







## Boyhood Dream Comes True

### JOE G. NEMANICH SUCCEEDS IN BUSINESS

by: Daniel J. Postotnik

Cleveland, Ohio — There are so many of us who remember "Joey" as a dynamic and brilliant young man some 25 years ago in the St. Clair Community, the eldest son of our distinguished St. Vitus Catholic layman, Slovenian leader and fraternalist, Mr. Joseph J. Nemanich, and his wife Frances (nee Kasunic). In those years, they had resided at 1145 E. 74th St., and for many more at 7365 Myron Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

"Joey", as we called him "way back when", attended St. Vitus School, Cathedral Latin High, and then enrolled at Case Institute of Technology, where he received his degree as an Electrical Engineer in 1953 at the age of 20. He is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

At age 14, Joe became interested in roller skating, and throughout his high school and college days, pursued this avocation with such diligence that his father had qualms about his son being able to give enough time to his school work. Consequently, his Dad was very reluctant in buying his son's first pair of roller skates. "Joey" became such a professional in this endeavor, that he went on to win many trophies and awards nationally, in figure and dance skating.

This avocation later became his way of life, as he recently stated when he was interviewed by the Roller Skating Rink Operators of America publication. The article states that he is still a competitive skater and a professional teacher, and that he bought his first skating rink at Fairborn, Ohio (near Dayton), in 1962. He was successful in this venture, and in 1970 purchased a second rink in Zanesville, Ohio. As a member of the Board of Directors, he has been instrumental in promoting various programs for the RSROA, such as involving his organization with charitable work for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, creation of ROLLER SKATING BUSINESS, and increasing the scope of the Association's publications.

After graduating from Case in 1953, Joe went to work for DELCO, a General Motors subsidiary in Dayton, Ohio. There he met his sweetheart, Nancie Bashor of Trotwood, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton. They were married in 1954, and she immediately became a member of K.S.K.J. as her husband had been since birth. Nancie is also a avid roller skater and instructor at the Fairborn rink. The Zanesville operation is supervised by reliable people, with Mr. Nemanich making sporadic visits there.

Joe's principal work is still as a Manufacturer's Representative for S.A.I. Marketing Corp., an electronics firm in Dayton, with whom he has been associated since 1954. He travels extensively promoting his company's electronic components. In the last 2 years, Joe has been elevated to the Board of Directors, and the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the company. "We have always run the Fairborn rink ourselves, with my wife doing most of the teaching, while I handle general business duties", Joe said, "and we have a manager at the Zanesville center, but we still are actively involved there". He went on to state "that the ownership of our rinks came about through our love of roller skating as a sport and business, not primarily to make large profits".

To the question: "What changes have you seen in the roller skating industry and in the Association?", Mr. Nemanich answered: "As a whole, I think that it's growth has been very rewarding. Many of us who started out over 25 years ago, can remember the poor reputation rinks held. They were con-

sidered "hangouts" for trouble-some teens, and as prime candidates for bankruptcy by business people. Today, they are considered sound, stable investments."

He remarked further: "I feel a little like a parent who loves his grandchild, but didn't want his child to grow up". This latter statement refers to the tremendous growth now occurring in the industry. Joe still feels that this business and the association will have a very bright future. In concluding his remarks, he said: "My association with the Board has been good for me and for my business because of the top notch people I have met. I hope that the years I have spent on the Board have been good for RSROA. I have always given my best as part of the collective leadership of the organization."

Joe has done much for church organizations and schools in his areas by offering his customers use of free skates and half price admissions on innumerable occasions.

His wonderful Dad left us unexpectedly on Jan. 23, 1975, and at the time of his death, served with distinction as National President of the K.S.K.J. (American Slovenian Catholic Union), and prior to that held the office of 1st National Vice President for many years. I will never forget the beautiful eulogy delivered by Joe G. Nemanich about his father, when we gathered at Recher Hall after his funeral.

Joe and Nancie reside at 337 Carthage Place, Trotwood, Ohio. They visit his widowed mother Frances, 314 E. 214th St., Euclid, Ohio, as often as possible. Frances Nemanich is still very active in fraternal and cultural groups, and does much for our Golden Agers at Slovenian Old Age Home on Neff Rd. Joe has a brother Jim living in Matteson, Illinois, and a sister Barbara Johnson in Eastlake, Ohio. Mr. Joseph G. Nemanich will be observing his 45th Birthday on April 3, 1978. All of your relatives and friends, especially from Minnesota, Ohio and Illinois, wish you a very "HAPPY 45th", and continued success and happiness in the future!

### Benefactor for Flood Victims

The Harvey Mlachak family of Willoughby Hills recently suffered a great loss when a flood on the Chagrin River moved their home some 17 feet. Most of their household and personal belongings were damaged in the plight.

A group of friends has decided to stage a benefit polka dance for Harvey and wife June who are employees at Simic's Tavern on E. 260th Street.

The benefit will take place on Sunday, April 23 at the Slovenian Society Home at 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid, starting at 3:00 p.m.

The following is a schedule of 16 bands and artists who will donate their services: In the main hall at 3:00 p.m. Eddie Stampff; 4 p.m. Richie Vadrnal; 5 p.m. Markic-Zagger; 6 p.m. Dave Wretschko; 7 p.m. Jeff Pecon; 8 p.m. Joe Luzar; 9 p.m. Eddie Rodick; and from 10 until 11, the Marauders.

In the annex it will be Joey Miskulin at 3:00 p.m.; Pinky Trinko at 4 p.m.; Ron Stark at 5 p.m.; Bob Shauer at 6 p.m.; Ken Zagar at 7 p.m.; Art Perko at 8 p.m.; George Sanduhar at 9 p.m.; and Fred Kuhar from 10 until 11 p.m.

General Admission is \$2.50 and advance tickets are available at Simic's Tavern, 1080 E. 260 Street; the Two Cro's Lounge at 731 E. 185 St.; Tony's Polka Village, 971 E. 185 St.; Svetek's Cafe at 768 E. 800 St.; and the Slovenian clubroom on Recher Avenue. Tickets will also be available at the door.

All proceeds will be donated

## Death Notices

### LOUISE MISMAS

Friday night, Feb. 24 on the way to Marymount Hospital, Louise Mismas nee Perko, died at the age of 79.

She lived at 14902 Lisa Dr., Maple Hts. She was born in Slovenia at St. Jerney—Vas ambros. She came to the United States 70 years ago.

She was a member of Holy Trinity No. 301, L.C.B.A. and Blessed Sacrament. She was the widow of husband Rudolph, deceased in 1965.

Surviving daughters are: Luville and MaryAnn Zaitz; and sons: Rudolf, Edward, Bernard, and Daniel; 32 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 8:15 from the Ferfolia Funeral Home, 5386 Lee Rd., and brought to St. Lawrence church at 9 a.m. Mass and then buried at Calvary Cemetery.

### CHARLES SCULAC

Charles Sculac, age 64, of 958 East 70th Street, died at his home Monday.

He was the husband of Josephine (nee Zoha); father of Robert (Olmsted Falls, Ohio); grandfather of Melissa and Jennifer; brother of Joseph.

Mr. Sculac was born in Cleveland and lived at his present address for 40 years.

He was employed as a machine operator at Tube Form Co. until 1974 when he retired due to a disability.

He was a member of Croatia Fraternal Union No. 47.

Friends received at Zele Funeral Home.

### JOHN A. PUCEL

John A. Pucel age 78 of 21329 Lake Shore Blvd. Served as Financial specialist with the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the Small Business Administration for more than 28 years in national disaster loans programs.

He retired in 1964.

He was the brother of Edward L., former Cleveland city councilman; and Mrs. Angeline Karlinger, former president of the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio and member of the Nat'l Democratic Committee; and Frank A. (Dayton, Ohio).

Retired from the East Ohio Gas Co. as a purchasing agent.

Dear son of the late Frank and Magdalena (nee Hoegler). Also brother of Josephine Schmidt, Frances Perko (Dec.), Mamie Wittreich of Kentucky. Uncle and great uncle.

He was also a member of K.S.K.J. No. 25, Maccabees No. 564, Catholic Knights of Ohio (Lakewood).

Funeral yesterday at 9:30 a.m. at the Grdina Funeral Home on Lake Shore Blvd. Services at 10 A.M. at Holy Cross Church, Interment Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements by Zak Funeral Home.

### ANTONIA LOKAR

Antonia Lokar (nee Gorance) age 88, of 20330 Lindbergh Ave.

to the Mlachak family.

Further information can be had through John Simic at 731-9783 or Joe Luzar at 944-2852.

Checks may be made out to: Harvey Mlachak, c/o Simic Tavern, 1080 East 260 St., Euclid, Ohio 44132.

Tony Petkovsek

nie in Euclid, died at her home Monday.

She was widowed; her husband, Steve, died in 1923. She was the mother of Stella Minello (deceased in 1954); Anthony, Ann Noda, and Louise Bencin (all of Euclid); she was grandmother of 11, and great-grandmother of 5; sister of Frank (Canton, Ohio), John (in Argentina) and Michael (in Yugoslavia).

Mrs. Lokar was born at Lokev in Austria and came to the United States in 1910. She lived at her present residence for 21 years. She was a member of S.N.P.J. No. 142.

Friends received at Zele Memorial Chapel, 458 East 152nd Street.

### KATARINA PLEMEL

Katarina Plemel, aged 98 years, of Rock Creek, Ohio died in Florida where she spends the winters. Formerly she resided on East 167th Street.

She was widowed; her husband Jacob died 1953. She was the mother of Frank; Joseph; and Pauline Grimes (Florida); and the following deceased: Jack; John; Mary Workman; and Albin; grandmother; great-grandmother and great great-grandmother and aunt. She was born in Mlin na Bled and came to Cleveland in 1913.

When she was 93 years old (after 60 years in America) she returned to her birthplace for a visit where she received many honors and a key to the city from her townspeople. She was a member of Maccabees No. 493; Progressive Slovene Women Circle No. 1; Slovene Women's Union No. 41; and Euclid Pensioners.

In former years she was very active in obtaining help and selling shares to aid in the construction of Waterloo Slovenian Home. Friends may call at Zele Memorial Chapel 458 E. 152 St. Friday 2 to 9 P.M. where services will be held Saturday at 8:15 A.M. and St. Mary's church at 9:00 A.M. Memorials to Slovene Home for Aged or Waterloo Slovene Hall in her memory would be appreciated.

### DOROTHY STRANCAR

Dorothy Strancar (nee Konpara) aged 89 years, a resident of Slovene Home for Aged, died at Lake County Memorial Hospital.

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Formerly she resided at 15900 Holmes Ave. She was widowed; her husband John died 1964.

She was the mother of John; Rudolph; Frank; Ernest; grandmother of 9; great grandmother of 17; sister of Mary Batic and the following deceased: Cyril; Louis; Ernest; Stefan; and Joseph.

She was born at Vas Lokovec, (Vipava) pri Ajdovščina na Primorskem and came to United States in 1913.

She was a member of Mirni Raj No. 142 S.N.P.J.; Kras No. 8 A.M.L.A.; Progressive Slovene Women of America Circle No. 1; and Pensioner's Club of Holmes Ave.

Friends received Zele Memorial Chapel 458 East 152 St.

Memorials to Slovene Home for Aged in her memory would be appreciated.

### JENNIE MATICIC

Jennie Maticic, (nee Pernač) aged 89 years died at Slovene Home for Aged where she was a resident.

Formerly she lived at 657 East 159th St.

She was widowed; her husband Frank died 1961.

She was born in Begunja na Gorenškem where she leaves 2 sisters: Katarina Dular and Jozefa Fišer; her sister Franceska Hrovat is deceased. She was the aunt of Antonia Quate (who is in charge of arrangements) and many nieces and nephews. She was formerly a member of No. 2 A.M.L.A.

Memorials to Slovene Home for Aged in her memory would be appreciated.

### JENNIE KOVACH

Jennie Kovach, age 71, (nee Miklavcic) of Orwell, Ohio died. She was formerly of Cleveland.

She was the daughter of Frank and Johanna Miklavcic of E. 71 St. (both deceased).

She is the mother of Joseph, Frank, Harry, Jennie Banks, Mary Ann Kovach and Rosemary Vaf, (also grandmother). Sister of Ann Snyder, Rose Krothy, Joseph, Harry and Mary Vidmar, all of Cleveland.

She died March 18 at Geauga Community Hospital. She was buried March 21 from St. Mary Catholic Church in Orwell, O., from Paine Funeral Parlor (Orwell) to Orwell Cemetery.

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### JOSEPH (SPARKY) SPECH

We wish to thank the priests, pallbearers, all the relatives, friends and all who gave floral and Mass donations. We appreciate all the kindness that was shown to us in our time of sorrow.

Sadly missed by:

Sisters Sophie Kralik and Mary  
Brothers William and Dr. Anthony Spech

AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA, APRIL 14, 1978

Slovenian Man of Year



JOSEPH TREBEC, right, was honored as Slovenian Man of the Year for 1978 as proclaimed by the Federation of Slovenian Homes in Cleveland. He receives congratulations and a city resolution lauding his efforts by Euclid's Mayor Tony Sustarsic. (Photo by Jim Debevec.)

BARTHOLOMEW J. HRIBAR

By Paula Howard

Bartholomew J. Hribar sat looking at the birthday cake, a few of his immediate family gathered around close. Looking well for his ninety-five years of age he looked up and said, "It's very hard to be old."

His accent is very Slovenian, without it he wouldn't be "Pa," dearly loved by his large family. Being old is very hard for this man who was always vigorous, healthy and brave. At 79, he chopped down a tree. Sometime later, while on a ladder cleaning the roof, the ladder slipped and he rode it to the ground cracking two ribs and swelling his knuckles. He wouldn't see a doctor for nearly a week until his family insisted, such is the stubbornness born in his youth.

PA WAS BORN "Erneytsck Hribar" on August or October 12, 1881. (Bi trhrecords were burned and a mix-up on his army papers has lost the true date forever.) Second oldest of twelve children, he was born to Joseph Hribar and Mary Medlich on a hilltop farm outside of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, at a time when it was still Vienna. His earliest memory is at two years of age when Pa heard the cry of his brother Paul being born inside the farmhouse. Next comes a memory of a group of boys throwing stones at a band of gypsies who roamed the hills and of being grabbed up by his brother with Pa's baby skirt flying as the gypsies chased after them.

teered to go. His mother, grandmother said, "But there are so many savages in America" to which Uncle Vitus replied, "There are savages here, too." He came to Cleveland, Ohio and established St. Vitus Church, the first Slovenian Church in America.

The celebration of Vitus' first Mass after ordination (which he finished after arriving here) brought Pa's grandfather and Uncle Martin to attend it. Martin stayed in Cleveland and Pa's grandfather went home to Europe with marvelous tales of houses that reached as far as the eye could see.

"I was surprised when my father decided I should go to high school which meant I also had to go to the larger town. There I got in with a mischievous gang and a year and three months later got thrown out of school. My father wrote that he never wanted to see me again. So at the age of 13 or 14 years old, I joined the German Merchant Marines in Trieste and for the next two years traveled half the world. I was the watchman on the mast one evening as the sun was setting. Looking at the horizon, I thought 'Somewhere over there is my home.' It so depressed me, I almost jumped, but I pulled through and decided to go home."

BUT BEFORE I was able to, the ship needed repairs in Capetown, Africa, and since they told us it would take six weeks, five of us decided to go look in on the war. The Boer War was being fought against the British. We got too close to enemy territory and were captured by the Boers. They gave us a choice: to fight on their side or farm their land. Four of us chose to fight but eventually we were captured by the British. I had been wounded in the leg and remained a prisoner of war for a month before the war ended and I could go home."

I had written of my coming and told my father "... even if you don't want to see me, I'll keep out of your way." He met me at the station with a horse and buggy and all was forgiven. But at 16, I had seen too much of the world to ever stay on the isolated farm again and decided to follow my uncles to America.

"DURING THE CROSSING, our ship hit a Scandinavian boat, cutting it in two; in the (Continued on Page 6)

Subscribers Are Paying thru Neck

The Ouch Medicine

Non-group subscribers (90,000 strong) will get the needle from Medical Mutual of Northeast Ohio.

As of May 1, their monthly health insurance will again be going up!

In the past, the St. Clair Business Association showed its support for the non-group subscribers through telegrams directly to State Superintendent of Insurance Harry V. Jump, voicing a strong disapproval to any requested rate increase by Blue Cross or/and Blue Shield (Medical Mutual).

Cleveland Press, April 5, 1978, stated, "A rate increase of about 38% will be felt by 53,000 Medi-Fill policy holders, mostly elderly."

Again, those who can least afford another rate increase will suffer.

Many small independent inner city business merchants unable to be covered under a group

plan, are also effected and slowly being forced out because of the high premiums or converting to the low option (lower rate) Blue Cross comprehensive 80/20 plan. (You pay 20% of the most of care as a bed patient for 120 day coverage rather than to be without any protection.

The St. Clair Business Association — Letter to the Editor—Cleveland Press, Jan. 21, 1978, Perry News and St. Clair Suburban News, Feb. edition, and the American Home, Jan. 20, 1978 — in part — "If Medical Mutual Appeals the decision (as it now has), the many should not rely on the relatively few to carry on the fight."

Do your part — voice your opinion, or suffer in silence and continue to pay and pay and pay...

Stan Majer  
Policy Holder

SLOVAN SINGS SUNDAY

The SLOVAN Men's Chorus under the direction of Ivan Rigler will hold its Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 16 at 4 p.m. at the Slovenian Society Home at 20713 Recher Ave.

Following the performance the popular and entertaining Richie Vadnal Orchestra will furnish the dance music.

Refreshments and sandwiches will be available.

Everyone is welcome. Get your friends together, forget your aches and troubles, and enjoy the day with us.

Tickets are available from members and also at the door on the day of the performance.

Charles A. Tercek

METROPOLITAN OPERA WEEK IN CLEVELAND

The world famous Metropolitan Opera Company makes its annual visit to Cleveland Public Auditorium April 17-22 for a whole week of beautiful music combined with spectacular theatre on a grand scale.

The Met on tour is a major expedition of more than 350 people. It takes two planes to transport them, plus 30 trucks for the costumes and scenery.

The company includes 65 principal singers, 78 chorus singers, more than 100 musicians, and 22 dancers.

Cleveland is one of only eight cities they visit on tour, and they have been coming here for 52 years.

The opening night performance, Monday, April 17, of Massenet's "Thais," with Beverly Sills, Sherrill Milnes, Jean van Ree, Justino Diaz, and conductor John Pritchard, is a complete sell-out in advance.

Seats are still available for Tuesday thru Saturday performances. Public Auditorium box office is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and during opera week, April 17-22, will also be open evenings until 8:30. For up to date ticket availability information call 523-2200.

Tuesday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. is "Cavalleria Rusticana," and "Pagliacci". James McCracken sings the magnificent "Vesti la giubba" as the actor who must play the clown while his heart is breaking.

Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov," the masterpiece of Russian opera and a stupendous production, will be sung on Wed., April 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 will be a rare chance to see the seldom performed "La Favorita" by Donizetti. This new production is the first the Met has done since 1905.

The new prouction of Verdi's

"Rigoletto" on Friday, April 21, at 8 p.m.

The Saturday matinee on April 22 at 1:30 will be Puccini's poignant "Madama Butterfly" with Gilda Cruz-Romo, Gianfranco Cechele, Shirley Love, Mario Sereni, and James Atherton, with conductor Gianfranco Masini.

Mozart's sparking "Don Giovanni," based on the romantic adventures of Don Juan, on Saturday evening, April 22 at 8 p.m. will provide the grand finale for opera week.

Tickets are \$3, \$6, \$8, \$11, \$15 and \$25.

New Subscribers

This week:

Mrs. Lia Rhodes, Maspeth, New York

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HAPPY READING!

Meeting

St. Ann No. 150 KSKJ will have their regular meeting on Sunday, April 16, at 1 o'clock at Slovenian Home, E. 80 St.

Who Is The Mystery Woman?

Who is the mystery woman who is responsible for the always spic and span appearance of the southwest side corner of St. Clair and Addison Rds?

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Favorite Recipes



BLUEBERRY BRAN MUFFIN

2 1/2 cups of all purpose flour  
6 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup of sugar  
Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar and set aside.

3 cups of All Bran cereal  
2 1/2 cups of milk  
2 eggs  
3/4 cup vegetable oil

Stir all bran into milk and let it stand for two minutes or until all cereal is soft and add two eggs and beat well and add vegetable oil.

(OPTIONAL)

Add all dry ingredients to cereal mixture (You can add for variations either:

1 cup of raisins or  
1 cup of blueberries or  
1 cup of currants.)  
This makes 24 muffins.

Pour into greased muffin pans.  
Bake at 400 degrees F for about 25 minutes. Serve warm.

Nettie Zarnick  
Euclid, Ohio

FRIED BANANAS

6 bananas, peeled  
lemon juice  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/3 cup peanut oil  
1/2 cup apricot preserves, melted.

Brush bananas with lemon juice, then roll in sugar. Heat peanut oil in large skillet.

Fry bananas until golden, about five minutes, turning once.

Remove to serving dish. Drizzle with apricot preserves. Makes six servings.

Jane Kaplan

Gannett Open House

The Goodrich Gannett Senior Services Program, located at 1486 East 55th Street in the basement, is having an Open House on Sunday, April 16 from 2:00 to 4:00.

This will be an opportunity for family and friends of our participants to meet the staff, see our facilities and view our program. We will have displays from various activity groups, and picture and service displays. Our Kitchen Band will also be sharing their music with us.

We welcome any of you who have an interest in our program.

Claudia Carson

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Slovenian Woman of the Year



JOSEPHINE TURKMAN is the Slovenian Woman of the Year; she receives a plaque proclaiming her honor from Federation of Slovenian Homes President Lou Fink. The ceremonies took place at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home in March. At left is Lad Anthony, representative of U.S. Senator Howard Metzenbaum.

Memo: From Madeline

by  
Madeline  
Debevec



On Sunday, May 21, the United Slovenian Society will stage its annual benefit project entitled a "Continental Afternoon" at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue.

The Slovenian National Art Guild will sponsor a mammoth art display and festival in the lower hall simultaneously, starting at 2 p.m. A benefit drawing for several works of art will take place, and area artists are encouraged to participate by contacting Fran Bezdek at 731-7548.

At 4 p.m. a floor show in the main hall will feature the incomparable Andre Blumauer Ensemble of Toronto, Canada. Blumauer is originally from Slovenia where he graduated with a music degree. In the early 60's he settled in the States then Canada, where he has made music his direction in life, playing instruments such as the trumpet and guitar and also singing and yodelling.

He is so proficient on the harmonica and harmonetta that the famous Hohner Company of Germany sells their instruments with his signature endorsement on them.

His original compositions like Vesele Ribenčan (Happy Mountaineer) and Kamnik Polka have become standards in the polka field over the last decade.

The "Continental Afternoon" will be culminated with a dance featuring the Duke Marsic Quintet in addition to the Art Festival and Floor Show.

Cabaret (round table tickets) and balcony seats are available for \$4 each from Tony's Polka Village, 971 East 185 St., Tivoli's, 6419 St. Clair Ave., and West Park Slovenian Home, 4853 West 130 St.

Maxine Kobal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Kobal, 19500 Lake Shore Blvd., is engaged to Gregory Alan King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King of Hamilton, O.

Miss Kobal, a 1974 Euclid High graduate, received a B.B.A. in accounting from the Uni-

versity of Cincinnati in June.

Mr. King received a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati in June 1977. He is employed as a production chemist in the tire department at General Tire and Rubber in Akron.

Wedding plans are for July 8. Congratulations!

St. Felicitas P.T.U. is sponsoring a PANCAKES and SAUSAGE Breakfast, Sunday, April 23, 1978 in the school auditorium, 140 Richmond Rd. Serving will be from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Donation is \$1.75 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Everyone welcome!

Gerald J. Hraster, son of Mrs. John V. Hraster of 130 E. 213 St., Euclid, Ohio, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Hraster, chief of automated systems division, is assigned at Offutt AFB, Nev., with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

The colonel, a 1957 graduate of St. Joseph High School, received his B.S. degree in 1961 from Case Institute of Technology, and was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He received his M.S. degree in 1970 from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

His wife, Mary, is the daughter of Mrs. F. A. Graf of 26931 Shoreview Ave., Euclid, O.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following residents of The Slovenian Home for the Aged in Cleveland, Ohio celebrating their birthdays in April.

- 9 — Frances Kave
- 13 — Matilda Staric
- 17 — John Prijatelj
- 21 — John Petric
- 24 — Frank Musman
- 24 — John Muchitsch
- 29 — Rose Sabec
- 30 — Katharina Selan

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO: Antonia Novak of Cleveland, Ohio. She recently underwent eye surgery and is recuperating at home.

Jane Kaplan of Warrensville Heights, Ohio was admitted to St. Alexis Hospital this week. As of press time no visitors permitted.

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# B. J. HRIBAR

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commotion my luggage and all my addresses were lost. I had only the clothes on my back, a money belt and nowhere to go when we landed."

"I worked five months in New York at a Greek restaurant before hopping a freight to Pittsburgh. There I bought a ticket to Union Station, Cleveland, and hailed a cab. "Take me to a Slovenian community." I told him and he left me at a place called 'Kolches Saloon'. Eventually one of the owners said to me, "You like like someone who works across the street in Hribar's store." It was Uncle Martin's store. I had found their home."

**PA'S OLDER BROTHER**  
Matt had come to America some years before and now got him a job as an ironworker; later Pa worked in Martin's store.

"Some neighborhood lads began calling me 'foreigner' and 'Guine', especially one Irish boy we called 'Joe the bully'. Tom Hanigan, a friend of mine who had lost both his legs at the knees in a railroad accident, used to coach me how to one day fight Joe. Well, the fight came one night at 62nd and St. Clair. Joe had his followers and I had four of mine. It was a fair fight and I dropped him. Then Tom Hanigan took me to a place called LeVec's Gym and that's where I started my fighting days. First as a wrestler under the name of 'John Henry' against people like Clarence Bolden the 'Cuban Wonder' and Freddie Bill the 'Wisconsin Wonder'.

Then I began my boxing days. To gain Irish support in my first tournament in Barberton, my manager gave me the name 'Mike Murphy' and that's what it stayed all my boxing days. "I fought the likes of "Bananas Diamond" in Pittsburgh and "Philip Carney" whose real name I can't remember but he later became Chief of Police in Cleveland Heights."

**PA BOXED IN THE DAYS** when the sport was outlawed. Using 4-ounce gloves it could be a deadly game. When the game was raided one night in Mayfield Heights, Pa was brought in front of an Irish judge who gave him a \$1000 fine and one-year in jail, then took him aside and suspended it all by advising him to leave the state for a year since boxing wouldn't be outlawed forever.

"So I did, I hopped a freight out West, seeing the country. Working as a lumberjack in Duluth, Minnesota, a carpenter in North Dakota, and finally California where I boxed, and drove a team of horses. One day, a group of men stopped my wagon and made me climb down. It was the Teamsters and they made me join their Union for \$1."

But Los Angeles was only wilderness at that time, and Pa was lonely so he returned to Ohio where the boxing laws had begun to relax.

**ABOUT THAT TIME**, Frank Turk had organized the Catholic Order of the Foresters in Cleveland and for the initiation of the court, he asked Pa to put on a boxing exhibition at the Slovenian Home on Glass Ave. It was there that Pa noticed Frank's 18-year-old sister Alice and that was the beginning of the end of boxing. After six months of dating, Frank's stipulation for the marriage was that Pa should give up boxing.

"I thought it was a pretty good trade," Pa smiles, "Alice G. Turk was the youngest daughter of Joseph Turk, the first Slovenian settler. We were married June 21, 1911, by my Uncle Vitus Hribar, first Slovenian priest in Cleveland at St. Thomas Aquinas Church at East 90 and Superior."

Pa then went to work as a carpenter at the Marble and Sha-

tuck Chair Co. where he had the honor of building the base part of President Taft's swivel chair.

"It was a chair for a big man. President Taft weighed over 300 pounds."

**DURING WORLD WAR I**, Pa worked first as a car assemblyman, a storekeeper, then a millwright. He was drafted to work as an interpreter at Collinwood for foreigners in several languages for court cases and home buying. He remembers the Spanish flu that raged around the country in 1918 and was told by an old European doctor to mix the sap of pine trees and juniper berries together and chew them to ward off the flu.

During the depression, to keep body, soul and family together, Pa and some friends made garbage collections for 10 cents to 25 cents a stop when the city couldn't afford to do it.

"When my younger brother, Father Paul and my sister Anna who had joined us, were hit by a New York Central train at the 217 St. crossing my life changed; I aged terribly, so much did I love and miss them."

"Finally a friend who recognized me on the street from my boxing days, got me a job at Fisher Body where I stayed until my brother-in-law Frank and I decided to go into Real Estate. That's what I've done for the last 50 years."

**THEIR HOME ON EAST 144** Street which they built in 1913 is where they've lived for the last 63 years, raising their five children, Paul, Margaret, Lawrence, Albert and Dorothy. And from where they've watched watched their 28 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren grow.

Bartholomew J. Hribar was the first member to join the Catholic Order of Foresters when it was organized and was Chief Ranger for the first seven. He has received several citations from different presidents of the United States for his work as interpreter during World War I and for Secret Service work in Ohio to capture counterfeiters way back then. He's been a member of the Real Estate Board for 58 years.

The story goes on but it's a long one. B.J. Hribar has done a lot of living and he's 96 years young.

## So. Florida Slovene Club

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. — Our club celebrated its 4th Anniversary at the April meeting with about 85 members and guests attending.

Ed Strumbel, Vice Pres., led the meeting with the installation of new members.

On the sick list, still, is our President Erna Kotula who is in the hospital. Martin Zolner, Matt Gorinsek, Mrs. Trinkaus and Hermine Race are recuperating at their homes. Also Molly Kmett and husband Frank flew to Cleveland where she will undergo surgery. We wish her and all ailing the best of health. Sure was good to see John Cvelbar, Nancy Gasperic and yours truly A. Stanonik well and cheerful again after a stay in the hospital.

We all enjoyed a very good meal ordered and served to us by Rose M. Chase and her kitchen staff.

Bill Zatorsky and his boys played and sang happy tunes and our ladies duet: E. Svigel and A. Stanonik was joined by a third, named Ele Zatorsky and as we sang old tunes everyone else joined us, too.

The new members are: Mollie Trebec, Hillsboro Beach; Lewis and Ema Bosick, Fort Pierce, Fla.; Frank P. and Joan Kmett, Plantation; Dan and Annie Novak and Rudy Novak,

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## PLANINA MARKS 40TH YEAR WITH CONCERT SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

Forty years ago John Lipnos Kogoy, Ivan Zorman, and Frank and Frank Stavec went house to house in Maple Heights to try and form a singing club. The response they got was very good.

If some of you will remember, years ago when someone went house to house you assumed they were collecting for someone's anniversary, etc., as was the custom in the 30's. So it was a real surprise when these two gentlemen began discussing plans for a singing club.

At our rehearsal we had a large group of folks show an interest. Our director those early days was the late John Zupanc. Following Mr. Zupanc we had the following directors: the late Primoz Kogoy, Joseph

Fort Lauderdale; The Setina's, Mentor, Ohio; Bud and Anne Anzich and Astrid Hahr, Ft. Lauderdale, were our guests.

Rudy Novak, a recent resident, entertained us with his accordion. Gregory Zatorsky left for Europe with the Coconut Creek High School Band to play in four different countries there.

At our next meeting, May 4, we will celebrate Mothers Day. Hope to see you all then.  
Annie Stanonik

Kogoy, Ivan Zorman, and Frank Zupanc who is now directing Dawn, and Frank Vauter who is retired in Florida.

After 40 years, Planina is still solid and still singing the familiar Slovenian songs.

They would like to present their 40th Concert on Sunday, April 20, 1978 at 4:00 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home in Maple Heights. Many of the songs rendered will be the best and most often requested Slovenian songs that were sung at previous concerts.

Also appearing will be the popular Planina Jr. Singers.

Our director will be Thomas Kramer and pianist is Beatrice Tayek.

Eddie Buehner Orchestra will play for your dancing pleasure. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets can be obtained from members of Planina.

## Social Security News

Q. I plan to stay abroad for several years, but I haven't decided just where, yet. Will my Social Security benefits be taxed in a foreign country?

A. Some countries do. You can find out by calling the country's embassy in Washington, D.C.

## Be proud to be Slovenian

### PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST



by JANE KAPLAN

This person is semi-professional. His hobbies are sound recording, and photography.

He shows slides at functions of his travels thru Slovenia and other parts of Europe.

He has produced a record, American Slovene Christmas of June Price and Dolores Mihalic.

He reproduced a record of Jerry Bukac.

Also, he made a record for St. Bede's church choir and a religious guitar mass.

Our artist likes dancing and meeting and talking with people. He can be found at Slovenian concerts. He also enjoys Slovenian cooking.

On tapes he has polka bands, concerts, button box music, Glasbena Matica, and Jadran, as well as Johnny Pecon's last

## MEMO FROM MADELINE

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Norb Zak of Euclid, Ohio, is recuperating in St. Vincent Charity Hospital.

Won't you send them a card and cheer them up.

St. Josephs School in Joliet, Ill. parents invite you to their second annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held Saturday, April 15th. The delicious homemade meal will be prepared by members of St. Joseph's Parents' School Aid Organization and served from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's Park Hall on Theodore St. in Joliet.

The menu will include spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian break, beverage, salad, a fresh-baked dessert and of course — a glass of wine to complement your meal. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for students under 12 years and all pre-schoolers eat free. Carry-outs will be available. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph School in Joliet.

There will be a Rummage Sale sponsored by St. Vitus Ladies Aux. Post 1655 Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

It will be held in St. Vitus church basement, 6019 Glass Avenue (one block south of St. Clair and East 61st St.). Parking in the school yard.

Marylou Sedivec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Sedivec, Highland Heights, was elected Vice President of Scholarship of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority at Kent State University. Miss Sedivec was also initiated into Lambda Alpha Epsilon, a criminal justice fraternity, during the Fall Quarter last year.

Congratulations!

Welcome back to Cleveland Ray Champa, Jr. and wife Joan, and eight month old daughter, Kimberly. They are temporarily residing with Joan's parents Agnes and John Jevnikar of Park Drive in Cleveland, O.

Best of luck to Ray with his new position in sales engineering at Bailey Meter.

A Geranium Sale is sponsored by St. Felicitas School, 140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio. Plants are \$1 each or \$7.50 per basket of 8 plants.

Contact any student or call 732-8082 or 943-0989.

Happy Birthday April 14 to Justine Krane of Hudson, Ohio. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Anton Marn of Cleveland, send their fondest wishes to her.

Frank Smidt of 1070 East 61 St., Cleveland, Ohio celebrated Easter visiting the Holy Land. He said, "It was the most memorable trip I have ever taken."

The 100 members of grade school choir of St. Felicitas School will present its second Spring Concert on Friday evening, April 21 at 8:00 p.m.

This year's show is "The History of American Music" and will feature categories such as war songs, work songs, western songs, political songs, tunes from down South, the Roaring 20's, folk songs, protest songs, and music from the 70's.

performance.

He has on his own tapes the Vadnals as well as Slak's first visit to this country. Most tapes are for sale.

He has visited Europe and Slovenia five times and has over 3,000 slides of the country.

Any information regarding these recordings or booking of his slide show, call 473-1110.

He will be a new bridegroom this coming June.

Our personality today with all the reels is Dave Evans.

## Dancing to some of the num-

bers plus slide show presentations should add to the performance and make an enjoyable evening for all. Price is \$2.00 per person and \$4.00 per family maximum.

The Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club has chosen George Voinovich as the Catholic Citizen of The Year. The honor will take place May 16, 1978 at the Plaza Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. Tickets are available by calling Joe Woods 481-0470.

**HAPPY 50th Anniversary** to the American Slovene Club! The club's dinner dance held last Sunday at Borally's will remain in the memories of the members and their guests as an exquisite event.

It was a perfect setting amidst a beautiful decor. Fashionable ladies and men completely filled the elegant party center. Delicious food and refreshments and delightful dance music with Jeff Pecon Orchestra made it the social event of the year.

The female guests received beautiful crystal bud vases as a keepsake of the Golden Jubilee of The American Slovene Club.

People came from all over the United States to attend this prestigious affair.

The entire committee deserves a round of applause for an outstanding job well done.

George and Judy Opalich of Mayfield, Ohio, Tom and Dorothy Bryan and John and Pal Chappetta of Richmond Hts., Ohio traveled south with their families and enjoyed Easter with their parents Steve and Alice Opalich of Cape Coral, Florida. They all had a wonderful time!

Steve and Alice flew in to Cleveland this past week to attend the 50th Anniversary party of The American Slovene Club, of which Alice has been a member for 40 years.

Members of M.P.Z. Circle 3 will present their Spring performance Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

This year they will present the musical "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs".

The music is under the direction of the very capable Mr. Tom Hegler, accompanied by Mrs. Alice Cech. The drama is being directed by Mrs. Betty Rotar.

Saturday's matinee will be at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are 75¢ for children under 16. Sunday's performance at 3:30 is \$1.00 for children and \$2.50 for adults for either performance. Following Sunday's show there will be music for your dancing pleasure by the John Medvesek Orchestra.

## Revive St. Vitus Theater Guild

What are your thoughts and ideas about the possibility of reviving St. Vitus Theater Guild?

We would like to hear comments from the thespians who participated in various years from the thirties to the early sixties.

Wouldn't it be fun to get together again and present a play in our spacious St. Vitus Auditorium?

If you are interested, please contact Stanley J. Frank, 5919 Prosser Ave., 44103, Tel. 39-9761, or Dan J. Postotnik, 6 Hecker Ave. 44103, Tel. 7341 by phone or letter.

Letters may also be addressed to Joe Zelle, 1227 1/2 Rd., Cleveland, Ohio