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Festival Reminiscences

By Michael Vrhovnik

Still fresh in memory is the National Vrtec Festival which was staged in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland, on Sunday afternoon, May 19th.

Everything it was advertised it would be; everything it was expected would be; and everything it was hoped it would be, it was.

Long before the final number was presented, compliments rained from all sides. One didn't have to hear them to know how the people were impressed.

Courage, showmanship, personality and, above everything else, ability, swayed the crowded auditorium to immediate appreciation from the moment the CONCORDETTES, led by their Administratrix, MARGE JERIC, marched into the spotlighted square in front of the stage.

It is not for me to say who made the biggest hit with the audience, or who received the most applause, for after all most of us have certain developed or natural tastes of what is personally desirable in the way of cultural entertainment.

Words of praise and compliment are not enough for these youngsters; not even words much better chosen than mine, more fitting and just.

Prominently spaced throughout the program, and equal to the occasion in the fullest measure, were our Cleveland Participants, members of the OUTLOOKERS, FRED HRIBAR, who sang several Slovene songs in delightful style, JOE and JULIA

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On To Glenridge!

Cleveland-Collinwood, O. — By the time this finds its way into print, it will be June 6, which is only 9 days away from the Utopian Barn Dance.

You know, I've been to a barn dance, but they tell me I'm missing plenty. What it is I'm missing, I can't imagine.

Being in the midst of final exams, I shall have time for no more today except this — my reading public (total: one) has been casting some bitterly sarcastic remarks about an error in grammar in an article two weeks ago.

Valeria

Victorian News

CHICAGO, Ill. — First of all Sunday is a bad day to do any writing, so on that account we are not in the mood, this will be brief.

The regular Victorian meeting will be held this coming Thursday, June 6th at 2653 S. Lawndale Ave., at 8:00 p. m. promptly.

The Victorians extend to the Trail Blazers a cordial invitation to share in the fun. There will be refreshments to suit every one's taste.

Our press agent Mary Novak, has already given a lot of details in a previous issue about our June 15th, Moonlight picnic.

What more is there to say except, remember the date, June 15th, Kegel's Grove, Willow Springs. Admission 25c.

So do come out and have some fun with the gang. We've ordered the moon.

Joan and Nancy

Pronto

Rajah: "And what is the offense?"

Bailiff: "O Most High and Excellent Majesty, this man has stolen the sacred white elephant of Siam."

Rajah: "Search him!"

"Vrtec" Reports

Dawn Patrol

Gowanda, N. Y. — The merry month of June has at last arrived and this means another article to be written.

I'm sorry I couldn't come to the last meeting. I heard that all who came had a wonderful time.

We're sorry to hear that Harry Klun's father is ill. We wish him a speedy recovery.

After a long vacation that I just had recently, it is hard to get settled down again.

I wonder what's happened to our president and two of our other members, Mary and Frances. I wonder if the love bug bit them.

Before I close I wish everyone the best of luck and don't forget the meeting on June 9.

Violet Widgay, Treas. Vrtec 148

Attention Outlookers

On account of some misunderstanding about the date of issue of Vrtec Page, the Outlookers' Corner did not appear.

Naturally we couldn't get along without all you members, but seeing as this is also Parent's night, we hope you'll all bring your folks with you.

The meeting starts at 7:30. We promise to make it short so that you can all have more time to enjoy yourselves.

See you all tomorrow in Room 3 in S. W. H. at 7:30 sharp!

Olga

Thanks To All!

STRABANE, Pa. — I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members of Vrtec lodges of Cleveland. It was our first meeting with so many members outside our own lodge and I can assure you it won't be our last.

We wish to thank Mr. Stokel and his assistants and also Ann Opeka and her assistants and all those who treated us to the park and sight seeing tours.

Grace Vivian Beton (Age 14) Vrtec No. 10

Spartans' Notes

By Ann Opeka

Sunday, June 9, 1940, at 2:30 p. m. in the usual quarters Spartans monthly meeting will be called to order.

In the order of business will be the delegates' report of the SSPZ 10th regular convention, final plans will be made for our summer activities (outings), and a report by our sports committee.

A boy! Yes, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Lisch are now the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday, June 2.

Rudy Lisch is supreme vice-president of the SSPZ and Christine Lisch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kvarcich from Bridgeville, Pa.

Spartans extend their warmest congratulations to the parents, both members!

Saturday, June 1st a group of Spartans and many friends witnessed the marriage ceremony of Rose Hocoer to George Jeram.

The wedding reception, held at the bride's home, was attended by the couple's many friends.

Rose, member of Spartans, attended the athletic meeting at Indianapolis and also participated in the bowling tournament in Chicago last April.

Congratulations, Rose and George, and may your future bring happiness, good health and prosperity!

June 8th brings us another important event. It's the wedding of Joan Kodromaz and Anthony (Rip) Sekula from Indianapolis.

Joanne and Tony will be united in marriage at St. Vitus church at 10 a. m. There's a possibility that Gordon Kronoshek from Indianapolis, the boy with the soprano voice who made such a hit in Cleveland with his singing in SSPZ Vrtec Festival a few weeks ago, will sing during the ceremony.

A reception will be held at the bride's home.

The bride will wear white satin and her five bridesmaids (four her sisters) chose marquisette dresses in deep rose with large picture hats to match.

Spartans wish them the best of everything and loads of good luck. Congratulations!

Still Unsolved

"Without doubt woman is the eternal question."

"It may also be added that man is eternally finding the wrong answer."

Telepathy

A general and a colonel were walking down the street. They met many privates, and each time the colonel would salute he would mutter, "The same to you."

The general's curiosity soon got the better of him, and he asked: "Why do you always say that?"

The colonel answered: "I was once a private and I know what they are thinking."

CHICAGO LODGES WILL CELEBRATE SSPZ DAY JUNE 30th

The SSPZ UNITED LODGES of Chicago extend an invitation to all members and friends to attend and celebrate SSPZ DAY at ROMAIN'S PICNIC GROVE, located at 123rd and Union Avenue.

The feature of the day's program will be a BALINA TOURNAMENT. Perhaps, no other sport is more enjoyed in the summer time by our "oldsters," and many of the younger group, too, than the good old game of BALINA.

There is no limit to the number of teams a lodge may enter — THE MORE THE MERRIER! ... Neither are entries limited to Chicago Lodges only.

There will be games and contests for Vrtec members and their friends, this in honor of JUVENILE MONTH.

There will be dancing in the spacious pavilion to music furnished by that famous westside duet, "GRADISEK and OMERZA."

And last, but never least, there will be refreshments to suit all tastes and appetites.

So come on out and meet, again, your old friends; renew old acquaintanceships. It's high time we had one of those oldtime get-togethers for a bit of a chat, a drink or two and, maybe, a dance ... Come out and join us!

MTV.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM SSPZ "BALINA" TOURNAMENT

at 123rd and Union Ave., Chicago, Ill. JUNE 30, 1940

Form with fields for Lodge No., Team number or name, and Substitute.

All entries must be mailed to "SSPZ DAY COMMITTEE," 247 W. 103rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, on or before June 20, 1940.