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## APRILSKA

Katka Zupančič

Saj veste, april je,  
pa so na vrsti  
i njega norčije.

Ko solnce še sije—  
curlja iz oblaka,  
in trta privezana  
solze pretaka.

Na vejah vrabulje  
se tiho smeji,  
ko vozijo vrabci  
pred njimi kočijo.

Ob plotu na gredi  
je nekaj narobe:  
vile in grablje  
si kažejo zobe. . .

Mladež marljivo  
iz šole hiti  
in šolske modrosti  
pod roko tišči.

A veter neuki  
pa suče pero,  
da pismo napisal  
bi zimi v slovo.

## Pomladna

Stana Vinšek

Zopet prišlo je k nam mladoletje;  
sonce prebuja zelenje in cvetje,  
travniki in vrti in livada cveti —  
cveti še ti!

Kmetič na polju že orje in seje,  
halje zelene tkejo si veje,  
drobna čebela iz spanja hiti —  
delaj še ti!

Pojejo ptički na vejici vsaki,  
poje si veter, ko pleše z oblaki,  
poje, kar raste, brsti in kali —  
poj si še ti!

Smeje se sonce iz sinje višine,  
smeje se sneg iz daljne planine,  
smeje se val, ki iz tal žubori —  
smej se še ti!

Sanjajo klice o žetvi bogati,  
sanjajo trte o grozdju in bratvi,  
sanja vsak cvet, da v sad dozori —  
sanjaj še ti!

# Birthdays of the Great Men

By Louis Beniger

## WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

William Shakespeare, the greatest English poet and playwright, was born on April 23, 1564, in Stratford, England. His father was a tanner and glover by trade and his mother came from a moderately wealthy family. William received his formal education at the Stratford grammar school, but the better part of his education he began to acquire by rambles through the meadow and along the streams, and by talking with the common people of the countryside. This gave him a wonderfully deep and sure insight into Nature and a wide acquaintance with the folklore of his native district.

Young Shakespeare was withdrawn from school at the age of fourteen when his father's fortunes began to decline. His boyhood days were over and the next six years he spent at odd jobs. It was during this time that he first saw plays. Travelling companies of actors came to Stratford and he was present at their many performances, drinking in his first impressions of the fascinating world of the stage. At the age of twenty Shakespeare went to London, where he picked up a living by holding horses at the doors of the Theater. Soon after he found himself connected with a theater company, as actor, playwright, and stockholder. Thus began his literary career which skyrocketed him to the pinnacle of literature.

Shakespeare's first literary works were his youthful poems, "Venus and Adonis" and "Lucrece"; but it was mainly by his earnings at the theaters that he was able to reinstate his parents in their old position. He began his dramatic work by retouching old plays. One of these early ventures was "Love's Labor's Lost" and the other was "The Comedy of Errors," followed by the "Two Gentlemen from Verona," a dramatized romance adapted freely from one of the popular stories of his day. These experiments show how eagerly interested he was in literature.

The two plays which he next wrote—"A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Romeo and Juliet"—were, both in conception and execution, finished masterpieces. He then wrote

several plays dealing with English history, after which he wrote four comedies—"The Merchant of Venice," "Much Ado About Nothing," "As You Like It" and "Twelfth Night." His remarkable resourcefulness immediately turned to the "Sonnets," and it is said that if he had written nothing but these, he would still be a commanding figure in the literature of the world.

The work of the middle period of his life includes several plays on Roman and Greek subjects—"Julius Caesar," "Anthony and Cleopatra" and "Trolius and Cressida." The great tragedies include "Hamlet," "Othello," "Macbeth," etc. The plays which mark the closing period of his life are pure romances, "A Winter's Tale" and "The Tempest." In all, he wrote forty plays, besides a number of poems—and a hundred and fifty-four sonnets!

The very breath and dramatic greatness of Shakespeare's works prevent us from drawing from his private life any but the broadest inferences concerning his personal history. His works have been translated into all languages of the globe and his plays, written nearly 350 years ago, are still being produced in every civilized country.

Shakespeare retired to Stratford at the age of fifty to spend the remainder of his life in country quietude. He died at Stratford on April 26, 1616, at the age of 52, and was buried in the old church by the Avon, where thousands of pilgrims now go each year to read the words on his tomb beseeching men to let his dust lie quiet in his grave.

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Our readers will no doubt be interested to know that a number of Shakespeare's plays have been translated into Slovene. Among these are "Hamlet," "Julius Caesar," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Sen Kresne Noči), and "The Merchant of Venice" (Beneški Trgovec), all of them masterfully translated by Oton Župančič, the greatest living Slovene poet. It is also interesting to know that the scene of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" is laid in Jugoslavia . . .

# THE ORIGIN OF THE WORLD

By R. McMillan

(Continued.)

All that I have to say to you is published in great books, which are read by the world's scholars in England and America, and in all civilized countries; but they are not taught in our schools, because, I suppose, children are too young to understand them, or they are too poor to be interested in them, or they are too stupid. None of these reasons appeals to me at all, for I think that poor people ought to get the chance to learn just as well as the rich, and children ought to be taught the truth, whatever the consequences are.

When you stand in a paddock on a starry night, and look up to the great wide sky, you think that the stars are very small and very far away. You feel that this world is the big, solid, enduring place, and the stars are tiny specks of fire in the sky. Perhaps you have learned to sing, as I did when very small:—

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are;  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.

But the stars are not small! They are large, very large, as big as our sun, and every star you see in the sky is a sun! It is the stars that are large, and we that are small. Do you see what that means? You have to alter all your ideas, and it is not easy to do that, is it? This world is not very large, and the stars are. But they are so very far away that they look small. Our sun looks very large to us, but that is because it is so close. If we were as close to some of the other stars as we are to our own sun, we should soon be burned up.

Shall I tell you how far away our sun is from Australia? It is over 92,000,000 miles. That is so very, very far that we cannot realize how far it is. When a man owns a million pounds sterling, we think he is wonderfully rich; but no man owns ninety-three million sovereigns. You cannot think what a million means; and yet the sun is nearly ninety-three million miles from the earth, and if you look at it in the morning or the evening it looks no bigger than a cart-wheel. From the sun we get all our heat and light, life and power; and if the sun failed to rise, all life on the

earth would cease. Life itself, as Winwood Reade says, "is bottled sunshine, and death is the sleek-footed butler who draws the cork."

Our great big sun is one million, three hundred thousand times bigger than the earth; and that is so big that it makes our world seem but a tiny baby compared with it. You have never been round the world, so you will think this world is very large; but that is only by comparison.

From Australia to London is about 13,000 miles (the figure varies with the part of Australia you measure from, of course), but the distance to the sun is about 93,000,000 miles. This world is very large compared with a ball of worsted, but compared with the sun it is very small. All the same, our sun is very small compared with some suns. Sir David Gill, the great astronomer, says that the star Canopus—and you can see lots of stars like Canopus in our hemisphere—is a million and a half times brighter than our sun. That is, Canopus is so much brighter than our sun that it must be immensely larger. And when you see Canopus in the dark blue of the sky it looks just like Sirius, or one of the other stars that you can see any night. Our "great big sun" is only a little star-baby if you compare it with Canopus.

Do you understand now what I mean when I say that you have got to change your point of view before you can possibly understand the origin of the world? When I took in hand to tell you how the world began, I felt that I must first tell you what the world is, how small it is, and how insignificant in the universe.

One other thing I must tell you about the size of Canopus before I leave the subject. Suppose you were to drop our world into the sun (which is a great flaming fire), there would be a little flash, and a tiny blaze, and—that would be all! But if you wanted to fill the sun up with world-stuff, it would take a million of our earths to do it. And, in the face of a fact like that, we still think that the tiny little human beings on our mud-ball are important.

(Continued next month)



# Skrivnostna vreča

Stanko Pahič

Trg se je zavijal v neprijetno mrzlo meglo in tišino. Nič se ni ganilo, razen ljudi, ki so zaviti v površnike hiteli mimo, in dežja, ki je nalahno rosil.

Le edini kostanjar pri spomeniku sredi trga je prekinjal s svojimi enoličnimi zateglimi klici:

"Kostanjeec! Kostanjeec!"

Tu in tam se je res kdo zmenil zanj in zavil proti kolibici iz platna, v prijetno bližino tople peči in omamljivega vonja pečenih kostanjev. Brž in prijazno je kostanjar postregel, potlej pa spet zateglo klical:

"Kostanjeec! Kostanjeec!"

Stražnik Lisec je počasi zavil k njemu. Ne da bi kaj kupil, ampak da bi dobil vsaj nekaj tiste prijetne toplote, ki je je bil kostanjar toliko deležen.

"Kako gre posel?" je vprašal tja v en dan, da bi ne izdal svojega namena.

"Slabo, gospod, slabo!" je potožil kostanjar in pomešal po plošči. "Glejte, samo teh nekaj kostanjev imam, pa še teh ne morem prodati."

Res, na stolu je stala vrečica s kostanji. Za hip se je Lišček pogled ustavil na njej, potlej se je ozrl v kot. Tam je ležala druga vreča, do polovice zakrita s platnom. Videti je bilo, da so v njej kostanji, ki pa jih je kostanjar utajil.

"Hm, to zadevo bo treba preiskati," je pomislil Lisec v svoji vnemi in krenil dalje.

Ni prišel daleč, ko se je ozrl in začuden obstal. H kolibi se je potihoma prismukal razcapan možakar, se sklonil ter izvlekel vrečo. Zadel jo je na rame in jo na vso moč hitro mahnil po ulici.

Liscu so se od presenečenja razširile oči. To je morala biti tatvina ali pa velika sleparija. Vnet za svojo službo, jo je Lisec brž ubral za neznanecem. Možak spredaj je hodil neskrbno; niti ozrl se ni, da je Lisec za hip podvomil, če je tu res kaj nepoštenosti vmes. Potlej pa je pospešil korake.

Tako sta hodila po ulicah. Lisec je skrbno pazil, da ni prišel zasledovancu preblizu, pa tudi ne predaleč. Bil je še novinec, pa se je hotel čimprej dokopati do prve pohvale. In zdaj je imel veselo upanje . . .

Prišla sta v predmestje, med nizke hišice. Možak se niti enkrat ni ozrl. Nenadoma je zapazil Lisec višjega nadzornika, ki je prihajal nasproti. Prestrašil se je ob misli, da ne bi nadzornik sam prevzel stvari in potem, pohvala, srečno.

Strumno se je Lisec zravnil in pozdravil.

"Kod?" je vprašal višji nadzornik.

"Gospod nadzornik, zasledujem tistega človeka tam, ker je na trgu izmaknil vrečo kostanjev," je Lisec pogumno opozoril.

Nadzornik se je ozrl.

"Onega mislite? Kar pustite ga pri miru, mož nese meni kostanje."

Lisec se je zmedel in debelo pogledal.

"Pa je go-spod nad- nadzornik," je jecljal, "tako potihom izmaknil vrečo kostanjarju."

"Neumnost," se je še obrnil, "jaz sem kupil od kostanjarja kostanje. Saj sem vam že rekel, da niste za stražnika."

Presenečeno je gledal Lisec okoli in ni vedel, za kom naj krene: za možakom, ki je izginjal v megli, ali za nadzornikom, čigar koraki so trdo odmevali po ulici.

## Oporoka

Ko je plamen objel drvo, je izpregovoril: "Požagali so te in ti vzeli rast, razcepili so te in ti vzeli moč. Porušilo si se. Še segnilo boš, ako te ne odrešim muk. Zato mi le brž razodeni tvojo poslednjo voljo!"

Drvo se je zganilo in reklo:

"Pepel zapuščam zemlji. Mnogo dobrega sem prejelo iz nje. Dimu naročam, naj se dvigne pod oblake, da jih še enkrat pozdravi in se jim zahvali za blagodejne kaplje dežja, ki so mi jih puščali na uvele liste in na razsušeno zemljo."

"Komu si namenilo toploto?"

"To sem prejelo od sonca, ki sije s toliko ljubeznijo na svet in obuja na njem življenje. Zato naj se razlije okrog mene ter ogreje stvari, ki so mi najbližje, da vsaj za hip začutijo dih sonca."

Tako se je zgodilo.

Ogenj je dogorel. Drvo se je spremenilo v kupček pepela, ki so ga potresli po njivi, dim se je izgubil pod oblake, toplota pa je ogrela nebogljenega in bolnega otroka, ki se je stiskal k peči.

—A. S.



UNCLE SAM NEEDS MORE POULTRY AND EGGS

Drawn by Dan Gostovich, age 11, Raton, New Mexico. Lodge 297.

# CAMPING AT MUD POND

By Joseph Drasler

Institute Week, coming usually in the early part of December, was a time looked forward to with eager anticipation. During this week our teachers were out of town attending Teachers' Institute, while we pupils were making the best of a midwinter vacation.

For many years we spent our vacation making snow houses and frolicking through an unending number of winter games and sports. Then one year Frank, Fred and I decided that this year, more than ever, we'd prevail upon our folks to allow us to go camping to Mud Pond; it would be the realization of our childhood ambition. Mud Pond was a small, appropriately named, body of water about eight miles north-west out of our home town. Probably the main reason we for ever dreamed of spending a week at Mud Pond was the furnished cabin built among tall pines within a short distance of the Pond. We youngsters, who had never been away from a comfortable home longer than overnight on fishing trips, talked of this cabin until it virtually became a de luxe, cozy cabin in the woods.

Dad and his fishing companions used to sleep in this old, abandoned, lumbermen's hut every time they went fishing. It contained a large wood burner, tables and bunks, and everything, so it sounded to us, who listened in rapt attention when the men returned from these trips, a most wonderful place.

How nice it would be to come in through the deep snow with a week's supply of food! We spend our time trapping the abundant furbearing animals around the frozen pond, and read books by the light of the crackling fire. Oh, how keenly we conjured such wonderful anticipations, and how we planned and planned, until our dreams and imaginations reached soaring heights.

Finally, we were granted permission to make the trip! And weeks preceding, we spent packing tins of food, traps, and a hundred-and-one other items, including cardboard to patch a window we heard was broken.

The day of departure arrived, and we set out, well dressed for the weather and loaded down like pack mules. Deep snow covered the ground. Overhead the skies were heavily clouded. The pleasant thought of taking over a cabin, which would soon be cozy and comfortable with a roaring fire, spurred us on. Mink, muskrat and rabbit tracks crisscrossing the road to camp set our hearts beating joyously, and we were blissfully unaware of approaching misfortunes. Soon it began to snow and the storm increased with every step.

We trudged the deep snow with much difficulty, and the miles began to seem interminably long as the cold wind and snow beat against our flushed faces. As we neared the cabin site, we hurried with renewed energy, puffing from exertion.

With wind-broken laughter in our voices we shouted: "Here we are, here we are!" We ap-

proached the doorstep of our cabin, and entered through the open door. We gazed unbelievably, our exuberant faces fell, and our high spirits and bubbling enthusiasm received a terrific jolt, which was as sudden as it was unexpected. For, not only were all four windows broken and the window frames used up for firewood, but two pieces of the stovepipe were also missing. It was with sorrowful spirits indeed that we went about rectifying what vandals and hoodlums had deliberately and wantonly destroyed. Over eight miles from here, a week's supply of food on hand, night coming on, and no other means of transportation at hand except our own power of locomotion, which was pretty well exhausted. We had to make the best of the situation, and so set to work getting the cabin back to a habitable state.

Further investigation revealed that the boards out of the floor were pried loose and most likely used up for firewood also. The main lid of the stove must have been carried off, for all our searching failed to locate it.

We worked like beavers. Windows were repaired with large squares of tin found in the charred remains of a nearby hay barn. We could find nothing suitable to replace the missing stove pipes, and therein laid our greatest misfortune, for as soon as the fire was started, heavy clouds of black smoke rolled along the ceiling and gradually crawled downward until the entire room, except for a space about two feet above the floor, became unlivable. Our plan of leaving part of one window open in order to get a draft between it and the outlet in the opposite side, which our stovepipe didn't reach, was sadly misplaced judgement. Darkness descended upon a scene very unlike the one we had dreamed about for so many years. We lit our lantern and continued to work on the windows we had just finished barricading, opening them up again to save ourselves from suffocation. But even with this new remedy the room remained a smoke house, while we, a dejected trio, tried to create a bit of our imaginations into reality. However, we finally resigned ourselves to our sorry plight, and settled down for the night in an atmosphere that fell far short of the cozy comfort of our dreams. We coughed, choked and almost suffocated in the smoke, while our eyes burned and smarted. By lying flat on the floor we were able to bear our discomfort, quite disgruntled. The long night wore on and on, and the wood burner demanded more and more wood, much more than we wished, for each time one of us had to get up from our prone position upon the floor and suffer and choke in the clouds of smoke hovering about us. Throwing another log upon the fire wasn't the sweet thing we might have imagined. We took turns at the unpleasant task and silently waited for dawn. Outside the storm whirled around the cabin and the temperature was near zero, so that we froze the long sleepless night through. The  
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## Divja žival

Na nedeljskem sprehodu med predmestnimi polji sta Peter in Tone naletela na majhen pašnik ob gozdiču. Od izhrojene poti ga je ločila stara, napol razrušena ograda. Obstala sta. Na borni travi, podobni planinskim travam jeseni, ko so odvedli ovce v dolino, so se pasle razkropljene krave. Pastirja ni bilo videti, najbrž je ležal pod drevesi v gozdiču, pač pa se je po pašniku med kravami kretal mogočen bik z orjaškim tilnikom. Podobno je bilo, kot bi se petelin sprehajal med putkami. Imel pa je ta bik za čudo nazaj zavihanе rogove. Petru je menda ugajal ali kaj, da je dejal:

"To je žival, da je veselje. Take bika uporabljajo Španci za svoje bikožorbe."

"Že verjetno," je malomarno rekel Tone, "toda borba s tako živaljo je nevarna reč."

"O, kaj še! Spreten moraš biti, to je vse. S temle bikom se še jaz upam poskusiti," se je Peter postavil, a obenem se je nekoliko odmaknil od ograje, ko je radovedno orjak prišel bliže.

"Ti da se upaš?" je Tone nevarno dejal.

"Seveda se upam. Staviva! Za kovača grem s tole palico in svojo rdečo ruto na pašnik. Boš videl! . . ."

"Kaj bi palica in rdeča ruta! Samo v napatje bi ti bili! . . ."

"Kaj bi z njima, bedak! Saj drugače bi ne bilo zabave. Mar ne veš, večni tretješolec, da rdeča barva bika draži?"

"Kaj še! Kaj nisi čital zadnjič v "Mladem Jutru", da rdeča barva na bika ne učinkuje," se je Tone uprl.

"Kaj bi ne učinkovala. Staviva za desetico pa boš videl, ali učinkuje ali ne!"

Dečka sta si segla v roke in stava je bila potrjena. Peter je potegnil iz žepa rdečo ruto in si jo privezal na enega izmed koncev palice.

"Greva tja le k onim drevesom," je dejal in potegnil tovariša za seboj.

Krenila sta ob ogradi s steze na polje, kjer je stalo nekaj posušenih jablan. Pod njimi so si bile mravlje naredile veliko mravljišče in so marljivo begale po svojih opravkih. Tam se je Peter ustavil in se ves zamaknil v opazovanje trume mravelj, ki so z velikim trudom vlekli mrtvega hrošča navzgor. Ko so ga spravile na vrh, se jim je zavalil nizzdol. In težko delo se je pričelo znova.

"Hiti, hiti!" ga je spodbujal tovariš. "Sonce je že zašlo, mar naj prideva po temi domov?"

"Torej pazi," je odgovoril Peter in špet opazoval mravlje, izzval bom bika, da bo podrl tisto jelšo ob roki pašnika. Kar tu ostani in opazuj!"

Preskočil je ogrado, skrnil palico z ruto za hrbet in stekel preko pašnika. Ob robu je stala skupina dreves, čisto v ospredju je bila mlada in vitka jelša, komaj nekaj metrov visoko drevesce, ki pa se je iz neznanega vzroka že sušila. Listje ji je že uvelo in porjavelo.

Peter si je ogledal hrast, ki je stal zadaj. Sem gori bo splezal, če bo postalo nevarno. Nato je šel iskati bika.

Pastirja še vedno ni bilo videti, bik pa je hodil med kravami in sem in tja sklonil glavo k travi. Peter je vihtel palico z ruto in kričal, kot bi ga drli na meh. Res je vzbudil njegovo pozornost in bik ga je opazil. Kar moči hitro se je obrnil in v velikih skokih zdirjal dečku nasproti. Ta se je hotel pokazati junaka in ni takoj zbežal, ampak je čakal, da pride bik bliže. To mu je bilo usodno. Šele, ko sta bila petdeset korakov narazen, je vrgel palico z rdečo ruto proč in stekel proti jelši kar so mu dale moči.

V svojo nesrečo se je Peter uštel v svoji predrznosti. Bik mu je bil le preblizu in komaj je priteknel do suhe jelše, je že slišal za seboj njegovo sopenje. Smrtna groza ga je obšla, pograbil je prvo rišitev in splezal kar na tanko, komaj nekaj centimetrov debelo jelšo. Vitko deblo se je upognilo in zahreščalo, da je bila nevarnost, da se vsak čas zlomi.

Saj se tudi je. Bik se drevesu ni utegnil izogniti in je točno po Petrovi napovedi treščil z veliko glavno v deblo, da se je jelša s Petrom vred zrušila kot snop. Vrglo ga je biku na hrbet in v tem usodnem trenutku je še bil toliko priseben, da se je oprjel rogov. Zavedal se je kaka usoda ga čaka, če pride biku pod noge.

Komaj je žival začutila breme, je zdvijala. Obrnila se je in zdirjala po pašniku, da je zemlja bobnela pod njo. Toda vse to ni biku nič pomagalo; naj se je še tako poganjal po planjavi, Peter se ga je držal kot klop.

Zdaj je obstal. Trenutek, dva je premišljal, če sploh more žival misliti, potem pa jo je ucvril s svojim jezdecem proti gozdiču. Peter si ni bil na jasnem kaj namerava, vedel pa je takoj, ko sta pridirjala tja. Ob gozdiču je bila namreč srednje velika jama, narejena od kdove česa. Voda jo je do polovice napolnila in jo spremenila v mlakužo, kjer so žabe imele svoje kopališče. Zdaj so urno preskakale v vodo in se zarile v blato.

Peter je prebledel. Slutil je nekaj hudega. Padca v "jezero" se ni bal, skrbelo ga je le, ali bo bik planil za njim. In kako bo to izvedel?

O tem se je kmalu prepričal. Bik je namreč dvignil glavo nenavadno visoko, potlej pa je nana gloma sunil s srednjim delom telesa proti tlom, tako da je Petra, ki ni bil pripravljen za ta "manever", v loku vrglo na sredo luže. Voda je brizgnila na vse strani in za hip je deček docela izginil pod površino. Toda že v naslednjem trenutku je prilezel na dan, vendar pa je sprva oprezno pokukal na svojega nasprotnika. Ta je bil že odšel h kravam, ker se mu je menda zamalo zdelo, da bi se še ukvarjal s "premaganjem."

Voda je curljala od njega, ko je Peter zlezal na suho. Grozil je živali s pestjo, potlej pa jo je po tihoma pobral k tovarišu.

"Hej, Peter, tvoja bikožorba pa je bila res vredna desetice. Ampak trditev, da se bik ob rdeči ruti razdraži, ne velja," mu je ta zaklical.

"Saj res, ruto sem pozabil." Peter je stekel po njo, a ko se je vrnil, se ni dal ugnati. "Menda ne boš trdil, da rdeča barva ne vpliva na bika. Zakaj

(Dalje na 8. strani)



# JUST FOR FUN

By Ernestine Jugg

## BATTIES

Here is a list of words with the first three letters missing from them. This puzzle, however, isn't as difficult as you may think from first glance, for if you add **bat** in front of every word, you will get the word which is defined.

1. h—What is generally a Saturday night duty.
2. le—The United States is now engaged in this.
3. tology—Idle talk.
4. rachia—Frog-like animals.
5. avia—Capital of Dutch East Indies.

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## SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS

Again we give you a list of numbers which are attached to an important date or definition. What do they convey to you?

- |               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| 1. 12-7-41    | 6. 212  |
| 2. March 21st | 7. 98.6 |
| 3. 52         | 8. 100  |
| 4. 1728       | 9. 32   |
| 5. 1607       | 10. 3c  |

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## BRAIN TEASERS

1. If properly elected, could a woman become President of the United States?
2. If you saw an albino, would that be: a—bird; b—man; c—cat; d—duck; e—hog.
3. In Congress there are the following number of senators and representatives: a—831; b—510; c—531; d—450; e—96.
4. The red corpuscles in the blood are formed chiefly in: a—bone marrow; b—liver; c—spleen; d—skin; e—kidney.
5. ME is called: a—verb; b—adjective; c—adverb; d—preposition; e—pronoun.
6. Which will stay hot longest? a—A paper plate; b—Piece of dry wood; c—An aluminum pan.

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## DICTIONARY QUIZ

Only one of the definitions for the word is correct. Can you guess which? This is quite a tricky puzzle, so watch your step.

1. Lepidoptera are: a—butterflies; b—frogs; c—birds; d—pigs; e—a race of people in Africa.
2. Astrology is: a—Scientific study of stars and planets; b—study of plant life; c—a research of the different races of men; d—pseudo-science of stars and planets and their relation to humans.
3. Septicemia is a name for: a—blood poisoning; b—high fever; c—difficult breathing; d—broken bones.
4. Plasma is part of the a—nervous system; b—blood; c—bone; d—heart; e—muscle.

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## WORD PUZZLE

By different combinations of the letters **mefi** you will be able to fill in properly the following blanks:

- A long \_\_\_\_\_ ago, a magazine \_\_\_\_\_ told that a \_\_\_\_\_ of radium would \_\_\_\_\_ radium particles.

## THINGS YOU NEVER SEE

- 1—a hog call; 2—butter fly; 3—moon beam; 4—bull fiddle; 5—"ground" hog.

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## SPRING WILL COME

*Spring will come when  
Peace and quiet  
Return to us again;*

*And lights shine forth  
And are ablaze  
From every window pane.*

*When noise and thunder  
Of barking guns  
Are forever stilled;*

*And men return  
To gainful work  
To labor and to build.*

*Then there will be a joyous Spring  
And through all the countryside  
Laughter and song shall ring;*

*And the sky above shall be all blue  
With only the sunlight piercing through  
Then it will be Spring.*

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## WHAT'S YOUR AGE

Bobbie wanted to know how old Richard was, but Richard wouldn't tell. Bobbie told Richard to work the following problem and give him the answer, and that would tell him his age. Richard did this and Bobbie knew of Richard's age and the amount of money in his pocket by just looking at the answer. Can you do the same? Here's the clue: First multiply your age by 2. Add 5, then multiply by 50. Then subtract 365 and add all the change in your pocket (less than \$1.) Then add 115. The 1st 2 numbers will be your age and the next 2 will be the amount of money you have.

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## MISSING LETTERS

Here is a poem you all know well, but the printer, in his haste, forgot to put in any vowels (a e i o u). Can you make out what poem it is?

Th rggdy mn! h wrks fr p;  
n' h's th gdst mn vr y sw!  
H cms t r hs vry dy,  
N' wtrs th hrss, n' fds m hy.

(Answers on inside back cover page.)



EASTER BUNNY  
Drawn by Matilda Krizay, age 13, Salem, O.  
SNPJ Circle 7.

# OBISK

Zvonko

"Nihče razen gospodične Lilije ne sme prestopiti tega praga. Poskrbite za to, Gašper!" je naročil Črtomir svojemu slugi, ko je zaužil zajtrk. Sluga se je gospodu učitelju globoko priklonil in odracal skozi vrata.

Sonce je prebilo nekoliko prašna okna sobe in posvetilo Črtomirju, ki se je med tem udobno zleknil v naslanjač, naravnost v oči. Nekolikokrat je pomežiknil z očmi in zmigal z glavo, potem pa je vstal, stopil k oknu in ga odprl. Njegove majhne oči so obstale na cesti ob gruči samih mladih, razgretih ljudi. Gotovo so bili dijaki in dijakinje. Trije so držali v rokah cigarete, da so se prijetni sivi oblaki privalili celo do njegovega nosu. Pograbila ga je jeza, da se upajo kaditi in to še pod učiteljevim nosom. Kakšna predrznost! Toda dijaki so korajžni; v njihovih prsih je mladost, v njihovih srcih pa kraljuje tajna sila, ki včasih zahrepeni, da nehote pozabijo na šolske predpise, ki prepovedujejo, da bi dijaki gostili sive oblake. Črtomir se je tako razgrel, da je od jeze potegnill iz žepa srebrno dozo in si prižgal najboljšo cigareto.

Nekdo je potrkal na vrata. Črtomirju se je raztegnilo lice v prijeten smehljaj, stopil je k vratom, uverjen, da je prišla Lilija. Skoraj je že sepnil prve pozdrave, ko je nenadoma vstopil stari sluga. Kakor da je udarila strela, je stisnil Črtomir roki in preko obraza mu je zaplavala rdečica . . .

"Čemu si prišel?"

"Gospodična Berta želi vstopiti."

"Naj pride jutri!"

"Dejala je, da vam mora nekaj važnega sporočiti."

"Naj pride jutri!"

"Toda pomislite . . ."

"Dejal sem, naj pride jutri, če hoče govoriti z menoj, in konec. Nihče, razen gospodične Lilije ne sme vstopiti. Razumeš?"

"Razumem, gospod! Nihče, razen Lilije . . ."

"Tako je. Pojdi!"

Sluga se je ponižno s skrčenimi prsti priklonil, Črtomir pa je stopil zopet k oknu. Preko ceste so pravkar zavili študentje. V levici je držal vsak zviti zvezek, z desnico pa je vodil sošolko. Črtomirju je skoraj zavrela kri. Na mah si je iztrgal cigareto iz ust in jo zalučal skozi okno na sivo cesto. Obstal je pred ogledalom. V svetlem steklu je zagledal svoj razgreti obraz. Z roko si je popravil dolge, črne lase, ki so mu viseli preko čela in se nasmehnil. Zdelo se mu je, kakor da je zagledal v ogledalu vse tiste sladke trenutke, ko je bil tudi on tako študent, razposajen in živahen.

V veži je zaslišal vpitje. Tanek ženski glas se je mešal z mogočnim basom starega sluge.

"Nihče ne sme vstopiti, tudi vi ne."

"Pustite me!"

"Nazaj!"

"Jaz moram govoriti s Črtomirjem."

"Jutri, danes ni mogoče. Ven iz sobe, prosim!"

"Ne, ne . . ."

Črtomir se je zganil. Dva skoka in že je stal v predsobi.

"Gospodična Lilija!"

Stari sluga je skremžil obraz in si popravil klobuk. Mlada, vitka dama se mu je izvila iz mogočnih rok in stopila k Črtomirju.

"Kaj pa je zopet to?"

"Lilija . . ."

"Čemu niste dovolili, da pridem k vam?"

Slugi se je zdelo, da je prerekanja že dovolj. Spoštljivo je snel klobuk, stopil pred gospodično in se ji globoko priklonil:

"Gospod je dejal, da ne sme nihče razen gospodične Lilije prestopiti tega praga. Jaz sem pa pošten sluga in hočem vsako zapoved točno izvršiti."

"Marija, ali je mogoče?"

"Pri Bogu, tako je bilo. In ker vi niste gospodična Lilija, ampak gospodična Berta, kakor ste sami dejali, vam ni dovoljeno motiti gospoda Črtomirja!"

Sluga se je tudi Črtomirju globoko priklonil. Mlada dama se je nasmehnila.

"Oprosti mi! Slugi sem dejala, da sem Berta, ker ne izgovarjam rada svojega imena. On pa je seveda tvoje naročilo točno izpolnjeval."

Sluga se je rahlo priklonil in dejal:

"Nikoli ni dobro, če človek zataji svoje ime!"

## DIVJA ŽIVAL

(Nadaljevanje s 6. strani)

pa je potem tako hitro pridirjal, ko sem mu mahal z njo?"

"In zakaj je stekel za tabo in se zaletel v jelšo, ko je vendar ruta ležala daleč proč?" se je porogal Tone.

"Molči raje," se je Peter obregnil, "poglej me raje kakšen sem. Kaj bo le rekel oče, ko pridem tak domov?"

Dečka sta umolknila in se molče vračala v mesto. Na nebu so se užigale prve zvezde.

Stanko Pakič.

## CAMPING AT MUD POND

(Continued from page 5.)

heat of the stove was dispersed into the smoke as the wind threw gusts of snow through the open windows. We never thought a night could be so long and miserable, and a shudder comes over me every time I recall that tormentful winter night spent camping in the cabin in the woods.

After long last, daybreak finally came, and we dashed for the outside and fresh air. The storm had subsided and great drifts of snow covered the landscape, which was beautiful in the dim glow of the rising sun. We broke camp as soon as we could pack our week's supplies, and set out on the homeward hike, downhearted, red-eyed and with smoke sated spirits. We reeked with the smell and smudge of smoke, and were thankful for the stiff wind that beat against our weary bodies. No more did we dream of camping at Mud Pond.

# STAMP COLLECTING

## What Is a Sideline?

This is a word which we often run across in stamp quarters. Various collecting fields are known as "sidelines" in certain quarters. The term has not any really definite meaning and yet is pretty generally used.

Anyone familiar with the development of the stamp hobby knows perfectly well that this term has been brought in from the field of business and in particular from conditions affecting salesmen. Many salesmen will handle the lines of goods of several firms, calling those on which they can do only a small amount of business and only incidentally to making their major sales, sidelines.

As originally carried into stamp collecting, "sideline" appears to have been an additional collecting field which someone took on without giving it any great amount of attention. Thus we know that stampless covers became a sideline with some collectors of early U. S. stamps, mainly because of interest in carrying the story of the postal service a little way backwards. Many a U. S. collector will take all revenues that he can get, but will not actively seek them or pay high prices in order to complete any set or secure any specially choice item.

As collecting is now carried on, it seems that sidelines have ceased to be sidelines, and in most cases collectors consider their several collections as of equal interest and equal importance. Hardly anybody seriously limits himself to one field of collecting any more. Nearly everybody seems to have two, three, or even more favored fields of collecting; and practically everybody considers each of these fields as of equal interest or importance.

Indeed, so-called sidelines have developed in several cases into specific collecting fields, with organizations, dealers, special catalogs often of a fine quality; handbooks and special magazines. So little are these specialties "sidelines" that almost every one of them has a bunch of devotees who consider the more usual type of collecting as "the mere accumulating of wall paper". The so-called sideline is in fact the main line of a collector in almost every case.

We are referring here specifically to air mails, to revenues, to precancels (which are probably the most highly developed of all so-called sidelines), to stampless covers, to naval covers, to first days, and so on thru a considerable list. We do not forget the postal stationery collectors, with whom post cards and envelopes hold a place in their affection hardly equalled by any other specialty field.

Looking at the situation from the calm detachment of the editorial remark, it would seem as if the use of the term "sideline" is no more than an expression of lack of appreciation of the other man's favorite field within philately. There is no doubt that every collector is only too apt to consider that the next philatelist is wasting his time and missing much joy in not taking up the same

specialty that he follows. The real appeal of our hobby is that there is a specialty within it to fit every taste, every disposition, and every purse.  
—Mekeel's Stamp News.

## Reperfed and Regummed

The less scrupulous section with which the stamp trade, like all business, is cursed, has in recent years gone in for making stamps otherwise saleable at only low prices, into copies that appear to be prime. The two most common alterations practised are the insertion of perforations on edges that are imperforate as the stamps were issued, and the replacement of missing gum on unused stamps. For these two practices the terms "reperforated" and "regummed", the former usually shortened to "reperfed", are in current use.

Our thought, as our seeing eyes and listening ears in Portland receive reports of the extent of this malpractice, is that new and harsher terms should be introduced, as an aid in the direction of lessening the malpractices.

Every reasonably informed collector knows that the term "reperforated" is incorrect. No perforations existed where the straight edge was altered to deceive the unwary collector. Let us be honest and speak of these as **counterfeit perforations**. Such they are. They are exactly as much counterfeits, as counterfeit overprints put on otherwise genuine stamps.

A slightly better claim can be made for the term "regummed", since the fraudulently applied gum does replace that originally present. The replacement of the missing gum is done for the same reason and purposes as the addition of counterfeit perforations, and therefore might just as properly be called **counterfeit gumming**.

We are indebted to a correspondent, whose identity we do not mention at his request, but which will be recognized by his wide circle of friends, for the suggestion that we advocate these two terms of honesty. We had planned to mention this problem about now, and the suggestion came as a welcome opening for this article.

The worst of the evil of counterfeit perforating and gumming is that it is done on the two groups of stamps on which it causes the most serious harm. Especially with counterfeit perforating, it is done on the more desirable of U. S. used commemoratives of recent years. The effect in doing harm to the hobby by discouragement of the younger collectors who find they have purchased fraudulently altered stamps, is apparently very great. Counterfeit gumming is applied mainly to fine gumless copies of the medium to high priced 19th Century stamp classics. The monetary loss to collectors who purchase such items may well be large. A further loss may well appear in future years, when counterfeit gummings will be unwittingly described as varieties and the entire story of an issue distorted on the basis of supposed different gummings.

The proper treatment for counterfeit gum is to dunk the stamp in clear cold water and remove this gum, restoring the stamp to complete genuineness.—Mekeel's Stamp News.



# OUR SCHOOL

## OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

To strive for worthwhile goals not for material reward, but for the enjoyment and self-satisfaction one derives from the doing, is an outstanding achievement.

### RULES FOR 1942

1. A sum of \$400 has been appropriated for awards for Juvenile members who will contribute to the OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST during 1942.

2. All contributions shall be grouped into two classes, LITERARY and DRAWINGS. The literary class shall consist of Letters to the Editor, stories, news articles, essays and poems, while Drawings shall include cartoons, games, cross-word puzzles, etc., done up in India ink. Contributions in either Class may be rejected if deemed unacceptable by the Editor.

3. Every contributor must be a member of the Juvenile Department of the SNPJ and may submit as many original contributions as is his desire. Each contribution must be signed by the member, who, also, must state his age and number of the Lodge or Circle.

4. All achievement awards shall be distributed after the conclusion of the contest. Two attractive trophies, each emblematic of the highest individual literary achievement, shall be awarded to the two members, preferably a boy and girl, chosen as the outstanding writers of the year. Similar awards shall be made to the two members who shall contribute the best and most original drawings. All

other prize winners will receive other valuable achievement awards designated by the Juvenile Director and approved by the Supreme Executive Committee.

5. A special feature of the OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST shall be the "Our Page" section for Juvenile Circles. The purpose of this feature is to encourage boys and girls, who are members of active Juvenile Circles, to work together and combine their written ideas, plans, drawings, etc., under a common heading for the benefit of the whole Circle. The same rules shall apply here as to individual contributions; whether submitted individually or collectively they shall lose none of their value when winners are selected and awards distributed.

6. Any Circle can have its own "Our Page" by enclosing a request to the Editor along with the contributions, and provided that two or more members share in its composition.

7. A trophy, emblematic of the highest OUR SCHOOL group achievement, shall be awarded to the Circle, whose members have contributed the best and most original literary contributions and drawings. Trophies shall also be awarded to Circles winning second and third place honors.

8. To qualify for one of the final achievement awards, members are required to contribute to not less than six issues of the Mladinski List during the year. Three contributions in as many different issues in the same period shall entitle one to an attractive SNPJ Junior pin.

9. The publication of contributions in OUR SCHOOL is not an indication that they will be awarded prizes; contributions appearing elsewhere, either in the Mladinski List or the Prosveta, although intended for OUR SCHOOL, will be awarded under the same rules if qualifying.

10. All contributions shall be judged for originality, choice and treatment of subject, and composition. The judges of the contest are the Juvenile Director, Editor and 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 Mladinski List of the following month.



Drawn by Pauline Turvovich, age 14, Walsenburg, Colo. Lodge 299.



**HOW WE CAN HELP TO WIN THE WAR**

There are many ways that we can help to win this war. We can purchase Defense Stamps and Bonds. Stamps can be purchased for as little as 10 cents and then saved till one can buy an \$18.75 bond.

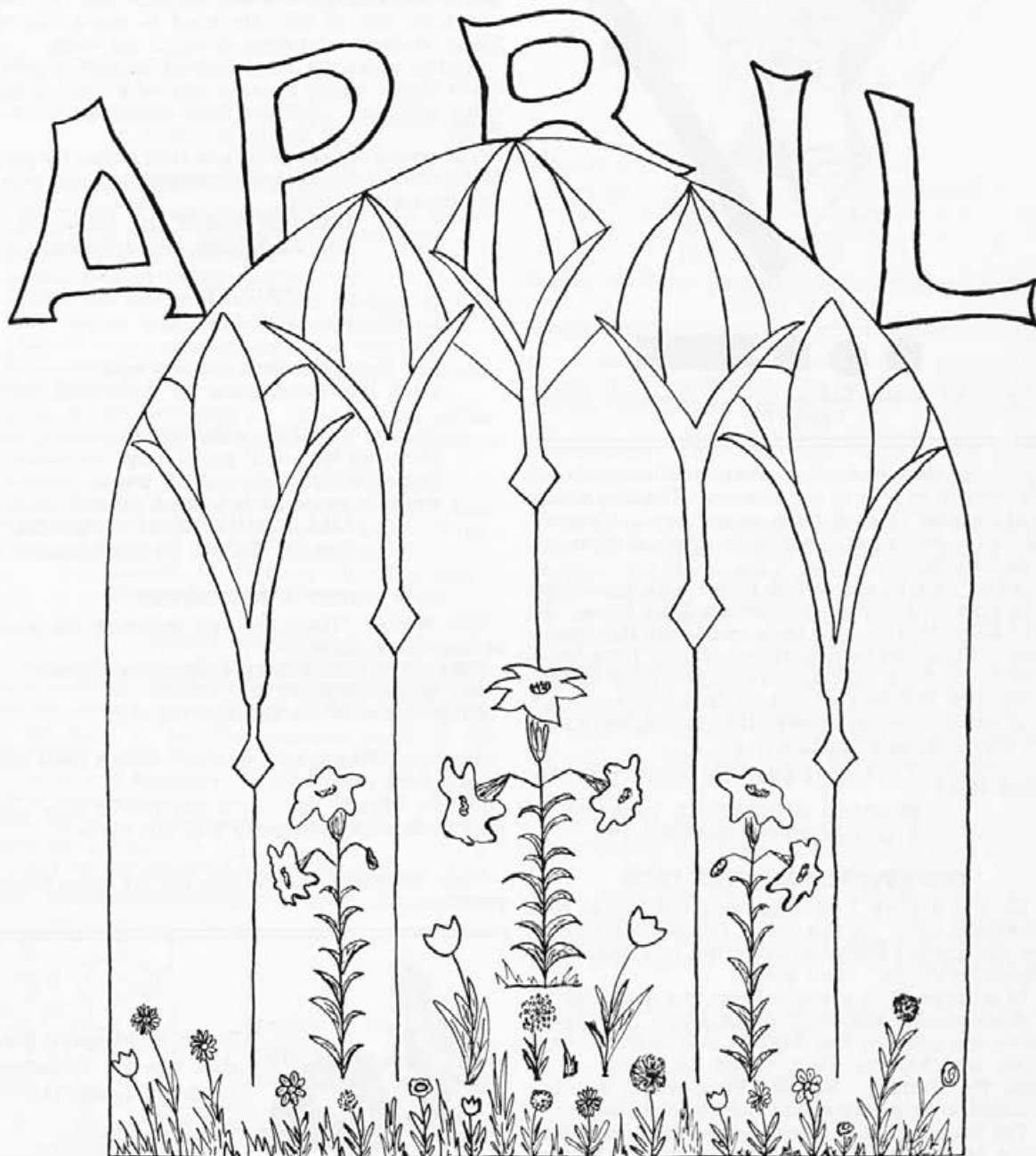
Do without candy or a movie once a week, so you can buy stamps. For \$18.75 saved is as good as 25 dollars earned. Remember that defense always starts at home.

We can help by not hoarding sugar, rubber, and other articles that are very necessary to our de-

fense, and which we are unable to obtain from abroad.

We can help by saving on paper which is needed. It doesn't take much time to save tin foil, scrap, and iron laying around the house or back yards. The scrap iron, tin, aluminum should be given to your nearest Boy Scout centers, who will in turn give it to the government, to be used in the factories to be melted and made into parts for airplanes, tanks, guns and many other useful things.

In our spare time we can learn to knit socks,



Drawn by **Zora Gostovich**, age 13, Raton, New Mexico. Lodge 297.



Drawn by Louise Lekse, age 15, Roundup, Mont.  
Lodge 700.

sweaters, caps and other warm woolen parts of clothing to be sent to our soldiers. The Red Cross will be glad to send them to our boys. Cast-off garments will mean comfort to many children in war-torn Europe.

Many men in our armed forces will appreciate any type of literature and letters from home. It will help them to take their minds off the intensive drilling and hard work which they have been doing. Soldiers, sailors, marines, and other armed force men will be glad to hear from home.

If we do these and many other things, there can be only one result in this war:

"That Dictatorship Shall Fall and Democracy Shall Rule!"

EDMUND KORBER, 12, lodge 254,  
R. D. 2, Box 203, Johnstown, Pa.

### THE BUFFALO AND THE FROG

Here is a story I wish to see published in the Mladinski List. In this story, the Buffalo stands for the United States of America, and the Frog stands for Japan. Here goes:

In a large field a small Frog was watching a Buffalo grazing the sweet green grass. The Frog enviously admired the Buffalo and wished very much that he, the Frog, would be larger even than the Buffalo. No, the Frog would not be satisfied to be as big as the Buffalo—but larger.

The foolish Frog laughed to himself and said he could blow himself much larger, bigger than the calm Buffalo who was grazing in the peaceful val-

ley. The Frog said to himself that he would blow himself so that he would be even larger than two huge barrels.

Obviously, the Frog was very much pleased at his own thought, winked a little and decided to work out his plan of expanding at once. For he was convinced that this plan was a wise one which would work out splendidly, and he, not the Buffalo, would be the biggest of all the animals in the entire valley.

The Frog started to blow and he grew larger and larger. Thus far everything worked out according to his plan. But he soon noticed that while his body grew larger his legs and feet did not grow any at all. He tried to move, but to his great disappointment he could not walk.

At this point the Frog decided to blow himself much bigger. Now his skin was very smooth and shiny and thin. Still he blew—until he burst—Poof!

The poor Frog exploded and thus ended his own foolish ambition. The Buffalo laughed and went on about his business.

LILLIAN BRITZ, 12, lodge 232,  
Box 28, Export, Pennsylvania.

### FAIRIES

Golden, long, and silken hair  
To them is a treasure rare;  
The flowing gowns, slippers neat,  
Look like moonbeams on their feet.

They will land on a flower neat,  
Here the fairy will go to sleep;  
In the morning when she'll wake,  
Another skyward trip she'll take.

LILLIAN BRITZ, 12, lodge 232,  
Box 28, Export, Pennsylvania.

### JUST A FEW JOKES

Mr. White: "Here are two quarters for your savings bank, Billy."

Billy: "I'd rather have a fifty-cent piece."

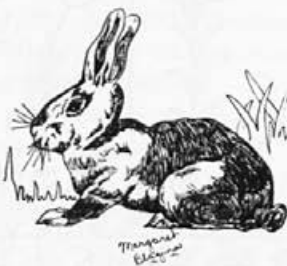
Mr. White: "Why?"

Billy: "It won't go through the slot."

Mother: "Why is baby crying? Didn't I tell you to give him everything he wanted?"

Willy: "That's just it. I dug him a hole and now he wants me to bring it in the house."

Store Manager: "Didn't you get my letter firing you?"



Drawn by Margaret Blazina, age 15, Roundup,  
Mont. Lodge 114.

Errand Boy: "Yessir. But on the envelope it said, Return in five days!"

Pa: "When I was your age I thought nothing of chopping wood all day."

Sonny: "I don't think much of the idea myself."

Tommy: "How's your television set?"

Billy: "Fine. I can see static now as well as hear it."

Roly: "Did the school play have a happy ending?"

Poly: "Sure! everybody was glad when it was over."

Nik: "What's your greatest ambition in life?"

Tik: "To wash my mother's ears."

AGNES SALOUM, age (?), lodge 89,  
R. D. No. 1, Bulger, Pa.

#### FAMOUS "FIRSTS"

1630—Fork brought to America by John Winthrop. Also, popcorn introduced the same year.

1633—School established in America.

1636—Harvard College established.

1673—Coal discovered by Louis Hennepin.

1690—Paper money issued by colonists.

1764—Cotton exported.

1777—Submarine boats for military purposes, David Bushnell.

1785—Mules imported by George Washington. Also, eyeglasses (bi-focals) invented by Benjamin Franklin the same year.

1819—Canning introduced by Ezra Daggett.

1829—Schools for the blind incorporated. Also, paper manufactured of straw and grass. Type-writer patented by William Austin Burt.

ROSIE J. MATKO, 15, lodge 560,  
Rte. 1, Box 244, Hoquiam, Wash.

#### HOME MAKING

One of the subjects of my weekly school schedule is cooking. During this period of eighty minutes we learn to prepare many kinds of food. In 7A we learn to prepare breakfast foods, in 7B luncheons and dinners, in 8A suppers, in 8B we try our hand at carpentry while the boys learn a few facts about cooking. At the end of each term we have examinations, and each girl prepares one recipe.

The girls are divided into families of four. Each



Drawn by **Pauline Turkovich**, age 14, Walsenburg, Colo. Lodge 299.



EASTER PARADE

Drawn by **Violet Machek**, age 15, McDonald, Pa. Lodge 231.

group has its own stove, cabinet and drawer to attend to. When we come in we wash our hands, don our aprons and caps and stand at attention. We copy our recipe into our notebook from the blackboards. This done the "mother" of each family gets the supplies needed to prepare the chosen recipe.

When we attended our first lesson of the new term (7B) we made mashed potatoes. I being the "mother" got the cooking utensils necessary. The oldest "daughter" washed and peeled the potatoes, the "middle daughter" measured the milk, and the youngest "daughter" the butter and salt.

While the food is being cooked we set the table, and the food is served. There are six girls in my class and we all sit around a large table and each eat what we cooked. The lesson is not only cooking, but we are also given instructions in table manners. When we finish eating we are ready to clean up.

One girl cleans the table for her "family," the other washes the dishes, then another puts them away in their proper place when the girl who wipes them puts them down. We then take off our aprons and caps, fold them neatly and put them away. When the bells ring, we leave the room just as neat and clean as it was when we came in.

MILDRED PADAR, 12, lodge 580,  
222 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

#### A FRIEND

A person who'll help in time of need,  
At that time renders his good deed,  
A person ready his help to lend,  
That's a friend!

Not a person who praises you with a doubt,  
When the needed time comes he'll back out,  
But a person who stays with you 'till the end,  
That's a real friend!

A person who is a friend at heart,  
Who'll stay right with you from the start,  
One who'll help your faults to mend,  
That's a friend! That's a friend!  
VICTORIA AMBROZIC, 14, lodge 88,  
R. F. D. 5, Box 424, Crafton, Pa.

### EASTER

- E — stands for Easter eggs,  
For which everyone begs.  
A — stands for April,  
The month of such thrill.  
S — stands for spring,  
Which Easter is sure to bring.  
T — stands for twilight,  
Day ending; what a sad sight.  
E — stands for ear,  
Of another Easter we'll hear.  
R — stands for rabbit,  
To think of it, is always a habit.  
FLORENCE ALICH, 15, lodge 111,  
Box 607, Aurora, Minn.

### ODD FACTS

I have found many odd facts about the movie stars. Here are some which I find interesting:

Although Carmen Miranda, the dazzling stage and screen star, portrays a South American, she was born in Portugal. However, she claims Brazil as her country.

Brian Donlevy joined the army at fourteen.

Joe E. Brown doesn't mind the dentist because of his large mouth.

Richard Dix' ancestors came with the Pilgrims.  
Rita Hayworth is honorary mayor of 12 South American cities.

Arthur Lake never reads the funnies.

Rosalind Russell and Ida Lupino are afraid of the dark.

Joan Leslie carries a horseshoe in her purse.

Maria Montez is a leopard trainer.

Cecelia Parker wanted to be a nun.

Eddie Albert sends invitations and forgets the party.

Betty Grable adores onions, garlic and pepper.

Boris Karloff (believe it or not) is afraid of children.

Leo Carrillo knows more rope tricks than Gene Autry, and Peter Lorre is shy.

Judy Garland never took a singing lesson, which is hard to believe.

Edna May Oliver is famous for her uproarious sense of humor.

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### EASTER TIME

Easter will soon come,  
And won't we have lots of fun;  
When the bunny comes around  
And distributes eggs 'round the town.

You'll see happy children  
Coloring eggs bright and gay,  
Oh, so many happy children,  
On that bright Easter Day.  
ANNIE CRETNIK, 15, lodge 24,  
R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

### ANDREW JACKSON

Andrew Jackson was the seventh President of the United States. He was born on March 15, 1767 in the Warsaw (Waxhaw) settlement, so close to the border line between North and South Carolina that both states have claimed him as their citizen. (Historians differ on whether Jackson was born in North or South Carolina, although Jackson himself declared in 1832 that he was a South Carolinian.)

Andrew Jackson's nickname was "Old Hickory." His education was limited, but he read what he could. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1787, at the age of twenty. His parents were Scotch-Irish who came to America in 1765, or two years before Andrew was born. He played a slight part in the War of Independence, and was taken prisoner in 1781. At that time he was only 16 years old.

Jackson had great qualities and also many defects. It is said that he was the most illiterate man that ever held the Presidency, but his other qualities made up for it. He had strong convictions and also strong prejudices. His judgments and decisions were based rather on his intuition than on broad knowledge and study of the problems that came before him. But he was honest, courageous and strong in his sympathies for the common people, from whom he came and whose champion he was.

It is also said that Jackson was one of the very few, if any, of the presidents of whom it may be said that he went out of office (1829-1837) far more popular than he was when he entered. When he



Drawn by Eugene Skoff,  
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Lodge 559.



went into the office, he had hardly any political opinions, only some popular notions. He left as a strong and influential man and his party (Democratic) was even stronger. He was 61 years old when he became President; at the end of his second term he was 69.

Andrew Jackson died at his residence, "The Hermitage," near Nashville, Tennessee, on June 8, 1845, at the age of 78, eight years after his second term expired.

FREDA SNOY, 15, lodge 13,  
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#### JUMBLED CITIES

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ANSWERS: 1—Detroit. 2—Reno. 3—Dayton.  
4—Tampa. 5—Toledo. 6—Denver. 7—Dubuque.  
8—Boston. 9—Dallas. 10—Portland. 11—Chicago.  
12—Houston. 13—New Orleans. 14—San Francisco.  
15—New York. 16—Minneapolis. 17—Miami.  
18—Topeka. 19—Cincinnati. 20—Cleveland.  
21—Austin. 22—Santa Fe. 23—Providence. 24—Pittsburgh.  
25—Baltimore. 26—Philadelphia. 27—Galveston.  
28—Milwaukee. 29—El Paso. 30—Butte. 31—Los Angeles.  
32—Omaha. 33—Buffalo. 34—Seattle. 35—Des Moines.

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#### DEDICATED TO MOTHER

Your birthday, mother, has come at last,  
Although I wish it would never pass;  
When we are by your side you give us  
Much pleasure, jokes and we have fun,  
And you are most kind to everyone.

CAROLINE TAVZELJ, 12, lodge 518  
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#### HISTORICAL EVENTS IN APRIL

April 7, 1927—Television first demonstrated.  
April 14, 1865—Abraham Lincoln assassinated.  
April 15, 1912—Steamer Titanic wrecked.  
April 17, 1861—Virginia seceded.  
April 23, 1564—William Shakespeare born.  
April 24, 1939—Diving belt first used in submarine rescue work.  
April 26, —Southern Memorial Day.  
April 30, 1789—George Washington inaugurated.  
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#### BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE

April 3, 1837—John Burroughs, naturalist.  
April 12, 1777—Henry Clay, statesman.  
April 13, 1743—Thomas Jefferson, President.  
April 23, 1791—James Buchanan, President.

April 27, 1822—U. S. Grant, General and President.

April 28, 1758—James Monroe, President.  
ANNIE CRETNIK, 15, lodge 24,  
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#### APRIL FOOL'S DAY

April Fool's Day, what a day,  
So much fun, if I do say.  
Fooling, you know, all day long,  
Young and old, all join along.

We get fooled, and laugh it off,  
It's no use to make a rebuff.

Take a joke just as it comes,  
Those are always the jolly ones.  
MARGARET POLONCIC, 15, lodge 124,  
R. F. D. 2, Union Dale, Pa.

#### A NIGHT OF ANXIETY AND SORROW

It was the eve of February 6, 1942. The wind blew fiercely and the snow fell hard. My mother felt ill and sent my sister and me to the neighbor's to telephone a doctor. We did so immediately.

Dr. P. answered our call and said he would be up as soon as possible. This was at ten o'clock at night. When we came back home we stopped at another neighbor's and asked the lady of the house to come down and help us, which she did.

The clock ticked away and at twelve midnight the doctor still did not arrive. At 12:10 a baby boy was born, but still no doctor. Mrs. R., our neighbor, somewhat nervous, told my father to go down to the end of our road, which is a branch of the main road, and see if the doctor was stuck as the night was terrific. He did, and much to ill luck, the doctor refused to come in our great need.



Drawn by Elsie Poloncic, age 17, Uniondale, Pa.  
Lodge 124.

Then my father phoned two other nearby doctors, only to find one away on other business and from the other he received no answer.

A friend of ours in Worcester, understanding our great need, told my father to return home and that he would get a doctor for us. It was then 2 a. m.

Anxiously waiting for a doctor, the minutes slipped by slowly, it seemed to us. At about three o'clock in the morning, my mother, who had been unconscious about three hours, passed away. Shortly after my mother's last breath a doctor from a neighboring village arrived at our home, but it was too late.

Little did we know that she was going to be taken from us that very early morning of February 7, 1942.

I would like to say that during our sorrow the SNPJ and many Slovenes helped us very, very much. Also, many friends and neighbors. My mother used to be a member of the SNPJ and we are truly thankful for that organization which holds high a bright torch of help and freedom like the great Statue of Liberty. We certainly appreciate all our trusted friends and our organization.

ZITA BOZANIC, 15, lodge 393,  
R. D. No. 3, Worcester, N. Y.

#### APRIL FLOWERS

The month of April brings the rain  
And raises up the flowers again.  
How the flowers do bring much joy  
To every little girl and boy.

They romp and play out in the wood  
And pick the flowers that are good.  
They make bouquets when in bloom  
And they make pleasant perfume.

HELEN BOZANIC, 16, lodge 393,  
R. D. No. 3, Worcester, N. Y.

#### APRIL SHOWERS

April showers bring May flowers,  
Tiny and sweet, lovely and low.  
Above the ground they are peeping,  
Springtime has gone by, I know.

I bent down low, to pick a bunch,  
So lovely and sweet they smell.  
It makes my heart very glad,  
When I see those flowers swell.

MARGARET POLONCIC, 15, lodge 124,  
R. F. D. No. 2, Union Dale, Pa.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Rocky Mountain National Park is located in Colorado. It includes within its boundaries 405 square miles or 259,411 acres. It includes the front range of the Rockies in north-central Colorado, about 50 miles in a straight line northwest of Denver.

The park was established by the Act of Congress on January 26, 1915. Its boundaries were finally adjusted on June 21, 1930. Its eastern gateway is the beautiful valley village of Estes



INDIAN SOLDIER

Drawn by Bill Baltezar,  
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Lodge 249.

Park, from which easy and comfortable access is had up to the noblest heights and into the most picturesque recesses of the mountains.

Rocky Mountain National Park is by far the most accessible of our national parks; that is, nearest to the large centers of population in the East and Middle-West.

FRANCES R. M. ZITKO, 14, lodge 223,  
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#### THE TIME MY FEAR GOT THE BEST OF ME

This little incident I am about to relate happened when I was but a child of seven years.

Our home is situated near a fairly large public playground. Every evening after supper a group of my friends and I would go to the playground. Once there, we would forget the time as we would be having such a wonderful time. It was only when we heard our parents calling us to come home that we would leave and most of the time this was done quite reluctantly.

Our parents had only one way to scare us, and this was to tell us that the policeman would lock us up if he found us on the playground after 8 o'clock.

Sometimes their tale helped to get us home a little earlier, but most often it didn't. We had no way of finding out the truth, because, of course, most of us were in bed by the time eight o'clock rolled around.

One evening, though, I was having a better time than usual. When I heard my father's voice calling me to come home, I was naughty and wouldn't go. My father wanted to play a little trick on me and so he told me I could stay just ten minutes longer. He knew that the "cop" would soon be coming and he hoped that when I saw that what he had told me was true, I would be frightened enough to come home without further trouble.

I was pumping high on the swing when all at once I saw a "cop" coming. In a second all the tales father told me about the "cop" locking up naughty little girls flashed through my mind and I hardly knew what I was doing when I jumped off that swing. I landed on some pieces of broken glass and cut my right knee badly. The wound bled profusely and I had to have it treated right away.

I was crying partly because I was scared and partly because of the pain and the policeman who had been the cause of my trouble indirectly. He



Drawn by Violet Machek, age 15, McDonald, Pa.  
Lodge 231.

lifted me up in his arms and took me to the nearest house to have my knee treated. Nevertheless, it took me a long time to get over my fear of policemen. After that my father never had much trouble getting me home. I wish to add here that when I jumped off the swing, I was up in the air more than twenty feet. That was the reason that I cut my right knee so badly when I landed on the broken glass.

Oh yes, I still have a little scar on my knee as a reminder.

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### FOOD SHORTAGES

Today America is facing a serious problem. This serious problem is the defeat of the Axis. It is a tremendous task! Men, munitions, guns, and tanks and planes on the main front will not make us the victors. The soldiers can not win alone. Behind the fighting forces must be the American people to supply the soldiers with sufficient arms and enough food. As the saying goes, "Food wins the war," we must have plenty of food.

During World War I, there was a shortage of many foods. One of these foods was sugar. During this World War II, many people who had gone through the hardships of World War I, seemed to remember those hard times. Therefore, many of them bought a surplus (hoarding) amount of sugar in fear there would again be a shortage. But, I think, these people made a bad mistake. Now since so many thousands of people have bought more than their necessity, there is a possibility for high prices and a shortage of sugar. In my opinion, these people care only for themselves and have no sympathy for others. Of course, hoarding has been stopped by the government and the prices of various commodities have

been set. This is the only way to prevent both hoarding and profiteering, through government control.

If the people bought just enough for their own need each time, food shortages would not come at all. There is enough of everything for everyone. Some people bought so much sugar at once, that by the time they have used about half, the rest has decayed or has provided a picnic for rats. This should teach them a lesson. It was the right thing to do when the government asked them to give up their large supply of sugar which they acquired through hoarding.

Our great country has large storehouses in which to store surplus supplies for an emergency. Let us all be wise in not buying a surplus amount of food, so that high prices and food shortages will not come.

ZORA GOSTOVICH, 13, lodge 397,  
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### TIMELY JOKES

Sergeant: "Take this oar."

Sailor: "Or what?"

Mary: "This liniment makes my arm smart."

Joan: "Why don't you rub it on your head!"

Non-Com: "Do you smoke, sergeant?"

Sergeant: "I don't get that hot."

Corp.: "When the sentry stuck his gun in Mike's ribs the other night, Mike just laughed."

Rookie: "Brave guy, no?"

Corp.: "Naw, ticklish!"

Visitor: "What are you going to do when you grow to be a great big girl?"

Little Girl: "Reduce."

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### A STAMP STORY

In ancient Egypt there are many pyramids. This is the story about the three pyramids of Giza.

There was a great pharaoh by the name of Cheops who looked about him for some way in which he could show that he still ruled Egypt after he was dead. He called into his presence a magician and asked him how he could rule after death. The magician told him that he can see a "mountain which will be made from the ground. This mountain will be your tomb and all the pyramid's four corners will face the four corners of the earth, and you will rule forever. . ."

Naturally, the pharaoh was in great spirits and gave the magician as much gold as he could put into his pockets.

Soon after the king (pharaoh) summoned all the stone-masons in Egypt and then forced many hundreds of thousands of men (slaves) to erect him a great mountain tomb in the great desert. He had four sides made so that they would face all the corners of the earth as the magician said it should be.

The slaves dug the stones from many quarries



on the other side of the Nile. They had a hard time ferrying the stones across the Nile during the flood season. The king was very angry when the work slowed down.

After several years the great tomb took shape. The slaves had a terrible time pulling the blocks up the pyramids as they went up in successive layers. On top of all this difficulty they didn't have any modern tools and had to do all labor by hand. But Cheops drove them harder and harder. He practically taxed the people to death and he often raided the treasury for gold, cheated the people and took everything they had in order to have the pyramid built.

Many slaves died during the long years it took to build the pyramid and many millions of dollars were spent on this huge stone mountain. It practically took a lifetime to build, but finally the last stone was raised to the summit. The pharaoh was greatly pleased, but he didn't enjoy the pyramid long for he soon grew sick and died. He was buried deep in the dark, cool pyramid.

The poor slaves thought they wouldn't be bothered any more. But they soon found out that they would have to build another pyramid. The new king Khafren was very jealous when he saw the tomb of Cheops and he swore he would make an even larger one for himself. The people of Egypt were again enslaved for another generation. The tomb was finally completed, but it was ten feet lower than Cheops'. Khafren grew very angry. His anger killed him and he was soon buried in his tomb.

Naturally, his successor wanted a tomb for himself also. The people worked on it for a time. It soon was finished and it was half as tall as the other two. The new king was well pleased with it.

This is why the three pyramids were built which appear on the Egyptian stamp of 1926, which commemorates the building of the pyramids long centuries before. By the way, the pyramids are one of the seven wonders of the world.

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### THE MOON

The moon's path around the earth is not far from being a circle. Its average distance from us is 239,000 miles. The moon itself is a globe of 2,160 miles across and is about a quarter the size of the earth. Since it can pass over a star in an hour, the moon must be wheeling around us at the rate of more than two thousand miles an hour. This is, however, rather slow traveling for celestial bodies.

Across the moon the sunrise and sunset lines move rather slowly, for the sun rises and sets there only once a month. Daylight lasts half a month almost everywhere on the moon. Then there is night for half a month. Here on the earth a wide twilight zone softens the break between day and night. On the moon there is no twilight at all. The sharp sunrise line shows that the moon has no air around it to cause twilight.

On the moon are dark spots called "seas." Long ago they were supposed to be bodies of water like

our own oceans. Accordingly they were given fantastic watery names, such as the Sea of Serenity, which are still in use today.

But the lunar seas are not bodies of water. They are flat regions darker than the rest. Since the moon has no water at all, there can be no seas in fact, nor rivers, nor rain, nor clouds. The weather can change there only from "fair and warmer" to "fair and colder" as the long days and nights go around. People cannot live on the moon because there is no atmosphere there.

The downward pull which gives things weight is only a sixth as strong on the moon as it is on the earth. If you weigh one hundred fifty pounds here and were to visit the moon, you would weigh only twenty-five pounds there.

While circling once around the earth, the moon turns around on its axis only once. The "man in the moon" turns his face a little to one side at times, first one way and then the other. As much as three-fifths of the moon's surface has been visible to us by the time the moon is over. The other two-fifths we can never see.

Astronomers believe that tides raised by the earth's attraction acted as a brake to make the moon turn slower and slower until it now rotates only once a month. The earth raises tides in the moon just as the moon causes the tides in our oceans. There is a reason for believing that our own tides are making the earth spin slower as time goes on, so that our day will be longer by a whole second in the course of a thousand centuries.

Some suppose that our day will keep right on lengthening, as the tide-brakes continue to retard us century after century, until in the very distant future the day will become as long as the month. If this really comes about, the earth will some day turn the same hemisphere always toward the moon also. And if America happens to be left on the side turned always away, the moon will be one of the sights to see on a trip to Europe or Asia.

(Source: "When the Stars Come Out" by R. H. Baker, Professor of Astronomy, University of Illinois.)

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### VERNE, THE MAGICIAN

On the morning of January 15, the school children of the Worcester School rushed to the auditorium the minute the bell of 9:05 rang. They and I were eager to see the magician, Verne, and his assistant, Lem.

After the salute to the flag, Verne was introduced and he immediately took over. He cut a ribbon in two pieces and then he made it into one piece again. He made three things alter their standing places by magic, did tricks with Chinese rings and other tricks such as a disappearing egg and lemon. The main trick was about the guillotine.

He asked for a volunteer in the audience and got a senior boy. The guillotine had a big blade and a place for the head and hands to be placed when the time to be chopped off came. He wrapped a silk scarf around the boy's head and



told him to put his head in. Lem held it for him. Then Verne pressed down the blade and the audience held its breath. Finally he pulled up the blade and told the boy to stand up. He looked pale but said he was okay. How Verne managed to do this trick none of us knows, but it really seemed risky to do this trick.

This was the concluding act of Verne and it truly was exciting. He showed us how to make an egg disappear but I doubt I could do it. He also had four cards and fooled us saying there were only three real cards, which he proved. When someone told him to turn one over and show his intelligence, the card only said "Stung!" How amazing!

Of course, we all know that all such tricks are performed with extraordinary speed. It is the quick movement of the magician that deceives the audience watching him. That's all the secret of a magician, his skill to do things faster than the eye can perceive.

ZITA BOZANIC, 15, lodge 393,  
R. D. No. 3, Worcester, N. Y.

#### HEAR THEM

Music and a big bass drum,  
Listen—you can hear them come.  
It's the band—it's the band,  
Marching, marching o'er the land.

Hear the music as it's played,  
What a splendid cavalcade—  
People rejoice to see the band,  
Marching, marching o'er the land.

VERA BOZANIC, 13, lodge 393,  
R. D. No. 3, Worcester, N. Y.

#### TRAINS

Trains carry you  
Where you want to go;  
They go through  
Let it rain or snow.

Train's whistle is  
Like a call—  
Saying, "Get on  
One and all."

VIRGINIA BARTON, 13, lodge 231,  
R. D. No. 4, McDonald, Pa.

#### BUY DEFENSE BONDS

Buy Defense Stamps and Bonds!  
For yourself and your country, too.  
This will help win the war,  
And that's what we're all looking for.

Collect scraps of anything,  
Even pencils, tubes and rings.  
Help your country in any way,  
Let's help to put tyrants away.

Yes, we all know that we'll win,  
Since the Japs have butted in,  
We are going to win this war,  
Then the Japs won't ask for more.



SIGNS OF SPRING

Drawn by Lillian Britz, age 12, Export, Pa.  
Lodge 232.

Please buy Defense Bonds soon,  
For we're in a war, each and everyone.  
And maybe in Spring when flowers bloom,  
We'll have this war—half won.

ANNIE CRETNIK, 15, lodge 24,  
R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

#### THAT CAMERA FIEND

I've an awful brother, really mean, too,  
He always likes to snap a picture of you;  
When I wash Laddie, the tub upsets o'er me,  
He snaps pictures from behind a tree.

Now when I get hold of him, I'll use a mop,  
For you'll agree that this I must stop;  
And when he gets some sense in his head,  
I'll once more feel at ease, you bet.

MARY POTISK, 14, lodge 747,  
2713 S. 71st Street, West Allis, Wisconsin.

#### WHO ARE THESE KATES?

The answer in each case is a word ending in cate.

1. A Kate who is often sick.—Delicate.
2. A Kate who sometimes puts her shoulder out of joint.—Dislocate.
3. A Kate who has a double.—Duplicate.
4. A Kate who knows how to teach.—Educate.
5. A Kate who tells falsehoods.—Prevaricate.
6. A Kate who pours oil on leaky hinges.—Lubricate.
7. A Kate who chews her food well.—Masticate.
8. A Kate who was smothered.—Suffocate.

9. A Kate who points out.—Indicate.  
 10. A Kate who left the premises.—Vacate.  
 VIOLET MACHEK, 15, Lodge 231,  
 R. D. No. 4, McDonald, Pa.

### JUST FOUR JOKES

Joe: "Hey, there's an insect in my soup!"

Waiter: "That's nothing—it's probably one of those vitamin "bees".

Teacher: "Can you name five things that contain milk?"

Jane: "Ice cream, cheese, butter, and two cows."

Mother: "Reggy, are you yawning?"

Reggy: "No, mother. That was a silent Indian war whoop."

Goldie: "What do you mean girls are biased?"

Stingy: "Oh, bias this and bias that."

MARGARET POLONCIC, 15, lodge 124,  
 R. F. D. 2, Union Dale, Pa.

### NAME THE "NATION"

The answer in each case is a word ending in "nation."

1. A "nation" that kills its public men.—Assassination.
  2. A "nation" in which different parties unite.—Combination.
  3. A "nation" that crowns its rulers.—Coronation.
  4. A "nation" that contributes gifts.—Donation.
  5. A "nation" that makes things clear.—Explanation.
  6. A "nation" that chooses candidates for office.—Nomination.
  7. A "nation" that is bankrupt.—Ruination.
  8. A "nation" that has no smallpox.—Vaccination.
- VIOLET MACHEK, 15, lodge 231,  
 R. D. No. 4, McDonald, Pa.

### AMERICA

Aren't you glad you live with me  
 In the land of the noble free  
 And see the things of pure delight  
 And peace existing all through the night?  
 With the Statue of Liberty holding high  
 A torch of light, reaching to the sky  
 And an inscribed book in her hand  
 Teaching peace to our beloved land.  
 With people who came from across the sea  
 To settle this land of peculiarity.  
 With folks and families of different styles  
 Waiting for your friendly smiles.  
 With cities and states of great population  
 And monuments of memories all thru the nation.  
 Aren't you glad you live with me  
 And salute the flag of the free?

ZITA BOZANIC, 15, lodge 393,  
 R. D. No. 3, Worcester, N. Y.

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come  
 to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

—MARK TWAIN.

## The Information Desk

Ques.—With what issue of the Mladinski List did the OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST begin and when will it end?

Ans.—Although the rules of the contest were not approved by the Supreme Board until its meeting in February they are, however, retroactive to the January issue and will remain in force throughout 1942.

Ques.—What amount has been appropriated for prizes?

Ans.—The Supreme Board has approved a sum of \$400 for achievement awards.

Ques.—What are the qualifications required to enter the contest?

Ans.—Every contributor to the OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST must be a member of the Juvenile Department of the SNPJ.

Ques.—All contributions shall be grouped into classes.—What are they?

Ans.—There are two classes, LITERARY and DRAWINGS.

Ques.—What kind of drawings are acceptable?

Ans.—Cartoons, games, crossword puzzles, etc., drawn in INDIA ink.

Ques.—What prizes shall be awarded to members and Circles who qualify?

Ans.—Seven beautiful trophies, each appropriately engraved, and many other valuable prizes such as attractive pins, fountain pen and pencil sets, cameras, sport equipment, etc.

Ques.—The rules provide for an "Our Page" section. Does that mean that the Circle to which I belong, can have a page all of its own?

Ans.—That's exactly what it means. In order to have a page all to yourselves, two or more members must contribute the material and a request be made to the Editor. The purpose of "Our Page" is to encourage the members to contribute their writings and drawings together, under a title or name of their own choosing.

Ques.—How can I win an SNPJ Junior pin?

Ans.—Any juvenile member, contributing three or more articles and/or drawings to three different issues of the Mladinski List, during the contest, will be entitled to receive an attractive Junior pin.

Ques.—To be eligible for one of the final achievement awards, how often must one write?

Ans.—A literary composition or drawing must appear in at least six different issues of the Mladinski List during the year.

Ques.—What three members of the Supreme Board form the Committee of judges?

Ans.—The judges are Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director; Ivan Molek, Editor, and Vincent Cainkar, Supreme President.

Endeavor to see through things, and you will  
 always be able to see things through.

—Martin Coy.

# 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.*

## SNPJ Victory Campaign for Juveniles

HELP DEFEND AMERICA BY ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS IN THE SNPJ, is the slogan of the VICTORY CAMPAIGN which began on the first day of March, and that is the slogan you are going to read, hear and talk about, more and more, until the conclusion of the campaign on the last day of February, 1943. There is a place in this campaign for every juvenile member, who has ambition and desire to do worthy deeds for America and the SNPJ.

It is important at all times to enroll new members, to organize Juvenile Circles and to keep alive the activities essential to the forward progress of our fraternal life. These are a number of reasons why the Supreme Board approved the Victory Campaign at its last meeting. Another reason, the real incentive of the campaign, is to help DEFEND AMERICA against the enemies of democracy by awarding UNITED STATES DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS and STAMPS as prizes for new members.

Every juvenile enrolled in the course of the Victory Campaign will mean a victory prize of \$1.00 in DEFENSE STAMPS to the member responsible for the enrollment. Nor

is that all the Society offers for, in addition, a special prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the Circle gaining the highest number of new members during the campaign. . . And that still isn't all, for every lodge, and your group is a very important part of one, has a good chance to win a **State prize** of \$25.00, one of six **District prizes** of \$50.00 each, and the **National prize** of \$100.00. Then, too, we must not forget that there are individual prizes ranging from \$25.00 to \$50.00, based on the same plan of distribution as applies to the Lodge winners. These and all regular prizes will be awarded in form of UNITED STATES DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS and STAMPS.

The point we all should strive to impress upon our minds is not that certain individuals and lodges stand to benefit, materially, but that through the medium of the Victory Campaign and the purchase of Defense Bonds and Stamps with prize money, we will HELP TO DEFEND AMERICA and OUR LIBERTIES, and at the same time help to make the Society bigger and stronger in membership and assets for its own defense. These are the main objectives behind this patriotic and fra-

ternal effort, and they represent what we want every Juvenile member to hold in high esteem as we go marching on to victory in the SNPJ VICTORY CAMPAIGN.

If there is a boy or girl in your community, whom you'd like to have as a member of your Circle, now is the proper time to make the approach and encourage entry. You can tell all your prospects that it is for the defense of America and their own protection that you want them to join the SNPJ now! Of course, we do not expect juveniles to fill out the applications for membership, although there will be no objection if this is done with the assistance of the Circle Manager or some other adult member, but we do expect and ask of every member to **MAKE FRIENDS FOR THE SNPJ WHEREVER THEY GO!** The best way to accomplish this is by setting examples of good will, courage, truth, kindness, thrift and ambition. Mothers and fathers want their boys and girls to associate with this type of youth. They want them to belong to a group where they can gain benefits from work and play with boys and girls who are friendly, honest and active. And so we say—A good deed every day is the way to victory for our juvenile members in the SNPJ VICTORY CAMPAIGN!

### INFORMATION DESK

Beginning with this issue of the Mladinski List, it has been decided to renew a feature which I believe can be the source of much interest, fun and information for everyone. The feature I have reference to is a page devoted to **QUESTIONS and ANSWERS** on subjects pertaining not only to the SNPJ—our Lodges and Juvenile Circles, our members and activities—but, also, to any worthwhile topic outside of the Society proper.

This page is intended to serve as an **INFORMATION DESK** where questions and answers of all kinds will be furnished for the benefit of juvenile as well as adult members. For example, the subject chosen for this issue is related to the **OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST**, and both the questions and answers are supplied by your Director. Next month, it is my intention to introduce other important phases of the Society's activities through this medium, and starting with the **JUNE** issue of the Mladinski List, I

would like to see some of our boys and girls take their turns at the **INFORMATION DESK**. In other words, this page is open to all members who have something interesting and important to impart. A friendly welcome sign hangs over the Information Desk inviting every one to send in their questions and answers on facts that appeal to the average boy and girl. **Practice care in all your selections!** Here are a few rules by which to guide yourself:

Do not send in more than three questions with answers a month. Your choice of subject should be of interest to boys and girls of your own age. Make your questions and answers as brief as possible. Members, who contribute to **INFORMATION DESK**, are expected to write for other sections of the Mladinski List. Your name and number of Circle, or Lodge, must be signed to your contribution.

### VOICE OF YOUTH CIRCLE PLANS DANCE

**MIDWAY, PA.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Voice of Youth Circle, No. 22, was held in the SNPJ Hall on January 30. A fair number of members attended the first meeting of the new year. The various officers gave reports which were approved.

At this meeting, new officers were elected and installed. They are as follows: President, Steve Turkily; vice-president, Ann Saloun; secretary, Margaret Prebreg; treasurer, Bertha Kavcic; recording secretary, Donna Nagode.

Awards for writing to the Mladinski List and Prosveta were given; also, attendance awards.

The Voice of Youth Circle is planning to hold a dance on the second Saturday in May, on May 9.

Our Circle meets on the last Friday of each month at the local SNPJ Hall. All members are urged to attend the next meeting on April 24.

RUTH BROCKMAN, Circle No. 22,  
Box 96, Midway, Pa. (Lodge 89)

### CIRCLE NO. 23 FULLY ORGANIZED

**UNIVERSAL, PA.**—Juvenile Circle No. 23 of Universal has now become fully organized. Its first special affair was a Valentine party given Feb. 6, which was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the fun at the party.

The name, "Teensters", suggested by Howard Charrie, was chosen as the name of the Circle.

The following are the permanent officers of the Circle: Richard Berg, president; Verna Demshar, vice-president; Phyllis Bergent, secretary; Phyllis Demshar, treasurer; and Howard Charrie and Vencel Kokal, reporters.

The Social Committee consists of June Puska-



rich and Vera Tedon. On the Athletic Committee are Thomas Mlinar, Thomas Bertovich, Matthew Gerdich and Verna Demshar.

Our Circle held a party on Sunday, March 8. Each member was permitted to bring guests. There was music for those who wished to dance and games for all the others. Refreshments were served and there was no charge for admission.

HOWARD CHARRIE,  
VENCIL KOKAL, Reporters,  
Universal, Pennsylvania.

#### ACTIVITIES OF CIRCLE NO. 25

DELAGUA, COLO.—This is Circle No. 25 of Delagua, Colorado, reporting its monthly news. The February meeting was held on Sunday, February 8.

Business was discussed at this meeting. We wish to add that our Circle meets on the second Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock forenoon.

The entertaining committee had a spelling contest for entertainment, in which everybody cooperated. The winner was John Montera Jr., who won 50 cents worth of defense stamps.

We wish to add that our Circle is very active. Best regards to one and all.

Puclicity Committee:  
JOSEPHINE ANSELMO, EDA  
MONTERA, ANN HRVATIN.

#### REPORT OF JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 2

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Although our Juvenile Circle No. 2 has not been in the news in recent months, its activities go on at a steady pace. Here are some of the highlights of our activities:

Our Circle is active in many different fields. Some of these are roller skating parties, bowling, dances and programs, and in summer, picnicking is our chief diversion. Right now, indoor activities predominate.

Our newly elected officers are the following: Anna Surina, president; Mary Kupina, vice-president; Antoinette Meznarsic, secretary; Wilma Severinac, treasurer. Managers are Marian Tratnik and Ann Cebul.

Our last meeting was held on March 20, and our next meeting will be held on April 17. Our meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at 7 p. m. at the SNH on St. Clair Avenue. All members are urged to attend the April meeting, Friday, April 17, at 7 p. m., at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave.

ANTOINETTE MEZNARSIC, Secretary,  
6213 Glass Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

#### "JUNIOR HARMONIZERS" CIRCLE NO. 28

ROUNDUP, MONT.—Jimmy Ross was accepted as a new member of our Circle at the February meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Lea Oset, our Adviser, on the 15th of February.

An award of a twenty-five-cent defense stamp will be given to the member who succeeds in securing new juvenile members. Louise Lekse and Lucas Balock were appointed to help our Adviser with the campaign. Plans were discussed for a patriotic move by our Circle. Further dis-

cussions will be held at our next regular meeting. A prize will be given to the Circle member who has the best record of attendance at our meetings.

A short time back we also changed the name of our Circle, to "Junior Harmonizers." On February 8, our Circle gave a program at the New Moose Hall. We had a large attendance. Members that participated in the program were as follows: Lucas Balock, Frank Lekse, Louise Lekse, Frank Bedey, Bobby Bedey, Robert Zupan, Donald Zupan, Carl Kerzan, Josephine Oset, Charles Meznarich, Darlene Meznarich, Joan Finco, Albina Finco, Tony Lekse and Loraine Klos. Rudy Jancic was our stage manager. Our program was very successful.

Our Circle meets on the third Sunday of each month at a place designated at the previous meeting.

CARL KERZAN, Secretary,  
Box 14, Roundup, Mont.

#### ACTIVITIES OF "BLAIN SUNSHINERS"

BLAINE, OHIO.—On December 10, our Juvenile Circle "Blaine Sunshiners," No. 30 SNPJ, gave an entertainment of the "Doc Williams" and the "Border Riders" at the Blaine Miners Hall. A big crowd attended the cowboy show.

On December 25, our Circle had a Christmas gift-exchange and also had a party.

We had a meeting on February 3 and decided to exchange valentines. It was also decided to hold a Valentine Party on February 14, which we did.

We had a meeting on March 3 and accepted three new members. They are Joyce Kryston, Wanda Kowalski, and Caroline Kowalski.

Our Circle holds its regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the SNPJ Hall in Blaine. DIANE BRADLEY, Circle 30,  
Box 115, Blaine, Ohio.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Joe Ovnik (Forest City, Pa., Lodge 124) writes to the Editor asking the meaning and origin of his last name. The name is probably derived from the word "oven", which means ram or a male sheep. In forming the word "ovnik", the letter "e" is dropped; it probably meant originally one who had rams or had to do with rams. An English equivalent might be Ramsey or even Rams-gate.

#### FIRST LETTER FROM POWER POINT GROUP

POWER POINT, OHIO.—Since this is the first time I have ever written to the Mladinski List, I will try to make this article as interesting as I can.

I was a member of the SSPZ for a little more than seventeen years, but now since the two organizations and their lodges merged, I am very proud that I am a member of the SNPJ.

Our Vrtec No. 126 consisted of 15 members. The Administratrix was Mrs. Mary Bogotay. The officers were Stephie Taucher, president; Frances Taucher, secretary; Virginia Chuck, treasurer; Elizabeth Chuck, recording secretary. Up until now we have not as yet received the new number for our group.

We have been quite active in the last three  
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# Our Pen Pals Write

(Naši čitateljski pišejo)

## WAITING FOR SUMMER VACATION



Drawn by  
Zita Bozanec, 14,  
Worcester, N. Y., lodge 393

Dear Editor:—I am very much interested in this fine magazine—the Mladinski List. I have received quite a number of letters from pen pals through this magazine. I want to thank you very much for publishing my letters.

Well, we are back in school again, waiting for our summer vacation. The last time I wrote to the ML I forgot to state my age. I am fifteen years old, and I am now attending an A class school 15 miles from my home town. I am a freshman. I ride in a school bus to and from school. It is a 45 min. ride one way. If any of you are interested in more talk about my school, I'll answer all letters promptly. I wish Leona Oshtabon would send me a post card with her address as I would like to get in touch with her.

With this letter I am also sending a few jokes which I would like to see published in the M. L. I would like to receive more pen pal letters from girls and boys. As a parting word I would like to say, "Keep your chin up, and Keep 'em flying!" Best regards to all.—**Dorothy Ujcich**, Box 127, Glencoe, Ohio. (Lodge 54)

## FROM A 7th GRADER

Dear Editor:—I have been reading this fine magazine for a long time. I think it is very interesting. This is my first letter to the ML but I hope I'll write many more letters in the future.

I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade. I like school very much. My teachers are Mr. Helmick and Mr. Quattro. I go to Pierce School. It will not be long now before school will be out. Then we'll have a long summer vacation.

I would like very much to have some pen pals and promise to answer all letters promptly. I wish all the SNPJs good luck. Best regards from a proud member of SNPJ—**Betty Carrico**, Pierce, W. Va.

## BUY STAMPS AND BONDS!

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the Mladinski List. I have been reading the M. L. every month and I decided to write more often. I find the ML very interesting. I am 14 years of age and in the eighth grade at Bulger School. Near our school we can buy defense bonds and stamps. I think it is very wise for every American boy and girl to buy defense bonds and stamps—to help our country while we are in war and help win it! Best regards to all.—**Helen Kastelich**, Box 117, Bulger, Pa.

## HOME ECONOMICS

Dear Editor:—I am in the 9B grade at Clinton High School. This is my first letter to this wonderful magazine, but I hope to write more often. In school, I have four subjects—English, algebra, home economics, and biology. My teachers are: Miss Barker, Miss Morgan, Miss Dallava, and Mr. Patterson.

I am on the Home Economics course because I like cooking and sewing. The first semester we cooked and now we are sewing. I am making a sailor dress. Here in Clinton we have a new plant for defense. Every person who works in this plant must be in good physical condition.

I would like to have some pen pals. I promise I will answer all letters promptly. Best regards to all.—**Julia Hudomal** (age 15), R. R. 8, Clinton, Ind. (Lodge 213)

## THEY MISS GOOD TIMES

Dear Editor:—As I decided that I wouldn't break my promise, I am writing again. I want to thank Mary Kotchnik for writing to me and telling me about the lodge in Los Angeles. I also received letters from Virginia Kutcher and Jeanie Stonich. I want to thank them for writing to me and I hope that I get more letters from pen pals.

We sure miss the good times we had in Colorado and New Mexico. Some of the parties were held in Raton, New Mexico, others in Rye, Pueblo, Ludlow and Walsenburg, Colorado. In Walsenburg we met President V. Cainkar of the SNPJ. He gave a fine speech on that occasion in English and Slovene. I wonder if the SNPJ federation in California sponsors picnics and other affairs. If they do, I certainly will try to attend if at all possible.

My favorite radio program is "Blondie" and "Take It or Leave It." And now that we have daylight saving time, the evenings seem a lot longer. In conclusion, I wish to state that I was 14 years old on January 29.—**Rose Chagenovich**, 984 Santa Cruz, San Petro, Calif. (Lodge 416)

## HELLO TO ALL!

Dear Editor:—Hello to one and all! This is my first letter to this wonderful magazine. I read it every month, although I didn't write to it before. Here is my introduction:



I am 15 years old, and I go to Smithfield High School. I play the piano and accordion, for several years. I have two brothers who are also members of the SNPJ lodge 176. The oldest is

in the NYA camp at Carrelton, and the youngest attends grade school. He also plays the accordion.

Here in my home town, we have one of the largest coal mines in Ohio. It is called the Hanna Coal Co.—I received several letters last month. I would like to have more pen pals, and promise to answer promptly. Best regards to all.—**Mary Grayzar**, Box 196, Piney Fork, Ohio. (Lodge 176).

## FROM THE WEST COAST

Dear Editor:—I received the Mladinski List and decided to write. In school, I passed to the A-5. I was 10 years old on February 9. I have the same teacher again. Here on the West Coast, I see many ships and airplanes. And I see a lot of water because I live by the ocean. When I was coming to California and traveled through Arizona, I saw many interesting things. I like California a lot, and we intend to stay here. I hope we have a lodge here soon.—**Ruth Chagenovich**, 984 Santa Cruz, San Pedro, Calif. (Lodge 416)

## FROM W. VA HILLS

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I was surprised to see it published in the February issue. I have been reading several of the letters in the M. L. Most of the writers say they haven't had much snow. They should be in the hills of West Virginia and they would see plenty of snow and zero weather.

I want to say hello to my Pen Pals Mary D. Simenec, Doris Munari, Maxine Praffitt, Agnes Grgas and Stanley Cvelbar. I would like to have some more pen pals. Best regards.—**Mary Alice Paling** (age 14), Box 15, Pierce, W. Va.

## SPRING HAS ARRIVED

Dear Editor:—I am 13 years of age, and in the eighth grade. I am a member of the SNPJ lodge 680, Circle 15.—Spring will soon be here. By the time this letter appears in the ML for April, spring will be here. Soon the leaves will cover the trees, birds will be making their nests, the flowers will be blooming, and the sun will make the happy children playing outdoors.

Also, the people will begin to plant their seeds and flowers in their gardens. The vegetables will make the children strong and the flowers will make a perfume for everyone to smell. The bees and butterflies will store away the powder in the flowers for next winter . . .

Soon many children will be roller skating, swimming, running races, playing ball games and other popular games. Best wishes to all readers and writers of the M. L.—**Matilda Doles** (age 13), 110 W. R. R. Ave., Verona, Pa. (Lodge 680)

## WANTED: A FEW PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I have been planning to write to the ML for a long time, but I never got around to it. So—here is my first letter to the M. L. I am 12 years old and in the sixth grade. I have been in the hospital for six weeks. I, like all girls, would like to have some pen pals; I promise to answer them promptly.

I have been reading the M. L. for a number of years. I think it is the best juvenile magazine I have ever read. Like most boys and girls, I, too, have a hobby. I collect movie stars pictures. Recently I joined the Foreign Friends Column, but I did not yet receive my membership card.

Hoping to hear from a new pen pal soon, I'll close with best regards to one and all.—**Josephine Strell** (age 12), Rainbow Hospital, S. Euclid, Ohio.

## "THE ICE IS BROKEN"

Dear Editor:—I am 14 years old, and this is my first letter to the Mladinski List. I am a blond and about five feet and two inches tall. I have been reading the M. L. for several years. I often wish I could read my own letter in it, and now I "broke the ice." I'd like to have some pen pals. Best regards to all.—**Hedwig Bogaty**, Box 71, Renton, Pennsylvania. (Lodge 400)

## HAS TWO BROTHERS IN U. S. ARMY



Dear Editor:—I should be reprimanded for not writing more often. But I have had so much to do and think about. From now on I'll try to do my best.

Things haven't been going so well for us this year and that is why I haven't written. My father died on Dec. 14 and now at home, live only my Mother and myself. My youngest brother is in Alaska in the U. S. Army, while my oldest

brother is in Hawaii. Don't you think that shows some of the good old American spirit!

Because of the use of daylight saving time, we go to school an hour earlier and on Saturdays, too. So now instead of getting out of school on May 22, we should get out on May 8. However, school is coming along fine. The subjects that I take are: General Business, Bookkeeping, Economics, American History, and typing. I get along well with all of them except history.

I am enclosing a snapshot of myself. It is not very good but I hope it will serve the purpose. I wish Ben Volk would answer my letter. I shall always remain a loyal reader of this swell magazine.—**Betty Jane Suvada** (age 16), Box 95, Phippsburg, Colo.

## IN 4-H CLUB

Dear Editor:—I would like to see some letters from the boys and girls from SNPJ lodge 388. We live on a farm in Coons Corners near Meadville, Pa. I am 15 years old and in the tenth grade. I enjoy reading the letters in this magazine. I would like to have some pen pals from different parts of the country. I want to add that I like to listen to Gene Autry sing on the radio. I have seen some of his shows.

I have one brother. He is 13 years old and in the eighth grade. We are both members of the 4-H club. In the girls' 4-H club I made a jerkin set. I got first prize on it. In the boys' 4-H I raised sweet corn. I also got first prize on it. It's a lot of fun being in the 4-H.

There are only four of us Slovene children in this vicinity. I wish Frances would write to the M. L. Wake up, Frances, and write. I hope to see this letter in the March issue, although it is almost impossible. I wrote it on Feb. 11; that is



the time the ML for the next month goes to press. So—I'll be glad to see it in the April number. There are four of us in our family, and we all belong to the SNPJ lodge 388. My hobby is collecting movie stars. My favorite subjects are algebra and biology. Best regards.—**Elsie Knapp**, R. D. 3, Meadville, Pa. (Lodge 388)

#### DOWN ON THE FARM

Dear Editor:—I am 11 years old and will be 12 in September. I go to James A. Garfield School. I am in the 6A grade. Although this is my first letter to this fine magazine, I intend to write many more.

Just recently I moved from Cleveland to a 10-acre farm in Willoughby. So far I like it very much. Speaking of the M. L., I like the jokes in it, but I like the Pen Pal page, the Just for Fun page and other features best of all. My favorite hobby is going to a movie. My favorite actor is Nelson Eddy.

I would like very much to have some pen pals write to me. I'd love to hear from someone in California and Texas or anywhere else in the United States. It's rather lonesome after school and I'd fill up my time answering letters. Best regards to one and all.—**Mildred Grzanic**, R. F. D. 1, Willoughby, Ohio. (Lodge 5)

#### "RICHEST HILL ON EARTH"

Dear Editor.—This, to my embarrassment, is my first letter to the M. L. I am a freshman in the new million dollar high school in Butte, Montana. There are approximately 2000 pupils attending.

Butte, as some of you know, is often referred to as the "richest hill on earth." Copper mining is the chief industry. The population is about 49,000. The city is situated partly on a hill and partly in a valley surrounded by the tall Rocky Mountains.

I am the only child in our family of three. Dad works in the Badger mine.

Well, I must say goodbye until next time. I would like to have some pen pals. I promise to write to the best of my ability.—**Helen Doshen** (age 15), 735 East Helena Street, Butte, Montana (Lodge 207)

#### "THE GRANDEST MAGAZINE"

Dear Editor:—I think the M. L. is the grandest magazine to read. I've received only two of them so far because I am a new member. This is my first letter to this fine magazine. Nevertheless, I already have some pen pals. I want to say hello to Annie Mele, Anna Kolence, Edith Switko. I have read everyone's letter, and if they write, I will too. I have always been thinking of writing but I guess I was bashful.

I am a sophomore in the Gowanda High School. The subjects I am taking are: English II, Business Mathematics, Homemaking A, Ec. Geography I, Gym. Our school has sold quite a few defense stamps. I am trying to help win this war in every way I can. I hope everybody is buying all the stamps and bonds that they can.

I wish someone from Gowanda would write to

this wonderful magazine. I would like to have some pen pals from all over the country. I'll answer all letters as soon as I receive them. I will try to write regularly. I have been writing letters all week. I wish I could read Slovene because there are several Slovene articles in each number. I know how to talk it but not read it. I'll have to sign off. I hope to be a regular contributor and a continued member.—**Agnes Voncina** (age 15), 149 Beech Street, Gowanda, N. Y. (Lodge 211)

#### GRACE'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade. I am a member of the SNPJ Juvenile Circle No. 26. This is my first letter to the Mladinski List. My hobbies are collecting stamps and cards. My favorite sports are ice skating, tap dancing, ballet, toe dancing, acrobat.

On January 31, our Circle elected new officers. Ruth Medic was elected president, Angeline Pluth, vice-president; Sylvia Trojar, secretary; Frances Senica, treasurer; Theresa Gasser and William Kovacich, sergeants-at-arms.

On February 14 we had a Valentine party. We exchanged valentines, played games and had refreshments. Best regards to all Juvenile Circles as well as readers and pen pals.—**Grace Ann Gerdanc**, 4933 W. 24th St., Cicero, Ill.

#### HE'S ON O WINNING TEAM

Dear Editor:—I am enclosing several pictures and I hope they'll be published. I would like to have some pen pals. Since this is my first letter to the ML, I will introduce myself.

I am 14 years old, five feet and four inches tall, and I weigh 126 pounds. My favorite sport is basketball. I am on the Beech Grove basketball team. We have played eight games and won all of them.

I am in the ninth grade in school, and I can hardly wait until school is out. We had a dunky basketball game on Feb. 16. In fact, two games were scheduled for that day; one, Lions vs. American, the other between two girls' teams. Best regards to all.—**Richard Pelko**, 157 N. Fourth St., Beech Grove, Ind.

#### HELEN LIKES BASKETBALL

Dear Editor:—This is my third letter to the Mladinski List. I am sorry I have not written more to this fine magazine. I noticed that there are many girls and boys writing to this magazine from Pennsylvania.

I go to Oakmont High and I'm on the girls' basketball team. I like to play basketball very much. By the way, how come I didn't see any pictures in the ML of basketball teams? But I do have a swell pen pal from Michigan; her name is Violet Jelich. I'd like to have some more pen pals, from anywhere in the United States, boys or girls. I wish Caroline Rovison would answer my letter.

I like the drawings that are published in the M. L. They are very nice and interesting. In fact, everything in the ML is interesting. Every-



body should keep on writing to the M. L., and don't forget to write to me. I'll answer promptly. Best regards to all.—*Helen Stimac* (15) 377 Virginia Ave., Oakmont, Pa.

### "MAGNOLIA" AND "GLOWWORM"

Dear Editor:—What mild weather we have been having here in Detroit early in February! If it keeps up much longer, my new skates will be of no use to me this year.

Fran and Jo, my two oldest sisters, were in a play called "Magnolia," a musical play. The blackface comedians were very good, so were the dancers, especially a boy who did a ballet number to "Glowworm." The singing was excellent for a group of amateurs. The show was to be presented for the sailors at the Ford Naval Training Station in Dearborn, Mich., Feb. 5. Too bad for them, the gobs were quarantined—for measles and scarlet fever.

As long as General Groundhog saw his shadow and intends to stay indoor, please let's have some skating weather—now, at this writing. My best regards to one and all.—*Caroline Tavzelj* (age 12), 1425 McKinstry, Detroit, Mich. (Lodge 518)

### "SMILIN' JACK"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to this wonderful magazine. Last time I sent a picture of Marlene Dietrich and this time I am sending a small sketch I saw in the comic strip "Smilin' Jack." It is the picture of an office stenographer.

As I stated in my last letter, I go to Centennial Jr. High School. Two weeks ago we took our pictures. Mine came out fairly good and I am sending it in. My brother, who is 8 years old, drew a picture of some bells for the



December issue but he forgot to send it. He will draw some more pictures for the M. L.

My favorite radio programs are Lux Theater, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, the Old Ranger and his evening yarns of the old West. I will write again very soon.—*Norma Scavina* (age 13), 408 State St., Trinidad, Colo.

### HAS A LARGE SCRAPBOOK

Dear Editor:—I am 14 years old and a freshman in Ellsworth High School. Incidentally, this is my first letter to the Mladinski List. I enjoy reading this magazine very much and read it very thoroughly.

Well, I don't know how to begin. I have received two numbers of the ML and finally decided to write. I still wouldn't have written if I hadn't glanced over the magazine for the fifth time.

My hobby is saving all kinds of cards. I have a large scrapbook, which I received for Christmas. The scrapbook is half full. I would like to have

some pen pals. I will answer all letters promptly. My best regards to all.—*Helen Mance*, Box 341, Cokeburg, Pa.

### WILLIAM'S HOBBIES

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the Mladinski List. I hope I have time to write often in the future. I have been a member of SNPJ lodge 386, for quite a number of years.

I am 13 years old, and I go to the Bethel Junior High School. I am getting along fine, as I am on the Honor Roll. On Jan. 28 and 29, our school gave an operetta, "The Gypsy Rover," and it was a big success. I had a part in it.

My hobbies are stamp collecting, soap carving, and sketching. I have a lot of books and I read every time I have at my disposal. I would like to have pen pals. All letters will be answered promptly. Best wishes to all.—*William R. Yakopin*, R. D. 1, Library, Pa.

### NJEN DRUGI SLOVENSKI DOPIS

Dragi urednik!—To je drugo moje slovensko pismo ali dopis. Mama me bo še učila pisati in brati po slovensko. Večkrat bi morala pisati po slovensko, da mi bi šlo bolj gladko. Če bi znala dobro slovensko pisati, bi lahko mami pisala, kadar bom šla na počitnice.

Jaz imam tri brate. Starejša dva sta v Clevelandu, moj mlajši brat pa je odšel v armado v februarju. Zima ni bila prehuda. Le včasih je bilo zelo mraz, pa se je kmalu obrnilo na boljše. Šola bo trajala še dva meseca. Mi ne dobimo nič več papirja v šoli.

Kmalu bo prišla pomlad. No, saj je že prišla. Ampak pravi pomladni čas pride šele v aprilu in maju. Potem bo spet vse oživel, kar sedaj spi v zemlji. Živali in rastline in rožice. Cvetlice bodo začele odpirati svoje košate glavice in ptičice bodo lepo prepevale na drevju.

Aprilska številka Mladinskega lista bo prišla tik pred velikonočnimi prazniki. Želim vesele velikonočne praznike vsem skupaj!—*Florence Alich* (15), Box 607, Aurora, Minn. (Društvo 111)

### WHAT A "VICTORY"!

Dear Editor:—Here is a bit of satire on Hitler's "victory" in Russia. Here goes: Here in Cleveland we are celebrating his victory in Russia and cordially invite all to attend a moonlight afternoon picnic on the morning of December 98, 1911 B. C. Most of the work is being done by Mixed Nuts of the Asylums. You may invite all your crazy friends but you stay home. For directions, ask any streetcar conductor or bus driver as they will not know. Take the street car you just missed and get off the place you got on. You may meet yourself coming back but don't let that bother you. You know, street cars run both ways, take either of them or both. Bill of fare: Hitler'll make a short talk on the trip that all mad dictators take. Fine ham sandwiches will be served without ham or bread. Hot coffee will be served cold without coffee or sugar. All armless men wishing to enter the ball-throwing contest must present their own handwriting, etc., etc. Yours

'til the stars have no glory, General Timošenko.

This letter was written by one who would be most likely to write it. You guessed right, it was me. If you don't understand any part of it, write to me and I will gladly explain it.—**Violet Vogrin**, 19708 Shawnee Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

#### IS GLAD SHE'S IN U. S. A.

Dear Editor:—Although always a faithful reader of this fine magazine, I never before had the pleasure of writing to instead of just reading the M. L. My opportunity came when the SSPZ merged with the SNPJ, which was just recently.

I am a freshman in Thomas High School, and I do satisfactory work in all my studies, with the exception of English, which is fair but does not satisfy me. Being born in Europe, in Palče, Jugoslavija, and since I was nine years old at my arrival, I remember many things of those days. It is hard to think of my relatives in Jugoslavija and Italy leading such a hard and miserable life. I can only give thanks that I was spared such brutality as is the lot of our people abroad today. Let us hope that the day is not distant when they will be liberated.

It would give me great pleasure to correspond with anybody that is interested. Until the next time, I remain a proud member—**Josephine Kovach** (age 14), Box 17, Pierce, W. Va.

#### APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:—This being my first letter of the new year, I want to take this opportunity to thank the SNPJ and the ML for the grand award received in January. This month I have chosen to write about my favorite subject, "Home Making," an article which is intended for the Our School page. My best wishes to one and all.—**Mildred Padar** (age 12), 222 Wyckoff Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Lodge 580)

#### WINTER FROLIC

Dear Editor:—Here in Aurora, Minnesota, we had a winter frolic on Feb. 20. There were many races open to individuals and groups. Broom-ball is great fun.

I miss letters from Marilyn Zdrasky of Parkville, Minn. Minnesota members, how about more letters in the M. L.?—I like Easter because it means spring, and then summer will be here. Of course, summer means vacation time.

I have been helping the U. S. Government by buying defense stamps. I hope they help for our final victory. I'll drop my pen now, with best regards to all.—**Florence Alich** (age 15), Box 607, Aurora, Minn. (Lodge 111)

#### EARLY SPRING

Dear Editor:—The month of March is here and the wind is blowing hard. That's what we can expect in March. Already it looks as if Spring wants to hurry and come, because the grass is getting green. Also, the flowers are coming out and birds are singing.

School is going on fine and we are learning more about the world every day. I am getting

acquainted with fishes, birds, insects, animals, etc., which surround us on all sides. We, the Jenny Lind Junior girls, have won two trophies this year in basketball. We are going to enter a Senior District tournament.

I continue to receive some postcards every day for my collection. They are increasing steadily. I have about 300 cards now. I certainly do enjoy exchanging them. Best regards to all.—**Annie Cretnik** (age 15), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24).

#### FROM MIDWAY, PA.

Dear Editor:—I am glad that I joined the SNPJ lodge 89. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. I like to go to school. My teachers' name is Miss Scott. I have a cold and I can't go out. I hope that all you girls and boys are well. Best regards to all.—**Joy Daudet**, Midway, Pa.

#### ON TRANSFERRING—

Dear Editor:—I have often wondered how it would be to belong to the Senior Lodge instead of the Juvenile Department. This month, in April, I will know, for I am being transferred.

It has been nice being friends with so many girls and boys, not actually knowing them, but recognizing their names and work in the Mladinski List. To be a member of the adult group will be another interesting experience. I hope that I can be of some help to our SNPJ lodge in Avella.

I am also graduating from high school in June. I am not sorry to leave school. I think of it as I do changing from the Juvenile to the Ault group. Going into something with a much wider field. My only wish is to find a job soon after I am out of high school.

I hope the Mladinski List grows larger and more interesting as the years go on. And always, as now, to be something of achievement all members point to with pride.—**Dorothy Dermotta** (age 17), Avella, Pa. (Lodge 292)

#### DOROTHY'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the Mladinski List. I am sorry I didn't write sooner. I enjoy reading the ML magazine very much. I am 14 years old, and a freshman at the Conemaugh High School. I will continue writing to this fine magazine. I am sending in several pictures which I hope will be printed. (Sorry! All drawing must be in India ink on drawing paper.—Ed.) I will close now, wishing you all good luck.—**Dorothy Kolar**, Box 43, Conemaugh, Pa.

#### HAS TWENTY PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I decided to write a letter to this fine magazine. I failed to write one last month.

On February 18, Big Slim and his Happy Ranch group appeared at our school. He has a very good show. I hope I can see him again before he leaves for Hollywood to make a picture.

I have received three new pen pals since my last letter to the M. L. They are Agnes Voncina from Gowanda, N. Y.; Martha Gasser, Pierce, W.

Va., and Joe Gosek from Moran, Iowa. Altogether I have twenty pen pals. I would like to say hello to all my pen pals. I would like to hear from some pen pals living in California who are interested in cowboys. I promise to answer all letters promptly. Best regards.—**Anna Mele** (age 15), Box 311, Moon Run, Pa.

#### SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Dear Editor:—Again I find myself writing to this issue of the Mladinski List. In the early part of February, the 7th and 8th, to be exact, the annual Midwest SNPJ Bowling tournament was held in La Salle. A large crowd was present both nights. The day before the tournament we had heavy rains and some snow which caused the Illinois River (which is very close to my home) to flood its banks. The main road leading to La Salle was closed for about a week because there was as high as four feet of water on it.

At school we have outside lessons in chalk drawing. Five of us girls went to several clubs to draw for them. The weather is nice now—it is like spring, and it is spring. I will write again.—**Dolores Udovic** (age 13), Rte. 1, Box 90, La Salle, Illinois.

#### MY REPORT CARD

Dear Editor:—I received a letter from Wilma Ammon who was very sick. She lives in Canton, Ohio. I hope she feels better.

Well, Easter is just around the corner; in fact, it will be here by the time this letter appears in the M. L. I am sure the bunny is very excited. We were excited, too—in school. On my report card I received seven A's and five B's. I did not get any C's, D's or U's. Am I glad!

The weather in Detroit at this writing (March 3) is awful. Once it's warm and then it snows. In short, the weather is miserable. It's very easy to catch a cold and other sicknesses. My best regards to all of my pen pals and everyone else.—**Caroline Tavzelj**, 1425 McKinstry, Detroit, Mich. (Lodge 518.)

#### HELEN STUDIES POETRY

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. Probably most of you have forgotten me, but to wake up your memory I will introduce myself.

I am 16 years of age, I am 5 ft. 5 in. tall and I weigh 118 pounds. I am medium complexioned, have blue eyes and a slight touch of blond hair. I go to Conemaugh Township High School in Davidsville, Pennsylvania. I am a junior at school.

As for my hobby, I collect picture post cards and I like to travel. If any of the SNPJ members have any picture post cards, I will appreciate it very much if you would send them to me. I also like to write poetry. In our speech class at school we study quite a bit of Shakespeare's poetry, which I enjoy very much. Just recently I've written a poem which I am sending in. I hope the SNPJ members will enjoy it. It is entitled "Spring Weather". It is timely because Spring is

already here and Winter will not return until next year.

I should like to receive picture post cards from pen pals, for which I thank them in advance. My best regards to one and all.—**Helen C. Zadell**, Jerome, Pa.

#### BESSEMER CHAMPIONS

Dear Editor:—As I promised in my last letter that I would write again to this fine magazine, I am now fulfilling my promise.

I was very glad to hear from all those boys and girls who wish to become my pen pals. I was especially glad to hear from a girl from Wyoming. I also correspond with many others, too. So please don't feel hurt if I didn't mention you in particular. I also want to thank all those who wrote to me. I will answer all letters promptly.

Our basketball team is doing very well and has won the championship in our section. I am very fortunate because I have a brother who is the star on the team. The weather out here was fine until we had a very heavy snowfall recently, towards the end of February. We had a day off because of the snow being so deep and another day because we won the championship in our section.

Our school is a Class B school, although it isn't so large, but large enough. We have a group of very nice pupils and also teachers. I wish to mention that all the children of Bessemer who belong to the juvenile group should try to write to the M. L. As my very last request, "Come on, Bessemer, and write!" My best regards to one and all.—**Helen Tasoto** (age 17), Box 105, Bessemer, Pa.

#### OUR OWN JUVENILE CIRCLE

(Continued from page 23.)

months as to receiving new members. We have received three new members during that time. They are Joyce Alice Chuck, Herby Chuck, and Joan Pushnik, all of which will be now in the SNPJ. I am sure that we will all cooperate with the other members of the SNPJ.

On December 21, 1941, a big dinner was held at the Slovene Hall. We all enjoyed ourselves as there was plenty to eat and plenty to drink. I noticed the men having a good time; in fact, we all had a good time. The children, too, enjoyed themselves immensely.

Since this is the first time I have written to this fine magazine, the Mladinski List, I really haven't much to say. So I will close for this time, hoping to see some of our other members' articles in the Mladinski List.

STEPHIE TAUCHER,  
Box 3, Power Point, O.



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# Introducing Book Friends

By Betty Jartz

## V FOR VICTORY AND VICTUALS

**What the World Eats**, by Hanson Hart Webster and Ada R. Polkinghorne.

This interesting book is written with the purpose of acquainting the young reader with the foods he meets and eats at his table. Many of the familiar foods which we eat almost every day are not natives of the American soil, but were brought to our country from the other continents of the world. Then, too, in order to make those many new foods more attractive, palatable, and healthful many forgotten people cultivated and developed them.

The common apple, for instance, a fruit that America ships to all points on the earth, did not even exist on this continent. The early pilgrims brought the apple seed from their native England. The apple trees thrived in the new land; and they did even much better up in our northwestern states. Today, America grows enough apples to supply every man, woman, and child with nearly a whole barrelful.

Fruit and vegetable kingdoms have families and relatives just as humans do. They, too, have a first and a second name, which are in Latin. Let's take the apple for instance again. Well, the apples have cousins whose second names correspond just as the surname of my cousins corresponds to mine. The following is an interesting fact: the rose bush is a relative of the apple tree. Other dainty fruits that belong to the rose family are: quinces, peaches, plums, apricots, cherries, blackberries, and raspberries. Imagine!

Can you believe that the bread we eat comes from a grass? Oh yes, bread is made from flour which is made from wheat and rye; but wheat comes from the seed of the grass family. Also related to grass are: corn, rice, barley, millet, oats, and rye. The bread that we eat today and take so much for granted has a long history of development. When one eats bread he may as well say he's eating history. First of all some one had to discover that the grain from this grass was good to eat. Then there was its cultivation, the land and the tools with which to work, and so on. We really haven't the time to go into all of the story of "from grass to bread" here. Without bread many people would die of starvation. Your own grandparents can tell you that it used to be that white bread was considered a delicacy and was found rarely on their tables when they were young. That's because the people in those times did not have the inventions which today do more work, do it cheaper and easier, and which results in bringing this refined staff of life to all of us.

Sometimes I get to thinking that this man was great, that he did a lot for his country and his people. Then I wonder, maybe so, but who is so extra important? Everybody has a hand, it seems, in developing and improving the useful things of life. Nothing is, or was, the sole

discovery of one man. You just get to thinking that everybody is important. That's the little extra lesson which I got from the story of development of wheat from grass to bread.

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Many of us will be planting Victory gardens this year. The above book recommends two other books which will go a long way in helping youngsters to plan a garden. They are:

**When Mother Let Us Garden**, by Frances Duncan.

**The Children Make a Garden**, Dorothy H. Jenkins.

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Boys and girls can join "Four H Garden Clubs". The government offers prizes for the best gardeners. These clubs are called "Four H", because their aim is to teach children to work with their hands, head, and heart, and to keep themselves healthy. Their aim is to make good citizens, too. If they help youngsters to become clever with their hands, teach them to think, show them how to be kind, and how to take care of their health, they will surely make good citizens. Don't you agree? The club has a badge that looks like a four leaf clover. There is a capital "H" on each badge. And you know what that capital "H" stands for.

Mr. Meeker: "So you're lost, little man? Why didn't you hang on to your mother's skirt?"

Jackie (sniff): "Pleath, thir, I couldn't reach it."



WORKING FOR THE BOYS

Drawn by **Dorothy Dermotta**, age 17, Avella, Pa. Lodge 292.



## ROSTER OF CIRCLES AND OFFICERS

An incomplete roster of Circles and their respective officers appears in this issue of the Mladinski List. Although publication of the roster was delayed, purposely, fully a month to allow the absent Circles and "Vrtci" of the former SSPZ to send in their reports, nearly fifty per cent of them are still missing.

Circle Managers or Secretaries, including those of the former SSPZ, who have not as yet reported the names and addresses of the officers elected to serve in 1942, are urged to fill out the special form sent to them in January and return same to the Juvenile Director at once. This requirement should be complied with even though no changes have been made in the election of officers or their addresses from those of the previous year. If you haven't one of the official forms on hand, an SNPJ letterhead or an ordinary sheet of plain tablet paper will serve the purpose just as well.

Your Juvenile Director as well as the members of other Circles are interested in knowing who your officers are, and one of the most convenient ways of letting them know "Who's Who" among the SNPJ Juvenile Circle officials of 1942, is for you to furnish the Director with the names and addresses and for him to see that prominent space is provided for them in the Mladinski List. Send in your reports NOW before you forget.

Your attention is called to the new Circles that have been added to the roster. With but one exception, that being Circle No. 33 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, all others are "Vrtci" of the former SSPZ changed over to the system required by the Rules and Regulations governing Juvenile Circles. Six other groups of the same organization have combined with established Circles in their communities and, from reports that have reached this office, all are doing splendidly. At least a dozen more are expected to reorganize and continue their activities in the near future. Besides these, there are bright possibilities of expanding our Juvenile Circles into communities where such groups have never been organized and, frankly, we are optimistically looking forward to many successes.

**Circle No. 1**—Walsenburg, Colo. (299)—William Tomsic, President; Verna M. Duzenak, Vice-President; Edward Tomsic, Jr., Secretary; Ann Urban, Treasurer; Edward Tomsic, Sr., Manager, 623 W. 7th Street; Mary Tomsic, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 3rd Sunday at Kapu-sin's Hall.

**Circle No. 2**—Cleveland, Ohio (137)—Anna Surina, President; Marge Kupina, Vice-President; Antoinette Meznarsic, Secretary, 6213 Glass Ave.; Wilma Severina, Treasurer; Marian Tratnik, 1116 E. 71st Street; Ann Cebul, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 3rd Friday at SNH.

**Circle No. 4**—Milwaukee, Wis. (16-584-255)—Matthew Smole, Jr., President; Stanley Stanich, Vice-President; Elsie Ohojak, Secretary, 1608 S. 57th Street; William Kodrioh, Treasurer; Sophie Stampfel, Manager, 1120-A Washington. Meetings every 1st Friday at 7 P. M. at Ripple's Hall.

**Circle No. 5**—Luzerne, Pa. (204)—Rose Ofack, President; Carolyn Revisan, Secretary, 815 Welord Street; Helen Petkovsek, Rec. Secretary; Stefania Vrataric, Manager, 315 Tener Street. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at 280 Main Street.

**Circle No. 7**—Girard, Ohio (643)—Joseph Leskovec,

President; Pauline Bahn, Vice-President; Elizabeth Rezek, Secretary; Herminia Perechlin, Rec. Secretary; Dorothy Selak, Treasurer; Frank Rezek, Jr., Manager, 167 Trumbull Ave.; Mary Selak, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 4th Sunday at 2 P. M. at Nagode's Hall, Avon Park.

**Circle No. 9**—Crested Butte, Colo. (397)—Joe Tezak, Jr., President; Julia Rozman, Vice-President; Evelyn Pogorelc, Secretary; Frank Russ, Rec. Secretary; Joe Russ, Treasurer; Joe Tezak, Sr., Manager, Box No. 421. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at the Croatian Hall.

**Circle No. 10**—Salem, Ohio (476)—Mary Kordan, President; Dorothy Dolence, Vice-President; Elsie Omais, Secretary, R. D. No. 1; Jennie Mozinia, Rec. Secretary; James Koran, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Omais, Manager, R. D. No. 1. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at Czecho-Slovak Hall, S. Elsworth Avenue.

**Circle No. 11**—Arma, Kansas (Federation)—Carl Ulepich, President; John Zibert, Vice-President; Dorothy Yoger, Secretary, R. R. No. 3, Girard, Kansas; Frances Kumer, Treasurer; Anton Shular, Manager, R. R. No. 1. Meetings held every 1st Sunday in various towns.

**Circle No. 12 and 13** merged with No. 2.

**Circle No. 16**—Thomas, W. Va. (29)—Frances Komat, President; Anna Pinasky, Vice-President; Helen Vidmar, Secretary, Pierce, W. Va.; Frances Bayic, Rec. Secretary; Angeline Vidmar, Treasurer; Mary Gasser, Manager, Pierce, W. Va.; Louis Royce, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at Thomas.

**Circle No. 17**—Chicago, Ill. (631)—Raymond Poteracki, President; James W. Feirabend, Vice-President; Beverly Rae, Secretary, 1638 N. Fairfield Avenue; Xenia Novak, Rec. Secretary; Mildred Novak, Treasurer; Michael R. Fleischhacker, Manager, 1642 N. Fairfield Avenue; Catherine Roycht, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 4th Monday of the month at the Manager's home.

**Circle No. 18**—Milwaukee, Wis. (747)—Louis Jesowski, President; Mary Potisek, Vice-President; Lois Babcock, Secretary, 2750 N. 30th Street; Norman Hollander, Treasurer; Helen Ambrozich, Manager, 2802 N. 33rd Street. Meetings last Sunday of the month at the home of the Circle Manager.

**Circle No. 19**—Strabane, Pa. (138-589)—Veronica Bar-bish, President; Virginia Chesnic, Vice-President; Dorothy Helay, Secretary; Betty J. Vereck, Rec. Secretary; Frances Zele, Treasurer; Mary A. Oklesson, Manager; Mildred Chesnic, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 1st Friday at 7 P. M.

**Circle No. 20**—Aguilar, Colo. (381)—Joseph Arnone, President; Ralph Fousone, Vice-President; Mitzi Kosernik, Secretary, Box No. 199; Mike Biggio, Treasurer; Frances Kosernik, Manager, Box No. 199; Joseph Kolenc, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at 10:30 A. M. at the City Hall.

**Circle No. 21**—Sharon, Pa. (31-262-755)—Edward Okorn, President; Joseph Glavan, Vice-President; Emma Cvelbar, Secretary, 500 Wilson Street; Frances Stambal, Rec. Secretary; Frank Zagger, Treasurer; Frances Novak, Manager, 1017 Cedar Avenue. Meetings every 3rd Sunday at 3:30 P. M. at the Slovene Hall.

**Circle No. 22**—Midway, Pa. (89-231)—Steve Turkaly, President; Ann Saloum, Vice-President; Margaret Prebeg, Secretary, Bulger, Pa.; Donna Nagode, Rec. Secretary; Bertha Kavcic, Treasurer; Mrs. Josephine Janeshek, Manager. Meetings every last Friday of the month at the month at SNPJ Hall, Midway, Pa.

**Circle No. 23**—Universal, Pa. (715)—Richard Berg, President; Verna Demshar, Vice-President; Phyllis Bergent, Secretary, Box 184; Phyllis Demshar, Treasurer.

**Circle No. 24**—Waukegan, Ill. (14-119-568)—Dorothy Gabrovsek, President; Daniel Ark, Vice-President; Virginia Nagode, Secretary, 913 McAlister Avenue; Beverly Brannan, Rec. Secretary; John Simcic, Treasurer; Christine Stritar, Manager, 914 Adams Street; Martin Judnich and Victor Bele, Assist. Managers. Meetings every 1st and 3rd Monday at S. N. H.

**Circle No. 25**—Ludlow, Colo. (201)—Anne Harvatin,

President; Josephine Anselmo, Vice-President; Eda Montera, Secretary, Box No. 344, Delagua, Colo.; Frank Montera, Sgt-at Arms; Joseph Prunk, Treasurer and Manager, Box No. 97, Aguilar, Colo.

**Circle No. 26**—Chicago, Ill. (1-39-102-131-449-559)—Ruth Medic, President; Angeline Pluth, Vice-President; Sylvia Trojar, Secretary, 2803 S. Central Park Avenue; William Kovacic, Sgt-at-Arms; Frances Seneca, Treasurer; Simon Trojar, Manager, 2659 S. Lawndale Avenue; Ann Senne-man, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the SNPJ Hall, 2659 S. Lawndale Avenue.

**Circle No. 28**—Roundup, Montana (700)—Robert Zupan, President; Albina Finco, Vice-President; Carl Kerzan, Secretary, Box No. 14; Charles Mezmarich, Rec. Secretary; Joan Finco, Treasurer; Lea Oset, Manager, Box No. 124. Meetings every 3rd Sunday at the home of the Circle Manager.

**Circle No. 29**—Detroit, Mich.—Dorothy Korun, President; Eddin Spental, Vice-President; Frances Zorman, Secretary, 5554 French Street; Rosemary Millek, Treasurer; Ray Travnik, Manager, 7925 Middlepointe; Al Peternell, Assist. Manager. Meetings every other Friday at 17153 John R.

**Circle No. 30**—Blaine, Ohio (333)—Emil Bradley, President; Mary Smerdel, Vice-President; Frances Glogovsek, Secretary, Box No. 188; Diana Bradley, Rec. Secretary; Josephine Bradley, Treasurer; Mrs. Pauline Glogovsek, Manager, Box No. 188; Mrs. Anna Kittel, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 3rd Tuesday at the SNPJ Home.

**Circle No. 31**—Warren, Ohio (321)—Albert Stanich, President; Edward Smuke, Vice-President; Frances Smuke, Secretary, 2204 Milton Street; Dorothy Tomazin, Rec. Secretary; Jerry Banozich, Treasurer; Josephine Smuke, Manager, 2204 Milton Street; Josephine Tomazin, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd Monday in various homes.

**Circle No. 33**—Pittsburgh, Pa. (665)—Joseph Ujcich, President; Margaret Levstik, Vice-President; Dorothy Kobal, Secretary-Treasurer, R. D. No. 2, Hartz Run Rd., Allison Park; Rosemarie Brozic, Rec. Secretary; John Ujcich, Manager, 5410 Carnegie Street. Meetings every 1st Sunday of the month at the Slovenian Hall, 57th Street.

**Circle No. 34**—Donora, Pa. (76)—Mary Bandelo, President; Frances Bucic, Vice-President; Louis Kulusic, Secretary, Box No. 956; Zorica Burazer, Rec. Secretary; Katherine Bucic, Treasurer; Anton Bucic, Manager, General Delivery. Meetings every 2nd Sunday of the month.

**Circle No. 35**—Palisade, Colo. (162)—Leon Kladock, President; Frank Mesojedec, Vice-President; Mary Mautz, Secretary; Frank Laush, Rec. Secretary; John Laush, Treasurer; Frank Mautz, Manager, R. No. 1; Mary Mautz, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 1st Sunday of the month at 1:30 P. M.

**Circle No. 36**—Sygan, Pa.—Dick Chappel, President; George Usnick, Vice-President; David Wirant, Secretary, Box No. 283, Bridgeville, Pa.; Joan Wirant, Treasurer; Paul Wirant, Manager, Box No. 213, Bridgeville; Fred Okoren, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 1st Sunday at 6:30 P. M.

**Circle No. 37**—Massillon, Ohio (178)—Albin Osredkar, Jr., President; Edward Kostelic, Vice-President; William Hocevar, Secretary-Treasurer, 757-15th Street, S. E.; Albin Osredkar, 1304-1st Street, N. E. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at 1:00 P. M. at 757-15th Street, S. E.

**Circle No. 38**—Cleveland, Ohio (185)—Helen Krivacic, President; Vera Somrak, Vice-President; Agnes Lesar, 10009 E. 61. Street; Frances Skrab, Treasurer; Marge Jeric, Manager, 6925 Hecker Avenue. Meetings every 4th Friday at the Slovene National Home.

**Circle No. 39**—Bon Air, Pa. (254)—Edmund Korber, President; Louis Bozic, Vice-President; Francis Bukovec, Secretary-Treasurer, R. D. 2, Box No. 115, Johnstown, Pa.; Irene Martincic, Rec. Secretary; Sylvia F. Skedel, Manager, R. D. 2, Box No. 182, Johnstown, Pa.; Theresa Foust, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at the Slovene Hall, Bon Air, Pa.

**Circle No. 40**—Gowanda, New York (325)—Phillip Sever, President; Henry Skrabec, Vice-President; Frances Smrke, Rec. Secretary; Anne Stibil, Treasurer; Rose Ma-



A Sketch of  
An Office Stevo

Drawn by Norma Scavi-  
na, age 13, Trinidad,  
Colo. Lodge 20.

tekovich, Manager, 145 Miller Street. Meetings every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 P. M. at the Slovenian Hall.

**Circle No. 41**—Cleveland, Ohio (576)—Matthew Debevec, 1218 E. 169th Street.

**Circle No. 42**—Cleveland, Ohio (26)—Mrs. Mary Zaman, Manager, 486 E. 149th Street.

NOTE: If your Circle is not included in the roster, the reason is that no report of officers has been received by the Juvenile Director. For further information, read his explanation and instructions on this subject in the current issue of the M. L.

## OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

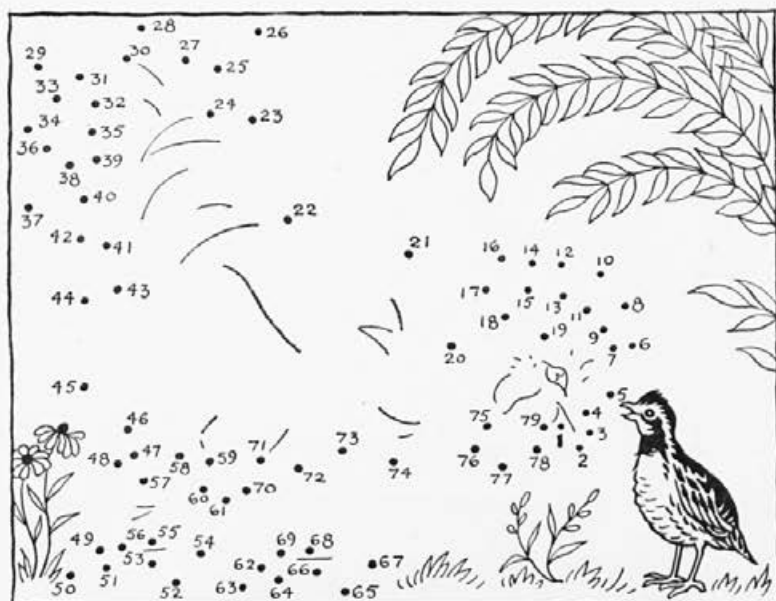
Before you do anything else, be sure to read the rules of the OUR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST which you will find on another page. Note that a sum of \$400 has been appropriated for prizes and that the prizes shall not be in cash, but in the form of beautiful trophies and other valuable achievement awards.

It is expected that some of our boys and girls, who have been consistent winners of cash awards in the past, will not approve of this change, but in order to stimulate the flow of articles and drawings and increase the number of contributors, it is believed that this provision of the contest rules will help to achieve that aim. We want you to write and draw for the enjoyment you get out of it, and to let others know what is taking place in your little world and expect nothing more in return but the self-satisfaction that comes from doing a task well. Again, read the rules carefully, and then give your all to make every effort in the literary or drawing fields a great success.

### They All Settle

Tourist: "Do many strangers settle around here?"

Proprietor: "They all settle. And those without more baggage than you have, have got to settle in advance."



## DIZZIE DOT DRAWING PUZZLES

By HARVEY FULLER

Bob-White is having quite a talk. Draw a line from dot to dot and you will see that the other fellow will probably get the better of him.

### ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON JUST FOR FUN PAGE:

**Batties:** 1—bath; 2—battle; 3—battology; 4—batrachia; 5—Batavia.

**Significant Numbers:** 1—Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. 2—Spring begins. 3—Weeks in a year. 4—Cu. in. in a cu. ft. 5—Jamestown, Va., founded. 6—Boiling point of water Fahrenheit. 7—Normal temperature of human body. 8—cents in a dollar. 9—Teeth had by a normal adult person. 10—Cost of postage stamp.

**Brain Teasers:** 1—Yes; 2—Any of them; 3—531; 4—Bone marrow; 5—pronoun; 6—Aluminum pan.

**Dictionary Quiz:** 1—a; 2—d; 3—a; 4—b.

**Word Puzzle:** time, item, mite, emit.

#### Missing Letters:

The raggedy man! He works for pa;  
An' he's the goodest man ever you saw!  
He comes to our house every day,  
An' waters the horses, an' feeds 'em hay.

#### Natural

Diner: "Here, waitress, take this chicken away, it's as tough as a paving stone."

Waitress: "Maybe it's Plymouth Rock?"

#### One Way

Waiting Passenger: "Boy, do I have to flag the bus?"

Boy: "No, sir; you can just stand there and let it go by."

#### No Wonder

Dentist: "Stop waving your arms and making faces, sir. Why, I haven't even touched your tooth."

Patient (pulling gag from mouth): "I know you haven't, but you're standing on my corn."

#### Yes, Indeed

Teacher: "If Shakespeare were alive today, would he still be regarded as a remarkable man?"

Pupil: "I think so, as he would be more than 300 years old."

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