Slovenska Svobodomiselna Podporna Zveza (Slovene Progressive Benefit Society); Slovenska Ženska Zveza (Slovenian Ladies Union); Slovenska Moška Zveza (Slovenian Men's Union); Progresivne Slovenke v Ameriki (Progressive Slovene Women of America); Zapadna Slovanska Zveza (Western Slavonic Association); and the Jugoslovanska Socijalistična Zveza (Jugoslav Socialist Federation). The Slovene lodges of the Maccabees, the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Woodmen of the World are also included. The religious activities in all Slovene parishes are listed under the title of each church, namely: St. Lawrence, St. Mary's, St. Christine's, and St. Vitus.

Long after this generation will have passed away these records will be available to historians and students. They will show the contributions of the Yugoslavs and various other nationalities of Cleveland to the political, social, and educational development of the United States of America.

Spie—What would you say if you saw me lined up before a firing squad like the man we just saw in that movie?

Gal Friend—Fire!

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Smiles

Mandy—Rastus, does yo' love me?

Rastus—Mandy, yo' is one woman I don't like none other no better than.