



Doma in po svetu

PREGLED NAJPOMEMBNEJŠIH NOVIC

Ameriški vojaki ranjeni v Bejrutu

BEJRUT, Li. — Preteklo sredo je ročna granata, ki jo je vrgel neznani terorist, ranila 5 ameriških vojakov, ko so bili na patrolji v južnem delu tega mesta. Vsi ranjenci so iz življenjske nevarnosti. Napad na vojake je bil prvi v šestih mesecih, odkar so nastanjeni v južnem Bejrutu. Odgovornost za atentat je prevzela neka malo znana muslimanska organizacija.

Predstavniki ameriških vojakov v Bejrutu je dejal, da bodo sicer poostri varnostne ukrepe, da pa atentat ne bo preprečil nadaljnega izvrševanja vloge, ki jo igra ameriška enota v tem mestu pri zagotavljanju miru.

Neznani teroristi so tudi napadli italijansko vojaško patroljo. V tem napadu je bilo ranjenih kar 8 Italijanov, od teh sta dva paralizirana. Slo je za prvi tovrstni napad na italijansko mirovno enoto v zadnjih 6 mesecih.

Večji del južnega Libanona je še vedno pod izraelsko vojaško zasedbo. Izraelci so tudi tarča teroristov. Izraelsko vojaško poveljstvo v Bejrutu je sporočilo, da sta bila ubita major in kapetan, ko je mina uničila vozilo, v katerem sta se peljala. Od začetka izraelskega vkorakanja v Libanon 6. junija lani je torej padlo 461 Izraelcev.

Janez Pavel II. kritiziral Sandiniste

VATIKAN — Na svoji tedenski javni avdijenci je papež Janez Pavel II. kritiziral voditelje sandinističnega režima v Nikaragvi, ker so ga bili motili med darovanjem sv. maše, ko je bil na obisku v glavnem mestu Managui. Vsem, ki so bili prisotni pri tej maši, je bilo jasno, da je šlo za skrbno organizirano demonstracijo. Ze takrat je bil Janez Pavel II. videti zelo ogorčen.

Papež je govoril o svojem nedavnem obisku v državah Srednje Amerike. Dejal je, da je pglavitni problem tamkajšnjih družbenih ureditev, da je bogastvo v rokah ozkega sloja, velika večina prebivalcev pa se mora boriti za najnujnejše življenjske potrebščine. O tem je Janez Pavel II. govoril javno med svojim obiskom, posebno, ko se je mudil na otoku Hajti.

Obžaloval je, da iščejo premnogi rešitev temu problemu preko nasilja. Tu je papež omenil posebno El Salvador, kjer je državljanska vojna terjala več deset tisoč življenj, med njimi življenje nadškofa Oscarja Romera.

Državljanski vojni v El Salvadorju pomagajo in pospešujejo tisti, ki pošiljajo v to državo orožje. Papeževi poslušalci so dobili vtis, da je imel Janez Pavel II. v mislih ne samo Kubo in Nikaragvo, ampak tudi ZDA.

Zopet težave za OPEC države

LONDON, V. Br. — Pretekli ponedeljek so dosegle vodilne OPEC države sporazum, po katerem naj bi bila nova uradna cena nafte \$29 za sod. Ze v torek pa je Sovjetska zveza dala vedeti, da bo prodala svojo nafto na mednarodnem trgu za \$28 za sod. Sedaj pa pritiskajo naftne družbe na Anglijo, naj bi pocenila nafto, ki jo črpa na Severnem morju, na \$28.50 za sod.

Poznavalci naftne industrije pravijo po vsem tem, da so bila prizadevanja OPEC držav zama; v prihodnjih tednih utegne priti do še cenejše nafte. Za koliko bo padla cena, pa niti strokovnjaki ne vedo.

Jane Byrne bo le kandidirala

CHICAGO, ILL. — Chicaška županja Jane Byrne, ki je bila premagana na primarnih volitvah 27. februarja, je izjavila, da bo vseeno kandidirala za ponovno izvolitev kljub

temu, da bodo morali njeni pristaši napisati njeno ime na volilnem listku. Takoj po primarnih volitvah je bila županja Byrne dejala, da bo podprla zmagovalca, črnkega kandidata, kong. Harold Washingtona.

Byrneova se je v zadnjih tednih posvetovala s svojimi svetovalci in prijatelji, sestala se osebno z Washingtonom in republikanskim kandidatom Bernardom Eptonom, po vsem tem pa prišla do zaključka, da je med vsemi tremi le najsposobnejša ona sama. Washington in Epton nimata nobenega načrta za dobrobit in napredek Chicaga, je dejala 48-letna Byrneova na tiskovni konferenci, ko je napovedala kandidaturo.

Kot kaže, še vedno ima prednost med volivci kong. Washington, ki lahko računa na enotno podporo zelo številnih črnkih volivcev v mestu. Prav ti so mu prinesli zmago na primarnih volitvah.

Zavlačenje el salvadorskega sodišča

SAN SALVADOR, El Sal. — Sodnik nekega lokalnega el salvadorskega sodišča v mestu San Vicente je odločil, da mora biti odložen za nedoločen čas sodni postopek zoper 4 pripadnike Narodne garde, obtožene umora treh ameriških redovnic in ameriške laične misijonarke v l. 1980. Sodnik Luis Alonso Melara je namreč dejal, da je treba zbrati več podatkov o predmetih, ki naj bi jih odnesli iz vozila, v katerem so se peljale žrtve gnusnega zločina, obtoženi vojaki.

Odločitev sodnika pomeni, da bo vzelo najmanj leto dni več, predno se bo začelo sojenje obtoženim vojakom. John Hughes, predstavnik državnega tajništva ZDA, je dejal v Washingtonu, D.C., da bodo ostali obtoženci v zaporu in da bo končno res prišlo do sodne obravnave.

V spopadu z vojaško enoto v vasi v severnem delu El Salvadorja naj bi padla predsednica el salvadorske komisije za človečanske pravice Marianella Garcia Villa. Sporočilo, ki ga je objavila vojska, trdi, da je Garcia Villa sodelovala z drugimi gverilci v sabotažni dejavnosti.

Reagan za odhod tujih enot iz Libanona

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Predsednik Ronald Reagan je obljubil, da bo delal za odhod vseh tujih vojakov iz Libanona. Govoril je na sestanku z delegacijo vodilnih libanonskih politikov, ki so bili na obisku v ZDA. Moja želja je, da bi postali Libanonci resnični gospodarji svojega ozemlja, svoje države, je pristavil Reagan.

V zadnjem tednu sta se mudila v amerškem glavnem mestu zunanja ministra Izraela in Libanona, ki sta bila sprejeta na ločenih sestankih tako v Beli hiši kot State Departmentu. Po teh sestankih sta oba dejala, prav tako predstavniki Reaganove administracije, da je prišlo do premika glede vprašanja odhoda izraelskih vojaških enot iz Libanona.

Posebna ameriška veleposlanika Philip C. Habib in Morris Draper se bosta vrnila na Srednji vzhod v prihodnjih dneh, da bosta vodila ključna pogajanja o odhodu izraelskih vojakov iz Libanona.

Prihodnji teden se bosta v jordanskem glavnem mestu Amman sestala kralj Husein in voditelj PLO Jasir Arafat. Husein se zanima za možnosti kompromisne rešitve glede ustanovitve nekakšne avtonomne pokrajine na Zahodnem bregu reke Jordana, kakršne je predlagal pred meseci predsednik Reagan.

Od Arafata bo skušal Husein izvedeti, ali bi ga PLO podprla, če bi začel sodelovati v pogajanjih v prid ustanovitvi takšne palestinske pokrajine, ki naj bi imela tudi uradno povezavo z jordansko kraljevino.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Zajtrk—

Prihodnjo nedeljo, 20. marca, od 8. zj. do 1.30 pop. bo imelo Društvo Najsv. Imena pri Sv. Vidu svoj letni zajtrk. Cena za odrasle \$3, za otroke do 12. leta starosti pa le \$1.50. Pridite!

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Seja—

V sredo, 23. marca, ob 1. popoldne v Slovenskem narodnem domu na E. 80. cesti bo seja Kluba slov. upokojencev v Nevburgu-Maple Hts. Člani in članice naprošeni, da poravnajo članarino za l. 1983!

Zaroka—

Za novo leto sta se zaročila Nikolaj Košir, sin Janeza in Ivanke Košir, in Elizabeta Hribšek, hčerka Roberta in Ane Hribšek. Poroča bo pri Sv. Vidu 4. junija t.l. Cestitkē!

V bolnici—

Edward Klemencic, East Park Dr. v Clevelandu, je uspešno prestal že drugo operacijo na srcu (by-pass) v letošnjem letu. Zelimo mu hitrega in popolnega okrevanja!

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Anna G. Grzybowski in Mary Gornik iz Euclida sta nam poslala \$275 v podporo Ameriški Domovini. K omenjeni vsoti je prispevalo 30 darovalcev in sicer v spomin na pok. Johna Gornika, brata ge. Grzybowski in ge. Gornik. Iskrena hvala!

Spominski darovi—

Družina Bryan (Tom, Dorothy, Brad in Ted), Richmond Hts., Ohio je darovala \$100 v podporo Ameriški Domovini v spomin na pok. očeta Stephena Opalicha.

Janez Pičman je daroval za novi stroj \$50, v spomin na pok. ženo Marijo.

Ga. Agnes Bradek, Mentor, Ohio je darovala v spomin na pok. starše Michaela in Agnes Klemencic \$50.

Jože in Francka Pust, Hamilton, Ont. sta v spomin pok. Mary Novakovič darovala za novi stroj \$20.

Ga. Pauline Vrečar, Bessemer, Pa. je darovala za novi stroj \$15 v spomin na pok. moža Franka Vrečar.

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Potice bodo prodajale—

V torek, 22. marca, bodo prodajale potice članice Kr. št. 2 PSA in sicer v prizidku Slovenskega narodnega doma na St. Clair Ave. Prednaročila so potrebna in jih sprejemata Marge Kaus (432-1206) in Mary Susel (481-5005). Potice bodo na razpolago med 4. in 6. uro zv. 22. marca.

Za nov tiskarski stroj—

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Milan Zajec, Cleveland, Ohio je prispeval \$100 za novi stroj.

Ga. Anthony (Catherine) Perko, Northfield, Ohio je prav tako darovala \$100 podpore našemu listu.

Jože in Josephine Juhant, Parkgrove Ave. v Clevelandu, sta darovala \$60 v sklad za novi tiskarski stroj.

Frank in Marija Stropnik s Trebec Ave. sta pa za novi stroj darovala \$52.

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Vsakemu in vsem, ki ste na kakršen koli način sodelovali in pripomogli, da je ta večer tako odlično uspel, naša iskrena zahvala. Upamo, da bo navdušenje, ki je ta večer tako močno prišlo do izraza, živelo med nami še mnogo let v prihodnosti.

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Cvetna nedelja in zeleni žegen
pri Mariji Vnebovzeti
v Clevelandu

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Verjetno je, da bodo tudi letos televizijske kamere posnele in prikazale folkloro slovenske cvetne nedelje širši javnosti v Clevelandu.

Z delom in pripravami pričnimo že takoj prihodnji ponedeljek. Vsakdo, najsibo moški ali ženska, starejši ali mlajši, ki ve in ima priliko, narezati šibja in zelenih vejic zimzelenja, bršljana, cipres, tuj in brinja, naj jih nabere in odda še pred petkom, 25. marca, v farni dvorani. Zlasti so dobrodošle vrbove mačice že precej razvite, ki v severnih deželah nadomestijo oljke in palmove veje.

Na Cvetni petek, 25., in soboto, 26. marca—praznik

Oznanjenja Mariji—je začetek jubilejnega svetega leta: tisoč devetsto petdeseta obletnica rojstva, smrti na križu in vstajenje Kristusa.

V petek in soboto, 25. in 26. marca, bo treba čimveč urnih rok in gibčnih ženskih prstov, ki naj bi sestavile in povile s slovenskimi tribarvnimi trakci vsaj 600 do 700 cvetnih šopkov, ki naj bi jih pripeli na prsi vsi navzoči, tako moški kakor ženske. Razen teh osebnih žegenčkov naj bi bili na razpolago tudi večji—družinski. Želeti je, da bi vsakdo, navzoč v cerkvi, imel na prsah ali v roki šopek ali vejico zelenja med slovensko mašo in branjem zgodbe trpljenja.

Reditelji dela za sestavljanje butar in so pooblašteni sledeči: Ga. Frida Grčar in njena hčerka Denise, Leo Vovk in Lojze Drobnič. Nanje se obračajte za navodila, pomoč in pojasnila.

Slovenska maša na Cvetno nedeljo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti na Holmes Ave. se bo začela ob 10. dopoldne in ne ob 10.30 kakor druge navadne nedelje.

Rev. L. Tomc

Bogat koncertni program

CLEVELAND, O. — Najbolje bo, da si kar sedaj rezerviramo soboto, 19. marca, za pomladanski koncert zboru Jadran v Slovenskem delavskem domu na 15335 Waterloo Rd.; začetek ob sedmih zvečer, od devetih dalje bo ples ob zvokih orkestra Freda Kuharja. Program je zelo bogat, obsega pesmi in odlomke operete. Vstopnina je samo \$4 po osebi, v predprodaji so pri članih zboru, pri točilni mizi v SDD, pri Tony's Polka Village na 185. cesti, pri tajniku Jadrana, tel. 541-2102, pri pevki Angeli Žabjek, tel. 531-3979.

Prvi del programa obsega pesmi, ki jih bo zapel celotni mešani zbor, slišali boste soliste, duet, oktet; drugi del obsega odlomke iz Dodgejeve operete Grof cigan; besedilo je prevedel Marjan Urbančič, pesmi pa Mary Ivanush.

Dirigiral bo zborov pevodnja Reginald Resnik, klavirsko spremljavo ima naša

skrbna pianistka Alice Cech.

Pevski zbor Jadran se vneto in vestno pripravlja na ta celovečerni nastop, ki se bo odvijal v odličnem razpoloženju kot pozdrav pomladi in kot dokaz resnega in vnetega kulturnega prizadevanja.

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Vedri večer bomo zaključili s plesom ob zvokih orkestra Freda Kuharja. Gostinski prizidek bo odprt, na razpolago bodo razna jedila in pijača. Nikakor ne kaže prezreti tega vabila, ki obeta veliko zabave in razvedrila za vsakogar, vse, posebno

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Louis Kaferle

Novi grobovi

Stanley Kalan

V soboto, 12. marca, je na svojem domu na 3616 Atherstone Rd. na Cleveland Hts. umrl 73 let stari Stanley Kalan, rojen v Clevelandu, mož Mary roj. Tomaszewski, stric in prastric. Pokojnik je lastoval in vodil Kalan Hardware Store na St. Clair Ave. in Addison Rd. mnoga leta, vse do svoje upokojitve v zadnjih 70-ih letih. Trgovino je bil prevzel od svojega očeta. Privatni pogreb je bil pretekli torek dopoldne.

Anton Tavzel

Na svojem domu je po 5-mesečni bolezni umrl 88 let stari Anton Tavzel, rojen v vasi Uzmani, fara Rob pri Velikih Laščah na Dolenjskem, Slovenija, od koder je prišel v ZDA l. 1913, mož Julie, roj. Krainz (poročena sta bila nad 60 let), oče Frances Krall in Harolda (graduanta West Pointa in podpolkovnika v pokoju ameriške vojske, sedaj živečega v San Antonio, Tex.), tast Josepha (Patsy) Krall, 4-krat stari oče, 7-krat prastari oče, zaposlen kot strojnik pri National Acme Corp. 25 let, vse do svoje upokojitve l. 1963, 60-letni član Društva Slovenec št. 1 ADZ, Klub Ljubljana in Kluba slovenskih upokojencev v Euclidu. Pogreb bo iz Zeletovega pogrebnege z avoda na E. 152. cesti v ponedeljek, 21. marca, ob 8.15 zjutraj, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete ob 9., nato na pokopališče Lake View. Na mrtvaškem odru bo v nedeljo, 20. marca, od 2. do 7. zvečer. Darovi v pokojnikov spomin Slovenskemu domu za ostarele na Neff Rd. bodo s hvaležnostjo sprejeti.

In loving memory



Matija Videtic

2nd Anniversary of death.
He died March 14, 1981

His weary hours and days of pain,
His troubled nights are past,
But in my aching heart I know
He has sweet rest at last.

Sadly missed by:

Frances Videtic — wife

Cleveland, O. March 18, 1983

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

589. Rev. Daniel Ohmann, M.M.,

se oglašja iz Tanzanije 8. februarja s tem pismom:

"Lepo zahvaljeni za ček \$400 za Maryknoll Fathers. Takoj bom opravil 25 sv. maš, ki jih naročate za vključeni stotak. Denar MZA bom uporabil za nakup zdravil. Nabaviti jih moramo iz Holandske in plačati v ameriških dolarjih, ker naš tukajšnji denar zunaj nič ne velja. Naše delo je vedno znova blagoslovljeno z rastjo nekaterih zelo svetih duš med božjim ljudstvom. Bog blagoslovi CMA (Catholic Mission Aid)!"

Za 1983 imamo lepe načrte. "Vsak kristjan ima svoj dar od sv. Duha, da gradi Kristusovo Telo, Cerkev," pravi sv. Pavel.

Pred 16 leti sem prišel v Ndoleleji. Takrat smo imeli 4 misijonske postojanke. Danes imamo nekakšno krščansko komuniteto v vseh 26 vaseh, ki sestavljajo to župnijo.

Najraje bi začel nove postojanke v Botswani, v Južni Afriki. Tanzanija ima sedaj 800 duhovnikov, Botswana pa enega.

Pomenilo bo učenje novega jezika, običajev, postati ponovno — otrok. Vendar mi je star mož dejal pred kratkim: 'Vi ste še otrok!'

V juliju bom šel v ZD na dopust. Do takrat bom že vedel. Neglede na to, če se premaknem ali ne, bi bilo najboljšo poslati zame vsak dar na Maryknoll, New York, od tega datuma zana-prej.

Hvaležno pozdravlja iz Tanzanije

Rev. Daniel Ohman, M.M."

Uršulinka
M. Ksaverija Pirc

12. januarja piše iz Bangkoka: "Včeraj je prišel Vaš 'dragoceni' božični dar. Bog Vam stotero povrni trud, ki ga velikodušno nosite, da se širi Gospodovo ime po zemlji."

Tu v zavodu Regina Mundi, po tajske 'vasutevi', sem jaz edina inozemska misijonarka. Skupno delam z drugimi 10 tajskimi uršulinkami za kraljestvo božje. Sem pa tudi edina, ki dobiva kako denarno pomoč od zunaj in tako lahko razumete, kako je takle 400-dolarski ček dobrodošel in sprejet z veseljem od vseh.

Lepo smo praznovali Božič. Dan pred Božičem smo imeli 12 krstov, 8 odraslih in 4 mladostnike. Na Tajskem ni množičnih spreobrnjenj. Tu in tam si Bog o svoji dušo, ki Ga je vredna in jo pripelje k svoji čredi, v veselje nas vseh. Trud misijonarjev in misijonark je pozabljen in znova seje-mo in sejemo.

Tu imamo osnovno šolo in nižjo gimnazijo za 1000 učenk. Ker je tik te naše šole eden velikih 'slumov' Bangkoka, so mnoge učenke zelo revne. Šola pa mora bito-premljena po vseh zahtevah današnjega dne in tako ra-

zumete, kako smo vesele Vaše pomoči.

Da je Vam in vsem sotrudnikom MZA novo leto enako blagoslovljeno z delom in uspehi, Vam želi hvaležna s. Ksaverija Pirc, O.S.U."

S. Ksaverija je kljub svojim letom še resno — aktivna v misijonskem delokrogu. Bog jo ohranja tako še mnogo let — za svoje kraljestvo in neumrjoče duše.

Uršulinka
Marija Franciška Novak

se oglašja z lepim pismom 18. januarja.

"Lepo se Vam zahvalim za pismo s prilogami in za dragoceni ček \$400. Takoj sem ga izročila prednici za 'delo med našimi ubogimi', kot ste naročili. Saj imam sama v skrbi več pohabljenih, starih in revnih in bi lahko sama razdelila, pa se mi zdi, da je bolj v duhu redovnega uboštva, da izročim predstojnici in potem prosim in delim po potrebah.

KATOLISKI MISIJONI, AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA in DRUŽINA iz Slovenije, ki mi jo pošilja M. Ksaverija iz Bangkoka, me vežejo z rojaki in dobrotniki po svetu in to je zelo blagodejno in potrebno. Saj časa za branje vedno manjka in to je normalno. Delajmo, dokler je čas za Kraljestvo, ki mu ne bo konca.

Vidim tudi, kako ste zaposleni in kako lepo župnijsko življenje imate. In vendar najdete čas za misijonsko akcijo. Bog Vas podpiraj in dajaj vedno novih luči in

V blag spomin

Prve obletnice smrti našega moža, očeta in starega očeta



Martin Erdani

ki je umrl 18. marca 1982

Leto dni je že minilo, odkar Te več med nami ni. Zalostna so naša srca, ko se spominjamo na Te.

V raju prosi zdaj Boga, da raj nebeški nam da, kjer bomo zopet združeni, veselje večno uživati.

Zalujoči ostali:

Antonia — žena

Miro — sin

Mari — hčerka v Avstriji
Bratje in sestra v Jugoslaviji.

Euclid, O., 18. marca 1983

moči, da bo članstvo MZA, z vodstvom vred, storilo za rast Cerkev še mnogo dobrega!

Božič je bil letos hladen, posebno ob slabi obleki mnogih ljudi, ki to občutijo. Režirala sem za Božič igro in 3-dnevne duhovne vaje za tri dekleta, ki so prejele sv. krst. Z igro smo šle tudi v državni zavod za stare in onemogle. Igralke so bile skoraj vse katoličanke. Seveda nevere ne manjka med doraščajočimi.

Velika novica za Tajsko, s svojimi 48 milijoni prebivalcev, in za 200,000 njenih katoličanov je bilo imenovanje nadškofa iz Bangkoka za novega kardinala, Michaela Meechai. Bog daj, da bi evangelizacija, ki traja že 300 let, s tako malo vidnimi uspehi, bila v podvig in utrditev božjega Kraljestva.

V aprilu upam od nas tu v Chiang Mai v Bangkok na letne duhovne vaje in se bova s s. Ksaverijo malo več lahko po slovensko pomenili. Maja začnemo spet novo šolsko leto. Za obiske med ubogimi skušam vedno najti čas. Večkrat mislim na sv. očeta in njegove želje. Vsem misijonskim prijateljem in dobrotnikom, tajnici gđc. Ferjanovi in vsej MZA iskren 'Bog povrni', s prisrčnimi voščili. Sr. Marija Franciška Novak, O.S.U."

Ob koncu leta, ko sence postajajo daljše,

sem imela priliko obiskovati bolne in ostarele. Pri njih vedno, ugotavljam življenjske sadove: samopozabo ali sebičnost, hvaležnost



V blag spomin

OB DESETI OBLETNICI NAM NADVSE DRAGEGA MOZA, OČETA IN SORODNIKA

JOZETA FEGUS

ki nas je zapustil 18. marca 1973

Deset let je že minilo, odkar Te več med nami ni, toda ljubeč spomin na Tebe, dragi,

ostal nam bo do konca naših dni, mir in pokoj naj Ti bol

Zalujoči:

Lojzka — žena;

hčerka Pepca in brat France, nečakinje in ostalo sorodstvo v Sloveniji.

Cleveland, O., 18. marca 1983.

ali zavist; dobroto ali trdost, pobožnost in ljubezen do samote ter predanost božji volji, pa tudi obup, brezbriznost ter topo lenobnost... Kar človek seje, to navadno tudi žanje. Kdor živi iz vere in z Bogom, temu je tudi trpljenje božji dar. Nemški pisatelj J. W. Goethe je zapisal o sebi: "Tudi nesreča je dobra. Jaz bi se sicer nikjer v življenju ne bil mogel naučiti tega, kar sem se naučil v boleznih."

Letos smo mnogo govorili in pisali, kako se je treba na lepo starost vse življenje

pripravljati. Zdi se mi, da je velika milost živeti starost v polnosti.

Naše življenje v priletnosti je lahko velik apostolat svetlega zgleda med nami, vpliva pa tudi pomirjevalno in hrabri zbegane, šibke sovrstnike v svetu. Prav, da mi v zaledju tudi mislimo, kaj nam bo starost prinesla. Verjetno se bomo potem lažje nanjo pravilno pripravljali. 'Kot si boš postlal, tako boš spal.'

Rev. Charles A Wolbang CM
131 Birchmount Road
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Globoko potrni nad našo veliko izgubo, toda vdani v voljo božjo, naznanjamo vsem sorodnikom, prijateljem in znancem, da je dne 19. novembra 1982, za vedno zatisnil svoje mile oči, naš dobri mož, ata, stari ata, tast, in stric

STANISLAV MRVA

Rodil se je 27. januarja 1906 na Glincah pri Ljubljani, Slovenija, in prišel v Ameriko meseca avgusta, 1950. Bil je dolgoletni član Slovenske pristave.

Pogreb je bil iz Zak pogrebnega zavoda 23. novembra 1982 v cerkev sv. Vida ob 10. uri dopoldne, in od tam na pokopališče Vernih duš, Chardon, O. Globoko zahvalo naj prejme č.g. Jože Božnar za darovano sv. mašo, molitev sv. rožnega venca v pogrebni kapeli, njegovo ganljivo pridigo v cerkvi, ter molitve pri odprtem grobu. Srčno se zahvaljujemo č.g. Jožetu Simčiču za somaševanje in molitev sv. rožnega venca.

Iz dna srca se zahvalimo vsem, ki so darovali vence in cvetje, za sv. maše, v dobrodelne namene v njegov spomin, za številne izraze sožalja, vsem, ki so ga prišli kropiti, molili za njegovo dušo, se udeležili pogrebne maše, in tistim, ki so ga spremljali do groba.

Lepo zahvalo naj prejmeta organist g. Peter Johnson za spremljavo med mašo, ter gospej Amaliji Košnik za ganljivo petje. Zelo smo hvaležni gospej Ivanki Pretnar, ter pomočnicam, za tako okusno pripravljeno kosilo po pogrebu.

Najlepša hvala g. dr. Milanu Pavloviču za radijsko naznanilo smrti našega ljubljenelega, ter g. Jožetu Melaherju za njegov lep članek o pokojniku v listu "Ameriška Domovina". Posebno hvalo naj prejmeta ga. Josephine Banič in g. Franc Tominc st. za vso pomoč, ter Baragovemu Domu za prostore. Najlepša hvala nosilcem krste našega dragega: Viktor Blatnik, Jože Dovjak, Tone Vidergar, Tone Mrva, Frank Tominc st., in Frank Tominc, ml.

Zahvaljujemo se Zak pogrebneemu zavodu za vso postrežbo in skrbno vodenje pogrebne sprejave.

Razposlali smo zahvalne kartice vsem, ki smo imeli za njih naslove. Ako kdo take kartice ni prejel, naj nam oprost, in naj s to javno zahvalo sprejme našo globoko hvaležnost.

V miru božjem Ti počivaj,

dragi, nepozabni nam,

v nebesih večno srečo uživaj,

do snidenja na vekomaj.

Zalujoči ostali:

MARIJA MRVA (roj. Klemen), žena:

STANE in TONE, sinova;

FRANCKA in MARIJANA, snahi;

MARINKA TOMINC, hči; FRANK TOMINC, zet;

9 vnukov in vnukinj; ter ostalo sorodstvo tu, v Belgiji in Jugoslaviji.

Cleveland, Ohio, 18. marca 1983.

Slovenski folklorni inštitut bo nastopil v Ohio Theatre

CLEVELAND, O.—V soboto, 30. aprila, ob 8. zvečer in nedeljo, 1. maja, ob 3.30 popoldne bo nad 120 izurjenih plesalcev Slovenskega folklornega inštituta podalo dve prireditvi "Folklore Treasures of the Old World" v gledališki dvorani OHIO THEATRE, 1621 Euclid Ave., v središču mesta Clevelanda.

Brez dvoma bo to zgodovinski dogodek na samo za Slovenski folklorni inštitut, pač pa tudi za vse Slovence. Kajti v tem lepem, renesančnem gledališču nastopajo samo profesionalne družbe in je zato nastop v tem gledališču gotovo veliko priznanje kvalitetne višine Slovenskega folklornega inštituta. Ta edinstveni dogodek je podprla moralno kakor tudi gmotno Ohijska država, ker je zelo važno, da kot mali nepoznani slovenski narod predstavimo našo bogato kulturno dediščino širši ameriški javnosti in drugim narodnostim; le tako bomo zagotovili ugled in spoštovanje med velikim svetom, naj tudi oni vedo, kdo smo Slovenci. Naš mali, toda visoko kulturni narod je mnogo premalo zastopan in upoštevan v ameriškem morju, vsekakor je ta dogodek lahko v čast in ponos vsem Slovencem.

Mislím, da je zelo važno, da se v naši mladini gradi slovenska zavest in ponos, občutek enakovrednosti in pripadnosti, zavest, da naš mladi rod s ponosom lahko pove vsakemu prijatelju, da je sin ali hčerka slovenskih

staršev, ponosen na slovenske kulturne preteklosti. Vsak poedini fant ali dekle, kateri se sramuje svojega porekla, je gotovo prej ali slej izgubljen za naš narod. Veliko premalo nas je, da bi se tako utapljali, kajti vsak poedinec lahko pomeni veliko bogastvo za naš narod. Zato je odločilnega pomena, da v svoji najvažnejši dobi, ko odrašča in se pripravlja na življenje, dobi nekoga, ki mu da vzpodbude, pogum, vzgled in prilike, da mu zbudi v srcu zavest slovenske pripadnosti, ker samo tako se bo ob dobrih ali slabih časih svojega življenja vedno vračal in si znova nabiral moči in ljubezni do naroda.

V mnogih letih delovanja med našo mladino na kulturnem področju sem vedno skušala vzbujati zavest in ponos, kajti samo tako se bo naš narod ohranil za bodočnost. Nepopisna sreča prevzame človeka, kadar si naši mladeniči ali mladenke oblečejo narodne noše in s ponosom izražajo svojo narodno pripadnost tujemu svetu.

Prodiranju Slovenskega folklornega inštituta v nova okolja, oranju ledine takorekoč, je najbolj svetel vzgled naš najbolj poznani rojak, bivši senator Frank Lausche. Visoko se je povzpел v ameriškem svetu, postal je mož velikih uspehov in priznanj,

toda vseeno ni pozabil, da je Slovenec. Iz svojega visokega položaja je s svojim pričanjem, nasvetom in vplivom pomagal in koristil marsikateremu posameznemu Slovincu kakor tudi celemu narodu.

Fantje, dekleta in naraščaj Slovenskega folklornega inštituta so v zadnjih letih nešteto krat ob najrazličnejših prilikah s ponosom predstavljali slovenski narod in želi velike uspehe in priznanja. S svojim vzgledom in navdušenjem so vplivali na marsikatero drugo društvo in posameznika. S svojimi nadvse uspešnimi folklornimi festivali so poživeli slovensko folklorno gibanje

preko cele Amerike in Kanade. Obetajoči nastopi profesionalnega značaja, v profesionalnem gledališču pa dajejo vzgled, pogum in utirjajo pot še marsikateremu drugemu društvu.

Vstopnice za "Folklore Treasures of the Old World"

so naprodaj pri gledališki blagajni, 1621 Euclid Ave., Naročite si jih lahko po tel.: 523-1755 in možno jih je nastaviti na MasterCard ali Visa račune. Nabavite pa si jih lahko tudi pri ge. Fridi Grčar: telefon 943-0233.

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It is with both sorrow and a deep faith in the Resurrection promised by Jesus Christ that we remember Mary Ann, who died on January 31, 1983. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 23, 1954. Mary Ann attended St. Mary Collinwood grade school, Regina High School, and then majored in pre-med at John Carroll University. She studied medicine at St. Louis University, receiving a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1980. At the time of her death, she was a resident psychiatrist at the University of Wisconsin hospital in Madison.

The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, February 5. We are deeply grateful to Bishop Anthony Pilla and Bishop James Lyke for presiding at the liturgy. Words will never adequately express the consolation and hope that Bishop Edward Pevec gave to us in his homily. Publicly we also thank the following who offered so much during a very difficult time: Fr. Victor Tomc, pastor of St. Mary's; the ministers of music at the Mass, headed by Mr. Rudy Knez; the A. Grdina and Sons funeral home who were in charge of the arrangements; and Mrs. Julie Zalar and her crew for preparing a delicious lunch afterwards.

Acknowledgements were sent to the many people who were so supportive to us in so many ways. If by chance we missed anyone, may this notice serve as our thank you to you.

Sadly missed by

Joseph M. O'Connor.....husband
Joseph and Mary Jerse.....parents

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Joseph J.
Edward S. brothers

Joseph and Helen O'Connor parents-in-law

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Spomin za Te je naš zaklad,
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Pri Bogu zdaj se veselíš,
a v srcih naših Ti živiš!

Zalujoči:

sin, Louis

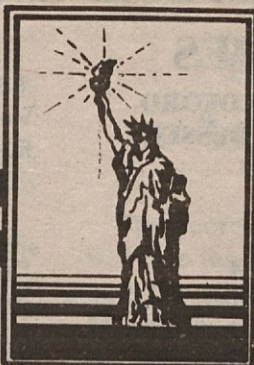
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Cleveland, O., 18. marca
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AMERISKA DOMOVINA, MARCH 18, 1983

Pancakes Breakfast at St. Vitus March 20



Cleveland, O. -- The St. Vitus Holy Name Society is sponsoring their annual Pancakes and Sausages Breakfast on Sunday, March 20 in the school auditorium. Serving is from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Pictured above is John Hocevar, auditor of KSKJ Lodge No. 25 servig breakfast to the Rom family.

Memo...

From

Madeline

The Slovene Folklore Institute of America folkloric dancers present **Folklore Trasures of the old world** on Saturday, April 30 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m. at the Ohio Theatre, 1621 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Tickets are \$10, 9, 8, and 7. Children, Senior Citizen Group discounts available. Charge tickets by phone 523-1755.

We Hear That:

The Supreme court of Ohio has appointed **Judge August Pryatel** to hear cases on their docket!

Congratulations, Judge!

Eleanore B. Kapel Reappointed to Park Board

Probate Court Judge Francis J. Talty reappointed Eleanore B. Kapel to a second term with the Metroparks Board of Park Commissioners. Mrs. Kapel first joined the Board in 1978 and served as Board president in 1980. She now serves in the capacity of vice president.

Mrs. Kapel has considerable experience in handling real estate properties, including two private golf courses. Her background and interests, as well as her involvement with Kapel Management Co., add a great deal to the decisions made by the Board.

Mrs. Kapel and her husband, Milan, reside in Chesterland. The Kapels have four children: Milan, Jr., Kevin, Carol Broderick and Marianne MacLean.

St. Vitus Holy Name Society is sponsoring their 24th Annual Pancakes and Sausages



Madeline

Debevec

Breakfast this Sunday, March 20 at the St. Vitus Auditorium, E. 62nd St., near St. Clair Ave.

For \$3 you receive Pancakes, Sausages, Orange Juice, Syrup, Butter, and a choice of coffee or milk.

Serving is from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Get your tickets from members, the rectory, or at the door on the day of the event. Children, under 12, are admitted for \$1.50.

Be sure to attend this fun-filled "Welcome to Spring" Sunday morning at St. Vitus parish.

This annual event draws over 1,000 friends and neighbors. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Get Well Wishes to:

Edward Klemencic of East Park Drive underwent bypass surgery this week at the Cleveland Clinic. This is his second open heart surgery this year.

Dolores Habat (Mrs. John) of Euclid, Ohio has been released from Lake County Hospital-West after undergoing tests for several weeks. Dolores, a registered nurse, is the director of the Emergency Room there during the evening shift.

Our prayers are with everyone for a speedy recovery!

P.S.W.A. Circle 1 is sponsoring its annual Easter Bake Sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 23rd at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. Orders will be taken for potica, sweet breads and krofe.

For orders contact Ivanka Kapel at 486-6219.

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Rudy Koporc Dies in Florida

By Dan J. Postotnik

It was quite a shock to hear of the untimely death of well known, former Clevelander, Rudolph J. Koporc, 124 Marshall Blvd., Elkhart, Indiana 46514.

He suffered a fatal heart attack on March 10 at his winter home in Naples, Florida. Rudy, who would have been 72 years of age in April, was the husband of Frances (nee Slapar), formerly of Bonna Ave., and father of the following: Rudolph Jr. of Orlando, Fla., Carol McCarthy of Madison, Ind., and Gail Bryan, of Elkhart, Ind. He is also survived by two brothers, Edward and Albert of Cleveland, O., and many other relatives in this area.

Services were held on March 14 from St. Thomas More Church in Elkhart, Ind.

Rudy was quite a sportsman and singer. In his younger days, he played Cleveland sandlot hardball for championship teams, such as Spech Grocers, Class "E", Brazis Bros., Class "B", and Quaker Sugars, Penzoils and Robarts in Class "A".

HE ALSO COACHED Poschke Barbecues, and played Cleveland Major softball with the Iroquois Brews, and with Monmouth Products, where he was then employed. His wife, Fran, was also proficient in

sports, having played basketball, softball, and was an excellent swimmer.

In 1946 he heeded Horace Greeley's command, "Go West, young man" only partially, by starting a new life at Christiana Lake on the border of Michigan and Indiana, some 250 miles from Cleveland. He, Dominic Krasovec, former owner of Twilight Gardens here, and George Dobrich bought into a hotel and night club on the shores of beautiful Christiana Lake, Edwardsburg, Michigan. Rudy and his family settled in Elkhart, Ind. some nine miles just over the border, and operated the night club for some 12 years.

He then left this endeavor, and went to work for Johnson Products Co., a sliding door hardware business, as Sales Manager, until his retirement some three years ago.

Rudy was an avid singer, and sang lead or second tenor in the noted American Slovenian Quartet, which sang many times on Martin Antoncic's Sunday radio program, performed on TV several times, and appeared at many other public events. He also sang with the Four Steps of Harmony. Besides Rudy, both groups included Rudy's cousin, John Kovacic, former Customs Director, John Sternisha, and Ed Seuffert.

RUDY WAS BLESSED with a jovial personality, and his infectious big grin endeared him to everyone. He will now be able to join that terrific heavenly group of singers, his relatives, Victoria Faletic, Olga Urbas, Eddie Kovacic, and Dave Telban.

Meanwhile, Rudy, we will all miss you very much!

Thanks

Editor:

Enclosed find a check in the amount of \$25.00 to add to your printing needs.

Wishing you in all sincerity a long and successful career in the publishing world.

Yours truly,
Louis L. Ferfolia
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St. Mary PTU Retreat

St. Mary's PTU will hold their annual day of recollection on Wed., March 30 at St. Joseph' Retreat House, E. 185 St., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is conducted in English. Cost is \$5.00.

Call Mary Petric a week in advance for reservations. Her number is 481-3762.

Jadran Concert

On Saturday, March 19 the Jadran Singing Society under the direction of Reginald Resnik will present its Annual Spring Concert at the Slovenian Workman's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$4.00 and may be purchased from any Jadran member, Tony's Polka Village and the SWH Club room managers, Stan, or Emma.

Following a concert, which will consist of many songs slanted toward the spring season, the second half of the program will be a colorful "Gypsy Rover" segment complete with

ostumes and actions.

To round out the program, a duet by Florence Unetich and Angela Zabjek, our Jadran Songbirds and an octet will also entertain our audience.

Following the program there will be music for your dancing pleasure to the Fred Kuhar Orchestra starting at 9 00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Join us for a delightful evening on Saturday, March 19 at the SWH. — Food and refreshments will be available.

Betty Rotar,
Rec. Sec.

Mills, Marinko Honored at Church Appreciation Dinner



Mary Marinko

SHE HAS A daughter, Marian Croak, Monona, Wisc., wife of a former FBI agent; sons, Frank Mocnik, Orlando, Fla., Don Mocnik, So. Euclid, O., and John Marinko, Mentor, O., engineer for TV Channel 3. Mrs. Marinko is a grandmother of 22, and great-grandmother of three.

Mary has served her beloved St. Vitus parish very well under five pastors. She was known for her work with the United Societies, Altar Society, United Altar Society, and St. Vitus Dramatic Club.

She was president of the Altar Society for 22 years, and left this position only three years ago. But she is still active with the parent organization, United Altar Societies, which includes the four Slovenian parishes in Cleveland, of which she is president since 1972. She also handled publicity for her group's annual dinner, the many doughnut sales, and pilgrimages to Lemont, Illinois each year.

MARY WAS AN accomplished actress, and participated in



Bob Mills

many Slovenian plays in the 30's, under the direction of Rev. Matt Jager, and also with Slovenia Women's Group, Branch 25 under Mr. Damjan Tomazin.

Mrs. Marinko stated that she accepted the award not only for herself, but in behalf of all St. Vitus Altar Society members.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to these two well deserving parishioners!

By Dan J. Postotnik
At the St. Vitus Appreciation Dinner, which was held on Feb. 12 for the parish workers, pastor Rev. Joseph Boznar announced the names of Robert W. Mills and Mary Marinko as St. Vitus Man and Woman of the year for 1983. They were presented beautiful plaques in recognition of their long years of service to the parish.

Bob Mills has been a parishioner since 1949, and surprisingly, is an "adopted son" of the parish, or a convert. He and his wife Marice (nee Jernejcic) reside at 6716 Bonna Ave., Cleveland, O., and raised five children. Bob has been employed by General Electric Co. for the past 33 years as a technician in the Consumer Electronics Division.

HE IS A charter member of St. Vitus Post 1655, Catholic War Vets, has held the offices of Commander, Adjutant and Treasurer, and is presently the Judge Advocate. Bob is also 2nd Vice Commander in the State C.W.V. Department.

Robert has done a fine job with the Civic Aid Patrol, has been its president for the past 13 years, and spends time with the Geauga County Disaster Network, partially connected with the Red Cross.

In his quiet, unassuming manner, he does a lot of work for the parish. What would we do without him with the stage lighting and public address system in the auditorium for the past 24 years, or his assistance in setting up the outside Nativity scene for the past 25 years?

In addition, Mills serves as a lector, commentator and eucharistic minister at the Sunday 6:00 a.m. Masses, when most of us are still snugly settled in bed.

And he still finds time to put in 20 hours per month of volunteer work for the Vets Administration.

Mrs. Mary Marinko has been a St. Vitus parishioner better than a half century. It is coincidental that she too, at one time, lived on Bonna Ave., in fact, across the street from where Bob Mills lives now, at 6713 to be exact. Mrs. Marinko, a widow for many years, now resides in the Senior Citizen Apartment complex at 125 E. 156th St., Cleveland.

Memo From Madeline...

(Continued from page 5)

Bohn-Peeepar Engagement
Mr. and Mrs. John Bohn of E. 261 St., Euclid, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **Judith Marie** to **Joseph Perpar**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perpar of Carol Avenue.

The bride-elect, a 1978 Euclid graduate, received her bachelor's degree from Ohio State University last year and is in the process of completing graduate studies at Columbus Technical Institute. Her fiancé, a 1978 Euclid alumnus, works for the Euclid Recreation Dept.

An October wedding in St. Williams Church is planned. Congratulations!

The annual Spring Luncheon and Card Party of the Holy Family Cancer Home will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 12 noon at Higbee Downtown Auditorium, 10th floor. Admission is \$6.00 a person. For reservations call Ann O'Rourke at 237-8752. All proceeds benefit the Holy Family Cancer Home.

Tickets are available at the American Home.

For further information contact Madeline Debevec at 431-0628.

SUNBEAMS FOR SENIORS—A GOLDEN

AGERS HEALTH FAIR will be held at the Lake Shore Golden Age Center, 16600 Lake Shore Boulevard, on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Golden Age Centers of Cleveland, the City of Cleveland, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Northeast Ohio, the Euclid Clinic Foundation and Euclid General Hospital, the event will feature mini-seminars by Dr. Walter George on Hypertension; Dr. Michael Spero on Diabetes and Aging; and exercise session for golden-agers; a fashion show for the handicapped, a yoga demonstration, hints for making activities of daily life easier and information regarding drug interactions.

Free health screenings will include blood pressure testing, blood sugar assessment, vision and glaucoma testing, hearing tests, foot exams and a computerized assessment of each individual's health-related age.

Progressive Slovene Women's Circle 2 will have their Easter potica bake sale on Tuesday, March 22 in the annex of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. Pick-up between 4 and 6 p.m. For orders call Marge Kaus at 432-1206 or Mary Susel at 481-5005.

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MARY PARAC

Mary Parac (nee Novak) died February 14 at the age of 87. She was the wife of John Parac (dec.) and the aunt of Rudy Visnick. She was born in the Prekmurje region of Yugoslavia. Mary Parac had been an employee of Leece Neville and Cleveland Twist Drill until her retirement in 1965. The Funeral Mass was Friday, Feb. 18 at St. Vitus Church at 11:15 a.m. Interment at Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements were by Grdina Funeral Home, 1053 E. 62 St.

JOSEPH LEGAN

Joseph Legan of Fort Myers, Florida passed away March 1. He was formerly from Maple Hts. He was born in Podgozd, Zuzemberk, Slovenia. He was 91 years of age, a retired employee of American Steel and Wire Co. Survivors are his wife, Frances (nee Jordan), children Lt. Col Stanley U.S.M.C., ret. of Seminole, Fl., Mrs. Kirk Lowery (Ann) Fort Myers, Herbert, Vienna, Va., Lawrence, North Royalton, Col. Joseph U.S.A.F., Germany, and Tom of Solon. There are 19 grandchildren, brothers Frank, John and sister Mary Oblak--all deceased. Burial will be at Fort Myers Plantation Estate. Their address is Rt. 24, 82-- 120 Ash Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

To All Friends of Ameriška Domovina

The coordinating committee wishes to thank the entire Slovenian Community who so overwhelmingly supported the fund raising dinner, either through their attendance, financial support or volunteer effort. It was exciting to see such a large cross-section of the Slovenian Community represented.

The Committee would like to, in a very special way, thank Jim and Madeline Debevec for allowing us to participate in the preservation of the Domovina. We feel the role of the committee is to help the Ameriška Domovina in any way we can.

It is our hope that the result of our efforts will be that the Domovina will be published for many, many years to come; that interests in the Slovenian language will be kept and increased, especially among the youth; and that the literary quality of the newspaper will strive for excellence. In that spirit the individual members of the committee have reaffirmed their willingness to continue the

work that has begun. Anyone interested in the perpetuation of the Domovina is invited to participate with the committee toward that goal.

The enthusiasm that prevailed throughout the evening is also reflected in our financial statement which we are pleased to present to you:

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Donations.....	1,881.00
Total	16,627.50
Expenses.....	3,252.32
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It is extremely gratifying to report further that our Slovenian businesses have contributed in excess of \$5,000 for the material to improve the facilities of Ameriška Domovina.

To each and every one of you who participated in any way to make this evening a memorable one, our sincerest thanks. We hope that the enthusiasm which was demonstrated at this event will continue long into the future.

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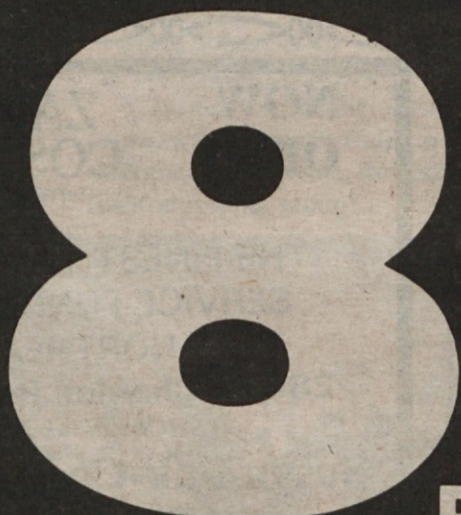
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Recent Deaths

JOHN P. GORNIK John P. Gornik, age 74, of 19281 Pasnow Avenue, Euclid (formerly of 667 E. 159 St.), died Saturday morning, Feb. 19 at Lakeshore Nursing Center after a long illness.

He was the son of Joseph and Mary (nee Zagar) Gornik (both dec.). Husband of Lillie (nee Ruse) (dec.), father of Arden Sparks (dec.), brother of Mary H.; Anna Grzybowski and the following deceased: Joseph, Frank and Albert.

John was born in Cleveland and had served in WWII in the Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945. He had been employed as a mail carrier for over 30 years until his retirement in 1969. (His route had been Holmes Ave.-Saranac Rd.).

He was a member of SNPJ No. 156 Loyalites.

Friends were received at Zele Memorial Chapel, 458 E. 152 St. where services were held Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 8:15 a.m. and at St. Mary's Church at 9:00 a.m.

Interment at Willoughby Cemetery.

which we are very proud and happy to support.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the members of all the branches for their donations to this worthy cause.

Next meeting will be held on April 21, which will be prior to our 19th National Convention to be held in Chisholm, Minnesota on May 22 thru 25.

Ann Tercek
Ohio-Michigan State Pres.

Combined SWU Branches Pledge \$3,000 For S.H.A.

The first meeting this year of the Slovenian Women's Union Combined Branches was held at the Edward Kovacic Recreation Center on St. Clair Ave. on Feb. 24. Officers for 1983 are as follows: Ann Tercek (Br. 50) president, Vera Bejac (Br. 14) vice-president, Stella Dancull (Br. 21) secretary-treasurer, Josephine Comenshek (Br. 32) recording secretary, Mary Lou Prhne (Br. 47) and Kay Yuratovac (Br. 73) auditors.

The Combined Group consists of 13 branches from the Greater Cleveland area, namely from Bedford, Maple Heights, Garfield Heights, Warrensville Heights, Newburgh, St. Clair Area, West Park, and W. 130 St., Collinwood, Euclid and Fairport Harbor. These branches have all made many donations throughout the years, but this is the largest single gift put together for our beautiful Slovene Home for the Aged of

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Federation update '81-82

The Federation of Slovenian-National Homes comprises 10 National Homes, including Lorain and Fairport. It is time again to update the histories of the Federation and all the Slovenian Homes.

The Slovenian Homes are on the move. Many youth and adult cultural activities are held, including the button box accordion groups and senior citizens clubs.

In spite of the economic conditions, the social events are still thriving. Benefit events are being held to help defray the high cost of utilities and taxes.

THE NATIONAL HOMES are remodeling and upgrading their establishments, dressing them up with chandeliers, paneling, carpentering and new, comfortable stack chairs with cushioned seats and backs.

The Federation meetings are held every other month at alternate Slovenian Homes. After the meetings, the ladies of the Homes serve a snack. On several occasions we were surprised with *ocverkova potica* (crackling potica) and *sirove struklje* (cheese dumplings). Thanks, ladies, keep up the old traditions.

For the first time, in 1981, the Federation had a float entry in the E. 185th Street Merchant Parade and was honored with a fourth-place award. The people responsible for decorating the float were West Park Slovenian Home members and the West Side Home, along with the president of the Federation (Tony Sturm) and vice president (John Habat). The West Park Button Box Club provided the music on the float.

For the first time also in 1981 the Federation sponsored a display at the Annual Art Guild Show. Displaying plaques, pictures, newspaper clippings and a scrapbook of the various Man and Woman of the Year events were included.

For the 20th and 21st anniversaries of the awards banquets in 1981 and 1982, 1983 honoree Tony Sturm was chairman of the souvenir booklets that were distributed at the banquets.

In 1980, 1981 and 1982, histories of the Homes and biographies and pictures of the Man and Woman of the Year, honorees and scholarship winners were published in a special edition of the "American Home." Executive secretary Frank Mahnic was the chairman. Sturm and Mahnic should be commended on the tremendous task well done.

WE VALUE THE youth and adult cultural groups that provide their talent for the annual banquets. We rotate the talent to give everyone a chance to take part. They are all gracious and willing to perform. We thank them wholeheartedly for their cooperation.

We recognize our legal advisor, Charles F. Ipavec, for his

unique expertise in handling the banquet programs at the annual awards banquets for the past 11 consecutive years as master of ceremonies.

Last year, the Federation was able to award 10 \$500 scholarships. Each Slovenian Home selected its own deserving youth for a scholarship. The Federation was proud to present these awards at the annual banquet, held March 21, 1982, at the Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave.

John Habat initiated an idea that the Federation purchase a video camera to tape Federation events and other memorable occasions for posterity and memorabilia. The members all approved this idea and John has been busy taping various events throughout the area.

For many years, Eleanor Prech, the nationalities reporter for the "Cleveland Press" was very cooperative in publicizing Man and Woman of the Year banquets and many other Slovenian events. The Press is no longer in existence and Eleanor Prech is now retired. We wish her a happy retirement.

THE FEDERATION LOST several dedicated members.

Louis Arko passed away Dec. 10, 1981. He was a representative of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. Harry Blatnik died Feb. 7, 1982.

He represented the Slovenian Workmen's Home of Waterloo Road. Harry was a charter and honorary member of the Federation. He served the Federation in various capacities, including the presidency, and was the Man of the Year in 1976.

Fred Filips, representative of the Slovenian Home of Maple Heights, also passed away recently. Dedicated people of this caliber cannot be replaced.

In 1981, the honors of Woman and Man of the Year were bestowed on Mary Kobal, and Frank Mahnic, Sr. and John Kausek, Jr. (posthumously).

In 1982, we saluted Antonia Stokar and Henry Zalar.

For 1983, we honor Albina Mrsnik and Anthony Sturm, president of the Slovenian Workmen's Home and former president of the Federation of Slovenian National Homes. We congratulate these dedicated individuals for their untiring efforts in preserving our culture and the embodiment of the Slovenian National Homes. We salute all the honorees of the Slovenian Homes.

The Federation officers and representatives performed a tremendous task in arranging for these huge banquets. We also take a bow to the cooks preparing meals for 700-800 people at these banquets.

May they continue their dedicated work for many more years in good health.

Ella Samanich, Federation historian

Yesterday, today — tomorrow?

As you read this special edition of the "American Home", dedicated to the Slovenian Homes and their Federation, you are bound to appreciate the fact that we as a people can honor individuals and their achievements through a cooperative and supporting newspaper.

You will read about the past — written histories, memories, and happenings going back over a span of 60 years.

THE PRESENT IS HERE being experienced today, through the Federation of Homes and their representatives—the directors, the groups using these facilities, and with the backing of the people who share the interest and hopes of the Homes.

But about tomorrow, the future of our Slovenian Homes?

The following questions are intended only to stimulate, perhaps to seek and search out possible solutions and answers for continuation and survival. Some will bring a definite negative "absolutely not," but maybe from this scrutiny other possibilities will be born.

Will these institutions be standing another 60 years?

Are the needs to "get

together" similar to those of yesterday?

HOW ARE WE preparing to meet tomorrow's needs?

Locations okay? Still serving the people in the old ethnic communities and neighborhoods?

Should they be rebuilt, with different styling, on more expensive suburban land?

Will the high cost of maintenance and expenses "bury" the Halls? Is there an urgent need to remodel for more energy consciousness?

Are the "young" people being introduced to the Homes via dances, concerts, weddings, parties? Are youth groups welcome? All game rooms equipped?

WHAT, IF ANY, new events/offerings or clubs have become a part of growth in the Homes in the last five years?

Soliciting for more stockholders? More direct participation?

Could more dances be revived, utilizing the spacious wooden floors?

More emphasis on heritage in decorations, artifacts?

Better calendar cross-referencing between Halls, with less conflict of events, through a central renting group?

Are people willing to become a part of "activity and doing?" More involvement?

WILL DIRECTORS be found? Directors who have time to devote?

Would professional approach be the answer, with paid salaries?

Perhaps a change in management system, rather than the directorship boards? Should the Federation be the managing body, with incorporation and combining of all the Halls?

Will the high level of unemployment see a return to the togetherness symbolized by the Homes?

Have our lives become so complex that there is no interest?

The Man/Woman Banquet celebrates past milestones, pays tribute to its dedicated workers and serves as a reminder to the community that tomorrow follows closely on the heels of today.

The Federation has shown its sincerity in accepting responsibilities, amplified the awareness of uniting efforts and encourage the sharing of problems. The answers to survival are being explored and capably carried out.



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Tony Sturm

Sturm is named man of the year

The Federation's Man of the Year 1983 is Anthony E. Sturm of Lyndhurst. Sturm has been a member of the Federation for eight years and served as president during 1980 and 1981. He has been president of the Board of Directors of the Slovenian Workmen's Home (SWH) on Waterloo Road for 10 years. His experience and know-how have resulted in many changes and improvements made to SWH. He is credited for 100 percent attendance, a testimonial to his devotion.

AMONG THE MOST important projects at SWH under his leadership were the remodeling of the original commercial store on the ground floor, converting it to an attractive bar serving the main auditorium. Adjacent property was acquired to extend parking facilities; air-conditioning units were added and replaced, new windows were installed, ceilings were lowered, and fluorescent lights were added. Improvements to the balinca courts and other redecorating which has taken place throughout the building have all helped make the Home one of the best in the city. Not only Slovenians, but the entire community is richer because of SWH's existence.

Sturm also has actively promoted culture and tradition for young people. He was involved in providing a scholarship fund for our young people and helped compile a program booklet recording the history of each Home.

Very active in community and fraternal organizations for many years, he has served as ward leader, councilman and vice-mayor of Lyndhurst and is

still active in helping Slovene candidates achieve their goals. A 45-year member of AMLA, where he has served on the Board as finance director and first vice president, Sturm is now treasurer of Modern Crusaders, Lodge 45. He is also a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club.

Retired from the Ohio State Dept. of Transportation where he worked as a property appraiser, Sturm has been married to the former Helen Kozar for 42 years. They are parents of six daughters. Two reside in California, one in Japan, one in Florida and two in Cleveland. The Sturms are grandparents of 11 children who help keep them young in heart and spirit.

The standards set for a Federation Man or Woman of the Year describe a person who is a conscientious American-Slovene, one who promotes and advocates a better future for all Slovenes, their traditions and heritage.

Tony Sturm certainly fits into that mold well.



John Habat

One of the most exciting social affairs involving Cleveland Slovenes is the Man and Woman of the Year Banquet sponsored by the Federation of Slovenian Homes. Sunday is the day for the 22nd annual banquet honoring the Federation's Man of the Year.

Message From the President

By John Habat

Today we continue our custom of paying tribute to the Slovenian National Home honorees for their contributions to the Slovenian Community.

This traditional honor was originated 22 years ago. May this practice continue as long as we can point with pride to the many achievements the Slovenian people have made in the various communities of Greater Cleveland, stretching from Fairport in the east to Lorain in the west.

Special attention should be given to all the directors of our 10 Slovenian National Homes. They, too, are worthy of such an honor. These unsung heroes and heroines should be regarded as VIP's in their communities.

THE 33 ELECTED representatives to the Federation of Slovenian Homes should serve as an inspiration to their respective Boards. The spirit of the Slovenians, assisting in the operation of our Homes and Clubs is known for its intensity. At times, when the light of hope flickers with enthusiasm, someone leads us into renewed faith that the candle of hope will glow again.

The need for others to join in our efforts is of utmost importance. The appeal to the younger Slovenians to be represented in our work as directors is urgent.

As the older members of the directors step back to join the retirees, others will come forth. Herein is the future strength of the Slovenian Home Societies. New blood makes for still another day. Then we can continue to return to our Slovenian Homes, built by our grandfathers, maintained and preserved by our fathers and perpetuated by our present generation. Together as 10 halls we share our love and respect for our fellow Slovenian-Americans.

Let us recognize all the directors, past and present as a body, for their untiring work in their labor of love. Collectively these Slovenians are the heartbeat and soul, if not the lifeblood in the perpetuation of Slovenian culture.



Albina Mrsnik

Albina Mrsnik is top woman

Albina Mrsnik, the Federation's 1983 Woman of the Year, was born Feb. 6, 1907 in Bač, Yugoslavia, to Ivanka and John Renko. On Oct. 9, 1925 she came to the United States with her mother and two brothers. Her father was already in the States and many may remember him as the representative of the Slovenian Daily "Enakopravnost."

Besides working hard to promote the Slovenian work, he was also a dedicated lodge worker. His daughter, Albina, emulated his energetic work for the Slovenes and soon joined the ladies lodge Složne Sestre No. 120, SNPJ, which soon merged with several other local SNPJ lodges. She later joined the Collinwood Lodge No. 26, SNPJ, and is a 56-year member of SNPJ.

SOON AFTER THE Progressive Slovene Women of America were organized in the 1930's, she joined Circle 2 in the St. Clair area, where she resided on E. 76th Street. Later, when she moved to Euclid, she transferred to Circle 3 and worked closely with the organization throughout the years, especially during and after World War II in the movement to help the victims in the war-torn native country. The relief effort was a great task and helped hundreds of thousands of victims. Albina did more than her share in this project.

In 1935, after moving to Euclid, Mrs. Mrsnik joined St. Christine's parish, becoming very active there. In 1937 she joined Branch No. 41, Slovenian Women's Union (Slovenska Zenska Zveza), and there, too, she became active. She

also enrolled her daughter, Rose Mary, who was a member of the Drill Team Cadets at the time.

Since 1960, she has been active with the SNPJ Farm Board, and since her specialty is cooking, she is readily seen in the kitchen. For 20 years, she has been a member of the Cleveland Slovenian Radio-TV Club and a charter member of the United Slovene Society, which began originally as the Slak Committee. This later group honored her on Jan. 27, 1980, for her dedicated services in the Slovenian community.

When the idea of building the Slovene Home for the Aged was still in the talking stages, Mrs. Mrsnik was enthusiastic and went diligently to work to help in its realization. She spent countless hours going from door to door for donations for this worthy cause. Since then she has been its ardent supporter and has worked at many functions for its benefit.

Besides working with fraternal groups, she has been ready to help with undertakings that benefit the community in general. She worked with Dutch Remen, former president of the Perry Homeowners Assn., and with Dick Mott, Ann (Slapnik) Petkovsek and others at the St. Clair Business Assn. in their efforts to raise funds for maintaining the St. Clair area.

AMONG OTHER ORGANIZATIONS Mrs. Mrsnik is a member of Klub Društev (Club of Lodges) Slovenian Society Home (20 years); Klub Ljubljana (22 years); Dramatic Society Naša Zvezde (20 years); Balica Club of the (Continued on next page)

Traditions in Greater Cleveland

Slovenian Homes play vital role

By Rudolph M. Susel

For at least the last 60 years, one of the central institutions in the Greater Cleveland area has been the Slovenian National Home. To a large degree this is true even today, when the community as a whole is comprised in the large majority by American-born generations who have a thorough command of the English language and a great many of whom know little or no Slovenian. Such persons could — and a great many have — fit into the American mainstream and abandon any

conscious affiliation with the Slovenian community.

Yet the Slovenian Homes in the Cleveland area continue to survive and it seems likely, given circumstances as we see them today, that most if not all of them will be with us throughout the remainder of this decade and beyond. The essential ingredients for this survival will continue to be the willingness of individuals and Slovenian clubs and other organizations to work for the welfare of the Homes and to use the facilities they can provide. This appears likely to happen,

although in recent years some organizations have shown less commitment to the Homes and have sought "greener" pastures elsewhere.

WHAT ACCOUNTS for the pivotal importance of the Homes in Slovenian community life? Why and how did they come into being? What kind of role did they really play in solidifying the Slovenian communities?

These are all larger questions than they might seem to be and there is not enough space in this brief essay even to begin a full response. Yet some basic points can be made about the role of the Slovenian Homes and these might provide at least a perspective for understanding their present as well as their past significances.

As is known, Cleveland and its suburbs became by the early part of this century the largest area of settlement for Slovenes in the United States. There were large communities elsewhere also, and if one looks at the patterns of growth economically, religiously and institutionally, a considerable similarity arises. The same sets of organizations, social and cultural and political, tended to appear and at roughly the same chronological stages.

THE EARLIEST YEARS for the Cleveland Slovenes, from the early 1880s through the 1890s, found them attempting first and foremost to secure a basic livelihood. Thus among their first attempts at organization were mutual insurance lodges or societies. Coming from a strong religious background, there were also early impulses to found Slovenian churches — indeed this year St. Vitus Church will be marking the 90th anniversary of its establishment. The first business ventures, taverns, groceries, etc., also began to make their appearance. By the turn of the century, newspapers had appeared, including the predecessor of *Ameriška Domovina*.

As the nascent settlements in the Cleveland area began to achieve a greater size and permanence, other organizations began to appear, singing, gymnastic and similar ventures in the cultural field. Many of these proved to be short-lived, as economic conditions, internal squabbles or other factors interfered. Yet the key to the process was that even as older groups dissolved, new ones were formed.

When these new singing societies and, much later, dramatic clubs, came to the question of where to have their performances, problems arose. Still very much isolated from the larger non-Slovenian community which surrounded them, the pre-World War I Slovenes in

Cleveland found no adequate halls or stages where they could perform. They had to make do with what was available and so readers of old accounts of these performances find reference to "Knaus' Hall" and others.

The enormous expansion of the community by the World War I era, the presence of ever more cultural as well as fraternal organizations, all of this combined with an ever greater sense of identity and self-confidence, led to the growing pressure to establish community centers, Slovenian National Homes, which could service the community as a whole. Actions toward this end were begun already in the pre-World War I period, but did not progress to the point of actually constructing National Homes. At the end of that war, however, there was an enormous burst of activity, with 1919 being especially prominent.

WHAT IS interesting in the process which was under way during the 1920s and later also, was that the several Slovenian communities in the Cleveland area each wanted its own National Home. It was not a case of the entire community banding together and focusing all of its attention on building one such facility, but rather of movements generated from within each of them aimed at building its own National Home. And this is in fact what happened. Displayed in this special issue are the results of the efforts of our Slovenian pioneers, a whole series of Slovenian National homes, each of them established and then supported by a core of individuals and organizations down to the present day.

And the commitment was truly a deep one, with passions often running at a fever-pitch when basic decisions had to be made. Anyone who had had the opportunity of reading through the minutes of some of the annual and other meetings of various National Homes, or newspaper accounts of them, gets only a small inkling of the atmosphere which often prevailed. Some older National Home workers could tell a lot about this.

Today it seems as though all of the National Homes as well as other organizations bemoan the fact that it is difficult to get enough persons to serve on the Boards of Directors or Trustees to have all the positions filled. In previous decades there was active campaigning by persons who wanted to get elected to the Board, with strong arguments and not always above-board tactics. Instead of being completed in an hour or two, annual meetings tended to go on for an entire day or several days. Losers in these battles often developed grudges for a particular Home and would no longer work in its behalf.

THROUGHOUT ALL of this, however, the National

Homes were crucial in providing central locations for Slovenian organizations of all kinds to carry on their activities unimpeded by concerns extraneous to the community. The National Homes really were national, Slovenian. And to a large degree they still are, in spirit if not too often in language.

As is the case with the other institutions which emerged within the Slovenian community, the National Homes arose because they were needed, they filled a specific set of needs felt by a large segment of the community. They have survived as long as they have only because a sufficiently large segment of the Slovenian community still feels the need for them, to work for them, to patronize their facilities. They will survive only as long as that perceived need continues to be present among us.

To understand this more fully, it is necessary only to look at those institutions which once flourished in the Slovenian community and now are no longer present or are with us in reduced scope. In the earliest decades of the community, for example, were the boardinghouses. These served males who had not yet married. Eventually, as the need for this institution disappeared, it ceased to exist.

In similar vein, several decades ago there were a number of Slovenian language newspapers.

Today only *Ameriška Domovina* continues to exist as an independent newspaper and the newspapers published by the various fraternal have been reduced in size and frequency of appearance, with the Slovenian pages radically cut back. Why? Because the previous intense need for communication within the Slovenian language among the immigrant generation no longer is so great. There are of course fewer Slovenian national parishes than once existed and those which survive also face difficulties in maintaining their Slovenian character.

WHAT IS INVOLVED, of course, is a normal process. The nature of the Slovenian community is evolving today as it has been evolving since its inception. Conditions change, adaptations are necessary. For the original immigrants, for the community of the early 1900s, for example, there was no need for such an institution as the Slovene Home for the Aged. The immigrants then were young men and women for the most part. Today it is different.

Over time a new need arose within the community, individuals within the community recognized the need and acted upon it, the result was the Slovene Home for the Aged.

The Slovenian National Homes continue to have a vital role to play within the community. That is why the efforts in their behalf are worth while and are to be commended.

Youth dancers send a salute to the Federation

The Slovene Folklore Institute (SFI) of America congratulates the leaders of the Federation of Slovenian Homes and joins in the celebration of honoring this year's Man and Woman of the year.

We, at the SFI fully appreciate the patriotism, dedication and labor that it took to organize and build these homes and are deeply grateful. These homes were and still are an important element in the preservation of the Slovenian culture heritage.

ESPECIALLY INSPIRING is the fact that these homes were built during much more difficult times than today's, times of long working hours, hard labor and limited opportunities.

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from the harshness of the outside world, warmth of togetherness in meeting friends, a little Slovenia in the numerous social gatherings. This is where they had gathered to hear the Slovenian word, song and music in the numerous concerts, plays and other cultural programs. And this is where countless gifted Slovenians found the opportunity for artistic expression and to devote their talents to preservation of the Slovenian traditions in this distant land far from home.

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Mrsnik

Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd., or the Slovenian Homes on Holmes Avenue or West Park. Much of the effort she put forth has been to help the respective Homes be successful at their affairs.

Albina and her husband, John, reside in Richmond Heights. They have been married for 55 years and are the parents of a son (John) and a daughter (Rose Mary), who, like her mother, is active as President of SNPJ Lodge No. 26 and as a member of the Slovenian Singing Society Zarja.

A grandmother of five and a great grandmother of three, Albina's granddaughter Cheri was Miss SNPJ of 1977.

Albina Mrsnik is truly worthy of the Slovenian of the Year award.

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Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road; Pensioners Club of Euclid, and is a supporting member of Singing Society Zarja.

On May 22, 1977, she was honored as Mother of the Year by the Slovenian Women's Union at St. Mary's Church on Holmes Avenue, followed by a reception at the Slovenian Workmen's Home.

As Albina says, "I am Slovenian and proud of it. I want to help wherever I can to see that the Slovene heritage is preserved and passed on to our descendants."

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St. Clair Home picks Elersich

When the call was made for the selection of an individual, whose dedication to the promotion of our Slovenian culture and heritage was made for presentation to the Federation of Slovenian National Homes, it was without hesitation that Frank Elersich was chosen from the St. Clair Slovenian National Home.

Ever pleasant, he easily makes friends with people he meets. And after almost 50 years of quietly working among our cultural and fraternal groups, Frank will have the spotlight



Frank Elersich

come Sunday, when he will be honored with the title, "Slovene of the Year 1983."

IT IS A DISTINCT pleasure that the Board of Directors of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue extends its heartiest congratulations to Frank Elersich and also to the grand lady, Mrs. Albina Mrsnik, who will be honored as the "Slovene Woman of the Year 1983" for the Federation of the Slovenian National Homes.

These festivities, including a gala banquet, presentations, greetings and comments by the dignitaries, followed by a social and dancing, will be held at the Slovenian National Home, starting at 4 p.m.

Frank Elersich first became associated with the Slovenian National Home in March 1934, when he joined Slovenian Singing Society "Zarja." After 49 years, he is still an active member of Zarja. During this time he participated in every regular concert and performance, except for the years spent in the U.S. Army. Frank played lead roles in many operettas and skits; he served as auditor for many years; he was

treasurer of Zarja for 19 years. He has been, and still is, Zarja's representative to Klub Društev of SND.

Frank was elected to the Board of Directors of SND in the late 1940's; he served as auditor his entire tenure with this Board, into the '60s.

FRANK WAS ELECTED to the executive committee of Klub Društev of SND in 1963; served as auditor for 12 years, and was elected secretary-treasurer in 1975, serving in this capacity at present.

Frank was enrolled in the juvenile section of SNPJ Lodge Naprej No. 5 and at the age of 16 transferred to SNPJ Lodge Comrades No. 566, of which he is still a member.

He was an active parent (1955-1965) with Mladinski Pevski Zbor of the Waterloo Road Slovenian Workmen's Home, now SNPJ Circle No. 32 while his sons were members. He also assisted at the inception of the annual circus at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road.

Frank served in the U.S. Army for 49 months with the Seacoast and Anti-aircraft Artillery units. He retired from the Cleveland Transit System (now RTA) in August of 1975, after 30 years service as operator. While with CTS he served a number of years as president of the St. Clair Credit Union and the Superior Credit Union.

He has been married for 41 years to Sophie (Turkman) whom he met at Zarja. They are the proud parents of Douglas and Duane and grandparents of Aaron David Elersich, who is now a member of SNPJ Circle No. 2. Frank's entire family belongs to SNPJ.

REFLECTING ON THE years spent with the Slovenian National Home, Klub Društev and Zarja, Frank sums it up:

"These were the best experiences anyone could ask for. They have made my life fuller and richer and have left me with many friends I would not have made, and many memories I would not have, had I not participated as I did, often placing these activities ahead of my job.

"For confirmation as to priorities in my life, just ask my wife, Sophie!"



The Board of Directors at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue includes (seated, from left) Ann Marie Zak, Josephine Stwan, June Price, Edward Kenik, Frances Tavcar, Julia Pirc, Charles Ipavec; (middle

row) Matt Susel, Antonia Zagar, August Pust, Mary Bates, Sophia Opeka, Anton Petkovsek Sr., Edward Bradach; (back row) John Perencevic, John Leonard, John Vatovec, Ann Opeka and Louis Peterlin.

New Year's Eve dance set stage for good 1982

Greeting the New Year 1982 at midnight in a festive mood, friends of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue gathered at the New Year's Eve celebration and bid farewell to old 1981. The mood of festivity and comradeship gave the Board of Directors an impressive feeling of anticipated progress in the coming year.

In February, the annual meeting of the certificate holders and lodge representatives was held. Following the reports by the Executive Board and Chairmen of the Ways and Means and House Committee, the members present expressed their approval of the efforts expended in the operation of the Home. The Board was commended and given a vote of confidence, and contrary to such meetings in the past decades, this was not a dragged out session. The discussions were constructive and well received.

AS FOR MANY YEARS now, the Federation of Slovenian National Homes again held its annual "Man and Woman of the Year" banquet at our Home. The capacity crowd that gathered to pay tribute to those individuals selected for the title enjoyed the event with dinner in the lower hall and the program and dance following in the auditorium. Although this is the largest Slovenian National Home, capable of comfortably catering to some 1,500 persons, this annual event fills the halls.

Glasbena Matica, a leading singing society among us, hopes to occupy Anton Subel's former suite upstairs of the new building in the future.

The American Mutual Life Assn. (AMLA) moved their headquarters from our Home to their newly purchased quarters on So. Waterloo Road. Extensive work in remodeling these quarters had been made before their decision to move.

Among some of the special

events held at our Home in 1982 were the annual meeting and dinner of the Nationalities Services Center at which time Mrs. Josephine Voinovich, mother of George Voinovich, mayor of Cleveland, was the honored guest; the Chair-A-Thon Variety Program, sponsored by the Home for the purchase of new chairs; Slovenian American Heritage Foundation "Slovenski večer" honoring Auxiliary Bishop A. Edward Pevec; the Koleda Cultural group of Velenje, Slovenia; 80th anniversary of St. Nicholas Church, etc. And, of course, the Glasbena Matica spring and fall programs are always special and attract patrons from other communities.

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP of President Edward Kenik, the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue has received the much needed and very necessary drive that spells success or progress. A leader must make the initial move and spark his co-workers to do their bit. Ed has this ingredient and it has paid off.

Very good sidekicks (if we may say so) are June Price, vice president and chairman of the Ways and Means committee; Frances Tavcar, whose dedication and competence as secretary is admirable; Josephine Stwan, treasurer and good promoter; Edward Bradach, chairman of the House committee, to whom goes untold credit for the tremendous work in the improvement and modernization at the premises with the help of Dan Shimrak and Don Mausser (the latter two not even being on the Board); John Leonard, reliable, hard-working and ever ready to help wherever needed; John Perencevic, also on the House committee; Anton Petkovsek, Sr.; John Vatovec, a newcomer to the Board this year

who never fails to be there when needed; Ann and Sophia Opeka, two sisters, and Mary Batis and Jim Novak who go all out to assure success of the planned events sponsored by the Home.

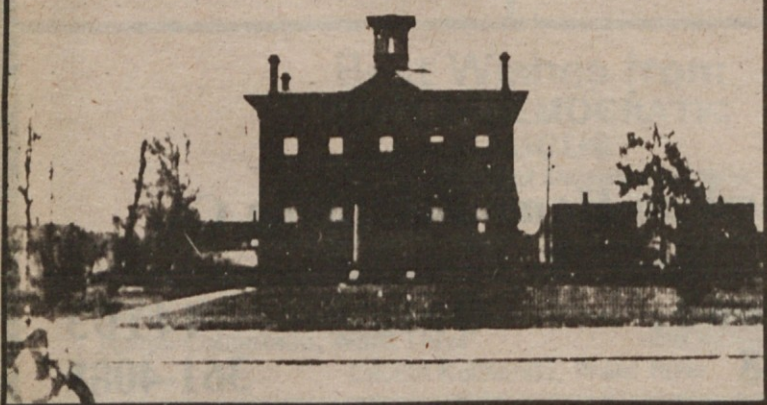
Then there is August Pust with his promotional drawings. Charles Ipavec, the legal advisor, who coaches us on the law requirements when needed, and Lou Peterlin, whose school teacher philosophies are very evident and accepted.

During the year, the Board also purchased the carousel checking room equipment for the auditorium, and made extensive modernization of the annex, restrooms, kitchen, etc. Special note of appreciation due the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Club of Lodges (Zenski odsek and Klub društev) for their moral and, especially, financial support, without which the Home would have almost unsurmountable difficulty in maintaining and keeping the fine condition it is in.

WHILE WE PAY tribute to the pioneers of a half century ago and more for their foresight in providing a haven to promote the culture and heritage of the ancestors and for their posterity, we should not lose sight of the hardships the present people at the various Slovenian National Homes are undergoing. They strive to not only keep the which they inherited (along with debts, etc.), but also to keep astride with times and to make their reputable mark in the communities they serve.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue, we extend our heartiest greetings to our selection of Mrs. Albina Mrsnik as the "Slovene Woman of the Year 1983" and Frank Elersich as our Home's "Man of the Year". Julia Pirc, Recording Secretary

Then . . .



Original Deimer Building, purchased as Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue, today houses the Home's office and several meeting rooms and downstairs clubroom.

Lorain Home picks Brletic as top woman

James Bracikowski, Board president of the Lorain Slovenian Club, has announced the Board's selection of Dorothy (nee Juha) Brletic as the 1982 Lorain Slovenian Woman of the Year.

Dorothy is a former very active member of the Board of Directors, serving as recording secretary for two years. Her association with the Club goes back to her parents. Her father, John Juha, was a charter member of the Board and chief auditor before ground was

broken for the Club in 1923. Her mother, Frances (Kernc) Juha, was a member of the women's auxiliary for many years. Both were active in Slovenian fraternal events. Her father was a charter member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Lodge No. 101, KSKJ, and served as secretary for many years. Dorothy has been a member of this lodge since infancy.

SHE HAS CONTINUED her association in Slovenian events through the years by willingly volunteering many hours of work at board and auxiliary dances, dinners, breakfasts, card parties, and picnics; in the Slovenian food booth at the Lorain International Festival and Bazaar, with the Lorain Slovenian Heritage Assn., and the Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists.

She can always be counted on to sell tickets and donate baked goods, and is particularly good at making strukle (noodle pudding). She's there to do whatever needs doing without being asked. She is a goodwill ambassador for the Slovenians — a friendly, outgoing person, and doesn't hesitate to speak to and make all feel welcome.

Dorothy was born and educated in Lorain. Presently, she and Bill, her husband, reside in Sheffield Lake. For the past 35 years, Dorothy has been employed with Central National Bank of Cleveland, currently as Supervisor of Central Research.



Dorothy Brletic



Lorain Slovenian Club directors are (seated, from left) Helen Sekular, auditor; Ann Zeleznik, fish dinner chairman; Helen Urbas, recording secretary; (standing) Leo J. Svete,

secretary-treasurer; William Bresak, auditor; Jim Bracikowski, president; and Douglas Zgonc, auditor.

Lorain nears 60th anniversary

The germ of an idea for the Lorain Slovenian National Home originated in 1916 with a meeting early in 1917 of 10 Slovenian lodges to discuss the purpose of the Home and all the planning, fund-raising and other steps necessary to bring this idea to fruition.

The Home was established to assist in the education and progress of our people, to promote and preserve our Slovenian heritage and culture, and for the use of all Slovenians in the community regardless of religious or political affiliation. It has been well used these past 60 years.

THE FIRST COMMITTEE officers were John Kotnik, president; George Petkovsek, vice president; Louis Balant, secretary; John Ivancic, recording secretary; John Bucher,

treasurer; Anton Ule, John Kumse, Joseph Bajec and John Juha, auditors.

After six years of planning and fund-raising by Slovenian lodges and individuals, and the sale of shares starting at \$5 and increasing to \$25 in 1919, ground was broken for the Home on April 15, 1923. John Piskur, president at the time, turned the first shovel of earth.

On July 8, 1923, the cornerstone was laid with great ceremony, and on Oct. 28, 1923, the opening celebration took place with a colorful parade.

In 1932, the Home was incorporated as the Lorain Slovenian Club Company.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY was organized in August 1923, and undertook many educational, cultural and social activities to promote the Home. The first officers were Agnes Lesnak (now Ursic), president; Agnes Mejak, vice president; Josephine Eisenhardt, secretary; Vida Kumse, recording secretary; Frances Bresak, treasurer.

Plays, concerts and dances were performed; a Slovenian language school and library flourished for many years, as did social, singing, dramatic, and political clubs. During World War II, auxiliary members knitted and sewed, and collected contributions for the American Red Cross; donating and sent over 1,000 pounds in relief packages, clothing and cash to Yugoslavia. The Home and the Auxiliary contributed and collected \$2,000 for a hospital in Slovenia, and also donated \$1,000 to St. Joseph's Hospital in Lorain.

The Home's facilities were donated for use by various organizations, including the Ohio National Guard during the 1924 tornado, many political and religious events and other activities.

The auxiliary is very active in raising funds for the purchase of necessary equipment. The

current officers are Alice Rutar, president; Justine Leonard, vice president; Anne Zeleznik, secretary-treasurer; Helen Urbas, recording secretary; Eleanor Kamnikar and Helen Sekular, auditors; and Martha Semon, publicity.

THE HOME SPONSORS bowling leagues and softball teams, and assists the Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists and the Slovenian Folk Dancers. Through the Lorain Slovenian Heritage Assn., the Home participates in the annual Lorain International Festival and Bazaar. The Slovenians were the Spotlight Nationality in 1979. Young Slovenian women are sponsor in the Princess Pageant each year. A Slovenian theme float is entered in the annual International Parade and won first place in 1979, 1980 and 1981. At the International Bazaar, the Slovenian booth sells Slovenian sausage, schnitzel, strukle, rizot, potica, strukel, bread, noodles and other pastries.

Over the years, many improvements have been made — most recently the enlargement, fencing-in and paving of the parking lot; and installation of ceiling fans in the No. 2 Hall and Annex. Two years ago we installed a large screen TV in the club room.

Fish, seafood, and pork schnitzel dinners and a variety of special dishes are served every Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Steak dinners are served monthly followed by dancing to the Ed Buehner Orchestra. Reservations are necessary for the steak dinners and can be made by calling club manager Anthony (Tiny) Zeleznik at 277-8101.

Plans are being developed for the celebration of the Home's 60th anniversary in October 1983.

At present, the Home has 368 shareholders, seven of which are Slovenian lodges, one Croatian lodge, the Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists, and 359 individuals.



The Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists recently performed before a huge audience at the Home Show of Lorain County at Midway Mall, Elyria. Members of the group are (top row, from left:) Louis Volpe, Ray Baginski, Jim Golick, Frank Tomazine, John Tomasic (front row) Chris Benda, Wayne Golob, Jack Tomazic, Jim Kamnikar and Al Battistelli. Golob, president of the group, is hosting a Slovenian polka show on Radio Station WLRO, 1380 from 12-12:30 p.m. every Sunday. The group performs at the

Lorain Slovenian Club and in concert around Ohio, Pennsylvania and other states. This past year, the group released its first album "Down Home Polkas and Waltzes Slovenian Style." Their Third Midwest Polka Jam Session is set for April 24 at the Lorain Slovenian Club. This event draws groups from all over Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Canada. The group will be leaving on a musical tour of Europe on July 20, playing in Yugoslavia, Austria, Italy and Germany. They will return on Aug. 6.

Maple Heights has proud Slovenian tradition

The growth of the Slovenian community in Maple Heights paralleled the growth of the Village of Maple Heights. Before the beginning of World War I, several families moved from the St. Lawrence section of Newburgh in Cleveland, following the Akron-Bedford-Cleveland streetcar line along Broadway to the northwestern part of Bedford Township. This section became the Village of Maple Heights in 1915.

By the end of the war and the continued growth of Maple Heights in the 1920s, there were nearly 50 Slovenian families settled on the streets of Stanley, Miller, Greenhurst and Raymond.



Lou Champa

Maple Heights names Champa man of year

Louis Champa was born in the Mesabi Iron Range District of Eveleth, Minn. At the age of five, he, with his five brothers and sisters and his parents, Louis and Anna, came to the Cleveland area. His growing and formative years were spent in the Slovenian communities of St. Clair and Newburgh.

An early achievement came in the 1930s during the height of local prize fighting. His aptitude for boxing, his strong and quick reflexes, and fierce inclination toward competitiveness earned him the middle-weight championship of the Golden Gloves. He was the first Slovenian so honored. The presentation of his award, a pair of diamond-studded boxing gloves, was made by the famous movie actress Mae West, a presentation Lou recalls with pleasant memories.

IN 1934, LOU met and married Mitzi Glivar of Maple Heights. They raised a family of three children, Louis Jr., Don and Donna, and are now grandparents of nine and great-grandparents of one.

Lou worked for several industrial plants, primarily in the automobile-building and related industries. At Park Drop Forge, he helped organize the union and became a charter member. Later at the Ford Motor Co. in Walton Hills, he likewise helped establish the local UAW and

This was enough for Anton Pelko to suggest that a National Home be chartered and built to serve as an umbrella for the several lodges which had begun serving the Slovenian community.

During a regular meeting of Lodge Dom No. 25 in the home of John Breznikar on the corner of Miller and Raymond, Andrew Rezin passed his hat and collected 35 cents, the first tangible evidence of a building fund for the Slovenski Narodni Dom in Maple Heights.

THE FIRST MEETING on Jan. 17, 1926, drew the Slovenians together for an election of officers to steer the course toward the building of the Home. Anton Pelko was elected president; Andrew Rezin, secretary; Vincent Zimsek, treasurer; Frank Vrcek, recording secretary, and Luka Gorup, Frank Legan and Louis Kastelic, auditors.

At the January 1928 annual meeting, Joseph Plute announced that the State of Ohio granted a corporation charter to the Slovenian National Home of Maple Heights. The Slovenians beamed with pride and became even more enthusiastic in their determination to

become a charter member. He takes great pride in having been an active union officer, working for fairness and justice in the labor movement.

Although retired since 1976, Lou remains active in the Maple Heights community as a director of the Slovenian National Home, the Knights of Columbus, the Democratic Club, the Pensioners Club, Ford Motor Retirees Club Local 420, Maple Hts. Catholic Club, and the Ohio State Former Boxers Assn. He continues to utilize his athletic prowess in the sport of bowling.

Recently, Lou was honored and recognized by the Boxers Assn., receiving a plaque and trophy as an outstanding member. A presentation was made by State Rep. Frank Mahnic Jr. when a proclamation was declared by the House, and a state flag was presented to Lou as evidence of his being an outstanding citizen.

The Slovenian National Home is proud to honor Lou Champa as its man of the year. He embodies the spirit and ideals of the Slovene character through his active involvement in the community, his devotion to family and friends, his loyal support of his Christian faith and his continuing efforts to identify and promote the cultural aspects of the Slovene community in song, folklore and language.



Maple Heights Slovenian Home directors are (seated, from left) Lou Champa, Marjorie Church, Tom Meljac, Al Glavic, Frank Urbanic, Mildred Lipnos, Tony Kaplan; (standing)

Bill Ponikvar, Tony Stimetz, Lou Kastelic, Antonia Stokar, Albert Lipnos, Charles Hocevar, Louis Ferfolia and Andy Hocevar. Missing is Emil Martinsek.

build a Home.

A special meeting held May 22, 1928, authorized the purchase of several lots on Stanley Avenue between Lipoglavsek's house and Stueve's house, lots where the neighborhood boys played football and the Slovenian game of koza and where the neighborhood men celebrated festive occasions.

Namedays were festive occasions. St. John's and St. Joseph's days were especially celebrated by building a bonfire and toasting the honoree, such as John Fortuna, John Kern, Jacob Jemec or Joseph Legan.

LOUIS LIPOGLAVSEK supervised the erection of a dance floor surrounded by branches cut from trees in the gully near Mill Creek. The neighborhood women brought out their prized strudels, poticas and homemade bread. A grape arbor was installed with luscious grapes tempting the young men and boys whose reach was usually too short to successfully clasp a handful of home-grown grapes.

To help the growing need for more monies in the building fund, the Cooking Club was organized in February 1932, with 14 members under the auspices of Anna Baznik-Fortuna. These women pledged their chores to promote a succession of veslice, banquets, parties and weddings with the earnings contributed to the building fund.

In a similar way, the men formed their balinca club, moving Joseph Legan's now-abandoned gasoline station to the Home site. Here the club enjoyed social gatherings and the game of balinca (bocci) on two alleys built next door to the Lipoglavsek house. These profits were also channeled to the building fund.

Veselices (celebrations) were held in the basements of newly-constructed homes where the walls were usually white-washed and the wine cellars already stocked with barrels clearly marked with SND to identify and separate them from the owners' stock. These festivities were

principally held in the basements of Jacob Jemec and Louis Kastelic where the size could accommodate large crowds.

IN JANUARY 1937, the Great Depression notwithstanding, the board of directors authorized the construction of the Slovenski Narodni Dom and on Oct. 3, 1937, Mary Hrovat signalled the culmination of 10 years of steadfast work and perseverance when she officially opened the front doors and announced to a multitude of dignitaries and happy Slovenians "pridite notri v našo dvorano Slovenskega Narodnega Doma," please enter into our hall of the Slovenian National Home.

The SND became such a popular center for Planina and Krlički concerts, weddings, meetings, banquets, and dances that the original \$6,500 building was expanded in August 1941, at a cost of \$9,000.

Although somewhat diminished in number during the war years, activity increased with the return of the young men and women from the armed forces. Plans were again formulated to expand the building. An entirely new and remodeled Home was dedicated on April 21, 1963. In recent years several pieces of adjoining property were purchased and the houses razed to provide for additional parking space. The Baznik-Fortuna house, built soon after WW I, and the Stueve house, an original small farm house built before the turn of the century, were leveled to make accommodations for the Home.

The cycle of changes of the Home has been guided by the inspiration and leadership of a united community under the presidencies of Anton Pelko (1926-27), Vincent Zimsek (1928-38), Louis Simoncic (1939-49), Anton Gorenc (1950-54), Louis Fink (1955-63), Andrew Rezin Sr. (1964-65), Louis Fink 1966-80), Emil Martinsek (1981) and Adolph Glavic (1983).

NOW IN ITS 46th year, the Home continues to serve the entire community. In

particular, it serves those descendants of wise, frugal and visionary people who themselves were only a few years removed from their peasant households in beautiful Slovenia. The poems and songs of the melancholy and romantic Ivan Zorman continue to be recited and sung by the choral group Planina, which was formed the same year as the building of the Home.

The ascendancy of folk music, so much a part of the fabric of Slovene culture, continues with renditions of the button boxes of the Maple Heights Club, the Družina Hocevar, and the Wolfe Family Band; plus individual artists, such as Andy Hocevar, Lynn Marie Hrovat, Johnny Hrovat, Eric Veselich and Milan Stavec.

Where once catechism classes were held in the Hribar living room, they were transferred to the Home until discontinued for lack of enrollment. The blessing of the baskets at Easter continues as a sign of the faith the Slovenes accepted over 1,200 years ago.

There is continued hope that the vision of the first generation Slovene-Americans will be realized in the succeeding generations. A claim to cultural identity by the Slovenes has been a constant struggle throughout their varied history. Always an outward-looking people, feeling a part of the larger community of nations and peoples, they have historically adapted themselves to economic and political changes without sacrificing their deep-rooted commitment to song and poem and the renewal of the individual character through a sense of work and accomplishment.

The Maple Heights Slovenski Narodni Dom recognizes its position as a part of a larger pluralistic community and pledges itself to sustaining that pluralism by continuing the characteristic customs and traditions of those Slavic Slovenes who contributed to the growth of Maple Heights and consequently of America itself.

— Robert Kastelic

Fairport tabs Mohorcic for award

Ivana Mohorcic, active for many years in the Slovenian community throughout northeastern Ohio, is being honored as "Slovene of the Year" by The American-Slovene Club in Fairport Harbor.

She has been active in the American-Slovene Club for the past 25 years, ever since moving to Painesville from Thompson, Ohio. Although age — she's 81 — and poor health have slowed her down some in the past few



Jennie Mohorcic

years she is still a frequent visitor at the Club. In the early years of the organization she was very active in fund-raising events. As president of the local lodge of the Slovenian Women's Union, she spearheaded many activities in that group in helping equip the kitchen of the Slovene Club.

KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY to her friends as Jennie, she was born May 15, 1901, in Cerknisko Jezero, in Slovenia, Yugoslavia.

At the age of 24 she left her homeland and headed for America, but because of immigration quotas ended up in Mexico where she worked for two years. In 1927, her brother, Anton Kebe, financed her move to Cleveland.

There she met and married Anton Satej in 1928 after a year's courtship. The couple had one son, Anthony Satej who today is President of the American Slovenian Club. Her husband was killed in an automobile accident in 1957, a year after they moved to Painesville, following 29 years of marriage.

During her years in Cleveland she was very active in many singing and dramatic organizations, including Lilija. She was also active in Lodge NO. 2 of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Assn. (now renamed the American Mutual Life Assn.)

IN 1941, THE family moved to a 100-acre farm in Thompson. Not one to sit back, she soon became very active in the women's auxiliary of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and involved in fund-raising events to finance the building of a new church.

About that same time, during World War II, she went to work in the defense effort and became the first woman crane operator at Chase Brass.

Retiring from the rigors of farm life, the family moved to Painesville in 1956. Active and outgoing, she quickly got involved in promoting and building the Slovenian Club in Fairport which had only a few years earlier been founded. She served on the Board of Directors.

In 1960, she married John Mohorcic and both of them worked in various ways to build up the fledgling club. Mr. Mohorcic died in 1979.

A fine singer in her youth, Mrs. Mohorcic even today can be heard leading the singing of old Slovenian favorites when the old-timers gather at the Club.



The Board of Directors of the American Slovenian Club of Fairport Harbor includes (standing, from left) Edward Kinkopf, Frank Skomrock, Carol Satej, Victor Melle :

(seated) Warren Fabian, recording secretary; Tony Satej, president; and Hank Zaller, secretary-treasurer. Missing are Stan Modic, vice president; and Rose Bradack, trustee.

Fairport gets good reviews

It was a great year, marked with a lot of progress. That's the way Club President Anthony Satej described 1982 to Fairport American-Slovene members at their annual meeting. A review of the accomplishments indicates that indeed it was.

The expansion and modernization project which started in 1981 was completed. The addition expanded the club room by 100 percent, while the modernization saw the installation of

new carpeting, a totally new bar, and a new lighting and air circulation system.

THE LATEST IMPROVEMENT was the arrival of new, comfortable bar stools, plus more cocktail tables and chairs. In a unique project undertaken by Edward Kinkopf, a member of the board of directors, each bar stool was donated by contributions from members. The member's name was, in turn, engraved on a gold plate and attached to each bar stool.

The face of the Club now sports a new sign proclaiming that you have arrived at the "Slovenian Club." The sign was designed especially for the club by a professional artist and manufactured and installed by members Stan Bradack, Joe Strnad, Tony Satej, and Stan Modic.

Among other activities during the year:

- The annual balinca tournament held in September drew a record number of teams competing for the \$500 cash purse. The weather cooperated and a record number of members and guests showed up over that weekend to enjoy the festivities.
- The bi-weekly button box nights, held every other Thursday, continue to draw standing-room-only crowds. The Button Box Club sponsored its second annual polka festival at the AMLA Recreation Center in June. Again the weather cooperated and hundreds turned out to enjoy the music of several bands and the Geneva Grape Festival Dancers. An art

exhibit attracted several artists who displayed their work.

• THE ANNUAL MEETING saw the election of the 1983 Board of Directors. Newly elected to the Board are Victor Mele and Frank Skomrock. Re-elected are Anthony Satej (president), Stanley Modic (vice president), Henry Zalar (financial secretary), Warren Fabian (recording secretary), Henry Zalar (financial secretary), Edward Kinkopf, Rose Bradack and Carol Satej.

Most gratifying is the fact that interest in the Club continues high, reflected in the growth of the membership, both regular and social.

The Club is celebrating its 36th anniversary, having been organized in 1947. In only four years, through the hard work of the founding members in sponsoring fund-raising events, the group purchased the property at 617 Third St., Fairport Harbor, which included a home and a three-car garage.

Starting with the original shell of the garage, the members developed their first club rooms. Since then it has been modernized, and expanded several times; including the installation of two balinca courts and an outdoor pavilion.

The Club Board of Directors meet monthly to conduct the business of the Club. The Club is also home for the local SNPJ and AMLA lodges, the Button Box Club and the more recently formed Pensioners Club.



Fairport Harbor Button Box Club members are (back, from left) Vivianne Cecelic, Al Gall, Warren Fabian, Jim Loncar, Ray Krajc, Marjan Poropat, Jack Perme, Mike Sutch,

Bert Kollar (guest); (kneeling) Vic Jazbec, "B" Barbis, Ruth Prostor and Tessie Congdon. Missing — Michelle Loncar, Kim Loncar, Ron Loncar, Lou Grzely, Tim Grzely Tom Grzely and Marjan Virt.

Frank Koss gets Waterloo honor

The Directors of the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road have named Frank J. Koss as their Man of the Year for 1983.

Frank came to Cleveland from southern Ohio in 1924 and soon became actively involved in fraternal and cultural work. He has been a member of the Board of Slovenian Workmen's Home since 1975 and has served on its House Committee most of those years.

He is a charter member of SNPJ Lodge 614 (Struggl-



Frank Koss

ers) where he formerly served as Secretary and is currently Treasurer.

HE IS A MEMBER of the Federation of Slovenian Homes, SNPJ Farm Board, trustee of the Euclid Rose Society, Waterloo Pensioners Club, Waterloo-Beach Home-owners, Waterloo Balinca Club, Retired Executive Club of General Motors Fisher Body and is a supporting member of Zarja Singing Society. He has also worked with the blood bank teams in the Collinwood-Euclid area.

Frank and his wife, Mary, have been married 49 years, are parents of a son and two daughters and grandparents of seven. Mrs. Koss is active in many of the same organizations her husband is.

Their hobby is travel and with their "house on wheels" have visited all 50 of our United States. They have visited Yugoslavia and several other European countries. They were particularly impressed with Slovenia.

With this background, Frank Koss is an exemplary person for the honor of "Man of the Year" as chosen by the Board members of Slovenian Workmen's Home.



Directors of Slovenian Workmen's Home are (standing) John Vicic, Frank Grk, Albert Comenschek, Frank Polantz, Ann Kristoff, William Bayuk, Frank Koss, Mike Matuch, Steven Shimits, Cecelia Wolf, Frank Kristoff; (seated from left) Frank Bittenc, Millie Bradac, Mary Dolsak, Anthony Sturm, Tony Silc and Ernest Tibjash

Loyalty, contributions help Workmen's progress

In this time of recession, the Slovenian Workmen's Home (SWH) has been faced with an increase of collective costs for improvements and maintenance. However, with the loyal contributions of time, energy and money from friends and directors, we have managed to progress physically and financially. As there are no outstanding debts, the future looks bright.

In the past year, improvements to various parts of the building have continued. Acoustical ceiling tile, wall-panelling and fluorescent lights were installed wherever necessary. The parking lot was restriped, new copper water lines replaced in the lower hall, more hot-water tanks installed and the custodian suite redecorated. All work except some plumbing was done by members of the House Committee with the help and advice of Board President Tony Sturm, Albert Rotar and Joe Dovgan.

THE WATERLOO Balinca Club is an integral part of our Home. Members of the club completely renovated the entire court. All expenses were borne by the Balinca Club. As the courts are used most afternoons and evenings except during the hot summer months, the courts not only offer healthful recreation to their members but also give a financial boost to the Home. The men

who undertook this renovation are to be warmly congratulated for doing an outstanding job.

As in past years, our Home supports our Slovenian Homes and cultural organizations by purchasing tickets and attending their affairs. We are happy to donate the use of our Hall for the annual membership meeting of the Slovene Home for the Aged (SHA) as well as for the SHA benefit venison dinner, sponsored by Father Victor Tomc and members of St. Mary's Church. The Red Cross Blood Bank and other worthy causes also use our Home.

Activities taking place in our Home are varied. Singing Society "Jadran" plays an important part in our Home, holding rehearsals every Wednesday evening. They present two concerts each year. The first for 1983 will take place Saturday. Don't miss it!

MPZ-Circle 3, SNPJ Juvenile Chorus can be heard harmonizing every Tuesday evening. The youngsters will delight their families and friends with a concert on April 16.

Archers' Haven (archery range) is another busy part of our building. Archery is a sport requiring great skill and is very interesting to watch.

A NON-PROFIT organiza-

tion, Petfinders Foundation sponsors bingo games every Tuesday and Sunday evenings. They are proving very popular.

Two cultural events hosted by Slovenian Workmen's Home were films depicting the way of life in Slovenia in much earlier times, shown by Yugoslav Consul-General Zofia-Klemen-Krek. The Reda Dancers and Musicians from Velenje, Slovenia, were hosted in October after their performance at Euclid High School.

A fund-raising affair has been sponsored by SWH Directors periodically. Proceeds have helped pay utility and other bills. Frank Koss, a member of the board of the Year for 1983. We are also proud of Board President Tony Sturm, who has been selected as the Man of the Year by the members of the Federation of Slovenian Homes. Congratulations to both!

At the annual certificate holders meeting on Jan. 1982, two new members were added to our roster — John Vicic and Tony Silc. Because of health problems, consent of the members assembled, Mike Matuch and Frank Polantz were retained as alternates.

Matuch is able to supervise the work at his Garden Street Equipment shop on E. 16th Street. Polantz is recovering and expects to be of help to the Board during the coming year.

We are very happy with our genial and hard-working clubroom managers, Stan and Emma Grk. We invite our friends to visit whenever possible.

Cecelia M. Wolf national president

Ladies Auxiliary is backbone of Home

What a mother is to her home and family, an auxiliary is to any organization — an important source of moral and financial support. So it is with our Ladies Auxiliary of the Slovenian Workmen's Home.

The members of our earlier auxiliaries were busy with their growing families but still found time to do a tremendous amount of work in order to equip our Slovenian Home with the necessities for good housekeeping and catering.

The current members of the ladies auxiliary are the backbone of our Home. It takes a good deal of time and effort to keep the Friday fish fry and periodical bake sales successful in order to earn money to help keep our Home the beautiful and useful place it is.

OUR HELP in the past year was focused on the proposed new kitchen in the lower hall. Approximately \$5,600 was spent for capital improvements, including new sinks for dish-washing, hot water tank and a new stove. Plumbing and new sewer line costs alone amounted to \$1,600. Replacement of dishes and other kitchen utensils is always necessary to keep up a functional kitchen.

Members of the auxiliary

prepare and serve the food at all functions sponsored by the Home. Attendance at our Friday dinners has been very satisfactory for which the ladies are most appreciative. Thanks to all.

Officers in 1982 were: Mary Dolsak, president; Bertha Dovgan, vice president; Cecelia Wolf, secretary-treasurer; Florence Slaby, recording secretary; Ann Kristoff, Josephine Tomsic and Mary Koss, auditors; and Molly Raab, publicist.

Active members are Millie Bradac, Mary Wolf, Marlene Perdan, Betty Zabloutney, Maria Pasanovich, Ida Cesnik and Alma Lazar.

Honorary members are Jennie Marolt, Josie Glazar, Mary Furlan, Amelia Perko, Theresa Gorjanc, Mary Troha, Mary Zaman and Betty Kozel.

Waterloo is home to many circle groups

The Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road is "home" for the National Board and two Circles of the Progressive Slovene Women of America. Circle No. 1 was organized in 1934 and Circle No. 7 in 1939. Circle No. 2 (St. Clair area) and Circle No. 3 (Euclid area) are among others organized in Ohio.

The aims and purposes of the organization was to organize women into groups called "Circles" for educational, social and welfare purposes; to arouse interest in knowledge which aims to improve the social and economic conditions of women, family and humanity in general; to become familiar with and to understand the

cultural background of the old and new world; to induce members to be good American citizens and useful members of society; to promote mutual friendship and cooperation and to support liberal and cultural institutions and organizations.

We invite all women to join us!

Cecelia M. Wolf national president

Pavsek is choice at Collinwood



The Collinwood Slovenian Home Board of Directors is comprised of (seated, from left) Jack Videtic, house committee; Gus Petelinkar, house committee chairman; Frank Ferra, director; Daniel Pavsek, president; Frank Koncilja, financial secretary; Al Marn, treasurer; John Primo,

house committee; (standing) John Habat, director; Frank Podlogar, house committee; Mary Podlogar, auditing committee; Mary O'Kicki, recording secretary; Leroy Koeth, vice president; August Dragar, house committee. Missing is Frank Hren, director.

Collinwood Home prospers

Our Collinwood Slovenian Home is doing very well.

We opened the year 1982 with the announcement that Gus Petelinkar was chosen as our Man of the Year. He was honored at the annual Federation of Slovenian Homes banquet last March.

Well-deserving of the honor for the many hours he has spent at our Home, Gus is the Chairman of the House Committee, doing all the things that need to be done.

IN MARCH, we also held our banquet for all members who were in our bowling league. We also have a bonus party for club members on Shrove Tuesday. This is hosted by our managers, John and Alba Plutt.

In April, we have our annual Spring Dance, at which we

honor our Man of the Year. This dance is always well attended.

In August, we celebrate our annual Homecoming Day. This day begins with Mass and a parade, starting from St. Mary's Church, making the rounds of several blocks around Holmes Avenue and ending in our parking lot, where people gather to talk over old times and listen to the various musicians throughout the day and evening. Good refreshments are always available. Our Man of the Year was again honored at Homecoming Day, and Joseph Lasicky was honored as the Musician of the Year.

In October, we held our Poor Man's Raffle. We had a large crowd in attendance. This event is also a dinner-dance.

WE ALSO HAD a Christmas Eve party for our club members, hosted by our managers, the Plutts. They are doing an excellent job of managing our Home.

Finally, we ended the year with a New Year's Eve dance, sponsored by the Board of Directors.

Collinwood Slovenian Home Man of the Year Dan Pavsek has served as a member of the Board of Directors for 13 of the last 15 years. During his many years of service to the Home, he has held a number of important positions: member of the house committee, recording secretary, vice president and representative to the Federation of Slovenian National Homes.

However, his most important role has been that of president of the Board for the last two years. In this capacity he has been and still is influential in the planning of various Homecoming events and other Board sponsored activities.

BORN AND RAISED in Cleveland, Pavsek attended St. Joseph Grade School (Collinwood) and graduated from Collinwood High School in 1940. During his senior year at Collinwood, he began working at the Warner & Swasey Company where he is still employed today.

In 1944, he married the former Helen A. Femec and they took up residence on Holmes Avenue where they lived until 1960. While on Holmes, Dan was a member of St. Mary's Church where he was active in the Dad's Club, the Catholic Order of Foresters and chairman of the Cub Scouts.

In 1960, he and his family moved to Richmond Heights and into a home that he built. Dan is the proud father of four children and the even prouder grandfather of six.

In addition to his activities with the Home, he is currently the president of the Cleveland Ambassadors of Sports, a long-time member of SNPJ Lodge 142, and a 5-gallon blood donor to the American Red Cross.

Dan was instrumental in getting the renovation of our Slovenian Home started and is currently working on this project. He helped buy new property which he hopes will later be used for parking areas for the Home.



Daniel Pavsek

Slovenian pride shines through

The neighborhood theme is being recognized as the foundation of the American society. Throughout the country monies are being appropriated to upgrade the many facets that make up the fabric of our neighborhood, Americana.

Cleveland is changing, in terms of population and its many nationalities. The Slovenians are among many of these remaining nationality communities. The Federation of Slovenian National Homes is comprised of 10 separate but united organizations. Together with the leadership of the local communities, the Slovenian societies are

known for their dedication to make a greater America for us all.

THE COLLINWOOD SOCIETY is now in the 11th ward. The E. 152nd Street bridge brings north and south Collinwood together. The councilman is Michael Polensek, former councilman of Ward 26.

It is the Holmes Avenue group that is the subject of this story. The Waterloo Workmen's Home influences the community along the lake. The bridge, that at one time separated the Collinwood Slovenian society,

now stands as the bridge that brings all the people together. Ironically, as our numbers get smaller, our concern for each other grows. Our unity is demonstrated in the annual St. Mary's Venison dinner, which brings the two neighborhoods closer.

The staunch and native Slovenian families still hold the fort. In recent years, a Slovenian Homecoming parade proudly has weaved its way through the many sidestreets of the Holmes Avenue society as a sign of community unity.

Slovenian pride shines through!

Buttonaires are making good music

The "Buttonaires" Button Box Club of the Collinwood Slovenian Hall on Holmes Avenue is continuing to practice and perform.

The group started late last summer, and under the direction of the late Joe Boldin made great strides.

They made their debut at the Waterloo National Art Guild Show, then the Slovenian National Art Guild invited the Buttonaires to perform at the Guild's fourth annual arts and crafts exhibit. The performance was acclaimed by music lovers, who praised the rapid growth and progress of the group.

THE HOLIDAYS next brought the aggregation together in the Collinwood Club Room.

Despite the absence of Joe Boldin, an hour of continuous music was enjoyed. Encores were in order as the crowd called for more of the Slovenian music on the button box.

During the buffet, the group

paused to raise concern for Boldin. Shortly thereafter, Joe came in with his button box. The names of the places where Joe and the Euclid Button Box Club performed over the years were listed on the box.

Little did members know the group would play their last concert together. Joe passed away the next day. The "Buttonaires" performed at his wake in his memory.

Organizer of the group is former Collinwood Home president Gus Petelinkar. Newly-elected leader is Tony Fortuna. Frank Dremel remains secretary for all engagements.

The Holmes Avenue group joins the growing list of musical organizations from the Slovenian National Homes.

(As this was being written, Louis R. Legan, a "Buttonaires" member, passed away. The group extends deepest sympathies to his wife, Agnes, and all the Legan family.)



The Collinwood Slovenian Home Buttonaires include (seated from left) Ray Delly, Rose Intihar, the late Joe Boldin, Connie Lee, Frank Dremel; (standing) Tony Fortuna, Leslie Schussler, the late Louis Legan, Millie Budnar and John Gorjance.

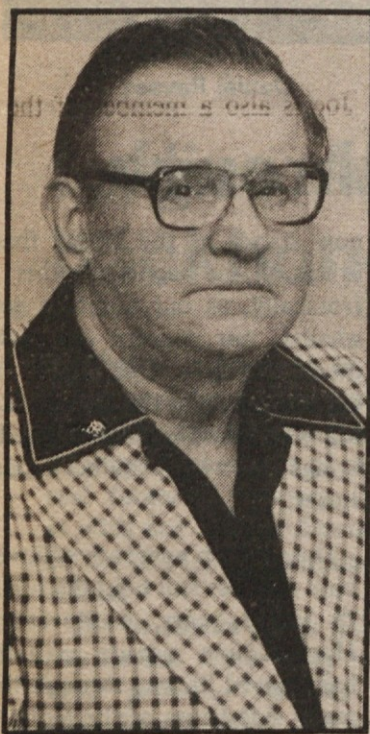
Zabak named E. 80th 'man'

Ed Zabak, the Newburgh Slovenian Home Man of the Year, is a popular musician and proprietor of Zabak's Tavern, located on the corner of E. 78 St. and Union Avenue, where he has served the Newburgh area for 35 years.

When called upon, Ed is always willing to furnish music gratis to the Slovenian Home on E. 80th Street and also to events sponsored by St. Lawrence Parish. He is a favorite musician at both places.

ED HAS BEEN A member of the choir at St. Lawrence Church, is currently 2nd vice president of the Cuyahoga County Tavern Liquor Assn., and is a former member of the St. Lawrence Catholic War Veterans.

Ed is happily married to Ann (Misurda) of Indiana, Pa. She recently retired from the Better Business Bureau where she served as a business service director.



Ed Zabak

They have two sons, Robert Allen and Joseph Jakosh.

Ed has four brothers and two sisters. Stan resides in Tampa, Fla.; Vicki Marsolek lives in Bedford; Rudy is in Tampa, Fla; Mary Hrovat resides in Parma, Ray lives in Garfield Hts., and Bob in Bedford. Ed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zabak (Zabukovec), both deceased.

The Board of Directors of the Slovenian National Home at E. 80th St. is proud to have Ed Zabak as our Man of the Year for 1983. We extend our sincere congratulations.

Under Mahnic's leadership

It was a great year in Newburgh

The year 1982 was a very good one for the Slovenian National Home in Newburgh.

The Board of Directors for the year were as follows: Frank Mahnic Sr., president; Nefka Kastelic, vice president; Anna Mae Mannion, secretary; Alice Arko, treasurer, and Carol Arko, recording secretary. Auditors were Josephine Sever, Eleanor Grozdanik, Robert Perko and alternate Hattie Mussig. Trustees were Ernest Arko, Frank Globokar, Frank Mahnic, Jr., Evelyn Majercik, Antonia Stokar, Marie Zura and Robert Zura.

UNDER THE DIRECTION and guidance of a very great president, Frank Mahnic Sr., many projects were started and completed. The upstairs hall was completely painted, including meeting rooms and kitchen.

A new floor was put in the kitchen through the efforts of the ladies auxiliary. Our ladies cook and serve dinners and banquets — all gratis. The money received is used for different projects, the kitchen floor being one of them.



The board of directors at the Slovenian National Home (Newburgh) includes (seated, from left) Hattie Mussig, auditor; Alice Arko, treasurer; Anna Mae Mannion, financial secretary; Frank Mahnic Sr., president; Nefka Kastelic, vice president; Carol Arko,

recording secretary; Sophie Sever, auditor; (standing) Ernest Arko, trustee; Evelyn Majercik, trustee; Ann Grozdanik, auditor; Marie Zura, trustee, and Roberta Zura, trustee. Missing are Frank Mahnic Jr., Antonia Stokar and Robert Perko.

A new public address system was purchased for our banquet hall. New electrical work was done upstairs. The back hall and stairs were refurnished. In the barroom, new tiffany light fixtures were installed, and the ceiling and walls were painted. The men's room in the barroom was completely remodeled, with the labor donated by the plumber, Robert Woodrow — a friend and customer of the hall. Windows were replaced throughout the building and the roof was repaired.

These projects and other minor repairs were made possible by our bi-monthly 50-50 raffles. There were six in all last year. Also helping the cause were donations from Antonia Stokar, Red Klir, and AMLA Lodges Mir No. 10, Bled No. 20 and Kraljica Miru No. 24.

THROUGH THE AUSPICES of the KSKJ Home Office Project, the Newburgh KSKJ Lodges No. 63 donated serving carts, No. 146 donated toward the tiffany lights, and No. 150 helped with the public address system. A monetary donation from the Federation of Slove-

nian Homes also was greatly appreciated.

Loan repayments were made to some of our members and interest payments to others. The building mortgage was greatly reduced.

Our clubroom bar is doing fine. The bartenders are Carl Russo, Bernard Mismas, Mary Mahnic, Tony Lausche and Nat Cannistra. They help keep our customers happy and keep them coming back.

In the bowling alleys, manager Ernie Arko keeps everything in tip-top shape. You will always find Ernie busy doing something. He has two part-time helpers in Mike Jones and Jeff Lunger. The alleys are quite busy, with two leagues on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Tuesday night is Ladies Night with one shift of Ladies teams.

For more information, call Ernie, and he will be more than happy to accommodate you. The number is 883-2963. With the bowling alley kept busy, the snack bar staff is quite busy. The ladies are Rita Mileti, Pat Mismas and Val Zura.

IN 1982, THE Slovenian National Home honored Nefka Kastelic as their Woman of the Year. Nefka is a hard worker for the hall.

The Slovenian National Home was honored in having the American Mutual Life Association's 20th regular convention, convening the second week of May. Delegates attended the convention from all over Ohio.

Throughout the year at our 50-50 raffles, all the work connected with the raffle is donated. This means our ladies do all the cooking and serving. Men from the neighborhood do bartending. They are Fred (Nundie) Kuznik, Louis Barle, John Krofl, and Frank Tomsic. Music has been played by the Maple Heights Button Boxers, the Vadnals, Eddie Kenik and the Slogars, and none other than our own Eddie Zabak Band.

Edward (Eddie) Zabak is the Slovenian Man of the Year for 1983 from Newburgh. Eddie can always be counted on to help us whenever he is asked. The Slovenian National Home is going to honor Eddie Zabak at a Testimonial on Sunday, April 17. Dinner will be served at 2 p.m. Music for listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by the Vadnals. Donation is \$10. For more information, call 641-9664 or 662-2027.

WITH ALL THE activities going on, we have to have efficient clean up and maintenance people. There are two very good men that we have for this — Jimmy Mahnic, a part-time custodian, and John Kuznik, our maintenance man.

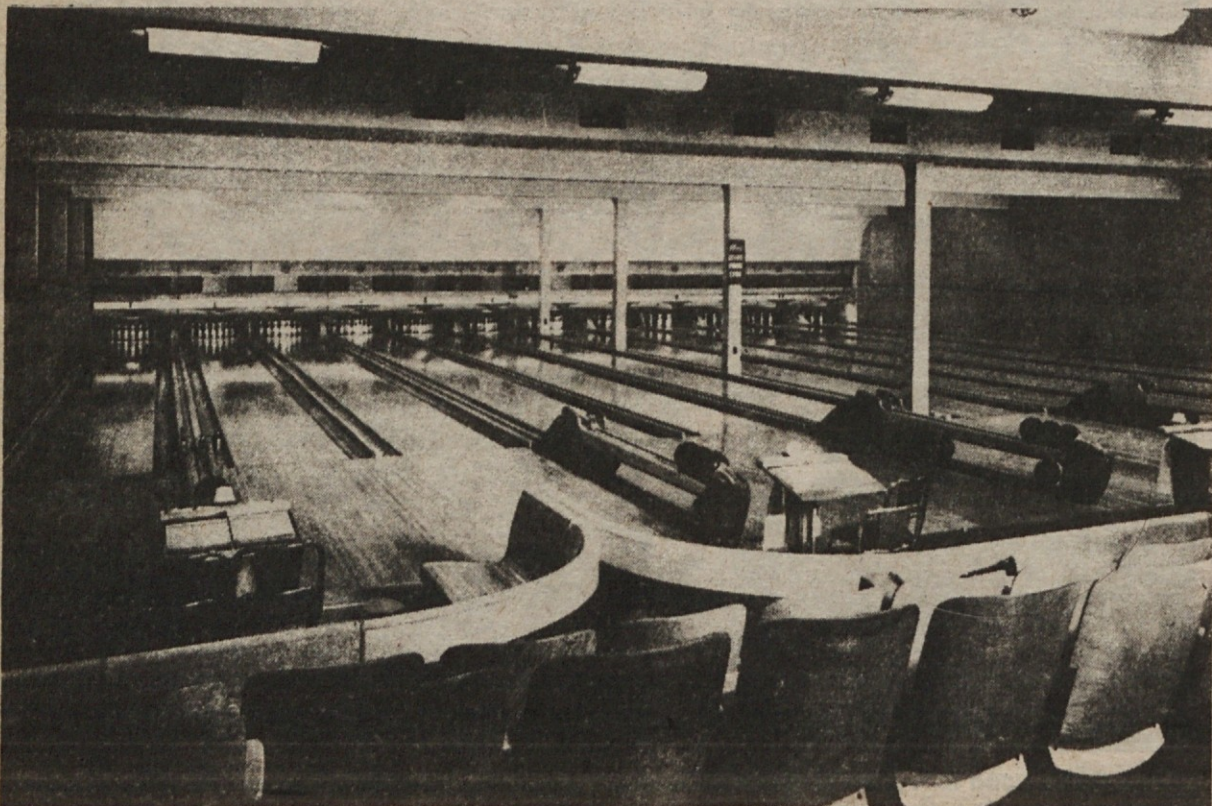
An appreciation dinner was held for all of the people who helped us in any way with our raffles and work in general around the building. A good time was had by all. Of course the cooks were our ladies from the board again, always helping.

The Slovenian Hall has lodge representation from lodges of AMLA, KSKJ, SNPJ, and SWU. These lodges have meetings and collections of dues at the hall. The Laurentian Athletic Club also calls our Hall home. These men are very active at the hall.

The Newburgh-Maple Heights Pensioners Club meets here and also has their dinner-dance at the hall.

With participation from all of the above, our customers, lodges, employees and friends who donated and helped throughout the year — and a good board of directors, led by Frank Mahnic Sr. we enjoyed an exceptional year. Now you know why we say, "We are the best."

Congratulations to Federation Man of the Year Anthony Sturm, Lady of the Year Albina Mrsnick and all the other honorees, especially our own Eddie Zabak.



Slovenian-East 80th Bowling Alleys



West Side Slovenian Home directors include (first row, from left) Theresa Stefanik, Joe Pultz, Ken Ivancic, Joe Klinec, Pauline Stepec, Edward Stepic, Stephanie Pultz; (middle row) Larry Lehrke, Marie Zeitz, Frank

Lovka, Mary Kuhel, Elaine Saxby, Ella Samanich, Mark Simcic; (back row) Victor Zeitz, Edward Kreci, Edward Valentine, John Ivancic Jr., Donald Doering, Max Sim and Max Simcic.

Klinec receives W. Side honors

A first generation Slovenian, the West Side Slovenes' 1983 Man of the Year is the son of Joseph and Josephine Klinec, who came to this country from Burda in the vicinity of Grica when it was still under Austria.

Joe Klinec was born on Cleveland's west side, is married to Olga (Miklus), and has a daughter Diane, and a son, Joseph Jr. He is a life-long member of AMLA No. 26 and SNPJ No. 264.

AS A YOUNGSTER not yet 14 years old, he would tend bar at lodge affairs, sold admissions or did whatever he could to help.

In the 1930's, he organized a lodge basketball team to play in the St. Clair Bathhouse Inter-Lodge League and also in the community center league on the West Side. He also organized the West Side Inter-Lodge Bowling League that is still in existence with SNPJ Lodge Nanos No. 264 furnishing all the teams.

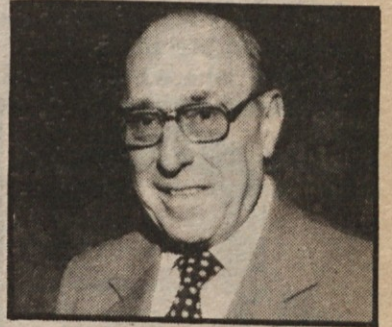
In 1941 Joe was in the first draft and went into the Army. When World War II started he landed in Hawaii on Christmas Eve. He spent 3½ years in the Pacific.

After his discharge in September, 1945, he became active in the West Side Slovene Home and Lodges. In 1946 he was elected President of the Home and served for five years.

IN 1947, he joined the Millwright Construction Union,

a part of the Carpenters Union. Here he achieved an interest to help and promote the welfare of the working man.

In 1951 Joe was elected as a delegate to the Carpenter's District Council, serving 29 years until he retired. In 1952 he was elected vice president and served until 1963 when he was elected president. In 1964 he also was elected business representative and served all these offices until he retired in June 1980. Still, Joe hasn't retired from promoting our Slovene culture and heritage.



Joseph Klinec

When there was talk of selling our Slovene Home, Joe again became active and was again elected president of the Club. With the aid of the members and the youth of our Club, there is no more talk of selling. Instead, an extensive addition recently was completed and the hall now is one of the nicest in the area.

Joe is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and enjoys bowling and golf.

West Side Home invites Slovenes for new look

Demolition of part of old West Side Slovenian Home building was started July 1, 1981. In preparation for the contractor to start with the footings, sewer lines, foundations, water lines and erection of the walls, the old and new building was completely rewired for safety measures.

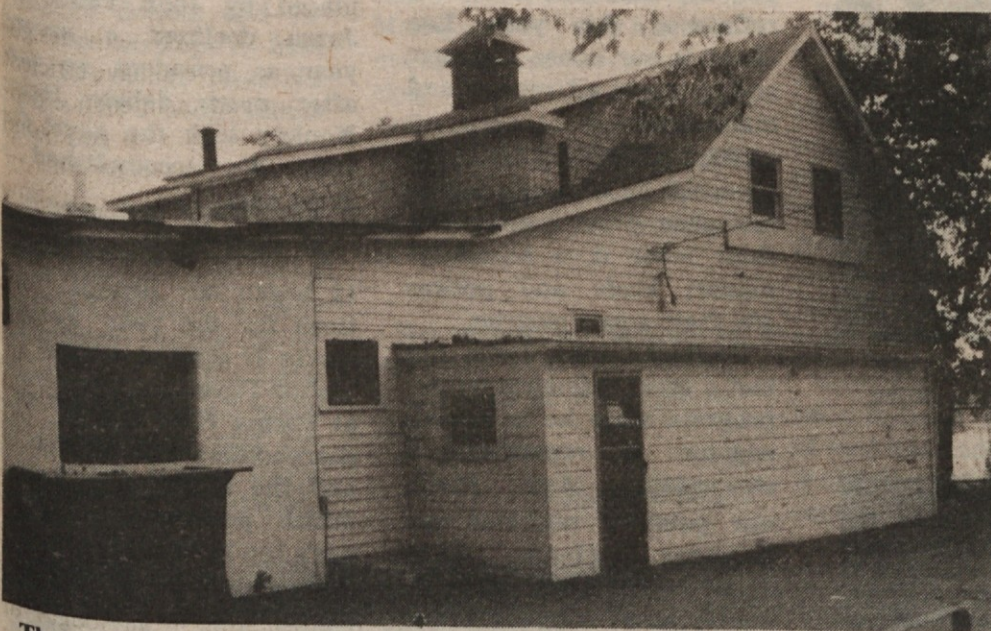
For the comfort of the

patrons we also installed all new heating and air conditioning units.

WE ARE EXTREMELY proud of our plush interior decor, which was mostly built and installed by our own members. We may not have the largest Slovenian Hall but we think we have one of the nicest halls

around. Our grand opening was on Nov. 7, 1981 which proved to be a success.

Although we Slovenians on the west side are few in numbers, we are proud of our achievements. We would welcome Slovenians from surrounding areas to share our achievements in some of our future events.



The Club of West Side Slovene Lodges' Dance Hall as of July 1, 1981, on which the transition for the new hall

was started. The complete front end of this building was removed for the addition that was constructed.



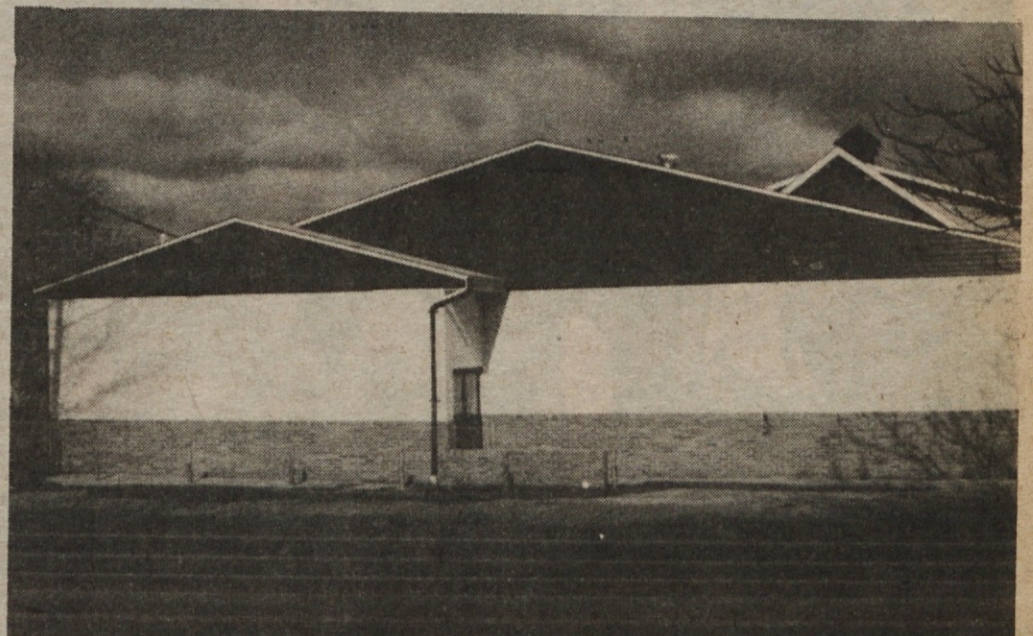
Old timers taking a break in front of the new addition to the building include members involved in the setting

of the trusses in preparing for the closing in of the roof.



Taking a view from our new roof top as the roof sheathing is being installed,

these men always will remember this day. It was very hot and humid.



The end result—We did not realize that our finished roofline would have three

peaks we are reminded of the famous mountain in Slovenia known as Triglav.

Pivik named W. Park man

Rudy Pivik, the 1983 Man of the Year at the West Park Slovenian Home, is a native of Harwick, Pa., graduating from Springdale High School in 1946.

At the time, job opportunities were scarce, since service men were discharged from World War II. After several insecure jobs, Rudy joined the Great Lakes Seamen in 1947; in 1950 the Army called. Again, after two years in Korea, he worked the Great Lakes.

IN 1955 HE travelled to Slovenia to see his parents' homeland where he met and

married Maria. Later they settled in Cleveland.

In 1957 Rudy obtained a position with United Airline which he still holds. Rudy and Maria have been very active officers and loyal supporters of the West Park Home since 1967 when there was just a skeleton crew of directors.

He is a devoted member of Lodge 257 SNPJ, a good parent and a community active man. With son Frank, he was active in the Boy Scouts and managed little league teams for five years. Frank is now married (to Monica) and like his father is a seaman with the Merchant Marines. Rudy's daughter, Sonja, lives in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

For Rudy, his colleagues at work or at the Hall are his good friends. He is fair and honorable with everyone. You might see Rudy with the popular button box group around town at many functions. We are as proud as he is of them, having organized them a few years ago.



Rudy Pivik



Officers and directors of the West Park Slovenian National Home include (front row, from left) Maria Dimitrijevic, auditor; Marie Pivik, Rudy Pivik, recording secretary; Joe Pultz, vice president; John Jurca, 1982

president; Theresa Stefanik, secretary; Ann Zaletel, auditor, Stef Pultz, auditor; (back row) Theresa Lach, Edith Garstech, Joe Peresutti, Rose Kosko, Stella Dancull, Helen Konkoy, 1983 president, Clare Milican, and Tom Milican.

Stock shares, remodeling help keep West Park strong

At West Park Slovene Home, the Board of Directors elected to freeze the issuance of stock shares some years ago. Recently, however, we had requests from members to sell their shares. Because of this ex-

change, we were able to resell these shares to individuals who were willing to join as members. With this addition of manpower, we are a stronger organization with more input.

Since 1980 we have been financially able to make the building more secure in many respects and followed up with major remodeling of the lower floor bar rooms, party room, etc.

With John Jurca as manager, the ballroom floor was refinished this year. Leo Gross is our house manager and oversees all repairs and maintenance.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY invested in a dough mixer last year, proving that with their labor it is a money-maker; krofe and poticas are their super pastries.

President John Jurca has had a great influence on our progress since he is knowledgeable in organizational stewardship. Marie Pivik, our personal relations ambassador, attends many functions at halls throughout Greater Cleveland. Marie Dimitri, personable artist,

was selected to be in charge of the All Nations Festival at Great Northern Shopping Center. A greater number of active members are either on the board, auxiliary, AMLA singers or Button Box Group. One of these is on all four, Anne Zaletel, loyal and generous.

Together, all of these groups are congenial. Theresa Stefanik just stepped down as financial secretary after 15 years of duty. She was replaced by John Pelcic Jr. Jurca declined a second year as president, so that after much debate Helen Konkoy took the gavel for 1983. We accomplished a great deal.

A reverse raffle on March 12 began our benefit functions for the year. Earlier, Circle 77 sang at a mass for Bishop Pevec and performed at Parma High School. The shareholders met on Feb. 9, and the button box group, which performed at Wagner's Inn in Westlake for the Babushka Ball on Feb. 12, has a calendar of dates to be published soon.



Typical of the continuing traditions at Federation Slovenian Homes is this group,

Circle No. 77 SNPJ's "Mladi Slovenci," based at the West Park Slovenian Home under the direction of Marie Pivik.



West Park Button Box Club members include (kneeling, from left) Leo Gross, president; Bill Zmrazek, Rudy Pivik, recorder; John Esley, Ed Morris, Albina Capek; (standing)

Ann Zaletel, John Maguth, vice president; Estelle Tachuk, Dennis Madigan, finance; Leona Nocifera, Lenny Fink Eugene Jarolimek. Missing are Ella Samanich, Joe Stibil and Ed Valentine.



Four generations of the Culkar Family recently staged a benefit concert at West Park Slovenian Home.

Society Home Lauds Kobal

The 22nd annual Slovenes of the Year awards have come full cycle, honoring men and women who serve their Slovene Homes in the Cleveland Metro community and surrounding communities of Northeastern Ohio.

Host of this year's awards, the Slovenian Society Home at Euclid, is very proud to announce that its choice for



Max Kobal

the 1983 awards presentation Max Kobal Jr.

REARED IN THE HEART of the Slovene Collinwood area, the son of proud parents Max and Mary Kobal began his education at St. Mary's School and assigned memberships in both the AMLA Lodge Kras No. 142 and the SNPJ Lodge Mirni-voj No. 142.

A graduate of Collinwood High School, Max chose to join the Marine Corps (First Air Wing Division) to serve our country during those trying times of the 40s. Little did he realize that his sound ethnic background and discipline of the Marine Corps would direct his ambitions

to achieve greater roles in community affairs.

Upon completion of duty, Max married into a fine Slovene family of Julie Zakraskhek and re-located into the Euclid area, fathering two lovely daughters, now married — Maxine Kobal King and Linda Kobal Gray. Max also has three fine grandchildren.

The Euclid honoree is employed at Fisher Body — Coit Road as a union steward, with responsibilities as chairman of the apprentice program.

Recreational ambitions have given him various titles of command in the yachting area, including:

- Past-Commander of the Lake County Yacht Club
- Past-Commander of the Greater Cleveland Boating Assn.
- Cleveland State Park Advisory Commission
- Northeastern Vice President of the National Order of the Blue Gavel; Fraternity of Past-Commanders and President of the largest district in the world.

ETHNIC HERITAGE, education, service to country, to community, to national activities are the attributes of Max Kobal Jr., who has commanded the Slovenian Society Home. He came full cycle, back to the roots of his beginning, to serve with expertise the Euclid Slovenian Home and the community of Euclid.

We salute the caliber of man, the Slovenian Society Home Man of the Year for 1983.

— Joseph F. Petric



Directors at the Recher Slovenian Society Home are (seated from left) Bill Frank, treasurer; Ray Bradac, secretary; George Carson, vice president; Max Kobal, president; Rudy Lokar, recording secretary;

John Bozich, audit chairman; (standing) John Hrovat, auditor; Joe Petric Jr., house chairman; Ed Novak, house committee; Josephine Trunk sunshine committee; Ed Koren, house committee; Bill Jansa, auditor, and William Strah, ways and means.

Pitching in made 1982 a good year at Euclid Home

Our efforts in 1982 were fruitful. It was a joint effort on the part of every trustee, employee, and supporting club and lodge. Even though rising costs prevailed, we survived the ever-changing financial forecasts of our economy.

With assistance in the first quarter from our Women's Auxiliary, installation of a new quarry tile floor in our upper bar room was completed. We repaired another in our dining areas, and purchased 800 cushioned chairs, new draperies and furnishings for our washrooms.

Constant up-keep goes hand-in-hand with the flow of business and various lodge activities and cultural concerts. One weekend to mark

on your calendar is **June 15-19** — the balina tournament, sponsored by our Club Dru-stev.

AS THE YEAR progressed to a close, we reflected on the many labors and sacrifices made for our Home in its 64th year of its founding. We hope our past efforts and present challenges have and will be met with the same love and care by all concerned.

This was especially true of our courageous board member, Frank Taucher, and past clubroom manager, Charles Starman, who have passed on. Their commitment was made, and the Slovenian Society Home endured a little more and was made better by their efforts.

Their memories and achievements will never be forgotten.

Spend some time with us when you're near and say hello to our clubroom managers, Ron and Shirley Lapuh. Also visit our Hall facilities when possible to see our improvements.

Watch us grow in 1983, and we wish the best to all of you.

Euclid Home Auxiliary is dedicated

Through the years of our establishment we have been very fortunate to work with a group of dedicated women, devoted to the Slovenian Society Home in its betterment for one and all to enjoy and work in.

From bake sales to their famous and generous portioned meals on Fridays, headed by Mary Leskovec and staff, the auxiliary has assisted the Home in improvements from kitchens to bathrooms just recently completed.

THEIR PRESIDENT, Mary Kobal, has guided their efforts, which are evident all around and outside the Home.

They are all an asset to our Slovenian Home and its purpose. As they say, "behind every successful man is a woman." We don't hide this attribute but applaud and laud their accomplishments. We salute you, ladies, and assure you all of our support and best wishes.

— Joseph F. Petric



Members of the Slovenian Society Home Ladies Auxiliary include (seated, from left) Angela Pirc, Marica Lokar, Mary Ster, Mary Kobal, Christine Kovach, Danica Hrovatin, Ann

Kutcher, Ann Rozman; (standing) Frances Zgonc, Josephine Trunk, Mary Golobic, Jennie Wick, Olga Ozanich, Pauline Krall, Mary Leskovec, Kay Selapak and Loretta Frank. Other members were missing when the picture was taken.

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