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TONČEK

Katka Zupančič

V mesto se potepat gre
Tonček iz predmestja.
Šole sit do grla je,
sit je i predmestja.

Prav ponosno se drži,
saj ima poguma,
drznosti za dečke tri,
več ko deklic truma.

Vtaknil v žep si je dolar—
glad bo z njim odganjal.
Kupil si igrač je par—
glad ga je preganjal. . .

Bila mera polna je
Tončkove nezgode,
ko zgubi se, da ne ve
venkaj iz zablode.

Noge mu že drvene,
pajk v želodecu prede,
v glavi misli se vrte,
Tonček poln je bede.

Ceste sem in ceste tja,
strašna je zmešnjava!
Kakor mravlja se peha:
kje je cesta prava?

Srce bije rom-pom-pom,
solnce že zahaja—
z njim pa se odmika dom. . .
Tončka strah obhaja.

“Mister, oh, povejte mi,
kod domov se pride?
Se iz mesta mi mudi,
preden dan poide—.”

Prav pohlevno drugi dan
šolsko klop spet gladi;
a je v misli zakopan
bolj, ko po navadi. . .

LUKEC IN NJEGOV ŠKOREC

Povest za mladino

France Bevk

(Nadaljevanje)

Lukec je mislil dolgo, dolgo, slednjič se je odločil. Natiho se je spustil s klopi na tla. Natiho je šel do postelje. Vse je trepetalo v njem.

"Mati!"

Marjeta se je začudeno ozrla.

"Zakaj ne spiš?"

Lukec je govoril ponižno, proseče: "Mati, ali smem vzeti škorca s seboj? Priden bom. Vse vas bom ubogal."

Mati je molčala. Bila je dobra, predobra, njeno srce se je mehčalo. Govorila je mirno, miloba in ljubezen je bila v njenem glasu.

"In če bomo imeli sitnosti radi njega? Če ti ga ne bodo pustili vzeti na parnik? Morda bo treba zanj še celo plačati . . ."

"Če ga ne bodo pustili vzeti s seboj, ga bom že kje pustil," je dejal Lukec počasi. "In če bo treba zanj plačati . . . tudi . . ."

Mati je pomislila.

"No, pa ga vzemi."

Lukec je bil neizmerno hvaležen. Veselo mu je zapelo v srcu. Skočil bi bil k škorcju in ga objel. Po prstih je šel do klopi in legel. Olajšan je v hipu zaspal.

Sanjal je, kako se tepe z mornarji za svojega škorca. Že so ga premagovali. Klepec je planil po njih. Okljuval jih je in jih ozmerjal.

"Potepi! Bedaki!"

Pustili so ga . . . Mesec je videl srečen nasme, ki se je razlezel čez Lukčev obraz. Smejal se je tudi on in do jutra čuval nad samotno kočo.

7.

Prišel je čas odhoda. Mati in sin sta spala zadnjo noč pod domačo streho. Marjeta ni zatisnila očesa. Tudi Lukec je spal nemirno. Sanjal je.

Sanje niso bile podobne pravljici . . . Padel je v vodo. Plaval je, ni se mogel rešiti. Odpiral je usta, ni mogel vpiti. Vroč pot mu je lil po telesu . . .

Rešila ga je mati, ki ga je bila poklicala še pred zarjo. Lukec se je naglo umil in se

oblekel. Na klopi sta stala kovčega. Nekaj stare obleke in živeža je mati zavezala v veliko ruto. Denar in papirje je zapela v bluzo.

Lukcu je bilo čudno pri srcu. Bil je nemiren, nestrpen. Stojte je pil kavo in gledal skozi okno. Zunaj se je delal dan. Obrisi gora in drevja so vstajali iz teme.

Materi je bilo še težje v srcu nego sinu. Jedla je počasi, gledala predse v mizo. Pustila je kruh in kavo in si dala nekaj opraviti okoli kovčega. Ali je skrivala žalost?

"No, Lukec! Zdaj pa je treba iti."

V kotu je spal škorec. Ni se bil še dodobra prebudil. Pri luči je pokukal z enim očesom. Nato je nevoljen obrnil glavo v kot. Dremal je dalje. Lukec je stopil k njemu in ga podrezal.

"Klepec, zdaj pa gremo."

Škorec se je predramil. Ni se mu ljubilo iz svojega kota. Ali je slutil, da mora po svetu, v dogodivščine, o katerih se mu ni sanjalo? Zaplesal je, a Lukec ga je zgrabil in postavil na mizo.

"Potepin, potepin," se je drl ptič. Parana!"

"Da, v Parana gremo," ga je pobožal Lukec. "Na! Še en grozdič. Pozoblji ga, a naglo!"

Klepec si ni dal dvakrat reči. Z eno nogo je stopil na pecelj in trgal jagodo za jagodo. Tičnik je bil pripravljen. Lukec je bil razširil vratca. Tudi dve paličici je bil odstranil, da bi imel škorec dovolj prostora.

"Luka!" je poklical ptič po zajtrku. Opazil je kletko in jo je radoveden ogledoval. Vtaknil je kljun skozi vratca in se ozrl po Lukcu. Ta ga je zgrabil in ga potisnil v tičnik.

To je bilo za škorca novo. Rumena žica ga je opletala ko pajčevina. Osuknil se je ko brglez. Od veselja in začudenja je začel vpiti. Lukec je zaprl vrata. Škorec je bil v ječi.

Ptič je obrnil glavo in pogledal dečka z enim očesom. "Luka!" Zaslutil je, da nekaj ni v redu. Poizkusil je vtakniti glavo skozi mrežo, ni šlo. Znova je pogledal Lukca. Ta je zgrabil kletko za ročaj in se nameril proti vratom.

(Dalje prihodnjič)



CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

Sladoled? Hm . . .

Katka Zupančič

Karolinca se silno boji—
sladoleda da nič več ne bo.
Zaskrbljeno vprašuje, kako
se brez njega poleti živi. . .

Prigovarja ji mati zaman,
češ, le spomni se dece drugod,
kjer že dolgo ni sladkih dobrot,
in le glad je za mizo vsak dan.

Karolinca premlada je še;
ne doume še takih besed.
Kar skrbi jo, je le sladoled,
ki potreben se zdi ji čez vse.

* *



Bilo mi let je za dve Karolinci,
pa sladoleda sploh nisem poznala.
Sva se pa z muckom drugače sladkala!
Stepala pridno sva mleko v maslenci,
in sva imela—mucek in jaz—
z belimi brkci okrašen obraz. . .

Important Don't's

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DON'T write on both sides of the sheet. Paper is cheap.

DON'T draw your picture with ordinary ink. We cannot use such drawings. Draw only with the India ink.

DON'T draw in colors! It's a waste of time because we cannot use it.

DON'T fold your drawings! Send them between two card-boards in a large envelope.

DON'T omit your name, address, age, and lodge No., together with the parent's signature on the back of every piece of drawing or beneath any writing.

And most important of all: **DON'T** copy any rhymes or pictures! Be honest with yourself and us! You can't get away with it very long! We are checking on that.

Never Lost

Teacher: "Bobby, where is the elephant found?"
Bobby: "Well, teacher, the elephant is such a large animal it is hardly ever lost."

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORLD

By R. McMillan

(Continued.)

You are living in a world of mystery, where nothing is really comprehensible. We are living in a marvellous, incomprehensible miracle-world; but people will insist upon it being "common" and "unclean". Do you not ever think such things, for this is a beautiful, mysterious, fascinating world we live in; and the men to whom a vision of its secrets is given are counted as being wild, or wicked, and the crowd will not hearken unto them. We had a poet once who had this vision of things, and he sang of them, and was flouted by the rabble. This was one verse of his song, and it is true:—

We who are god-like now were once a mass
Of quivering purple, flecked with bars of gold;
Unsentient or of joy or misery,
And tossed in terrible tangles of some wild and
wind-swept sea.

CHAPTER XII

Primitive Forms

If you were to see an atlantosaurus now, you would get a shock of terror, for it was almost a hundred feet long, a vast creature unlike anything you ever saw in your life. But the atlantosaurus has passed away, with nearly all his giant relatives, so you will never see him except as I saw him, a monster skeleton in a museum. But he was not a "primitive." Oh, no; he was a giant, who lived a few million years ago. The primitives were very lowly, very simple, and very, very small. If ever you have a friend with a microscope and a love for biology (the science of life), ask him to show you an amoeba.

The amoeba is one of the primitives, but it is not the first by any means. The first living thing is lost in the mists of the world's dawn, and no man can tell you what it was like. An amoeba was one of the very early forms, and it exists even unto this day. I think it is just the same to-day as it was ages and ages ago, when it developed from other simpler jelly forms in the steaming seas of the infant world. The amoeba is a speck of jelly composed of oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and carbon. It is a combination of elements, and it lives. It grows. It is so small that the human eye cannot see it, and I have

hunted for it for hours together in the muddy water at the bottom of my aquarium. I would take a glass tube (called a pipette), and stir up the mud, and then remove my finger from the top of the tube, and allow the mud and water to rush into the tube. I replaced my finger on the end of the tube and lifted it out of the water, and there were the mud and water, and I hoped amoebae, from the bottom.

Then I got my microscope, and put the mud from the pipette on a glass slide, and placed that under the microscope, and watched for the living amoeba. It is a slow process, but he who would understand the origin of the world must be in no hurry. When I saw the jelly speck at last, I was as much interested in it as if it had been an atlantosaurus—more so, maybe, for it was one of the world's first children. I watched the speck of life for hours, and the longer I watched it the more mysterious it grew. I watched till I forgot how small it was—till it seemed like some vast amorphous (formless) living thing that was struggling in conscious agony underneath the merciless eye of the microscope.

That jelly speck was really alive! Yet it was formless. It had no mouth, no arms, no legs, no nerves, as far as I could discern, and yet it was alive! If I dropped a speck of nitric acid near it, I could see it retract, as if it felt pain and had feelings just as a man has. It drew back from the acid as a man would withdraw his finger from a red-hot plate. And the movement in each case was the same—a movement which the scientists call "reflex action." When a man gets burnt he does not stop to think why he withdraws from what burns him; it is done by automatic stimulus, by reflex action. So in this jelly speck invisible to the naked eye, there becomes visible a something which links it to humanity—the power of reflex action.

When the amoeba is hungry it moves; and so does a hungry man. The amoeba has no feet, no legs, and yet it moves. It projects a part of its jelly mass in one direction, and moves after it. When it comes across a speck of food—of what we call organic matter—it pulls itself over the speck and absorbs it.

(To be continued next issue)

STAMP COLLECTING

Lincoln Honored Again: Four Freedoms Stamp Issued on His Birthday

On Feb. 12 last, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the United States issued a new stamp that might well be considered a memorial to the Illinois rail-splitter who trod a dramatic and fateful road to the White House. This is the Four Freedoms stamp—Freedom of speech and religion, from want and fear—issued as part of a series symbolizing these States' effort in freeing the world from slavery, as Lincoln freed the Negro from his bonds during the War Between the States.

There are many memorials to this great man, and it is fitting that in his memory the United States has designated the day of his birth for the issuance of a stamp so symbolic of the man—and the men who today are leading a struggle that Lincoln, if he were alive, would champion, as he championed the cause of freedom in those dreary days of the Union 80 years ago.

This is not the first time that the government has accorded the Great Emancipator philatelic honor. More than a dozen stamps have been issued honoring Lincoln or his work, the most recent being the 16-cent issue in the Presidential series, and the three cents Emancipation Proclamation stamp of 1940. Two foreign nations have honored him—San Marino and Cuba.

The first Lincoln stamp was released in April, 1866. It was a 15-cent stamp in black, and showed a three-quarter view of the Martyr President's face. During the next year or two the design was used on two varieties printed on grided paper—paper impressed with pyramids in parallel rows so as to break the fiber, thus allowing cancellation ink to soak through, voiding possible washing off and a second use, somewhat of a practice at the period.

Then in 1869 as part of the first U. S. series of bi-colored stamps, a 90-cent Lincoln was issued in September in carmine and black, using the same head design. The stamp is striking and is considered a rare Lincoln. The next year a new series of designs were prepared by the National Bank Note Co., showing leaders of the nation in profile busts, Lincoln being placed on a 6-cent stamp, in carmine, the bust being the work of Volk. These stamps were also on grided paper. This design was used later for the "Department" stamps.

In 1873 the government shifted its stamp printing contract to the Continental Bank Note Co., secret marks were added to the designs of the 1870-71 series to prove that they were the work of Continental and another Lincoln stamp appeared, this time in a dull pink. Later there was a special printing in dull rose of the same design, along with others of the series, for the Centennial Exposition of 1876—this being a most rare Lincoln. In June, 1882, a reengraved stamp of the same design was produced in a special printing by the American Bank Note Co. in rose.

Some years were to elapse before another Lincoln stamp appeared. This was in 1890 when a series of designs, including busts and photographs, were used. The Lincoln stamp was a 4-cent variety in velvet brown and from a photograph. This was the work of the American Bank Note Co., the last stamps printed under contract for the government. In 1894 that series, with several changes in color and value, was reissued under the imprint of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, with small triangles in the upper corners. The Lincoln stamp remained a dark brown. Water-marked paper was used for the 1895 and 1898 issues, the former Lincoln being in dark brown, the latter in a rose brown.

A new series of stamps began to appear in 1902 and 1903 and Lincoln was accorded a new color, blue. The stamp was also issued in imperforated condition in 1908 and in coils for use in vending machines in that same year.

The nation celebrated the centenary of Lincoln's birth on Feb. 12, 1909, and on that date was issued a 2-cent stamp in carmine, showing a side view of the President's face from St. Gaudens' statue.

Lincoln did not appear on a new stamp for many years. A new series of designs for regular postage began to appear in 1922 and continued through 1925, showing pictures of several presidents and American scenes, including the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. Lincoln was accorded the 3-cent stamp, in purple, and it was sold for the first time on his birthday, Feb. 12, 1923, at Hodgeville, Larue County, Ky., his birthplace, and also in Washington. The Lincoln Memorial stamp was a \$1 value in violet black, and also made its first appearance on the same day as the 3-cent stamp at Washington and at Springfield, Ill. Throughout the years since then the Lincoln 3-cent stamp has had several printings, also being used in the overprinted Kansas and Nebraska stamps, a means of preventing losses from post-office burglaries. This stamp was finally displaced by the 3-cent Washington stamp in 1932 when the letter rate was made 3 cents for first class. Why the Lincoln stamp was not continued is not explained, save for the fact that until the current presidential series the honor of being on the most used stamp has been accorded the first President.

The 16-cent Lincoln stamp of the presidential series is in black and first appeared on Oct. 20, 1938. The design is from a bust by Sarah Fisher Ames, now in the Senate Gallery in Washington. On Oct. 20, 1940, the United States issued a stamp marking the 75th anniversary of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution—the Emancipation Proclamation—in which Lincoln is shown standing, his hand outstretched as if to protect a Negro slave kneeling before him. The design is from a statue in Washington's Lincoln Park, erected there in 1875 from funds contributed in large part by Negro men and women, many of them former slaves. It is the work of Thomas Ball.

Thus has America honored a great son.

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GAMES AND CONTESTS

By Michael Vrhovnik

Month of March

March, which used to be the first month of the year, is quite an undecided month, not knowing whether it should be warm as part of the spring season or whether it should remain cold and blustery as part of winter. It is a pleasant month though, the nice days following cold days and making us appreciate the change all the more.

Because of its uncertain weather conditions, March is still a good **PLAY INDOORS MONTH**, and for that reason your program of fun-producing activities should be made up mostly of games, contests and stunts that can be conducted in the regular meeting place.

If you are having difficulty in finding something that will attract members to your meetings, read through the collection offered on this page. You might find something here that will fit very nicely into your program for March and, if not, it's quite possible that in the reading you will spring a new idea or two of your own. Any suggestions you might offer, that will help to make this page more attractive, are most welcome. Don't forget that.

Memory Test

Place upon the table about fifteen articles such as a pen, knife, spoon, pencil, comb, hand mirror, book, etc.—The players come into the room, pass by the table, stopping only a minute, leave the room, and when given pencil and paper, write down a list of articles seen on the table. The one having the most correct list is the winner and may be rewarded in any suitable manner.

Blowing Contest

Divide the members into two groups. Blindfold the players one at a time and give each three trials at blowing out a lighted candle. Count a point each time the candle is blown out. The side with the best score wins.

Advertising Test

From magazines, papers or catalogues, cut twenty or more advertisements of well known or popular goods—wearing apparel, food, etc., leaving out the name of the article. Number these and hang about the room or lay them out on a table, then ask the members to write down the names of the articles advertised. The more attractive and pleasing the "ad" is, the better.

Pop Bag Race

Teams are composed of five or more players. They stand single file each holding an unopened paper bag in his right hand. At the signal to start, the end player on each side blows up his bag and pops it on the back of the member immediately preceding him. As soon as the bag is popped that player blows up his bag and pops it on the back of the member in front of him. The last player pops his bag on his knee. First to finish wins the contest.

File Chair Relay

There are five or more players to a team. Each one sits in a chair, the chairs being arranged in a row. The first player arises from his chair and runs around the entire row assuming his original place. As soon as he sits down, player Number Two gets up and makes the circuit. So it goes until each player has been entirely around.

Kite-flying

Here's a contest that can be used to advantage, if not in the month of March, which is generally considered the windiest of the year, then surely in April. It's flying **HOME-MADE** kites. You probably have some doubts on how kite-flying can be made an interesting contest, but it can—just keep on reading.

Invite every member of your Circle to bring his (her) kite, home-made mind you, to a chosen field or park, on a certain set day. A committee of judges should be on hand to witness the event and to decide the winners. First of all, the judges shall inspect the kites for construction and neatness of work. They shall also judge the kites for their appearance, such as artistic drawings, cartoons, slogans, etc., that may be found on them. Certainly, the letters **SNPJ** should be displayed prominently on every entry.

Then starts the flying of kites and there's a trick to this, just as there is in the doing of nearly everything else. The judges, after examining the spools of cord (all must be, approximately, of the same length), stand back and watch the contest. When everyone has had a fair chance to get his kite high up in the air (a time limit should be set), they come together for a conference to compare points of excellence before naming the winners. Remember that construction, neatness, originality of decorations and slogans, height reached by the kite and good sportsmanship, all will be reflected in the final decision. Prizes to be awarded should depend on number of contestants.

An Optical Illusion

Try this sometime. Draw and cut out of bright red paper a pig about four inches long. Mount him on a sheet of white paper. Mount a sheet on the wall. Stand with back to the light, and look the pig steadily in the eye while you say "poor piggy" twenty times. Then raise your eyes quickly and look steadily at the sheet. You're due for a shock! For there on the sheet is a green pig! Be sure to draw the eyes of the pig in heavy black lines.

The Chew Chew Train

As many pairs as desire to participate may enter this contest. Ten feet of string is required for each pair. Each of the pair is allowed to hold the end of the ten-foot string in his mouth, hands behind him. The two who first touch noses over a taut string win.

Birthdays of the Great Men

By Louis Beniger

William Dean Howells

William Dean Howells, exponent of realism and social novelist, was born on March 1, 1837, at Martins Ferry, Ohio. His father was a printer-journalist and the boy's early life was spent as type-setter. His education was limited to the grade and grammar school but he managed to obtain a good education by reading worthwhile books and by drilling himself thoroughly in the use of good English.

At the age of eighteen Howells became a reporter and soon thereafter editor in the offices of various newspapers. In the midst of routine work as reporter and editor he began to write short novels. In 1860, at the age of thirty-three, as an assistant editor of a leading Ohio newspaper, he wrote—in connection with the Presidential contest—the campaign life of Abraham Lincoln. In the same year he was appointed consul at Venice where he stayed for five years. On his return to America after Lincoln's death, he joined the editorial staff of the *Atlantic Monthly*, of which he later became head editor.

During all this time Howells was busy writing novels. Of the many social novels written during this period, several may be mentioned as specially noteworthy. These include "The Rise of Silas Lapham," "The World of Chance," "A Hazard of New Fortunes," "April Hopes," "A Modern Instance," "The Traveler from Altruria," "The Eye of a Needle," "The Quality of Mercy," "Their Wedding Journey," "The Lady of the Aroostook" and "The Landlord at Lion's Head."

But this was not all, for Howells also published two books of "Poems." In addition he wrote books of travel, several amusing farces, and volumes of essays and literary criticisms. One of his books in this category is called "Literary Friends and Acquaintances," another "Literature and Life," and still another "English Films," all of them worthy to be mentioned here.

Howells was the foremost representative of the realistic school of American fiction of

his time. From the outset his aim was to portray life with entire fidelity under the microscopic lens of his keen observation. Thus in the opening pages of "Silas Lapham," the attention is directed to a series of social injustices. By many little touches Silas is set apart from the group of conservatives among whom he is trying to rise.

It can be said with certainty that Howells has not been content merely with making pen-portraits of interesting individuals. This is shown in a group of his most important works, which are significant in that they are increasingly definite criticism of society. Moreover, he kept his dialogues toned down to almost the pitch of everyday conversation of the common people.

It can also be said that long before there was any such thing as a Socialist Party, or even a socialist movement in America, Howells' "A Hazard of New Fortunes" and "The World of Chance" revealed a keen interest in the difference between democracy as it might be and democracy as it then existed in America. In support of this, the appearance of "The Traveler from Altruria" and "The Eye of a Needle" showed conclusively that this was no passing interest, but that the author had a definite aim and purpose.

The conclusion, therefore, is that Howells was deliberately using his story-telling skill to encourage clear thinking on one of the great problems of his time—on social and economic injustice. During the past fifty years scores of other writers have been doing, or attempting to do, the same thing; today many writers are using their skill to accomplish the same thing.

In the main, Howells believed that life, as he portrayed it in his novels, cannot be separated into a series of stories which are wholly isolated from the events which precede and follow them.

William Dean Howells died on May 11, 1920, in New York City, at the age of 83. His later works included "My Mark Twain," "Years of My Youth" (unfinished) and other stories.

JUST FOR FUN

By Ernestine Jugg

Riddle-Me-Ree

Just for a starter, how would you like to sharpen your wits with a few true and false questions? Try the following:

1. "Measles", besides being an uncomfortable illness is plural.
2. An olive is a fruit.
3. "Mahatma" means "Great Soul".
4. Water is not a mineral.
5. The plural of cheese is cheeses.

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How Old Is Mary?

Here is a problem in which you have to solve Mary's age. It isn't too simple, but feel that you surely can do it. Try and see.

Jack is three times John's age and two years older than Jim. The sum of their ages is two years more than Mary's age. The sum of the squares of their ages minus 3 is exactly equal to 8 times Mary's age. None of their ages can be divided by 2. Now can you tell Mary's age?

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Abbreviations

Do you know what these abbreviations mean?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1. ibid | 3. i.e. |
| 2. id. | 4. etc. |
| 5. viz. | |

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SPRINGTIME

The daffodils rubbed their sleepy eyes
as a new day dawned.

And the tall, slim maple raised his strong
sturdy arms and yawned.

The grass peeped forth and birdies
homeward flew

For Spring was in the air, and they knew—
they knew.

* * * * *

Jumbled Sentences

Here are a group of sentences which really do not make sense. By rearranging the words, you will get the real meaning of the sentence.

1. The is of staff bread life.
2. Clean brooms sweep new.
3. Before business pleasure.
4. Beauty is as does beauty.
5. Well all's ends well that.
6. A saved penny earned is a penny.

* * * * *

Girls' Names

Have you ever thought what girls' names mean? Here are some questions about them, and you ought to be able to guess the girls' names.

1. What girls' names are also the names of flowers?
2. A parrot is also sometimes called this name.
3. This name was probably after one of the months of the year.

4. At Christmas we sing, and those songs are called—well, that would tell you this girl's name.

5. This girl's name is also the name of a nut. Another is named after a precious stone.

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RADIO FOLK

You think of some radio people by associating them with other radio people, or in pairs, as Amos and Andy. Jeanie also thought of various pairs of radio actors but got them slightly confused. Can you straighten her out on them?

GROUP ONE

1. Charles McCarthy
2. Fibber McGee
3. George Burns
4. Jack Benny
5. Hanley Stafford

GROUP TWO

1. Gracie Allen
2. Mary Livingstone
3. Baby Snooks
4. Edgar Bergen
5. Molly

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Memory Refresher

1. The barefoot boy was written by: (a) Holmes; (b) Whittier; (c) Shakespeare.
2. The tallest plant is: (a) Eucalyptus tree; (b) Redwood tree; (c) Giant seaweed.
4. La Guardia is: (a) Mayor; (b) Governor; (c) Senator.
4. Marian Anderson is a great: (a) sculptress; (b) actress; (c) aviatrix; (d) singer.
5. The state known as "Mother of Presidents" is: (a) Virginia; (b) Illinois; (c) Ohio.

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Keep 'Em Flying

The United States Army has all types of planes—army fighters, light and heavy bombers, and transports. You have probably read about many in the newspapers and seen some in flight. Here are some of the numbers on the planes to enable their identification in flight:

- B-17—"Flying Fortress", a four-motored bomber plane with speed in excess of 300 m.p.h.
- P-47—"Republic" does 680 m.p.h. in a power dive.
- C-54—"Transport" can carry 42 Parachute Troops. Speed of 250 m.p.h.
- P-39—"Airacobra", one of the most heavily armed combat planes. Speed of 400 m.p.h.

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(Answers to puzzles found on inside back cover.)



LET'S PLAY GAMES

Submitted by **Marge Jeric**

Wearing of the Green

The names of various green vegetables should be written on slips of paper each bearing a number; such as Lettuce 1, Cabbage 2, Onions 3, Endive 4, etc. The slips are pinned on the back of the players. At a signal, everyone tries to see the word pinned to the backs of the others without allowing his own tag to be read. Each player writes down as many names and corresponding numbers as possible in the space of ten minutes. The player with the longest list wins a prize.

Four Corner Obstacle Race

Each runner must drink a full glass of water at the first corner; at the second corner he must eat, without touching it, a marshmallow suspended on a string; at the third corner he must thread a needle, and at the fourth corner, he must eat a cookie from a plate with his hands behind his back. Be sure to have runners from opposite teams start at the same time. Small prizes may be given to the winning team.

Elements

Players sit in a circle. One player holds a knotted handkerchief, which he tosses to a second player, at the same time naming one of the elements, air, earth, fire or water. The player catching the handkerchief must at once name a creature inhabiting the air, earth or water, as the case may be. But if the call is fire, the player must remain silent or lose his place in the game. This game should be played rapidly. The last player left in the game may win a prize.

Moving Statues

Divide the players into two teams and decide which team will first act as "Statues" and which as "Detectors." Line up the teams at opposite ends of the room, and advise the leader to stand upon a stool or chair. Then the Statues, one at a time, demonstrate the pose they will assume throughout the game. The object of the game is for the Statues to advance as far as possible while the leader counts ten rapidly. Then the leader blows a whistle and the Detectors turn suddenly and observe the Statues, while the leader again counts to ten. If at any time during this count the Detectors observing Statue advancing or moving in any way whatsoever, that Statue is pointed out and must return to the starting line to try again. This is repeated for five or more times depending upon the size of the playing space; then the teams change, and the Detectors play the Statues.

Pig or Hog?

The game of "Pig" will break the ice at any party, and may be played by both young and old. The object of the game is to keep from being called a pig. Ordinary playing cards are dealt to the players seated around a large table or a group of card tables. If eight persons are playing, the deck consists of the Ace to eight in every suit. The number may vary either way accord-

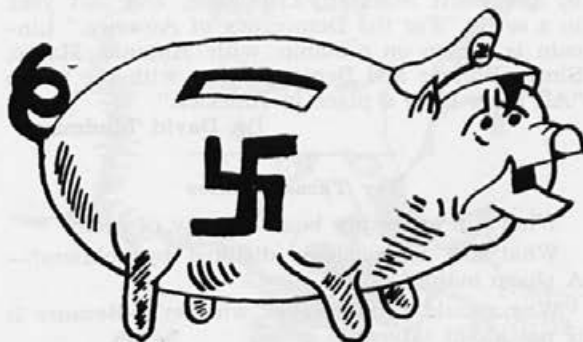
ing to the number of players. One of the group is chosen as dealer, and he shuffles the cards and deals them singly, face down, from the left. The players pick up their cards, arranging them according to numbers. Each one tries to get four of a kind, i. e., deuces, aces, and so on.

When the dealer says, "Pass," all the players pass a card they wish to discard face down to the player on their left. Each player picks up the card on his right and sees if it will match something in his hand. The player first to get four of the same kind puts his index finger against the right side of his nose. Everyone must be alert to see the first one make this move. The last to follow is called "Pig". If he is caught three times, he is a "Hog" and is barred from the game. His set of four cards is taken from the deck, and the game continues. A record of "pigs" is kept, and the player who has the fewest is declared the winner. The deal passes to the left.

Trick With Coins

Take two quarters and a nickel and place them together in a row with the nickel in the center. Then explain to your audience that the trick is to place one of the quarters in the center instead of the nickel, but it can be done only under these conditions: That the first coin can be moved but not touched, and the last coin can either be touched or moved. Under these conditions it appears impossible to separate the nickel from the quarter on its left so that the quarter on the right can be placed in the center. Here is the solution:

As the nickel can be touched but not moved, you put a finger of one hand on it, holding it stationary. You can either move or touch the quarter on the right, so you put two fingers of the other hand on it, and move it away from the nickel. Then bring it back quickly, strike the nickel with it, and the impact will force the quarter on the left away from the nickel. This will leave an opening so you can then move the quarter on the right into the center.



THIS PIG BANK IS UNSAFE! BUY U. S. WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!

Drawn by **Jimmie Spendal**, age 15, Clinton, Ind. Lodge 50.



SPRING HOUSECLEANING

STAMP COLLECTING

(Continued from page 5)

San Marino is the world's oldest republic. During the War Between the States the government of San Marino sent Lincoln a message of sympathy and encouragement. Lincoln wrote back, thanking them, and stating: "Although your dominion is small, your state is nevertheless one of the most honored in all history." This quotation appears on the stamp. Lincoln was elected an honorary citizen of this small republic, and in the fall of 1937 a bust of Lincoln, the gift of Dr. Kenneth Scott of Western Reserve University, the work of Raymond Barger, was unveiled there.

Cuba has issued two stamps honoring Lincoln, one in 1937 in an international set not recognized by the Scott Standard Catalogue, and last year in a series "For the Democracy of America." Lincoln is shown on a stamp with Antonio Maceo, Simon Bolivar and Benito Juarez, with the motto "All races have a place in America."

By David Lindman.

Try These Riddles

- What's in an empty box?—Plenty of room.
 What key in music is disliked by soldiers?—A sharp major.
 Why should people never whisper?—Because it is not aloud (allowed).
 Why is a brave soldier like good flannel?—Because he does not shrink.
 Why do sailors always know the time?—Because they are always going to sea (see).
 What bird is rude?—The mocking bird.

WORD SQUARE

(Can you fill in all of the space? All of the words across will be the same as those going down, in the corresponding numbers.)

1	2	3	4
2			
3			
4			

1. Sketch. 3. Playing card (plural).
 2. Running contest. 4. A direction.
 (Answers on back inside cover page)

Not Satisfied

Mother: "If you are good, Jackie, I'll give you this nice, bright, new penny."

Sonny: "Haven't you got a dirty, old dime instead?"

Drawn by Olga Vidmar, age 16, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Lodge 94.



OUR SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL FOR VICTORY

Real and Lasting Victory for the Common People
Leads Through the Portals of Knowledge
and Education

RULES FOR 1943

1. A sum not to exceed \$500 is available for SNPJ juvenile members and Circles, qualifying for prizes in the "Our School For Victory" contest.

2. All contributions shall be grouped into three classes, namely: LITERARY, DRAWINGS, and PHOTOGRAPHY. The literary class shall consist of news reports of SNPJ juvenile activities and anniversary celebrations, letters, short stories, essays and poems. Drawings shall include cartoons, diagrams or sketches of games, crossword puzzles, and such. Photography shall comprise mainly pictures of Juvenile activities, members and officers who have to their credit a record of outstanding achievement. Contributions to any class may be rejected if judged unacceptable by the Editor.

3. All prizes shall be in the form of UNITED STATES WAR SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS and shall be called "Victory Achievement Awards." A total of \$75 in awards shall be distributed among the winners at the end of each quarter, the number and amount of which shall depend on the number and quality of contributions published in each such period. In addition to the quarterly prizes, awards totaling up to \$200 shall be distributed at the end of the contest among the year's outstanding contributors.

4. The Juvenile Circle, chosen as the one having contributed most towards the success of the "Our School For Victory" contest, will be awarded a \$50 war bond and an achievement plaque. Three other Juvenile Circles will each receive a \$25 bond and a certificate of award. The outstanding individual contestants of the year, contributors of the best letters, stories, poems, news reports, drawings, etc., will not only receive special recognition and honors, but will be appropriately rewarded with additional "Victory Achievement Awards."

5. Our attractive, gold-filled SNPJ JUNIOR VICTORY pin shall be sent to every member whose writings and drawings are published in at least three different issues of the Mladinski List. The receipt of this special award will automatically qualify one for membership in the ML VICTORY CLUB.

6. All contributions submitted by juvenile members and published in the ML, or in the Juvenile Circle Section of the Prosveta, shall be eligible for "Victory Achievement Awards," if qualified under the rules.

7. Any Juvenile Circle can have its own SECTION in the ML by enclosing a request for same along with the contributions, and provided, also, that two or more members share in its composition. When a Circle desires to have its "Own

Page" in any particular issue of the ML, the Manager should write in advance to the Editor and request the month selected for it.

8. The Juvenile Director may choose one or more subjects as special topics on which the members may write. These shall be entitled to prizes the same as all other contributions. The subjects chosen for the first and second quarters, these ending with the March and June issues of the ML, appear in the footnote below, separate from these rules. Limit contributions of this type, if possible, to not more than 200 words.

9. As special feature of the Fifth Anniversary of the organization of the first Juvenile Circle, one page may be devoted each month to pictures of Juvenile Circle activities, and outstanding members. Pictures of cultural, entertainment, and athletic groups are especially desirable. In all instances, pictures must be clear and fit for reproduction in the ML, otherwise they will be rejected.

10. All contributions shall be judged for ORIGINALITY, choice of subject, and composition. The judges of the "Our School For Victory" contest are the Juvenile Director, the Editor, and the Supreme President.

11. Every contribution must be in the hands of the Editor by the first of the month if intended for the issue of the ML of the following month.

Note: The subject chosen for the first quarter is: ONE SUGGESTION HOW TO IMPROVE MY OWN JUVENILE CIRCLE. For the second quarter, the subject is: HISTORY OF MY OWN JUVENILE CIRCLE.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,
Juvenile Director.



Drawn by Maurice Thominet, Chicago, Ill.
Lodge 631.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Now as ever before in all our glorious history, our Army, Navy, our Marines urgently need planes, tanks, ships, and guns.

If we are to smash the enemy out of our seas and blast him from the air over our heads, every dollar you can spare, every dime that is not absolutely necessarily required for the necessities of life should be—yes, must be—loaned to our government. We cannot have all we want if our soldiers and sailors are to have all they need.

Maybe you are not able to defend or do actual fighting, but you are able to lay money on the line for U. S. War Savings Stamps and Bonds.

Here at home we've got the job of passing ammunition along, of sacrificing little things, of giving up and going without, of looking ahead to "less" instead of "more." Somebody's got to urge and use initiative to sacrifice and make moves to buy U. S. stamps and bonds regularly.

The more bonds you buy, the more planes will fly, the more ships will sail, the more tanks will roll on, on, on—to Victory!

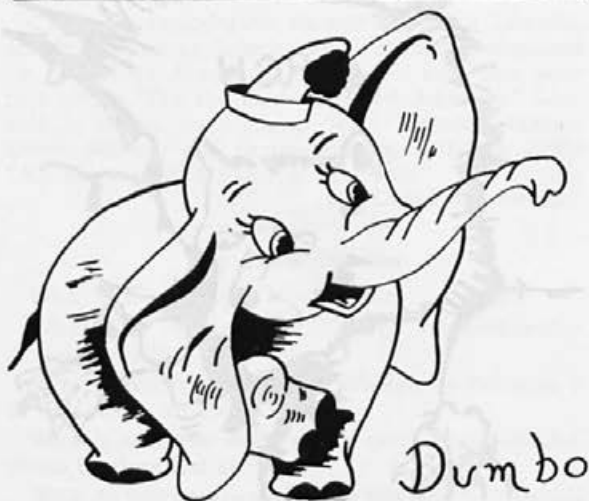
Give another thought to those boys, valiant and courageous, and buy bonds and stamps **today** or there won't be any **tomorrow**.

ZITA BOZANIC, 15, lodge 393,
R. F. D. 3, Worcester, N. Y.

THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY

The following article on the Flag of Our Country was written by Charles Sumner. I liked it so much that I want to pass it on to the readers of the Mladinski List. Here it is:

There is the national flag. He must be cold indeed who can look upon its folds, rippling in the breeze, without pride of his own country. If he be in a foreign land, the flag is companionship and country itself, with all its endearment. Its highest beauty is in what it symbolizes. It is because it represents all, that all gaze at it with delight and reverence.



Drawn by Jimmie Spendal, age 15, Clinton, Ind.
Lodge 50.

It is a piece of bunting lifted in the air; but it speaks sublimely, and every part has a voice. Its stripes of alternate red and white proclaim the original union of thirteen states to maintain the Declaration of Independence. Its stars of white on a field of blue proclaim that union of states constituting our national constellation, which receives a new star with every new state. The two together signify union past and present.

The very colors have a language which was officially recognized by our fathers.

White is for purity.

Red is for valor.

Blue is for justice.

And all together, bunting stripes, stars, and colors, blazing in the sky, make the flag of our country to be cherished by all our hearts, to be uplifted by all our hands.

It is perhaps only natural that we appreciate our flag and for what it stands, more in wartime than in peacetime. For in wartime the very existence of our country is threatened, and our flag, the symbol of our great democracy, attains even greater importance.

HELEN PETROVIC, 11, lodge 166,
R. D. 5, Box 362, Crafton Branch, Pa.

TRUE AMERICANS

When the Axis boys bail out,
Can you, proudly claim
"I'm one of the Americans,
I did it in Uncle Sam's name?"
"I bought stamps every pay day,
On the counter my money lay."
Can you proudly claim—
That you did the same?

CLARA CANALAS, 13, lodge 43,
717 N. Holmes Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

WEST POINT ACADEMY

On March 16, 1802, Congress passed a bill establishing the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, which is a long, rocky cliff that juts over the Hudson River about 50 miles above New York City.

West Point opened officially with the entrance of ten cadets in 1802. President James Monroe reorganized the Academy, which is now under the direct control of the War Department. Since the appointment of Major Sylvester Thayer, first head of the institution, the administrator has been a soldier.

Candidates for admission to this training school of most of our Army's officers are men between seventeen and twenty-two, at least 5 feet and 4 inches tall, of good character, and free from anything which would make them unfit for military service.

The occupation of West Point as a military post took place on Jan. 20, 1778, and has been continuous since that date. Candidates must never have been married. The pay of a cadet is \$780 per year plus other expenses, and the total is \$1072.

FREDA SNOY, 16, lodge 13,
R. F. D. 1, Box 7, Bridgeport, O

SLOVENSKI NARODNI KONGRES IN DESETICA

V dvorani sem hodil,
obračal oči,
klopi sem prešteval
in gledal ljudi.

Saj sploh me ni vprašal
po veri tvoj glas,
si čutil kot sam si,
Slovenec sem jaz.

Jaz dečko petletni,
ti mož dozorel,
jaz lahek še v kretnji,
v mišljenju ti cel.

In drugi navzoči,
prepričanj vseh vrst,
ste v narodni slogi
dobili svoj krst.

Prišel sem do tebe,
ti gledal v oči,
si gledal ti mene,
smehljaj se si mi.

Izrekli soglasno
iskreno ste vsi,
da boste zastav'li
vse svoje moči.

Od kod si ti prišel,
te sploh ne poznam,
pa bod' od kjer koli,
te rad le imam.

Da rešite narod
pogina, teptan,
ki je zdaj na goro
Kalvarijo gnan.

Si dal desetico
in pogled mi gorak,
še bolj si pospešil
mi brzi korak.

Borite se složno
starejši vi vsi,
med vami sebičnež
naj se ne dobi.

Da si ti duhovnik,
doznal sem tako,
po kaj si sem prišel
in drugih pet sto.

Če pa le izvžek
od kje pricapta,
naj se ga kot črva
na tleh potepta.

Da v cerkvi mašuješ,
tak pač je tvoj stan,
ljudem pridiguješ
in moliš vsak dan.

Storite kar pač je
mogoče, prav vse,
da svobodo zlato
naš narod uzre.

Jaz v cerkev ne hodim,
moliti ne znam,
pa svojega, v srcu,
Boga le imam.

Da svetel bo živel
za vami spomin,
ko se bo spominjal
vas hčérka in sin.

Mišljenje enako
vseh, nujno pač ni,
ljubezen in bratstvo
sad sloge rodi.

Potem pa mi mladi,
ko vas več ne bo,
usmirili bomo
takole nogo:

Po vaših stopinjah
naprej bomo šli,
Slovenec, svoboda,
naj večno živi!

JACK TOMŠIČ, Cleveland, Ohio.

Pripomba: Povod za gornje verzice mi je dal prvi Slovenski narodni kongres, ki se je vršil v Clevelandu preteklega decembra in tudi sijajno uspel. Na kongresu sem namreč bil z ženo in z obema najinima otrokoma. Mlajši sinko, kot je pač otroška navada, je prešteval stole in gledal po ljudeh ter tako prišel do nekega duhovnika, ki ga je bolj pazno ogledoval. On se mu je smehljaj in mu dal desetico. Seveda je sinko veselo pribrazil nazaj k nama, naju začel bombardirati z vprašanji, kdo je tisti mož, kaj dela, po kaj je prišel, kaj vsi ostali tukaj počno itd. Vse to mi je torej dalo povod za gornje stihce. Torej hvala za smehljaj in desetico.—J. T.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Here are 15 questions and answers. At the end of each question is a hint by the number of dashes, which indicate the number of letters in the word.

Questions: 1. A twisted string — — — — —. 2. A device for stopping a car — — — — —. 3. An uneasiness in the skin — — — — —. 4. A father — — — — —. 5. To run away — — — — —. 6. A high steep rock — — — — —. 7. A small room in a prison — — — — —. 8. A boy or a man — — — — —. 9. One who sells flour, sugar, etc. — — — — —. 10. A board in a cupboard — — — — —. 11. Not hollow — — — — —. 12. To care for — — — — —. 13. The name of a boy — — — — —. 14. A statue — — — — —. 15. Getting ready — — — — —.

Answers: 1—Cord. 2—Brake. 3—Itch. 4—Parent. 5—Vanish. 6—Cliff. 7—Cell. 8—Male. 9—Grocer. 10—Shelf. 11—Solid. 12—Scorn. 13—Ralph. 14—Image. 15—Preparing.

LILLIAN BENIGER, 15, lodge 317,
R. F. D. 1, Export, Pennsylvania.

TRY THESE RIDDLES

Who has the largest American family?—George Washington.

What fruit grows on a penny?—A date.

What month has twenty-eight days?—They all have.

What asks no questions, yet demands many answers?—A doorbell.

Of what two letters could you make a dress?—P K.

What is forever behind time?—The back of a watch.

What is the best way to hide a bear?—Skin him.

What is it that will be yesterday, and will be tomorrow?—Today.

What lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with roots upward?—An icicle.

ALICE DAFOFF, age (?), Circle 43,
1430 Nordyke Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.



Drawn by Rosemary Panyan, age 15, Buhl, Minn.
Lodge 314.



MARCH WINDS

Drawn by Ethel Baltezar, age 14, Butte, Mont.
Lodge 249.

MY COUNTRY

I'm proud that I live in a country
of freedom and peace,
A country that allows you to do and
live, right, as you please;
A country with dwelling places and
little huts to us so dear,
From which all the millions of our
American people needn't fear.

ANNIE CRETNIK, 16, lodge 24,
R. R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

MARCH TROUBLE

I saw a man walking down the street
On a windy day in the month of March,
And a twirl, strong wind he did meet;
In a whiz his hat was off—in March.

ANNIE CRETNIK, 16, lodge 24,
R. R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

MARCH

(By William Cullen Bryant)

The stormy March is come at least,
With wind, cloud and changing skies;
I hear the rushing of the blast
That through the snowy valley flies.

Ah, passing few are they who speak,
Wild, stormy month! in praise of thee;
Yet, though thy winds are loud and bleak,
Thou art a welcome month to me.

Thou bring'st the hope of calm skies
And that soft of sunny showers
When the wide bloom, on earth that lies,
Seems of a brighter world than ours.

MARION WIDGAY, 10, lodge 325,
31 Palmer St., Gowanda, N. Y.

THE MONTH OF MARCH

Everyone thinks that this month
Is called—"Windy March"
Because of the Liberty's Torch,
But I don't believe in these
Silly things. You ought to know
What Mr. Snow brings even in March.

When Mr. Snow finally goes away
We don't need to be very sorry;
He likes to return in his glory.
I like this month and its wind,
I wish it would linger and stay.

MILDRED CRETNIK, 11, lodge 24,
R. R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

THE BEGINNING OF MARCH

Before January and February were introduced
into the calendar, the Roman year had only ten
months. March, named in honor of the god of
war or Mars, was the first instead of the third
month.

In the Middle Ages the year was usually reckoned
as beginning March 25, and England did not
abandon this practice until 1752. The last three
days of March were once supposed to have been
borrowed from April.

According to the old saying—if it "comes in
like a lion it will go out like a lamb." Or con-
versely, if it "comes in like a lamb it will go out
like a lion."

This is a brief story and history of the month of
March. The Romans called the month Martius,
after the god of war, as stated above. We know
March as the "windy month" of the year.

WILLIE CRETNIK, 12, lodge 24,
R. R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

THE DUTY OF EVERY AMERICAN

Our country, the United States of America, is
also called the land of freedom, and rightly so.
For instance, there is no country under the sun,
so far as I know, that has so much freedom—
freedom of speech, press and assembly.

Through peaceful assembly or press, you can
criticize any government official or any person,
if you have proof, for not fulfilling his duty.
There is no person in our form of government to
order you how to live. Your only duty is to obey
laws which are made by the representatives elected
by the people.

So this is really a wonderful country for every-

body to live in. And as we all know, this wonderful country of ours is at war with the Axis powers. The Axis wants to destroy the functions of our government and enslave all of the people under dictatorship, which means the killing of democracy which has been enjoyed by the people of America ever since the beginning of the United States.

Our duty as Americans, therefore, is not only to protect this land and its form of government, but also to do all we can to help win the war. There is a chance for every individual to do his duty by buying War Bonds and Stamps. This means not only to help our country to win the war, but it also means to save for "rainy days." Also, in this way we help to free our own people across the sea.

As descendants of Slovene immigrants, our special duty is to help win the war because winning the war for the Allies means also freedom for the enslaved Slovene people in Jugoslavia as well as the rest of the people of Europe.

My school, Packham Junior High, did very well in this respect. In the week ending January 16 we bought \$1007 worth of bonds and stamps. That shows how easy we Juveniles also could help win the war. Brothers and sisters, let's do what every American should do by helping in every way to win the war.

JOSEPHINE VIDMAR, 14, lodge 474,
2546 N. 37th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Spring is here! and birds appear,
Singing merrily from tree to tree.
Waking us up in the early morn,
They never seem to be outworn.

Soon the flowers will show up,
Pretty little sleepy heads,
From beneath the thawed out soil,
Then we know they are not dead.

MARGARET POLONCIC, 16, lodge 124,
R. F. D. 2, Union Dale, Pa.

WINDY MARCH

March is always a windy month,
When we run then comes the sun.
Sometimes it chooses to rain,
And comes down on window pain.

AMELIA CRETNIK, 9, lodge 24,
R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP

It is no small thing to be a citizen of the world's greatest Republic—the United States of America. It is a great responsibility to be a voter here. You want to know your privileges and your power as an American voter, and you want to know your duties and responsibilities, as well as your rights, under the Constitution.

Think them out for yourself, as you read and study the clear provisions of our great fundamental law.

Let each one of us read, think about, and discuss with our friends the Constitution, which is the charter of our national life. Study its principles. Know it. Then we shall love it. Do not fancy that you can play well the great game of American life without knowing the rules of the game.

One flag, one country, one nation! Let us love our own country, honor our own flag. Help Uncle Sam, buy War Stamps and Bonds. For us it is the Red, White and Blue, for which our fathers and brothers and sons have died and are still doing their part to gain peace and freedom in our beloved country.

Faithful to the brotherhood of the whole human race by being first of all faithful to our own home, our own family, our own community, and to the land we love.

Let us exercise and protect our rights and privileges by doing our duty towards our great country with full responsibility as intelligent citizens.

MARGIE KUPINA, 16, Circle No. 2,
1383 E. 41st St., Cleveland, Ohio.

MARCH DAYS

March is a dreary month,
It brings winds and storms;
I would like to fly a kite,
Or maybe I would take a hike.

The snow is almost gone now,
Goodby ice skating parties;
But there's a lot of other fun,
Playing games of all sorts.

MARGARET POLONCIC, 16, lodge 124,
R. F. D. 2, Union Dale, Pa.

OUR SCHOOL'S HELP TO VICTORY

The students of Sharon High School are doing their part in this war also. Every week stamps and bonds are sold at school. Almost every student purchases at least one stamp at this time. On December 7, in memory of the attack on Pearl Harbor, we purchased over \$100 worth of stamps

Drawn by John Matekovich, age 15, Gowanda, N. Y. Circle 40.



and bonds. But we aren't stopping there, not the students of Sharon High. "Onward to Victory," is our motto.

Once a week, all the boys 17 years or over have a fifty minute drill period. This consists of military commands and drills given by Captain Young of Sharon. They are preparing themselves for whatever comes in the future. The boys also take an active part in the salvage drives of Sharon. On two different occasions, they collected scrap for more than eight hours. This was purely voluntary work and showed real initiative on their part.

The girls are doing their part too. The Tri-Hi-Y clubs are continually sending clothing and the like to local Red Cross centers or the Salvation Army. We girls of the Senior Tri-Hi-Y have taken on the project of selling stamps and bonds at local theaters. Every night in the week there are two girls at the booth with ready smiles encouraging moviegoers to take their change in war stamps. The Tri-Hi-Y has also started a "Line to the Servicemen" campaign. They have a huge bulletin board covered entirely with names of local men now in the service who might like to receive a few words from home now and then.

Our school has also entered into the nationwide campaign for schools which has to do with Victory. It offers five different branches in which a student may participate—the Land-Sea, Air, Agricultural, and Community services. Hundreds of students are joining one of these services and will undertake extra studies in order to belong to them. Since last year the school has been taking part in practicing for air raids. Our system for evacuation is very good and every student cooperates. During the holiday season, because of the lack of help in the local stores, the students did part-time work in town giving up their study periods and all free time they might otherwise had.

Yes, Sharon High School is proud to say that it is doing everything it can and I think if everyone did at least one of the many things these people are undertaking—winning the war will be a cinch.

FRANCES STAMBAL, 17, lodge 262,
1084 Sherman Ave., Sharon, Pa.

MY FIRST AIRPLANE RIDE

My first ride in an airplane was about two years ago. My father and I went to the Pittsburg Municipal Airport and decided to take a ride in an airplane. The plane we got in was to be piloted by Russell White. It was a cabin plane with about four seats.

When we started to ascend into the air I did not know we were off the ground. I soon lost my directions after we got into the air. We flew over Pittsburg a few times. The houses looked like little play houses and the cars and buses looked like little insects crawling along the ground.

I asked the pilot how fast we were going and he said we were going 160 miles an hour. We were in the air about fifteen or twenty minutes.

When we landed more people were already waiting to take a ride.

It was a wonderful experience, all right, that first airplane ride about two years ago. I wish I'd have the opportunity to take another one soon, and then still another one and so on.

CARL ULEPICH, 14, lodge 65,
R. R. 1, Mulberry, Kansas.

MOTHER

(We submit the following verses in memory of our Mother who died on February 7, 1942.)

What is a home without a mother?
What are all the joys we meet,
When her loving smile no longer
Greeted the coming of your feet?
The days seem long, the nights
Are drear, and time rolls slowly on;
How few are children's pleasures,
When her gentle care is gone.

Things we prize are first to vanish,
Hearts we love to pass forever away;
But a mother lost in childhood
Grieves the heart from day to day;
We miss her smile, her willing hand,
Her fond and earnest, tender care;
Oh, how dark is life around us,
What is home without her there.

HELEN, VERA and ZITA BOZANIC,
R. F. D. 3, Worcester, N. Y.



BASKETBALL

Our Own Juvenile Circles of the S. N. P. J.



Send all your questions and requests for your Juvenile Circles to Bro. Michael Vrhovnik, Director of the SNPJ Juvenile Dept., 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. He has been elected the Director of Juvenile Circles and your Advisers should keep in touch with him.

1943 ROSTER OF JUVENILE CIRCLES IN THIS ISSUE

No doubt, the Officers of our Juvenile Circles were somewhat disappointed in seeing the 1942 instead of 1943 roster of Circles and Officers in February's issue of the **Mladinski List**. That, of course, was a mistake for which the Juvenile Director was not responsible.

So that it will be known in the future, members are here advised that, as Juvenile Director, I have nothing to do with the editing of the **Mladinski List**. I am merely one of its many contributors who receives a copy when it is completed and ready for mailing.

The roster of Juvenile Circles and Officers for 1943 appears in this issue and, as you will note on examination, several Circles are missing from last year's list, this because of failure to report the names and addresses of officers or because they have ceased to exist either temporarily or permanently, as the case might be. It must also be admitted that a number of Circles are included about whose activity there is some doubt.

Managers, whose rosters of Officers are not in this issue of the ML, or are not complete, or need some correction, are requested to kindly send the necessary information to the Juvenile Director without further delay.

PROGRESS DEPENDS ON LEADERSHIP

When asked why he and other boys and girls in his club followed their leader so eagerly and loyally whatever he asked, or wanted them to do, the boy, to whom this was addressed, a minute of thought, gave this reply: "I don't exactly know, but I think it's mostly because we feel he's the

kind of fellow we'd like to be ourselves." That gives the key to the real value of leadership.

A Circle Manager who doesn't care very much whether he gets good results or not from his members is likely to have a Circle that is satisfied to stand still or slip back. You will find that a Circle group is very much like a train. If the engine (Manager) keeps moving, the whole train moves. If it stops, the whole train stops. If it gets off the track, the whole train may be wrecked. To prevent a Circle "bust up," Managers are advised to always set the best of examples—to lead with "come on" instead of "go on."

Boys! Boys! Boys!

What's the matter—why don't more of you write? The ML is intended for boys as well as girls and yet, month after month, more than seventy-five per cent of the contributors are girls.

This is a bad sign. It shows that you've given up . . . that you've fallen down on the job . . . that you don't care who writes for the ML . . . or, are you under the impression that writing is meant for girls only? If so, that's the wrong attitude to take for every newspaper, every magazine, will prove that to you.

So what do you say to a little competition against the girls? In your own mind, challenge them—yes, even get a little selfish and try to outdo them at the art of writing. It will take a lot of work, of course, but YOU CAN—YOU WILL SUCCEED, if you try hard enough.

Think of all the rich prizes that are going to be awarded this year. **Altogether \$500 in form of War Bonds and Stamps will be awarded to the winners**—\$75 at the end of each quarter, plus \$200 at the close of the contest.

The Juvenile Circle with the best contest record of the year will receive a **\$50 bond and a victory plaque**. Three other Circles will each receive a **\$25 bond and a certificate of award**. The balance of \$400 will be distributed, as explained above, to individual winners. Be sure to read the rules.

Besides bonds and stamps as prizes, the Society will give a gold-filled Junior SNPJ Victory Pin to every juvenile whose contributions are published in three different issues of the ML during the year. Boys, here's something worth trying for. You'll be mighty proud to wear one of our attractive victory pins. Start writing in the April issue of the ML and keep going every month after that.

Plan Your Sports Activities Early

With the season of spring just around the corner, it won't be long before that old familiar order is given by the umpires, "Play ball!" April is the official opening month for the major and minor baseball leagues, while the semi-pro and amateur teams start tossing the "pill" around most any time after the warm weather takes a good hold.

With so many of our young men in the service of Uncle Sam, sports activities in the SNPJ are certain to see another drop this year. This, of course, will not be as true among the juveniles as the adults—but there will be a decline, nevertheless.

Juvenile sports will suffer mostly for want of experienced adult leadership. Many communities have lost the young men who in the past handled the management and coaching of juvenile teams and leagues. This coming season, they'll have to learn to get along without them—how successfully remains to be seen.

March is too early to participate in outdoor sports such as baseball and softball, but it isn't too early to lay plans in advance for the season and to get a line on the prospective material available for teams. While you're doing that, take an inventory of the equipment. See what you're going to need in the way of uniforms, bats, balls, etc. . . . When you've completed a thorough check, start putting your money-raising schemes to work. Raise all you can, yourself. If you find you're going to fall short of the required amount to insure a successful season, you might try the Society's Athletic Fund for financial support. Nothing succeeds like success—so, get good results. Play the ball hard to win for SNPJ.



"JOLLY KANSANS" CIRCLE NO. 11

GIRARD, KANS.—This is Circle No. 11 reporting about its first meeting of the year. The meeting was held at the Franklin SNPJ Hall on January 3, being the first Sunday of the month.

A fine attendance was present to start the new year off right. It was decided that all of the meetings would be held at the same place, at the Franklin hall, each first Sunday of the month. It was also decided that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting take place at each meeting, and that the roll call of officers and members would also be read at every meeting.

The President read a letter which he received from the Youth of America Circle No. 47. It was interesting to know what they are planning to have as Circle activities for this year. The Secretary also read an interesting letter which she received from the SNPJ main office and Juvenile Director. In the letter, was enclosed an SNPJ Junior Victory Pin, six \$1 war savings stamps and a stamp album, given to her for contributing articles in the ML and Prosveta. I wish to thank the SNPJ for the very nice awards given to me. I am proud and glad to be a member of the Jolly Kansans Juvenile Circle No. 11.

Our Treasurer, Frances Kumer, gave the treasury report. Prizes were won by Frances Ales, James Ales, Charles Ales, Carl Ulepich.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held in Franklin on Feb. 7.

The ML would be more interesting if there would be more letters in from the State of Kansas. It may pay you to write and receive some of the nice prizes the SNPJ is giving. Best regards to all of the members of Circle 11.

JENNIE LAMPE, Secretary
R. R. 3, Box 863, Girard, Kans.

A MESSAGE TO YOUNG AMERICA

CLEVELAND, O.—I am a member of Circle 38 and its secretary. I wish to stress the importance of our help which is necessary to our country's war effort. Therefore, here is a "Message to Young America."

Many of us children of today go about our daily habits not realizing what is taking place around us. Oh yes, we know there is a war going on because we hear our parents or relatives speak of it. Many of our boys have given their lives so that we may remain a free republic. This fight doesn't concern only those at the front, but it concerns every one of us Americans. I don't think you have a right to call yourself an American if you haven't done your part. I am not asking you to give up all your candy, but I am asking you to give up 10% of your allowance for stamps. If our parents and relatives can do it, we can, too. Let's show our boys we aren't slackers by doing our part!

I hope that the above message will not go unheeded. In fact, I know that the majority of juvenile and adult members of the SNPJ are doing their part. Let us make it 100%!

HELEN KOMARANSKI, Secretary
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Juvenile Circle No. 1 Section

Walsenburg, Colorado

Our Circle meetings are still improving, and we have had more members attending our meetings. Our next meeting will be at Mack's Hall instead of Kopusin's Hall. At our last meeting we received our awards and our pins for the contributions to the Our School contest. After the meeting was adjourned we played lotto which everyone present enjoyed immensely. I will close for now, and I will write more next time. Best regards to all.

ELIZABETH DUZENACK, Secretary.

My topic for this month is, "How to Improve My Own Juvenile Circle." We can improve our Circles by attending the meetings and discussing interesting topics in which all the members should participate. Also, by trying to get new members in the Circle. In this way we can build up our Circle. The more, the merrier. Then we can plan bigger and better socials and other activities that are beneficial to our group.

This is my third letter to this fine magazine. I will continue to write more often. I enjoy reading the letters, and I think the drawings are very nice. My favorite sport is basketball. We play ball during noon hours and also after school. I belong to the Junior Band. I play a cornet and enjoy it very much. I am 10 years old and I am in the sixth grade. Regards to all.

ALBERT DUZENACK, Circle No. 1

My topic is "Sewing." This year I am taking Home Economics and I enjoy sewing very much. The Red Cross sends the material to the school and the students sew for the hospitals. I suppose that every girl likes to sew for her own country. At the beginning of the year we started on sewing and everyone had to make an apron. So when we start cooking we would have an apron to do laboratory work.

Our Home Economics teacher has assigned us to have a home project and all the students in her class must sew a garment, or cook breakfasts or dinners at their homes. After a certain time she sets a date and we have to give a report on our project. Also, at the school the Journalism Class sponsored an amateur contest. The students who participated and submitted their reports, were worth while listening to. Some of them sang songs, some played solos on their musical instruments, and others imitated other people such as Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen, etc.

I will close for this time and will write more next time.

VERNA MAE DUZENACK, President.

Everyday science is making new advancements. New inventions and conveniences are replacing the old ones. Even the poorest can enjoy these new ideas.

Plastics and substitutes are being developed to take the place of material needed for war. Plastics taking the place of steel are as strong as steel but not quite as brittle. A substitute rubber for our

war machines is being developed. Plastics metals are taking the place of nearly exhausted metals.

Science in the future is promising much more. All efforts are concentrated on the war effort. After the war science will have a new field to work in—reconstruction. New building materials, conveniences and other discoveries will advance civilization.

In high schools stress is being placed on mathematics and science. Educators are looking into the future. Everyone who can should at least take as much mathematics and science as he can.

WILLIAM TOMSIC, Circle No. 1

This is Circle No. 1 of Walsenburg, Colorado. We think that of greatest interest is the winning of second place for being the second most active Circle of the SNPJ. Our local newspapers along with the Pueblo Star Journal and Chieftain, leading newspaper in southern Colorado, gave us a big writeup about it.

The beautiful trophy is on display in one of our leading downtown business establishments, which is, by the way, operated by the Financial Secretary of our Senior Lodge.

It is interesting to note that our Circle members are active in high school activities as in the Circle. Some of them are:

William Tomsic, the Circle President for the past two years, is the president of the Pan-American Club and vice-president of the Student Council. He also had the leading part in the Junior play.

Harry Bevsek is a member of the basketball team.

Edward Tomsic Jr., who has been recently transferred to the Senior lodge, is the president of the Rifle Club and a member of the National Honor Society, and on various occasions master of ceremonies at our school assembly.

Betty Tomsic is the secretary-treasurer of the Pep Club and a member of the Student Council.

In our grade school, Elizabeth and Albert Duzenack have displayed their talents as musicians. They have been presented at every program put on by the school. Elizabeth solos on both a clarinet and violin, and Albert has played a trumpet duet.

Rose Strovas has undergone an appendicitis operation and is reported doing very nicely.

P. S.: This column will appear monthly in the M. L.

BETTY TOMSIC, Circle No. 1
837 W. 7th St., Walsenburg, Colo.

Did You Know That—

A camel is called the "ship of the desert?"

The United States has almost twelve times as many newspapers as any other country?

The only part of a dog's body that can perspire is the tongue?

Turtles can live for a year without food?

The average depth of the ocean is two and one-half miles?

Jolly Juveniles Circle Section

By members of Circle 24, Waukegan, Illinois
Christine Stritar, Manager

First of all I want to thank the SNPJ for the very nice Victory pin I received just before the Christmas program started on Dec. 25. It is a good looking pin and I am very proud of it.

The election of new officers for our Circle for this year was held and they are as follows: President, Richard Peklay; Vice President, Daniel Ark; Recording Secretary, Mary Debelak; Secretary, Virginia Nagode; Treasurer, John Simcic; Trustees, Margie Kenik, Lorraine Lindberg and Mildred Gregorin.

Our former president, Dorothy Gabrosek, is now assisting Mrs. Frank Stritar with her work. Mr. Martin Judnich, who is now the manager at the SNH, is also an assistant manager of our Circle. With these three people to guide us we are bound to grow to be good SNPJ members.

MILDRED GREGORIN, 13, lodge 14

This is my second letter to the ML, and also my second one this year. I like the SNPJ Victory pin so well that I intend to win one for myself.

Our Circle is going to have a penny carnival in the spring. Our mothers will meet with our manager to start on preparations for the stands and games. I do not know when it will be held, but I will write and tell you all about it next month.

There was no school on January 20, because the weather was so cold—it was 15° to 20° below zero, with 29 inches of snow falling in three weeks.

MARILYN PIERCE, 9, lodge 568

Our Circle manager, who happened to be my mother, too, and a group of 26 of our older member of our Circle went on an ice-skating party to Lake Forest, Ill. The weather was around zero, but we were dressed warmly and didn't mind the cold a bit. We met at the SNH at 6 p. m., then walked down to the car line, boarded the limited, and arrived in Lake Forest in half an hour. Then we walked west. My mother insisted that we turn right and that we would find the ice-skating pond just a few blocks from the car line. But the boys insisted that the pond was to the west. We finally decided to let the boys lead us, as they had been there before. Well, we walked, and we walked, and finally we came to the Skokie Highway. Mother stopped us and said we had come too far, and she then sent Patsy Lipnicke, Beverly Branon and Marianne Denton up to the station to find about directions. They came back saying we had come 1½ miles too far west! (For once mother was right.)

We didn't mind too much, for we had fun singing and laughing as we walked along, and so far it had been just a jolly hike. We finally got to the pond, and it was so smooth and so big that it really compensated for our going out of our way. We skated until 9 o'clock, then left for something hot to drink. This took more time

than we had figured on, and we rushed for the 9:30 train. Me missed it because two of our girls were left stranded on the other side of the tracks by the lowered gates at the railroad crossing as a slow freight train went by. Some of the children called home by long distance to notify their parents that we couldn't get a train until 10:30 p. m. and so wouldn't be home until late.

The station was big and warm and we enjoyed ourselves waiting. When we arrived in Waukegan, the Wire Mills' 11 o'clock whistle blew. I thought to myself, now to run home and get into bed! But no, Mother said that she and I would have to walk each one to their door to see that all got home safely. We did that, and all got home okay, though late—or was it early? But, oh boy, were my dogs tired!

FRANK LOUIS STRITAR, 12, lodge 568

"If you haven't a ticket for that boy, lady, you'll have to pay," said the ticket collector to the lady.

"I shall do nothing of the kind," replied the lady.

"But you must obey the rules," said the collector. "How old is the boy?"

"How do I know?" said the lady. "I never saw him before."

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Candidate: "How did you like my speech on the agricultural problem?"

Farmer: "Not bad, but a day's rain would have done a lot better."

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Ethel: "What's etiquette, Lilly?"

Lilly: "Oh, that's the noise you mustn't swallow your soup with, when ther's company."

Submitted by

MILDRED GREGORIN, 13, lodge 14

Winter Joy

What a wealth of jolly things
Good old winter always brings,
Ice to skate on, hills to coast,
Don't know which we like the most.
Games to play, and corn to pop,
Midnight seems too soon to stop.
Books to read aloud at night,
Songs to sing, and plays to write.
Snowman built on starry nights,
Snow forts held in snowball fights.
High winds blowing drifted snow,
Breaths all frosty, cheeks aglow.
These and more chill winter brings
What a host of jolly things.

I Am Saving Whatever I Can

I'm saving tubes,	And what is more,
I'm saving paper,	I'm saving dimes,
I'm saving scrap,	And dimes galore.
I'm saving clothes,	I'm mighty proud
I'm saving rubber	To save this way,
And everyone knows	For me and you,
I'm saving pennies.	And the U. S. A.

Submitted by

MARILYN PIERCE, 9, lodge 568

Juvenile Circle No. 26 Section

Chicago, Illinois

Our Circle meets twice a month, each second and fourth Saturday, at the lower SNPJ hall, Lawndale and 27th st. at 10:30 in the morning. We are trying to get some new members and I hope we succeed.

For this month I chose the following topic: "My School and Its Activities." I go to the Gary school. In my opinion it is one of the finest grade schools in Chicago. I enjoy the library period. Our library is really a very nice room. Our school's trophies are in it and we have many interesting books. There is also a junior library which the lower grades attend. In it is a mural which covers the back wall. The characters painted on it are from stories such as "The Three Little Pigs," "Little Red Riding Hood," and many others. The other walls are covered with paper book covers and drawings, which the children drew.

The civic assembly which our school holds every semester is one event I really enjoy. In this assembly deserving students are honored for having a high record and for doing extra work for the school. Our civic council is also interesting. At the beginning of the year we elect a mayor, city clerk and two aldermen from each room. This group usually meets once a month. They discuss plans to improve the rules of the school, and many others things. We call our school a city and each room a ward. In this way we learn the ways of voting and things we should know about our government.

We also have a school newspaper, the Gary Globe, sponsored by one of our teachers and edited by an eight-grade student. In closing, I hope you know why I think our school is one of the best.

SYLVIA TROJAR, Secretary

The subject I have chosen to write on is "Our Next Door Neighbor Brazil." To start with, let us board a ship at the port of New York and sail southward. By this course we will come to Brazil, our largest, and our richest southern neighbor.

Brazil covers nearly one-half of South America and is bigger than the United States. Within its borders there is more unexplored land than in any other country in the world. No one knows what riches or ruined cities of ancient people lie hidden within Brazil's dense jungles. Brazil has made little use of its natural resources, but in recent years and especially since the war huge projects have been undertaken to supply the United Nations with war material.

If you travel into the valley of the great Amazon River, you would see tall coconut and Brazil nut trees from which vegetable oils are obtained. You would see rare hardwood and rubber trees. From Brazil comes most of the world's supply of coffee. Sugar and cotton plantations are numerous as well as extensive farms. In return for what our country buys from Brazil, the latter buys from us machinery and machine-made goods. (Source: Current Events.)

JOSEPHINE SLANSEK, 16, lodge 559

My topic for this month is "At Camp." I had my first experience at a camp last summer and I liked it very much. The camp is located near Crystal Lake, which is about 50 miles northwest from Chicago. It is called Camp Lidice and is conducted by a Sokol group.

When I got there I hurt my knee on my suitcase and I almost wished I hadn't come at all. That night I was not so lonesome for my mother and father but I was a little scared. To top that off, we told ghost stories before falling asleep. In spite of that I slept that night soundly and every night I was there.

We had individual double-decker beds and there were about forty girls in the large room. The place was very neat and airy. We went swimming twice a day when possible, and had hand craft or drawing when it was raining. We also had campfires, shows and singing. Three meals were served in the dining room daily.

All in all, I had a very nice time in my week's stay and I hope to go again next summer.

Wouldn't it be nice if some day Circle 26 could have a camp, too?

MYRA BENIGER, 11, lodge 559

"The Final Exams" is my topic for this month. Finally, those long dreaded days of the final examinations have caught up with us, so we dust off the books that have been neglected through much of the entire semester and start a last-minute period of cramming.

Important history dates begin to hit home in our rusty minds. Suddenly, it dawns upon us that H₂O is the chemical formula for water. More hurried preparations are made—and then, finally, the day is here.

Pencils are sharpened to a pin-point and fountain pens are filled with ink, ready to travel over the paper headed "Test." We repeat the tiresome questions over and over again in our minds. Funny, we just can't get that third question. Oh, might as well give up. There goes the command, "Bring your papers to the front of the room." And it's right after those fatal papers are handed in that the answer to the third question illuminates our brilliant minds.

FRANCES SENICA, Circle 26

The "topic" which I decided to write on for this month is—March Birthdays. Many famous persons were born in March on different dates and in years. Some of these are the following:

March 1, 1847—August St. Gaudens, sculptor.

March 3, 1847—Alexander Graham Bell, inventor.

March 6, 1475—Michelangelo, painter, born.

March 7, 1849—Luther Burbank, famous botanist.

March 9, 1451—Americus Vesputius, explorer.

March 15, 1767—Andrew Jackson, President.

March 16, 1751—James Madison, President.

March 18, 1837—Grover Cleveland, President.

March 21, 1685—Johann S. Bach, composer.

March 28, 1483—Raphael, painter.

March 31, 1732—Franz J. Hayden, composer.

GRACE ANN GERDANCE, 11, lodge 559

Youth of America Circle Section

By members of Circle No. 47, Johnstown, Pa.
Olivia Chuchek, Manager

The officers of our Circle have written the enclosed piece of work, entitled "History of Johnstown." The local Chamber of Commerce furnished us with pamphlets and circulars to aid us in our work.

History of Johnstown

In the year 1793, Joseph Johns came to the junction of the Little Conemaugh and Stonycreek Rivers where he settled on land he purchased from James McLanahan enclosing what is now the nucleus of the industrial city of Johnstown. Joseph Jons showed unusual good judgment by setting aside tracks of land for school and other public buildings. Due to the setting near the junction of the two above named rivers, Johnstown received from it some of its fame as well as beauty.

In 1812 a one-story log building called "Old Blacky" was built, which served as a church until 1854. A public square was reserved for the location of municipal buildings and a courthouse. Later when Ebensburg was made the country seat of Cambria County, the public square was turned into a municipal center, and still later into a public park.

Because the land was hard to clear and the scarcity of feed made it difficult for the settlers to maintain cattle, agriculture in this section developed slowly and didn't prove very successful. Due to the location, being surrounded by mountains on all sides, commerce also developed slowly. On the other hand a few establishments were constructed: a grist mill, a saw mill, forge, tannery, and distillery.

Since the progress of Johnstown in the early days it remained largely an agricultural community until the late 20's when the construction of the famous Pennsylvania Canal was undertaken. This enterprise, a gigantic one for those days, was made possible through an Act of Legislature, dated April 11, 1825, which authorized surveys. The system when completed about 1832 included a canal, with locks and dams, from Pittsburgh to Johnstown; a railroad on which cars were drawn by horses, and later by locomotives, between Johnstown and Hollidaysburg; a canal from the latter through the Juniata Valley and along the Susquehanna River, to Columbia; and railroad from Columbia to the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia. The first locomotive arrived in Johnstown in 1831, only three years before the completion of the Portage Railroad. The Portage Tunnel, west of Johnstown—America's first—still stands in good condition.

The canal attracted business and professional men to the community, skilled workers as well as unskilled labor. Johnstown began to be a busy, industrious town, and soon became the "Queen City" of the valley.

Industry

Johnstown, the cradle of the steel industry, has contributed to the development and expansion of steel throughout the world. Johnstown's trained

men have played leading roles in building the great steel centers such as, Pittsburgh district; Gary, Indiana; Birmingham, Alabama, Calcutta, India, etc.

Johnstown developed and advanced the Bessemer process, the three-high roll system, refinements in Open Hearth Process, and numerous other processes. The most recent development is Bethanizing, an advanced method of applying zinc coating to metal bases.

The quality of steel produced in Johnstown has always been high; this fact has gained prestige as well as a ready market for our steel products.

The two major steel industries are the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation.

The vast deposits and supplies of coal, iron ore, limestone, and magnesium ore have all helped to make Johnstown an industrial center.

One of the mines in this district supplies coal to the Du Pont's for the making of Nylon. This territory contains the world's best supply of smokeless coal. In addition to the basic industries of steel and coal, a well rounded out diversification of industry already exists and is being enlarged. Much equipment for the mining industry is manufactured, and many products using steel are fabricated such as furniture and hospital equipment.

Great quantities of chairs using hard woods, grown in this section, are produced for the markets of the entire country.

This is also the home of the National Radiator Company, a major unit in the development and manufacture of heating equipment.

In addition, refractory products, cigars, dresses, stoves, buttons, confections and similar products are manufactured.

(To be concluded)

JAMES LEES, President
MARY ANN MORINE, Vice President
JAMES PINELLI, Treasurer
DOROTHY RUBRECHT, Secretary.

(All—age 15—members of Lodge 82,
Youth of America Circle 47)

"HARMONIZERS" JUVENILE CIRCLE

ROUNDUP, MONT.—This is Juvenile Circle "Junior Harmonizers" No. 28, broadcasting its latest news, which is rather brief at this time.

Our Circle and our friends held a yule party on December 18. Everyone who was present enjoyed the party immensely. We played outdoor games for a while, such as pump-pump-pull-away and hide-and-go-seek. Then we went in the house to get warm. We played some more games in the basement.

After that we had refreshments of all kinds. When we were through with our lunch, I was chosen to be Santa. I accepted this role and passed out the gifts.

All of us members of Circle No. 28 wish to thank our Manager for letting us have our parties at her house. We are glad to have her as our Manager this year.

ROSE MARIE LOUCAS, Circle 28
Roundup, Montana.

Juvenile Circle No. 48 Section

By members of Circle 48, Eveleth, Minnesota
Eleanor Beutz, Manager

Circle 48, this year, will hold its meetings monthly. It will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m. at the usual place. At our last meeting we elected officers for this year. The following were elected:

Jacob Kokaly, President; Ronald Kokal, Vice President; Pearl Rozinka, Recording Secretary; Marcella Rozinka, Secretary; William Fronta, Treasurer; Eleanor Beutz, Manager; Dona Kokaly, Assistant Manager.

Our Circle meetings are always interesting and enjoyable, as there is always something important to discuss.

I've decided to write to this fine magazine often. Although I have sent in drawings and other things before, I have only written once before. During 1943 I will participate more in keeping the ML interesting. I think every SNPJer should feel proud to be a member of such an organization as the SNPJ.

I am going to be 15 this month and I am in my sophomore year in the Eveleth Senior High School. I am about 5 feet 5 inches tall and I have brown hair and brown eyes. My subjects are English, geometry, auto mechanics, world history, physical education, speech and study period.

I want to thank you for printing some of my pictures and poems which I have sent in last year. I also want to thank the SNPJ for the beautiful gold-filled Victory pin and the certificate of award which I received from the Society. In addition, Mrs. Ursula Ambrozich, our fifth district vice-president, has awarded me one dollar for sending in the most drawings, which were printed in the M. L. She awarded it to me at our yule program. I want to thank her for her generosity.

JACOB KOKALY, President.

I am nine years old and I am in the fourth grade. I go to the Fayal school. The principal is Miss Berge. My teacher is Miss Wiselander. There are twenty children in my room. It is a small class but we have a jolly time. We have a three-story school building. This is my first letter to the M. L. I would like to have a few pen pals. I enjoy writing to this fine magazine. Here in Eveleth, we also have a Juvenile Circle, No. 48. Many children belong to the Circle.

ELEANOR ROZINKA, 9, Circle 48

The SNPJ Juvenile Circle No. 48 had a yule party and play, called "The Cobler's Christmas." After the play, our leader, Mrs. Ambrozich, gave out prizes to the children who had a letter in the M. L. I got second prize and it was fifty cents. I was very glad to win the prize.

I am going to try to write to this fine magazine every month from now on. I think we all should write to this magazine, and also to the boys in the armed forces. I'm sure they like to get letters. They are giving their lives for us, why not send them letters and make them happy.

I am beginning to like school better now. My teacher this year is Miss Fritz. She is a very good teacher. I also go swimming, but only the sixth grade goes. Good luck and best regards to all.

ROSE MARIE STRUKEL, 11, lodge 130



We had lots of fun at the Juvenile party in December. The party was arranged by the adult members. I won my "general-officer's" uniform. Mrs. Ursula Ambrozich, our district vice-president, said that I looked very good in the outfit and suggested that I should send my picture to the ML, which I did. To keep my promise, here is my picture. I am saluting our American flag, and the salute goes for our SNPJ soldier-members as well.

I hope my picture will appear in the ML to let our members see how well one of these juveniles is prepared, waiting for a call from Uncle Sam and ready to do his (my) duty for our country. When in service, I will work hard to reach the distinction of my uniform. Also, I want to say that I am very proud and happy to be a member of such a great organization as the SNPJ.

Here in Eveleth we have a Juvenile Circle. We meet once a month and our meetings are interesting. My sister plays the piano, and we sing. Our officers are good leaders. From now on I'll write often for the M. L. and if any prizes will be awarded in the future, I will strive to be one of the winners.

WILLIAM ROSMAN, Lodge 130

Bull in the Ring

A boy is chosen to be "bull." The remainder of the players join hands and dance around him. The "bull" folds his arms, rushes at the circle, and tries to break through. If successful the other players attempt to catch him; if he is caught, the player who caught him is "bull" next time.

And So They Flew

A fly and a flea in a flue
Were imprisoned so what could they do?
Said the fly: "Let us flee."
Said the flea: "Let us fly."
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 15

VERONA, PA.—Circle No. 15, Lodge 680, is holding its regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Veronian Clubhouse. The third meeting of this year is going to be held on March 11.

Every Thursday night at 7 o'clock, at the Veronian Club, is "Juvenile Night." The juveniles meet each week on Thursday for the purpose of getting together. The members can take part in various games, they can dance to the popular records and do many other things.

We also have three new members. Mary Budich, Sophie Budich, and Mary Radivitch. I was very much surprised when our manager, Ann Gostkowski, presented to me the certificate of award. I wish to thank her as well as the SN-PJ for the award.

All members of Circle 15 are urged to attend the next meeting, Thursday, March 11, at 7 p. m. My best regards to one and all.

MATILDA DOLES, 14, lodge 680.
213 Penn Street, Verona, Pa.

JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 20

AGUILAR, COLO.—Needless to say, 1943 is well under way for everyone by now. I hope that everyone has made some good resolutions. One which I think all those belonging to Circle No. 20 should make is to attend every meeting of 1943.

I know, of course, that your time is valuable, but I am sure that one hour on Sunday morning to attend a meeting will not lead you to ruin, and that only once each month. One of these days youth will have the affairs of our organization in its hands, and if not trained properly when young, they will not know how to get about when their time comes.

To elaborate a little further on this point, it is possible that one of the little boys playing marbles today will be president of the United States when he grows up into manhood. Also, it is possible that one of the little girls playing dolls today will be president of the United States when she grows up into womanhood. As we all know, there is no law preventing women holding high positions.

I know that little children like to sleep on Sunday mornings, but one Sunday in each month is not too much to get up and attend a meeting.

Due to the gasolin and tire rationing it is hard to visit our neighboring Circles. We would like to see how they conduct meetings and how they transact business. If luck is with us, some one who has some extra gas and doesn't need it for any important business might be persuaded to take us to visit some nearby Circles sometime during this year.

It should be fun for youngsters to write letters and draw. The Mladinski List offers them an opportunity to write letters to the editors and also to draw pictures and have them published. It would be nice to see Aguilar represented by drawings and letters.

Children carry on a regular correspondence with one another and call one another "pen pals."

They very likely begin writing to one another by reading the letters published in the Mladinski List. By writing to pen pals one living in the West knows what the people in the East have for entertainment, how they live, what they do, and vice versa.

I hope that this letter will "reform" the members of Circle No. 20, and that we will be able to read letters in the Mladinski List from more of our contributors from now on.

FRANCES KOSERNIK, Manager
Box 199, Aguilar, Colorado.

JUVENILE CIRCLE "STARLIGHTERS"

BON AIR, PA.—Our Juvenile Circle No. 39 has 103 members, boys and girls. We are called the "Starlighters", which is a fair name for a group such as ours. We have chosen the name because it is so rare.

Each second Sunday of the month we hold our meetings. Many attend these meetings and there is much happiness among us. The meetings start at seven o'clock in which the officers play a great part.

"Let's hold a party!" someone will yell. Everyone approves, they think it's swell. We appoint to members the tickets to get, a few more details, and a date is set. (Note the rhyme.)

When it's time for adjournment, we hate to go; we will meet again next month, we know. We can hardly await the next meeting, you see, because we plan to do great things in 1943.

EDMUND KORBER, Rec. Secretary
R. D. 2, Box 203, Johnstown, Pa.

ROUNDUP JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 28

ROUNDUP, PA.—Circle No. 28 held its regular monthly meeting in January. The meeting was called to order in regular form. Here is a short report of the meeting.

Bobby Bedey and Loraine Klos each received a certificate. Louise Lekse received \$6 and Carl Kerzan received \$4 for their work.

We were glad to have Carl Kerzan with us to present the Juvenile Circle charter. Several new members were accepted in the Circle. A vote was taken on the proposal to have an ice-skating party; 5 were for and 5 against. This question was to be decided at the following meeting.

It was decided that we have a valentine party; we drew valentines from a box. A treat was prepared for us after the party. Adviser Lea Oset was in charge of the treat.

The new members were initiated after the business meeting was over. We spent \$4.05 for our yule party; we have \$22.33 in our treasury. Joan Finco was to report at the adult lodge meeting. The meeting was adjourned in regular form.

FRANK LEKSE, Secretary
Box 465, Roundup, Mont.

Nit and Wit

Nit: "When I went home last night I found a horse in the bathtub."

Wit: "What did you do?"

Nit: "I just pulled the plug out."

Our Pen Pals Write

(Naši čitateljski pišejo)

BEAUTIFUL COLORADO

Dear Editor:—It has been a long time since I've written to this wonderful magazine. I have been planning to write a number of times, but it seems something always came up and I put it off.

Colorado is really a wonderful place to live in, and I especially like this part of the state—Durango. I have been going ice skating quite a lot this winter. Many of us "kids" get together and have a swell time. We build a bonfire, and it lights up the whole pond. The most fun of skating is when you try something new and take a few spills. The only thing wrong with ice skating is—the season is too short.

I am a senior in the Durango High School. I will be 17 years old by the time this letter is printed. We have a lovely school with three grades and about 400 pupils. It is small, but the smaller the school the more of the pupils you know. Durango High has a wonderful music instructor, and consequently we have a very good band, orchestra, and other music organizations. I am a member of the orchestra where I play a violin. I also sing in the Girls' Glee Club. On January 29 we held our annual concert, and it was one of the best Durango has ever had.

I wish to say hello to all of my pen pals. I would also like a few more pen pals, girls as well as boys. I remain a proud member of the SNPJ—**Louise Jakshe**, R. No. 1, Box 40, Durango, Colo.

FROM A NEW MEMBER

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I became a member of the SNPJ in April, 1942. We had a yule play for our parents and friends, called Santa's Vacation. After the play we all went to our club room and had a little party and all kinds of refreshments. Gifts were also exchanged and we all had a marvellous time.

I go to the fifth grade and my teacher's name is Sister M. Vivian. I have a little sister whose name is Jean. She is six years old, has red hair and blue eyes. She is in first grade. I have blue eyes and blonde hair. I am 9½ years old.

I belong to the Juvenile Circle No. 24. Mrs. Christine Stritar is our director, and we could not have a better one. Best regards to all.—**Jean Barrett** (9½), 602 Tenth Street, Waukegan, Ill. (Lodge 568)

TWO IN UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

Dear Editor:—I haven't written to this fine magazine for a long time, but I hope I'll do better this year. I have only one brother left at home now, and one sister. Two of my brothers are in the Army. Tommie is stationed at Tucson, Ariz., and John is in Hawaii. Tommie is a private and John is a corporal.

I am a junior in the Greenwood High School. I am 16 years old. This is my third letter to the Mladinski List. I am a member of SNPJ lodge 735.

My best regards to all ML readers.—**Lilyan Pozega** (16), Box 73, Willard, Wis. (Please write on one side of the paper only.—Ed.)

MY BIRTHDAY PARTY



Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I am going to try to write every month to this fine magazine.

I am in the fifth grade. I have four teachers. My room teacher's name is Mrs. Steed. We had a Christmas play and I was the leading lady. I like to sing and dance. My birthday was on Dec. 3 and my mother had a surprise party for me. She had 12 girl friends at the party. And boy! was it a surprise.

I have two cousins that write to this fine magazine, Violet Maslek and Mary Ann Rudich. I would like to have some pen pals and I promise to answer all letters pronto. I am sending my picture for

publication in the M. L.

I have one sister, Dolores; we call her "Mickey." She is 9 years old and in the fourth grade. Best regards to all.—**Marijane Bisich** (10), 1010 Nimic Ave., Monaca, Pa. (Lodge 722)

IS PROUD OF THE M. L.

Dear Editor:—This is the first time I have written to this fine magazine. I've been a little lazy and at times very busy with school work. I want to make a success in everything this year.

I enjoy reading this magazine for it is very interesting. You can always find interesting things in it for school. I especially like the Pen Pal section. In short, I am proud of this magazine.

I would like to have some pen pals between the ages of 14 and 17, girls and boys. I promise to answer all letters promptly. I am sending a drawing and I hope it will be published. Best regards to all.—**Kathryn Spraitz**, P. O. Box 93, Glidden, Wisconsin.

OUR GOAL—VICTORY!

Dear Editor:—I was delighted to see that I received a gorgeous Victory SNPJ pin. It's really a very becoming pin and I want to thank the SNPJ for it, also for the \$5 in war stamps. These stamps make anyone happy and they make real gifts plus getting near our aimed goal—Victory!

And was I surprised to see that I had won one of the beautiful trophies. I am indeed grateful to receive it and keep it as a wonderful token of

joining the best organization—the SNPJ. It surely will be a living and lasting memorable token. I can't express my deep appreciation and thanks in this letter.

Thanks ever so much. I am thankful I belong to the SNPJ. Best regards to one and all from a proud SNPJ member—**Zita Bozanic** (15), Worcester, N. Y. (Lodge 303)

MY BLACKSMITH COURSE

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to this wonderful magazine. I have enjoyed reading this magazine for the past several years but never thought of writing to it.

I am a junior at the South Huntingdon Twp. High School. Besides attending school during the day, I also take a blacksmith course. I take this course every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 6 to 11 p. m. I started taking this course on Nov. 16. By the time this letter is published I will already have received the blacksmith course diploma in January. I really like the course. My friend, Edward William Kroper, is also taking this course, and he likes it very much, too.

I am seventeen years of age and will soon be eighteen. My greatest desire is to join the Marines. In conclusion I would like to say hello to Helen Ashenbrenner of Chicago. I'll close, remaining a proud member of the SNPJ—**Frank Joseph Turkal** (17) Yukon, Pennsylvania.

"SO MANY PEN PALS"

Dear Editor:—I am again writing to this beloved magazine, the Mladinski List. I have been rather busy lately and find it hard to correspond with so many pen pals. I am a junior at the South Huntingdon Twp. High School. I want to thank all of my pen pals for the many swell cards and letters. I will sent you all a little surprise soon.

I am taking the blacksmith course. This and school take up a great deal of my time. I can hardly find time for letter writing. I want to say hello to all of the pen pals whose letters and cards I haven't answered yet. Also to Mary Hevalo, Louise Lekse, Margie Dekesanders, Edward William Lipovec, Zora Gostovich, Stephania Kober, Anne Stubler, Dorothy Martincic, Agnes Spek and all the rest. I will answer your letters soon.

So long to all of you pen pals and best wishes to all the ML readers and contributors.—**Edward William Kroper** (16), Box 384, Yukon, Pa.

FUNNY NICKNAMES

Dear Editor:—I am writing my first letter to the M. L. I am 13 years old and I have light brown hair, blue eyes and weigh 96 lbs. I am in the eighth grade. My teacher is Mr. Rouck. We have two grades in one room. There are four teachers in the school. There are 13 pupils in my class. Our teacher is the principal and music teacher.

I have two brothers and eight sisters. Four of my sisters are married and two are working, one in Montrose and one in Denver. The next to the youngest sister goes to college at Grand Junction, and the youngest is a senior in high school. My

oldest brother is in the Navy. My other brother is a freshman in high school.

I have many pals in this little coal camp. Some of the nicknames are really funny. Such as "Bags," that's what they call me. Others are Bud, Bep, Browns, Boots, Bretches, Baldy, Shunka, Fuzzy, Slue and Monk. Every night we play football, even though it isn't football season.

Recently, there was an accident in the mine here. A man was killed.

That's all the news now. I will write more next time. Best regards to all.—**John Penko**, Box 333, Somerset, Colo.

WANTED: PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I should have written before to this fine magazine. I am 12 years old and will be 13 in July. I am in the seventh grade. I weigh 79 pounds. I have hazel brown eyes, dark blonde hair. I would very much like to have some pen pals, girls as well as boys. I will answer every letter as soon as I get one. Best regards.—**Genevieve Homola** (12), 512 Valley Ave., Johnstown, Pa.

"THINGS TO MAKE"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I am going to join in on the next contest. My topic, which will extend over the entire year, is called "Things to Make." For my first project I am sending in a tooth brush holder in the shape of a dog's head. For the next issue I will send in something suitable for that month. Best regards to all.—**Ed Benvin** (16), McKeesport, Pa. (Lodge 347)

PEN PALS WANTED

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the ML, and I don't know why I haven't written to this fine magazine before. I guess I am just too lazy. I am 13 years of age and in the seventh grade at the Lorain Boro School. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, and weigh 87 lbs. My hobbies are collecting pictures of pen pals; my sports are swimming and playing tennis. I would like to have some pen pals. I will answer each letter promptly. Best regards to all.—**Dorothy Hody** (13), 391 Ohio St., Johnstown, Pa.

LET'S BUY BONDS & STAMPS

Dear Editor:—I enjoy reading this fine magazine very much. This is my first letter, and I am sorry I didn't write sooner. I am 13 years of age, but will be 14 on the 12th of March. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, am 5 ft. 1 in. tall, weigh 100 lbs. and am in the eighth grade.

The subjects that I take are music, art, English, arithmetic, social studies, science and sewing. By the time this letter is published I will be taking speech instead of science. I also take gym and swimming. I like school very much and am interested in all my subjects.

My dad is the Secretary of SNPJ lodge 125. We all belong to the SNPJ—my mother, father and I. I have been doing all I can to help win the war.

I have given scrap and saved in my school savings bank enough to buy a war bond, and I am saving for another one. Let's all do our part by giving and buying all the war bonds and stamps we can.

Wishing you all the best of luck and happiness in 1943.—**Mary Jean Kosmerl** (13), S. R. 3, Box 319, Hibbing, Minn. (Lodge 125)

JOEY LIKES THE M. L.



Dear Editor:—Here I am writing to this wonderful magazine, although this is my first letter. I am 11 years of age and in the fifth grade. I have light brown hair and brown eyes.

My father, mother, brother, and I belong to SNPJ lodge 44. I enjoy reading the poems and stories in this fine magazine. My sports are bicycle riding and playing Indians. Enclosed is a picture of myself. I took this picture when I was 9 years old.

I will close now with best regards to all.—**Joseph Nadu** (11), 716 Bloom Ave., Nanty Glo,

Pa. (Please address your letters to the Mladinski List.—Ed.)

MY 17 PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I haven't written to the ML for quite some time because I've been very busy with my homework, and writing to my 17 pen pals! Outside reading also keeps me pretty busy, for I have to get 400 credits a month.

My uncle, Frank Kotar, died Oct. 4. He was president of our SNPJ lodge 98 for 24 years.—I would like to say hello to all my pen pals. Several of them keep asking me when I was going to write to the M. L. Well, here I am. I would like to thank the SNPJ for the beautiful gold Victory pin which I received.

We really had our share of snow. I would like to have a few more pen pals. I wish everyone a lot of luck in 1943.—**Agnes Marzel** (13), Box 78, Rte. 1, La Salle, Ill.

STAMP AND BOND DRIVE

Dear Editor:—I am trying to start the new year right by writing to this fine magazine. Our SNPJ lodge 257 had its annual elections and my Father was reelected as Secretary. Our lodge has eight boys in the service and the lodge sent them gifts.

Our school held a stamp and bond drive for two weeks, our goal was \$2500. Before the two weeks were over we had \$2600. If all the other schools

do as much as we did, they will be doing their share. We are all very proud of our success.

The weather here is swell for those who enjoy ice skating. You don't have to go to any pond—you can skate right on the street. Best regards to all.—**Mary Knafelc**, 13312 St. James Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

THANK YOU, SNPJ!

Dear Editor:—First of all I'd like to thank the SNPJ for the \$3 in war stamps and the Victory pin. I will continue to write to this fine magazine.

Our drill team hasn't been drilling lately but I think we will start soon. I was glad to see my picture in the M. L. I will continue to draw as well as to write. I want to say hello to all my pen pals and would like to hear from more and see more letters from Gowanda in the M. L.

I will close now with best regards to all.—**Lottie Legiecki** (15), 23 Beech St., Gowanda, N. Y. (Circle 40)

HELLO, EVERYBODY!

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to this fine magazine. I am 13 years old and am in the eighth grade. I belong to the Juvenile Circle "Youth of America" No. 47. My brother, James Pinelli, is the treasurer. He had a broken leg last summer, and just started to come to meetings about two months ago. Our Circle has a very large membership.

I want to say hello to my pen pal, Violet Shusha, of Windber, Pa. I would like to have more pen pals, girls and boys, and will answer all letters promptly. Best regards to all.—**Helen Pinelli** (13), R. D. 3, Box 241, Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 82, Circle 47)

DOROTHY'S "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I am in the seventh grade. The names of my teachers are: Miss Heath, Miss Smith, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Halas, Miss Vaughn, Mrs. Laubaugh. My subjects are history, English, geography, mathematics, domestic science, guidance, gym, penmanship. I have three pen pals—Veronica Avsec, Jennie Bernard and Josephine Powell. I wish to have more pen pals. Regards to all.—**Dorothy Verh** (12), 414 Iowa Ave., Glassport, Pa. (Lodge 347)

OUR SERVICE FLAG

Dear Editor:—I wish to thank the SNPJ for the \$4 worth of war stamps and also the gold filled Victory pin. It certainly was a nice Christmas present.

On Dec. 14, Worcester had its service flag dedicated. The number 64 is on it, of which one stands for a soldier who gave his life for his country. Our school also has a service flag in its auditorium, for the boys who have graduated from the school. The number at present is 43, but which was changed at the end of the first semester.

In our school the classes are competing to see

which class purchases the most bonds and stamps. The sophomore class of 43 students, of which I am a member, tops them all with \$160, with the fourth grade coming behind with about \$100.

Closing, may I congratulate all winners of 1942 and urge everyone to buy more war bonds and stamps this year.—**Vera Bozanic** (14), Worcester, N. Y. (Lodge 393)

SUMMER IN JANUARY

Dear Editor:—First of all I want to thank the SNPJ for the lovely certificate. I really appreciate it.—It is so nice here that I can't believe it's winter. The sun is shining and it's warm (Jan. 8).

Today I received a few pictures from my classmates and I like them very much. I also like school, sometimes, depending on the lessons.

This is all for this time, more next time. Best regards to all.—**Josephine Kosernik** (13), Box 199, Aguilar, Colo. (Lodge 381, Circle 20)

THIS IS MY "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to this fine magazine, which I like very much. I am 10 years old and am in the fifth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Hartman. My favorite hobbies are saving paper dolls, movie star pictures and ML copies. I would like to say hello to Lillian Majnik. My brother Harry is about to join the army. I will write more next time. Best regards to all.—**Eva Yezek** (10), 49 Palmer St., Gowanda, N. Y. (Lodge 325)

THE SNPJ VICTORY PIN

Dear Editor:—My first letter was published some months ago. Since then I have received five pen pal letters from Ann Marie Krstulich, Esther Lucero, Mary Padovich, Marilyn Johns and Betty Carrico. I want to say hello to all of them. Ann Maries sent me three beautiful stones from the Montana mines.

Our Juvenile Circle 47 gave out the gold filled SNPJ Junior Victory award pins. I received one and think it is very beautiful. I was very glad to receive one. I have three \$25 war bonds and am still buying more.

I like to draw girls and go to the movies. I enjoy writing letters to my pen pals and to this fine magazine. I am sending a drawing which I hope will be published. Until my next letter, I remain a proud member of the SNPJ.—**Betty Jane Dyba** (13), R. D. 3, Box 293, Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 82, Circle 27)

FROM PORTLAND, OREGON

Dear Editor:—This is my third letter to the ML, and I enjoy writing to this fine magazine very much. I go to James John school now, but will have to go to Sitton very soon. I will be in the 8A grade.

It is supposed to be winter now, but it is very nice outside. I got a lot of nice things for Christmas. The things I liked best are my wood-burning set and a year's subscription to two comic books.

This will be all for this month. I'll write more next time. I am sending a few jokes and wish they would be published. Regards.—**Mary Lou Ambro**, 9224 N. Hudson Ave., Portland, Oregon. (Lodge 627)

LIKES PEN-PAL LETTERS

Dear Editor:—I saw my first letter in the ML, and this one is my second letter. I think this magazine is wonderful. I enjoy reading the letters in it. I would like to have some pen pals. My hobby is to collect movie stars and stamps. I have two sisters. Regards to all.—**Anna Palcher**, Butte Valley, Colo.

"IT'S A PLEASURE"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. It is a pleasure to write to such a fine magazine. Our Youth of America Circle meets several times each week. On Monday evening we have a correspondence night, when we prepare our work for the M. L. and similar work. Wednesday nights are Play Nights, consisting of games.

This letter will probably be printed in the March issue, and March is my birthday month. I will be 14. I want to say hello to my two pen pals, Amie Zolar and Martha Palovchik. I want to thank them for becoming my pen pals. I would like to have more pen pals. Regards to one and all.—**Ruth Fletcher** (13), 437 Ohio St., Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 82, Circle 47)

LUCILLE'S "SECOND"



(Lodge 549)

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to this fine magazine. I am 4 ft. 10 in. tall, have dark brown hair and brown eyes. I go to Tremont School and am in the sixth grade. I am a girl scout, Troop 28.

I want to say hello to my pen pal Anna Cernoia, as well as to each and every one who reads this wonderful magazine.—**Lucille Jovanovich** (11), 1312 18th st., Sacramento, California.

MY SEVENTH LETTER

Dear Editor:—This is about my seventh letter I've written to the M. L. At the last Circle 47 meeting we elected officers. James Lees is president; Mary Ann Marine, vice-president; Dorothy Rubrecht, secretary; James Pinelli, treas. We meet twice each month.

All of my girl friends have started to contribute letters and articles to the M. L. I hope they keep it up. I wish that Laverne Alt of Colorado would write to me and send me the address of Shirley Moran. Best regards to all.—**Frances Strozar** (13), R. D. 3, Box 245, Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 82)—Ed. note: Please write on one side of the paper

PHYLLIS WILL WRITE MORE

Dear Editor:—I have written only once to the M. L. I am going to try and write more. I haven't very many pen pals and would like more. I write to Louise Besto, Dorothy Magnus, Theresa (?), and Evelyn Terselic.

Lottie Legiecki, Jennie Widgay and John Matekovich are about the only ones that contribute to the ML from our Circle. Our Circle meeting was held Jan. 10. We decided to have a valentine party, which was held on Feb. 14 at the Slovene Home. The dance for the benefit of the soldiers on Jan. 9 was a big success. They received many packages of cigarettes for the soldiers.

I hope I will have more pen pals, especially from California. Best wishes to all.—**Phyllis Pine** (13), 44 Frederick St., Gowanda, N. Y. (Circle 40)

WORKING IN DETROIT

Dear Editor:—First of all, I want to thank the SNPJ for the war stamps which I received for my contributions in the M. L. It certainly was a pleasant surprise.

I have been in Detroit since last summer. At first I did housework but now I am employed as a telephone operator. When I came to Detroit I was a stranger but I soon got acquainted, largely with the help of my cousin, Christine, who showed me the city.

I haven't seen any articles in the ML or Prosveta from West Point, Ohio, since I left that town. What's the matter, members? Let's see who can contribute some articles either to the ML or Prosveta. The only reason I haven't written for such a long time is that I've been very busy lately. My best regards to all.—**Stephie Taucher**, 18682 Shaftsburg Road, Detroit, Mich. (Lodge 358, Power Point, Ohio)

MARION'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to this fine magazine. I am in the sixth grade at the Gowanda Public School. My teacher, Miss Sorenson, is very nice. I belong to the Juvenile Circle No. 40. We had a valentine party on Feb. 14. I would like to say hello to my pen pals Dorothy Gasperic, Lillian Majnik, Mildred Cretnik. I wish Mary Zalar, Lillian Majnik and Virginia Orazem would answer my letters. Regards to one and all.—**Marion Widgay** (10), 31 Palmer St., Gowanda, N. Y. (Lodge 325)

"SPECIAL THANKS"

Dear Editor:—Here I am, writing to this fine magazine again. I want to say hello to all my pen pals. I want to send "special" thanks to Agnes Marzel, Lottie Ligiecki, Stella Mahne and Irene Magayna for remembering me. Recently, one of my brothers has become a sergeant in the Air Corps and is now stationed in Colorado. I am still going to school and I still don't like it, but I'll have to take it just as it comes. So long until next time.—**Andrew Rupnik** (15), 2500 Maple Ave., Aliquippa, Pa. (Lodge 122)

DONNIE LIKES POEMS

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I am twelve years old and in the sixth grade. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, and am 5 ft. 4 in. tall. I enjoy reading this wonderful magazine. I often read the poems printed in the ML to my class and they all like them. I belong to the 4-H club. I would like to have some pen pals, girls as well as boys. I will write more next time.—**Donnie Francis Urbas** (12), Camdon-on-Ganley, W. Va. (Lodge 285)

JULIA'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—I am nine years old and I am in the fourth grade. I have blue eyes, blonde hair, and I am 4 ft. 1 in. tall. This is my first letter to the M. L. I live on a farm every summer. We have many mountains in W. Va. I have a good time riding hay shocks, slide off the hay stacks, etc. I would like to have pen pals. Best regards to all.—**Julia Ann Urbas**, Camdon-on-Ganley, W. Va. (Lodge 285)

HELEN'S "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to this fine magazine. I enjoy reading everything published in it that I can understand. Recently, I spent part of my time with one of my pen pals, Mary Hevalo of Struthers, O. I am a senior in high school. My brother-in-law was home on a 10-day furlough. He was promoted to a 2nd Lieutenant. I want to say hello to all my pen pals. Wake up, Warren, and keep 'em writing. Best regards to all.—**Helen Sroka** (17), 318 Belvedere Ave., Warren, O. (Lodge 321)

"NOT OVER FIFTEEN"

Dear Editor:—I have been a member of the SNPJ for ten years. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I live in the West and enjoy hearing from the East and South. I would like to have some pen pals, just so they are not over 15 years old. Will write more next time. Best regards to all.—**Jeanette Fera**, Box 90, Roslyn, Wash.

ALMOST SIXTEEN

Dear Editor:—I am almost 16, and I am 5 ft. 5 in. tall. I have brown hair and green-gray eyes. I am in the 11-A grade at Willoughby Union High School. I've been an honor roll student during the first semester. I like roller skating, swimming, football and basketball. I'd like very much to have some pen pals, girls and boys, from all over. Best regards to all.—**Lillian Grznic** (15), R. D. 1, Eddy Rd., Willoughby, Ohio.

DELMA IS PROUD

Dear Editor:—I am 14 years old and a freshman in the Black Diamond High School. I have five subjects and I have been very busy lately. In my spare time I collect news for our school paper, "The Sparkler." I am the local reporter, and I am proud to say that I am one of the 56 members of the observation group. I am also

proud to say that I have two cousins in the Navy. In my class we have 11 members and we have \$545.50 in war bonds and stamps. I wish more members from here would write to the M. L. My best regards to one and all.—**Delma Tomsic** (14), Box 143, Black Diamond, Wash. (Lodge 57)

ROSE WAS SURPRISED

Dear Editor:—I was really surprised when I received the \$3 award in war stamps from the SNPJ. Thank you, SNPJ. My brother is in the Army Air Corps in Florida. I was chosen to enter a Victory Club in my English class as I have knitted two scarfs and filled service kits for the Red Cross. I also take care of defense workers' children. I was 15 last month. Best regards to all.—**Rose Chagenovich** (15)—984 Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, California. (Lodge 416)

BILL'S FAREWELL NOTE

Dear Editor:—This will probably be my last letter to the M. L. Since I've been a member I've contributed many letters and many more drawings. I want to thank the SNPJ for the beautiful trophy that I received; it will always remind me of my juvenile days as it will be a constant, permanent reminder. I also want to thank the SNPJ for the nice pin and war stamps.



Now I'll be transferred to the adult class; this will mean the end of my letters and contributions. But we all grow older and we have to look to the future. Our country is calling its youth to the armed forces to fight the enemy who is trying to take our freedom from us. At the present time I am working in the dental laboratory in Butte, but am waiting for the time I'll be going to serve Uncle Sam.

I've always enjoyed art and drawing and some day I hope to be an illustrator or cover designer for some nation-wide magazine. So, I'll say so long to my fellow members and say to them, "Keep up the good work."—**Bill Baltezar** (18), 1246 Short St., Butte, Mont. (Lodge 249)

TWO BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Dear Editor:—Here I am again, writing to the March issue of the M. L. During our second semester in the Aurora High School, our classes were somewhat revised. We've had some nice snowstorms here. I have one brother in the Navy and one in the Army. I write to them very often. My mother and I are saving waste fat to help win this war. I am working for my second bond also. When this letter is published I will be 16. I am 5 ft. 7 in. tall and weigh 138 lbs. I am enclosing a snapshot of myself. (Colored photos do not

reproduce well enough for the magazine.—Ed.)—**Florence Alich** (16), Box 607, Aurora, Minnesota. (Lodge 111)

JOHNNY'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—I am 13 years old and will be 14 in July. This is my first letter to this fine magazine. I have hazel eyes, brown hair, weight 98 lbs. and my height is 4 ft. 8 in. I am in the seventh grade. I would like to have some pen pals, girls as well as boys. Regards to all.—**John Koplin** (13), 391 Ohio St., Johnstown, Pa.

WANTED: PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I am 15 years of age and I am a sophomore in High school. This is my first letter to this fine magazine. I have brown eyes and medium blonde hair. I like school very much. I have eight teachers and eight subjects. I would like to have a few pen pals, boys or girls.—**Henniferia Celin**, Box 344, Library, Pa. (Lodge 386)

FROM THE "GEM STATE"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I see letters from many states but none from Idaho. I am glad to know that my cousin from Panama, Ill., is writing every month. I am 13 years of age and in the seventh grade. I am in the harmonica band now. My hobby is collecting match books from different states, and recipes. Wake up, boys and girls, and let's have more letters from our Gem State, Idaho. Regards to one and all.—**Alberta Blatnik**, Osburn, Idaho. (Lodge 657 at Kellogg)

WANTED: PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I am in the eighth grade at Lorain Borough School, and I have three teachers. I am 5 ft. 1 in. tall, have brown hair and brown eyes. I belong to the Youth of America Circle No. 47, and usually am in all the activities. I like to read the ML very much, especially the Pen Pal page. I like the drawings, especially those by Bill Baltezar. I would like to have some pen pals, and wish Helen Mikulich would answer my letter. Regards to all.—**Christine Kolar**, 421 Ohio St., Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 684)

"I'LL CARRY ON"

Dear Editor:—I have been a member of the SNPJ as long as I have lived, that is 14 years. This is my first letter to the M. L. My brother has been sending drawings for the last three years and has always been an active member. Now that he has transferred to the adult class I have decided to take up where he left off. I have always read every article in this magazine. I hope you will find a place for my drawings in the M. L., which I'd consider an honor.—**Ethel Baltezar** (14), 1246 Short St., Butte, Mont.

SAW GLASS BLOWERS

Dear Editor:—I promised to write to the ML and am trying my best to do so. We are glad that exams are over. I passed all my tests with pretty

good grades. I want to say hello to all of my pen pals. Last week in school we saw the Hawles, or glass blowers. They blew many interesting objects: a stork, bell that jingles, a peace pipe, etc. Best wishes to everybody.—**Helen Mance** (15), 14 Grant St., Cokeburg, Pa. (Lodge 386)—Ed. note: Please write on one side of the paper only. Thank you.

OUR WAR STAMPS

Dear Editor:—I received the SNPJ pin and wish to thank you for it very much. I saw that sister Annie got \$6 worth of war stamps and last year she got \$5. I have \$2.50 worth of ten-cent war stamps. Best regards to all.—**Amelia Cretnik** (9), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24)

SNPJ VICTORY PIN

Dear Editor:—I received the Victory pin and want to thank the SNPJ for it. I am enjoying writing to this fine magazine. I think many others enjoy writing to this magazine, because there are so many letters in it from all parts of the country. Thanks again for the nice SNPJ pin. Best wishes to all.—**Mildred Cretnik** (11), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24).

IT'S A BEAUTY!

Dear Editor:—I, too, received an SNPJ pin, and boy! Is it a beauty. It makes me want to write to the ML every month. At school we have two new teachers, Miss Barkley and Mrs. Adams, our principal. Mrs. Barkley is our English teacher. It sure is getting cold down here, with only 2° above zero on Jan. 19. Best regards to all.—**William Cretnik** (12), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24)

IT'S A DANDY!

Dear Editor:—I want to thank the SNPJ for the \$6 war stamps. I really was surprised and thrilled. I also want to thank the SNPJ for the beautiful pin—it's a dandy. My sister Mary was home from Chicago recently and we all had an enjoyable time together. I wish Freda Snoy would soon get well again. My best regards to one and all.—**Annie Cretnik** (16), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24)

HORSE AND BUGGY

Dear Editor:—I am 11 years old and am in the fifth grade. I have four teachers. This is my first letter to the M. L. We live on a farm. We have a horse and my father is going to buy a buggy. My sister Veronica Jankovich is in the Waacs in Des Moines, Iowa. Her husband is in the Army. I would like to have some pen pals. Best regards to all.—**Dorothy Polutnik**, R. D. 1, Box 860, Homestead, Pa.

THANK YOU, SNPJ

Dear Editor:—I wish to thank the SNPJ for the nice prize I received. It was a real surprise to me. The \$6 I received helped to fill out our stamp book and get a bond. The pin is very attractive.

It was a real encouragement, too. Edward Kroper failed to answer my letter. I am still collecting cards and would like to receive many more. I will write more next time.—**Louise Lekse** (16), Box 465, Roundup, Mont. (Lodge 700)

FREDA IS THANKFUL

Dear Editor:—I want to thank the SNPJ for the Victory pin which I received recently. This year I hope to contribute more articles than last year. I also want to thank the girls and boys who wrote letters and sent cards to me. I will not be able to answer them all for I haven't been feeling well. Also, I want to thank those who sent me gifts.

My parents and two brothers were up here in Columbus, Ohio, to see me in December. I was very glad to see them. Here at the hospital they try to have it as nice as they can for the children. I hope I'll be home by next Christmas, for I spent the third one here.

Down in Bridgeport, Ohio, where I live, they had a big flood early this year. A lot of damage was done. The water came up so fast that people didn't have time to move all their things. Best regards to all.—**Freda Snoy** (16), R. F. D. 1, Box 7, Bridgeport, Ohio. (Lodge 13)

HERE IS A PROBLEM

Dear Editor:—I am 12 years of age and am in the seventh grade in the Lincoln School. I have eight subjects and four teachers. This is my first letter to the M. L. but I will write more often now. I would like to have some pen pals. Here is a problem: If a man has a dollar, he wants to take 100 people to a show, how many children, men and women can get in? Prices are: 10 children for 1c, 1 woman for 2c, 1 man for 5c. Answer: 70 children 7c, 11 men 55c, 19 women 38c, or 100 people for the price of one dollar. Best regards to all.—**Frank Sabich** (12), Vermont & Congress sts., McKeesport, Pa. (Lodge 347)

MARJORIE'S "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I am 13 years old and have brown hair. I am in the ninth grade at South Union High. We had a freshman party at our school and we had a very nice time.

I have two brothers in the U. S. Army. I wish I would have some pen pals and I promise to answer all letters promptly. I have a cousin in New York who is a member of the SNPJ. In school I have seven subjects; our teachers are very nice. Best regards.—**Marjorie Pavlovich**, Gen. Del., Uniontown, Pa. (Lodge 326)

ANOTHER FAREWELL NOTE

Dear Editor:—This is probably my last letter to the ML for I passed my 18th birthday on Jan. 8 and have joined the adult class. I feel rather blue at the prospect of not writing to the Pen Pal page and Our School section. However, I can do my part in the senior lodge from now on. The prospects for a Juvenile Circle here are good if only enough people would get interested in this work.

I'll try to get one started in the near future. I would like to hear from some of the circle managers as to how they got their circle started. I have been an ML contributor for five years. Among my best pen pals are Anna Potisk, West Allis, Wis., Edward Posiek, Anvil Location, Mich., Mary Klevisher, Louise Pucel, and Philip Jerman. I wish to thank the editor and the SNPJ for the war stamps I received. Much success to the ML in the coming years. A very proud member—**Violet Mae Maslek**, 341 Park St., Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. (Lodge 122)

COLLECTS CARDS

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I am 14 years old but I will be 15 on June 10. I have brown hair, brown eyes, and am 5 ft. 2 in. tall. I am in my freshman year at the Franklin High School. My favorite sports are swimming, skating and bicycle riding. I am also fond of exchanging post cards.

By the time this letter is published (in the March issue) winter will be almost over. I like spring and summer better. I am a member of SNPJ lodge 168.

My subjects in school are English, civics, mathematics, science and minors. I like all of my teachers. I would like to have some girl and boy pen

pals. This is all until next time.—**Olga Malhowsky** (14), 260 Spruce St., Franklin Boro, Conemaugh, Pennsylvania.

SPRING IN ARKANSAS

Dear Editor:—As I am writing this letter (early in January), the weather is warm with a cool breeze blowing. I think that when this letter is printed we will be in Scarbro, West Virginia. But I will keep writing to the ML from there.

I would like to receive picture post cards from anyone who would be so kind to send them to me. My favorite radio programs are Stella Delas, Joan Davis, Young Widow Brown and Abbies Irish Rose. My favorite sports are bicycle riding, swimming, hiking, and playing basketball. I am a member of SNPJ lodge 24.

I received many nice gifts for Christmas, too many to mention. My best regards to all, including the Editor.—**Georgie M. Mociwnik** (11), P. O. Box 86, Jenny Lind, Ark.

No Eggs

Mother (to little girl who had been sent to the hen house for eggs): "Well, were there no eggs?"

Little Girl: "No, mummie, only the one the hen uses for a pattern."

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NOTE: The Juvenile Director should be notified, promptly, by the Circle Manager when changes are made in the roster of officers or their addresses. This is also required if a Circle is organized or one ceases to exist.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON JUST FOR FUN PAGE:

Riddle-me-Rec: 1—True. 2—True. 3—True. 4—False. 5—True.

How Old Is Mary? Mary is 17.

Abbreviations: 1—In the same place. 2—The same. 3—That is. 4—And so forth. 5—Namely.

Jumbled Sentences: 1—Bread is the staff of life. 2—New brooms sweep clean. 3—Business before pleasure. 4—Beauty is as beauty does. 5—All's well that ends well. 6—A penny saved is a penny earned.

Girls' Names: 1—Rose, Violet, Daisy. 2—Polly. 3—May. 4—Carol. 5—Hazel, Ruby.

Radio Folk: 1—Charles McCarthy and Edgar Bergen. 2—Fibber McGee and Molly. 3—George Burns and Gracie Allen. 4—Jack Benny and Mary Livingstone. 5—Hanley Stafford and Baby Snooks.

Memory Refresher: 1—Whittier. 2—Giant seaweed. 3—Mayor. 4—Singer. 5—Virginia.

Answers to word square on page 10

1. Draw	3. Aces
2. Race	4. West

1943 IS SNPJ JUVENILE YEAR

- This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Juvenile Department and the 5th of the organization of Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ.
- Commemorate these important anniversaries by staging elaborate cultural and entertainment celebrations.
- Invite talented juvenile members of nearby SNPJ Lodges to participate in your programs.
- Utilize the profits and success of these celebrations for further expansion of juvenile activities in the respective communities.
- Encourage the members to cultivate an appreciation of the finer things of life through the social, cultural and educational mediums offered by the SNPJ.
- Urge your friends to join the SNPJ for greater security, protection and happiness. Pledge that this year you will bring in at least one new member.
- Insure the future progress of the Society by organizing a Juvenile Circle in every SNPJ stronghold in America.
- Promote sports events, games, contests and exercises for the development of a stronger and healthier Society.
- Educate juvenile members to a better understanding of the value and meaning of cooperative protection and mutual benefits.
- Develop in them a more sincere desire to practice thrift by saving a part of their earnings or allowance for payment of assessments.
- Induce the members to attend meetings and affairs of the SNPJ more often, to read the Mladinski List and Prosveta, and to contribute interesting and accurate accounts of the outstanding celebrations of the year for the enjoyment and inspiration of the readers.
- Here you have the roads to victory for SNPJ in 1943. Carry out this program and you will build new leaders and a greater SNPJ for the morrow.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,
Juvenile Director.