

First Folklore Festival Is Huge Success

By DR. RUDOLPH M. SUSEL

The first Slovenian Folklore Festival in America, sponsored by the Slovenian Folklore Institute at the Slovenska Pristava in Geneva, Ohio on July 4 and 5 was a huge success, with a total attendance of more than 6000 and more than 400 folk dancers, singers and musicians participating.

The hardworking members of the Institute constructed a large wooden stage near the Hinko Lobe room of the Pristava building and also handled parking, kitchen, barbecue and bar operations with patience and skill.

Soon after the beginning of the program on the afternoon of July 4, the weather grew cloudy and a light drizzle began. At first the program continued, although the wooden stage became more and more slippery and this had some effect on the dancers. When a general, often driving rain developed, however, the program was delayed and dancers and on-lookers alike headed for cover, many to their automobiles. After about 90 minutes, the rain stopped and the program resumed. Some in the crowd of about 2500 had left, most remained. The area around the picnic tables was somewhat muddy and onlookers had to tread carefully.

The first performers were several of the groups organized within the Slovene Folklore Institute, whose choreographers and driving force is Mrs. Eda Vovk Pušl. The president of the organization is Mr. Jože Volčjak.

Also appearing were the Slovenian Radio Club

Dancers from Chicago, the Folklore groups Nagelj (Toronto), Soča (Hamilton, Ont.) and Triglav (London, Ont.), the singing group Majolka from Hamilton, and others. All performed well, with some of the basic dances being repeated by different groups, albeit each dance having its own variation.

On Sunday morning a powerful thunderstorm roared through Geneva and heavy rain hit many parts of the Cleveland area. Doubtless many wondered how conditions would be at the Pristava, inasmuch as Saturday's rain had thoroughly soaked the ground. To everyone's surprise, that Sunday morning Mr. Česen, a contractor in Geneva, had voluntarily delivered three truckloads of gravel, which had then been spread around the picnic table areas, for all practical purposes eliminating the problem caused by the rain.

Those coming to Pristava in the early afternoon had an inkling that the turnout would be great because Brandt Rd., which leads to Pristava, was lined with cars back to the turnoff and beyond. In fact, Institute members handling the parking and others also estimated the group to be at least 4000, an extraordinary turnout made more impressive by the fact that almost all were of Slovenian background.

The program lasted some five hours, with additional groups appearing, who had not performed on Saturday. Among these were the Cleveland Fantje na vasi, Lipa singers from Geneva, Geneva folk-dancers, the Herminie, Pa. Button Box Club, the Fairport Harbor Button Box Club, the superb Glas Slovenije orchestra and singers from Chicago, the

SNPJ Circle 77 children's singing group led by Mrs. Marie Pivik, the Mountaineers orchestra from Barberton and Joe Kusher and his Button Box Club students. In short a wealthy and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Eda Vovk Pušl was the enthusiastic announcer of the program. In attendance on Sunday was former senator Frank J. Lausche, to whom the program was dedicated. He made a brief speech extolling Slovenians and the Slovenian spirit. Also speaking was Mr. Simon Kregar of New York, Secretary of the League of Slovenian Americans. Dr. Karl Bonutti read a proclamation in behalf of Cleveland Mayor George V. Voinovich.

At the close of the program on Sunday, July 5, Mrs. Pušl stated plans were under way for a folk festival next year. Hopefully, it will be able to include groups unable to perform this year.

Our congratulations to the Slovenian Folklore Institute for undertaking this huge program and carrying it through so successfully. Judging by the many groups which appeared, the Slovenian presence in the United States and Canada is still strong, with many dedicated individuals willing to devote their time to the cultivation and preservation of our heritage.

Special thanks also go to Father Vic Tomc of St. Mary's Church in Collinwood and Fr. Louis Tomc, who have given the Institute their full support. Father Vic has also done a great deal for the Slovene Home for the Aged and other worthwhile causes.

Memo: From Madeline

By Madeline Debevec

Lynn Arko, Cleveland Attorney, Named P.U.C.O. Reform Campaign Director

The Committee for Direct Election of P.U.C.O. Commissioners recently named Lynn L. Arko Cleveland Campaign Director.

Miss Arko will direct the effort in Cleveland toward collecting the necessary 285,336 voters signatures to place the issue before the voters of Ohio. Former utilities commission chairman Henry Eckhart, a Columbus attorney, and State Auditor Thomas E. Ferguson are co-chairmen of the committee. Other members include Reps. Benny Bonanno, D-Cleveland and Sherrod Brown, D-Mansfield.

In joining the reform effort Miss Arko stated, "I don't think the way the Public Utilities Commission is granting rate increases in Ohio is in the best interest of the consumer. We need elected commissioners who are going to be responsible to the people for the actions they're taking."

The three-member Public Utilities Commission, which decides how much utilities may charge Ohioans for their services, is currently appointed by the governor.

About 20 percent of the states already elect their utility commissioners. Arko cited U.S. Department of Energy statistics which show electric rates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers are cheaper in those states than in states where commissioners are appointed.

Miss Arko states, "Generally, the political appointees to the PUCO have been insensitive to the financial impact their decisions have on the lives and pocketbooks of Ohio citizens. At the same time, the PUCO commissioners have demonstrated undue sensitivity to the rate increase requests of the utilities they are supposed to regulate."

Miss Arko is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and received her law degree from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law. She resides with her parents, Lou and Frances Arko, at 1031 E. 61 St., Cleveland.

I am sure Lynn will have the full support of the Slovenians with this important issue

TRAVEL NEWS

Eleanor Pavey and Bertha Walden Enjoy Super California Vacation

Bertha Walden and her sister, Eleanor Pavey have just returned from an 18-day stay in the vicinity of San Francisco where they visited Eleanor's son John who has taken a position as Assistant Vice-President, Credit Scoring Analyst, with Wells Fargo Bank in Oakland, Calif.

With a Toyota pick-up truck at their disposal (with 5 gears which Eleanor had to relearn how to drive), they set off on their tours.

The first few days were spent house hunting — prices are UNBELIEVABLE! A home worth \$70,000 here would cost at least \$150,000 and more there. For instance,

while waiting for a bus, they talked to an elderly gentleman who told them that a house he had paid \$16,000 for he sold for \$90,000. No wonder salaries are so high — the cost of living is, too.

They visited the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose. The world famous mansion is being completely restored so that guests may see the home in the same condition that it was in when Sarah L. Winchester, Lady of Mystery, lived there.

Sarah was the widow of the inventor of the Winchester Rifle. She believed in a medium who advised her that to make amends for the many deaths caused by the use of the rifle, she must continue to build on to her home if she wished to live. Some 21 rooms are now furnished and restored, but there are many more incomplete. Sarah was eccentric; she insisted in planning most of the building and there is no rhyme or reason to the additions she has made — stairways that lead nowhere, doors that open to walls, goofy staircases.

Because she suffered from arthritis, she had low risers built on many of the stairs and all through the house she had 13 steps, etc. (which she believed was her lucky number) incorporated into the details of the home. She had expensive taste — beautifully detailed glass windows and doors, fine hardwood floors, and walls prove this.

A story was told that after the big earthquake, she boarded the entrance to the front door. Since she was a recluse, not many people came to visit. However, Teddy Roosevelt came for a visit, noted the sign saying to use the back entrance, refused to do so, and left without making his call.

Another day was spent at Marine World/Africa U.S.A. in Redwood City, which is like our own Geauga Lake, Sea World. Eleanor wishes she had worn slacks so she could have ridden the elephant and the camel. Luckily they planned to leave the park before the closing hour because the parking lights had been left on the car all day and the battery wouldn't start. Thank goodness for the AAA!

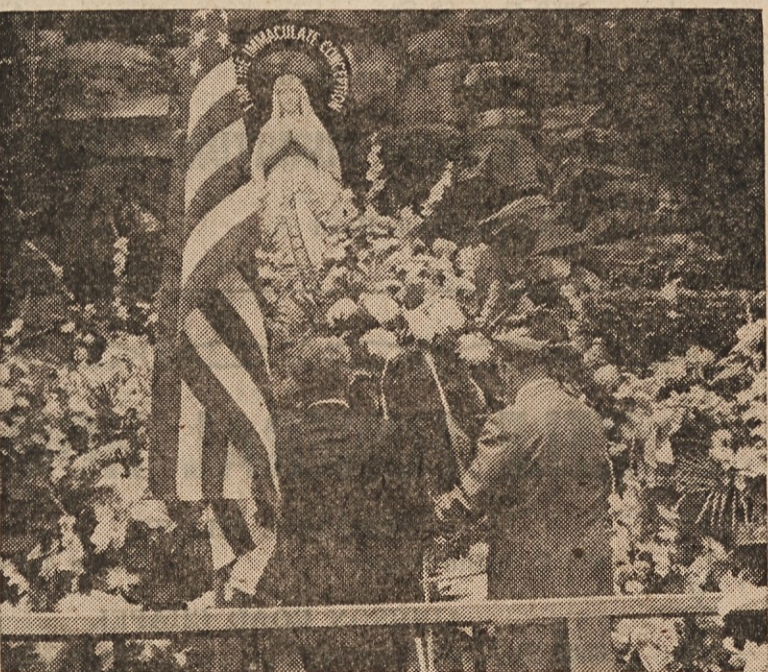
A trip to San Francisco took in Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square with its many fascinating shops where formerly a chocolate factory had stood, and a visit to a Chinese restaurant in Chinatown where they met and had a delightful dinner with the Royce sisters from Cleveland, Jane and Alyce Royce and Vickie Svete.

Another trip was to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California, operated for the Department of Energy by the University of California. The Visitors Center allows the public a glimpse of a large science facility, and visitors can find out about research in nuclear weapons, design fusion energy, and non-nuclear energy programs, bio-medicine and environmental studies.

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JOSEPH LIKOZAR reads the Epistle as Father Joseph Krajnik listens at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Road in Euclid, Ohio on Memorial Day. A full gathering of Slovenians was at the morning Mass observed in honor of the Slovenian dead.



ANTON OBLAK and Frank Sega place a wreath of flowers before the statue of the Blessed Mother at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Road, Euclid, Ohio on Memorial Day. The wreath was in memory of the Slovenian dead. (Photos by Jim Debevec)

Notice

St. Mary Magdalene Lodge KSKJ No. 162 and Lodge No. 25 of the Slov. Women's Union will collect dues Friday, July 24 between 5:30 and 7 p.m. in the Social Room of St. Vitus auditorium.

Meeting

Lodge Ribnica No. 12 AM-LA is having a meeting on Sun., July 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Slovenian Home Old Building on St. Clair Ave.

JOSEPH GORNICK

SCANDINAVIA



We left Cleveland on May 9th on a first "Scandinavian Capital's Tour" sponsored by Kollander World Travel, hosted by Ray Strumbly and Tony Petkovsek.

Upon arrival in New York, we transferred to Northwest Airlines, boarded a 747 jet to Copenhagen, Capital City of Denmark. We were welcomed by representatives of Passage Tours and bused to our hotel.

We are the first American Slovenians to visit Scandinavia.

DENMARK

Denmark is the southernmost and smallest of the Scandinavian Countries with

an area of 16,000 square miles. It comprises the Jutland Peninsula and 500 islands of which about 100 are inhabited. No mountains, but changing scenery of hills, forests, lakes and small streams are beautiful to behold.

Population is about 5 million. One of the original members of the United Nations, Denmark has been a staunch supporter of the world organization since its inception.

Denmark is surrounded by sea. That is why there are so many fishing ports. The largest is Esbjerg, which has about 500 vessels. More than half the area of Denmark is

used for farming growing grain, beets and potatoes, or for cattle grazing.

Danes love their flag and need little excuse to fly it. According to legend, it glided down from heaven in 1219 so inspiring an ancient Danish King fighting in Estonia that certain defeat became glorious victory. In any event, history says the flag is probably that old. First proof is from 1397. This makes Dannebrog the world's oldest national flag, flying over Copenhagen's Stock Exchange.

Next — Copenhagen.

(To Be Continued)

Death notices

JOHN SKOFF

John Skoff, age 86, of 19301 So. Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, died at Cleveland Clinic Hospital on Tuesday, June 16th.

He was the husband of the late Anna (nee Vouk); father of Emma (Mrs. James) Lincoln; grandfather of 6.

He was born in St. Jernej, Yugoslavia, where he leaves one sister, Pepca Luzar. He came to Cleveland in 1923.

He was owner-operator of Skoff Meat Market at 1170 East 174th St. (corner of Grovewood) for 35 years. He retired in 1960.

He was a member of the Slovene National Benefit Society No. 142, Euclid Pensioners, and was one of the last surviving members of the local Butchers and Grocers Association, which is now the

Cleveland Meat Dealers Association.

Friends may call at Zele Memorial Chapel, 458 East 152nd St., Friday 2-4 and 7-9 PM. where services will be held Saturday at 9:00 A.M. and at Holy Cross Church at 9:45 A.M.

Interment will be in the family grave at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, Ohio.

JENNIE PERKO

Jennie (Johanna) Perko (nee Aleš), age 90, died at the Slovene Home for the Aged. Formerly she lived at 18915 Muskoka Ave. She has been a resident of the Collinwood area all her life.

She was widowed; her hus-

band Joseph died in 1965; she was the mother of John (who died in 1976), and Jennie Trennel (well-known Slovenian cook); grandmother of Anthony Trennel, Geraldine Stockman, Elizabeth Trennel, Lawrence Trennel, John Perko, Jr., and Carole Kemer; 10 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law of Emalia Perko. In Yugoslavia she leaves a sister Marijanca Orehar, and many nieces and nephews.

She was born in Vas Mače pri Kranj, Yugoslavia and she came to the United States in 1913. She was an Honorary member of the Singing Society Jadran, Charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Slovenian Workmens Home on Waterloo Rd., Progressive Slovene Women of America Krož. No. 1, Združene Bratje No. 26, Slovenian National Benefit Ass'n., and the Waterloo Pensioners.

Memo... From Madeline

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A pleasant afternoon was spent in Sausalito just across the Golden Gate Bridge. The pleasant resort town, long considered a focal point for artists, had many shops offering items of fine craftsmanship. Bertha talked to one of the salesladies, Virginia Wilson, and found that she was a former Clevelander who had lived on East 169 Street and had gone to Collinwood High School. She had married a third generation San Franciscan and was trying to convince him to return to Cleveland. She mentioned that what they could get for her home, she could afford a home in Lakewood. Most of all, she missed hearing the polkas. — She said she had heard only one while she was there. It was sad to see many stores with "Going out of Business" signs — the lack of tourists was hitting this area sharply.

Another delightful day was spent in Monterey where the fishing canneries, known as

"The Tannery", have been converted to boutiques.

The high spot was the town of Carmel-by-the-Sea. This is an artists paradise and a wonderful place to live — if you can afford it. The center of interest is about four blocks, each with one delightful shop after another. They regretted that they had not allowed more time for this trip.

A trip to Reno via Sacramento and Lake Tahoe was breathtaking. All along the center strip of the highway from Walnut Creek to Sacramento they saw oleanders—red, pink, and white — in bloom. Ground cover plants lined both sides of the highway as Californians are very anti-pollution conscious. Plants eat the carbon dioxide given off by the cars and in turn produce oxygen. Of course, the weather allows for ground cover with a variety of plants.

Lake Tahoe has a building code that permits only homes with natural lumber to be built. The town has a moratorium for the next two years

on building. Builders are furious, but the courts have upheld the right of the town to regulate building so that no overload will fall on existing facilities. Magnificent homes line the lake, and snow was still on many of the mountain tops. The skiing season had just ended in mid-April.

Reno was their last stop. The MGM Hotel was magnificent with its 40 shops on the lower level, and opulent furnishings. No windows or clocks are evident so you don't know the time you've spent there. The feverish feeding of the machines by patrons left Bertha and Eleanor with a feeling of sadness to see such intense concentration on such a small chance of winning big.

Time went by much too fast and with regrets they left California. This was soon dispelled by the pleasure of meeting their friends at the June meeting of the Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid.

John and Maria Brodnick of Willoughby, Ohio enjoyed a great vacation with Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich and the U.S.S. Band in Slovenia. They also stayed at the "Fountain of Youth Spa" at Dolenske Toplice.

Nettie Kalish of Mayfield Hts., Ohio reports: "We just returned from a wonderful one week Caribbean Cruise. Did some shopping in Nassau, Bahamas, also in San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

This was my first cruise, and I'd do it again, even if I do gain another 10 pounds. Also received a little trophy for being the oldest passenger, along with a birthday cake.

Now we are spending two weeks at my daughter, Carmen and husband Lloyd's condo on Hutchinson Island, Stuart, Florida. Swimming in the ocean and the pool and bumming around is keeping us busy. Getting a lovely tan. See you soon."

Campus News

Raymond Rossman, Jr. son of Esther and Ray Rossman of Euclid, Ohio, received his Bachelor of Science degree on June 21 from Dyke College, Cleveland, Ohio.

He is the grandson of Christine Verbic of Cleveland.

In May his mother took him on a tour of Yugoslavia and visited relatives in Ljubljana, Maribor and Svdorica.

David Maslar graduated from Monongahela Valley Catholic High School.

Andrea Maslar graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Mount Aloysius Junior College, majoring in occupational therapy. Andrea also has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Both are children of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Maslar of Pittsburgh, Pa., and grandchildren of Marge Maslar.

James Drobnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drobnick and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drobnick of Euclid, Ohio, was one of 650 seniors who graduated from Oberlin College May 25.

Jim majored in Art and Art History and received Highest Honors for his studio work in Art.

As a Junior he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Oberlin's honor society. Jim graduated from Euclid Senior High in 1977. Besides Oberlin, he attended Wittenberg University for a year. He has been accepted for graduate studies at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax, Canada where he has received a full scholarship and will become a teaching assistant.

Congratulations to all!

A Speedy Recovery to:

Minka Champa of Euclid, Ohio is undergoing tests at St. Vincent Charity Hospital.

The members of the Altar Societies of the Cleveland area Slovenian parishes will have their annual pilgrimage to Lemont, Ill. on Aug. 8 and 9. There are still some seats available on the three chartered buses. Anyone who would like to attend this pilgrimage may telephone Mrs. Mary Marinko at 486-5156 or Mrs. Rose Bavec at 531-6767, or Anna Brodnick at 361-3948 for further information. Time is short, so please don't hesitate!

NEW BIRTHS

Anthony J. Baraga and **Carey Jane Urbancich** make Debut

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Baraga of Sagamore Hills, Ohio proudly announce the birth of a son, **Anthony J.** on July 8. Mrs. Anton Baraga of Chardon Rd., Euclid, Ohio, became a great grandmother for the second time.

John and Candy Urbancich of South Euclid, Ohio an-

nounce the birth of a daughter, **Carey Jane**, on July 12. She weighed in at 8 lbs. and 3 ozs, and was 20 inches long. Mathew John (4½ years) can hardly wait to play with his new sister.

Dorothy Urbancich of Euclid, Ohio is a grandmother for the third time, and Dr. Robert and Jane Perchan are grandparents for the fifth time.

Congratulations to all!

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Julie and Frank Zalar of Cleveland, Ohio will celebrate their 28th Wedding Anniversary on July 23rd.

Frank and Mary Buhnic of 19710 Mohawk Ave., Cleveland, Ohio will be celebrating their 54th anniversary on July 30.

Jo Ann and Ed Kaifesh of Kirtland, Ohio celebrated their 26th anniversary on July 15.

Don and Nancy Slapnik, the florists, will celebrate their 29th anniversary on July 26.

Bill and Alberta Kastelic of Chardon, Ohio celebrate their special day on July 18.

Karen and Bob Handler of Mentor, Ohio celebrate their anniversary on July 18.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following residents of The Slovene Home for the Aged of Cleveland, celebrating their birthday in July.

Date Name Age Birthplace

2, **Mary Susnik**, 85, Domžale
9, **Martin Svete**, 79, Cleve.
13, **Margaret Grosel**, 97, Zgor-nji Tuhinj
29, **James Pizmoht**, 76, Slov.
30, **Mary Kocjan**, 93, Unec

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich celebrated his 45th birthday on July 15.

Min Kader of Min's Beauty Salon (July 1).

Don Slapnik of Louis Slapnik Florist (July 10).

Caroline Kastelic — Cleveland, Ohio (July 14).

Matt Kastelic of Wickliffe, Ohio (July 14).

Mary Modic, 1064 East 68

EUCLID PENSIONERS CLUB NEWS

The annual picnic of the Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid will be held on July 22 at the SNPJ farm on Heath Road. Refreshments will be available.

Here's hoping we'll see you there.
St., Cleveland, OH 44103, celebrated her 81st birthday on July 6.

Andy and Susan Zreljak of Sharpsville, Pa. are celebrating their birthdays in July. Andy was 80 years young on July 8th and Susan will be 74 on July 20.

Special wishes from their dear friend Tony Stanisha of Cleveland, relatives, and friends.

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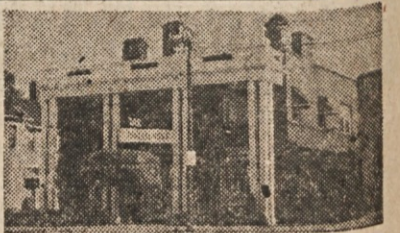
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