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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY

Supreme Officers:

- May 1—Marie Floryan, Supreme Vice-President
May 10—Mary Tomsic, State President of Pennsylvania
May 15—Josephine Zeleznikar, Supreme Treasurer
May 26—Frances Gaspich, Supreme Auditor

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- May 2—Frances Anzelc, Br. 39, Biwabik, Minn.
May 5—Ann Satkovich, Br. 56, Hibbing, Minn.
May 9—Agnes Klarich, Br. 93, Brooklyn, N. Y.
May 11—Theresa Zefron, Br. 30, Aurora, Ill.
May 11—Christine Konte, Br. 66, Canon City, Colo.
May 15—Jennie Mohorcic, Br. 68, Fairport, Ohio
May 21—Angela Voje, Br. 84, New York, N. Y.
May 24—Antonia Kastelic, Br. 42, Maple Hgts, Ohio
May 25—Frances Yerman, Br. 57, Niles Ohio
May 30—Mary Snezic, Br. 67, Bessemer, Pa.

OUR SECRETARIES' BIRTHDAYS

- May 3—Anna Anderson, Br. 79, Enumclaw, Wash.
May 6—Gladys Buck, Br. 16, So. Chicago, Ill.
May 10—Marie Beck, Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio
May 13—Anna F. Svet, Br. 84, New York, N. Y.
May 12—Mary F. Mejac, Br. 103, Washington, D. C.
May 15—Ann Hren, Br. 35, Aurora, Minn.
May 18—Jennie Ozbolt, Br. 6, Barberton, Ohio
May 22—Ellen Nortnik, Br. 63, Denver, Colo.
May 22—Jennie Tavchar, Br. 65, Virginia, Minn.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!



ON THE COVER

The Hostess Committee of Branch 103 in Washington, D. C. extends a warm welcome to all our Conventioneers this month. Seen before the Nation's Capitol building are:

(first row) Helen Spacapan (Hostess), Iča Zebot (Treasurer), Nika Kovačič (Vice-President), Bernadette Kovačič (Junior member), Matilda Ausich (Recording Secretary), Antonia Cigalle and Jane Ellen Johnson (Junior); (second row), Ida Gregoric, Mary Mejac (Secretary), Irene M. Planinsek (President), Matilda Podborsek (Auditor) and Ivana Trost. Not on the photo are Auditors, Ivanka Antolin and Marija Mejac.

These ladies will be serving on a variety of committees all set to make our stay in Washington, D. C. as pleasant as possible. Our hearty thanks for their generous efforts.

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- May 1—Bowling Banquet, Br. 20, Joliet, Ill.
May 6—Juvenile Party, Br. 33, Duluth, Minn.
May 11—Mother's Day Mass, Br. 2, Chicago, Ill.
May 16—Luncheon and Card Party, Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa.
May 16—Mother's Day Party, Br. 54, Warren, Ohio
May 17—Bowling Banquet, Br. 2, Chicago, Ill.
May 19—Mother's Day Party, Br. 47, Garfield Hgts., O.
May 20—Mothers Day Dinner, Br. 68, Fairport, Ohio
May 21—31st Anniversary, Br. 77 N S. Pittsburgh, Pa.
May 24-28—14th National S.W.U. Convention, Washington
June 13—Dinner for Guests of Br. 14 at Br. 68, Fairport, O.
July 16—Trip to Canadian Shrines, departure Chicago, Ill.
July 16—Lemont Illinois Zveza Day
Sept. 6—Card Party, Br. 1, Sheboygan, Wis.
Sept. 24—OHIO-MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION,
Barberton, Ohio
Sept. 24—PENNA STATE CONVENTION, Br. 26
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sept. 28—Miscellaneous Card Party, Br. 17, W. Allis, Wis.
Oct. 22—Card Party, Br. 14, Euclid, Ohio

SPREMEMBA DEDIČA: Lepo ste prošene vse članice, ki ste slučajno izgubile soproga ali, katerega izmed otrok, da bi stopile do svoje tajnice in spremenile ime dediča. Nekateri imate narejeno na otroke, ki so pa dorasli in v mnogih slučajih poročeni in imajo drug priimek. Vaše tajnica bo z veseljem nam poslala formo s spremembo.

Nov naslov: Ako ne dobivate redno Zarje, potem prosimo, da nam sporočite in pošljete svoj stari in novi naslov. Lepo prosimo, da bi nam sporočili, kadar vam je znano, da Pride Zarja na naslov, kjer ni več članica Zveze. Pri tolikšnem številu članic se lahko primeri ta nedostatek, zato prosimo Vašega sodelovanja.

Roster of Delegates to the 14th National Convention,

DELEGATINE 14. REDNE KONVENCIJE

Washington, D. C., May 24-28, 1967

BRANCH	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
1 Sheboygan, Wis.	Olga Plesetz Saye	Mary Turk
2 Chicago, Ill.	Mary Polden	Mitzie Krapenc
	Sophie Petrovic	Stephanie Osterman
3 Pueblo, Colo.	Frances Simonich	Frances Skul
5 Indianapolis, Ind.	Josephine Turk	Hermina Bruder
6 Barberton, Ohio	Jeanette Killoran	Jennie Ozbolt
7 Forest City, Pa.	Josephine Gostisha	Mary J. Kameen
10 Cleveland, Ohio	Mary Camloh	
	Anna Markovich	
12 Milwaukee, Wis.	Frances Plesko	Evelyn Laurich
13 San Francisco, Calif.	Margaret Fager	
14 Euclid, Ohio	Theresa M. Skur	Rose Mikovic
15 Cleveland, Ohio	Antonia Stokar	Frances Lindic
16 So. Chicago, Ill.	Josephine Kral	Gladys K. Buck
17 Milwaukee, Wis.	Marion M. Marolt	Josephine Schlosar
19 Eveleth, Minn.	Mary Lenich	Antonia Erklautz
20 Joliet, Ill.	Emma Planinsek	Josephine Muter
	Josephine Erjavec	Josephine Sumic
21 Cleveland, Ohio	Stella Dancull	Theresa Lach
23 Ely, Minnesota	Mary Shikonya	
24 LaSalle, Illinois	Angela Strukel	Mary Uranich
25 Cleveland, Ohio	Mary Otonicar	Antonia Mihevc
	Mary Kolegar	Frances Majer
	Dorothy Sternisa	Sylvia Mihevc
26 Pittsburgh, Pa.	Anna Trontel	Mary Bahor
31 Gilbert, Minnesota	Antoinette Lucich (62-94)	
32 Euclid, Ohio	Anna Godlar	Josephine Comenshek
33 Duluth, Minnesota	Frances Blatnik	Frances Danko
34 Soudan, Minnesita	Mary Pahula (35-65)	
38 Chisholm, Minnesota	Sylvia Petrich	Anna Trdan
39 Biwabik, Minnesota	Frances Anzelc (77- 80)	
40 Lorain, Ohio	Angela Kozjan	Mary Klinar
41 Cleveland, Ohia	Mary Debevec	Ann Rebolj
43 Milwaukee, Wis.	Josephine Kolar	Rose Kraemer
47 Cleveland, Ohio	Jennie Pugely	Antonia Dolinar
50 Cleveland, Ohio	Rose Zelodec	Marie Beck
52 Hibbing, Minnesota	Rose Chiodi (37-81-83-86)	Frances Shega
54 Warren, Ohio	Rose Racher (55)	Mary Ponikvar
56 Hibbing, Minnesota	Anne B. Satovich	
57 Niles, Ohio	Frances Yerman (70-74)	May Strah
63 Denver, Colorado	Mary Kvas	
64 Kansas City, Kansas	Regina Cop (46-100-102)	Anna Peresic
66 Canon City, Colorado	Christine Konte (4-45-78-79-92)	
68 Fairport Harbor, Ohio	Jennie Mohorcic (42-49-51)	Rose Bradach
71 Strabane, Pa.	Lucille Smith	Mary Kocian
73 Warrensville, Ohio	Rose Zbasnik	Betty Bayus
84 New York City	Angela Voje	
89 Oglesby, Illinois	Frances Nemeth (85-30)	Angela Nico
90 Presto, Pa.	Johanna Aubel (8-88)	
91 Oakmont, Pa.	Amalia Sorch (59-97-106)	
95 So. Chicago, Ill.	Ann Kompare	Mildred Poropat
96 Universal, Pa.	Mary E. O'Block (27-29-61)	
99 Elmhurst, Ill.	Olga Cigoj (9-28-105)	Theresa Kerkoc
103 Washington, D. C.	Irene Planinsek (67-101)	Nika Kovacic

A HEARTY AND CORDIAL WELCOME TO YOU, OUR DISTINGUISHED CONVENTION DELEGATES AND GUESTS

Irene M. Planinsek, President Br. No. 103

Never before has Washington, D. C. hosted such a large gathering of Slovenians and we accept this honor proudly, welcoming you to our Nation's Capital City.

The Convention Committee has been working for months in order to prepare the best of everything for you from accommodations to tours. An exciting program has been planned which should make this your most memorable convention and most enjoyable vacation trip.

Branch No. 103 anticipates that the 14th Slovenian Women's Union National Convention in Washington, D. C. will initiate the beginning of a new era in our organization, a "new frontier" so to speak; that it will bring forth a vital new enthusiasm that will permeate the branches and each individual member of the organization; that it will mark the continued expansion of our organization along with increased fraternal activities, from the smallest to the largest branch; that it will establish the important role which our younger women must play in the future of the SWU.

Over 12,000 members are looking with interest upon the outcome of this 14th National Convention. Many wonderful things have been accomplished over the past 40 years, but the future promises even more if each member is willing to shoulder some of the responsibilities that will arise. We are certain the delegates to this convention will open the doors to progress as they have right along, stressing the importance and obligation of the present generation in furthering the aims and ideals of the SWU, so that each branch may throb with renewed interest and enthusiasm; so that each member may be encouraged to carry on actively what her sisters have established in the past; so that each woman may be inspired to etch a place for herself in its posterity.

The needs of our members are changing each year along with the times and we must adapt our aims to fulfill those needs. Only by making the organization an

important part of each member's life can we continue to progress. We must not rest upon the laurels of the past or in a job well done—for to stand still means to go backwards. There can be no progress unless we go forward.

As President of Branch 103, and in the name of the members and friends of our branch, I wish to welcome the Supreme Officers, Delegates, and Guests to the Capital of America, Washington, D. C.

We know your stay in the Nation's Capital City will be most enjoyable, definitely educational and truly inspiring from the first "hello" to the last "good-by."

Take back with you the spirit of growth and progress which you will discover in the Nation's Capital and use it to revitalize your branch. Make this your personal resolution, never being frustrated or discouraged by the obstacles or conflicts that perhaps may block your way at times but looking forward only to the future and the golden opportunities ahead.



Hospitality and Registration

Our Hospitality Committee will be on hand to greet you upon arrival at the Washington Hilton. Coffee and sweets will be available to refresh your travelling spirits in the Hospitality Suite. Touring guides will also be distributed at this time by the Registration Chairman, Matilda Ausich. Miss Helen Krotec is chairman of the Hospitality Committee. She is assisted by Matilda Ausich, Matilda Podborsek and Nika Kovacic.

Tour Hostesses

Our ladies will be your touring hostesses and guides when you are sightseeing on the D. C. Transit air-conditioned buses. Favorite landmarks have been fitted into a compact touring schedule so that you will see everything important during your 5 day visit for an inexpensive fee. The tour hostesses will see to your comfort and needs as well as keep you on the tight schedule. They advise you to bring along comfortable shoes for walking, a wristwatch if you have one, and a camera to capture the lovely sights you will see.

Tour hostesses will be: Matilda Ausich, Ida Gregoric, Helen Krotec, Nika Kovacic, Mary Mejac, Matilda Podborsek, Diane Moffet, Becky Nagel, Freda Michelitch, Ivana Trost, Helena Spacapan and Dora Voyatzis.

Mass at Shrine in Crypt Chapel

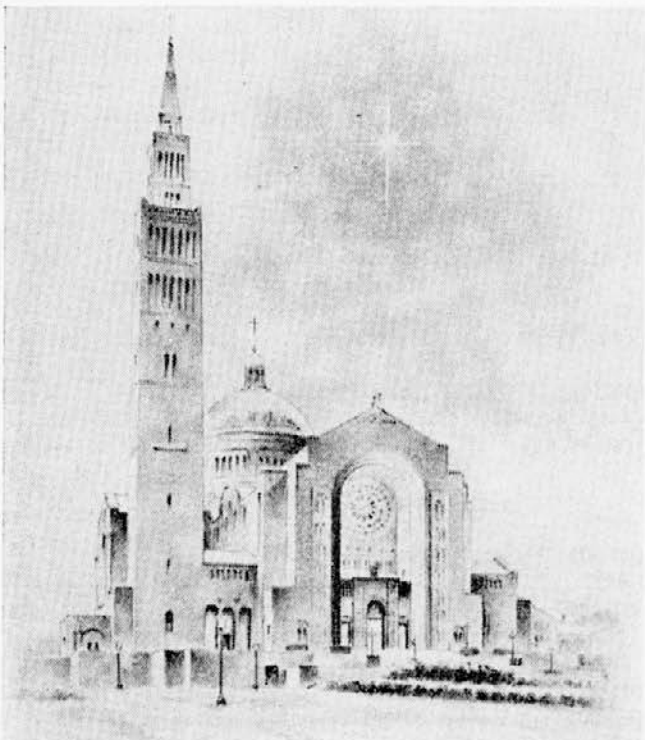
An important event of the Convention will be the celebration of Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, May 24th, at 10:00 a. m. Permission has been granted for the Mass to be celebrated in the Slovenian Vernacular, by Chaplain of Branch No. 103, Rev. Francis Blatnik, SDB, of Paterson, New Jersey.

Slovenian responses will be available so that everyone may participate. Lector-commentator will be Eric Kovacic and the altar boys will be Andre Bevec and Franc Chokel. Our local choral group will lead the congregation in Slovenian hymns. Marija Kranjc Fischinger, our Slovenian mezzo-soprano, and now a member of Branch No. 103, will be featured soloist.

Following the Mass, a conducted tour will be taken of the entire Shrine. Nika Kovacic is Chairman for the Mass arrangements.

Needlecraft Display

Lovely needlecraft items will be on display, Saturday, May 27th from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, in the Convention Hall. Ladies contributing to this display are asked to bring the needlecraft, along with a suggested selling price, to the Convention Hall on Friday, May 27th, in the morning.



National Shrine of Immaculate Conception

We urge all the visitors to purchase an item or two as the proceeds will be for the Scholarship Fund, a very worthy cause, indeed.

Diane Moffet is in charge of this display, assisted by Matilda Podborssek.

Art Exhibit

Franc Gorse, Miro Zupancic, and Joseph Vodlan, Slovenian artists from New York, return to the Washington

Hilton for their second art exhibit. They will display a number of outstanding paintings and sculptural works, in the Convention Hall on Saturday, May 27th, 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon. These art works can also be purchased from the individual artists, who will be in attendance at this time.

Miss Alenka Javornik is chairman of the Slovenian Art Exhibit.

MOTHER'S DAY COMMEMORATION MAY 11 AT CHICAGO, BR. 2

No. 2, Chicago, Ill. Thursday evening will be the annual Mother's Day commemorative Mass and Singing Litany at 7:30 p. m. at St. Stephen church, W. 22nd Place and Wolcott. Anyone who attended last year's event knows how lovely it was and so, we are holding a similar program of events this year.

Our Mother of the Year, Mary Pol-den, will be guest of honor. After the church ceremonies, we will retire to the Lower Hall for refreshments. All our members and friends are invited to attend. We especially like to see mothers with their daughters and sons.

Let's make it another of the fine programs that we have been proud to sponsor this year.

The Mass will be held in memory of our dearly departed and for the living mothers as well. God bless all our Mothers this month!

Convention plans are being finalized and Mrs. Zefran is reserving an entire car with the railroad to carry the midwest passengers to Washington. We hope that the delegates and visitors to Washington, D. C. will have a never-to-be-forgotten trip and we are certainly doing all we can to make it so.

These two events, Mother's Day and the Convention, will make May the busiest month of the year.

May 21st the granddaughter of Ann Zorko, Mary Ann Bogolin, will be married and we extend heartiest wishes to the happy couple.

April 22nd was the day celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Matt Kregul at their Golden Wedding Day. Felicitations to our fine member, Mrs. Kregul and her husband. May they enjoy many more.

Again, a Happy Mother's Day and successful 14th National Convention!

Corinne Leskovar

No. 12, Milwaukee, Wis. The March meeting was held on the usual third Thursday of the month in St. John's Hall. A very tanned Mrs. Plesko fresh from her Florida vacation, opened the meeting with prayer. The last minutes and financial reports were then read and approved.

The new members were enrolled and the meeting went on with the Convention discussion; nothing definite was accomplished but final de-

isions were to have been made at our April meeting. We do hope to have a great turnout of members.

The chosen delegate of our branch to the Convention is Mrs. Plesko with alternate, Evelyn Laurich.

The forty-year Anniversary celebration was also discussed and the majority of members were in favor of a Corporate Communion and Mass for the living and deceased members in the morning and a card party with supper later in the day on Oct. 29, 1967. We still have to find a hall, so let's get busy with ideas.

Another rummage sale was also planned for some day in May to further our finances.

The meeting closed in favor of cake and coffee donated by Mary Evanich. She got her surprise when Mrs. Plesko presented her with a silver candy dish on her 25th wedding anniversary. May you and yours enjoy many more, Mary!

Good wishes for a speedy recovery to all our sick members.

Mary Dezman, Sec'y.

No. 13, San Francisco, Calif. Our annual breakfast honoring the Mother of the Year, Katie Radovich, will be held at the Canterbury Hotel following Holy Mass at the Church of the Nativity.

Our Mother of the Year, Katie, is a long and trusted friend, so it is with great ease that I write this tribute to her.

Katie is a diligent worker and for years had divided her attention to two lodges, Zveza and St. Mary's, working for the same principles, the betterment of our Catholic faith. Sunday Mass will find Katie either at St. Theresa's or St. Joseph's where she attends most of the social functions, too. Games night is one of her favorites. To say Katie is well-liked would be a gross understatement. Her smiling face and joyful laughter is so much a part of her, it has endeared her to all. Although Katie is a few years older than I, it has always been my pleasure to spend time (many happy hours) in her sweet company. She is a real dare-devil who will try anything once, and is ever ready to just GO! When you call Katie and say "let's go!" she never asks where but when! What a gal!

Alderman in a Skirt

(The Sheboygan Press, April 5, 1967)

A wellwisher planted a quick congratulatory kiss on the cheek of Elsie Brager. He laughed. "That's the first time I've ever kissed an alderman!"

There'll be a lot more firsts for Elsie Brager. Tuesday she became Sheboygan's first and only alderman.

Wise men will have to spend the months ahead ironing out the semantics of it all. Is she an alderman, an alderwoman, an alderlady, or a female alderperson? But what ever the title is, its one that she worked hard for.

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Yes, a member of our Sheboygan branch, Elsie Brager, broke the ice and invaded the all male City Council by being elected as the alderman of the Second District. We are confident that she will represent her District well and by it doing honor to the Slovenian nationality.

Congratulations Elsie! Good luck on your new political horizon! M. P.

Katie adds merriment to any function and her circle of friends is so large — she must divide her time to keep all happy. She is adored by grandson Mark and granddaughter Kathy. These youngsters have found a real pal in their grandma. Of course, the adoration is two fold, returned by Katie to these two nice children.

Daughter-in-law, Jennie (also a good friend of mine), has been a real daughter to Katie. They seem like a couple of "buddies". I know personally how much Jenny and her entire family love Katie — it's a close knit group who radiate happiness.

Son, Ray has been a real pride and joy to his mom, a son who has brought nothing but pleasure to all who know him. Honestly speaking, Katie's family feels she is the Mother of a Lifetime — not merely Mother of the Year. No greater compliment can be bestowed on anyone than the complete love and affection of one's entire family. Katie can bask in the knowledge that no one is loved more.

Having enjoyed a 50th Anniversary in her beloved Joe's company, which came to a very sudden end with his

LAST WILL OF A MOTHER

"My dear children, I, your mother, am making a wish and will which I hope you will read and understand.

I would like J. and E. to take care of the funeral, but would like you all to get together and talk things over, so you will all be satisfied. Don't have an expensive funeral . . ." Here then the mother goes in details what to do in certain instances. Making provisions for different children, where to live and what to do with the property and money that was set aside, she shows that she knows her children really well. Then she continues: "Get together and do what is best for all. But please do not argue. Be like grown-up men and women and talk things over nicely . . ." Here again, she points out what is to be done with the furniture, how it is to be used and by whom. "B. asked me for dad's and my picture, that is hanging in my bedroom, M. asked me for my cross and chain. I promised it to her years ago. Give it to her if she still wants it. The rest of the

things left divide between yourselves and please do not have any arguments among you, just talk it over like men and women and be good to each other. Be like brothers and sisters should be and help each other. Don't forget what dad and I taught you, especially to be good and keep up your religion. Don't forget that we taught you the Catholic religion. Dad and I will look forward to seeing you all in heaven with us which I hope we earned on this earth and if we did earn heaven we wish you will all be with us. So, please do not forget what we taught you, That's what Dad and I want, to be together again in heaven. So, please be good and pray for us and for yourselves so we will be together again in heaven. See you all in heaven. God bless you all.

(P.S. Please do not forget my wishes.)"

This is mother. She always thinks of others and not of herself. In this letter there is an image of a mother we dream about and we know that she is like this one in reality.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

death last year, Katie's recent loss has been unmeasurable for they really had 50 years of fun and happiness. Happiness must be the secret for endless youth, probably that is why Katie never seems to age. Happiness to you, Katie, my dear, and thank you for your cherished friendship.

Convention delegate, Margaret Fager and her sister, our State President, Rose Scoff will once again attend together the national convention. Rose and her sister attended the last convention in Chicago, too.

We wish them a pleasant and productive trip to Washington. San Francisco extends wishes for a successful and productive convention; with Toni Turek to preside the convention will flourish. Our officers are to be complimented on a job well done.

Fran Chiodo, Reporter

Ed. Note Fran does not mention the important part she has played in the success of our Zveza with a 25 year term as reporter for Zarja to add to her credit. Congratulations!

No. 14, Euclid, Ohio. — Our April meeting was opened with prayer as usual, led by our president, Theresa Skur. The meeting was fairly well attended. With the days getting longer and warmer, we hope to have a much larger attendance. So, ladies, try to make an effort to come. I'm sure you will all enjoy yourselves. Our planned grip to Loop's Farm on April 16th was cancelled, so instead we will go to the American Slovenian Club in Fairport, Ohio.

On May 21st this year, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Br. 14.

A card party will be held on Oct. 22nd and I'm sure if we all work hard it will be a bigger success than last year. More on this in the next few months.

Our taking to Mary Fakult for taking over the duties of our two hostesses, Marge Ivec and Frances Plut, who were unable to attend, but who did furnish the refreshments. The potica was delicious. Thank you, Marge and Frances. Hostesses for the May meeting will be Antoinette Wishick, Antoinette Zabukovec and Mary Krnel. We will celebrate Mother's Day.

Thank you to the following ladies for their donations to our treasury and goodtime club: Mary Guzeli, Mary Sporar, Mary Kaucic, Rose Rupert, Agatha Zajc, Frances Kog, Frances Medved, Frances Plut, Mary Leksan, Mary Walter and Anna Hrovat. We were happy to initiate a new member, Theresa Tekancic. Welcome, Theresa!

I am sorry to report the death of our members, Mary Pirc. Our condolences go to her family. May she rest in peace. Good health to all.

Vera Bajec

No. 17, West Allis, Wis. Our Midwest Bowling Tournament is now just a conversation-piece. We had 6 teams entered plus a few spectators to fill up the chartered bus for an eventful day. We all didn't bowl up to par, but the excitement of meeting old and new friends created a day of anticipation. The thrill of just bowling and meeting old friends from West Allis gave the wanderlust to our member, Diane Zebrowski, husband, Clem and daughter, Beth, from South Bend, Indiana. We enjoyed seeing you again

Combined Branches of Cleveland Report

Our April meeting of the Combined Branches of Cleveland was well-attended. All were full of great enthusiasm for the Convention in May.

The Tours arranged will be very enjoyable, I am sure. We are lucky to have such good Directors — and our hats off to them. Oh, that Corinne, she sure has her hands full — we are proud of her and her ability and her kindness. Bless her heart! (Thank you, Mary, most sincerely.)

Our meeting had many interesting discussions. One was about the membership of Junior boys.

To those in doubt on any matter concerning the Union, by all means, ask questions. Contact your branch president or your Supreme President. Don't hesitate — don't pass up an opportunity to learn something more about the S.W.U. We must encourage youth and find some way to get them interested and start them to attend meetings.

I have gathered enough members and friends to fill two buses to Washington! I hope there will be more of you getting ready for the trip. How about it? Those of you wishing hotel reservations may contact me as I am only too glad to do it for you.

We celebrated the birthdays of Stella Dancull and Mary Debevec. Wishes to them for happy birthdays and good health. They are two lovely people, in fact, all of our combined branch representatives are the greatest.

One of our past auditors, Nettie Strukel, is home after a long spell in the hospital. It would be appreciated if some of you would visit her. She would love it. We all wish her a speedy recovery and God's blessing.

To all delegates of Ohio Branches: Don't forget your convention report. I must have them in time.

My dear sisters, delegates and officers, may I wish you all the best of luck and let's all hope for a successful and enjoyable convention. May God bless you all.

Mary Bostian

and hope the spirit will continue again next year for our tournament.

As usual our two stand-bys, Stanley and Frank Krizan drove their charming wives to the alleys. Thanks a lot, boys!

West Allis again had its trademark "carnations", which were admired by all. We were recognized immediately by our friends and new acquaintances as "here comes the West Allis group."

Many thanks to CHICAGO for their warm hospitality. We all enjoyed ourselves in your fair city. Even Sylvia Milbrandt didn't mind going back the next weekend for her glasses which she forgot.

Having a rather unusual wintery day, our card party for the benefit of St. Mary's Church Building Fund, was very successful. Many thanks to the donors, members and friends who participated, and the workers. May God bless you for all your efforts.

Having read the Zarja that the Pre-Convention Campaign had ended, our secretary Marie Floryan kept on going. She has enrolled Antoinette Pakiz, Angeline Starich, Margaret Mesich, Colletta Imperl, Gay Marie Bolskar, Gary Paul Bolskar, Jennifer Malewicki (Lockport, Ill.) and Angeline Kosrog. Good Work, Marie. According to the grapevine, I hear you have a few more prospects.

Congratulations are extended to our proud grandmothers, Mary Bolskar and Josephine Schmidt, and great-grandmothers, Agnes Matko and Josephine Stariha. Also to Helen Kodrich, grandmother of twins and great-grandmother, Sophie Moze.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mr. Frank Jeric on the loss of his wife, Angeline. She will be remembered in our prayers and may she rest in peace.

Please attend our monthly meetings as it is Convention Year. If you have any ideas for the betterment of our organization please tell us. As you know, there will be no meetings during the months of June, July and August. Members that are in arrears please bring your assessment up to date.

Just a reminder: Attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion on Mother's Day for all living and deceased members.

To all our shut-ins, our best wishes and a speedy recovery, and to all our friends and members may God bless you always.

Marion Marolt

No. 19, Eveleth, Minn. On May 11th we will have a very important gathering at my home. The meeting should be interesting because it is just before the Convention and we are going to celebrate Mother's Day. This year we did not choose a special person since most of our members are good and worthy mothers. Therefore we will have a general celebra-

Supreme President's Message

May is a beautiful month. Flowers are blooming and with this comes the day when we all celebrate the happy occasion of MOTHER'S DAY. This year it is on May 14th. Congratulations to all mothers and wishes that you have a very happy day with your loved ones.

My mother celebrated her 80th birthday on April 5th and so my husband and I drove 2000 miles to Minnesota to be with her. She still keeps herself very busy all the time with baking, cooking and for fun, she plays cards. She supplies her three sons and their families with all the good things to eat such as bakery and noodles. Her seven room home is spotless. This visit was most enjoyable and in anticipation of my coming, she worked especially hard to prepare her home.

When I commented on her beautifully clean bedroom walls, she said she did them herself. I asked how? And she told me it was easy except for the ceiling for which she had to figure out a new way since she can't climb a ladder. So she used a sponge mop with a long handle, using it with soapy water, and then with clean rinsed rags on the mop for drying. The room was washed and put back into order the same day. I thought that was really something and many of our members may find they have had similar experiences with their diligent moms. I told her I had no sympathy for her complaint of a sore knee after doing all that work — but she is still my grand pal!

So, Mom and all our Moms: Happy Mother's Day — we love you and cherish you all!

The Convention month is here! Everything is in readiness for us and waiting! Thanks to Irene Planinsek and her committee for all the time spent in arranging such a close schedule for us to enjoy so we will see all the principal places in Washington.

The Cleveland delegation will leave on Tuesday evening May 23, 1967 at 10:30 p. m. from the Slovenian National Home at E. 65th and St. Clair Ave. with 74 passengers bound for Washington. Another bus will leave for the weekend on Friday evening, May 26th.

All delegates to the 14th National Convention must bring their Credentials with them, showing they are duly elected delegates, and present the Credentials to the Committee in charge, at the Hotel before Thursday noon, May 25th. The Credential Committee is as follows:

Marie Floryan, President, Br. 17, West Allis, Wis.
Rose Zelodec, Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio
Mary Pahula, Br. 34, Soudan, Minn.
Josephine Kolar, Br. 43, Milwaukee, Wis.
Christine Konte, Br. 66, Canon City, Colo.

Any member of the Committee is authorized to take your Credentials and the Committee will meet to make their report as the Convention opens on Thursday, May 25, 1967 at 2:30 p. m.

Happy Birthday do those celebrating this month and speedy recovery to the ailing. Be seeing you all at Washington, D. C. Safe Journey!

Toni Turek

tion and it'll be a very pleasant one. Please try your best to come on May 11th to the May meeting.

Our branch lost three members by death in five weeks time. They were: Frances Habjan, Cecelia Kapsh and Elizabeth Rakovets. They were loyal and helpful in every way for many years. The memory will never fade away of their good deeds. To the bereaved we extend our sympathy and God reward the departed souls.

Our president Mrs. Nemgar and a number of our members are patiently enduring their lingering sicknesses.

Mary Lushin Charnowski was also confined at the University Hospital in Minneapolis where she underwent surgery. God bless all of our sick members and give them speedy recoveries wherever possible.

My hopes were very high to attend

the National Convention in Washington, D. C. but I'll not be able to go because of doctor's orders. Mrs. Erklautz will represent our branch.

I hope that the Convention will be another successful one and that all who attend will have a safe and happy journey.

Many of the members and friends will celebrate their birthdays in May and among them our National Treasurer, Mrs. Josephine Zeleznikar. Wishing them all a very happy birthday and the best of health.

A very safe and happy journey to all who will travel abroad this summer and to all vacationers wherever they may decide to travel.

May all the mothers and grandmothers enjoy their day on May 14th is my most sincere wish.

Marie Lenich, Secretary

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. Our condolences to Mrs. Margaret Muha, our long-time member on the passing of her husband, Frank. He is survived by two daughters and two sons and grandchildren. He was a member of many societies and was buried from the Rockdale church, St. Joseph parish, to St. Joseph cemetery in Joliet.

Mrs. Muha is ill for many years.

Also, sympathy to Sophie Korevec, a member of long standing, who suddenly lost her husband, Fred. A member of many organizations, he is also survived by three daughters and grandchildren. May they both rest in peace.

Jo Sumic, the director of the bowling league, reported at our meeting that the tournament in Chicago was successful but the totals were not as yet released by bowling supervisor, Mrs. Elizabeth Zefran. Until then, the winners cannot be mentioned.

We are showing slides of Washington, D. C. and also of delegates and members and friends who took the trip to our convention last May. So, remember, the date — June 18th.

Those in the hospital are Mrs. Ann Ferlin, Catherine Butala, Jean M. Tezak; and Mrs. Mary Nemanich is convalescing at home now.

The beautiful feast of Easter is past and we hope it was a happy and healthy time for all our members. Here in Joliet, again our choir was outstanding, directed by our organist, Mr. Anthony Rozman. This year, the school band also participated which elevated the entire ceremony so that words cannot describe it. Our members of the choir are Mes. Anna Fandek, Mary Lesnik, Josephine Sumic and Mayme Pluth. These are also members of our Zveza Choral Club directed by Jennie Sprengel. May these members of the choir and the rest that complete our choir live for many more years so that they, along with Rev. Pock may elevate our devotions at such times.

Times are changing so rapidly, but, we hope that this old tradition in our St. Joseph's church lives forever.

We also had Confirmation the Easter Week that followed when many were confirmed. Daughters and sons of our members participated and here again our choir was outstanding.

This month of May, we will celebrate Mother's Day and a tribute to our branch's Mother of the Year, Mrs. Theresa Marentich who with outgoing popular mother, Jennie Smrekar, will participate.

May all mothers live for many years to come in the midst of their families, in good health and happiness.

With best wishes, to all, and hoping that all delegates, members and friends will be going to Washington, for a memorable time, I am, yours sincerely,
Josephine Erjavec

IN LOVING MEMORY ON MOTHER'S DAY



Rose Urbancic

Departed member of Br. 25,
Feb. 12, 1962

"God has given us many stars to shine, many flowers to bloom, many friends to cherish, but only one Mother to remember."

Sons and Daughters
Lorain, Ohio

No. 23, Ely, Minn. Dawn Club. — Our March meeting was held on the 15th at the church hall at 7:30. Will say that our president, Rose Novak, starts the meetings on time as scheduled — sharp! Meetings open with prayer and the minutes and treasurer's reports are read and accepted. The card party that we had in February was a success. It was at St. Anthony's parish hall. Barbara Rosandich was the general chairman and in charge of the cards were Miss Mary Shikonya, Mrs. Gene Merrill, Mrs. Ludwig Deyak and Mrs. Steve Grahek. Honors were awarded to Mrs. Emil Neimi (pinochle), Mrs. Arvid Larson (bridge), Mrs. Fred Kotchevar (canasta), Mrs. Leo Erchull (B.) Many other gifts were given also. There were 82 ladies present and a delicious lunch was served by the ladies in charge. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

A letter was read by our secretary, Mrs. Frank Vidmar, from Miss Irene Planinsek, president of Br. 103, in Washington, and another explaining the schedule of the Convention. It seems there will be several ladies going to Washington from Ely.

After this meeting, Help Your Neighbor was played. A nice lunch was served by the ladies in charge. Mrs. Rose Novak took home the gift.

To all who are ill, we wish a speedy recovery.
Ann Rowe, Reporter

No. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa. We had a very nice meeting in March. The attendance was good and quite a few have birthdays in March so we had a lot of baked goodies. At this meeting it was agreed by all that we give an Easter donation to the church.

There was more discussion about the luncheon that will be on May 16th also about the State Convention to be held some time in September.

Condolences to Mary Palicichio on the loss of her mother, Antoinette Pascuzzi (Pascol) who died on March 4th. May her soul rest in peace.

Happy Mother's Day to all our members, especially to our Mother of the Year, Ann Ferlan. God bless you all!

Ann Frankovic

No. 33, Duluth, Minn. — Our April meeting was very well-attended. New members enrolled were: Patricia Skull, Pauline Stoyevich. Also adding to our juvenile members which gives us 100 juveniles were three Radosevich boys and 2 Peterangelo boys. Both mothers are members of our branch.

We have about 25 members going to Washington, D. C., some by plane, some by train, and we are all looking forward to the many interesting tours being planned. All our plans are not completed as yet. Thanks to Barbara Rosandich, our State President, for helping with the Range branches. I'm sure we will obtain the necessary number of passengers for the special rates by train from Minnesota.

Again we are appealing to the members for the donations of fancy work, home-made articles as aprons, pillow-cases, etc., anything that can be sold at the convention. The proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. This is not only a very worthy cause, but it will be an opportunity to display the most beautiful articles made by hand. Please bring these items to the May meeting.

Our May 10th meeting will begin promptly at 7 p. m. Following the business meeting, our Mother's Day program will begin honoring our Mother of the Year, Mrs. Marion Lasky who is a long-time member and has faithfully attended meetings when health permitted. Also, we will honor all the Mothers of the Branch. Slides will be shown of Washington, D. C. Since so many of us are going, it will be interesting to everyone. I'm sure.

Our juvenile members will be feted with a party on May 6th, instead of at Christmas, when they have so much of everything. We decided to hold the party mid-season and Louise Fena and her committee are in charge.

Following the business meeting, Frances Blatnik introduced a speaker, Miss Ramona Cedersrn, business ad-

Over the Bridge to Arlington

The Potomac River at one time divided the North and the South, but today, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, symbolizes the reunion of a once divided country and spans the river running in a straight line from the Lincoln Memorial to the Custis-Lee Mansion.

The Custis-Lee Mansion was built in 1802, by George Washington Parke Custis, a grandson of Martha Washington. It became the home of Robert E. Lee when he married Custis' daughter. Just before the Civil War, Lincoln offered Lee command of the Union armies, but Lee resigned his U. S. Army commission to lead the Confederate forces. He abandoned his 11,000 acre estate which then was taken over by the Union forces and used as an Army camp. It was at this time that Julia Ward Howe saw the soldiers' campfire, heard the trumpets, and returned to her hotel to write, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

In 1864, Lee's estate became a national cemetery for Civil War soldiers of both the north and south. It now shelters veterans of every war the U. S. has fought. A large number of monuments, statues, and special memorials are scattered throughout the tree-shaded and hilly cemetery, which covers approximately 450 acres. Simple white marble slabs mark the graves of American servicemen who have died in battles since the Civil War to the present Viet-Nam crisis. The flat topped headstones indicate

the unidentified dead.

Among the notables buried in Arlington is Pierre L'Enfant, architect for the city of Washington, D. C. His body was removed from an obscure grave on a Maryland farm in 1905 and reburied beneath the lawn of the Custis-Lee Mansion (known as the Arlington House), facing the city which realizes his vision of years ago. One of the best views of the capital city can be seen from this site.

A memorial area below the Custis-Lee Mansion, which stands on high ground overlooking the Potomac is the site of the grave of President John F. Kennedy. The blue eternal flame glows constantly and can be seen from a distance, especially at night. Presently, an elaborate memorial is in the midst of construction. Since the assassinated President lies among the other U. S. heroes, Arlington Cemetery has become the most popular tourist attraction in the Washington area.

So much more could be written on our beloved Nation's Capital City and its landmarks, but since this is the final article of the series, before the convention convenes, the remainder must be left for you to discover.

I wish to personally thank the readers for their interest and comments on the articles. Perhaps, in some small way, I have helped to bring Washington, D. C., our Nation's lovely Capital City, closer to you and your home.

Long may it stand,—proud, beautiful and free, a symbol of each American city. Irene M. Planisek

ministrator and dietician at St. Mary's Hospital. Her topic was: The Exciting World of Food! The modern and fast methods of food preparation, a full meal in a few minutes, were demonstrated. Everyone enjoyed her talk. Many questions were asked. A nice lunch was served by the committee and prizes awarded.

Confined at present at St. Mary's Hospital are Mrs. Mary Blatnik who had surgery and Mrs. Elizabeth Piccanatto, on observation. We wish them Godspeed to recovery.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Alice Lubina in the great loss of her beloved husband, Anton, who had been ill for sometime. Surviving him are also 3 daughters, Margaret Radosevich of Duluth, Dorothy Gloeb of St. Paul and Marie Rose Lubina of Brainerd; also, 8 grandchildren. May his soul rest in peace.

Because there were so many requests for our parish cook book, we had 1000 more books made up and the recipes are all tested and signed by the owner. Anyone wishing one please contact Mrs. Frances Danko, 308 W. House St., Duluth, Minn. The price is \$2.50 a book, if shipped it is \$2.75.

God willing, we will see you all in Washington this month.

Ann Podgorsek

No. 43, Milwaukee, Wis. The March meeting was held at Vicki Sporis' home on Sunday, March 5th due to the bowling tournament being held on the 11th and 12th.

The main topic of discussion was the National Convention and anyone who is interested in going shouldn't hesitate another moment as the schedule for the days in Washington is both interesting and educational.

IN MEMORIAM OF LOUISE PRHNE

MAY 22, 1966

SAFELY HOME



*I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light,
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in God's own land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

Louis Prhne, husband
Brothers—Sisters—In-Laws
Nieces and Nephews
Cleveland, Ohio

We also discussed the bowling tournament and plans on how we were to travel to Chicago. Lastly, we talked over our Rummage Sale.

We would like to thank our two very kind sponsors for backing the two teams, John and Anne Rebernisek, proprietors of the Rebernisek's Club 36 located at 3400 W. Loomis Rd., and Jean Jelenc of Jelenc Funeral Home at 2316 W. National Ave. Everyone had a grand time and enjoyed themselves immensely. At this time, I wish to thank the West Allis members and those who sat in the aisles of the bus, for giving their seats to out bowlers; also, to Marie Floryan

and Marion Marolt for the lovely carnations which each bowler received. Words cannot express your generosity, Br. 17. Thank you!

The Rummage Sale was a great success. Our branch donated \$110 toward the building fund on the new St. John church. Our diligent workers Mrs. Kolar, Josephine Verbick, Christine Rebernisek and Mary Kresse deserve a great deal of credit. These ladies worked very hard Monday preparing for the sale Tuesday and the results were rewarding. Many thanks to the above-mentioned ladies, to those who donated items or participated in any way.

Mitz Tratnik underwent surgery and was convalescing at St. Francis Hospital and is now at home, so cheer her with a card. She still isn't fully recovered from a previous fall early this year in which she was in a wheelchair for 3 weeks. Mitz, you've had it for this year!

Our sympathies to the Riffel and Prijic families on the loss of their dear mother and my beloved aunt, Helen Riffel. She was always ready to give a helping hand and will be sadly missed by many. May her soul rest in peace.

To all our sick and shut-in members, speedy recovery and may God bless them.

Josephine Strukel was given the honor of being the Mother of the Year and she is very worthy of the title. She is waiting patiently for the return in July of her son from service in Germany.

Now, the dues! Please check your books, members. It makes it very hard when you are in arrears. Dues must be sent to the Home Office by the 25th of each month, so please bear with me and pay your dues in time. I still have some cook-books for sale, too.

To all, on your mark, get set: Go — on the interesting trip to Washington, D. C. where the 14th National Convention will be held, plus all the interesting tours!

In conclusion, the next meeting date is May 7th and let's have an outstanding attendance. To all May birthdays, anniversaries, communicants, the best wishes and congratulations.
Rose Kraemer, Sec'y.

No. 45, Portland, Ore. Nomination for delegate to the convention this month in Washington, D. C. was made at the March meeting that opened with prayer. Mrs. Eva Polich was selected unanimously. Mrs. Frances Kennevek was alternate, nominated by Lee Covach and seconded by Alice Vidan.

Attendance at the meeting was 14 members, much better than in the past. I hope the members will keep coming. We always have a good time and lots of laughter.

Mrs. Wilma Franciscovich was installed in the new office as secretary. We know she will do her utmost to fulfill the duties of that office, so everyone is asked to help her by paying your dues on time, please. We would also like to thank Mrs. Florence Lolic, past secretary, for her services in the past several years.

A letter was received from Branch 103 asking for our help in the giving of an afghan at the convention. We did not think we could do this as we are trying to make money for our own branch.

Plans are in progress to make a tour of a mortuary which will net us \$1 per member for going thru. Tentative plans are for either Portland Memorial or A. J. Rose.

Palm Sunday breakfast at Mallory Hotel and Mass at 10:30 a St. Mary's Cathedral was a success. Many guests and members were present.

Plants for members who are ill in the hospital, and funeral pieces have gone up from \$5 to \$7.50 at Tommy Lake's, so suggestions made were for finding another way to handle this. Mrs. Amanda Grbavec was most kind and offered to inquire at a florist whom she knows, who may let us have floral offerings at the same price of \$5.

We recently lost a member, Mrs. Mary Bouiss, who had been ill for quite some time. Your prayers are request for the repose of her soul and our sympathies to the bereaved family. Flowers and mass were offered for her by our local branch.

Members, please remember to pay your dues in advance. If you want to mail the dues, the address is Mrs. Wilma Franciscovich, 3246 N. E. 57th, Portland, Ore. The meeting concluded with prayer.

Ann Carlisle, Rec. Sec'y.

No. 46, St. Louis, Mo. Our meeting was held on the 13th of March, at the home of our President, Mrs. Viola Pisoni. There were only 11 ladies present.

There was a joint Communion on Sunday, April 16th, with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Lodge, at St. Joseph's Croatian church.

Our May meeting will be on May 7th, and will also be our Mother's Day Party. The party will be held at Lemmon's Restaurant, and we will honor our special Mother of the Year, Mary Moenigmann. Mrs. Marie Thompson is in charge of making all the party arrangements.

Since we do not have any meetings during the summer, our next regular meeting will be held on the 2nd Sunday of September at Viola Pisoni's home. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all, a happy, healthy and safe summer. Respectively
Theresa Gabrian, Rec. Sec'y.

No. 50, Cleveland, Ohio. The first thing that I'd like to report is the illness of our Fran Sietz. At this writing she is recuperating in Euclid Glenville Hospital with a severe case of bronchitis and a slight case of emphysema. I'm sure that all the ladies join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Fran, we are all praying for your return to good health and hope to see you soon.

Of course, I'm sure that all who couldn't attend the Easter Bowling

Tourney at the Shoregate Lanes on March 5th would like to know the outcome. The first three teams were as follows:

1st place, Br. 47, Jo Lea, Capt.
2nd place, Br. 73, Ann Predovic, Capt.
3rd place, Br. 50, Ber. Somrak, Capt.

I would like to mention all the prize winners, but there just isn't enough space to print them all. Angie Shine and Mary DeLost of Br. 25 tried their very best, but it seems their best was not good enough: sorry girls. Next year! Met an old friend, Albina Zimmerman, and she complained that she just wasn't on the ball but promised to make up for it next time.

We, the ladies who prepared the goodies in the dining room, would like to express our thanks for the fine cooperation that was given to us in regards to the seating arrangement. We were a little cramped for space but everything worked out just fine. To the ladies who helped in any way, a hearty thank you: Louise Epley No. 73, Stella Dancull No. 21, Carole Traven, Mary Bostian and yours truly No. 50 — we all managed to get things in order for the ladies who were so tired from bowling. Everything worked out just fine according to our wonderful Supreme President, Toni Turek.

Ladies, I wonder how many of you realize that we have some very prominent ladies in our branch. They are mothers of sons and daughters in the religious life. Louise Vovko has a son to be ordained in 1968 and a daughter is in the Notre Dame Convent. Each of the following mothers has a daughter in religious life: Frances Milavec, Agnes Modic, Mary Hocevar and Christine Duche. These mothers are to be saluted for their contributions to the religious orders. Hats off, to these Mothers!

A big thank you to Mary Bostian, for the beautifully colored Easter eggs that decorated our table so nicely and all the goodies that went with it. Since Frances Sietz is ill, the ladies decided to take some of the worry off her shoulders by electing Rose Zelodec to assist Toni Turek with some of the responsibilities of the presidency. We all know that this be a great help to Fran. All we ask is that she get well and be with us soon again. God be with you, Fran.

At our meeting in March, the attendance was just grand with so many ladies coming out, even though it was Holy Week. We were entertained with some beautiful slides of Washington, D. C., the meeting place of our National Convention. We were very delighted to have Washington chosen as the convention city as so many members, like myself, have nev-

er had the pleasure of visiting it before. The Hotel is just beautiful — how can anyone refuse to take this lovely trip? The time that will be spent is all accounted for by the committee in charge. So, ladies, let's get on the bandwagon, and contact Mary Bostian or Toni Turek to see if they have any more room on the bus to Washington. We know that the ladies will come back and rave about the glorious time they had. Make this your vacation of the year, with or without your family.

We hope that you will be with us on May 15th and make it a point to participate in all our affairs.

Angie Lube

DEEPLY MISSED



ANNA C. HERBST

Anna C. Herbst was born Sept. 5, 1912 and passed away on Feb. 2, 1967 after a two week illness. She was a member of our branch, no. 50, Cleveland, Ohio. She was a kind and lovable person, loved by all who came in contact with her and always ready to help those who were in need. A devoted wife and wonderful sister-in-law, she is sadly missed by her relatives and friends, the members of Br. 50 and her grieving husband, Edward. May she rest in peace.

Rose Zelodec

No. 52, Kitzville, Minn. Dear sisters! Our April meeting was again held at the Little Grove and we wish to congratulate sister Rose Chiodi for being selected as delegate to our National Convention which is being held this month at Washington, D. C. We all feel she will represent our branches in the best possible way. Good luck to her.

Sister Josette Baratto, a recent member of the branch, has become the bride of John Alan Maki, on April 1st in a ceremony at the In-

BOWLERS NEAR END OF SEASON

No. 2, Chicago, Ill. Bowling News. Being at the top of a ladder is always a pretty shaky affair. And so is being at the top of the Chicago S.W.U. bowling league. During March, Zefran Funeral Home saw its lead dwindle from five games to a game and a half.

Making a strong bid for the top position, Reliance Federal emerged with 57 wins and 33 losses. Marquette Service Station remained in third place with a record of 53½ and 36½. John F. Cuneo (48-42) came up a few notches to fourth place. Close behind was Blue Arrow Douglas (47½-42½).

Individual and team leaders remained the same. It will take some spectacular bowling to knock them off their perches.

Our star bowler of the month was R. Swartz, who bowled a 468 series—99 pins over her 123 average. J. Gervase bowled 88 pins over her 145 average. She had a 523 series. F. Smulski had another good series, 481—67 pins over her 138 average.

March was a good month for railroad pick-ups: M. Zahorsky, 5-10, 2-7-10, 3-10; M. Reinholz, 2-10, 5-6; S. Melissa, 5-10, 5-7; E. Kroschel, 2-7, 3-10; L. Hasek and G. Schiffler, 3-10; P. Engels and L. Zefran, 2-7; H. Fitzgerald, E. Statkus, L. Putzell, R. Litwin, J. Meden, B. Jakubowski, 5-10; B. Zalik, 6-7-10; B. Zurek, 6-8-10; M. Smyth, 5-7. **Barbara Zurek**

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. Bowling News. With only four weeks left to bowl, Bluth's Sausage is still holding the lead. They have 51 wins and 36 losses. Dames Funeral Home is second with 49 wins and 38 losses. Merichka's Restaurant is third with 47 and 40; American Slovenian Home is 4th

maculate Conception church. A lovely reception followed. We wish to congratulate the proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baratto (Mrs. Baratto is our member) and also wish the bride and groom will enjoy married bliss for a long and enduring lifetime. God bless you all.

And, to all our sick members and their families, we wish God's speed to rapid recovery. Sister Rose Trombly, whose husband is at the Chisholm Hospital and sister Ann Mansfield whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marko Majerl are at Hibbing General, are wished our best. We pray that they are recovering quickly and will soon be home among their loved ones.

Sister Josephine Oswald led us in prayer and thus our business session came to a close.

Our social of the evening took place with games and cards being played. Winning honors were sisters: Josephine Oswald, Frances Oswald, Rose

42-45; Northwest Recreation Club and Shep's DX Service Station are tied with 35½ wins and 51½ losses.

Our highest series for the month was a beautiful 526 by Lil Anderson. Lil has a 139 average. Really nice bowling, Lil! Marge Wajchert had a 517 and 502. Marilyn Nemanich had a 513, Marge Gasperich a 495 and Dot Jaksetich, 490.

We had some nice single games, too. Marge Gasprich had a 206; Lil Anderson shot 197, Marilyn Nemanich 191, Ev Gregory, 190, Ann Kobe, 188, Marje Wajchert, 186, Ann Sternisha, 185 and Dot Jaksetich, 183.

Ann Papesh (average 118) is really proud of her 171 game and 400 series. Nice bowling, Ann! Mickey Briski is proud of her 448 series. Her high game in this series was 169. Mickey has a 126 average. Swell, gal!

Over the fence with Fran McCarthy, 146-141-146; Mary Lou Bluth, 115-117-115; Vicki Bernickas, 133-169-133; Millie Ellena, 112-113-112 and Dot Jaksetich, 148-174-148.

Splits picked up were: Dot Jaksetich, 5-10, 2-10 and 3-10; Ev Gregory, 4-5-7; Vicki Bernickas, 4-5-7; Marje Wajchert, 4-5 and 3-7-10; Mary Rezick, 2-7-8, 3-10, 3-5-10, 2-7-8; Theresa Pavnica, 9-10 and 3-10; Lil Anderson, 5-10, 4-5-7 and 5-6-10; Betty Lakotich, 5-8-10; Gert Padovic, 4-8-10, Millie Ellena, 2-7-10 and Jo Mlakar, 3-7.

Our Bowling Banquet will be held on Monday, May 1st at Merichka's Restaurant. Trophies will be given to the first place team and cash prizes will be given to all bowlers. Subs will also be invited to attend. See you there.

Your reporter, Theresa Pavnica

Chiodi, Julia Mancuso, Dorothy Russo, Angeline Russ, Carmella Bonazza, Alberta Marolt and door prize to sister Chiodi. A delightful lunch was served by our hostesses, Jenny Crea, Elizabeth Spinelli, Frances Jerkovich. A most pleasant evening then came to a close.

May God bless you all and keep you in the best of health until we meet again. Drive safely — the life you save may be you own.

Gertrude Kochevar

No. 55, Girard, O. The March meeting opened with a prayer led by president, Mrs. Barbara Umeck. Plans were completed for a Mother-Daughter Covered-dish Dinner when Mrs. Marie Cvetic will be honored as Mother of the Year. Mrs. Anna Catone will be chairman, assisted by Mmes. Margaret Tripoti, Helen Dagati, Mary Bradish, Mary Rostan and Miss Virginia Rostan.

That beautiful hand made afghan will be awarded to some lucky person

14th NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORTS

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

My report shall be brief, as I give one every six months in Zarja.

We, the Auditors, have examined the books, ledgers and other financial statements of the Supreme Officers, the contents in the safety deposit box at the Bank, this being done every six months and have always found everything in perfect order. Thanks to all of our Supreme Officers for their efficiency and to Mrs. Prislund who does the investing.

We owe much praise to our Editor, Corinne for such a wonderful job on our beloved Zarja. She does so much with so little to work with.

Hermine Dicke, deserves much credit in awarding Scholarships and writing the "Pots and Pans" addition which is enjoyed in Zarja by all. A big thank you in appreciation to Irene Planinsek, president of our newest branch in Washington, D. C., for the wonderful plans being made for our Convention and the many interesting tours being planned for all who will attend.

I have always worked for the progress of our great organization, as well as our branch. In every membership drive, I have signed up new members. This is the second time, in the recent pre-convention campaigns that I came in 2nd place!

Have attended all Minnesota State Day activities and each time our branch attended with a capacity filled bus.

Our branch in Duluth is very active and meetings are well attended. We have two bowling teams from our group. As reporter of our branch each month, I have write-ups in Zarja on our activities of the month.

I shall, to the best of my ability, continue to work for the progress and betterment of our organization and membership. May we have a most successful convention.

Ann Podgorsek

REPORT OF THE SECOND SUPREME AUDITOR

Once again we meet for a national convention — the friends, guests and members of our Zveza organization. From far and near they arrive here in Washington, to plan and promote business interests and also to take in a few unforgettable sights. It has been three years since the last national convention, although it does not seem that long. Much has been accomplished. Serving

on the supreme board as 2nd auditor brought me closer to having privileged the responsibilities for Zveza, enjoying the personal contacts of various branch officers gave pleasure that will always remain dear to me.

During the span from the previous and this current convention I have participated in many constructive affairs held for the benefit of Zveza. In the six years that I held office as auditor I have enrolled over 200 new members, won awards, and titles for which I am very grateful. On numerous occasions I have availed myself as chairman for women's and children's activities, birthday, branch and card parties. All these sociable events were successful in our branch No. 25 through efforts of the gracious hard working committees. Working together is the secret of success.

We shall continue to contribute toward making Branch No. 25 helpful to the Slovenian Women's Union organization. Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Faletic

REPORT OF THE STATE PRESIDENT OF MINNESOTA

Since the last convention in Chicago, I have attended and presided at 3 state Conventions in Minnesota. I had the pleasure of being invited and attended the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Br. 28 at Chisholm, Minn.

With the help from my members, we have enrolled about 30 members; by doing this we can make our organization stronger in all respects.

Last year an appeal came from our Honorary President, Marie Prislund, for cash donations toward the scholarship fund. I wrote to all the branches in Minnesota to make some sort of projects for this worthy cause. Here at Ely, we had a fine party which netted a nice sum of one hundred dollars to this fine cause.

We are now looking forward to the 14th National Convention which will be held in Washington and the Minnesota State Convention which will be held in Tower, Soudan in the month of September of this year.

As State President of Minnesota, may I extend my congratulations to the Supreme Board one and all for the fine work they have been doing for the betterment of the Slovenian Women's Union. Good leadership is what makes progress and we do have good leadership in our Supreme Board.

My best wishes for a most successful 14th National Convention. Fraternaly yours, Barbara Rosandich

at that time. Mrs. Josephine Perusek made and donated it to our branch. May God bless her.

After the business meeting, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Josephine Perusek, Miss Beatrice Brayer and Mmes. Ann Racik, Mary Salajko and Anna Leskovec.

Get well wishes were sent to Mrs. Agnes Nigut in the hospital. She came home for a few days and returned to the hospital thereafter. Let us all offer a prayer for her recovery.

The nice weather is here to stay so come to the meetings and enjoy the social hour and take home some useful prizes. Members who received prizes were Mmes. Helen Biscan, Helen Brdek, Anna Krivak, Katherine Russ and Amelia Robsel with the door prize given to the undersigned. Thank you.

To the members ill, and not reported, may God grant you a speedy recovery. To the rest, may God bless you with continued good health.

Mary Ann Mehalco

No. 68, Fairport, Ohio. — Our president opened the meeting with prayer. The members plan to receive Holy Communion together at Mass on Mother's Day. A dinner for the mothers will be held on May 20th.

In June we will put on a dinner for Branch No. 14 of Cleveland.

A blessed & happy occasion will take place this month for Cindy Mahne. She will receive First Holy Communion. She is the daughter of Mrs. Anthony Mahne, our recording secretary.

Hostesses for this month were Mrs. Jennie Zupan and Mrs. William Ulle.

The winner of the Sunshine Prize was Mrs. Frances Pillar.

Games were enjoyed after the meeting. I hope to see all our members at the party in May.

Betty Pirman, Reporter

No. 72, Pullman, Ill. Our next meeting will be held on June 11th at the home of Mrs. Angela Arko, 318 West 11th Place. Please plan to attend. There are several birthdays that month which we will celebrate

and we'll miss you if you are not there. Mark the date on your calendar now.

As of this writing, Mrs. Centa is in the hospital. Our best wishes go to her for a speedy recovery. We still have a number of sick members — Mrs. Okorn, Mrs. Zadnik, Mrs. Brljavec, Mrs. Dolinar and Mrs. Levstik. Mrs. Janes was also in the hospital, but she is home now and feeling much better. To all of our sick members, we hope and pray you will be well soon. (If I have missed naming anyone, please forgive me as it is only because I did not know about it.)

Mrs. Bezljaj went to California to visit her son and his family last November, for what we thought was going to be only a short visit. But she is enjoying it so much she is still there. Perhaps she will be home in time for our next meeting. We'll be glad to see her as she is greatly missed.

See you all on June 11th.

Wilma Zagar

No. 73, Warrensville, O. Spring is here and some new babies too. Louise Liska, a new grandmother for the first time, welcomed a baby boy. Frances Travnik, grandmom fourth time, a baby girl. We hope mothers and babies are fine.

All the members want to thank Cleo Eble and her daughter for the lovely trip to Europe via her movies shown at the meeting. The colors were beautiful. Also, Ann Cook came and sold her home-made Easter candies and I am eating some right now — really good. Thank you.

Our bowling team came in second place in the Eastern Tournament. Ann Predovic was captain. Also, want to thank the ladies for baking, for the refreshments served at the bowling alleys.

One member is in the hospital, Ann Rogel. We all pray she is better and any of our other members as well.

At our Anniversary Mass, we had 29 members present. K. Yuratovac and daughter, Lynn, A. Walters, L. Majersic, S. Mauer and Patsy, L. Naso, M. Turk, F. Travnik, M. Schneider, B. Bayus, I. Chase, M. Rivacuk, M. Danicic, H. J. Dusek, L. Godec, S. Goga, M. Franchine, C. Eble, A. Fike, L. Adkins, M. Szabo, J. Turk, S. Knezeak, F. Knezeak, and daughter Julia Marie, A. Yoger R. Matyaszek and T. Vlasky.

Many thanks for making the effort to come. Everyone looked so pretty in their Easter clothes and the day was lovely too — a real spring day.

I wish all moms a very Happy Mother's Day. **Betty Bayus**, Reporter

No. 85, DePue, Ill. — Another member from our branch has gone to her Eternal Rest, sister Mary Kuttar, age 87 on April 8, 1967. A requiem mass was celebrated by Father Edward Bawiec at St. Mary's church at 9 a. m. on April 10th with interment in the Slovenian Cemetery in DePue.

Honorary pallbearers were the following members: sisters Mary Stupar, Mary Jermenec, Mary Zuglich, Frances Kopina, Josephine Slatner & Frank Machek.

Mrs. Kuttar came to DePue with her husband Andrew in 1907. Her husband died in 1943. Surviving are 5 daughters and 2 sons, namely: Mrs. Vincent Suarez (Mary), Mrs. Sylvester Marciniak (Bertha), Mrs. John Grilc, (Genevieve) all of DePue, Mrs. Ann Elder of LaSalle and Mrs. James Murphy (Louise) also of LaSalle. There are 22 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren. One brother also survives, living in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. She was preceded in death by one sister, one brother and five children. May her soul rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Frances Machek, Reporter

Ed. Note: Sorry for having inadvertently omitted the name of the late Mrs. Mary Kovacevic's daughter, Mrs. John Slatner (Mary) in the March issue.

WHAT WE'LL SEE

WHERE WE'LL BE

IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

14th NATIONAL CONVENTION EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1967 — Day of Arrival
SHRINE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION — HOLY MASS IN SLOVENIAN VERNACULAR IN CRYPT CHAPEL
TOUR OF FRANCISCAN MONASTERY
LUNCHEON AT HOLIDAY INN
DINNER AT BLACKIE'S HOUSE OF BEEF
MOONLIGHT TOUR OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1967 — Convention Session I, 2:30-6:00 p. m.
PRIVATE TOUR OF WHITE HOUSE
LINCOLN MEMORIAL
JEFFERSON MEMORIAL
GROUP PHOTOGRAPH AT GRANT PARK
U. S. CAPITOL TOUR
LUNCHEON AT D. C. STADIUM
DINNER AT WAX MUSEUM AND TOUR OF MUSEUM
VIEW OF WASHINGTON FROM ATOP WASHINGTON MONUMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1967 — Convention Sessions II & III, Morning & Afternoon
LUNCHEON AT HILTON FOR DELEGATES
DINNER AT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY & TOUR OF MUSEUM VISITORS ONLY: BUREAU OF ENGRAVING & PRINTING, MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SPACE MUSEUM, BOTANICAL GARDENS, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, SUPREME COURT, NATIONAL ARCHIVES, LUNCHEON IN VIRGINIA

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1967—Convention Session IV, 8:00—12:00 noon
LUNCHEON AT TOM SARI'S NEW ORLEANS HOUSE
ARLINGTON CEMETERY — GRAVE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
GRAND BANQUET
VISITORS ONLY: FREE MORNING FOR FIVE-DAY VISITORS; TOURS FOR WEEKEND VISITORS INCLUDING WASHINGTON MONUMENT, ARCHIVES, SPACE MUSEUM

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1967—late afternoon departure from Washington
CRUISE ON POTOMAC RIVER TO MOUNT VERNON
LUNCHEON ABOARD BOAT — TOUR OF MOUNT VERNON

WHEN YOU COME TO WASHINGTON . . .

WHAT TO WEAR

In Washington, D. C., the Nation's Capital, you will find everyone dressed as in any other city. Business and shopping clothes are most appropriate. While it will undoubtedly be warm at this time of the year, our Hotel and most places we will visit are air-conditioned, so a light jacket or sweater is advisable. A headscarf taken along will help preserve your hair-do when traveling in open windowed buses.

And, please wear the most comfortable shoes you can find. There will be walking to do everywhere you go. Some of you may wish to take along several pairs of walking shoes for changing.

One occasion will be semi-formal and that is the Grand Banquet on Saturday. Evening gowns or cocktail dresses will be most appropriate.

For any eventuality, take along a light raincoat and it is a good idea for ladies to carry one larger bag in which you can tuck all the small items you wish to take along on the daily excursions. Even shoes and cameras can be stowed into a larger handbag and eliminate the carrying of more parcels — and perhaps forgetting something somewhere.

Sun glasses and binoculars are fun to have along as well as a notebook and pencil for jotting down your impressions of the sights you will see.

Your Baggage

Try to condense all your baggage into two pieces plus handbag. "Traveling light" is such a joy! Baggage should be labeled with your name and your address and if possible the words: "SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION CONVENTION, WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL" so that in case of loss, your baggage will follow you to the right place. Especially for train traveling, your baggage should be well-marked and identifiable.

ROSTER CHANGES

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Pres.: Henriette Dimock, 4354 Ten Mile Rd., Warren, Mich.

No. 45, PORTLAND, ORE.

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No. 105, DETROIT, MICH.

Treas.: Alice Sheets, 17311 Millar road, Mt Clemens, Mich.

No. 92, Crested Butte, Colo. I am so sorry that once again I am late with the news from Branch No. 92. We are a very small branch, but all are very good workers. I do want to thank everyone for the work done in the quilt project and selling the fruit cakes. Both items brought quite a bit of money for our Queen of All Saints church debt.

In December, our Christmas party was held in Gunnison. Myrna Krizmanich and Anita Harris were the hostesses and we exchanged gifts.

In January we met at the home of Carol McDaniels. She and Ann Mufich were hostesses.

February's meeting was held in Gunnison at the home of Eva Lubin with Myrna Krizmanich and Anita Harris hostesses again.

Carol McDaniel's home was the scene of the meeting in March with Pauline Stajduhar and Frances Pogorelz doing the honors.

Last Sunday, we again met in the church basement with Regie Welch and Kay Stich as hostesses. In May we will have our Mother's Day dinner. Each member brings a guest or guests. We will not meet during the summer months but will take up our business again in September — after Labor Day.

Our Mother of the Year is Ann Mufich, congratulations, Ann! She is very deserving of this honor as she is a hard worker and a wonderful member.

Our officers for the year are: President, Helen Cobai; Vice-President, Ann Mufich; Secretary, Pauline Stajduhar; Treasurer, Margaret Malensek; Auditors: Frances Pogorelz, Ann Malensek and Sergeant at Arms, Mary Kapushion. Our Spiritual Advisor is Father Friel.

Meetings will be every first Sunday of the month at the church basement.

Best regards are sent to our eldest member, Mrs. Carolyn Kochevar who is in Pueblo at the home of her daughter.

And Happy Birthday to Ann Mufich and Pauline Stajduhar who celebrated their birthdays on the 3rd and 4th of April.

May God bless each and everyone of you. Happy Mother's Day to all!

Helen Cobai, Reporter

No. 95, So. Chicago, Ill. It was most gratifying to see so many faces and all of the chairs filled at our April 5th meeting. Let's keep it up!

When the evening's business was disposed of, we had on our program Mrs. Bessie Donaldson who did a superb job in explaining all the functions of Social Security and Medicare. Her talk was interesting and articulate that left all of us with the feeling that she gave us her complete attention, which all of us enjoyed.

The social followed after the program and the following members contributed the much-in-demand delicacies were: Rose Krneta, Ann Pave, and Barbara Sambol. Hostesses for the evening were: Rose Boerner, Doris and Amelia Cuzella. The following members donated cash towards our treasury are: Victoria Rukavina and Helen Stuart (\$3), Mary Nicksic Marge Innis and Katherine Jakovich (\$2), Helen and Marie Zeffiro and Vica Rukavina (\$1), I enthusiastically join in saying thanks ever so much.

Many happy returns to the following who are celebrating in May: Mary Barcevac, Eva Cora, Johanna Malcich, Mary Prebeg, Marge Rozich, Lucille Svalina, and Matilda Turica.

It's a delight to see Katherine Jakovich restored to full health after her operation on varicose veins; also get-well-wishes to Anna Tumpich and Sylvia Werner who suffered a broken arm after a fall in her back yard, and Bernice Golden who had a series of operations in past year. Our condolences to Ann Granich on the passing of her beloved brother. Please remember them all in your prayers.

There is plenty of rejoicing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spisak who welcomed their first daughter, Cheryl Lynn. Helen Zeffiro, the grandmother, is very proud, of course. We extend our warmest congratulations to this fine couple.

I have just heard the good news that Eva Cora, Marge Krmpotich and Dragica Vukasovich will be Europe bound. It is my sincere wish that all of you never have a dull moment, and all of you will have the most exciting and relaxing vacation of your lives. May God keep you all in his loving care for your safe return home. BON VOYAGE!

In conclusion, the month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Lady. Sons and daughters everywhere will express their love and gratitude to mother in a most special way—thru greeting cards, flowers and sundry gifts. I think the most precious gift for all Mothers is the offering of Mass and Holy Communion for her. You could give her nothing more acceptable. There is so much of yourself in that most precious gift!

God bless all mothers whether they are living or deceased. Mildred James

No. 96, Universal, Pa. Our February meeting was held at the home of Frances Oblock and was very well attended. Our new president, Josephine Perrino conducted the meeting and we all agree she did a very fine job.

The Mother of the Year 1967 was chosen by our members, and she is our Branch's Secretary, Mary Klemencic.

Get well wishes are sent to our sick. Gertrude Shiffler, Frances Oblock, Helen Grabowski and Jennie Roth are all wished the best.

The meeting concluded with the playing of games and a delicious barbeque lunch was served by our hostess, Fannie Oblock and her committee.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Helen Richter on Main St., Universal on Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 p. m. Her refreshment committee includes Ann and Mildred Kastelic, Jennie Roth, Mary Mlinar and Helen Grabowski. Hope to see all the ladies at this meeting.

Antoinette Mozina

No. 101, Bedford Hgts., O. The agenda for our April meeting was rather brief. We planned our annual Communion to be held this year April 30th at 8 o'clock Mass at Holy Trinity church. Following, we planned to go to the Pancake House for breakfast. The following day, Monday, May 1st, we honored our Mother of the Year at Johnny Garneau's.

A big thank you to Mayor Reed for the treat to the Cinema. To top it off, she was at a meeting at City Hall and could not join us. But we all had a swell time. A few of us completed the evening with coffee and pancakes.

Congratulations to Irene Gall on the birth of her first grandchild, a boy, Irene flew to Kirksville, Mo. to stay with daughter and grandson for a while.

Also, heard that Pauline Stepic, our secretary, became a grandma again, to a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations!

Sorry to hear that Doris Burdyshaw is back on the sick list. She sure has had her share of hospitals. Hope and pray that you won't have to see one for a long, long time now, Doris. Hope to see you around soon.

That's about it for this month, gals. Hope to see more of you at our monthly meetings. Remember, they are the first Monday of the month at Bedford Hgts. City Hall at 8 p. m.

To those with birthdays or anniversaries this month, we extend our best wishes. Your reporter,

Betty Matjasic

QOTS & QANS
and
PASTIME

For MOTHER'S DAY a 9 year old tells:

"What a Grandmother Is"

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other people's little girls. A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys, and they talk about fishing and tractors and like that.

Grandmas don't have to do anything except be there. They're old, so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is and have lots of dimes ready. Or if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves or caterpillars. They should never, ever say "Hurry up."

Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie the kid's shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums off.

It is better if they don't typewrite, or play cards except with us. They don't have to be smart, only answer questions why dogs hate cats and how come God isn't married.

Everybody should try to have one grandmother especially if you don't have television, because grandmas are the only grown-ups who have got time.

(Reprinted from Catholic Digest)

Mrs. Mary Menart, member of Br. No. 19 of Eveleth, Minn., brought this cake to their January meeting, and it was suggested that we all try this moist, tasty cake.

APPLE SAUCE CAKE

- ½ cup oil or vegetable shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg well-beaten
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- 2 cups cake or bread flour
- 1 cup apple sauce
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Flour, salt, cinnamon, baking soda and cloves sift three times. Mix oil or shortening and sugar, add well beaten egg and beat to form cream. Add flour alternately with apple sauce. Stir after each addition until batter is smooth. Add walnuts, raisins and vanilla. Use a loaf pan. Grease it well and dust with flour. Bake about 1 hour in 325-350 degree oven. (It can be served plain or sprinkled with powdered sugar.)

NUT ROLL — OREHOVA POTICA

According to the newest Yugoslav Cookbook, published in English, the editor states that this is a traditional Slovenian potica. For verification, I tried the potica with the walnut filling. It's very good.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups lukewarm milk
- 1 large yeast cake
- ½ cup sugar
- 6 cups plain flour
- ½ cup butter, (room temperature)
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- Grated rind of one half lemon
- 1 teaspoon salt

Pour 4 tablespoons of the lukewarm milk into a cup, add crumbled yeast, ½ teaspoon sugar and 1 tablespoon flour and let it ferment. Cream butter in a mixing bowl, add egg yolks, grated lemon rind and remaining sugar. Slowly add remaining milk. Add the yeast, salt and flour. Mix well. Let dough stand covered for 15 minutes. Then knead for about 10 minutes. (If dough is too soft, add a little flour.) Place in a greased bowl, turn once to grease dough, cover and let rise until double in bulk (about 1½ to 2 hours.)

Filling:

- ½ cup butter (room temperature)
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups sugar
- A little cinnamon (optional)
- Grated rind of ½ lemon
- 4 tablespoons cream
- 1¼ pound walnuts, finely ground
- 4 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- Cream butter, eggs and sugar, add cinnamon, grated lemon rind, cream, and half of the ground walnuts.

Fold in the 4 stiffly beaten egg whites. On floured tablecloth roll dough to about ¾ inch thickness or about 32 x 25 inches. Spread the filling evenly. Sprinkle with the other half of the ground walnuts.

From outer edge roll dough tightly

towards you like a jelly roll. Butter 2 or 4 bread pans depending on size. Cut dough into sections with a saucer and place in pans. Cover and let stand in moderately warm place for 45 minutes or until double in bulk. Brush with slightly beaten egg yolk. Bake in a moderate oven, 325 degrees for about 1¼ hours. Cut when quite cold, place the slices on a platter and sprinkle with sugar to which vanilla flavoring has been added.

This same dough may be filled with different fillings: raisin, hazel nut, poppy seed, honey, etc., and as every filling gives a particular taste to this excellent potica, here are two:

Raisin filling:

- 3 egg yolks
- 1½ cups sugar
- Vanilla flavoring
- 2 tablespoons cream
- 1 pound raisins
- ¾ cup rum
- Grated lemon rind

Stir egg yolk and sugar with vanilla flavoring until thick and creamy. Add cream. Spread this mixture over the pastry and sprinkle with rains which have been scalded with hot rum drained and mixed with grated lemon rind.

Hazel nut filling:

- 1¾ cups cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 egg whites
- 1 pound hazel nuts, ground
- 1 tablespoon fine breadcrumbs

Mix cream and sugar, fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Spread this mixture over pastry and sprinkle with peeled ground hazel nuts and breadcrumbs.

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Thank you Mrs. Menart for that good cake recipe. Happy Mother's Day everyone! See you at the Convention . . . Fondly, Hermine



No. 102, Willard, Wis. — Our Feb. meeting opened with a prayer led by Mrs. Josephine Artac.

We regret that we were unable to attend the Flower and Garden show at West Allis, due to inclement weather and icy roads.

We agreed to have a Mass read upon the death of any member or spouse.

Mrs. Champa donated a pretty necklace and earring set which we gave away at the meeting.

Quite a number of Betty Crocker coupons have been turned in. We will get a Dutch Oven and Saucepan, which, in turn, will be used for making money.

We unanimously agreed to buy the Holy Family memorial (for our new church) commemorating the Slovenes of our parish who so diligently worked to establish a parish in Willard. We will need to raise about \$250 more, but with the wonderful cooperation of our ladies, I am sure it won't be too difficult.

Our Building Fund representatives voted to begin construction of our new church this spring.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Pakiz. Each member is asked to invite a friend, and bring along a plant or slip to exchange. Also, bring items for our blind auction. You will be notified of the exact date later.

S. Trunkel, Reporter

No. 103, Washington, D. C. — Our March meeting was devoted entirely to discussion and plans for the forthcoming Convention. The enthusiasm of our members is evidenced by the increased number of attendees at our meetings. Tickets are still available for the afghan, and also the \$500. You just have a few days to purchase these tickets. Please contact Miss Helen Krotec, tel. DU 7-6959, for your tickets.

Our sincere thanks to all the Branches for cooperating with us on the afghan project. Many returns have been made however, some are still outstanding. We would appreciate very much the afghan returns being made before the Convention. Please mail as soon as possible to Miss Helen Krotec, 2745 29th St., N. W., Apt. 402, Washington, D. C. 20008.

We encourage all members, husbands, and friends to attend any or all of the activities planned for the Convention, May 24th through 28th. There will be a Hospitality Suite available at the Washington-Hilton Hotel. Guests arriving Wednesday morning will be welcomed from 8:00 to 9:30 a. m. when refreshments will be served, after which buses will leave for a Mass to be held at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

It would be well and good if a number of our members could be in attendance at the Hospitality Suite and at the Mass. The Convention

banquet will be held Saturday, May 27th, at 7:00 p. m. at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Banquet tickets are available at the price of \$6.50 per person. Please contact me for tickets as soon as possible. The menu promises to be superb and a number of important guests will be present, along with a featured banquet speaker.

It is rare indeed that we have an opportunity to host such an important event in our Nation's Capital. We should proudly accept this honor, and all members should join in providing a welcome to the delegates and visitors that will be long cherished and long remembered.

Refreshment hostesses at this meeting were Nika Kovacic and Agna Javornik, who took us back to the home-made Slovenian style refreshments with apple strudel and buhtel. This was indeed atasty and rare treat which all ladies were anxious to enjoy, and generous with their raves and compliments.

Our newly formed choral group directed by Mr. Pregely, met for the first time following the meeting. Since that time they have had a number of rehearsals for their debut at the Convention banquet. The junior members, under the direction of Mr. Chokel and Maria Mejac, are also rehearsing many hours in preparation for their first appearance as a choral group.

Let us congratulate our ladies, and junior members for rallying to the cause and providing musical entertainment for our banquet. They have spent many hours in preparation and we are indeed grateful for their efforts in this behalf.

Committees have been formed to handle the many details of the Convention proceedings. We are indeed happy with the enthusiasm of our leaders and know that their efforts will not be spent in vain, for all of our delegates and guests will indeed be appreciative of their efforts upon their departure from our Capital City.

Let us wish our delegates and visitors a safe trip and a successful Convention here in Washington, D. C. We will all be looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks when we promise a very happy time will be enjoyed by all. **Matilda Ausich**

and **Irene M. Planinsek**

No. 105, Detroit, Mich. — Eighteen members were present at our meeting over at Jennie Vidmar's house. Two of our members who have not attended our meetings for some time were there, namely, Mary Urbancich and Katherine Petrich. So nice to have them with us again. We hope to see them again at our next meeting at Julia Panzika's home. We also hope to see Gail Simon.

Lyn M. Bartell, who is a son-in-law of Josephine Kriser, was stricken with a heart attack recently. He was formerly head of Michigan schools and is now Sec. of Defense with re-

sponsibilities for military dependent schools overseas and the armed services radio-television network. He was released and is spending several weeks convalescing at home. He is recovering nicely. They lived in Grosse Pointe and Lansing when he was superintendent of public instruction. They now reside at 1511 Laburnum, McLean, Va., a suburb of Washington. We all wish him a very speedy recovery and good luck.

Ann Korun broke her wrist. It was at a match game in Flint. She was about to deliver her ball for that big strike when she slid and fell, apparently right on her wrist. She is now sporting a cast with practically everybody's autograph on it. Oh, she is still bowling! Nothing can keep her down. She bowls with her right hand since her injured hand is the left, so it doesn't keep her from bowling. I think by the time we have our national tournament she will be rid of the cast. Take care, Ann.

Ann McGee is feeling fine since her operation. She sent our members a nice "thank you" card for the good wishes and cards that were sent her. She looks very well.

We had a couple of birthdays coming up in April. Alice Sheets, Fulvia Rosa, Anna Plazar, a real happy, tho belated birthday to you, gals!

Alice Becker received one of the prizes which was a box of assorted greeting cards. Zorka Maisel received the second, a hot pad mitten.

We had quite a few other details to straighten out, then meeting was adjourned. Now for the best part of the meeting: food! Oh yes, I neglected to mention that we had a pepper-upper before our meeting started just to get us relaxed.

We had goulash with "polenta", rolls and coffee and apple strudel. Now, I am a polenta eater from away back and I would have taken a third helping, but I was too ashamed! It was delicious, Jennie! She was all a-flutter and excited to have such a nice gathering at her house.

Mary Zimmerman's husband is in a critical condition at the Saratoga Hospital. It was not too long ago that he was in the hospital for surgery, now he had to return for another operation. We wish him luck and God's blessing. We have had quite a winter, and as I gaze out of my window, with the sun streaming in, and the grass growing greener, trees are starting to bud, it sure gives me a good feeling inside. Then, I take a moment to think of our young men over there in Vietnam fighting and dying for what I see outside and feel inside. Then I say a prayer for them, the brave young men. When I start griping and feeling sorry for myself, well, we are lucky, are we not? God bless you all. See you at the meeting.

Your Reporter, **Stephnie Hometz**

MOTHERS HONORED BY S.W.U. IN 1967

OUR TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS IS FOUND THE NEXT 14 PAGES. THERE ARE FIFTY-THREE MOTHERS SELECTED BY OUR BRANCHES TO BE SO HONORED

GOD BLESS THEM ALL!



Mrs. Plesetz



Mrs. Poldan



Mrs. Marentic



Mrs. Laskey

Frances Plesetz

No. 1, Sheboygan, Wis. Our Honored Mother for this year is Mrs. Frances Zebre Plesetz, born in Kranj, Slovenia.

She came to America and to Sheboygan in 1910. In 1913, she married John Plesetz and five children were born to them: John, Frank, Ludwig, Frances and Olga. Mr. Plesetz passed away in 1954.

All of the children reside in Sheboygan except Ludwig, who makes his home in West Covina, California. His oldest son Gerald is studying for the priesthood and will be ordained next year. John Plesetz, Junior, another grandson, is attending a Navy Academy in Florida. Daughter Olga is an efficient president of our branch for the fourth year. She is the delegate



Mrs. Kotar and grandchildren

to our next National Convention. She teaches some 70 students piano and accordion.

Mr. and Mrs. Plesetz operated a grocery store for 36 years, and a tavern for 16 years. They adopted Henry Basch as their foster child when he was five years old and reared him into a fine young man.

Mrs. Plesetz has 14 living grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She is a very good cook and loves gardening. She is a loyal member of our branch for many years; ten of her children and grandchildren are also members.

The officers and members of our branch wish her and her fine family continued health, happiness and God's blessings!

Marie Prisdand



Mrs. Uehlein

Mary Polden

Br. 2, Chicago, Ill. At home in any company, Mary Polden is a very sociable lady who can speak both Slovenian and English equally well and knows how to sing every one of the old favorites. She may even know some of the modern tunes, as she is a very modern person!

Mary Jurkas was born at Skupice na Dolenjskem on August 7, 1900 and on Sept. 28, 1907, she was brought to live in Aurora, Ill. She became the wife of Frank Polden with whom she reared two children, Donald and Raymond. She has six grandchildren, four girls and two boys and altho a widow some years now, Mary keeps very active visiting all her old friends and attending the functions of our



Mrs. Kratchnik



Mrs. Radovich



Mrs. Lustig



Mrs. Potocar

Slovenian church and societies. She resides in Chicago at 1952 W. 22nd Place. An officer for 30 years, Mary Poldan is the biggest help to the branch at its banquets and annually at Lemont Zveza Day where her ambition is only exceeded by her good spirit. She also loves to travel and has been to many states such as Florida and California where her friends live.

The officers and members have elected her as the delegate to the 14th National Convention. Congratulations, Mary and wishes to you for all the good things in life.



Christine Kotar

Br. 7, Forest City, Pa. — Mrs. Christine Kotar is a native of Pennsylvania having been born at Creamton on March 25, 1900 and residing now at Vandling, (Forest City). She has been a widow since Aug. 8, 1962 when her husband of 46 years, Louis, passed away.

Mrs. Kotar is the mother of six children, Anna, Henry, Margaret, Christine, Louis and Leonard. She has 10 grandchildren and on the accompanying photo, she is pictured with three of them, Stephen Damian, Thomas Mark and David Martin Piatkowski. (She is also fond of her Zarja as the photo shows!) When there is leisure time, she loves to do quilting and crocheting and as most of our Slovenian mothers does such beautiful handwork.

She is a very fine member and all her sisters at Br. 7 wish her a very happy Mother's Day!



Margaret Kratchnik

Br. 12, Milwaukee, Wis. Margaret Kratchnik's family gets together often for birthdays, anniversaries and "just to be together" enjoying themselves. And, this month, on May 26th they will all observe her birthday in much the same happy way.

She mothers a family of two daughters, Margaret Russ and Frances Cimermanic and five grandchildren. Among her hobbies are family sports such as bowling and fishing while

card playing helps to entertain her.

Margaret Adisek was married Jan. 17, 1913, two years after coming here from Yugoslavia at the tender age of 15. She resides at 1307 W. Mineral St., in the heart of Milwaukee.

She is very active with enrolling new members and attending meetings. She is a good baker, too, and helps out by donating various good things at branch functions, or selling tickets for any occasion and attending their card parties. All her family belongs to the S.W.U. She is a marvelous member and has the best wishes of all on this happy occasion.



Katie Radovich

Br. 13, San Francisco, Cal. — They love Katie in San Francisco! She is the chosen Mother of the Year 1967 for many reasons, among them, her happy frame of mind and ability to cheer up her friends on any occasion.

Katie lives at 625 Kansas St. and was born on June 28, 1894. She is a native of San Francisco. On Aug. 23, 1914 she was married to her late husband, Joseph, and they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary shortly before his untimely passing.

Their son, Raymond and his family, Mark and Cathy included, make days very happy for Katie. She is the financial secretary of St. Mary's Catholic Lodge and a mainstay at Br. 13 of S.W.U. When time permits, she loves to garden and cook.

Our felicitations and best wishes!



Ann Lustig

Br. 16, So. Chicago, Ill. Ann is a Jack-of-All-Trades! She can do many things and handwork is her specialty. Ceramic figures and other decorative items are her hobbies as well as painting and wallpapering her home. Ann is also an avid bowler.

At Br. 16, she handled the shopping and wrapping of gifts for the Juvenile Christmas Party which she obtained through cash and merchandise donations.

Ann was born on August 11, 1917 at Whiting, Ind. She married John Lustig on Sept. 15, 1934 and they have three children, Edward, John and

Patricia. A beautiful story on daughter, Patricia Schwer, appeared in the community paper and was recently reprinted in Zarja.

A very friendly person, Ann Lustig, and to her many wishes for continued good health and happiness.



Frances Potocar

Br. 17, West Allis, Wis. — The 8 grandchildren of Frances Potocar are very lucky — she spends most of her time making them sweaters and other knitted and crocheted items.

She's a young grandmother who keeps in trim by bowling and keeping on the go!

Ms. Potocar lives at 6139 W. Beloit Rd., in West Allis with her husband of 37 years. They were married Sept. 27, 1930. Two daughters, Frances Zeman and Agnes Fenning comprise the immediate family, with of course, the eight grandchildren.

Frances was born Feb. 14, 1905 at Leadville, Colo. and her maiden name is Frances Sega. Her lovely personality is a joy to all her friends and the members of Br. 17 who wish her God's choicest blessings!



Theresa Marentic

Br. 20, Joliet, Ill. — Theresa Lilek Marentic's hobby is work and more work! She is always eager to lend a helping hand at the many occasions in and round Joliet. She is a member of Br. 20, S.W.U., St. Joseph's Altar Society, St. Joseph's KSKJ No. 2 and St. Joseph's Senior Parishioners' Club.

Theresa was a vice-president of the branch for a number of years and is one of their finest members.

She lives at 704 Vista Lane and is a native of Joliet. For the past 13 years she has been a widow after the passing of her husband, Rudolph.

A son, Fred W., teaches music and is band director at Mainland Regional High School in Linwood, N. J. Fred, also married, has a daughter.

This chosen mother is an employee at St. Joseph School and is a lovely person; she has earned the respect and admiration of all her sister members and many Joliet friends. Best wishes to her for many, many happy years!



Mrs. Prisel

Ella Angela Prisel

Br. 21, Cleveland, O. With respect for their charter member, Br. 21 has selected Ella Prisel for the honor of being Mother of the Year.

Ella and her husband, John, were married Oct. 20, 1923 in Cleveland, O. They have a son, John Jr., and three daughters, Helen Zust, Mildred Lach and Jean Prisel. The family home is at 12014 Longmead Avenue.

Ella, our chosen mother, finds her greatest happiness being with her 8 grandchildren, her prize possessions.

Embroidering and crocheting are her favorite hobbies.

Our congratulations and best wishes for many years of health and happiness.



Mrs. Ferlan

She arrived in America in March of 1911 as a baby.

On Nov. 28, 1928 she married John Ferlan and her maiden name was Stayduhar. Three children were born to the couple and they are Raymond, Wilma and Theresa.

The Ferlans have just completed home remodeling and building which Anna has enjoyed very much. Now she has changed over to crocheting and writing during her free time.

At Br. 26, Anna was an auditor for some years.

Much love and happiness to her from all the members.



Mary Dusa

Br. 28, Calumet, Mich. — The cool northern climate of the Upper Peninsula is the home ground of Mary Dusa and her family. There, at the Dusa home, 2402 "D" St., the beautiful garden foretells the favorite activity of the lady of the house who loves to grow flowers.

She is a charter member of Br. 28 and attends meetings regularly.

Mary was born on Jan. 30, 1889 at Pristova in Slovenia. She came to the U. S. on May 13, 1914 and four years later on July 20th, married Anton Dusa. He died in 1952.

The five Dusa children are Mary Bracco, Angeline Giroux, Josephine Cencich, Caroline Thibodeau, and Anton. There are also 6 grandchildren who make grandma happy.

Hearty wishes for a lifetime of happiness.



Florence Aister

Br. 30, Aurora, Ill. A happy person is worth her weight in gold! Florence Aister is that kind of person and makes everyone around her happy with her own sweet disposition.

She is also a very industrious lady and likes to give a helping hand at every branch activity. She has served as the recording secretary and vice-president of Br. 30 in past years.

Florence was born on Oct. 11, 1920 at Aurora, her home city. She was



Mrs. Chiabotti



Mrs. Paulisich

Florence DeKing when she married Edwin Aister on Sept. 13, 1904. They have two children, Edwin, Jr. and Patricia and one granddaughter.

A very happy wish to her from all her sister members and a very happy Mother's Day!



Caroline Bradach

Br. 31, Gilbert, Minn. Mrs. Bradach is an officer of long-standing and all these years has helped willingly in all branch activities. No work has ever been declined by her, no matter how hard. If all people were like her, the world would be a different place.

Her ability to rear her children well has earned her great respect and admiration. There are three sons, John Jr., William and Jack. She has eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Bradach was born in Hibbing, Minn. on Nov. 20, 1903. She married John Bradach on Feb. 13, 1922. They have made their home in Gilbert for a long, long time.

On the accompanying photo are 4 of her grandchildren and daughter-in-law, Pat. The youngsters are Michael, Timmie, Jack and Mary Jo.

Her sister members wish her good health and many more years of rewarding life with her family and friends.



Marion Laskey

Br. 33, Duluth, Minn. Mrs. Laskey has been a member of S.W.U. for many years. She originally joined the Crosby branch when they were organized. After moving back to Duluth, she transferred to Branch 33.

Mrs. Laskey has had much sorrow in her lifetime, losing 5 children in their prime of life. Those departed were Agnes, age 9, Edward, age 19 a victim of a drowning accident, Daniel at age 40, Frank at age 59 and Theresa, age 57. She has three living children. Violet Kohl and Anton Snidach of Duluth and Marlon McManus of Mexico. Her first mar-

Mollie Metschuleit

Br. 22, Bradley, Ill. — The members of Br. 22 have chosen their president as Mother of the Year for 1967. She also was their secretary for eight years, so she knows each and every member very well.

Mollie was born in Bradley on Aug. 22, 1912 as Mollie Pechauer. She married her husband, Erich on Feb. 22, 1930 and they have two sons, Eric Joseph and Donald. There are now eight grandchildren.

Sewing and raising flowers in her garden are her favorite pastimes. Her rose bushes and plants are her pride and joy. The Metschuleit family lives at 324 S. Grand Avenue.

Heartfelt thanks to her for her self-sacrificing work on behalf of the members and God's blessing to her and hers.

Anna Ferlan

Br. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa. This grandmother has one of the largest families of all our Mothers with 17 grandchildren! Keeping them all straight in her mind, with birthdays and other observances throughout the year keep her very busy!

Anna Ferlan was born at Hrast Pri Vinice na Dolenjsko on Feb. 28, 1906.



Mrs. Bradach and grandchildren

riage was way back in 1901. In 1928 she married again and lost her husband in 1962. She has six grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Laskey was born in Poland on Dec. 4, 1883. She came to the U. S. in 1887. Her home is at 423 Commonwealth Ave., in Duluth. Around her home are beautiful flowers which she adores to grow and inside her home you will find many beautifully crocheted pieces and other needlework.

The members love to see her at all their meetings — a spry and wonderful lady. All the best to her on this happy Mother's Day!



Helen Chiabotti

Br. 34, Soudan, Minn. — All the members enjoy the company of their chosen mother, Helen Chiabotti. She is the mother of three married children, Paul, Mrs. Herman (Agnes) Mesojedec and Mrs. Stanley (Mary Ann) Hill. She is the grandma of eight grandchildren and two of them will graduate from High School this year. There are two great-grandchildren, too.

The former Helen Verbon married Victor Chiabotti on Oct. 15, 1924. Her husband died Sept. 8, 1958. She was born and raised in Soudan and still resides there. Dec. 13, 1908 is her birthday. She has contributed greatly to the progress of her branch and to the fine community in which she lives. Hats off to her!



Anna Mary Paulsich

Br. 39, Biwabik, Minn. — Biwabik branch has this year honored Ann Mary Paulsich as the Mother of the Year a diligent and energetic member for many years.

She was born in Eveleth, Minn. the 23rd of Oct. in 1907. On May 4, 1926, she was married to Steve B. Paulsich of Biwabik; he is widely known for his great talent in music. They have one son, Steve, Jr., who manages his own business, is successful in anything he ventures. Steve is a good looking bachelor and like his dad, great in music. A daughter, Margaret Pietrini, is the mother of three, Laurie, 6 years, Ted., Jr., 3



Mrs. Tomsic and son

years and Cheryl Marie, one year.

A son, Leonard Paulsich died at the age of 15. Their grandchildren give them many pleasant hours.

Ann is another "Florence Nightingale". She has done much for sick friends and neighbors, always ready with a helping hand. Her mother, Mrs. Margaret Drobnick is 85 years old and is now living at the Eveleth Arrowhead Nursing Home. Ann is a frequent visitor at the home, therefore bringing other patients happiness for she is a happy person herself.

Her mother is also a Zveza member and we hope life keeps on being wonderful for her.

Ann is an active member of St. John's church, attends meetings regularly and has contributed generously all these years. She finds the time to participate in many church, Zveza and Auxiliary functions.

Ann is a wonderful cook; at many affairs she is in the kitchen where she most willingly volunteers to help.

The members love her wit, loyalty and helpfulness and she is known for her delicious strudels and good coffee.

She has held various offices with the branch. Besides all this, she is an avid traveler and is also writing a novel. We hope she finishes this dream. She frequently helps in her sister's hat shop, she sports some beautiful hats and gives her son a hand whenever needed. Her participation in all group activities of the S. W. U. has earned her a high place in the admiration of all her sisters at Br. 39.

The members join in a great big wish to Ann for a Happy Mother's Day and every day! May the flowers of May everlastingly delight her. A. K.



Albina Uehlein

No. 40, Lorain, O. — Zveza interest started when, at the age of 12, Albina Jancar Uehlein tagged along with her mother to get new members to join Branch 40. From that time on, she was always eager and happy to be active in the lodge affairs. Her mother is Agnes Jancar, who is president of Br. No. 40 and has been an officer since 1932 and is still active at 78 years of age.

In 1937 Albina was one of the first



Mrs. Vidan and sons

organizers of the numerous award winning **Frances Bresak Cadets** drill team, and also directed a group of 24 junior cadets which she organized.

At the national convention in Chisholm, Minn. in 1939 she was highly honored to reign as queen of the pageant, and also represented the Lorain drill team there. During a five year period Albina enjoyed being a regular columnist in "Zarja" as the Junior Department Director.

On Sept. 1, 1941 she married Milo Uehlein, and they have 4 children: Elaine 17, Myron 15, Glen 13, and Sue Ellen 5. They now live in Sheffield Lake, Ohio which is just a few miles away from Lorain.

For 22 years she was in business operating a beauty shop of her own. Since 5 year old Sue Ellen was born, she gave up her business, and devotes her time to the family, house, and yard. As a family, they enjoy boating, fishing, and traveling.

As a gift for their 25th anniversary, which they celebrated in Sept. of 1966, her husband took her on an unforgettable and exciting trip to Europe. They visited England, Amsterdam, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, and Yugoslavia. Highlight of the trip was in Slovenia where they stayed at Hotel Lev in Ljubljana and made different visits to see an aunt and cousins they had never met before, and visiting birthplaces of both parents. Albina was proud to be able to speak and write Slovenian and got along so well in Slovenia and now corresponds regularly with the relations. Although Milo isn't Slovenian and can't speak it, he made a hit with everybody there. He is already talking about the next trip back because of the extreme friendliness of the people and the breathtaking beauty of Yugoslavia. Another exciting and thrilling highlight was an audience with the Pope at St. Peter's in Vatican City.

Albina thanks all the ladies in the lodge who voted for her to be Mother of the Year, and is also proud to be the present vice president. She extends best wishes to all the Supreme Officers, editor of Zarja and lodge members of all branches that she has been acquainted with throughout the years.



Mrs. Moenigmann



Mrs. Russ



Mrs. Jerkovich



Mrs. Spoljaric

Frances A. Tomsic

Br. 42, Maple Hgts., O. Mrs. Tomsic is pictured here with her son, Tom J., who is studying for the priesthood at Boromeo College having graduated from Nazareth School.

Mrs. Tomsic has been both father and mother to her son, since her husband, Frank, died suddenly when Tom was only a few weeks old. Frances is a registered nurse, so she had the responsibility of rearing him which she has done wonderfully well.

This chosen mother was born on Oct. 6, 1909 at Cleveland. She was married in 1941 and her former name was Legan.

She, too, loves crocheting and when possible travels to far away places. She has visited Canada and Mexico.

Heartfelt wishes to her for a fulfillment of all her dreams!

Josephine Strukel

Br. 43, Milwaukee, Wis. All sorts of sports occupy the time of Josephine Strukel, whether it is at her home at 5035 S. 33rd St., in Milwaukee or at their summer cottage at Crivitz, Wis. She knits, bowls, sews, goes fishing, swimming and dancing.

She was born on June 20, 1919 and as the former Josephine Salatnik married Anton Strukel on Oct. 20, 1940. Their two daughters are Judith Anne and Kathleen Marie and a son, Phillip Anthony completes the family. There are three grandchildren, Corinne, Colleen and Cami Jo.

This spring there will be several happy family occasions, among them a graduation, and her son is coming home from Germany in July.

At Br. 43 she is one of the most generous members, always donating toward their affairs and helping them at many of their rummage sales and card parties.

The members really appreciate having her as one of their own and salute her as their worthy Mother of the Year!

Alice E. Vidan

Br. 45, Portland, Ore. We are glad to hear from Portland, one of our farthest western cities, with their

wonderful chosen mother, Alice Vidan. She is the former Alice Brajavich, born Feb. 11, 1918. The Michael Vidans were married Nov. 6, 1938 and have two grandsons, Michael A., 22 years old and Richard N., 18. They are seen with their mom on the photo accompanying this story.

Mrs. Vidan is a collector of antiques and enjoys hunting them out wherever she goes.

As a very active member with good suggestions, she is an asset to the branch. She has also served as vice-president for 2 years and a trustee for 3 years.

All the best wishes to her from her sister members from coast to coast!

Mary Moenigmann

Br. 46, St. Louis, Mo. Mary is a very busy person. Clarence, her husband, is recovering from paralysis, suffered as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage almost two years ago. They reared three children, Neal, an electrician who is married and has a two year old son, Jeffrey Allan; Suzanne, the Assistant Head Nurse at Children's Hospital in the Pre-School Division and Clarice, a sophomore at Fontbonne College majoring in Teacher Education for the Deaf.

For the past five years, Mary Moenigmann has been working as a secretary in a Sales Office for an old established electrical firm. She is the daughter of the late Jacob and Josephine Speck, who was the organizer of Br. 46. She has held office for 30 years and during those years has always been a diligent and helpful officer. Her birthday is Jan. 26, 1909 and her birthplace is Sostanj in Slovenia. She was brought to America as an infant and grew up in the America of the early 20th Century. In 1934 she married and began the family of which she is duly proud.

The members are proud, too, to have their charter member as Mother of the Year and wish for her good health and good years ahead. H. S.

Agnes Russ

Br. 47, Garfield Hgts., Ohio. The mother of a priest! This is a wonderful achievement and our mother of

Br. 47 is just that! She will be especially proud and happy this month when on May 6th her priest son, Rev. Gabriel Russ, S. M., binds in holy matrimony her second grandchild, James Hudak and Kathy Nash at Sts. Peter and Paul church in Cleveland.

Mrs. Russ is the former Agnes Simonic and she was born on Jan. 15, 1889 at Studenec in Slovenia. She was married to Gabriel Russ on Feb. 2, 1909 in Slovenia and brought her two sons with her when she came to America in 1912. There were seven children in the family, Fr. Gabriel, Ladislav (now deceased), Jeanne Hudak, Rose Marie Sinkovic, Agnes Mildred Slak, Dorothy Bizjak and Dolores Marie (also deceased). Besides James, she has 13 other grandchildren of whom she is deeply proud. She has been an officer of Br. 47 for years, serving as vice-president and auditor. Her knitting and crocheting are typical pastimes.

An abundance of blessings to our Mrs. Russ!

Carole Traven

Br. 50, Cleveland, Ohio. The personality of a "Carole Traven," and her kind of exceptional talent is what we need more of in this world!

She is one in a million for many reasons. Many years ago, when Zveza was in her youth, it was in the homes of Carole and her sister Frances Sietz, that ideas grew and plans were made that increased the popularity of the drill teams, juniors groups and hundreds of other activities. With Carole's bright ideas and know-how, Br. 50 has been the better — and no one can deny that! It was she who designed the first Drill Team uniforms for the Marie Priland Cadets. She also made the first banner. And even today, they call on Carole to sew up new uniforms and give them ideas for their new activities!

Carole is naturally benevolent and she takes a personal interest in every one and everything. She has made a happy home for her husband, Max, and son, Max Jr. The Travens celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary in June, 1965. They now re-



Mrs. Traven



Mrs. Cvetnic



Mrs. Meadows



Mrs. Bezjak



Mrs. Drobnick and grandchildren

side at 292 Woodmere Dr. in Willowick but lived for many years on E. 67th in Cleveland where their home was always open to friends and full of activity. As owner of the Caro-Fran Bridal Shop, Carole spent a number of years making brides beautiful and happy, but she has retired from that business the past 10 years.

Carole lists her hobbies as sewing, art, music and decorating, but the truth is that she excels in all these talents and could easily be a professional in any of them. And, she is blessed with a beautiful soprano voice that delights everyone.

As a personal friend of this writer I can only add that Carole is the kind of person I would like to be. She is completely selfless and loving with a heart as big as the whole world! Knowing her is a wonderful experience.

God grant her good health and blessings to fill her days with sunshine.

Editor

Frances Jerkovich

Br. 52, Hibbing, Minn. Here we have another young Mother with children between the ages of 8 to 17 years. Having a young family means a lot of activity and keeping up with them in sports and school makes Mrs. Jerkovich a grand mother and a grand person. She is another of our May birthday celebrants, this month on the first. She was born in 1925 in Hibbing. June 5th she and her husband, Joseph W. will count 19 years of marriage.

Their six children are: Sharon Kay, age 17, Patricia Ann, age 16, Virginia Gail, age 16, Joseph John, age 14. Mary Margaret, age 13 and Jean Marie, age 8.

Frances is an avid coin and stamp collector. Though this may sound unusual, it isn't because when the family is interested, mom naturally does the same. She also plays volleyball and bowls a lot.

Her branch extends fondest wishes for a very happy family lifetime to their Mother of the Year, Frances!

Maria Cvetnic

Br. 55, Girard, Ohio. Maria is a person who is very lovable, always has a smile and a cheery word and is a good worker for her parish and community. She has held many offices in a number of organizations and is always ready with a helping hand at Br. 55. She is the mother of 3 children, Mrs. Katherine Sefcik, John, and Karl who was killed when struck by lightning during a storm in 1952. There are 7 grandchildren, too.

Marija, whose maiden name is Kovacic, married Steve Cvetnic in Croatia, in her native city of Mraclin, on Nov. 20, 1927. They came to America a year later. They reside at 212 Penna Ave., in McDonald, Ohio. This year they will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Cooking, crocheting and gardening

are among her favorite pasttimes and she is a great traveler, having been to Europe 3 times in recent years.

They love her very much in Girard and she is wished an abundance of happiness!

Mary Meadows

Br. 56, Hibbing, Minn. Mary Meadows has been the financial secretary of Br. 56 for the past 15 years. She is one of the mainstays of that branch and a fine officer.

She is also the mother of two boys, Lawrence J. and Robert L. and has three grandchildren, Michael J., Lee Ann and Mark L. Meadows.

Mary's name was Marolt before she married her late husband, Fred in 1930 and was married 34 years before she lost her husband.

Her birthday is Dec. 23, 1905 and she was born in Hibbing. She lives at 1410 15th Avenue, tending to her garden and spending much time cooking in the kitchen.

Most of the activities at Br. 56 center around Mary who knows and likes each of their members. They all join in expressing a loving wish to her for a very happy reign as their Mother of the Year!

Mary Spoljaric

Br. 57, Niles, Ohio. A real history buff, who knows more about the early American history than most of us, is Mary Spoljaric, the Mother of the Year from Niles. She has a son, Larry, who is in pre-medical studies at Ohio University at Athens, O., and has read numerous books on the Civil War, and anything else on the subject of the War between the States. They have visited the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa. three times.

This interesting hobby isn't all that Mary does. She's also great on bowling, gardening and sewing. Keeping her home lovely at 703 Scott St.,



Mrs. Kinkela



Mrs. Pauline



Mrs. Adamic



Mrs. Yoger

in Niles for her husband, Joseph, is her main occupation. She was born in Windham, Ohio on Feb. 8, 1915, and married Joseph on Feb. 1, 1947.

Mary has been the vice-president and recording secretary of Br. 57; she is one of those ever-helpful persons that the members love and respect. They wish her a barrel-ful of happiness and contentment.



Margaret Bezjak

Br. 63, Denver, Colo. — A mother with two sons in the Navy is Margaret Bezjak of Denver. She hopes they will be coming home soon on leave and is anxiously awaiting their visit. Joseph is stationed in Seattle, Wash. and Frank is on a refueling ship on his way to Italy. On the photo we see, Margaret with son, Frank.

The family has four other children. Mrs. Margaret Cuba, Rick, John, and Debbie, and the family home is at 5135 Clarkson.

She was born in Pueblo on April 16, 1917. Employed at the Great Western Sugar Company, Margaret's job is packing individual sugar packets. In her spare time, she loves to do tatting and sewing.

At Br. 63, she is the recording secretary since 1964. The membership offers their heartiest wishes to their member and Mother of the Year!



Cecile M. Adamic

Br. 66, Canon City, Colo. — A good and happy spirit is contained within the person of Cecile M. Adamic, the secretary and treasurer of Br. 66 for the past 10 years. She enjoys music, especially by playing the accordion for fun and singing. She also belongs to the St. Michael church choir.

Photography is another hobby and flower gardening; she is fond of sewing, too.

Cecile is a native of Canon City having been born there on Nov. 12, 1914. She married Frank (Ted) Adamic on May 21st, 1949 and they will celebrate their 18th wedding an-

niversary this month. They have 2 sons, Henry James, Teddy Timothy and Thomas Charles. Joe and Gary are their two step grandchildren.

A real western salute to her and wishes for many happy years!



Mary Kinkela

Br. 67, Bessemer, Pa. — A lovely smile graces the face of the Mother of the Year of Br. 67. She is Mary Kinkela, wife of John Kinkela to whom she has been married 54 years. April 12th is their anniversary day, the year, 1913. They have 5 children, John, Anna, Samuel, William and Mary, also, 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

When time permits, Mrs. Kinkela loves to do needlework but just house-keeping takes up most of her time. Their home is at 18 Deeringwood Dr., in New Middletown, Ohio. Her birthday is Aug. 2, 1888 and she came to the U. S. in October of 1912.

To this sweet lady, all the sweetness and joy of life!



Josephine Drobnick

Br. 68, Fairport Harbor, O. — Two homelands in one lifetime is the story of Josephine Drobnick who, altho she was born in Rittman, Ohio, was taken to Slovenia as a small child, there to live until her maidenhood. She returned to America in 1927 and was married a year later, on Aug. 4, 1928 to John Drobnick with whom she made her home in Fairport. They have three children, John, Josephine and Irene. On the photo of Mrs. Drobnick are her six grandchildren — a treasured "grandma's picture." They are: standing, left to right: Mark, Ken, Donna and David Kovach, and seated, Lisa Kovach and Cindy Miller.

She is a very good cook and loves it! Members of Br. 68 are the recipients of this talent on many occasions. She is their charter member.

This summer, Mrs. Drobnick is looking forward to having son, John, and his wife visit them. He is a teacher

in Tempe, Arizona.

With great appreciation to her, a wish for health and happiness for many, many years!



Ann Yoger

Br. 73, Warrensville Hgts, O. Ann Yoger has been a very active member ever since she joined Br.73. She is a very willing worker and served on various committees. She has been our Sunshine Chairman sending cards to our sick members, special anniversaries and new mothers. She has two daughters who live in the San Francisco area, Gayle McDonald and Patricia Braddock and another Linda, who is at home and a member of Br. 73. As a doting grandmother, she loves to show pictures of her grandson, Michael McDonald.

Her name was Yuratovac before she married Frank Yoger on Sept. 3, 1933, and their home is at 75 Meadowhill Lane, Moreland Hills, O. She is another of our seamstresses and likes to bowl.

All the members extend to her, best wishes for health and happiness and may we enjoy her lovely companionship for many, many years to come!

K. Y.



Fannie Ramshak

Br. 79, Enumclaw, Wash. The members of Br. 79 are honoring their past secretary of 13 years, Fannie Ramshak, who is their Mother of the Year. She has been most helpful in all the activities of the branch all those years and took part in many, many functions. She is a housewife who loves her home and garden so that in the summertime, she putters in her vegetable garden and it is quite productive. In winter, she sews and crochets in her cozy home at 669 Stevenson Avenue.

Fannie was Miss Gorc when she married Pete Ramshak on June 18, 1938. They are the parents of two children, a son, Leonard age 26 and a daughter, Linda, 18. One grandson,



Mrs. Ramshak



Mrs. Mazar



Mrs. Barbich



Mrs. Mufich

Rodney, is the center of attraction at every family gathering. She was born on March 29, 1907 in Cumberland and in 1909 moved to a farm in Krain until 1944, before moving to her present address.

A very happy wish to her for a long and rewarding lifetime.



Anna Mazar

Br. 86, Nashwauk, Minn. Its hard to believe that this young mother is grandmother to 18 children! Her youngest grandson is just a new-born infant.

Mrs Mazar was Anna Castropil before she married Joe Mazar on Sept. 15, 1932. She was just twenty years old then, born April 29th. She has been handicapped since childhood as a result of polio and later, multiple sclerosis. She gets around very well on canes and nothing stops her from doing her housework and leading an active life attending meetings and serving as secretary of the Yugoslav Club of Nashwauk for the past 14 years. Also, she is secretary for the CIO Auxilliary for over five years.

Br. 86 has had her conscientious work as reporter for two years and at present she is their vice-president.

She likes to write and is a local news reporter for the Hibbing daily paper. Card playing is another of her favorite occupations

Traveling to California and Michigan with friends is one of her fondest memories.

The four Mazar daughters are: Mrs. Clifford (Mary) Veronik, Mrs. Tony (Joanne) Martiere, Mrs. Roland (Janice) Davis and Mrs. Jerome (Frances) Castellano. Mary lives in Brainerd, Minn. where her husband is a school teacher, Joanne lives in Nashwauk, Janice lives in Dearborn, Mich., and Frances is in Los Angeles.

The branch is proud of their Mother of the Year.



Anna Mufich

Br. 92, Crested Butte, Colo. — Anna Mufich has been a member of Br. 92 since 1961 and has been a very active

worker, always willing to help with every function or special project of the branch. She has never turned down a job, no matter what effort it took and for this, her sister members are most grateful. Ann was elected vice-president this year.

She is also active in other societies and works hard for the Queen of All Saints parish being a charter member of the Altar and Rosary Society. She has been president of the band mothers. She was married to Martin Mufich on Oct. 24, 1936 at St. Patrick's church. Two children have been born to the union. Martin, Jr. is a Forest Ranger and employed in Overguard, Arizona. He received his B. A degree at Fort Collins and is 24 years old. Daughter Marguerite, is 20 and a junior at Teacher's College at Greeley, Colo. The whole family is seen on the photo. The family has always lived in Crested Butte except for one and a half years spent at Paonia, Colo. Mrs. Mufich is a wonderful homemaker, cook & baker.

All of Br. 92 wish Ann a very Happy Mother's Day! This is a well-deserved honor for her. She has endeared herself to all with her fine sense of humor, her kindness and her willingness to help whenever and wherever there is need. Congratulations from all!

H. C.



Catherine Pauline

Br. 94, Canton, Ohio. Most of the progress of this small branch at Canton can be credited to the work of their long-standing president, and now treasurer, Catherine Pauline, their Mother of the Year.

She and her husband, Henry, are celebrating their 32rd Wedding Anniversary this year on Dec. 31st. Their 6 children, Frances, Margaret, Ann, Helen, John and Eddie have given them 13 lovely grandchildren. They live at 1201 Faircrest St. S. W. in Canton. She likes to sew and makes all her own clothes and many things for her grandchildren. She also loves to dance and go bowling.

All the members extend a very

hearty wish and offer their congratulations!



Sophie Barbich

No. 95, So. Chicago, Ill. Our branch has named Mrs. Sophie Barbich, 9330 Muskegon Ave., So. Chicago, Ill., as our Mother-of-the-Year, a mother of five; namely: Ann, who is presently living in Davenport, Iowa, Mary Joy in So. Holland, Barbara and Violet, making their home in Chicago and Christine, the youngest of the five who will complete her education from Aquinas High School in June, the only one left at home.

Mrs. Barbich who has a gentle look about her, and who always seems to radiate an inner sense of calm and well-being, is married to Mr. Jos. Barbich for 37 years. They were married in August at St. Joseph's church in Gary, Indiana. He is presently employed at General Mills and plans to retire in August of 1968.

Sophie finds her fulfillment in life surrounded by her 23 grandchildren as a full time responsibility. As you can see, at the turn of the century, she brought a dowry of skills to her marriage—cooking, baking, knitting, sewing, and performs outside tasks such as gardening in the summer. She stresses the importance of finding fulfillment in homemaking and yet acknowledges the fact that she is able to give fully of her time, energy and resources to her church and our branch. She said when pressures build up, she tries to remember that a woman should be like a willow in the wind—bending in order not to break. One can weather many storms that way! It is for this the members cited her for exemplifying the basic qualities of humor, good manners, concern for other people and dedication to our branch. We are extremely proud of Mrs. Sophie Barbich for her many contributions to our branch and to her family, and we consider it an honor to call her our own. It is our sincere wish, Sophie, that you and your family will be blessed with good health, success and happiness for the rest of your days.

M. J.



Mrs. Klemencic



Mrs. Mertel



Mrs. Krainik



Mrs. Maisel and children

Mary P. Klemencic

Br. 96, Universal, Pa. — What an appropriate title for a lady who considers her special interest CHILDREN! "Mother of the Year" Mary Klemencic, has proven this by her total dedication to children of all ages. While vice-president of the Allegheny County Council of PTA she was awarded Lifetime Membership in the Penna Congress of Parents and Teachers for exemplary work with PTAs; was president of Renton PTA and on the executive board for 17 years. She also is a charter member of Plum, Holiday Park and Renton PTA's. This work carried her into further activity with a group that helped establish a library for children and she served as librarian once a week without pay for 5 years. She has been a Cub Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader for several years, a Nature Counselor and served on Day Camp Committees. She was presented an award by the Allegheny County Extension for having been a 4-H Leader for the past 6 years.

She also taught religion classes at St. Januarius church for 11 years and this year has a class of juniors and seniors.

She just loves participating in the Slovene Section of the Pittsburgh Folk Festival every May and is known for her interest in Slovenian literature, culture, history and her knowledge of the Slovenian language which she learned from her father and mother.

She was the President of our Br. 96 for four years, and secretary of the branch for 21 years. She was appointed rec. secretary of every S.W.U. Penna State Convention since 1961. In these capacities she has been one of the central figures in all our SWU activities in her area.

As the mother of three sons and three daughters, Mary is a very loving person. Her oldest is a 26 year old son, Thomas, with daughters Barbara, Joanne, Frances, son Paul and the youngest, Edward, age 10.

Rudolph and Mary Klemencic, married since Nov. 5, 1938, also have three granddaughters and two small grandsons. They reside at 3401 Clements

Rd. in Plum Boro, Pittsburgh.

Mary's birthday celebration comes each year on Nov 1st. She was born in Center, Pa. and named Mary Ann Peternel. She manages to visit the sick and infirm and wherever she goes, she works. "We never see her idle," say her sisters at Br. 96. Her love of children is evidenced by her activities. "We are very proud and fortunate to have Mary in our midst for she is truly a good friend."

Our very best wishes!

Rose Krainik

Br. 100, Fontana, Cal. After their retirement, the Krainiks moved to California and are now residing in the beautiful city of Fontana at 8644 Blanchard road.

When they visited California in 1956, they just couldn't go back to the cold climates of their home in Chicago, so they just stayed in California. Fontana was their selection after a visit to a friend, Edith Drawenek. They have a son, living in Pico, Calif. with his wife, Yola and two daughters, Darlene and Denise.

Mrs. Krainik is a native of Stauce in Slovenia where she born August 8, 1900. She arrived in the U. S. in 1921 and came to Chicago where she married John Krainik in 1922. They lived there until 1956. Their 45th Wedding Anniversary was a big occasion this year which they celebrated on Feb. 11th. She is a very fine member and is well-liked, helping whenever possible and attending all these meetings. very fond wish to Mrs. Krainik on this happy occasion.

Elizabeth Mertel

Br. 101, Bedford Hgts., O. Bringing up four sons has given Mother Elizabeth Mertel, a very active and rewarding life. She has been a Boy Scout volunteer worker, interested in the veterans societies and at her local church, St. Pius.

She is now serving her second year as treasurer of Br. 101 and

previously was their kitchen chairman. As a willing participant in all their activities, she has had a perfect attendance at meetings, and for their annual card party, she really goes all out and works!

Elizabeth was born in Cleveland on Sept. 18, 1916 and married Frank Mertel on May 31, 1946. Sons, Frank, Michael, Jim and Timothy keep their home at 21400 Franklin Ave. in Maple Hgts., constantly full of activity.

She loves to play cards, especially pinochle.

All the best wishes to her from and many sister-members and friends!

Zorka Maisel

Br. 105, Detroit, Mich. This family picture is one of Zorka Maisel's favorites. It shows her four children who are now all married and have children of their own. They are, from left to right; Dolores Iovan, Robert Maisel, Bette Ann Karas, Norma Williams and Mrs. Maisel.

There are 7 grandsons and three granddaughters, ranging in ages from 2 to 15 years.

Mrs. Maisel has been a member of Br. 105 for approximately 25 years.

She has been an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish for 17 years.

She recently took a plane trip to Kansas City, Kans. for three weeks to visit her still-a-active-at-83 year-old mother, Mrs. Zora Mohar. She enjoyed this visit at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Novak.

Although Zorka has been a widow for 13 years, she still enjoys social gatherings, home-making and gardening. Her speciality is baking potica and making noodles.

Every year on May 4th, her family helps her celebrate her birthday. She was born in 1903 and still remembers the ocean crossing in 1909 from Europe (Austria) where she was born.

A very happy and sincere wish to her for a life of good health and happiness.

SPOMIN NA MATER

Naravno je, da se v mesecu majniku spominjamo svojih mater. Druga nedelja v maju je njim še posebej posvečena. Danes, ko človek tako zametuje, kar je duhovnega je še bolj potrebno, da cenimo veličino matrne ljubezni in žrtve. Navadno se tega zavemo še le takrat, ko je že prepozno. Kar je vzvišenega in lepega posebno pa vero v Boga smo prejeli po njej. Kako je vedno želela, da bi hodili pravo pot in se izognili stranpoti.

Neki mož takole popisuje svoje občutke o materi. Dolgo sem stal ob njenem grobu. Začutil sem utrujenost. Sedel sem na grobni kamen pod katerim spi njena utrujena ljubezen. Naslonil glavo v svoje dlani in vasoval pri njej, ki mi je dala vse, jaz pa njej tako malo.

Mislil sem na njeno ljubezen, vir, ki se ne bi izsušil v tisočletnom trpljenju, darovanju in žrtvovanju. Mislil sem, kako slabotno, skopo in malomarno sem ji vračal vso to ljubezen, vso dobroto. Kako naj popravim ta svoj veliki, preveliki greh. Ali ga izbrišem vsaj malo, če pokleknem na tvoj grob in ga pomočim s solzami trpljenja in kesanja? Ali odpuščas mati, ko vidiš koliko tvoj sin sedaj trpi? Kako slabo sem ti vračal tvojo ljubezen. Ali bi odpustila vso mojo nekdanko hladnost in površnost, ako bi sedaj zbudila, oživela in vstala, in bi ti potožil vse gorje, odkril ti svoje srce, s tisoč pušči-

cam prebodeno. Ali bi mi odpustila mati, o mati? ... Bi, ker si mati.

Toda ne, ne le spi, le spi mirno in spokojno. Srečna si, da si mrtva. Sicer bi te doletelo se večje gorje.

Kamenje, ki leti name, bi letelo tudi nate. Kako bi moglo nositi te udarce tvoje srce? Ko bi jih čutila le ti, vem, da bi vse potrpeala. Ker pa zadevajo tvojega otroka kako bi jih pretrpeala, o mati moja?

V mraku sem se poslovlil.

Od odprtega groba kamor so bili pred leti pogrebci pravkar spustili krsto z mrtvo materjo, sem odhajal lažje nego danes.

Ko sem se drugo jutro po kratkem in mučnem snu prebudil in pogledal po sobi sem videl, da so rdeči listi cvetja razsuti po mizi.

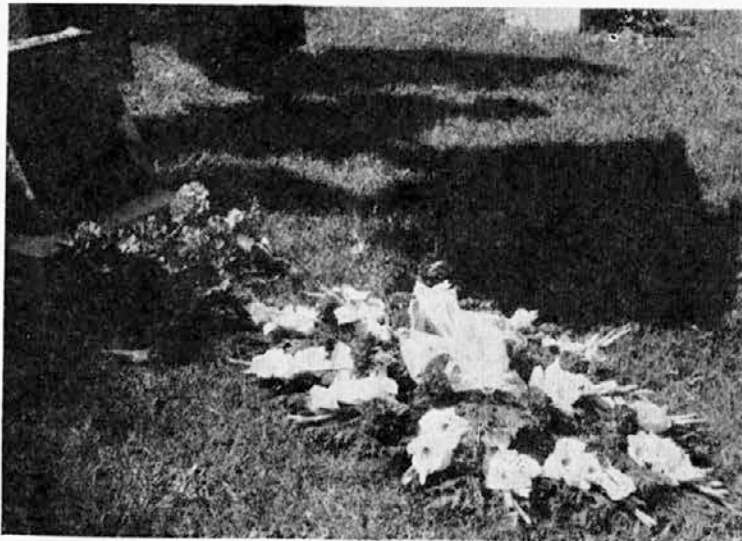
Tako se je rasulo tvoje goreče srce, o matj, v ljubezni in žrtvovanju za nas otroke. Kako naj bi potem še živel.

Kdorkoli in kjerkoli si, ko bereš te vrstice se vprašaj, ali ljubiš svojo matr? Ljubi jo, dovolj je ne boš ljubil nikoli.

Če živo mater še imaš, raduj se in Boga zahvali, ker veliko jih je, ki so že mater pokopali. Če je že odšla po večno plačilo k svojemu Stvarniku, pojdi, večkrat na njen grob, pomoli za pokoj njene duše in obnovi sklepe živeti tako, da te bo ona vesela.

Vse najboljše vsem materam za njihov dan.

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Mati

Naziv sam, MATI, nam vzbuja globoko spoštovanje. Ljubezen matere je vdanost in žrtev. Materina ljubezen vzgaja v človeškem srcu vse najplemenitejše kreposti.

Materina ljubezen je najlepša glorijska vsega Človeštva. Ni v človeškem srcu čustva, kateremu bi lastni interes česa ne pridedal. V Stvarstvu ni enakega kot ljubezen matere, ki razsvetljuje, ogreva, očisti ter zedinja krepost in bridkost, vdanost, posvetitev: celo človeško srce je.

Mati ljubi in uči ljubiti. Ne zahteva pa plačila. Mati se radosti le sreče svojega otroka in srečna je le v otro-

kovi sreči. Njih veselje je njeno veselje, njihova bol-njen bol. Nič se ne da primerjati v potrpežljivostjo in sladkostjo materine ljubezni. Bitje, ki ga je nosila mati pod svojim srcem, ne more postati nikoli od nje neodvisno. V njenih očeh je sin hčer vedno le njen otrok.

Če je človeku kdo drag, mu je mati če koga upoštevaš, upoštevej mater.

Mati! Velika, vzvišena, sveta in težka je tvoja dolžnost. Materinski poklic je umetniški in svečeniški poklic!



Mesc maj posvečen Vam
in z rožami obdan je dan;
V srečih tleče nam ljubezen,
ali Vaša je iz dneva v dan — Mati.

Koliko noči si prebedela,
v boleznih skrbi svojih si otrok;
na obrazu Tvojem so znamenja,
ali v srcu Tvojem je sladkost — Mati.

Marija k Tebi vzdihni gredo,
Gor' visoko proti nebu;
Kjer brez Tvojega blagoslova,
je pot življenja na koncu roba — Mati.

Frances Zibert, št. 2, Chicago, Ill.

ZARJA — THE DAWN



Marie Prislant:

OH, TA SVET...

STARA MAMICA (BABICA) MOLI

Ljubi Bog, bodi zahvaljen za moje življenje. Posebno se Ti zahvalim za ljube vnučke, ki si mi jih dal. Kako rada jih imam! Prinesli so mi novo življenje in nov pomen. Da — skrb za enega — veselje nad drugim.

Ampak včasih mojih vnukov ne razumem. Veliko drugačnejši so kot so bili moji otroci. Večkrat sem mnenja, da jim njih starši dajo preveč prostosti in premalo discipline. Ni vedno lahko, ljubi Bog. Večkrat sem osamljeno v svojih nazorih in mislim, da bi moralo biti drugače. Ne vodi mojih misli v stran od mojih vnukov, Te prosim! Vnuki in njih starši živijo v drugačnem svetu in v drugačnih okoliščinah kot sem živela jaz. Pravico imajo do svojega sveta. Daj mi moč imeti trdno zupanje v njih obnašanje in naj jih vodi Tvoja roka. Kot stari materi, mi daj priliko, da prinesem nekaj sreče in veselja v njih življenje, saj so moji ljubi vnuki sreča moje družine. Amen.

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Vsem mamicam in starim mamicam iskreno želim veselo praznovanje v krogu svojih družin na Materin dan.

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Pred kratkim sem poslušala zanimivega predavatelja ter si zapisala nekaj njegovih izrekov. Delim jih z vami: "Vsak človek mora vedeti, kdaj je pravi čas za kako stvar. Prva življenska doba je namenjena rasti, druga šolanju, tretja ljubezni, četrta miru. Posameznih dob ne moremo preskočiti, ne da bi s tem zmedli tok življenja. Vsaka doba moramo preživeti v celoti. Če to znamo, kažemo začetek modrosti.

Za vsakega človeka pride čas, ki ga narava vidno zaznamuje z mladostno močjo, ko želi človek nekaj doseči in se uveljaviti. Na nasprotnem koncu pa je doba za umirjenje. Ena doba je namenjena goreči ljubezni, druga tihemu zadovoljstvu. Nespametni so ljudje, ki bi radi vse to na glavno postavili in iščejo ljubezni, ali miru takrat, ko zato še ni čas, ali pa je že prepozno.

Uspех je posebna nagrada v življenju, ki je človeku naklonjena samo včasih. Blagostanje in varnost ne delajo kremenitih značajev. Negotovost, boji in preizkušnje to so stvari, ki zahtevajo od človeka, da do skrajnosti napne vse svoje sile in moči. Tako kuje življenje! Ni je lepše stvari v življenju kot je občutek zmagovalstva ki prevzame človeka takrat, ko naredi tisto, kar je bilo videti nemogoče.

Preizkušnje so posebno koristne za duha. Pravičnosti v življenju večkrat ni. Plačilo za trud in delo ni vedno na razpolago. Še hvaležnost je redka čednost. Nihče naj ne pričakuje, da bo lepo živel in bo spoštovan zgolj zato, ker je to zaslužil. Življenje nam mnogokrat prinese razočaranje. Treba je biti na to pripravljen, da si ohranimo spokojnega duha, dobre živce in mirno srce..."

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Okužen zrak pospeši staranje, trdi raziskovalec Herman Harvey. Zrak, napolnjen z dimom, z industrijskimi sajamimi in z izhlapevanimi plini od avtomobilov je kriv, da sodobni prebivalci velikih industrijskih mest prej izgubijo moč in se hitreje starajo, kakor njih starostni vrstniki na podeželju, kjer je zrak čistejši.

Doslej je znanost trdila, da nečist zrak škoduje pljučam in obremenjuje srce ter utegne škodovati človeškemu vi-

du, kmalu si pa bomo na jasnem da nečist, zasmrajen in okužen zrak škoduje tudi s tem, da povzroča staranje.

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Lasje — so ogledalo vašega zdravja in lepote — piše ženski list.

Statistika je pokazala, da ima sedem od desetih žensk pokvarjene lase zaradi slabo napravljenga trajnega kodranja, barvanja, itd. Če ste vi med temi, si lahko pomagata z uspešnim zdravljenjem. Naprej se lotite masaže temena, ki traja deset minut. S konci prstov masirajte od tilnika proti čelu, nakar pride "hranjenje" las. Razne drage kreme lahko učinkovito nadomestite z oljnim ali ricinusovim oljem (Castor oil). Važno je le, da olje dobro vmasirate, potem pa pramen za pramenom namažete in tudi konce las.

Temu sledi parjenje las, da bo hranljivo olje prodrlo v notrajnost. Za to potrebujete lonec vrele vode. Nad soparo nagnite glavo, da vam lasje padajo naprej, pri tem pazite, da z obrazom ne pridete preblizu vroče vode. Pazite tudi, da se vam lasje v vodi ne namočijo. Čez glavo si pokrijte z brisačo in pustite, da deluje para na lase kakih 5 minut. Nato počakajte, da se lasje ohladi in raztegnejo.

Zdaj pride na vrsto umivanje. Namesto dragega šampona, vmešajte dva rumenjaka z dvema žličkama mandljevega olja (Almond oil). S to mešanico namažite lase in jo pustite kakih 5 minut na lasišču. Potem lase izperite in še enkrat namažite. Nato lase temeljito izperite z mlačno — nikdar prevročo vodo.

Vse to — masažo, parjenje in pranje — ponovite dvakrat na teden in to tri tedne povrsti. Dobro tudi je, če boste med tem zdravljenjem pojedli dnevno dve tableti vitamina B.

Nad uspehom boste navdušeni! — komentira list.

Pripomba: Morda boste vi ali vaše hčerke to "zdravljenje" las poizkusile. Naznanite mi, kak bo učinek.

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V Ljubljani izhaja humoristični list PAVLIHA. Naj iz tega lista navedem tole:

Sodobna medicinska veđa je od zlomka! Dela že prave čudeže z bolnim Zemljanom. Zamenja mu bolno ledvico, odstrani kroglo iz srca, prezrači otopele možgane in že dela poskuse s presajanjem posameznih udov, celo glave. In tako je navidez že pokopan človek spet čil in zdrav.

Vse kaj drugega pa je z našimi bolnimi stroji. Vsaj pri nas v Jugoslaviji. Postavim: Na Jesenicah jim je nedavno zbolela dieselska lokomotiva in zaprosila za bolniško postrežbo. Zapeljali so jo na ambulanto in ji pregledali drobovje.

"Nekaj novih delov bo potrebovala, pa bo spet šla!" so rekli zdravniki — strokovnjaki.

"Prav, so odvrnili pristojni: pisali bomo ponje Omnikomercu v Beograd." In so res.

"Nakažite nam devize;" so odgovorili iz Beograda. "Brez deviz ni rezervnih delov." (Opomba: Devize so tuja valuta kot naprimer dolarji.)

"Dobro, nakažimo jim devize, če ne gre drugače!" so rekli na Jesenicah. Devize delajo čudeže tudi v zdravljenju strojev.

Zastopnik iz Beograda je potrebne dele za popravo loimotive pripeljal kar z osebnim avtomobilom, a ne vseh, ker v takem avtu je premalo prostora za drobovje obolele lokomotive. V Beogradu pa se je takrat nahajal jesiški zastopnik. Naložil je na svoj avto ostale dele za popravo lokomotive ter se potoma ustavil v Slavon-skem Brodu in v Zagrebu in povsod oddal nekaj teh delov za transport v Jesenice in si lepo izstavil za eno pot tri račune... Znajti se je treba! Zato je mnogo teže stroje zdraviti kot navadne državljane.

NAŠE ČASTNE MATERE ZVEZE



Frances Simonich

Št. 3, Pueblo, Colorado je letos počastila svojo marljivo tajnico Frances Simonich, 1113 Mahren Ave. z naslovom častne matere za 1967. Frances Simonich, dekleško ime Russ je bila rojena 14. oktobra, 1910 v Strugah pri Ribnici, Slovenja. V Ameriko je prišla s starši 13. julija, 1925. Poročila se je 28. septembra, 1935 s Joseph Simončem. V zakonu sta se rodila dva sina, Raymond, (zdaj preminuli) in Robert Lee. Stara mati je enemu vnuku. Pri podružnici je uradovala kot blagajničarka pet let in zdaj je že sedmo leto v poslih tajnice. Zanima se za vse dobrodelne stvari in vedno gleda za novimi članicami. Razvedrilo najde v kvačkanju, šivanju in pletenju. Prost čas zelo pridno uporablja za vse koristne akcije, zato je v naselbini tudi dobro poznana in spoštovana. Ugledni častni materi iskreno čestitamo ter ji želimo še mnogo let zdravja in sreče. Letos bo že drugič zastopala svojo podružnico kot delegatka na konvenciji v Washingtonu. Vse najboljše, je naša želja za njo in to vsak bodoči dan življenja.

Mary Mervar

Št. 5, Indianapolis, Ind. — Izbrati svojo zaslužno mater za to leto ni bilo težko, ker imamo več oseb, ki so mnogo storile za svoje družine in društvo. Članice so odločile, da naj bo za letos Mrs. Mary Mervar, 960 No. Holmes Avenue, naša častna mati. Rojena je bila 6. januarja 1890 v Sloveniji. Dekliško ime je bilo Gerbick. V Ameriko je prišla v letu 1907, stara 17 let. Čez dve leti se je poročila, to je bilo 6. oktobra, 1909 s Josephom,



Mrs. Mervar

sedaj umrlim. Rodilo se je devet otrok: Mary, por. Marks; Theresa, por. Tinn; Pauline, por. Turk; Valeria, por. Breinlich; sinovi Albert, Joe, Stanley in dvojčka sta umrla. Stara mati je 24 vnukom in 4 prastara mati. Dva vnuka, sinova najstarejšega sina, se bosta v jeseni oženila. Njeno največje razvedrilo je gospodinjstvo, kuhinja ter negovanje cvetlic. Rada tudi šiva, posebno za vnučkinje. V začetku podružnice je pridobila veliko število članic. Za eno leto je vodila urad podpredsednice. Njena dobra dela so vsem poznana in članice so ji srčno hvaležne ter ji želijo še mnogo let zdravja in zadovoljnega življenja.

Frances Štangar

Št. 6, Barberton, Ohio — Priznanje zaslužne matere je bilo letos poklonjeno sestri Frances Štangar, 905 No. Portage, Doylestown, Ohio. Sestra Štangar je bila rojena 13. novembra, 1880 v vasi Podskranjek pri Cerknici na Notranjskem. V Ameriko je prišla kot mlado dekle toda zela pridna v vseh ozirih. Tako je tudi pri svoji družini vedno poskrbela, da je bil lep red in družinska ljubezen. Rodilo se je 12 otrok, zdaj odrasli in poročeni. Ena hčerka je umrla v otroških letih. Sestra Štangar je bila med ustanovnim članicam podružnice ter izvoljena za prvo tajnico, kateri posel je odlično uradovala. Ona ne pozna dolgega časa, ker še sedaj v častiljivi starosti 86 let še vedno rada šiva in kvačka ter se kratkočasi z ročnim delom s katerimi obdaruje svoje otroke in vnuke ob vsaki priliki.

Podružnica izreka iskrene čestitke svoji častni materi Mrs. Štangar ter ji želi, da bi dočakala še mnogo let v zdravju in zadovoljstvu!



Mrs. Stangar s hčerko

Phyllis Cermely

Št. 10, Cleveland, Ohio. — Letos je dobila lepo odlikovanje častne matere Phyllis Cermely, 15919 Whitcomb Ave. Rojena je bila 24. novembra, 1911 v Ustije, Ajdovščina. Dekliško ime Stibil. V Ameriko je dospela decembra, 1936. Poročila se je 12. februarja, 1931 s Louis Cermely (zdaj pokojnim). V zakonu sta se rodila dva otroka: Robert in Bernice, poročena Martin. Stara mama je dvema vnucoma Laura in David Martin. Njeno najbolj priljubljeno delo je na vrtu, za razvedrilo pa rada igra karte in s prijateljicami kramlja.

V spominu bo vedno hranila kot najlepši dogodek, ko je sin gradiral od Western Reserve University. Pri Zvezi je že več let in zadnjih pet let v uradu podpredsednice. Vrli odborci, članici, skrbni materi in stari materi, želijo članice še mnogo zdravih in srečnih let ter ji tem potom pošiljajo iskrene čestitke nad častnim imenovanjem zaslužne matere.

Theresa M. Skur

Št. 14, Euclid, O. — Mrs. Theresa Skur je hčerka zelo poznane in spoštovane družine Jančar v newburški naselbini. Rojena je bila 24. avgusta, 1903 v Cleveland (Newburgh), Ohio. Pohajala je osnovno šolo sv. Lovrenca ter v So. High višjo šolo in Ohio Business College. Jančarjeva družina je doprinesla lep napredek naselbini, saj se je rodilo 9 hčer in 4 sinovi, vsi čvrsti in zdravi. Umrl je le en otrok, to je bil Jackie v starosti pet let. Poročila se je 29. novembra, 1922 z zdravnikom dr. Anthony Skur. Svojemu soprogu doktorju, je pomagala kot bolniška strežnica in sta delala roka v roki. Dr. Skur je bil poznan kot vrli samaritan in je pomagal, kjer je bila pomoč potrebna. V družini



Mrs. Cermely

sta bila blagoslovljena z devetimi otroci, štiri hčerke in pet sinov. Zdaj vsi dorasli in v svojih poklicih. Stara mati je 21krat. Njeno največje razvedrilo je, kadar čas dopušča za ročna dela in pri klavirju, ker ljubi glasbo in petje.

Pri podružnici je Rose članica že od začetka. Več let je uradovala kot tajnica, sedaj je pa predsednica in so članice ponosne na njeno vodstvo. Da bi dočkala še mnogo let zdravja ter zadovoljnega življenja je iskrena želja vseh, ki jo poznajo in posebno od članic št. 14. Izbrana je bila kot delegatka in bo na konvenciji, ki se vrši v Washingtonu, kjer bo gotovo posvetila svojo zmožnost in sodelovanje za dobre stvari.



Antonija Stokar

Št. 15, Cleveland, Ohio. Letos so članice izbrale Antonijo Stokar, 6611 Chestnut Rd. za svojo zaslužno mater. Sestra Stokar, dekleško ime Cvelbar, je bila rojena 1. maja, 1905 v vasi Prekop na Dolenjskem. V Ameriko je prišla 30. maja, 1925 in se v novembru poročila s Frankom Stokar. V zakonu se je rodilo devet otrok: Mary, Joseph, Frank, John, Anna, Anthony, William, Robert in Richard. Stara mati je 14 vnukom. Njeno največje zanimanje je vrt in cvetlice, katere pridno neguje, da je vedno krasno za pogledat. Nad vse je pa za njo veselje, ko pridejo otroci domov ob praznikih in rojstnih dnevih. Pri podružnici je četrti leto nadzornica. Vsak mesec se pridno udeležuje sej in zmeraj rada pomaga. Da bi dočkala še mnogo let zdravja in družinske sreče je iskrena želja vseh članic.



Frances Majer

Št. 25, Cleveland, Ohio. — Članice so s ponosom imenovale Mrs. Frances Majer, 6732 Edna Avenue za častno mater v tem letu. Rojena je bila v



Mrs. Skur

vasi Dobravca, dekleško ime Oven. S Frankom Majer se je poročila 25. oktobra, 1909. V zakonu je bilo rojenih šest otrok: Frank, Frances, Josephine, Mimie, Stanley in Doris. Stara mati je sedmih vnukov in enkrat prastara mati. Ročno delo jo zanima že vse življenje in zelo rada šiva, kvačka ter vzorno vodi gospodinjstvo. Letos bo praznovala 58 letnico poroke. Mesečne seje ter prireditve rada obiskuje. Pridno je pomagala tudi pri prodaji kuharskih knjig, katerih je razpečala že 33.



Mrs. Majer

Vrli sosestri, častni materi sestri Majer tem potom pošilja največja podružnica pri Zvezi iskrene čestitke ter želje za zdravje in srečo na mnogo let.



Josephine Comenshek

Št. 32, Euclid, Ohio. — Marljiva tajnica Mrs. Josephine Comenshek, 924 E. 223rd St. je bila letos počastena z naslovom najbolj zaslužne matere. Rojena je bila v Clevelandu v slovenski naselbini na Glass Ave., 23. oktobra, 1914. Dekliško ime je bilo Hrovatin. Poročila se je 30. avgusta, 1941 z Albertom Comenshek.

V zakonu sta se rodila dva sina Jerome in Robert. Za razvedrilo in



Mrs. Stokar



Mrs. Comenshek

kratek čas rada kvačka ter ljubi ročna dela. Negovanje vrta jo tudi zanima; okrog doma je vedno vse v lepem cvetju. Pri podružnici opravlja posle tajnice zdaj že drugo leto in kakor poročajo iz glavnega urada, je zelo točna pri uradovanju, kar vse članice zelo veseli. Preden je prevzela tajništvo je bila podpredsednica eno leto. Svoji vrli tajnici in častni materi pošiljajo članice iskrene čestitke ter želje, da bi dolgo let uradovala in uživala najlepšo družinsko srečo in blagostanje.



Frances Petelin

Št. 64, Kansas City, Kansas. — Častna mati izbrana po članicah je sestra Frances Petelin, 642 Elizabeth Avenue. Rojena je bila 7. marca v kraju Sedlace, občina Brod na Kolpi. Dekliško ime je bilo Stimec. V Ameriko je prišla 14. februarja, 1914. Za ženina si je izbrala Johna Petelin in sta se 25. januarja, 1917 poročila. V družini je bilo šest otrok, trije sinovi in tri hčere: Mary, Bernice, Theresa, Frank, John in Willie. Stara

mati je dvajsetim vnukom. Njeno največje razvedrilo je, kadar je pri šivanju in nad vse pa delo na vrtu, kjer neguje zelenjave in vsakovrstno cvetje, ki krasijo njihov dom. Letos je poteklo 50 let zakona in so praznovali z zlato poroko v cerkvi sv. Družine in potem imeli gostovanje v krogu družine in prijateljev. Pri podružnici ni v uradu, toda vedno rada pomaga in jo imajo članice zelo rade, ter se prav dobro razumejo med seboj. Da bi dočakala še mnogo let zdravja in družinske sreče je iskrena želja vseh znancev in članic.



Mary Koklič

Št. 71, Strabane, Pa. Zaslužna mati za letos je Mrs. Mary Koklič, Box 108. Rojena je bila 24. decembra, 1891 v vasi Glušnik, fara Št. Peter



Mrs. Koklič

pri Novem mestu njeno, deklisko ime je Vidrih. V Ameriko je prišla 1. avgusta, 1912 ter se še isto leto poročila s Josipom Koklič, to je bilo na 28. oktobra v cerkvi sv. Patrika v Canonsburg, Pa. V družini so se rodili trije otroci: Joseph, Mary in Frank. Stara mati je petim vnukom, ki imajo svojo grandma zelo radi. Njeno največje zanimanje je delo na vrtu, pozimi pa oskrbuje cvetlice na oknih, da je zmeraj vse v cvetju in veselju. V avgustu bo poteklo 55 let odkar je v Ameriki. Pri podružnici je ustanovna članica, pet let je bila predsednica in že čez 25 let podpredsednica. Pri društvenih prireditvah se zelo rada udeležuje. Članice ji iskreno čestitajo in želijo, da bi še mnogo let uživala zdravje in srečo.



Ivanka Antolin

Št. 103, Washington, D. C. — Ime Mati je zelo drago. Povezano je z veliko požrtvovalnostjo, ljubeznijo in velikokrat tudi s skrbmi. Mati je srce in toplina doma. Tudi, ko se otroci osamo svojijo in dorastejo se radi vračajo domov; obdržijo običaje in navade, v katerih so bili doma vzgojeni



Mrs. Antolin

Mati je svojim otrokom veliko več, kot samo rediteljica, je vzgojiteljica, učiteljica, tolažnica pa tudi sodnica in zdravnica pri manjših poškodbah. Kako lepo je ime Mati, čeprav je drago ali celo včasih nedosegljivo . . .

V Washington smo imele letos priliko že drugo leto voliti in izbrati med našimi materami mater za leto 1967. Z veliko večino je bila izvoljena Ivanka Antolin, ki živi približno 60 milj daleč od Washingtona in kljub temu prihaja kadar le utegne na naše mesečne sestanke.

Ivanka je bila rojena v Ljubljani v Velikonjevi družini. Po materini strani je pranečakinja nadškofa Antona Jegliča. Njen oče je bil znani slovenski pisatelj Narte Velikonja, ki je umrl mučeniške smrti leta 1945 v Ljubljani.

Ivanka je končala gimnazijo v Ljubljani in pričela na ljubljanski univerzi studirati pravo. Toda univerza je bila leta 1942 po Nemcih zaprta. Takrat mlada študentka ni videla nobene prihodnosti po komunistični zasedbi in je zbežala 1945 v Rim, kjer je bil njen stric p. Anton Prešeren jezuitski predstojnik za vse slovanske dežele. V tem mestu se je pričela za Ivanko, kot stotine drugih slovenskih študentov težka in trnjeva pot v tujini. Tukaj je študirala eno leto, odkoder je odšla v Zaragozo v Spanijo in dobila svojo pravniško diplomu ali master's degree, kot tukaj pravimo. Za leto 1951-1952 je dobila štipendijo (scholarship) od Free Europe za študij v Strasbourgu v Franciji. Po enem letu se je vrnila nazaj v Španijo pot v Madrid kjer se je jeseni poročila. V tem mestu je nadaljevala še eno leto študije za svoj doktorat iz pravniške vede.

Leta 1956 je prišla z možem in tremi otroki v Toronto v Kanado, odkoder se je cela družina tedaj z devetimi otroki preselila v Z.D.A. leta 1962. Družina z dvanaestimi otroki sedaj živi v Emmitsburgu v državi Maryland, kjer je gospod Antolin profesor filozofije na St. Joseph's College.

Kljub številni družini, je Ivanka izvrstna kuharica in gospodinja, najde čas za šivanje, poleti plavanje in s

DOPISI

Št. 3, Pueblo, Colo. — Najlepši mesec v letu, cvetoči maj je posvečen materam. Poleg nepozabnega spomina moji dragi pokojni materi, ki je zelo trpela v življenju, velja naša počastitev vsem živim in pokojnim materam. Ta spomin ne bo pojenjal nikoli. Bog daj vsem pokojnim materam najlepši prostor v nebesih; živim pa naj Bog da božji blagoslov in ljubezen njihovih otrok.

Na majski seji nas čaka domača zabava in to v počastitev naših mater in zaslužne matere leta ses. F. Simonich. Ona gotovo zaluzi to pozornost, saj je letos tudi prodala več knjižic za nagrade iz gl. urada v prid domače blagajne. Prosim, pridite v lepem številu na ta pomembni večer, to je 3. maja.

Našo naselbino je dne 6. marca pretresla žalostna novica, katero sta prejele naše članice, Ann Boitz in hčerka Eileen, da se je smrtno ponesrečil soprog in oče Frank Boitz s tistim letalom v katerem je bilo 38 ljudi ubitih. Pokojni je bil uslužben kot field manager za Brewers & Bottlers in Equipment Manufacturing, Inc. s sedežem v Tampa, Fla. On je zastopal več držav in tako je bil vedno na potovanju z letalom. Nesreča se je pripetila v bližini Kenton, O. Njegovo truplo je bilo prepeljeno v Pueblo, kjer so se vršili pogrebni obredi v cerkvi Marije Pomagaj. Pokojni je ležal ves v cvetju, krsta je bila obložena z darili svetih maš, saj je bil v življenju dober kot malokdo. Temu je bil dokaz ogromna množica ljudstva, ki se je udeležila pogreba. Družini Boitz in Cernach in ostalemu sorodstvu globoko sožalje. Pokojnemu pa mirni počitek. Vsi preostali sprejmite tudi moje osebno sožalje.

V času tega pisanja, sem prejela sporočilo, da je naša soses. Julia Skrabec za vedno izgubila ljubega soproga, katerega je zjutraj pri jedilni mizi dohitela kruta smrt. Bolehal je več let in srčna hiba mu je končala zemeljsko pot. Bodi mu nepozabni spomin in družini naše sožalje.

Pred nedavnim je končal svoje zdravniške študije Samo J. Dovgan in sicer je diplomiral iz radiology ter kot specialist za različne bolezni.

Mladi zdravnik je zaposlen v Pueblo Clinic bolnišnici. On je sin dobro poznanega para Jake in Natalia Dovgan. Iskrene čestitke mlademu zdravniku in ponosnim staršem.

svojimi otroki rada obiskuje zanimivosti v Washingtonu, kot so najrazličnejši muzeji in spomeniki. Udeležuje se tudi pri francoskih in španskih seminarjih v College-u.

V imenu vseh članic naše podružnice najiskrenejše čestitam Ivanki k častnemu imenovanju in ji želim še v naprej veliko zdravja in vso srečo.

Nika B. Kovacic

Na domu se zdravijo čl. Anna Pachak, Mary Paulovec, Gertrude Arthur in Mollie Jeršin, ki je ponovno v bolnišnici po težki operaciji. Vsem želimo ljubelega zdravlja.

Sedaj smo v času ko so poroke na vseh konciji in krajih. Med drugimi sta se poročila v St. Frances cerkvi Robert Simonich in Marije Rose Klune. Ženin je sin naše tajnice, F. Simonich. Obilo božjega blagoslova!

Čestitke naj sprejme g. Ludvig Leskovar za odlično čast, katere je bil deležen, ko je imel osebni sestanek pri sv. očetu v Vatikanu.

Ker v juliju in avgustu ne bomo imele sej, bo tajnica na domu sprejemala mesečna plačila. Na Spominski dan, dne 30. maja poklanjamo cvetlice in molitve našim dragim pokojnim. Spomnimo se tudi naših pokojnih sester, članic SZZ.

V spomin mi prihaja članek, katerega je pred več leti napisal v Zarji, naš č. g. p. Claude Okorn, ki je zapisal, da bodo vpeljali tako modo, ki bo hudo žalila našega G. Boga. Pa recimo, da ni resnica, ko opažamo mladino, kako malo obleke ima na sebi.

Dobrodošlico kličemo novo pristopli mladinski čl. Maria June Waren.

V upanju, da se vse zdrave vidimo, vas lepo pozdravljam, **Anna Pachak**

Št. 10, Cleveland, O. — Na zadnji seji 14. marca je bila udeležba, kakor po navadi. Pridemo skupaj ene in iste članice, čeprav jih v bližnji okolici živi precejšnje število, toda tako je menda pri vseh podružnicah.

Naša podr. št. 10 je bila ustanovljena 8. marca 1927 in med ustanoviteljicami so še živeče nasleduje: Mary Sluga, Frances Valetich in Mary Babudar. — Kakor ste čitale v zadnjem dopisu, ne bomo imele nobene posebne prireditve za 40 letnico obstoja, zato pa smo odločile mali prispevek v našo blagajno in sicer 1 dolar. Prav lepa hvala tistim, ki ste že darovale.

Prostovoljne darove pa so poklonile naslednje darovalke: Mary Urbas, Mary Rakovec, Veronika Vulich, Alojzija Čeburon, Karolina Bojce in Sofi Magajna. Posebno pa še naša ses. Mrs. Jennie Osek, ki se nas vsako leto spomni z lepim darom. Pristrčna hvala vsem skupaj.

Kot delegatinje za konvencijo so bile izvoljene: predsednica Ana Markovič in tajnica Mary Camloh.

Za zalužno mater podružnice pa je bila izvoljena naša podpredsednica, Philis Crmely.

V febr. in marcu so obhajale rojstne sledeče: Gertrude Bokal, Jennie Koren, taj. Mary Comlah in jaz. Vsaka je prinesla nekaj za posladkati in tudi za kozarce napolniti.

S tem zaključujem moj dopis in bodite mi vse sestrsko pozdravljene.

Mary Komidar, zapisničarica

Št. 12, Milwaukee, Wis. — Po daljše času se zopet oglašamo, da poročamo kako se imamo pri naši podružnici. Naše seje so še prav dobro obiskane, čeprav smo imele hudo zimo in mnogo snega. Sedaj smo tik pred važno konvencijo, zato je prav, da pridete na sejo in poveste svoje mnenje.

Na zadnji seji smo sklenile, da imamo v prvem tednu v maju, rummage sale v St. John's cerkveni dvorani, 1028 S. 9th Str. Če ima katera kake stvari doma jih more oddati za to priložnost. V maju imamo tudi vsakoletno sv. mašo za žive in umrle članice, toda za to leto smo sklenile, da bomo to mašo preložile na oktober, bo bomo obhajale tudi 40 letnico ustanovitve podr. Ker sedaj gradimo tukaj novo cerkev in cerkveno dvorano, upamo, da bo do oktobra že gotova in bomo tako lahko že imele našo 40 letnico s kartno zabavo in večerjo že v novi dvorani. Zjutraj istega dne bo cerkveno opravilo in zajutrek. Točen datum bo še objavljen.

V Washington bomo šle iz Milwaukee 23. maja zjutraj in se bomo pridružile v Chicagu drugim podružnicam. Za informacije me pokličite: 384-4705.

Mr. in Mrs. Carl Evanish sta praznovala 25 letnice zakonskega življenja. Mary je naša dolgoletna zapisničarica in članica, ki rada pomaga kjerkoli je potrebno. Vse jima želimo, da bi v zdravju in sreči dočakala še zlato poroko.

Na zadnji seji smo sprejele tudi nekaj novih članic. Upam, da se bodo še druge potrudile in bomo tako nadomestile vrzeli, saj nam je lani umrlo 8 članic.

Vsem bolnim sestram želim ljubelega zdravlja in vse lepo pozdravljam.

Frances Plesko, preds.

Št. 14, Euclid, O. — Že dolgo nismo imeli tako lepih tako toplih dni in tako zgodnjo Veliko noč, kakor letos. Vse cvetje se že odpira in ko boste čitale te vrstice bomo sredi cvetoče pomladi.

Tega večera smo imele lepo udeležbo na seji. Upamo, da bo tako tudi naprej. Sklenile smo, da gremo z busom v Fairport na dinner. Ker naša podružnica slavi 40 letnico ustanovitve, smo sklenile, da bomo to obletnico proslavile s card party v jeseni, dne 22. oktobra.

Predsednica je tudi poročala, glede potovanja v Washington ob priliki Zvezine konvencije v maju. Lahko se nam pridružite in vožnja z busom stane samo \$15 na obe strani.

Tega večera je bilo tudi sklenjeno glede vožnje na pogreb umrle članice, da bodo odslej vozile samo odbornice.

Frances Globokar tudi poroča, da je obiskala Mrs. Jerše, ki se je pri padcu težko poškodovala. Bolane so tudi sestre: Mary Okički in Mrs. Strlikar. Molimo zanje. Ses. Rozl Rupert in njen mož sta se srečno vrnila iz svojih počitnic v Floridi.

V zadnjem mesecu smo izgubile članico, Mrs. Pirc. Naj v miru božjem počiva. Žaljujoči družini pa izrekamo naše sožalje.

Mrs. Josipina Čebulj se je tudi srečno vrnila iz Floride ko je šla tja z upokojenci. Po 10 dnevih so se vrnili. Mrs. Čebulj je rekla ob vrnitvi, da je tam toplo in vse v cvetju, toda ostala pa ne bi tam za nobeno ceno, ker najbolj lušno je doma na Lindberg v Euclidu.

Pecivo so prinesle ta večer Mrs. Plut in Mrs. Ivec. Za good time blagajno pa Mrs. Mary Gazeli in Mary Sporar. Vsem trem se lepo zahvalim in enako dvema, ki sta prinesli pecivo.

Bog vam povrni na vašem zdravju moj iskren pozdrav.

A. Sustar, poročevalka

Št. 15, Cleveland, O. — V blagajno je darovala Jennie Barle 7. dol. in Justine Kusuplik \$1.85. Najlepša hvala obema.

Težko operacijo je prestala na očesu Verona Skufca, kateri želimo skorajšnje zdravje, kakor tudi vsem ostalim bolnim članicam. Naj jim Kraljica Majniška zdravje podeli, kar je največje bogastvo na svetu.

Nima dosti za poročati, ker seje so bolj slabo obiskane in ven pa tudi nisem šla, zaradi bolj slabega vremena.

Za majsko sejo pričakujem res lepo udeležbo, ker bomo imele materinsko proslavo.

Vsem želim lep uspeh na konvenciji in pozdravljam ves glavni odbor, vse delegatinje in članice SZZ po širni Ameriki. **Frances Lindič, poročevalka**

Št. 19, Eveleth, Minn. — Drage sestre! Prihodnja seja 11. maja bo zelo važna in se vas lepo prosi, da se udeležite. Odslej bo vreme prijetno in vam bo v razvedrilo priti za par ur med sestrese. Za letos nismo izvolile eno osebo za zaslužno mater, ker je bil sklep, da se počasti skupno vse matere dan 14. maja se bo gotovo vsak spomnil svoje drage matere pa naj bo živa ali če počiva v hladnem grobu. V več družinah si bodo otroci z žalostjo v srcu pripeli beli nagelj in dali svetu znati, da njih mati ali stara mati počiva v večnosti.

Pri naši podružnici smo izgubile tri dobre članice v petih tednih. Dne 23. februarja je umrla Frances Habjan, ki je bila članica od leta 1938. Prestala je veliko in boleznih in bila srečna, da je imela ljubeznivo postrežbo od moža, hčerke, sinov in snah. Tri teden pozneje je smrt zopet posegla med nas in vzela sestro Cecilijo Kapsh, ki je bila članica od leta 1921. Prišla je zvesto na sejo in nas mnogokrat zabavala s petjem v dvospetu s setro (rodno) Mrs. Shukle ter je vpisala svoje hčerke in vnukinje v Zvezo. Tudi ona je imela prijazno postrežbo od svojih hčerke do zadnjega zdihljala. Tretja, ki nas je zapustila

je bila sestra Elizabeth Rakovetz, ki je bila članica od leta 1929. Bila je več leta predsednica ter vedno rada pomagala. Zapustila je štiri hčere in sina, vsi poročeni. Njene hčerke so bile zelo pridne in dobre za njo, do konca njenih dni.

Ob tem času se lepo zahvaljujem vsem članicam za obiske bolnišnici, za molitve pri krsti in lepe obrede. V imenu družin se vam vsem pristrčno zahvaljujem za izkazano ljubeznivost. V imenu podružnice izrekam iskreno sožalje vsem preostalim, saj bomo vsi dočakali čas snidenja nad zvezdami.

Prosim vas drage sestre, da bi pridobile vsaj nekaj novih članic in namodestile število umrlih članic.

Več naših članic se nahaja na bolniški postelji. Delj časa bolehajo sestre Strahan, Setnikar in Nemgar. Vse voljno prenašajo svojo usodo in vedo, da zdravniška veda jim ne more pomagati. Vse se veselijo obiskov. Sestra Stimac tudi ne more nikamor, ker jo zelo muči artritis. Ona je lepo pogostila bolnike, ki se nahajajo v Nursing Home za St. Patrik dan; in 114 bolnikov so bili deležni sladoleda in kejkca od nje. Naši pevci pod vodstvom g. Kuntara so jim pa zapeli lepe pesmi. V nedeljo 2. aprila je bil 142 nastop slavnega zbora na radiju. Nastopajo vsako prvo nedeljo.

V Hibbing Nursing Home se nahaja naša sestra Mary Mihevc in bo zelo vesela obiska. Na operacijo se je morala podati tudi naša požrtvovalna sestra Mary Lushin Charnoski in to v University bolnišnici v Minneapolis. Vse, bolnim želimo skorajšno okrevanje.

Kakor je bilo poročano sem bila izvoljena za delegatko, ampak bolezen se je zopet pojavila in zdravnik mi je odsvetoval potovanje. Zelo sem se veselila snidenja medpoznanimi odbornicami in delegatkami, toda ni mi bila dana sreča, da bi se želja izpolnila. Podružnico bo zastopala moja namestnica sestra Erklautz. Konvenciji želim mnogo uspeha ter srečno potovanje vsem, ki bodo potovale v Washington, D. C. Obenem zahvala vsem, ki se žrtvujete za lep potek zborovanja in za napredek Zveze.

V maju bo praznovalo več sester svoj rojstni dan in med temi je tudi moja dobra prijateljica, glavna blagajničarka Mrs. Josephine Železnikar. Vsem želim, da bi dočakale še mnogo srečnih in zdravih let. Bog vas živi!

Vsem, ki boste letos potovali v staro domovino želim prijetno vožnjo ter mnogo veselja, ko se boste srečali s svojci in uživali lepoto rodne grude. Naj vas ljubi Bog spremlja vse povsod. Mary Lenich, tajnica

Št. 20, Joliet, Ill. Naše sožalje članicam in njihovim družinam, ki so izgubile svoje drage. Ses. Margaret Muba iz Rockdale je kar nenadoma izgubila soproga Frank Muha, star 74 let. Bil je dolgoletni državljan v

Rockdale in dobro poznan tam in v Jolietu. Zapušča dve hčerke in dva sinova, kakor tudi več vnukov. Pokopan je bil iz cerkve Sv. Jožefa v Rockdale na farno pokopališče v Jolietu. Spadal je k več društvom. Soproga Margaret je naša članica mnogo let ter je žal tudi ona bolna več let ter ji iskreno želimo, da ozdravi.

Istočasno izrekam sožalje tudi članici Sophia Korevec, katere mož Fred je tudi nenadoma umrl. Pokojni je 70 let stanoval na Oakland Ave. ter bil raznih organizacij. Poleg soproge zapušča tudi tri poročene hčerke in več vnukov. Pokopan je bil iz farne cerkve Sv. Jožefa na cerkveno pokopališče. Za njim žalujejo tudi bratje in sestre. Naj umrlim sveži večna luč in naj jim Bog nakloni večni mir.

J. Sumic je kot direktorica kegljaške skupine podala poročilo o tekmi, ki je bila pred dvesti tedni v Chicagu, toda ni mogla podati končnih rezultatov tekme, dokler ne dobi istega od Eliz. Zefran iz Chicaga, katera ima vse to v svojih rokah kot direktorica cele skupine.

Sklene se, da bomo kazale slike "slides" katere je preskrbela Irene M. Planinsek iz Washingtona o zanimivostih našega glavnega mesta. Poleg tega se bodo kazale tudi slike članic in obiskovalk v Washingtonu ob času konvencije. To bo na seji v juliju in že danes vabim članice, da se te seje gotovo udeležite.

V bolnišnici se nahajajo Mrs. Anna Ferlin, Cath. Butala, Jean Tezak in Mary Nemanich pa se je vrnila domov.

Za nami so lepi Velikonočni prazniki in gotovo imajo vse slovenske nasebne lepe običaje slavnosti "Vstajenja." Pri naši fari so se naši cerkveni pevci pod vodstvom Mr. Anthony Rozman, zopet odlikovali in to ves teden, posebno še v soboto in nedeljo. V tem krasnem zboru pevk imamo tudi več naših članic, med njimi ses. Anna Fandek, Mary Lesnik, Josephine Sumic in Mayme Pluth, ki vse spadajo tudi k Zvezinemu pevskemu zboru pod vodstvom Jennie Sprengel. Letos so sodelovali tudi naši člani šolske godbe in to prvič poleg cerkvenega zbora ter upam, da ne zadnjič, kajti vse to je povzdignilo versko slovesnost. Zasluga za krasni duševni užitek gre našemu duhovnemu vodju, župniku slov. fare, Msgr. Butala, Rev. Malevašič in Rev. Poch. Bog ohrani vse skupaj zdrave še mnogo let za povzdigo slovenskega običaja ob teh slavnostih, da bi se ohranilo še mnogo let.

Imeli smo tudi birmo, h kateri je pristopilo mnogo sinov in hčera naših članic. Bilo je krasno zopet slišati naš odlični zbor.

V mesecu maju bomo pa praznovali lepi materinski dan ter počastitev zaslužnih mater pri Zvezi. Pri nas bo Mrs. Theresa Marentič, ki je sledila Mrs. Jennie Smrekar, katera je lansko leto imela to čast. Vsem materam pa želimo še mnogo let zdravja v sredi

Mati bolečin

Žalostna je mati stala, mati sedem žalosti, tam pod križem se jokala, o mati bolečin.

Prosi tolažbe mati božja, od svojega sina križanega; za vse matere v trpljenju prosi mati žalostna.

Glej matere britke solze, za sinom, ki je dal življenje za svojo domovino — o mati bolečin.

Poglej v srce še matere, katere sin bolan leži, ko v srcu upanje več ni; poglej v srce to, — o mati žalosti.

Ozri se še na mater sina hudobnega; razen Tvoje neizmerne tuge to bol je vseh bolesti — o mati bolečin.

Poldica Podgornik,
št. 12, San Francisco.

svojih družin. Vse pozdravljam in vabim na sejo 18. junija.

Vsem delegatkinjam, članicam in spremljevalkam, ki se bodo podale v Washington, D. C. ob času konvencije, pa želim srečno potovanje in mnogo lepih ur v centrali naše Ameriške domovine. Josephine Erjavc

Št. 21, Cleveland, O. — Umrla je dobra članica Mary Oblak. Pokojna je bila mnogo let pri podružnici št. 53, sedaj pa pri 21. Mož Martin ji je umrl že pred leti. Zapušča sinova Franka in Fredy-ja. Članice smo ji izkazale poslednjo čast na dan pogreba dne 25. marca v Ferfolijevem pogrebem zavodu. Blago pokojni naj bo lahka ameriška gruda. Žalujem ostalim naše iskreno sožalje.

Anna Jesenko

Št. 24, La Salle, Ill. — Zopet se je približala zelena pomlad, katero smo že težko pričakovali, saj smo imeli dolgo zimo. Naša seja je bila bolj slabo obiskana. Naslednja seja bo v juniju v navadnih prostorih.

V tem lepem mesecu maju slavimo praznik vseh mater, katerim želimo veseli dan v krogu njihovih družin, da bi ta svoj dan vse praznovale v zdravju in veselju.

V bolnišnici se je nahajala sestra Ana Jakše, ki se sedaj zdravi na svojem domu. Doma se tudi zdravi Mary Uranič in naša bivša blagajničarka Mary Kastigar. Vsem želimo ljubega zdravja.

Vse tiste, ki ste zaostale z asesmentom pa prosim, da bi prišle in poravnale, ker jaz moram poslati asesment na glavni urad, vsaki mesec in ga ne morem zalagati.

Pozdrav vsem članicam in glavnim odbornicam Angela Strukel, taj.

ZARJA — THE DAWN

Št. 25, Cleveland, Ohio. Približal se je zopet mesec majnik, posvečen naši nebeški Kraljici, Mariji. V tem mesecu praznujemo tudi materinski dan, ki je velike važnosti med nami. Blagor vam, katere imate žive matere. Spoštujte in obdarite jih po svoji najboljši moči. Molimo pa za vse tiste, ki so odšle v večnost.

Pri naši podružnici naredimo za Materinski dan prav lepo proslavo. Članica, ki je izbrana za tisti dan naša Kraljica. Lansko leto je bila sestra Ant. Malnar, ki pridno pride na seje. Letos bo pa druga na vrsti, katera bo potegnila srečen listek. Dobrosrčne članice prinesejo za prigrizek in tudi za poplahniti. Imamo se prav dobro; za kratek čas pokrivalo številk in to igro vse rade imamo.

Dne 11. marca smo imele kart party v šolskih prostorih in je zopet malo prišlo za našo blagajno. To je zasluga naše podpredsednice Vickie Faletic. Me druge smo pa pridno pomagale, saj se lepo zastopimo med odbornicami.

Za letos smo izbrale sestro Frances Majer za častno mater. Ona nas tudi velikokrat obdari s pečivom in rada zahaja na seje in je pridno prodajala kuharske knjige. Me smo ponosne na sestro Majer.

Naši dobri sestri Znidaršič je umrl mož in je izguba še težja, ker je sama bolna in je navezana na dom.

Mary Otoničar, tajnica

Št. 30, Aurora, Ill. — V veselje mi je poročati, da Virginia Račić, vnukinja naše Mrs. Račić, prav lepo dela kot stewardess pri American Air Lines. Za skušnjo je bila poslana v Paris, Francija in je skušnjo prav dobro prestala. Zdaj ima en mesec počitnic in je šla v Honolulu na Havajske otoke. Potem bo pa kmalu zopet odšla kot letalska strežnica (stewardess) v Europo in Afriko. Lepo je slišati, da so tudi njeni starši prejeli prosto vožnjo z letalom za njihove počitnice. Šla sta najprej v Cleveland obiskati sorodnike, potem pa sta odletela v sončno Californijo za nekaj dni. Čestitke staršem za tako nadarjeno hčerko! Čestitke pa tudi hčerki in srečno življenje v njenem lepem poklicu. — Hčerka Mr in Mrs. John Aister Jr., pa se v Copley Hospital uči za bolniško sestro, ali nurse. Vso srečo dekletu!

Globoko sožalje naši članici Mrs. Sophie Grisman ob izgubi dragega očeta Mr. William Dahm, ki je umrl v marcu. Bil je zelo prijazen ter imel vedno prijazno besedo za vsakega. Zapuščča žalujočo soprogo, 4 sinove in eno hčer. Vsem naše sožalje. Pokojniku pa večni mir.

Seja v marcu je bila pri članici Mrs. Vera Prapernik. Pravijo, da je bila dolga in razveseljiva mitinga. Verjamem. Le škoda, da nisem mogla biti še jaz tam, saj vem, da je na naših sejah lušno!

Lepe pomladanske pozdrave vsem članicam in njihovim družinam.

Frances Kranjc

Št. 32, Euclid, O. — Smo že v mesecu maju in upam, da se bomo vse, ki smo bolj slabega zdravja, se boljše počutile. Naša konvencija se tudi bliža. Priporočamo, da bi bil večji tisk v novih knjižicah za pravila in obrede, posebno ko se moli za umrlim po slovensko, ker je težko za starejše uradnike brati mali tisk.

Naša predsednica T. Potokar je zopet stara mati, ko so dobili pri najmlajšem sinu Tony-ju zalo punčko prorojenko. Sedaj ima že 21 vnukov in vnukinj. Naše čestitke in Bog varuj vse te malčke.

Smrt je kar z ta veliko koso prišla med naše članice, v enem tednu so umrle kar tri sestre: 26. marca Frances Kastelc, stara 73 let, 1. aprila Frances M. Sweet, stara 33 let in 2. aprila Angela Božeglav, stara 70 let. Vsem domačim izrekamo naše iskreno sožalje. Pokojnih se pa spominjajmo v molitvah. Naj počivajo v miru.

Molimo tudi za mir, da bi se že skoro sporazumeli in da bi bilo konec trpljenja zaradi vojne.

Več naših je bolanih in med temi se je zdravil v bolnici tudi Joe Maycen, mož naše nekdanje tajnice Eve Maycen. On je večkrat nam pomagal pri društvenem delu. Želimo njemu in vsem bolnim ljubega zdravja.

Vsem, ki se boste podale na razna potovanja, želimo dobro zabavo in srečni povratek.

Zvezini konvenciji želimo lepega uspeha za napredek organizacije.

Frances Perme, poročevalka

Št. 41, Cleveland, O. — Ob lepi udeležbi članic na zadnji seji, smo največ razmotrivale kaj bi najboljše priporočale naši delegatki ses. Debevec za 14 redno konvencijo naše organizacije. Želimo jim prav uspešno zborovanje ter mnogo koristnih zaključkov.

Vsem materam in mamiciam želimo vse najlepše za Materinski dan.

Najlepše čestitke naši ses. Fanny Jamnik, ki je postala prastara mamica, ko so pri vnukinji Carolle dobili zalo hčerko. Vsem želimo najboljšega zdravja. Kmalu po tem vselem dogodku je pa ses. Jamnik dobila žalostno sporočilo, da je v Floridi preminul njen brat, George Kochevar. Ses. Jamnik in družini izrekamo naše iskreno sožalje, blagi pokojnik pa naj v miru počiva.

Prvega aprila se je v cerkvi Marije Pomočnice na Neff dr. poročila naša mlada čla. Diane R. Pujzdar z Mr. Robert C. Ready. Nevesta je hčerka Mr. in Mrs. Laddie Pujzdar, njena mamica je naša dolgoletna čla. in bivša predsednica. Vsem skupaj naše iskrene čestitke, mlademu paru pa mnogo sreče in Božjega blagoslova.

V blagajno so darovale ses.: M. Debevec, J. Markel, M. Rogell, M. Franc, R. Paulin, C. Wolf, M. Poje, A. Husta, E. Bratina, M. Bebec, F. Karis, J. Barbish in M. Jurkezi. Vsaki posebej prisrčna hvala.

Vsem ki, ste pomagale pri oddaji srečnih listkov in vsem, katere ste

jih kupile, prav lepa hvala in mnogo sreče.

Po seji so nas za rojstne obletnice prav imenitno pogostile ses. M. Debevec, R. Pujzdar, Pierina Dus in še par drugih sester. Vsem skupaj prisrčna hvala, slavljenkam pa vse najboljše in še mnogo srečnih obletnic.

Vsem bolnim članicam želimo čimprejšnjega zdravja. Iskren pozdrav,

Ella Starin, taj.

Št. 47, Garfield Hts., O. — Mesec maj je posvečen nebeški Materi Mariji, kakor tudi vsem našim materam. Te vrstice so namenjene naši častni materi, Agnes Russ. Njo so članice izvolile v ta častni imenik zaslužnih Zvezinih mater tega leta 1967. Letos je dopolnila 78 let, pa še vedno opravlja svoje delo in veliko pomaga svojim hčerkam in njihovim družinam. Pri podružnici je bila več let podpredsednica in nadzornica. Vedno rada pomaga v korist podružnice. Ima 4 hčerke, ki so vse poročene, 14 vnukov in vnukinj. Njeno življenje ni bilo vedno rožnato, kajti bilo je mnogo truda in trpljenja pri vzgoji družine. Posvetila je vse svoje moči sedaj že pokojnemu možu ter otrokom, da so bili dobro vzgojeni ter ostali zvesti cerkvi in domovini Ameriki. Je vsele narave ter zelo družabna in Bog jo je obdaril z lepim glasom ter je spadala mnogo let k pevskemu zboru "Zvon." Članica je pri več društvih.

Naša zaslužna mati je zelo skromna, potrpežljiva in dobrega srca. Rada pomaga potrebnim. Vse te dobre kreposti zajema iz studenca božje milosti, katere dobi v cerkvi pri vsakdanjih sv. mašah. Za te goreče molitve jo je Bog blagoslovil, da je edinega živečega sina poklical v duhovno službo. To je Rev. Fr. Gabriel Russ, S. M. v Dayton, Ohio. Leta 1964 je praznoval srebrni jubilej mašništva, kar je takrat bilo lepo opisano v Zarji.

Vse članice prisrčno čestitamo naši čestni materi in ji želimo vesel materinski dan. Sprejmite naša lepa voščila. Zlata mamica, naj Vas Bog blagoslovi z zdravjem in srečo, da bi delili vašo ljubezen še dolgo svoji družini in nam članicam, ki ste nam v ponos. Tudi vsem ostalim želim radostni materinski dan.

Naznanilo: Na seji v marcu je bilo sklenjeno, da imamo 1. maja sv. mašo za žive in mrtve članice ob 10 uri v cerkvi sv. Lovrenca, E. 81 St.

Materinska proslava in seja se vrši v nedeljo 19. maja ob 2 uri popoldne, 10814 Prince Ave. v S.D.D. Pridite prav vse, da bo sto procentna navzočnost. Upam, da bo do tega časa naša zapisničarica, Jennie Praznik že O. K. po prestani operaciji. Sedaj se dobro zdravi. Obenem izrekamo sožalje sestram Praznik, ki so izgubile brata v februarju. N. P. V. M.

V februarju so se preselile na West Parma sestre Mary Ulcek in Mary Lupšina. Želimo vama, da bi se dobro počutile v novih prostorih.

V aprilu so dopolnile 75 let sestre Danica Ducic in Mary Evanovich. Želimo vama še na mnoga leta uživati veselje v krogu vaših družin.

Na marčevi seji nas je posetila Kathren Jerichak iz Walton Hill. Bile smo vesele vas videti med nami!

Prosim ne pozabite priti na sejo in proslavo 19. maja. Pozdrav vsem!
Jennie Pugely

Št. 49, Noble, O. — Tudi pri nas bi se rade postavile za Materinski dan. Počastile bomo našo skromno, toda zaslužno članico, Mary Gombač, ki živi na 22300 Arms Ave. v Euclid, O. Ona je naša blagajničarka že mnogo let in tudi pomaga naši tajnici, Mary Stušek pri pobiranju asesmenta, ker živi blizu cerkve sv. Kristine za kar s ji tudi članice zelo hvaležne. Ona je kakor naša mati, ker z vsakim se rada pomeni in tudi prijazno postreže. Poznana je kot dobra gospodinja, ki pri svojih 82 letih še vedno vodi gospodinjstvo. Poznana je tudi kot odlična pekarica. Enkrat me je v boleznih obiskala ter mi postregla s kofetkom, da bi mi skoro življenje rešila, ker si sama nisem mogla kuhati. Hvala, Mary. — Kot pristna Slovenka se seveda tudi zelo zanima za svoj vrt, kjer neguje lepe cvetlice.

Ima sina Joe-ja in hčer Mary, ki sta oba poročena in z dobrimi službami. Na stara leta sta ji v raz vedrilo 2 vnuka. — Srečna je, da živi blizu cerkve, da lahko pogosto zahaja k službi božji, za kar jo skoraj zavidam, ker jaz sem precej oddaljena.

Draga Mary, čestitam vam kot častni materi naše podružnice. Od nas se bolj malo sliši, toda smo zelo složne in naši sestanki so kratkočasni. Daj, da bi še mnogo let bilo tako!

Pozdrav vsem članicam Zveze, posebno pa še sestram od št. 49.

J. Kosten

Št. 54, Warren, O. — Zaradi Velikega tedna se naša seja v marcu ni vršila, zato pa upam, da se bo seja v maju vršila ob veliki udeležbi. Narava se prebuja, tukaj je najkrasnejši mesec maj, kakor pravi ljudski pregovor: Ljubi maj, krasni maj, konec zime je tedaj. Ta mesec je posvečen naši nebeški Materi in vsem nam posvetnim materem. Moja iskrena želja je, da bi se z naravo oživele tudi vse naše članice, da bi rade hodile na seja.

V tem mesecu bo tudi pomembni dogodek za vso SZZ, ko se bo vršila 14 redna konvencija v glavne mestu naše nove domovine v Washingtonu. Bog daj nam obilo božjega blagoslova. Če bo božja volja, bom tudi jaz med vami, drage glavne odbornice in delegatkinje.

Sestra Mary Tomsich se nahaja že dalje časa v bolnici zaradi hudega padca. Gre ji na boljše in upam, da je sedaj že doma.

Sestra Ana Mlakar in hčerka Louise

ZA MATERINSKI DAN

Ivanka, Anka in Vida Antolin so na materinski proslavi podr. št. 103 v Washington, D. C. deklamirale tole lepo slovensko pesem:

NAŠA MAMICA

Prva deklica:

Nimam ne draguljev, ne zlata,
dragih kamnov nimam, ne srebra,
a bogastvo moje je drugje:
od ljubezni mi kipi srce
— za mojo mamico!

Druga deklica:

Kadar žalost se me polasti,
ko v mladosti mi srce kipi,
vedno vodi me le ena pot
do tolažbe, ki je ni drugod,
— k moji mamici!

Tretja deklica:

Kdo ljubezen do Boga vzbudi,
kdo slovenskih me besed učil,
kdo dobrote vedno mi delil,
kdo do pravega mi pot odkril?
— moja mamica!

Vse skupaj:

Zbrano moli ves družinski krog,
da ohrani vedno zdravo Bog
— našo mamico!

Mladinska članica št. 103, Bernardka Kovačič, stara šest let, pa je že drugo leto na materinski dan povedala tole pesmico:

MOJI MAMICI

Mamico svojo najrajši imam,
za milijone jo nikdar ne dam.
Mamica moja za mene skrbi,
bodi podnevi, ponoči vse dni.

Kruha mi reže s skrbno rokó,
spat me popelje s srčno željó,
Bogec da skrbno me varoval bo,
angelček zdravo spat zbudil me bo.

Mamico svojo najrajši imam,
pa jo ubogati tudi že znam,
Mala Bernardka sem, vsakdo naj ve,
mamici dala sem svoje srcé.

in sprog John so preživeli počitnice v Floridi. Ravno tako ses. Mayme Sporich, ki je bila pri sinu. Bila je na poroki njene vnukinje. Naše čestitke.

Sporočam, da bomo tudi letos bolj slovesno obhajale materinski dan, na dan seje 16. maja. Imele bomo "cover dish" ob 6 uri zvečer pri ses. Betty Wadas, kjer imamo seje že dalje časa. Prosim, da se udeležite v lepem številu in poleg jedi, prinesite svoj pribor (krožnik in drugo.)

Vsem materam želim vesel materinski dan, vsem bolnim pa ljubo zdravlje in vsem članicam ssterski pozdrav.

Rose Racher

Št. 77, Pittsburgh, Pa. — Slovenski pesnik je zapisal: "Zlati maj, krasni maj, konec zime je sedaj." V tem lepem mesecu praznujemo obletnico

ustanovite naše podružnice, ki obstoja že 31 let ter vas zato prav lepo vse vabim, da se udeležite te važne obletnice.

Pridite vsaj enkrat na leto, ker vaša navzočnost in pomoč sta nujno potrebni. Bo vse kakor prejšnja leta, le želeli je večje udeležbe. Naj bi vsaka pomagala po svoji moči, saj veste, da so stroški vedno veliki in bodo še večji, ker smo večinoma že bolj v jesenskih letih. Proslava obletnice se bo vršila 11. maja zvečer v navadnih prostorih. Ali ne bi bilo lepo in veliko presenečenje za nas vse da bi tudi tiste prišle, ki še niso nikdar bile na naših prireditvah. Mogoče bo prišel čas, da bi rade prišle, pa nam ne bo mogoče iz enega ali drugega razloga. Torej ne pozabite drugi četrtek v maju.

Katere ste zaostale s svojim mesečnim plačilom, bi prosila, da poravnate, ker meni je naročeno, da ne smem zalagati za več kot za tri mesece.

Imamo tudi več bolanih članic. Spomnite se jih z obiskom, ali pa pošljite jim voščilno (Get Well) karto. Vsem želimo ljubega zdravja.

Minka Chrat, tajnica

Št. 100, Fontana, Cal. — Zaradi odsotnosti predsednice, je podpredsednica vodila sejo. Udeležba je bila precej velika. Prečitano je bilo pismo ses. Rose Scoff iz San Francisco, ki piše, če ne gremo na konvencijo, naj njej sporočimo naše predloge v korist Zveze.

Podpredsednica se zahvali vsem, ki so pripomogle, da je naš bake sale tako dobro uspel. Še enkrat hvala vsem. Prav lepa hvala tudi vsem, ki pridete in posebno še sestri Sušel, da preskrbi, da se lepo zabavamo s priljubljenimi igrami, vmes pa še zapojemo. Imamo tudi dobro okrepljeno v čast našim slavljenkam, katere praznujejo rojstne dneve. Hvala sestri Uster za okusne krofe. Bog vas živi še mnogo let.

V mesecu maju bomo imele pot luck večerjo in s tem bomo počastile našo zaslužno mater leta sestro Rozl Krajnik ter vse naše matere. Bog vas živi zdrave in srečne. Za meso in kruh plačamo iz blagajne, a vse pa prinese vsaka nekaj in vem, da bo vsega dovolj na razpolago.

Imamo pa tudi še bolne sestre in vas prosim, da jih obiščete, ako vam je mogoče. Sestra Strnat je še vedno v convalescent home, Casa Maria; sestra Viki Jelušik je tudi bolna in mati od sestre Ide Dravnikar. Ako še katera ve za kako bolno članico, naj to sporoči tajnici, Mary Omejc.

Vsem bolnim članicam želim, da jim ljubi Jezus podeli ljubo zdravlje, ki je največji zaklad na svetu.

God bless you all.

Kristina Filipis, poročevalka



HI, BOYS AND GIRLS!

"Come to me, sweet Jesus,
Come to me, and stay;
For I love You, dearest Jesus
More than I can say."

At our home this May our youngest daughter will receive our heavenly King for the first time. A worldly king's visit would demand much cleaning, scrubbing and decorating of a home. Thus for the greater part of the past school year, her second grade religious instruction consisted mainly of preparing our daughter's heart for Him.

To her and all first communicants—we pray that God will bless your First Communion Day with grace and every happiness, that He will send His richest joys to you and keep you in His loving care each day your whole life through.

Motherhood is great love and deep concern for one's off-spring. In the animal kingdom love and concern too are shown especially in times of danger. A mother cat grips the back of a kitten's neck with her teeth, while the mother grizzly bear gently picks up her baby by holding its whole head in her mouth. Fish, like the Largemouth Kurper, flips her tail and opens her mouth wide into which the little fish swim and stay there until the danger is past.

Most animals are born knowing to keep very still when danger is near and trust their mothers to give the signal that the danger is over.

During each of our lives our mothers display their love and concern for us in countless ways. Thus with sincere appreciation Mother's day brings forth flowers, gifts, spiritual remembrances and many acts of kindness and helpfulness. Something that will make your mother happy on Mother's day and every day of the year is your willing and cheerful obedience.

"God has given us many stars to shine, many flowers to bloom, many friends to cherish, but only one mother to remember."

God has also given us a heavenly Mother, whom we honor throughout the month of May. The Book of Mary says that: from her birth until her entry into the Temple, three years went by; in the Temple she remained for eleven years and three months. For nine months she carried the Lord Jesus in her womb, and then she spent thirty-three years with Him while He lived upon the earth. After His ascension into Heaven she lived on earth for eleven years. This makes up the number of fifty-nine years.

A perfect example of motherhood, Mary truly characterizes the greatest love and concern for all mankind.

Throughout the world Marian shrines, popular and obscure, large and small, are erected in honor and gratitude to God's Mother.

Among said shrines is the national shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C., which is the largest Catholic church in the United States. This shrine will be visited by our organization's delegates at this month's convention in our national city.

The Junior Page extends best wishes and God's blessings to the conventioners. Through these many years much love and concern was fostered by the organizer Mrs. Marie Priland and its membership, as they diligently and self-sacrificingly worked for its growth. May convention days be happy days!

Your friend, REGINA

Night and Morning

by Dorothy Aldis

The morning sits outside afraid
Until my mother draws the shade;

Then it bursts in like a ball,
Splashing sun all up the wall.

And the evening is not night
Until she's tucked me in just right
And kissed me and turned out the light.

Oh, if my mother went away
Who would start the night and day?

The Mother Sings

by Leonor Ferjeon

Rockaby, my baby,
Slumber if you can.
I wonder what you're going to be
When you're grown a man.

If you are a monarch
On a gold and silver throne,
With all the lands of East and West
For to call your own,
I know you'll be the greatest monarch
Ever was known.

If you are a poet
With the magic of the word,
A swan's quill to write with
And a voice like a bird,
I know you'll be the greatest poet
Ever was heard.

But whether you're a monarch
And make your bride a queen,
Or whether you're a poet
With men's hearts to glean,
I know you are the sweetest baby
Ever was seen.

Rockaby, my baby,
Slumber if you can.
I wonder what you're going to be
When you're grown a man.



TO OUR LADY

by Mary Dixon Thayer

Lovely Lady dressed in blue —
'Teach me how to pray'.
God was just your little Boy,
Tell me what to say!

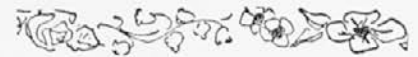
Did you lift Him up, sometimes,
Gently, on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way,
Mother does to me?

Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares
If I tell Him things—
Little things that happen? And
Do the Angels' wings

Make a noise? And can He hear
Me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me—for you know.

Lovely lady dressed in blue,
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy,
And you know the way.



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- 1 yard lace 2½ inches wide
- 1 yard matching edging

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