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POMLADNA

Katka Zupančič

Ankici spanja dosti je že,
brž se obleče in na vrt gre.
Čaka jo gredica,
solnce in sapica,
vrabec na veji: živ-živ.

Seme zaseje v zemljo skrbno,
cvetke cvetele bodo lepo!
Smeje se gredica,
solnce in sapica,
vrabec na veji: žav-žav . . .

Ankica v hišo spet odhiti,
vrabec pa z veje hitro zleti—
Jezna je gredica,
solnce in sapica;
vrečko polni si—tatič.

Ankica hodi gledat vsak dan,
čaka in čaka — vse je zaman . . .
Hudo je gredici,
solncu in sapici,
vrabcu na veji pa nič—



LUKEC IN NJEGOV ŠKOREC

Povest za mladino

France Bevč

(Nadaljevanje)

"Ti boš še tu ostal s svojim škorcem," je dejala mati sinu. Bila ga je izgubila, težko ga je našla. "Pazi na culo, ki je lažja! Jaz ponese kovčeg . . ."

Sedla sta v vlak. Kovčega sta počivala na polici, cula je ležala pod klopjo. Lukec je sedel nasproti materi, škorca je držal na kolenu. Klepec se je bil naveličal vpitja, postal je otožen . . . Mimo okna so švigali brzovjavni drogovi.

Potniki so škilili na tičnik. Postajali so radovedni. Majhen mož z rdečim nosom in široko glavo je iztegnil prst. Hotel je podražiti Klepeca. "Bedak!" je poskočil škorec. Možiček se je prestrašil. Ljudje so se zasmejali.

"Ali je kavka?" so vprašali.

"Ne. Škorec."

"Aha, škorec. Kam ga neseš? Domov?"

"Ne. V Ameriko."

"V Ameriko greš? Sam?"

Neki gospod je ogledoval Lukca z zanimanjem od nog do glave.

"Z materjo greva," je pokazal deček na Marjeto. Zavest, da je med temi ljudmi morda edini, ki gre v Ameriko, ga je delala ošabnega. "Ali greste tudi vi v Ameriko?"

Ne, gospod ni šel v Ameriko. V Ameriko ne gremo kar tako. Možiček, ki je hotel prej podražiti škorca, je pokazal s prstom nase.

"Jaz grem v Ameriko. V Buenos Aires. A ti?"

Lukec ga je neverno pogledal. Ta človek mu kar nič ni bil po volji. Imel je rdeče obrobene oči in modre žilice na nosu. Pa nekako zaničljivo se je smehljajal.

"Jaz grem še dalje," je rekel Lukec. "V Parana."

"Do Argentine bomo potovali skupaj. Kako ti je ime?"

Deček je povedal, dasi nerad. Vprašal je: "In vam?"

"Brontolon," je odgovoril možiček.

Ali je bilo res, ali se je samo šalil? Ljudje so se zasmejali. Lukec ni razumel, kaj pomeni beseda. (Brontolon pomeni toliko kot

godrnjavec.) Vendar se mu je strašno zamalo zdelo.

"Čedna žival," je Brontolon ogledoval škorca. Oči so mu gorele od poželenja. "Torej zna govoriti? Ali mi ga prodaš?"

"Ne."

"Deset lir ti dam," je potegnil možiček denarnico iz žepa. "Kaj bo tebi? Saj si se ga že naveličal. Jaz ga bom naučil govoriti. Sam bom v Argentiniji, ti pa imaš mater. Koliko zahtevaš zanj?"

"Nič."

"Daj ga, če ti veliko ponudi," je menila mati.

Lukec je molče odmajal z glavo.

"Pa ga imej," je dejal Brontolon nekoliko užaljen. "Še poginil ti bo. In če bi ga le hotel, bi ga tudi dobil."

Ne, Lukec mu zdaj ni odgovoril. Kako bi ga dobil? Objel je tičnik z obema rokama in ga pritisnil nase . . . Gledal je skozi okno. Noč je legla na zemljo. "Parana, Parana!" so tolkla kolesa.

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Vlak je privozil na veliko postajo. Marjeta in Lukec sta izstopila. Čez pol ure je odhajal vlak v Genovo. Pod veliko stekleno streho se je gnetlo ljudi. Vsem se je neznano mudilo, vsi so nestrpnost čakali. Vlaki so prihajali in odhajali. Vedno novi ljudje. Klici, glasovi piščalk, brlzig lokomotiv.

Marjeta in Lukec sta stala na pločniku. Škorec je bil tih; zdelo se je, da spi. Bilo je hladno, Lukec se je tresel od mraza.

Brontolon, ki se je bil izgubil v gneči, ju je kmalu iztaknil. Svoja kovčega je postavil na tla in jedel kruh s slanino.

"Do vlaka je še čas," je momljajal. "Jaz sem več takih stvari, le name se zanesita . . ."

Minute so tekle . . . Lukec je postal nemiren. Pogledal je na veliko uro na postaji. Preteklo je bilo že pol ure, odkar so bili prišli. Pred njimi je stal vlak, vanj so se gnetli ljudje.

"Genova!" je zaklical železničarju, ki je bil prišel mimo.

Železničar je postal. "Tam," je pokazal na vlak. "Kaj pa delate? Naglo! Vlak vsak hip odide."

(Dalje prihodnjič)



FIRST OF MAY IS INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY

STAMP COLLECTING

STAMPIC POETRY

From—1—icy mountains,
 From—2—coral strand,
 Where—3—sunny fountains
 Roll down their golden sand;
 From—4—ancient river,
 From—5—palmy plain,
 They send us stamps and letters
 To fill our collection chain.

What do the spicy breezes
 Blow soft o'er—6—isle,
 The stamps of—7—please us
 Where dragons are the style.
 In vain we search for—8—,
 The gift from Federated States,
 And wonder where is that country
 Where tigers fierce abound.

Shall we sail the briny ocean
 On boats from sunny—9—?
 Or seek a quiet haven
 Where—10—alps entrance?
 Or do we seek for history
 Mid—11—mighty kings?
 Our minds are filled with wonder
 As we ponder on these things.

And so, where'er we wander,
 To the earth's remptest lands,

Or nearer home in—12—
 For which the maple stands,
 We find our greatest pleasure
 In knowing whence they come
 And ever seeking new ones,
 For collecting stamps is fun.

—Mrs. F. T. AKIN,
 327 S. W. 8th St., Miami, Fla.

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1—Greenland's | 7—China |
| 2—India's | 8—Malay |
| 3—Africa's | 9—France |
| 4—Egypt's | 10—Switzerland's |
| 5—Syria's | 11—Great Britain's |
| 6—Ceylon's | 12—Canada. |

—Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

SOLNCE

Katka Zupančič

Solnce zlato sred neba—
 tebi, meni se smehlja.

Pa pritepe se oblak,
 grd in črn in dolgokrak.

Strašen je njegov pohlep:
 solnce zlato vtakne v žep . . .

Žep njegov pa luknjo ima—
 solnce se še bolj smehlja.

Birthdays of the Great Men

By Louis Beniger

Alexander Pope

Alexander Pope, the greatest English poet of the early part of the eighteenth century, was born on May 21, 1688, in London, England. Deformed and sickly from his birth, he had very little formal education and, after his twelfth year, was chiefly self-educated. He had learned some Latin and Greek from various private teachers. Between his twelfth and seventeenth years excessive application to study undermined his health considerably. It was with the help of a famous physician, who prescribed diet and exercise, that young Alexander managed to overcome his physical handicap.

Alexander Pope rose to fame at the age of seventeen when he published his first poem, "Pastorals." Two years later appeared his "Essay on Criticism," which attracted the immediate attention of his contemporaries and admitted him to their circle. His other early poems that followed in rapid succession, notably "Windsor Forest," "The Messiah," "Eloisa to Abelard," and above all "The Rape of the Lock," confirmed him in his position as the head of English poetry of his time.

It is interesting to note that, along with his fame as the leading poet in England, Pope's personal fortune rose considerably. He was still a very young man and his ability to write first-class poetry made him practically independent. Other poets of his time were forced to rely on political connections.

When Pope was twenty-four, he undertook the greatest venture of his life—the translation of Homer's "Illiad" and "Odyssey," which he completed twelve years later. From the publishers and from his sales to subscribers, Pope received more money for this work than had been received by any English author up to that time. It made him entirely independent of patronage and politics. In reality it marked the opening of a time in which literature looked to the public alone for support.

The profits of his translation enabled Pope to buy a small estate at Twickenham, on the Thames near London. This he fitted up in

the mock classical style, with extensive landscape gardening, until his few acres seemed like a little dream home. Here he entertained his friends with whom he formed a literary partnership known as the Scriblerus Club. It was in connection with this partnership that he published a powerful satirical attack on their literary foes, called "The Dunciad."

Pope's best known attempt at philosophical poetry is the often quoted "Essay on Man." The remainder of his work consists of the "Moral Essays," "Epistle to Arbuthnot," "The Epilogue to the Satires" and "Imitations of Horace." Most of these are satirical pieces published before 1737, after which date he wrote little.

Pope's position as the greatest poet of his time cannot be denied, but his true place among the poets of all times is a matter of dispute. First of all, he owed his success to his marvelous skill in managing the heroic couplet. In his "Essay on Criticism," he sets forth the artistic principles of the time with special reference to poetry. In this discussion he bids the poet follow Nature, but Nature methodized by rules, for "to copy Nature is to copy them."

In "The Rape of the Lock" the satire is general, and, on the whole, good-natured. This poem is not only a satire on society; it is a witty parody of the heroic style in poetry. Even the verse form is treated humorously. Pope's later poems, however, are intensely personal. In his "Essay on Criticism" we find these well-known lines: "A little learning is a dangerous thing; drink deep, or taste not the Persian spring."

One of Pope's best remembered poems is the "Essay on Man," in which he states that the proper study of mankind is man. This poem in reality is an application of common sense to the problems of the universe and to the life of man. It is a collection of happily phrased couplets, pointing to the beliefs of the age of which Pope was the voice.

Pope's main ambition was the love of fame, and he had no scruples where this was concerned.

Alexander Pope died on May 30, 1744, at his home at Twickenham.

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORLD

By R. McMillan

(Continued.)

Life began as a chemical process. You see that! It does not need to be proved. It is self-evident. You have the fiery gaseous mass of the world cooling down by degrees, and the combination of the gases to form water and salt; then you have a crust over the mass, and then you have quiet, warm seas, and further combinations, and living jelly masses, and after that more complex jellies, and finally shells and more highly organized forms, until at last, after long ages of strife and stress, after millions of years maybe, you reach the primitive, three-lobed crustacean, the trilobite.

When I began to study geology I had heard of the trilobite, but it was as something I had come across in a dream. When I found a trilobite myself, a little thing nearly the size of a hazel-nut, I was almost delirious with joy. It was to me the most wonderful thing in the world, and I carried it in a little cardboard box, wrapped up in cotton wool. When I showed it to people, I expected them to be enthusiastic about it, and gasp with surprise, "Oh!" But they did not. They had never so much as heard of a trilobite, and they were quite ignorant of what it meant; so they smiled or sneered at my enthusiasm according to their temperaments. I was disappointed, and do you know why? Because I was ignorant of the ignorance of my neighbors; and I was also ignorant of my own ignorance. I had not then learned what poor little creatures of circumstance human beings are, and I was apt to be impatient. But I am older now, and I trust wiser and more tolerant, as well as more conscious of my own shortcomings.

The fossil trilobite was almost my first real "revelation."

I have called it "A Cambrian Trilobite." But I have not told you what "Cambrian" means, and I must do so now, although geology in one chapter seems a great undertaking.

I have told you that a crust formed over the gaseous mass of the earth, and that crust was made from gas, solidified gas, combined gases. There are about ninety-two "ele-

ments" that go to make up the earth, and the sun, and the stars; but the principal ones are very few. Oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and carbon are the chief of them all, and they enter most largely into the materials that form the crust of the earth. Sandstone rocks are formed mostly of silica, claystone rocks of alumina, volcanic rocks of complex combinations, and limestone rocks mostly from organic substances, which once lived either as oyster-shells and sea lilies or globigerina ooze. The first crusts where life began were washed away and re-formed, and blown to pieces over and over again, for ages and ages; but at last, with the cooling earth, there remained, wholly, the basis of our primitive system, and we have the stone books of geology, where we can read the history of life and the world.

The first rocks, the deepest, the oldest, are called the Archaean, or Pre-Cambrian, the primitive, the oldest of all. We do not know how deep they are, or how old; but when the first of them were deposited there was probably no life. In the later ones there must have been some sort of life, but all certain trace of it has disappeared. Then came the Cambrian, where the trilobite is found—a sort of primitive crab or simple shell-fish. By that time life of a lowly sort must have been very abundant. It had been growing up or "evolving" through the long pre-Cambrian period. We have vast areas of Cambrian rocks containing the remains of sponges, hydrozoa, actinzoa, annelida, brachiopoda, crustacea, and other kinds of animals, showing that life was then well on its way.

Fish began to appear in the Silurian times—fish with armour so hard that it has been preserved in the rocks. Life must have swarmed then, but geology is so very young—it only began as a science last century—that we have not learned more than a small fraction of what there is to learn. But we know enough about the Cambrian rocks and the Silurian rocks to be sure that life was then very abundant, and was at first of a very low order.

(To be continued next issue)



PET PARADE

Important Dont's

Read Them Twice, Thrice

DON'T address your mail intended for publication in the ML to the Main Office of the SNPJ, to Slovene National Benefit Society, or to some person. The mail so addressed may be delayed and will be late for the intended issue. Address all such mail to Mladinski List, 2657-59 So. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

DON'T write with pencil; use pen or, still better, typewriter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Every man has a right to be conceited until he is successful.

DISRAELI.

He Tells Them

Walter: "My brother has a job and he sure tells them where to get off."

William: "What does he do?"

Walter: "He is a street car conductor."

Billy: "Those ashes on the table are my brother's."

Bobby: "I didn't know your brother died."

Billy: "He didn't. He is just too lazy to find an ash tray."



BOY AND DUCK

JUST FOR FUN

By Ernestine Jugg

Lovely May is here again
And children dance along
Full of joy and hope and love
Bursting forth in song.

Their footsteps gliding thru the grove
Beside the ruffling stream;
"Rover" joins them in the fun
As they shout and scream.

Happy children home to rest
Now grove and stream are still;
The song is ended, the melody gone
As stars peep o'er the distant hill.

PUZZLER

Here is a problem for you made up of 5 seven's.
In this problem use all methods of calculating
(add-subtract-divide-multiply) and you will arrive
at the answer of 7. It's easy if you try hard.

7 7 7 7 7=7

HAPPENINGS IN MAY

2nd Sunday in May—**Mother's Day.**

May 11—Johnny Appleseed was born in 1768.

May 17—Paganini, world's most famous violinist,
died in 1840.

May 30—Decoration day.

HINTS FOR VICTORY GARDENERS

1. Plant seeds only in good soil.
2. Plants need to be watered every day.
3. Keep garden free from weeds.
4. Watch out for bugs.
5. Make the V in vegetable stand for Victory.

FOUR FREEDOMS

President Roosevelt has said: "We are fighting—

1. To uphold the doctrine that all men are equal.
2. To cleanse the world of ancient evils.
3. To liberate the subjugated nations.

And to preserve the four freedoms:

- a. Freedom of _____; b. Freedom from _____;
- c. Freedom from _____;
- d. Freedom of _____.

(Can you fill in the blanks in the above statements?)

MISSING MATES

Here are names of story book combinations.
Can you supply the missing one?

1. Jack and _____.
2. Spider and the _____.
3. Wynken, Blinken and _____.
4. Hansel and _____.
5. The Owl and the _____.
6. Jack and _____.

JUMBLED WORDS

Now we give you the word **tsnlie**. Of course,
it's all jumbled, but if you unjumble it, the follow-
ing sentences will have a meaning:

Why are thou **tsnlie**, bird of the sea?

I **tsnlie** in vain for thy song;

With glistening **tsnlie** thou **tsnlie** thy nest

On a branch 'neath the blue of the sky.

Buying bonds for our guns and tanks
Hurts the enemy and helps the Yanks.

Vitamins and Victory grow
In your garden in each row.

NAMES OF CITIES

In the following sentences there are some key
words which, if put together properly, make up
a name of an American city.

1. What is the name of that shy little girl? Her
name is Ann.
(This is a City in the West and is the capital
of a State)
2. That must be a salt lake. It's near a city.
(Also a City in the West)
3. Oh, ma, that was so funny, ha, ha.
(A mid-western city)
4. By the mill he would walk, key and all.
(A mid-western city famous for its beer)

COULD BE

Instead of the name Kenny Baker, it could have
been Kenny Butcher; or instead of Dinah Shore,
it might have been Dinah Land, or Rudy Hill in-
stead of Valee. Then Emily Post could have been
Emily Fence. And what if it were Frederick Walk
instead of Frederick March. Guess we'd have an
awfully hard time recognizing them, wouldn't we?

WHAT'S MY NAME

This is really a name puzzler of a flower. It
also grows in the Spring.

1. My first is in dirty but not in clean.
2. My 2nd is in saw but now in seen.
3. My 3rd is in little and also in big;
4. My 4th is in seed but not in fig.
5. My 5th is in yield but not in dare;
6. My all is a flower you'd love to wear.

SONG TITLES

Some of these popular song titles do not seem
to be recorded correctly. Can you point out the
mistakes?

I'm Getting Lazy So I Can Sleep.
Rosie, the Cashier.
When the Lamps Go On All Over the World.
For You and My Gal.
There Aren't Such Things.

(Continued on page 8.)

LET'S PLAY GAMES

Submitted by Marge Jeric

The month of May with its budding flowers, soft breezes, and warm sunshine always brings a breath of romance. So let's read about the tongue twisting romance of Tom Knott and the knitter.

Tom Knott could not knit, so he invented a machine which he called "The Knott Knitter." But the Knott Knitter could not knot knots, so Knott invented an attachment for the Knott Knitter which could knot knots and which he called the "Knot Knitter." When the Knot Knitter was attached to the Knott Knitter, not a knitter could knot knots like the knots Knott knot with the Knott Knitter and the Knott Knitter. Knott was not married so he fell in love with a knitter who knit knots with the Knot Knitter and the Knott Knitter. Knott asked her not to knit knots any longer but to become Knott forever. But the knitter was not willing to become a Knott, so she said "Nit" to Knott.

Pansy

The leader explains that the game is a test of alertness. Each player has been given the name of a flower, which he must keep secret. The leader starts to tell a story into which he weaves the names of flowers. The leader has explained that the name of one flower has been given to at least two people. When the name of a flower is spoken the players bearing that name must dash for the open door each trying to get through the door first. After calling several names the leader calls "Pansy." There is a mad scene as all the rest of the players arise and dash for the door. All but about four of the players have been given that name.

Hanging Clothes

Five of ten players for each side line up single file at the starting point. The starting player has a clothespin and a towel or handkerchief. At the far side of the playing space a clothesline has been strung. The first player must run to the clothesline and hang the towel or handkerchief with the use of the clothespin. The second player must run and remove the pin and towel and bring them back to player number three. So it continues until the players have made the course and are back in place.

Rose Garden

Players should be seated in a circle. One player, who is "It," stands in the center. The leader has the entire group number off by fours. He then announces that all Ones are Red Roses; all Twos, White Roses; all Threes, American Beauties; and all Fours, Ramblers. "It" says, "I want a bouquet of Red Roses and Ramblers." All Red Roses and Ramblers have to change seats, while "It" endeavors to get a seat. The player who is left standing is "It" and the game proceeds, the player calling the names of any two of the kinds of roses named. When "It" calls out "Garden Gate," all players must change seats.

Spider

You know about Little Miss Muffett and the spider that sat down beside her. Well, you could play the old game of "Slide, Kelly, Slide," and call it "The Spider." The person who is "It" would be the "Spider" and the idea is to keep him from sitting down beside you. There is one vacant seat in the circle which the "Spider" tries to occupy. The crowd slides to the right to keep him out. If he gets seated, the person to his left is considered responsible and becomes the "Spider" in turn.

Flowers and the Wind

The players are divided into two equal parties, each party having a home marked off at opposite ends of the playground with a long neutral space between. One party represents a flower, deciding among themselves which flower they shall represent, as daisies, lilies, lilacs, etc. They then walk over near the home line of the opposite party. The opposite players, who represent the wind, stand in a row on their line, ready to run. They try to guess what the flower chosen by their opponents may be. As soon as the right flower is named the entire party owning it must turn and run home, the wind chasing them. Any players caught by the wind before reaching home become prisoners and join him. The remaining flowers repeat their play, taking a different name each time. This continues until all of the flowers have been caught.

JUST FOR FUN

(Continued from page 7.)

RHYMING WORDS

Following are definitions of words, and they all rhyme with the word cheek. Can you solve the puzzle?

1. Sound made by a mouse.
2. A piercing cry.
3. A person who is not strong.
4. Not bold.
5. A hole in the roof causes this.
6. Stream of water.
7. Bill of a bird.
8. To talk.

(Answers to puzzles can be found on the back inside cover page.)

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Easter bunny drawing in the April issue of the ML, page 12, was erroneously credited to Betty Jane Dyba of Johnstown, Pa., which we regret. The same was drawn by Frances R. M. Zitko, age 15, lodge 223, Greensburg, Pa.

OUR SCHOOL

COLORADO THE BEAUTIFUL

It is almost vacation time again, although this year due to travel restrictions many will spend their vacations in nearby resorts. Nevertheless, I think that Colorado is the most colorful state to spend a vacation in.

Colorado is in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. It was admitted to the Union in 1876, on the hundredth anniversary of American Independence.

I will not go into the history of Colorado here, but a brief mention in passing will not be amiss. The Pueblo Indians were the ones who lived here when the white men came. They were the Spanish who came to Colorado in search of gold, and then trappers followed them in search of furs.

We have quite a few large cities in the state. Denver is the capital, the largest, and it is also the railroad center for this part of the United States. Other large cities include Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Trinidad, Boulder, Greeley, etc. All these cities are important industrial, agricultural and educational centers as well as renown summer and health resorts.

Colorado has many rivers. The Arkansas river runs under the famous Royal Gorge bridge, the highest bridge in the world. The farther west a traveler goes, the more beautiful the scenery he finds in Colorado. There are so many natural wonders in our state that it would take several pages to describe them.

Colorado grows some very important crops. And coal production is said to be greater than any other state west of the Mississippi. In short: Colorado is very scenic and tourists travel through it extensively.

If I were ever to take a trip it would be to all the points of interest in Colorado. I must not forget to mention the Garden of the Gods at Colorado Springs. It is very interesting to see. Our highways are not the best but they are passable.

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MY TRIP TO OKLAHOMA

On May 15, 1942, I left Girard, Kansas, to live in Pryor, Oklahoma, where my Dad was employed. Leaving at 12 o'clock noon we reached Pryor at 3:30 the same day.

Taking highway 69 directly to Pryor we took the following route. From Girard to Cherokee, which is twenty miles. Cherokee is noted for its coal mining steam shovels. The next town we approached was Columbus, which some years ago was blown away by a tornado—as Pryor was on April 27, 1942 at 4:50 p. m.

After traveling about 30 miles we left the Sunflower State and entered the Indian State, Oklahoma. Picher, the first town in northeastern Oklahoma, is noted for its lead mines. These mines

are very pretty for when the sun is shining the "chat" looks velvety.

Miami, one of the most important towns in that section, looks like Pittsburg, Kansas. The famous Spartan's Aeronautics School for British boys is located here. The boys learn to fly bombers and do various useful things in the aviation field.

We passed through a number of other small towns such as Vinita, 30 miles from Pryor. We went through Big Cabin and Adair, and finally we reached Pryor. What a relief! Yes, it was a relief but only for a while, until I saw what the tornado had done to downtown Pryor. It was pitiful. And all the destruction was done in five minutes.

Immediately hundreds of men went to work rebuilding the city and by September the town was one-half of the way finished. By November the town was all finished except the high school. People say that Pryor is nicer now than it was before.

(Next time I will tell about "My Visit in Oklahoma.")
DOROTHY YOGER, 16, Circle 11,
R.R. 3, Box 1612, Girard, Kans.

EQUATOR

The imaginary line which encircles the earth and divides it into two equal hemispheres is called



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

the equator, which means to equalize, in Latin. The line is equidistant from the two poles.

The distance from either pole is 90 degrees and the location of places on the earth by latitude or distance north or south of the equator, is calculated on lines running parallel with it.

The coolest season of the equator comes in June and December when the sun rays are up and down on the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn. On the equator the days and nights are always equal in length. The sun usually rises about six in the morning and sets about six in the evening.

This is called the "geographical" or "terrestrial equator." In astronomy, the "celestial equator" is the name given to the great circle in which the plane of the terrestrial (geographical) equator intersects the celestial sphere.

However, ordinarily when we speak of equator we mean the geographical equator. Thus we see that, for instance, Chicago is about the same distance from the equator to the north as Buenos Aires is to the south of equator.

(SOURCE: Geography.)

FRANCES KUMER, 15, lodge 65,
Rte. 1, Mulberry, Kansas.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother dear, I bought you flowers,
I hope they bring you happy hours.
You're surprised when I get you something,
But I can get you just a little something.



A CARNATION

Drawn by V. Mae Duzenack, age 15, Walsenburg,
Colo., Lodge 299.

A little token means so much,
Anyway it brings to your heart a touch.
Mother's Day comes once a year,
I hope it brings you happy cheer.

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

LANGUAGES

The expression of ideas by words, although signs, bodily attitudes or gestures may form the material of a language of the American Indian. The origin of language as an important subject was developed in the 17th and 18th centuries.

In short: Language is the expression of thought by means of spoken or written words. The English word "language" comes (through the French "langue") from the Latin "lingua," meaning "the tongue."

Of course, the tongue is not the only organ used in speaking. The lips, the teeth, the roof of the mouth, the soft palate, the nose, and the vocal chords all help to produce the sounds of which language consists.

Spoken language, then is composed of a great variety of sounds made with the vocal organs.

Written words are signs made with the pen to represent and recall to the mind the spoken words. Written language must of necessity be somewhat fuller than spoken language, as well as more formal and exact.

Most words are the signs of definite ideas. Of course, language is not confined to the utterance of single words. To express our thoughts we must put words together—we must combine them into groups.

Growth of language consists not only in the addition of new symbols to old, but also in permutation of old. Every living language grows and changes constantly. On the contrary, dead languages—old Greek and Latin—do not change because they are no longer used in speaking. That's why they are called "dead languages."

(SOURCE: From magazine.)

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NEW MEXICO

New Mexico is fourth largest state in the Union, with an area of 122,634 square miles and a population of 423,317. The capital is Santa Fe and "Sunshine State" is the nickname. The motto is "Crescit Eundo" (It gives by going).

Pueblo life at Taos still carries on as in the times of the Spanish conquest. Ruins of community dwellings date back to the year 900. The expeditions of Cabeza De Vaca in 1540, opened the territory to the Europeans. After St. Augustine, Fla., Santa Fe is the oldest town in the United States. With Lieut. Pike in 1804, the first Anglo-Americans ventured into this part of the southwest.

The Carlsbad Cavern reveals itself as a new world wonder. Visitors are enhanced by the Fantastic Grandeur of the underworld. Another wonder is Ship Rock, 1900 ft. high on the Navajo res-

ervation. It has outlasted the soft shales that have worn away through the ages.

The Chaco Canyon recalls the past civilization of sun-worshippers. Pueblo Bonito is the largest of the ruins.

The Indian population is now larger than ever before. The Indians have their own agriculture. They raise cattle, sheep, and goats, and are experts in the manufacture of pottery, rugs, jewelry and baskets.

Mining is carried on extensively, there being valuable deposits of placer and quartz, gold, silver, iron, copper and lead, mercury, zinc, manganese, lignite and salt. Red sandstone and variegated marbles are also quarried. Wheat, corn, barley, oats, maize, pumpkins, onions and beans are grown very easily in the valleys, while fruits and even figs are well suited to this climate. Stock-raising has always been carried on extensively.

New Mexico became a state in 1912 as the forty-seventh state in the Union.

(SOURCE: Information from books.)

FRANCES R. M. ZITKO, 15, lodge 223,
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SAY, "I CAN"

Figure it out for yourself, my lad,
You've all the greatest of men have had;
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,
And a brain to use if you would be wise.
With this equipment they all began—
So start for the top and say, "I can."

Courage must come from you within—
You must furnish the will to win.
So figure it out yourself, my lad,
You were born with all the great have had.
With your equipment they all began,
Get hold of yourself, and say, "I can."

Submitted by

MICHAEL ZAGER, 13, lodge 744,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

KWIZ KORNER

By whom are passports issued in the United States?—Secretary of State.

What city is the capital of Poland?—Warsaw.

Name the longest river in Alaska.—Yukon.

How did Joan of Arc meet her death?—She was burned at the stake.

What is the capital of Sweden?—Stockholm.

Where is the Declaration of Independence now located?—In the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

What country was at one time known as Iberia?—Spain.

Where are the Canary Islands?—Off the northwest coast of Africa.

The home of what President was called Monticello?—Thomas Jefferson.

What fleet did Nelson annihilate at Trafalgar?—The Napoleonic fleet.

What American port is entered through Ambrose Channel?—New York.

On what river is Quebec situated?—St. Lawrence.

What is the capital of Pennsylvania?—Harrisburg.

What state in the U. S. has the longest coastline?—Florida.

RAY ARK, 11, lodge 14,
Waukegan, Illinois.

OUR FREEDOMS

In this world of unrest it is the duty of every man, woman and child to defend our freedoms. There are many problems facing the United States today.

We would naturally like to be free from care and worry, from chances of success or failure, or even from our own future, but that is not the American way of doing things. Some people would be satisfied with the kind of "freedom" which is offered in a prison. Slavery would be thought of as "freedom from responsibility." Yes, many people in various countries have sacrificed many of their liberties for this kind of "freedom."

In dictatorships there is no freedom. Only the dictataor and his henchmen have the right to dictate and to order the people what to do and how to do it. This is not so in our country where we enjoy our freedoms. Of course, freedom also means certain responsibilities and duties.

Here we have the freedom of speech and of the



OUR MOTHER

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

press, and the right of the people to assemble and to petition for redress. Also, freedom of religion, which means that the Government has nothing to do with any religion and cannot establish religion as a state obligation. Everyone is at liberty either to worship or not worship at all. We can go to church of our own free choice, or to none at all if we wish.

In this free land of ours we should be thankful that we can be secure in our own homes. Often we do not realize that these rights are not recognized in other countries. Let us hope that in the future social and economic democracy will be extended to all the people of the United States, and also to the whole world. We must be careful so that the freedoms we cherish will be preserved.

FRANCES KOSERNIK, Mgr. Circle 20,
Box 199, Aguilar, Colorado.

SPRING

Now the birds are singing,
The flowers are right and gay,
The bluebells are ringing,
For this is a spring day.

The leaves are turning green,
The sunshine is a big ray,
The snow cannot be seen,
For this is a spring day.

MARY FRANCES MOZINA, 10, lodge 476,
R. D. No. 1, Salem, Ohio.

TO NURSE'S AIDES

I know a Fran and Jo and Dot,
Helen and Mary, too.
Who joined the Nurses' Aides
To help our country true.

I think it is grand of them
To help those in hospitals.
Their sacrifice is so unending,
This tribute to them we're sending.

CAROLINE TAVZELJ, 13, lodge 518,
1425 McKinstry St., Detroit, Mich.

MAKING OF PENCILS

Do you know that about forty different raw materials go into the making of pencils? And it takes a long time to make one pencil, but due to mass production and machinery the production of pencils is speeded up and comparatively cheap.

One thing that might interest the ML readers is that there is no lead in pencils at all. An ore called graphite is used. The Romans used sticks of real lead for writing. Now graphite is used, mixed with clay, both are grounded into a fine powder. It is then mixed with water, then it is made into sticks called "lead" for your pencils.

Of course, the making of pencils is not as simple as it sounds. Hot ovens are used as well as other processes before the finished product is ready for market. Also, wood is used to cover the "lead." For this purpose, the wooden coverings are made from fine cedar wood. Other types of wood have been tried, but none are as good as the cedar.

More than fifteen million dollars worth of pencils have been sold in a single year. If all the pencils in the United States were laid end to end, they would reach around the world more than three times.

(SOURCE: Magazine article.)

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POTTERY MAKING

It takes imagination and skill to turn formless lumps of clay into a well shaped bowl or jar. The Pueblo Indians mastered the art of pottery making centuries ago.

Unlike the craftsmen of the Old World, the Pueblos have never used the pottery wheel. They depended upon their eyes and fingers, and always did so. They "baked" their pots in the sun.

The craftsmen of the Old World discovered how to bake the pots in fire so that they would not come to pieces when they would become wet. From then on the art of pottery grew by leaps and bounds.

JOHN KOPLIN, 13, lodge 82,
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THE MONTH OF MAY

The Month of May brings May flowers,
And plenty of sun and sun showers.
The children love to go out and play,
And enjoy themselves thruout the day.

The gardens are all spaded up—
Food can be raised for all enough.
'Tis a wonderful world to work,
Just get the ambition and be alert.

MARGARET POLONCIC, 16, lodge 124,
R. D. No. 2, Union Dale, Pa.

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN MAY

May 1, 1898—Dewey's victory at Manila.
May 8, 1792—Mt. Rainier discovered.
May 9, 1943—Mother's Day.
May 15, 1918—Air Mail inaugurated.
May 27, 1912—Julia W. Howe, author, born.
May 30, 1943—Decoration Day.

FRANCES STROZAR, 13, lodge 82,
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LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Louisa May Alcott was an American author. She was born in Germantown, now part of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 29, 1832. Her father was a New England philosopher and educator.

Louisa was two years old when her parents moved to Boston and eight years old when they moved to Concord, Mass. Here she grew up in a circle noted for literary inclinations. To this circle belonged Emerson and Hawthorne. Her father was her principal teacher, though she also studied under Thoreau.

She began work at an early age as an occasional teacher and as a writer. She wrote her first book at the age of 22, called "Flower Fables." During the Civil War she was nurse in the Union Hospital at Washington, D. C., and in 1863 a collection of



"WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THEY COME BACK"
 Drawn by Ethel Baltezar, age 14, Butte, Mont.,
 Lodge 249.

her letters was published under the title of "Hospital Sketches." Soon thereafter appeared other stories for girls.

Louisa's success, however, dated from the appearance of the first series of "Little Women." This book received much popularity, and it has been called the most popular girls' book ever written in America. Other books include "An Old-Fashioned Girl," "Little Men," "Under the Lilacs" and "Rose in Bloom."

Louisa May Alcott died on March 6, 1888, in Boston, two days after the death of her father.

BETTY JANE DYBA, 13, lodge 82,
 R. D. 3, Box 293, Johnstown, Pa.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Thomas Jefferson was the third President of the United States, and the second Virginian to be elected chief executive. He was born on April 13, 1743 at Shadwell, Va. When Thomas was only 14, his father died and left him with the care of a large family, but he also left him some land and an honored name in the community.

Jefferson inherited his father's aptness for mathematics, his love for exploring new country, and his ability to draw. Attending William and Mary

college, he acquired both classical and practical knowledge. Law, however, was his chosen profession and a means by which he greatly increased his own fortune.

After his marriage he built his home, "Monticello," at the top of a hill near his native town. His skill as a horseman and his musical talents added much to his popularity. Because of his literary ability he was often asked to write papers of various kinds, and the honor of writing the Declaration of Independence was his.

Thomas Jefferson was a democrat in name and in action. He was a liberal and it was largely due to him that religion in America is not a part of the government; that one may worship as he chooses, or not worship at all. For the First Amendment to the Constitution says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Thus speaks Article I of the Bill of Rights.

Another of Jefferson's most important presidential acts was his purchase from the French of the Louisiana Territory.

It was a coincidence that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two Presidents who signed the Declaration of Independence, died on the same day—July 4, 1826.

(SOURCE: Library Books.)

ANNIE CRETNIK, 16, lodge 24,
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UNITED STATES

U stands for Unity, our proudest possession,
 N stands for National, a great concession,
 I stands for Indivisible, during all ages,
 T stands for Ten Percent of our weekly wages,
 E stands for Equality in all America's story,
 D stands for Dedicate to our great glory.

S stands for Strength, sincerity, and sense,
 T stands for Tanks for U.S. defense,
 A stands for Airoplanes and peace,
 T stands for Troublesome enemies we have,
 E stands for Efficient army of ours,
 S stands for Soldiers and the 48 stars.

May the flag keep on flying up there high
 Fighting for us and ours, for you and me.

ROSEMARY PANYAN, 15, lodge 314,
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MOTHER'S DAY

Every year on the second Sunday in May we present to our mothers some little gift of love and gratitude—words of appreciation, an act of kindness, a letter, or a bouquet of fragrant flowers. But, how many of you have ever wondered how this custom originated?

The thought of a special Mother's Day originated with Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. The idea came upon her when she was asked to arrange a me-

morial service in the town where her deceased mother had long been the leading force. She did, and the people soon realized that a day dedicated to the loving mother, living or dead, should be set aside each year for this purpose. Thus, the Mother's Day idea gained support and popularity and soon became an annual observance.

As we all know, there are our fighting forces in all four corners of the earth who are sacrificing their lives to make the world of tomorrow a better place for their successors. True it is that many of these boys have left at home the person who to them is the dearest of all—a mother. They think of her while they are on the distant battlefronts. For it was she who kept watch over them in their tender years, in their formative days, when they were in trouble or sick. She rejoiced watching them grow into young manhood.

It is said that no language can express the power, beauty, heroism, and greatness of a mother's love. She is always loyal to her children, always ready to forgive and help. Let us honor our mothers on Mother's Day with whatever little expression of appreciation we can, and we may be sure that she will be pleased in knowing that we understand her great love for us.

(SOURCE: Mother's Day plus my own ideas)

ZORA GOSTOVICH, 15, lodge 297,
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MY MOTHER

Who looks after us from day to day,
And watches that we travel the right way;
The one that mends our clothes so fine,
The one who'll share her last dime.

The person is my mother so dear,
Who prepares my daily meals;
She gets me out of danger when I fear,
And does great deeds no matter how she feels.

Submitted by

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

WANDERING COWBOY

I've been all my life in the saddle,
All I know is to rope a cow;
I've never worked on a sheep ranch,
And will not follow a plow.

There's no job I can handle,
There's no other life I'd enjoy;
So me for a life of wandering,
A wild and woolly cowboy.

Submitted by JEANIE STONICH, 15, lodge 21,
R.R. 3, Box 135, Pueblo, Colo.

MEMORIAL DAY

Eighty years ago our country was convulsed by a terrible Civil War. Brave men left their homes and families by the thousands to join the Army of the Blue and the Gray. Men burned with the zeal of patriotism and whether they fought for the

Union or for the South, they fought for the cause they thought was right.

The women of the North and the South remained at home to sew and work for their loved ones.

At last peace was established. The Union was saved, but at the cost of thousands of the lives of our country's bravest men. There was scarcely a village or a neighborhood in the North and none in the South that did not have its dead.

The women of the Confederacy began to go at various times in different places to strew flowers on their soldiers' graves, and presently the custom spread to the North. General John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, set aside May 30 as Decoration Day for the graves of the Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War.

The observance gradually spread from State to State, and the name was changed to Memorial Day, the better to voice the feelings of those who observed it.

Nearly everyone observes it on May 30, except eight or ten southern states.

(SOURCE: Book of Information.)

ANNIE CRETNIK, 16, lodge 24,
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THE AMERICAN EAGLE

Drawn by Jennie Stonich, age 15, Pueblo, Colo.,
Lodge 21.

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.

The June Mladinski List to Honor 5th Anniversary of Juvenile Circles

May FIRST is Closing Date for Contributions

By Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director

The June issue of the **Mladinski List**, as was first announced in the FIVE POINT JUVENILE PROGRAM FOR 1943 and later emphasized by the Juvenile Director in his articles appearing in the Prosveta and the ML, will be a special issue commemorating the **5th Anniversary** of the organization of Juvenile Circles.

The Juvenile Circle movement in the SNPJ had its beginning in Walsenburg, Colorado, on March 27, 1938. On that date, the first Juvenile Circle was organized by Brother **Edward Tomsic**, Sixth District Vice-President of the Supreme Board, and by the end of the first year nearly a score of Circles sprung up in various parts of the country, eager to carry out the instructions of their leaders and continue the good work of the SNPJ. It is this important link in the progress of the Society that the June issue of the ML will honor.

We call upon the members of the Juvenile Department, in this last minute appeal, to glorify this significant event by preparing interesting letters, stories, poems, drawings and pictures for this outstanding issue of the ML. Juvenile Circles, especially, are urged to cooperate.

The closing date for contributions intended for publication in the June issue of the Mladinski

List is **May FIRST**. Do not forget that. If you have not yet done so, our suggestion is that you start preparing your contribution NOW. Try to make it your very best. Mail it as soon as it is completed. Remember that the SNPJ offers attractive awards to individual members as well as Juvenile Circles whose writings and drawings qualify.

Good publicity, as we all know, is essential to the progress of every active Circle. By publicizing your affairs, activities, meetings, etc., in accurate and interesting style in the ML or, if the occasion demands it, in the Circle Section of the Prosveta, you help to keep your Circle among the leaders. Let others know what you have done and what you plan to do in the future. That policy will not only lead to increased activity in your own Circle, but will encourage and inspire others, also, to strive to greater achievements. Let that be your aim in commemorating the 5th Anniversary of the Juvenile Circles.

Juvenile Circles Are Training Centers For Future Leaders

The part played by juvenile members in the activities of the Society becomes increasingly important as the functions and purpose of the Juve-

nile Circles are better understood and more fully absorbed.

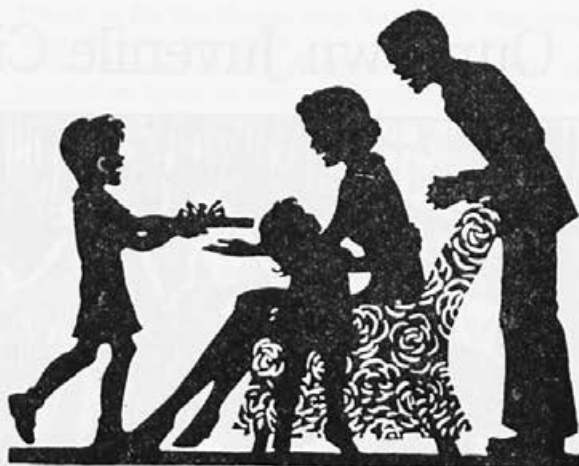
Children, when first organized into groups, are individualists, but with the passing of time they tend toward team-play, which gradually develops into orderly organization for the carrying out of ideas on more serious subjects and problems of life.

With some exceptions, of course, people live in community centers where each individual is morally or legally bound to subordinate his personal desires to those of the community group as a whole. The Juvenile Circle provides an attractive means of training our boys and girls to become not only leaders of the SNPJ, but leaders in the community and in cooperative movements of all kinds. Each Circle is a potential training center where the fundamentals of democracy can be taught and tested, and where our children can be better fitted to work together in harmony.

In times of war, more so than in peacetime, children need discipline. More limitations must be set up to safeguard their health and happiness. Special effort, therefore, must be made to provide them with occupations and recreational activities that will use their surplus energies and their talents to good and useful purpose.

Children in general do not accept restrictive rules willingly. They are inclined to rebel against the so-called "old-fashioned" ideas of their elders, but it is a thousand times better for them that the tried and proved rules of discipline are enforced and that they are headed toward safety, healthy activity and self-sufficiency rather than to be allowed, unknowingly, to bring misery and distress upon themselves and their parents.

The SNPJ offers Juvenile Circles as a means to the attainment of a happier and more useful life. They offer social, cultural, athletic and other recreational group activities, that help to keep the mind and body of the child actively engaged and serve to take up a part of the mental and physical slack. Busy young people, those who carry responsibilities, who have no vacant time to be filled with dangerous pastimes, are safest. Those at loose ends, sooner or later, get into trouble and experi-



MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

ences that might leave a deep and disastrous effect on them in later life.

Parents, who are at a loss to know what to do about some of the leisure hours of their children, should have them join a Juvenile Circle. They should not only encourage but see that they attend its meetings and participate in the affairs and activities. If there is no Juvenile Circle in your locality, urge the local lodge to take necessary steps to organize one during the three months campaign now in progress.

The leisure hours of the children can also be filled with extra lessons in music or dancing, dramatics, reading of good books, development of worthwhile hobbies, writing and drawing for the **Mladinski List**, etc., whatever is possible and of interest. All will aid them to become better members and leaders of the SNPJ and the community in which they live.

Sports, especially those conducted outdoors, should have a prominent place in the physical-fitness program of every Circle. This time of the year open-air activity is a good way to use the idle hours and keep the children out of mischief. Get your softball or baseball teams started. Equip them with attractive uniforms that will strike the eyes of members and non-members. Add volleyball and other not too strenuous outdoor activities to your program. Practice marching tactics and drills. Take long hikes into nearby fields and woods or, if living in the city, visit the parks and other places of interest. There is much to keep everyone busy.

In conclusion, we say to lodges who do not have a Circle, **organize your juvenile members so that they, too, will have access to more of the benefits offered by the Society.** To the parents, we say, **let your children join and give the Circle your whole-hearted support to assure greater success.**



Juvenile Circle No. 1 Section

Walsenburg, Colorado

Our Circle is still carrying on. We had our meeting March 21, and the next meeting was scheduled for April 18. Verna Duzenack, Elizabeth Duzenack, Betty Tomsic, and William Tomsic want to thank The SNPJ for the prizes.

I want to say to the many friends of my father that he is improving rapidly, although he will have a long stay in the hospital. (He was severely injured in the mine Feb. 24 and is at the Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, Colo.)

One of the most interesting subjects in any school is physics. Physics is the study of matter and its changes. It includes the study of motion, sound, light, magnetism and electricity, radio, and many other fields.

Sound is an interesting and fascinating branch of physics. Sound is produced by any vibrating object which has mass. All sound is known as objective sound, but when it is heard it is known as subjective sound.

Sound travels at a speed of 1087 feet per second at 0° Centigrade, and for each degree rise in temperature the velocity increases two feet. It travels 1051° Fahrenheit, and for each degree rise in temperature the velocity increases one foot. It travels 4700 feet per second in water at 0° Centigrade. That makes it possible to make depth soundings.

Sound has certain characteristics. It is capable of being reflected, refracted, defracted, or interfered with. Sound travels as a longitudinal wave, that is, in the direction of motion.

Sound engineering is a future for experts. Fixing the acoustics of buildings is a marvelous thing. At the Norman Tabernacle in Salt Lake City a pin dropped at the front can be heard at the rear of the building. Science will really have something to work with in sound.

WILLIAM TOMSIC, Circle No. 1.

I am 13 years of age and am in the eighth grade at the Walsen Camp School. This is my first letter to the M. L. I like this magazine very much, and take many of these magazines to school. My friends enjoy reading them very much. My favorite hobby is skating. My parents, sister and brothers all belong to the SNPJ. I have a brother in the army, stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif. He sends us pictures of himself and his friends. I would like to get some pen pals, and I will answer their letters promptly.

MILLIE ZORMAN, Circle No. 1.

Circle No. 1 held its regular meeting March 21. We discussed many things. I got the war stamp for this month. After the meeting we had a treat. Mr. Stiglich donated the soda pop and Mrs. Tomsic furnished the cookies. All the members enjoyed themselves immensely.

The Lion Club sponsored their annual declamation contest. Edward Tomsic Jr., a member of SNPJ lodge 299 and an active student of H. C. H.

S. senior, placed second by winning \$7.50 in war stamps. His topic was, "Baker's Reply to Breckenridge."

All the members are urged to attend the next meeting on May 16 at Mark's Hall.

VERNA M. DUZENACK, President.

We are having Red Cross drives, and the dramatics club has given a play called "Mr. and Mrs. Vinegar" for the benefit of the Red Cross. The money received for the play was \$31. At the Washington School a total of \$41 was donated by the children for the Red Cross. Everybody is cooperating, the miners, farmers, businessmen, etc. Of course, our Circle is also doing its part in the war effort. Let's keep buying bonds and stamps, and don't forget to support the Red Cross.

ELIZABETH DUZENACK, Secretary.

Vacation time is almost here, and I am very glad it is. This summer when school is out I can go swimming, play softball, etc. Every summer we have a garden, but this year victory gardens are the most important of all because of the war. Almost everyone is planting a victory garden this year. I will write more next time.

JOE DERNOVSHEK, Treasurer.

I still attend the Circle meetings each third Sunday of the month. Spring is here and it won't be long before we have our summer vacation. I am in the sixth grade and I like school very much. Our school is doing its share to win the war. We have bought one jeep already and started to buy another one. I have all my nickels and dimes for war stamps. I hope the other boys and girls are doing the same. Now we are playing baseball every day, morning, noon and after school.

ALBERT DUZENACK, Circle No. 1.

Mother's Day Poem

Hundreds of stars in the silent sky,
 Hundreds of shells on the shore together,
 Hundreds of birds that go singing by,
 Hundreds of bees in sunny weather;
 Hundreds of dew drops to greet to dawn,
 Hundreds of lambs in the purple clover,
 But only *One Mother* the wide world over.

Submitted by

VERNA MAE DUZENACK.

He who thinks only of self never impresses others.



Youth of America Circle Section

By members of Circle No. 47, Johnstown, Pa.

Olivia Chuchek, Manager

It goes without saying that the Youth of America Juvenile Circle No. 47 is progressing steadily in every direction. We are still active in the war effort by doing our part in the various drives and doing everything possible to win the war.

In our reading class we have a workbook called "Exploring Today." It has many interesting stories. Just recently we studied the story of "Early Books." Do you know anything about our early books?

Many hundred years ago, the Goths swept down from the north into Greece and plundered and destroyed everything in their path. They found many of the Greeks studying in great libraries. And more than four thousand years ago there was a library that consisted of forty rooms in an ancient city of Kish in Babylonia. The invaders wanted to burn the books but their chieftain, Alaric, ordered them to leave them alone.

There was another famous library at Alexandria, Egypt. Of course, the books in those old libraries were not the kind that you and I read. They were made hundreds of years ago, before the printing press was invented. The very earliest books were slabs of stone with writing carved on them. Sometimes more than one hundred slabs were needed to tell one story. Often clay was used in place of stone. After the words were carved in the clay, the tablets were baked in the shape of a square. Special tablets such as those used for public records, were made of ivory, bronze or lead. Short notes were written in wax which was spread over the surface of wooden tablets. The tablets could be fastened together with hinges to form a book.

The Buddhist scriptures in Siam were written upon palm leaves. The writing was made with a brass or iron stylus and each leaf was carefully wrapped in yellow cloth or silk.

Later books were written on paper made from the stem of the papyrus reed. It was easier to handle. Gradually parchment, or sheepskin, took the place of the papyrus. These looked more like our modern books. Then came Gutenberg with his printing press. About the middle of the 15th century, as a result of his efforts, printed books began to appear. As the presses were improved more and more printed books were made.

WILMA JEAN LAIDIG, Circle 47

One day in mid-February before the sun came out and melted the snow, I went over the hill to the cow pasture where the snow drifts were high. I took my skis with me. My friend Eddie took his small skis. We climbed up the steepest part of the cow pasture. When we got to the top, we looked down the slope. Eddie said he'd go down across the drift, but all of a sudden he fell off his skis. There he was struggling in the snow at the bottom of the hill. I mounted my skis and went down after him. I circled around him

and helped him get out of that deep snow drift. We were both so tired, we went home.

WILLIAM GILBERT (10), Circle 47

By an Act of Congress, and approved by the President on March 31, 1931, the words and music of "The Star-Spangled Banner" were designated as the National Anthem of the United States of America.

The words were written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key who as a prisoner on board a British vessel in Baltimore had witnessed the British bombardment of Ft. McHenry.

Whenever the national anthem is sung or played, the people rise in respect of their nation and national song.

MAXALINE WALYLKO (13), Circle 47

During the past winter I said often, "I wish it would snow so I could go skiing." I like to go skiing, but you can't ski without snow, can you? If there is too much snow you can't ski either.

I enjoy sleigh riding, too. The "Youth of America" Circle had a very enjoyable sleigh riding party in February. It was lots of fun for all of us, although it was extremely cold. And we had plenty of fun building snow houses, too.

But now that spring is here, we can have more fun outdoors playing baseball, hiking, etc. There is always something on our program, summer or winter.

THOMAS CULKAR (10), Circle 47

My Dog

I had a dog that was brown and white,
He barked at me when I came home at night.
I used to take him for a walk,
And often wished that he could talk.

Submitted by JAMES HARE (12), Circle 47

I had lots of fun in winter. We built snow houses, made snowmen, we'd go ice skating, etc. It's fun to build a snowhouse and to make a snowman, a father snowman and a mother snowwoman, and a few snow-children.

But now "fun in the snow" is over until next winter. It's spring now all around us in all its glory. Spring really is beautiful. The birds are singing and the flowers are blooming. Nature really and truly is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Although we had much fun in winter, we can have even more fun now in spring and throughout the coming summer months.

FLORENCE DOLORES KINDZERA, Circle 47

Last winter my friend and I decided to make a snow house. First we got a cardboard box and packed snow in it and made square blocks and we did this over and over again until we had a high wall. We shoveled snow inside of the wall and packed it down tight till the snow was higher than the wall. Then we made a door and started to dig the snow out. Soon the roof started to cave in. We propped it up, got in the snow house and tried to save the roof. We didn't succeed in

Juvenile Circle No. 39 Section

By members of Circle "Starlighters,"
Johnstown, Pa.

Sylvia F. Skedel, Manager

I am sending three contributions for the ML from our Circle members and I hope you will find space to publish them in the near future. I have been trying to get a few members for quite a while to write to this fine magazine. Finally I persuaded three of them to write. I am quite sure that if others see these contributions published, it will encourage them to write, also.

SYLVIA F. SKEDEL, Manager.

Circle No. 39 is progressing nicely, planning various activities and trying to interest others in our work. At the last monthly meeting it was suggested to have a book collection for the boys at camp.

I think it would be very nice to have the girls and the boys write to the men of the armed forces. I, myself, have written to several boys. I have no brother but my two sisters and myself think that by writing to the boys in service we are helping the war effort.

Our manager promised that at the next meeting she would have a surprise for us. So, Starlighters, be at the next meeting at the SNPJ hall in Bon Air, Pa. I am a freshman at Franklin High School and am fifteen years of age.

IRENE MARTINCIC, Circle 39

Our Circle meets each second Sunday of the month at 7 p. m. at the SNPJ hall. At the Janu-

building a good snow house. The roof was too low.

CHARLES BEAM (10), Circle 47

I have a good time when I am outside playing. In the winter I go skiing and sleigh riding, also sled riding, and now in the spring and summer—well, there is any number of things one can do for recreation. Both winter and summer sports are lots of fun. In cold weather we must be dressed warmly, but now we can play outside without heavy clothing. I will write more next time.

PATSY KOCH (10), Circle 47

Our Circle had been collecting books for the soldiers. We collected 300 books. On our Correspondence Nights we have been pasting cartoons in scrapbooks for the boys in the services. I have never enjoyed doing a piece of work as I have in pasting these scrapbooks. We have also been doing some Red Cross work. We have been collecting silk stockings and have a fairly good collection. Our Circle presented a program for the P-T. A. on March 17. Now I will say So long, until my next letter.

RUTH FLETCHER (14), Circle 47.

ary meeting the members decided to have many activities during the current year. A skating party was planned and one hundred tickets were distributed among the members.

Of Course, our Circle is also active in various drives for the war effort. We are collecting scrap and we are buying stamps and bonds. Also, we are helping the Red Cross in its drives to raise funds.

Also, our Circle is planning to raise enough money to get either sweaters or jackets for our sports activities, bearing the symbol of the SNPJ. In addition to that, we are trying to get more members to write to the ML to see if we can catch up to the more progressive Circles.

All in all, I think our Circle will make much progress during this year. It is up to each and every member of our Juvenile Circle "Starlighters" No. 39 to pitch in and together we can put our Circle on the map. Let's go!

EDMUND KORBER (14), Circle 39

I am a girl fourteen years old and I am very active as a Starlighter. I am in the eighth grade and in the A class.

We have a scrap drive and the pile is getting higher and higher. The money we'll receive from the tin-can campaign will help to finance our future activities. It will also help to lick the Axis.

Our Senior Lodge has eleven members in the armed forces, of which my brother is one. He is a corporal in Ft. Derens, Mass. Many more are going in soon.

Our president has been absent from two meetings due to illness. It is a sincere wish from all the members that in the future he will attend all the meetings.

MARGIE MARHEFKA, Circle 39

"JUNIOR HARMONIZERS" CIRCLE

ROUNDUP, MONT.—This is the "Junior Harmonizers" Circle No. 28 broadcasting its latest news to the SNPJ juvenile world everywhere. Although our report is rather brief, as usual, we'll attempt to give you all the essentials.

Our regular monthly meeting was held March 14 at 4 o'clock at the New Moose Hall. Charles Maris was accepted into the Circle. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read. Mrs. Bujak was a visitor at this meeting. It was carried that we have an Easter Hunt. On the entertainment committee were Joan Finco, Frank Bedey and Frank Lekse. The food (refreshments) committee consisted of Rose Marie Loucas, Gloria Wooten and Richard Lekse. The committee met at Lea Oset's home April 9. In our treasury we have a total of \$27.95.

Richard Lekse was appointed to make the usual monthly report at the next meeting of the Senior Lodge. The meeting adjourned in regular form.

FRANK LEKSE, Secretary,
Box 465, Roundup, Mont.

The fight for freedom is an endless battle.
P. D. STERN.

"JOLLY KANSANS" CIRCLE NO. 11

GIRARD, KANS.—The Jolly Kansans Circle No. 11 held its regular monthly meeting at the Franklin SNPJ hall March 7. A fair number of members was present, with Mr. Shular, in the absence of president and vice president, presiding.

At this meeting the charter was received by the Circle and we all think it is very nice. About thirty names were printed on it. Jack Pugh and Benny Wulfe were present at the meeting whom we would like to have as members of our Circle. Entertainment was furnished by Frances Slamsek's social committee. Letters were read out of the Prosveta and the M. L. The article, "Campaign to Enroll New Members," was also read. Prizes were won by Frances Ales, Rudy Moutz, Betty Ales, Charles Ales. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled to take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shular in Arma April 4.

History of Our Circle

(Continued from last month.) The various committees met at the home of Sister Anne Jelovchan in Camp 50. They discussed the transportation problem, about arranging the program and refreshments; also, plans for a Christmas party and wiener roast were discussed by Olga Knapich. Following this we had the election of officers. (All this took place at our first meeting Oct. 9, 1938.)

Before the first meeting of our Circle was opened, each member received a bottle of pop. The meeting was brought to order by Bro. Anton Shular. The following program was presented: Opening, Anton Shular; song "Hail, Hail" by all the members; piano solo by Florence Lipoglav; talk on SNPJ and Juvenile Circles, Mary Shular; accordion solo by Henry Jelovchan; a Slovene song by Mary Nolimal; a talk on future activities by Olga Knapich, and singing by the entire group.

Nominations were opened for temporary officers and the following were elected: Henry Jelovchan, president; Mary Nolimal, vice president; Olga Knapich, secretary, and Frances Zoubi, Joe Kumer and Florence Lipoglav, entertainment committee.

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

JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 31

WARREN, OHIO.—Our Juvenile Circle No. 31 of the SNPJ held its regular monthly meeting March 7 at the home of Josephine Smuke. Our Circle meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 o'clock at various homes.

The officers of Circle No. 31 are as follows: Dorothy Tomazin, president; Elizabeth Zeaken, secretary; Edward Smuke, treasurer.

We had two guests from Girard at the meeting. They were Herminia and Freda Perechlin. The meeting was interesting and enjoyable. After each meeting we usually play games. Also refreshments are served.

We are going to have a special drive (campaign) for new members during the next few months.

So come on all members and do your part. Let us make our Circle bigger and stronger.

ELIZABETH ZEAKEN, Secretary,
2255 Burton St., Warren, Ohio.

CIRCLE DRILL TEAM AIDS RED CROSS

CLEVELAND, O.—This is Juvenile Circle No. 38 making its monthly report on the activities concerning the war effort. We have a Drill Team in our Circle, also. A word about its activities is therefore timely.

Because of the war emergency, more than ever before the American Red Cross needs clothing, money, and all the support we can give it. So we the members of the Drill Team have decided to do our part by sewing and crocheting for them. We have planned to meet several times a week and after meetings. Speaking to various members I have learned that they do not look upon this work as a duty, but as a pleasure to aid such a great cause.

And I quote one of our members' phrases, "It is only proper that we should help the Red Cross when it has already done so much for others." I am sure that every loyal American feels the same.

In addition, many of us here have enrolled for Victory Gardens. It may seem a task to some, but to most I am sure it is a pleasure. Not only do you receive the fine vegetables and fruits from your garden, but it will give you a greater joy to know you are helping your country. So if you haven't already enrolled make it a point to do so now.

HELEN KOMARANSKI, Secretary,
1027 E. 70th St., Cleveland, O.

JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 15

VERONA, PA.—The Verona Juniors, Juvenile Circle No. 15, hold their monthly meetings at the usual time and place. At each meeting we add a few new members. In March we accepted two new members, namely, Pearl Thomson and Emily Folks.

Here is a little "Guess Who" quiz. I have in mind someone you all should know. He is very well known in our Clubhouse, also in Verona. He is small and chubby and has very nice features. He got his name by eating a certain candy. Last month's answer, Dolly Frances Youk.

Let's all attend the next meeting to be held on May 27. Come on, boys and girls, and get a gold star by your name if you attend all of the monthly meetings of the Circle. We meet each third Thursday of the month at the Veronian Club, 222 Arch Street.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the SNPJ for the one-dollar in war stamps and for my Victory pin.

MATILDA DOLES, Secretary,
213 Penn St., Verona, Pa.

FIVE YEAR WORK OF CIRCLE NO. 4

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—In May of 1938, three adults by the name of John Poklar Sr., Matt Smole Sr., and Leo Schweiger, went around getting together juveniles to organize a Juvenile Circle of the SNPJ. At the first meeting on July 15, 1938,

there were about 75 members present. At the first two meetings financial support was given by Lodge 16.

Officers for that year were Frank Primozich, president; Leon Sagadin, vice president; Mary Poklar, secretary, and Sylvia Policnik, treasurer. Mr. Schweiger was our senior supervisor, and Miss Jennie Schuler, our adviser. President Joe Vidmar of the SNPJ federation gave the juveniles a fine talk.

The enthusiastic members took to action and within a month organized a boys' basketball team and a girls' volleyball team. Leonard Alpner Jr. became the basketball coach for that year. District Vice-Pres. Frank Bolka was present at the September meeting, and made a speech about keeping our Circle together and making our organization a success.

Our first dance was a Halloween celebration held on Oct. 29, 1938, for juvenile members only. Our next event was a Christmas dance and play, Dec. 17, which turned out to be a great success as our first public affair.

The new officers for 1939 were elected and installed. They were Leon Sagadin, president; Don Jaeger, vice president; Elsie Schmaltz, secretary; Anna Tesovnik, treasurer. The basketball coach was Tony Obluck. The teams were supplied with jackets which advertised different SNPJ lodges in the vicinity.

On March 4, 1939, a singing club was organized to teach the members Slovene songs and how to speak better Slovene. Practice was held every Wednesday evening under the direction of Mr. Jersic. At that time \$50 was received from the Main Office to pay for music lessons, and today the chorus is still in action.

All our effort was put into singing Slovene songs and into a one-act play, "Oh, Rosalind," directed by Adviser Jennie Schuler, for the SNPJ's 35th anniversary held Oct. 22, 1939, by the SNPJ federation. The name of the chorus, "The Junior All Stars," was chosen by the members. We all thank Bro. Frank Puncer for his splendid work in keeping up the chorus; also, the singing club Naprej for letting us use their music and piano.

Our Christmas party Dec. 16, 1939, the Violet Rays, Circle 18, was invited to participate. This program consisted of an amateur hour to show the different talents of members. The new officers for 1940 were Bob Gradisher, president; Stanley Starich, vice president; Sylvia Policnik, treasurer, and Fannie Radel, secretary. In that year the basketball team was supplied with suits. Our adviser for that year was Leonard Alpner Jr. To get more members to attend meetings a door prize of fifty cents was given away at each meeting.

Our first Spring Concert was held April 28, 1940. It consisted of many Slovene songs and also a playlet, "Luknja v Prtu" (Hole in the Tablecloth) directed by Mr. Puncer. We sold souvenirs at this concert to pay for the trip to Chicago, which turned out to be very exciting for the Circle. At Chicago, we went through the SNPJ building and saw the printing rooms in which the Mladinski List and Prosveta are printed, and also saw

the SNPJ offices. That summer another baseball team was organized for the smaller boys in the Circle, and their "great" name was the "SNPJ Squirrels."

That fall a Circle paper was established and at every meeting the editor, Bill Kodrich, passed a copy out to each member. It contained jokes, riddles, and SNPJ activity news. At our December meeting, Bro. John Marn, supervisor of the SSPZ, was present and complimented the interest shown at our meetings. The newly elected officers for 1941 were Bob Glavan, president; John Poklar Jr., vice president; Fannie Radel, secretary, and Sylvia Policnik, treasurer. Mrs. Chuck was the new adviser for that year. Many small activities took place in the months before our second annual spring concert, April 26, 1941, which consisted of a Slovene play, "Čarovna Brivnica" (The Magic Barber Shop) directed by Mrs. Chuck. Singing Society Naprej also participated in this program and helped make it a success.

On Aug. 31, 1941, the singing club took another trip to Chicago, to sing for the SNPJ celebration.

At our December meeting, Bro. Schweiger spoke on the merger of SSPZ with SNPJ. At a get-together party they became acquainted with SNPJ members and since then contributed much to the betterment of the Circle. On Dec. 20, 1941, we held our annual Christmas party, the program consisting of a talent show followed by dancing. The officers chosen for 1942 were Matt Smole Jr., president; Stanley Starich, vice-president; Elsie Ohojak, secretary, and William Kodrich, treasurer. Sis. Sophie Stampfel was our adviser. Under her direction a dancing group was organized to dance Slovene folk dances in Slovene costumes. The first public appearance of this group was at the 20th anniversary of Lodge 104, on May 2, and we also sang a few songs.

On May 16 we had our annual spring concert, which consisted of an operetta, "Večer na Slovenskem" (An Evening in Slovenia) directed by Bro. Puncer and presented again in Sheboygan in the month of June. This was a memorable and enjoyable adventure for the Circle, and the Slovenes in Sheboygan also enjoyed this presentation.

In the fall of that year Sis. Lillian Puncer became our adviser replacing Sis. Stampfel. On Nov. 20, 1942, the singing club was asked to sing at the dedication ceremonies of Lodge Badgers. At the Wisconsin State Fair on Labor Day last year, our dance group presented Slovene folk dances and was voted the most colorful and enjoyable group participating.

Our annual Christmas program was held again that year, and Santa presented the kiddies with gifts. The officers elected for 1943 were Leon Bizjak, president; Rudy Smole, vice-president; Elsie Ohojak, secretary, and Johnny Chernelich, treasurer. Names of juveniles who were charter members were submitted to appear on our Circle charter.

At our March meeting the spring concert which is to be held May 16, 1943, was discussed. This concert will celebrate the Circle's fifth anniversary.

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Our Pen Pals Write

(Naši čitateljski pišejo)

REMEMBER THE FUTURE

Dear Editor:—After not writing to this wonderful magazine for a few months, I have finally broken my lazy spell. I will try to make up in the future for the times I did not write in the past. There is an old saying—forget the past and remember the future.

I wish to thank the SNPJ for the war stamps that I received for contributing articles to this fine magazine. I am filling out a stamp book and as they say, everything you contribute to the war effort helps.

After spending nine months in Pryor, Oklahoma, I am back home in Kansas again. Best regards to all.—**Dorothy Yoger**, R. R. 3, Box 1612, Girard, Kans. (Circle 11)

OUR FINE MAGAZINE

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I am very glad to receive such a fine magazine. The ML is very interesting and educational. Its features are such that everyone must like.

My mother who is secretary of our SNPJ lodge

OUR OWN JUVENILE CIRCLES

(Continued from page 21.)

sary. Sis. Lillian Puncer presented awards to members who have done outstanding work in the Circle. They were Mary Ermenc, Elsie Ohojak, Matthew Smole, Olga Radel, Hilda Bizjak, Ruth Golob and Rudy Smole.

Many of our members that were active in our Circle are now serving in the armed forces of Uncle Sam. They are Frank Udovich, Bob Glavan, Bob Gradisher, Bill Ambrosh, James Santille, Jimmie Poursa, John Poklar Jr., Frank Bozich, Luddy Krosel, and Frank Primozich. Here's wishing you fellows lots of luck, and we hope to see you all again soon.

Now that we are entering our fifth year of Circle activities we wish to thank all those who contributed to our growth in one way or another. To the Circle advisers we wish to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation for giving us their cooperation and guiding our Circle from a small group of members to a fine, strong organization it is today. We extend our gratitude also to Brothers Leo Schweiger, John Poklar Sr. and Matt Smole Sr. for organizing our Circle and helping us through the years. Many thanks also go to the many friends we have made through Circle activities and we hope to see you at our future undertakings. Our sincerest thanks go to the fine organization of which we are a part, the Slovene National Benefit Society, for its leadership and encouragement.

RUDY SMOLE, Circle No. 4,
1124 S. 58th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

253, was appointed to sell bonds and stamps. Mrs. Gamble was also appointed to sell bonds. Together they sold about \$8,000 worth of bonds and stamps. This town isn't very big.

My teacher's name is Mrs. Burgoon. There are eight girls and four boys in our room. The superintendent is Mr. Burgoon. My girl friend, Mary Simperman, who is also a member of the lodge, also receives this magazine. She has a little dog named Brownie. He sure is a cute little thing. My dog's name is Rover and we've had him for eight years. He is a big dog. Best regards to all.—**Gloria Lumbert** (11), Box 72, Diamondville, Wyo.

"VALUABLE FOR SCHOOL USE"

Dear Editor:—The time has come to write to this wonderful magazine again. Our whole family enjoys reading it. Already I have found information in this publication which has proved to be very valuable for school use. I would sincerely appreciate very much if some of those on the Pen Pal Page would send me articles for my studies in art, history and geography. Nancy Yocklovich of Cornwall, Pa., sent me some iron ore and I wish to thank her.

Our school has made a great success of its annual performance. This year the theme was patriotic, Let Freedom Ring. Hundreds had to be turned away. The auditorium was filled to the very doors. In my opinion, this is one of the finest shows ever given by the school children.

I have a snapshot book of pen pal pictures. Would it be asking too much for pictures from all of you that write on the Pen Pal Page? No! That's swell. Thank you for that and for keeping up the Pen Pal Page in the M. L. With best regards—**Caroline Tavzelj** (13), 1425 McKinstry Ave., Detroit, Mich. (Lodge 518)

FROM A NEW MEMBER

Dear Editor:—I am a new member and my two brothers also are new members. We received our first ML magazine and my older brother and I enjoyed it very much. My brother likes to draw but I would rather write letters. I would like to have some pen pals. I am in the fourth grade and am ten years old. I will write more next time. Best regards.—**Romaine Urbas**, Box 173, 451 View Ave., Strabane, Pa. (Circle 19)

SPRING IS HERE!

Dear Editor:—It seems good to be writing to the ML again. Spring is well on its way. It won't be long before vacation time will be here and everybody will be working for victory.

I want to say hello to all my pen pals. I hope all the ML readers and writers are getting along well in school. I am steadily increasing my speed in shorthand and typing.

I will now close my letter and hope that all my contributions will be published. Best wishes to everyone.—**Rose Lipar** (14), R. D. 1, Hyndsville, N. Y. (Lodge 393)

HARDER AND HARDER

Dear Editor:—Thanks to the ML, I have some pen pals. I would like to say hello to Anne Sladich, Annie Cretnik, and Angeline Basovich. I am very glad to have them. It really feels so nice to get letters from all parts of the U.S. I would like to have pen pals from Florida, Kentucky or California.

School seems to be getting harder and harder. I have been on the "B" honor roll every time so far. I am sending some pictures, which I hope to see published. I have tried to follow the rules. Best regards to all.—**Rosemary Panyan** (15), 413 Woodlridge Ave., Buhl, Minn. (Lodge 314)

THEY WANT OWN PAGE

Dear Editor:—Here I am again writing to this fine magazine which I enjoy reading. I am also sending in a drawing which I hope will be published. Lately I haven't seen any letters or drawings from Gowanda. If more of our members would cooperate we could have a page of our own.

I want to say hello to Anne Hotko, Stella Russell, Rosemary Janezic, Dorothy Chankovich, Eleanor Erbezar, Johnny Prelec, John Kaplin, Lucille Ozanich, Catherine Moze and Phyllis McKinley.

In February our Circle held a skating party and also a Valentine party. Johnny Matekovich was master of ceremonies, and Lorraine Andolsek and Frances Bozich made up the questions for "Truth and Consequences." I won the war stamps. Regards to all.—**Lottie Ligiecki** (15), 23 Beech St., Gowanda, N. Y. (Circle 40)

TWO NEW PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—Since I last wrote to the ML I got two more pen pals, Rosemary Panyan and Elsie Bucher. Their hobbies are the same as mine: collecting picture post cards. I would like to have post cards from all over the United States.

Last week in February I helped with the rationing registration. There were eight of us and I was the youngest. Once when I was coming home I was caught in a snowstorm, but I didn't have far to walk and so it wasn't so bad. Best wishes.—**Frances R. M. Zitko** (15), P. O. Box 562, Greensburg, Pa. (Lodge 223)

SELLING WAR BONDS

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the Mladinski List. I am 10 years of age and in the fourth grade. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. My height is 4 ft. 4 in. My favorite sports are bicycle riding and skating. At our school we are selling war stamps. I am doing my part in buying them. I am sending in a poem which I hope will be published. Best regards to all.—**Mary Mozina**, R. D. 1, Salem, O. (Lodge 476, Circle 10)

KEPT HER PROMISE

Dear Editor:—Here it is time again to write to this fine magazine. I haven't much to write this time but I want to keep my promise. In February we had three days of vacation because of rationing registration.

I wish to say hello to all of my pen pals. I would like to have both girls and boys from the West to write to me. I will answer promptly. I remain a proud member—**Helen Mance** (15), 14 Grant St., Cokeburg, Pa. (Lodge 386)

"GONE TO WAR"

Dear Editor:—I reached my 16th birthday in January, about the same time I received my trophy from the SNPJ. Enclosed is a picture of the trophy and myself. (Ed. note: Sorry! The picture is too blurred and cannot be reproduced.)

In our school our music teacher has gone to defense work so we have no musical organization. Our physical education teacher is going to the Navy. It is hard to fill these vacancies. Also, our nurse is second lieutenant. She has gone already.

I want to say hello to Jane Ribich. I wish Zora Gostovich would write to me soon. Best regards to all.—**Zita Bozanic** (16), R. D. 3, Worcester, N. Y. (Lodge 393)

TWO BROTHERS IN THE ARMY

Dear Editor:—After I got through reading last month's ML, I decided to write. This is my first letter to this fine magazine. I am 15 years old and a junior in High School. I like school. I am 5 ft. 2 in. tall, have brown hair and blue eyes. I have been a member of the SNPJ for 15 years in Lodge 30. I have three brothers and five sisters. Two of my brothers are in the army. One is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and the other is in Africa.

Here is a recent photograph of myself. I'll close now, with best regards to all.—**Margaret Zupan**, R. R. 2, Pittsburg, Kans.

"IN ALL ITS GLORY"

Dear Editor:—Here it is the month of May in all its glory. No more snow and no more ice, for now it is spring. For Washington's birthday in February the SNPJ organizers came to visit us and we had a nice program. At that time it was still cold, but we had a nice time anyway.

I wish school soon would be out, because I don't like to go to school. I guess everyone feels the same way about school as I do. I wish some pen pals would write to me. Best regards to all.—**Christine Kolar** (13), 421 Ohio St., Johnstown, Pa. (Circle 47)

THE ARMY TAKES OVER

Dear Editor:—Hello everybody! Here I am again writing to the M. L. We lost several good members of SNPJ lodge 24—the Mociwniks. They

moved to West Virginia. The army boys are taking over the scrap now. We donated it to them. My brother Leo is in California now. The people here in Jenny Lind are buying war bonds and stamps. Best regards to all.—**Willie Cretnik** (12), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24)

MY NEW TEACHER

Dear Editor:—The more I read the ML, the more I want to write to it. The Jenny Lind school is donating iron to the army. I have a new teacher, her name is Miss Bartlett. We also have a new art teacher, Mrs. Anna Adams. Both are good and friendly.

I want to say hello to my pen pals Marion Pierce, Mildred Klepec and Marian Widgay. Also to Georgie Mociwnik who is in W. Va. Regards to all.—**Mildred Cretnik** (11), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24)

HELLO TO PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I was very glad to see my last letter printed in the M. L. As you all know, we had a week's vacation when we had to register for canned food. Boy, I sure was glad to go back to school.

I wish to say hello to my pen pals Elizabeth Sterle, Josephine Russell, and Rosaline Babinsky. I will write more next time. Regards to all.—**Frances Ambrozic** (9), R. D. 5, Box 424, Crafton, Po. (Lodge 88)

WINDSOR HEIGHTS, W. VA.

Dear Editor:—I am writing this letter from Windsor Heights, W. Va. All of my previous letters were from Glencoe, Ohio. About a year ago we moved to W. Va. Although I like it a lot here, I do miss all of my friends and relatives in Glencoe.

I now attend high school in Wellsburg, about seven miles from here. I am a sophomore and the subjects I take are bookkeeping, typing, biology and English. I hope to hear from some of the ML readers soon, and I'll answer the letters as soon as possible.—**Doris Ujcich** (15), P. O. Box 198, Windsor Heights, W. Va. (Lodge 407)

BUSY WITH HOMEWORK

Dear Editor:—I have been so busy with my school and homework lately that I didn't have time to write many articles. I am glad that spring is here—the birds are singing and the flowers are blooming.

Nearly all the boys around here have left for some armed force. My brother Leo is in Camp Berkeley, Calif. We senior girls went to the state basketball tourney at Little Rock, which is about 125 miles from here. Goodby and good luck.—**Annie Cretnik** (16), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24)

"JUST COULDN'T RESIST"

Dear Editor:—After I received this fine magazine, I just couldn't resist writing to it. I am in the 8A grade now. We are sponsoring dances

and parties for the benefit of our school. We just got through collecting pennies to buy a war bond in honor of the Franklin Junior High School.

I am glad to see that two of my cousins are writing to the M. L., namely, Violet Maslek and Mary Jane Bisich. I'll close wishing all lots of luck.—**Mary Ann Rudich** (13), 163 Baker St., Alliquippa, Pa. (Lodge 122)

HER HOBBY: LETTERS

Dear Editor:—It has been a long time since I wrote my last letter to the M. L. I am 16 years old and am 5 ft. 4 in. in height, and have dark hair. My hobby is writing letters. I hope to have many pen pals, both girls and boys. "I'll sling ink at anybody who slings it at me." So write to me. I remain—**Tilly Kocovar**, Mill Road, Mogadore, Ohio. (Lodge 456)

HER THIRD LETTER

Dear Editor:—This is the third letter to the ML and I hope to write many more. My birthday was on April 1st. I would like to have some pen pals. I wish this fine magazine would come twice a month instead of once. I sure like the M. L. Best regards to all.—**Jeanette Fera**, Box 90, Roslyn, Wash.

LOTS OF HOMEWORK

Dear Editor:—I've been having a lot of homework to do lately. Recently, there have been several personal appearances of cowboys from Wheeling at our Liberty Theater. I went to see them. We also had several surprise blackouts.

Spring is definitely here and it certainly is nice outdoors. I would like to see my girl friend Mary Curtis write a letter to this fine magazine since she has become a member of the SNPJ. Also Dorothy Polutnik's letter. Best regards to all.—**Dorothy Skerbentz** (13), Box 7, Piney Fork, O. (Lodge 176)

LET'S ORGANIZE A CIRCLE

Dear Editor:—I have been a member of SNPJ lodge 344 since I was born. We have three SNPJ lodges in Sheboygan, but we have no Circle as yet. I think we have enough juvenile members in these three lodges to organize a Circle. I will be glad if the adult members in cooperation with the juvenile director would organize one in our town.

I like the ML very much. This year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Juvenile Department. I am happy to be a member of this department. I would consider myself even happier if in my next letter I could write that I am a member also of the Juvenile Circle. Best wishes for a bigger and better SNPJ.—**Violetta Milostnik** (12), 1216 Alabama Ave., Sheboygan, Wis.

A FAMILY OF NINE SNPJers

Dear Editor:—Ever since I can remember I've always enjoyed reading this fine magazine. I am a senior at Northeast Junior High School. I like school very much and am looking forward to June

when I will graduate and attend the prom. Next year I'll go to Reading Senior High School.

I am 15 years old and have green eyes, blonde hair, and a fair complexion. I am five feet and four and one-quarter inches tall. The population of our city is 114,000. We have beautiful mountains surrounding us and many large beautiful parks.

There are nine of us in our family including my parents. My brother John is in the army. We certainly are proud of him. I have five sisters and two brothers, all of them members of SNPJ lodge 606. I would like to have pen pals, girls and boys my age. I'll write more next time. Best regards to all.—**Frances Suklje**, 460 Tulpehochen St., Reading, Pa.

JULIA LIKES THE M. L.



Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I am sending a picture of myself that was taken in school. My teacher's name is Miss Hanna. I like to jump rope, tag, hide and seek, the mulberry bush and skip. This is all. I like the Mladinski List very much. My best regards to all.—**Julia Anne Urbas** (9), Camden on Gauley, W. Va.

MY FIRST PEN PAL

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I have one pen pal, Margaret Verbic. She is 10 years old; I am also 10 years old. I didn't expect to have a pen pal so soon. I have two uncles in the army, one is in Alaska and one is a staff sergeant in Missouri. I hope to have many more pen pals.—**Marijane Bisich**, 1010 Nimic Ave., Monaco, Pa. (Lodge 122)

ETHEL AND BILL

Dear Editor:—In the March issue I saw that Bill Baltezar is being transferred to the adult class. I am glad that his sister Ethel is taking his place by writing to the M. L. I would like to have a few pen pals. I say a few because I play a trumpet and it takes up most of my time. I received congratulations in school for writing to this magazine. Goodbye and good luck.—**Mary Nenadich** (13), 214 First St. S. W., Chisholm, Minn. (Lodge 322)

FROM KEMMERER, WYO.

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I am in the seventh grade and have five teachers and eight subjects. My favorite sports are basketball, baseball, ice skating and swimming.

I am 12 years old and have brown hair and brown eyes. I am five feet tall and go to Kemmerer Junior High School. I would like to have some pen pals, girls and boys. Best regards.—**Margaret Turley** (12), Box 545, Kemmerer, Wyo.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Dear Editor:—While reading the ML last night I decided it was about time I wrote a letter to this wonderful magazine. In school I am making things for the Junior Red Cross. I have made bedside bags, pillow covers, bean bags and covers for card tables. Our sewing class is knitting an afghan. We also sell war bonds and stamps. I would like to have some pen pals, girls and boys. Best regards to one and all.—**Theresa Turley** (15), Box 545, Kemmerer, Wyo.

SCHOOL IS OUT

Dear Editor:—I have kept my promise so far, about writing to the ML every month. We are all waiting impatiently for school to leave out. If I pass I will go to Ferndale High School. In the summer I will try to get little jobs and save my money. I will probably collect scrap again this summer.

I want to say hello to my pen pals Elizabeth Paraska, Violet Shusha, Jean McCarthy, and Frances McGuhan. Best regards to all.—**Helen Pinelli** (13), R. D. 3, Box 241, Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 82, Circle 47)

M. L. IS INTERESTING

Dear Editor:—I really enjoy reading this fine magazine because it is so interesting. I save every copy of the ML. Our Circle suggested that everybody sacrifice one movie and give the money to the war fund. This is a grand idea. Our Circle is very active and is helping the war effort in many ways. In the summer we are going to have a mushball and a hardball team.

In school I have four teachers. My homeroom teacher is Miss Chuchek. She is also our manager of Circle No. 47. I like school. I have one war bond and I am buying stamps to get more bonds. I'll write more next time. Regards to one and all.—**John Koplin** (14), 359 Sam St., Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 82, Circle 47)

SHE HELPS WAR EFFORT

Dear Editor:—Here I am writing to this fine magazine again. I want to thank the SNPJ for the swell Junior Victory pin. I want to say hello to my pen pals Lucille Jovanovich, Jane Marchi and Josephine Ruparcic. I am helping to win the war by collecting scrap metal, buying war bonds and stamps and saving paper. I was 12 years old on April 2. I have twin nephews, Charles Anthony and John Francis. They are about six months old. I remain a proud SNPJ member.—**Helen Petrovic**, R. D. 5, Box 362, Crafton, Pa.

LONG WINTER

Dear Editor:—Well, I've finally come out of my hibernation period. This winter we had more snow

than any other year. My dad has lived here for 28 years and he can't remember anything like it. I noticed that very many children are writing to this fine magazine. I bought one war bond and am trying to finish up another one. I want to ask Emma D. and Doris L. why they don't write any more. I am closing with best regards to all.—**Lucas Garm**, Sheldon, Wis. (Lodge 273)

MY VICTORY GARDEN

Dear Editor:—Here I am writing again to this fine magazine. The other day when I went to get the eggs that the ducks layed, I fell in the creek and now I don't go after them any more. We sell war stamps at our school. I am going to plant a big Victory garden this year. Yesterday I went fishing and I caught three fish. I go horseback riding and enjoy it a lot. Regards to all.—**Jenny Mozina** (11), R. D. 1, Salem, Ohio. (Lodge 476, Circle 10)

"WE ARGUE OVER IT"

Dear Editor:—When the ML arrives my sister and I argue over who is going to read it first. I sent my pen pals post cards recently, and I hope I hear from them soon. My father is making a Victory garden in our backyard. We had nice weather and occasionally it rains. I was glad when I received my ML for March. Best regards to all.—**Rose Chagenovich** (15), 984 Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, Calif. (Lodge 416)

BUSY WITH HOMEWORK

Dear Editor:—I have not written to the ML as I have been busy with homework. In our backyard my father dug up the earth and planted beans, tomatoes, lettuce, and cabbage. My sister from New Mexico was here for Easter. We were very glad to see her. I will close now, promising to write more next time. Regards to all.—**Ruth Chagenovich** (11), 984 Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, California.

"SO DIFFERENT"

Dear Editor:—This is the fourth letter I have written to the M. L. I like this magazine because it is so different. I am in the eighth grade at James John School. We have music, art, mathematics, and many other subjects. My mother and I have a Victory garden. Portland is very crowded with defense workers. In March, our school gave about \$220 to the Red Cross. There are 800 children in the school. My uncle is in the Army Air Force. We were very glad to see him when he was on furlough. Goodby to one and all.—**Mary Lou Ambro** (12), 9224 N. Hudson St., Portland, Oreg. (Lodge 627)

AIDING WAR EFFORT

Dear Editor:—I am keeping up my record by writing to the ML every month. Our Juvenile Circle is doing much for the soldiers and we hope to do more. We collected over 300 books for the soldiers and now we are making scrapbooks. Spring is here and there are many activities our Circle will be doing. I wish to thank Caroline

Stimac, Greta Yough and Louise Suklje for writing to me. Good luck to everyone.—**Christine Kolar** (13), 421 Ohio St., Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 684, Circle 47)

"THIS FINE MAGAZINE"



Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M.L. I have five teachers. My cousin is in the army in Hawaii. I have a sister and a brother that belong to the SNPJ. My birthday was on February 25 and I had a party. Here is a picture of myself and I hope it is published. I think the ML is a fine magazine. I will write more next time. Best regards to all. — **Donnie Francis Urbas**, Camden - o - n - Gauley, W. Va. (Lodge 285)

HELLO, PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—This is my third letter to the M. L. It is a pleasure to write to such a swell magazine. I want to say hello to all of my pen pals. I am 5 ft. 2 in. tall. I have four sisters and three brothers. My oldest brother is in the Navy. My favorite hobbies are collecting movie stars and stamps. Regards to one and all.—**Anna Palcher**, Butte Valley, Colo.

WE MUST ALL HELP

Dear Editor:—Last week we gave a farewell party for our teacher who left us. We will miss her. Many boys from Black Diamond are going to the army. And we on the home front must do everything we can to help win the war. We can do much by buying war bonds and stamps as well as by collecting scrap metal. Also, we must help the Red Cross and other war agencies. I will write more next time. Regards to all.—**Delma Tomsic** (14), Box 143, Black Diamond, Wash. (Lodge 57)

OUR ACTIVITIES

Dear Editor:—At last I've found enough time to write to this magazine. Our Circle is very active conducting contests for boys and girls. Recently I won a dollar and I also received a certificate and Victory pin. I am very proud of both. I want to say hello to my pen pals Elsie Oblock, Phyllis Mlakar, and Louise Jakshe. I'll write soon to all of my pen pals.—**Hermine Perechlin** (15), Avon Park, Girard, O. (Circle 7)

HELEN'S GOAL: VICTORY PIN

Dear Editor:—After hearing the other juveniles talk about their lovely SNPJ Victory pins, I have set my goal to receive one of these. They must be very attractive judging from the letters in the Pen Pal Section and my pen pals.

I noticed that Bill Baltezar has joined the adult class. I know we will all miss his excellent drawings. Here's wishing him good luck. The main subject in our school these days is "The Bat," our annual school play. Our Junior-Senior Prom was held on March 12, and it was a big success. I was on the decorating committee. We decorated our gym in a patriotic scheme and it looked very pretty.

Juveniles, let's all get together and write to the ML regularly. Let us show our elders what we can do. Here's promising to write to the ML again soon. A proud SNPJer—**Helen Urbas** (16), R.F.D. 1, Frostburg, Md.

OUR SCHOOL CLUB

Dear Editor:—I think that it is about time to write to this wonderful magazine again. I want to tell you about our club that we have at our school.

We have our meetings every other week at 2:30 p. m. We pay 5c dues every other week. With the money thus collected we bought various gifts to send to the soldiers. We have an auditor, and at each meeting we name four children for entertainment.

I want to say hello to all the children that read this magazine. I would like to have more pen pals, and I wish Georgie would answer my letter.—**Dorothy Powell** (11), 710 N. Holmes Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

MY SEVEN TEACHERS

Dear Editor:—This is my fourth letter to the M. L. I am in the seventh grade and I am 12 years of age. I have seven teachers, they are: Miss Eacker, Miss Coyle, Miss Calhoun, Miss Maskowitz, Miss Devore, Mrs. Baclely and Mrs. Stevens. They are all nice to me.

I have 12 subjects—music, science, reading, history, health, gym, geography, art, spelling English, arithmetic and sewing.

I want to say hello to Josephine Karlen, Evelyn Terselich, Veronica Arsec, Josephine Powell. I would like to have some more pen pals. Best regards to all.—**Catherine Dujic** (12), 245 Fleet St., Rankin, Pa.

MILDRED'S "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—I was very glad to see my letter in the M. L. I am 5 ft. 2 in. tall and have light brown hair and brown eyes. I am in the sixth grade and have six teachers—Mr. Boone, Miss Beck, Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Tyler, Miss Kazemka and Miss Wilson.

I am a member of the SNPJ; everyone in our family is a member of the Society. I would like to hear from Evelyn Tercelic, and I would like to have more pen pals. I promise I would answer every letter. I would like to hear from girls and boys.

I have been saving war stamps. Our school was active in the scrap drive. Best regards to all.—**Mildred Frank** (11), R. D. 1, Washington, Pa. (Lodge 259)

CIVICS AND ALGEBRA

Dear Editor:—It has been a long time since I have written last. I have had a nice holiday vacation and I received many nice gifts. Besides all this, my birthday is on Dec. 25. I am now 14 years old.

I am sending a poem to be published in the M. L. I hope it will be accepted. I have written it because I have a pair of boots that are hard to get on and off. I am now in the ninth grade and I like it very much. The classes I like best are civics and algebra. I am sending a snapshot of myself and I hope it will be published.

I want to say hello to all of my pen pals. I hope they received the season's cards I sent them. I would like to have many more pen pals, because I enjoy their letters. Best regards to all.—**Joanne Lencek** (14), Box 104, Thomas, W. Va. (Circle 16)

VERONICA'S SURPRISE

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. Very much to my surprise, I received five pen pals altogether. You see, I didn't expect that many since I wrote to the ML only once. But from now on I'll try to write more often.

I would like to say hello to Josephine Powell, Dorothy Verh, Josephine Korbar, Catherine Dujic and Marie Tursic. I have noticed that there are many Pennsy writers. So come on all you Ohio SNPJers, especially Clevelanders. Get your pens ready and start writing to this wonderful magazine of ours. I'm a member of SNPJ lodge 5.

Good luck to all. Until next time.—**Veronica Avsec** (12), 6317 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O. (Please address all letters intended for publication in the magazine to Mladinski List.—Ed.)

TWO BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Dear Editor:—I've made a resolution to write to the ML every month. The ML is interesting as well as educational. My favorite sports are swimming and golf in the summer and skiing and skating in the winter.

I have two brothers in the service. Bob is stationed in Africa and Don is in U. S. Air Force, receiving his basic training in Florida. If we keep on buying war bonds and stamps we can help our country in this war.

I am a freshman at Snowden Twp. High School and I like everything about it. My sister and I also study music. She gives tap dancing lessons to my little niece, Beverly Ann, and she can really go to town already. We belong to SNPJ lodge 52. I'd like to say hello to Margie Post, Lillian Moman, and Helen Bruni. My best regards to all.—**Nancy Jane Rebornick**, Box 185, Broughton, Pa.

GET A PEN PAL!

Dear Editor:—Here is my third letter to this wonderful magazine. I would like to ask all young SNPJers to try and get a pen pal, because pen pals are wonderful. I never knew until letters started to pour in; it really was fun to answer the letters.

Recently, I've had the honor of meeting Helen

Sroka of Warren, Ohio. She is a pen pal of mine. It certainly was an exciting day.—I, like many other Americans, am doing my share, to help this year to be our Victorious Year.

Here's hoping someone from Struthers will get ambitious and write a line to this fine magazine. My warmest regards to all the young SNPJs!—**Mary M. Hevalo** (17), 111 Park Ave., Struthers, Ohio. (Lodge 277)

WAKE UP, STRABANE!

Dear Editor:—This is my third letter to the M. L. I am 15 years old, and have blonde hair and blue eyes. I have 12 pen pals and like every one of them very much. I wish some of the boys and girls of Strabane would start writing to this fine magazine, which I enjoy reading very much.

I am always busy. I do housework and I am busy writing letters almost every night. I noticed that William Smolich has won a prize of \$12 for his ML contributions. I think he really deserved it. His letters are always interesting. He is one of my pen pals. I also noticed that Lotti, another one of my pen pals, has won \$3.

I have a brother, Frank, that is in the army. He is stationed near Virginia Beach. My brother Johnnie will be leaving soon. Everyone of us can do his or her part to help our country by investing in war stamps and bonds; also, by saving old rubber, tin and other scrap. Best regards to all.—**Catherine Moze** (15), Box 255, Strabane, Pa. (Lodge 138).—(Ed. note: Please write on one side of the paper only, and address all letters intended for publication in the ML to Mladinski List. Thank you.)

HERE I AM, PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I am very sorry for not answering my letters to my pen pals and neglecting this fine magazine. A number of my pen pals asked me where is my letter in the M. L., so I decided to write every month.

I am sending in a snapshot of my girl friend and myself; we are standing in a creek on a rock. I hope to see it published along with my drawing which is also enclosed herewith. (Ed. note: Very sorry: Your snapshot is too blurred and would not reproduce well enough. As for the drawing, try again and very likely you'll succeed. And please write on one side of the paper only. Thank you.) I want to say hello to Helen Bell of Kaylor, Pa. I remain a proud member of SNPJ lodge 244.—**Ethel Switko**, R. D. 2, Box 36, East Brady, Pa.

ONE OF THE BEST GIFTS

Dear Editor:—It is with sincere gratitude that I write you this letter. Imagine how thrilled I was to receive that beautiful SNPJ trophy which I consider as one of the best gifts that I have ever received.

Please don't consider it bragging, but I must admit that our lodge secretary, Joe Radosevich, congratulated me and said he was pleased that some one in our lodge received a trophy. With grateful appreciation my brother Dan wants to thank you for the \$4 war stamps and the Victory

pin and I wish to thank the SNPJ for the \$5 war stamps and the Victory pin, but most of all for the trophy. Many of my schoolmates have made the remark that the pins are very attractive.

One of the things for which I have wished ever so long was to have a juvenile circle in our town. To me this seems like a wonderful thing for the juvenile members of our lodge. The circles are indeed playing a vital part towards the war effort. For a moment we should stop to think and thank all the members who have brought new members into our famed organization. Not long ago my smallest brother and sister joined. We are very proud of this fact because all the children in our family are now members of the SNPJ.

Another fact, to me the best and most beneficial, is the Mladinski List. The SNPJ is very thoughtful in distributing prizes. But, to receive prizes should not be our goal. We should be trying to learn facts when we contribute to the M. L. I must admit that it has helped me immensely. In contributing each month, I have made attempts at drawing, and I have learned many facts which I would never have known otherwise. The other members have also done their share. With their aid the ML has become a wonderful magazine which is of more value than a reference book.

Taking these things into consideration, we can easily see that the SNPJ is a worthwhile organization—to which I intend to belong for the rest of my life. A proud member—**Zora Gostovich** (14), Box 531, Raton, New Mexico (Lodge 297).

RESOLVED TO WRITE

Dear Editor:—As often as I've read this magazine—or should I say for how long I've been reading it—I've never taken the time to write or submit any articles. I call it lack of ambition, but you'd probably call it just plain lazyness. Well anyway, I resolved I would write this month, or know the reason why.

I've also made another resolution, that is, to do more studying in school. Up until now, I have had no study periods. I changed my schedule recently to make room for one. I made the honor roll this semester. How? Well, I don't know myself. This is the first time I've been on it, and it really came as a surprise to me. I had expected low grades, in fact I was on the verge of failing in English, but I got my book reports in just in time. I was behind in them for three months, meaning six reports. I'll study this time and I'll probably fall to the bottom. Plane geometry is the only subject I am interested in, aside from shop work.

My hobby is photography, as is John Prelc's of Fairmont whose letter appeared in the January issue. During my freshman year, I joined the camera club at school. The last part of the year we were asked by the principal to submit a picture of the high school, which was to appear in the year book. By the end of the same month, no one had turned any in. Our instructor, in turn, automatically dissolved the club.

I have other hobbies also, but I can't seem to stick to any certain one. For a while I was mak-

ing radio sets, and this year, when I took industrial art, I turned my attention to woodburning, that is, making baseball bats, hammer handles, bowls and other objects of cylindrical shape. I was transferred to the metal department, so I had to drop that. I'm now collecting cartoons for my scrap-books.

The high school I attend is also comparable in size to that which John Prelec attends. Year before last our football team won the class A, W. P. I. A. L. championship. For those who are mystified by all the letters, WPIAL means, Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League. This year our team was undefeated, but was eliminated because of a tie. Our basketball team hasn't won any league championship recently, but they have won the sectional championships the past two years.

Well, I hope I haven't bored you with my writing. I also hope the Editor doesn't get angry at the mistakes I've made both in writing and spelling. It seems, no matter how many times I re-write anything I always make mistakes. The school teachers have the same trouble with me. I haven't much more to write except to add, that I would like some of the members to write to me. I am really eager to learn about the other states and what's happening there. Not that I am excluding Pennsylvania, for I want to know just as much about it. Best regards to everyone.—**William Leskovich**, 33 E. Market St., Broughton, Pa. (Lodge 741)

FROM BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I enjoy reading this fine magazine. I belong to SNPJ lodge 580 in Brooklyn, N. Y.

In November our lodge gave a play which was very successful. After the play we organized a Juvenile Circle. That was on Nov. 22, 1942. We have eleven members. The number of our Circle is 50. We held a meeting in December and also a yule program. We exchanged gifts by writing our names on a piece of paper and put them in a bag. It was fun and we all received gifts. From the Main Office we received a check for \$25 to start us on our way.

Right now we are planning to have another play. It will be presented on May 2. We are going to make even a bigger and better success with this play. We are all looking forward to the date in May.

I would like to have some pen pals. Regards to all.—**Dolores Mikoley** (12), 108 Eldert St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"JOY OF JOYS"

Dear Editor:—First of all, I must tell you something very important. You can't imagine what a joy it was to get home from town and find a letter from the SNPJ waiting for me. The biggest thrill of my life was when I opened the envelope, and to my surprise found a very nice letter of encouragement, five dollars worth of stamps, and the beautiful SNPJ Victory pin.

It seemed almost too good to be true when I

received the pin. I am afraid I have been very slow in thanking the SNPJ, but I mean it just as much now, nevertheless, and I will say from the bottom of my heart, "Thank you a million times."

I think this is the most wonderful magazine I've ever read. I enjoy reading all the letters, especially Anna Mele's who lives near me. I am 15 years old, and a junior at Robinson High School in Moon Run. I enjoy school and I am making good grades. I've acquired several nice pen pals through the ML, and I'd like to have more. So won't some of you girls and boys write to me? I especially like to read the Our School Section with its interesting contents. I will also try to contribute articles of interest. By working on your contributions you will be adding to your life's experience, and living up to the motto, "Live to learn and learn to live."

Again, thank you for the lovely pin and stamps. I'll be proud to wear the pin all of the time.—**Victoria Ambrozic** (15), R. F. D. 5, Box 424, Crafton, Pa. (Lodge 88)

HAS MANY PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter and drawing (enclosed) to this fine magazine. I hope my drawing will be published in the next M. L.

I am 15 years of age, have blonde hair, and blue eyes. I have two brothers in the armed forces. One is in the glider pilots unit in California, and the other is in the army in Louisiana.

I have many pen pals, and one of them is John Matekovich. Congratulations, John. I will close now, hoping that this letter will be published.—**Anna Godek** (15), 708 N. Grant St., Scottdale, Pa.

THEY ARE DOING THEIR PART

Dear Editor:—It's been such a long time since I wrote to the ML that I thought I'd try my hand again. I'd like to say hello to all my pen pals. If Victor Rasket of Meadowlands, Pa., reads this I'd like to have him answer my letter and to return my pictures if possible.

The pupils of our school have contributed much for the war effort. We had a very successful steel and iron scrap drive, copper drive, tin drive and what have you. Butte High School (the school I go to) went 'way over the top in the grease drive. We collected over 1,100 pounds. War stamps and bonds are ordered on Mondays and sold on Tuesdays. I think they are all doing their part. I sincerely hope each and every one of you are doing the same.—**Helen Doshen** (15), 735 E. Galeana, Butte, Mont. (Lodge 207)

FROM CLEVELAND, TEXAS

Dear Editor:—First of all I want to tell you how much I enjoy reading the M. L. I am a member of the SNPJ lodge 298 (Somerset, Colo.) and I live in Cleveland, Texas. This is my first letter to this fine magazine. I am also sending a picture of myself, which I hope to see in the next edition. (Very sorry! Your snapshot is too blurred to reproduce for the magazine.—Ed.)

My sister Lillian Frances wrote to the ML last March. She sure has a lot of pen pals now. I hope

I will have as good a luck as she did. I'll answer all letters.

I am 12 years old and in the seventh grade. I like school very much. I haven't been tardy or missed a day for the last two years. I have been on the honor roll every time this year. This will be all for this time. Best regards.—**Sadie Ann Majnik**, Box 343, Cleveland, Texas.

PLENTY OF HOMEWORK

Dear Editor:—I hope I'm not sending this letter too late, and I certainly hope it will be published in the April issue. School has kept me very busy and so I waited until the last minute. Every night I have plenty of homework to do.

I would like to say hello to all my pen pals. By the way, Dorothy Beggs, why don't you answer my letter? In the January issue Virginia Barton wrote in her letter, "Why don't Rose and Florence Lipar write any poems any more in the ML?" Well, Virginia, my sister Florence has been 18 years old, therefore, she was transferred to the adult department and had to discontinue writing to the ML of which she is very fond. She was planning to write a farewell letter but she was late for the last issue after her birthday. She is now working in the General Electric in Schenectady, N. Y. As for me, Virginia, I am positive that I have written (submitted) a few poems lately and they were published in the magazine. Please drop me a few lines.

I'll have to close this letter now and I promise to contribute more next time. My best regards to everyone.—**Rose L. Lipar** (14), R. D. 1, Hyndsville, N. Y. (Lodge 393)

WINDSOR HEIGHTS, W. VA.

Dear Editor:—Here I am, one of your steady ML readers, but I must say that I am not a steady writer. I've seen many amazing letters and articles in the ML for quite some time, but I've never had the courage to write because there are so many excellent writers and I am really ashamed of mine. Are they too awful, Editor? (On the contrary, they are very interesting; keep it up.—Ed.)

I am now a sophomore in high school. Much has happened since I last wrote to the M. L. I am now a citizen of West Virginia. I will try to describe a little of the small town I live in, namely, Windsor Heights.

Windsor Heights is a small town situated upon a high hill. It is nearly 12 miles beyond Wheeling, between Wheeling and Willsburg. I live in the place where coal is mined to produce power for the power plant in a smaller town situated below us. The power plant produces electricity all along the Ohio river to the Mississippi. So you can see I live in a section of the state which is engaged in industry. Nearby is also the Wheeling steel factory. I think I shall now give a brief description of myself.

I am 5 ft. 1¼ inches tall, have ash blonde hair, brown eyes and weigh about 124 lbs. I am called "Shorty" at times because many of my friends are tall. But you can see for yourself from my

description that I am not so small. My one ambition now is to make use of myself. In school we are to join the victory corps if possible. If I can make arrangement of any kind I am sure I will enjoy being a member of the new victory corps.

I think that now there will be more writers to this magazine because there won't be so many entertainments. I have a twin sister, as I once mentioned before. Her name is Doris, and she writes to the ML once in a while. I've had the privilege last summer of meeting several SNPJ officers at Chicago, among them Michael Kumer. My cousin gave me an opportunity to go with him to Verona. I saw the Veronian Clubhouse, which is really a swell place. I am a steady reader of the Prosveta. Regards to all.—**Dorothy Ujcich** (15), Box 198, Windsor Heights, W. Va. (Circle 15)

WANT OWN SECTION

Dear Editor:—I was very glad to see both my letter and drawing in the January issue. I will keep on writing and drawing for this fine magazine.

At our Circle meeting in January I was appointed to write and draw every month to the ML along with John Matekovich (drawing) and Jennie Widgay. Others volunteered to write once in a while. Our Circle wants to have a page (section) in the ML of our own, and I think we can see to it that we will if everyone writes once in a while besides our steady writers.

We were discussing over half an hour to see what kind of party we are going to have. We decided to have a Valentine party Feb. 13 at the Slovene hall. We had dancing and refreshments. Committees were appointed—refreshments, D. Klancer, A. Stibil and A. Sladich; clean up committee, M. Dubay, John Matekovich and myself. Our drill team practices every Thursday evening so you can see that we spend enough time on drilling.

I wish to say hello to all my pen pals. I'll close now with best regards to all.—**Lottie Ligiecki** (15), 23 Beech St., Gowanda, N. Y.

"TWISTERS HILL"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to this fine magazine. I was very glad to see my first letter published. It made me thrilled all over.

My favorite sport is skiing every day, at the hill near the school. We also go up in the woods. The one that is up in the woods is very steep and is called the Twisters Hill. Ever since the Ski Troopers came here all the boys and girls started to get skis and poles. It certainly is fun going with the Ski Troopers. Some of them are just learning how to ski. There was a very good skier here that came from Finland two years ago. He got his citizenship papers and now he is skiing with these boys.

I have two war bonds that are worth \$25 each. I will have three just as soon as I finish my third book. I buy stamps in school every Tuesday. Then I have two war bonds signed on me that are worth

\$100. If everybody keeps on buying stamps and bonds, this war will end in no time. I hope all the SNPJs are helping.

I want to say hello to all of my pen pals and hope to hear from more. I promise to answer all letters promptly. My best regards to one and all.—**George E. Gerovac** (11), Box 83, Marenisco, Mich. (Lodge 323)

TWO BROTHERS IN NAVY

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to this wonderful magazine. I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, and am 4 ft. 10 in. tall. I like to read the ML, especially the Pen Pal page. I have been a member of the SNPJ since I was one month old.

I have two brothers in the Navy, Albert L. and Kenneth F. Kosrog. I buy war stamps every Tuesday at school. I like school very much. My teacher's name is Mrs. Gorman. She is very nice to me. I get good marks in school, too. I collect transfers and already have one hundred. I save all of my ML copies.

My favorite movie stars are John Payne, Lana Turner, William Holden, Linda Darnell, and Dorothy Lamour. I would like to have some pen pals. My best regards to one and all.—**Janet Kosrog** (10), 1809 S. 29th St., Milwaukee, Wis. (Lodge 584)

IS FOND OF SCHOOL

Dear Editor:—Here I am writing my third letter to this fine magazine. I will make a habit to write to the ML every month. I am very fond of the school. My subjects include geography, writing, history, English, health, reading, music, arithmetic and spelling. My teachers are Miss Millies and Miss Bane.

I am also still trying to do my part in getting stamps. I have \$16.50 worth now and will soon have a bond. I am also getting scrap but the trouble is, no one is coming around to get it.

I want to say hello to my pen pals Josephine Russell, Elizabeth Sterle and Rosaline Babinsky. Regards to all.—**Frances Ambrozic** (9), R. D. 5., Box 424, Crafton, Pa. (Lodge 88)

"WE FIGHT OVER IT"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the ML which I like very much. It is always my brother that gets the ML first because he gets out of school first. Then we fight over it. He can't read much yet, but he likes to drav the puzzle on the back inside cover page.

I am 9 years old and am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Chamberlane and she is very nice to all of us. She always has a treat for us on holidays. I belong to Gowanda Boosters SNPJ lodge and also to the Circle No. 40. I am sorry I have to miss all the good times they have at their meetings. I have many friends in Gowanda because I lived there before we moved to the farm. Once in a while I go down to visit the Slovene hall and have lots of fun.

I suppose by the time this letter is printed it will be spring. I am trying to do all I can for victory because I have two uncles in the army

and one in the navy. Uncle Frank is very nice to me. He gave me his saxophone and also his piano-accordion. This is something I always wanted. So long everybody.—**Anthony Rote**, R. F. D. 2, Cattaraugus, N. Y. (Lodge 728)

COLLECTING SCRAP

Dear Editor:—Once again I must pick up my pen and write a letter to this fine magazine. The month of April is here again and I might add, the April showers.

Each first Thursday of the month, flattened and cleaned tin cans are collected here. Everyone is doing his or her share in participating in the scrap drive. On the way to school you could see the bushels and boxes of tin cans ready to be collected. This campaign will certainly help Uncle Sam to carry on the war and lead us on to Victory.

I received a new pen pal, whose name is Mary Elbright of Penna. I have five pen pals so far and I would like to have a few more.—**Frances Strozar** (13), R. D. 3, Box 245, Johnstown, PaP. (Lodge 82)

FROM A SOPHOMORE

Dear Editor:—Although I've read and enjoyed this magazine very much, I've never written to it before. After this letter of introduction I hope to write more often.

I am 15 years old and am a sophomore at the Morgan Park Senior High School. I am 5 ft. 4 in. tall and weigh about 110 lbs. My hair is brown and I have brown eyes. My favorite sports are basketball and swimming.

To Julia Ann Hudomal and Edward Kroper I would like to say hello, and hope you both write soon. Also, I would like to have pen pals, both girls and boys. I will try to answer all letters promptly. Best regards to everyone.—**Lorraine Borich** (15), 1420—102 Avenue West, Duluth, Minn.

FIRST LETTERS

Margaret Verbic, 18905 Arrowhead Ave., Cleveland, O., is 10 years old and this is her first letter. She says she is going to write "every month to this fine magazine." She also wrote her first penpal letter to Marijane Bisich. She likes the Pen Pal Page best and will write more next time.

Nancy Jane Calgaro, 650 Cherry Way, Bridgeport, Pa., enjoys reading the ML and saves all the copies. She is the only child in the family and would like to have pen pals. She had all A's in her report card since her first grade. Her hobby is collecting pictures of movie stars. She has a very cute Cocker Spaniel dog named "Penny." Her cousin Ralph Konchnik Jr. of Scranton, Pa., is a sergeant in the army. This is her first letter to the M. L.

Margaret M. Miklich, Box 145, Somerset, Colo., tells in her first letter that she has blonde hair, blue eyes, and weighs 90 lbs. She is 13 years old. Her favorite sport is bicycle riding; her hobby,

collecting jewelry. Her brother is five years old and in the first grade. She likes the ML and she would like to have pen pals.

Louise Briselli, Box 27, Lawrence, Pa., is a sophomore in high school at Venice, Pa. She is 14 years old and she would like to have some pen pals, girls and boys. She will answer all letters promptly. This is her first letter to the ML but she will write more in the future. She sends regards to all pen pals and also the editor.



Johnnie Joe Urbas, Camden-on-Gauley, W. Va., pens his first letter to the M. L. He is six years old and in the first grade. He has two sisters and they all enjoy this "wonderful magazine." His mother was very sick and she had two doctors. Johnnie's picture is published along with this letter. He will write more next time.

Amelia Znidarsic, Box 134, James City, Pa., is in the seventh grade and will soon be 13 years old. She is 5 ft. 2 in. tall, and has light brown hair and brown eyes. Her favorite sports are basketball, skiing and ice skating. James City is located on the top of the Allegheny Mountains and is ideally located for winter sports. She collects post cards, and would like to get one from every state. This is her first letter and she would like to have pen pals.

Albena Finco, Box 986, Roundup, Mont., will be 13 years old in June and is in the seventh grade in school. She likes the ML very much, and this is her first letter. The chief industry in her town is mining and some farming. She says "hello" to Evelyn Eltz, her pen pal. Albena would like to have pen pals and will answer all letters promptly. She is a member of SNPJ lodge 700.

Lillian Gregory, 3924 Iowa Ave., St. Louis, Mo., is a junior at high school and she is 16 years old. Her brother Ray is in the sixth grade and her brother John is a senior at military college and a 2nd lieutenant. This is her first letter. She enjoys reading the M. L. and would like to have some pen pals, girls as well as boys, about her age. She says "hello" to Katherine Adams in Panama, Illinois.

Thomas Stansberry, P. O. Box 1121, Gallup, N. Mex., is 13 years old and is in the seventh grade at Junior High School. He is 5 ft. tall, has light brown hair and grey eyes. He enjoys the ML very much, especially the Just for Fun Page. He, too, would like to have some pen pals his age. Recently, Thomas has been sick but now he is well again. This is his first letter.

Elaine Spendal, 81 E. Arizona St., Detroit, Mich.,

tells in her first letter that she is 13 years of age, has blue eyes, blonde hair, is 5 ft. tall and weighs 98 lbs. She is in the 7A grade, and would like to have pen pals. Dancing, singing and piano lessons take up most of her spare time. Her brother Edbin is 16 years old. She noticed that a boy named Jimmie Spendal also writes to the M. L.

Anna Sittinger, Box 15, Merrittstown, Pa., is a member of SNPJ lodge 744. She likes the ML and this is her first letter. One of her sisters is 11 and the other 9. Anna is in the seventh grade and is 12 years old. Formerly she lived in Colorado which she likes better than Penna. She asks for pen pals, girls and boys, her age. Her hobby is collecting movie stars.

Catherine Sokol, 431 Kline Ave., Akron, O., is 14 years old and has been a member of SNPJ lodge 170 for five years. Her brother is 13 and her sister belongs to the adult class. Her ambition is to get a pen pal from every state. Recently her school sold \$6116 worth of war stamps. During Victory Week the service flag was dedicated. They have 865 in the service and one gold star. She also writes her first letter.

Lillian Lewis, Box 80, Power Point, O., "always wanted to write to this wonderful magazine but always kept putting it off." She is 17 years old and a junior at David Anderson High at Lisbon, O., and a member of SNPJ lodge 746. Her three brothers are in Uncle Sam's armed forces. Bill is in the Navy, Ray is at Camp Hale, Colo., and Arthur is in the Marines "somewhere in the Pacific." Lillian is very proud to be the sister of three fine boys who are doing their part to bring us closer to victory.

Walter Wells, 4712 N. Beacon St., Chicago, Ill., would like to "get some Texas pen pals" and is willing to send "all the postcards to pen pals they want." He is 5 ft. 6 in. tall, has blonde hair and blue eyes. His hobbies are fishing and building plane models. Walter is a sophomore in the Senn High. His favorite ML section is the Pen Pal Page. He is a member of SNPJ lodge 465 (Gillespie, Ill.) He wants some pen pals. This is his first letter to the M. L.

Jean Batycki, R. D. 4, McDonald, Pa., is 14 years old and in the eighth grade. She has light brown hair and dark brown eyes, and is 5 ft. 2½ in. tall. This is her first letter. Her hobby is collecting colored pictures of movie stars. She would like to have some pen pals and promises to answer all letters promptly.

Agnes Kavcic, Box 205, Midway, Pa., is in the eighth grade in school and is 14 years old. This is her first letter to the M. L. She has brown eyes and brown hair. She belongs to SNPJ lodge 89, Circle 22. They hold parties and dances at their lodge. Agnes would like to have some pen pals, too.

Beverly Lepro, Box 72, Midway, Pa., sends her first letter to "this wonderful magazine." She is 12 years old, and is in the sixth grade. She is having "lots of difficulty" in geography, history and arithmetic. She would like to have many pen

pals, as many as possible. She is a member of SNPJ lodge 89, Circle 22.

Dorothy Ann Russ, 8410 Rosewood Ave., Cleveland, O., is 13½ years old, has brown hair, brown eyes, and is 5 ft. 3 in. tall. She enjoys swimming, roller skating and football games "very much." This is her first letter to the ML which she enjoys reading. She would "very much" like to have some pen pals, girls as well as boys.

Doris Pike, 448 E. 156th St., Cleveland, O., is 14 years old and a member of SNPJ lodge 142. She has been a faithful reader of the ML for a long time and enjoys it very much. This is her first letter. She is in the ninth grade at Collinwood High which has 4,000 pupils. Everyone in her family belongs to the SNPJ. She would like to have pen pals and promises to answer all letters promptly.

Alice Pike, Doris' sister, also pens her first letter to the M. L. She is 10 years old and is in the fourth grade at Memorial School. Her teacher's name is Miss Martin. Her school has a beautiful garden. The school, garden and a large pool are dedicated to the pupils and teachers who lost their lives in the tragic fire which completely destroyed the building. She, too, would like to have pen pals.

Helen Pakovitch, 1036 N. Liberty St., New Castle, Pa., is 15 and attends the Benjamin Franklin Junior High, according to her first letter to our magazine. She is 5 ft. 6 in. in height, has bluish-green eyes, auburn hair, and weighs 120 pounds. Her brother George is 21 and is in the Coast Guards. Helen would also like to have pen pals "from all over the country." She belongs to SNPJ lodge 446.

WORD SQUARE

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

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| 1. A playful contest | 3. Animal flesh. |
| 2. Space | 4. Dines |

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Answers to Word Square

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| 1. Game | 3. Meat |
| 2. Area | 4. Eats |

Riddles

When the clock strikes fifteen, what time is it?
—Time to get it fixed.

Why is a man in jail like a ship full of water?
—They both need bailing out.

Why is the letter K like a pig's tail?—It comes at the end of pork.

Why is a dentist always grouchy?—Because he is always looking down in the mouth.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON JUST FOR FUN PAGE:

Puzzler: $7 \times 7 \div 7 + 7 - 7 = 7$

Four Freedoms: 1. Speech, fear, want, religion.

Missing Mates: 1. Jill; 2. Fly; 3. Nod; 4. Gretel; 5. Pussy Cat; 6. Beanstalk.

Jumbled Words: silent, listen, tinsel, linest.

Names of Cities: 1. Cheyenne; 2. Salt Lake City; 3. Omaha; 4. Milwaukee.

What's My Name: Daisy.

Song Titles: 1. I'm Getting Tired, etc. 2. Rosie, the Riveter. 3. When the Lights, etc. 4. For Me and My Gal. 5. There Are Such Things.

Rhyming Words: 1. Squeak; 2. Shriek; 3. Weak; 4. Meek; 5. Leak; 6. Creek; 7. Beak; 8. Speak.

Who Has It?

This is an old game that has always proved to be a lot of fun at a party or any place where a fairly large group has gathered. The group gathers in a circle holding a string that goes all of the way around. On this string is a ring which the players pass from one to the other. The person who is "it" stands in the middle and tries to find the ring. If he tags a player and the player has the ring, the one who has the ring then becomes "it." Sometimes to make the game more exciting more than one ring can be put on the string and more than one person stand in the center. To deceive the ones who are "it," all the players should keep their hands moving.

Try These Riddles

How many soft boiled eggs can you eat on an empty stomach?—One; after that your stomach would no longer be empty.

What holds the moon in place?—The beams.

What goes around in the house without legs?—A broom.

How can a person get fat?—By going to the meat market and buying it.

What turns without moving?—Cream.

Did You Know That—

There is no lead in a lead pencil? An ordinary pencil is made of graphite, a form of carbon.

There is no cork in cork legs? The name comes from Doctor Gork who invented them.

There is no camel's hair in a camel's hair brush? The brushes are made from the hair of squirrels.

Argentina, South America, is the greatest meat producing country in the world?

St. Augustine, Florida, is the oldest city in the United States?

L. E. Waterman invented the first successful fountain pen?

The first public school established in America was the Boston Latin School in 1635?

Automobile tires pick up more nails on rainy days?

A cricket can jump one hundred inches?

—BUY WAR STAMPS AND BONDS—

1943 IS SNPJ JUVENILE YEAR

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

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,

Juvenile Director.