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POVEST

(Nadaljevanje)

"Doma sem tukaj!" rekel je slikar, a skoro mu je bilo žal, kajti spominjal se je, da je danes že enkrat enako odgovoril na da bi se bil tedaj kmalu opraveval zaradi tega domovja.

Pa tega sedaj ni bilo treba! "A, to je lepo!" dejala je deklica, "tudi jaz sem tukaj doma."

Slikar se je domislil, da bi bilo sedaj vendar umestno predstaviti se, in storil je to na kratko. "Mi stanujemo tu gori v gradu, na Potoku," reče potem ona. Obrnila sta se pri tem oba po strani navzgor in slikar je spremljal deklico, kakor bi se to samo sebi umelo.

"Seznani sem se danes z dve gospodoma iz grada," omenil je Kosan — "nadlajtnant Werner —"

"Ta je moj brat!" reče ona glasno, "dolgčas, ako le morem ven v gozd, na polje; — ali ni lepo tukaj pri nas?"

"Da, lepo!" odgovori on mehkičeno.

"Lansko leto smo bili na Laškem — letos pa smo ostali doma — meni vendar ni žal, da nismo nikamor. Ali ste vi že dolgo v tem kraju?"

"Nekoliko dni," pravi slikar zamišljen.

"In blizu?"

"Tu doli vasi!"

"Obiščite nas!" reče zopet ona; "očeta jako veseli, ako kdo pride k nam. Tu nimamo nobenega znanca."

Stala sta sedaj na istem mestu, kjer je pred malo časom povabil se slikar od onih dveh gospodov.

Kosanu je nekaj težilo prsi in tudi deklica ni bila tako vesela kot spočetka.

"Ce mi bo de le mogoče, obiščite vas bom; pa sedaj sam ne

vem, kako bo de z mojim odhodom od doma."

Slikar je dejal to, da je vobče kaj rekel. Sedaj mu še v mislih ni bilo, odpotovati — niti jutri niti pozneje.

Njej pa se je nekako mudilo. Podala je spremljevalcu roko in s kratkim "Na svidenje pri nas!" odšla je proti gradu.

Slikar se je vrnil po prejšnji poti. Kako drugače mu je bilo sedaj pri srcu nego četrt ure prej, ko je bil šel ravno tod. Smejal se je bil prej sam pri sebi puhlosti nadlajtnantovi — "in pa ženin je oni drugi!" dejal je tedaj porogljivo. En trenutek samo in potem si je bil začel rezati drevno šibino.

Sedaj pa je šel hitro, razburjen po stezi skozi gozdič; ni se smejal niti žvižgal predse; v tla je zrl in čudno — one porogljive besede spremljale so ga: bile so mu v možganih in na jeziku.

"Ženin, ženin!" mrmral je predse; "in nevesta? Morda je še katera druga v gradu? Da bi bila ta? — Ne, ne, ne! Ni mogoče! Bedak, zakaj nisi vprašal?"

In vendar se je spominjal, da je hotel vprašati, a da se mu je ustavljal jezik, da ni hotelo čez ustna to vprašanje. Ko je tako prihitel na razpotje, kjer sta se bila srečala prej z deklico, krenil je na stran, od koder je bila prišla ona. Steza je vodila daleč po gozdu in se je naposled izgubila.

Slikar je taval tam po gošči in vrnil se je stoprav o trdem mraku. Bil je zopet dobre volje in pri večerji izpraševal je sestri svoji o grajskih ljudeh.

"Saj si ž njimi pil danes pri Petru!" reče mlajša.

"Tam sta bila le dva!" odgovori on. "Pa koliko jih je vendar na Potoku?"

"I, le čakaj — gospodar, potem sijn njegov in hči in ena teta.

Sedaj pa še enega tujca vidim časi."

"In ta teta — kakšna je ta teta? Ali je stara?"

"Kakor zemlja!" nasmehne se dekle.

Slikarju se ni ljubilo več povpraševati.

Malo pozneje je zopet v svoji omari premetaval obleko in perilo ter gledal, v kakem stanju je vse, kakor mladenič, ki hoče prvokrat na ples.

Ko je ležal potem v postelji, poskušal je dolgo brezuspšno, da bi zaspal, in še skoro tja v prve sanje so mu zvenele sestrične besede: "Stara kakor zemlja!"

IV

Alles das Neigen
von Herz zu Herzen,
ach, wie so eigen!
Nemška narodna

Drugača popokdne sedel je Kosan že v prostorni grajski sobani in zabaval se z dokaj obilo družbo v živahnem razgovoru.

Ko se je bil zjutraj prebudil, bil je sklep njegov gotov, da mora odriniti od doma; del je tudi večino svojih stvari v red ter vprašal sestro, kje bi se dobil vozniček, da ga potegne v najkrajšem času do mesta. Proti pol dnevu pa je sklenil, da še ne odide danes ali jutri; — čemu tudi, ko nima gotovih opravil zunaj na tujem.

Po opoldanskem obedu stal je pa zopet nekoliko časa na večnem pragu ter zrl gor proti Potoku in dol po vaški ulici. A kmalu vrnil se je v svojo sobico, opravil se v najboljšo obleko, katero je prinesel s seboj, in pol ure pozneje sedel je v gradu v veliki, prostorni sobani poleg starega grajskega gospodarja Wernerja.

Sprejel ga je bil isti gostoljubno, skoro presrečno, in tudi nadlajtnant oveselil se je jako slikarjevega prihoda; Berg pa se je vedel tako kakor prejšnjega dne. Teta, svakinja gospodarjeva, bila je res stara skoro "kakor zemlja," a vendar živa, gibčna in vesela. Govorila je največ od vseh navzočnih.

"Vi ste tu doma!" dejala je slikarju; "to sem že zvedela pred par dnevi; včeraj pa mi je Olga pripovedovala, da vas je srečala, to se pravi, jaz sem uganila, da ste morda vi bili; dejala je, da ste jo spremili iz gozda do tu dol pod grad; pa kje je vendar Olga?"

"Na vrtu je," reče hladno Berg.

Kosan je bil malo zardel pri opomnji stare tete o včerajšnjem srečanju z Olgo. A pri slednjih njenih besedah prepračil se je, da teta ne ve ničesar o prvem srečanju njegovem z Olgo. In to spoznanje gnalo mu je skoro zopet kri v obraz. Pa premagal se je.

"Res je!" reče naglo, "srečala sva se včeraj z gospodično in jaz sem bil tako iznenadejan kakor ona; kajti, kdo bi bil mislil srečati tu doli v gošči drugega človeka nego kmetskega!"

"Da, da, tako osamljeni smo tukaj," omeni gospodar, "da se sovstnikov skoro strašimo, ako jih nenadoma ugledamo! Ha, ha, res je tako!"

"Pa vi vendar ne bivate vedno tu?" vpraša slikar površno.

"Časih potujemo v poletnem času," odgovori graščak; "letos smo ostali doma; prijetna družba na deželi je tudi več nego nemirno vozarjenje po svetu." — Obrnil se je pri teh besedah proti Bergu.

Kosan, ki si bil zunaj med svetom pridobil že dober kos one lastnosti, ki daje človeku hitro spoznanje v govoru drugega videz in resnico, čutil je nehoti, da za zadnjimi besedami gospodarjevimi tiči nekaj pikrega, njemu vendar neumljivega.

Berg pa se je mirno priklonil, a preko ustn mu je šinil kratak zasmeh.

"Gospod pl. Berg je ženin moje hčere Olge," reče sedaj Werner, ki se je bil domislil, da onega v tej lastnosti še ni bil predstavil slikarju.

"O!" smeje se nadlajtnant, "gospod Kosan je že o vsem poučen; storili smo to že včeraj!"

"Da, da res je," reče Kosan ter se obrne k staremu gospodu; "čestitam, čestitam!"

Dejal je to vljudno kakor včeraj; samo ne tako mirno, nego skoro hlastno in gorko.

Hotel je še nekaj pristaviti, kar vstopi Olga. Po prvih pozdravih pripovedovala je, da je bila na vrtu, a da vročina postaja neznozna. Lice ji je v istini gorelo. Sedla je na prazen stol poleg slikarja in pogovor vse družbe vil se je potem okoli raznih nepomenljivih predmetov.

Kosan se je hotel kmalu posloviti, a stari gospod ga je pridržal, vabeč ga, naj ostane do večera; saj na deželi ni tako kakor v mestih. — In slikar je ostal.

Berg in nadlajtnant sta odšla; prvi je hotel pisati domov, drugi je govoril o nujnih opravilih in tudi gospodar obrnil se je naposled h Kosanu, rekoč: "Ogledite si malo grad in vrtove! Pa kaj

pravim, vam je bilo vse že prej znano nego meni. Vendar bode sedaj zunaj prijetneje nego tu; sonce se je nagnilo. Olga in teta mara vam radi pokažeta naše kraljestvo!" dostavi smeje se.

Vsem je bilo prav tako in šli so na vrt; Werner je hotel priti pozneje za njimi.

Po kratkem sprehodu ostali so v lopi, naslonjeni konec vrta ob stari zid. Teta je odšla za nekoliko časa po poslih in tako sta ostala Olga in Kosan sama. Ona je zrla na pletenje v rokah in on je bil za trenutek v zadregi, o čem bi pričel govoriti. Menili so se bili o prejšnjem gospodarju potoškem in teta Mara pravila je o dolenskem gradu, kateri je bil prej lastnina Wernerjeva. (Dalje prihodnjik)

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Just after the turn of the century September 1903, a new and modern school building was opened on Willson Street. The school was named after the street as was the custom fifty years ago. Willson spelled with two "L's" can be traced back to the family name of a jurist of Cleveland's earlier days, Judge Hirna V. Willson who owned property at the Euclid Avenue corner. He decided to buy about one hundred acres and lay out a street through this property. This was called Willson Street. Then he sold lots and made a sizable fortune out of the venture. Willson Street had a more rapid growth south of Euclid Road and soon extended to Woodland Road. Willson Street was settled more slowly north to the lake in later years. It was known as a beautiful avenue but many of its fine residences have disappeared. On Sunday mornings the avenue became in reality a street of churches. Within two blocks of the school still stand five churches of five different faiths.

The new Willson school district was made out of the eastern section of the Waring and Case district and the western section of Dunham. It was not to be just another eight year school. Willson was to fill a need that existed fifty years ago as it exists today. It was opened as a training school, to educate young women to teach in the elementary schools of Cleveland. More than a thousand young women who were educated at the Cleveland Normal School and later at the School of Education at Western Reserve University received their professional training and developed teaching skills under the guidance of the training teachers at Willson.

In 1910 the first school for crippled children in Cleveland was opened in a portable building at Willson. This small beginning in time grew into the beautiful Sunbeam School for Crippled Children of today.

In 1918 Willson became a junior high school. Pupils in the first six grades were returned to the neighboring elementary schools and Willson received their seventh and eighth grade pupils. Fresh in the memory of older graduates will be the first principal of Willson, Miss Harriet E. Corlett, a grand lady of Cleveland Public Schools and

principal of Willson for twenty-six years. The curriculum was entirely remade for the new junior high school. It was broadened and deepened in all areas. Provision was made for students to study industrial and home arts which provide basic preparation for an occupation in an industrial city. Shops for boys and home economic laboratories were organized for girls. More men teachers were added to the faculty. Latin as well as French was taught. German was dropped from the curriculum after World War I. It was a war casualty and it has never been re-instated.

At this time after the first World War, Willson had evening classes for adults and steamer classes for those who had just arrived from Europe. These were citizenship classes where many Slovenian adults learned not only the language but also how to become good citizens of their adopted country.

In 1927 an addition to the original building was opened. It contained a gymnasium and two boys shops in the basement with an auditorium and five classrooms on the first and second floors. A cafeteria and three more class rooms were added by the third floor.

When Miss Corlett retired in 1929, Dr. Arthur Carr was named to succeed her. Dr. Carr continued to educate the boys and girls at Willson in responsible citizenship. The student governing body was remodeled and strengthened. The Book-room a service project was established to help students obtain or dispose of second hand books. These were the dark days of depression. Schools were hard pressed to keep running and parents had difficulty to finance their children's education.

Mr. Frank J. Bush followed Dr. Carr and was principal of Willson from 1933 to 1944.

Mr. Bush came to Willson in the depth of the depression. At that time we were serving over four hundred free lunches in our cafeteria. Carnivals were held to provide funds, from which shoes and clothing for the less fortunate might be purchased. These were the days of the National Youth Administration. Mr. Bush provided these work opportunities for needy students. The Willson Parent Teacher Association helped in

every effort to keep school age pupils in school.

The social and recreational program of the school was broadened and extended. Many after school clubs were organized under the Student Council.

January 15, 1941 the Willson Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society was founded. Its purpose is to stimulate high scholarship, sound character, responsible citizenship and to develop leadership through extra-curricular activities.

The threatening rumble of war became a reality on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day. There followed the days of scrap collection; air raid drills; first aid courses offered for teachers and for pupils; paper conservation. War Bonds were sold. More than a thousand former Willson boys and girls left high school or their jobs to join some branch of the armed forces. Thirty-three gold stars showed on the service flag that hung in the hall.

Mr. Lloyd Z. Walton was promoted to the principalship of Willson in September 1944. The next month, October 20, 1944, the East Ohio Gas explosion brought our greatest community tragedy. It also brought Willson our greatest opportunity to serve our community. As the distraught parents and frantic children rushed to their school for answers to their questions, our staff of teachers prepared our buildings as an emergency shelter. Chairs were brought from the class rooms to the halls and corridors, girls from the home economics class began to serve hot tea to the disaster people. Teachers set up registration desks to interview those who fled for safety or came to inquire about members of their family. In the library they registered families with vacant rooms or space available for housing the homeless. Toward evening the Red Cross arrived with their volunteers; the Waves, Student Nurses and Air Cadets. The school was organized as a Red Cross disaster center. The sign of relief known all over the world—the Red Cross Banner—hung in the Willson library window from October 20 to October 24, 1944.

As always those in distress flocked to its shelter. About 400 families registered at Willson. 310 homeless persons stayed at Willson the first night. School continued in session these four days—I cannot say "as usual." The pupils young in years demonstrated under most trying

conditions their courage and fortitude. The loyal and faithful teachers gave of themselves lavishly and earned the everlasting respectant gratitude of their community. Mr. Walton the new principal of only a few weeks gained a fine understanding of the people and their problems in this community.

In 1948 one hundred twenty mentally deficient boys were transferred from Sowinski School to Willson.

In 1952 Willson responded again to a community need and a group of fifteen braille pupils with a second group of fourteen

sight-saving pupils were housed at Willson.

At mid-century Willson has three distinct schools with three more or less separate faculties housed in the one building.

January 1952 Mr. Walton was transferred to Thomas Jefferson Junior High to fill the vacancy left when Mr. Derrick was called back into the army.

Mr. John E. Lee was promoted from an assistant principalship at South High to the vacant principalship at Willson. With an eye to the future and the changing population trends of the neighborhood, Mr. Lee



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CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Hrvatin of 15918 Whitcomb Road, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 23rd. Their son, relatives and many friends gathered at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue, to honor them with a surprise party. Congratulations!

40th ANNIVERSARY

The well known Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Angela Ogrin, 18508 Shawnee Avenue, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 26th. The Ogrins are popular in fraternal and cultural circles. Their many friends and relatives congratulate them, with best wishes for continued good health and happiness together.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary recently, were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cebulj, 19806 Muskoka Avenue. Their daughter, relatives and many friends join in extending best wishes to them for continued happiness together.

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets are now available for the coming performance of Glasbena Matica. The operas to be presented will be "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci." Reserved seat tickets may be purchased from any of the members of the choral group, or may be ordered by mail. Address orders to Glasbena Matica, 6411 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland 3, Ohio.

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CRANWOOD RACES OPEN JUNE 8th

One of the fastest racehorses to perform in Ohio in recent years will make several appearances during the forthcoming Cranwood racemeeting. Owner-trainer Garnett Y. Booker of Abington, Va. is planning to bring turf-star Mad Hare here for the feature events at the Cleveland racetrack. Last season Mad Hare, who has won over \$30,000 in purse money to date, went postward four times at Cranwood, winning three and placing second in her other start. She went on from there to be one of the sensations of the Florida winter season and recently captured a \$10,000 stakes at Gulfstream Park. Currently the Booker colorbearer is being campaigned at Pimlico.

Cranwood opens a 35-day running racemeeting on Monday, June 8 which will continue through Friday, July 17.

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Pioneer Slovene Mortician Dies



Joseph Zele

Joseph Zele, dean of the Slovene morticians passed away last Friday at his home, 452 East 152nd Street, after a three month illness. Mr. Zele, who at 86 years of age was active in his business establishment until his illness forced him to bed, was also active in cultural, fraternal and civic affairs.

Born in Yugoslavia, Mr. Zele, a skilled cabinet maker, came to America in 1900. He studied at the Warsham College of Embalming in Chicago, and became a fully licensed funeral director. His first funeral establishment was located in the old Slovene neighborhood at East 39th and St. Clair Avenue. Later he moved the funeral home to East 61st and St. Clair Avenue, and in 1917 he erected a modern brick building at 6502 St. Clair Avenue, where the funeral home is still located. As more and more of the Slovene families left the St. Clair neighborhood and settled in the Collinwood-Nottingham area, Mr. Zele, in keeping astride with these changes, established a branch funeral home, located at 458 East 152nd Street.

Mr. Zele was noted for his support of cultural, fraternal and charitable organizations. His pet group was the Juvenile chorus of the Slovenian Workmen's Home, which he helped organize and gave his fullest support throughout the years. He was a member of Woodman of the World, the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association, the Slovenian National Benefit Association, and the Cuyahoga, state and national funeral directors associations. Surviving Mr. Zele are two sons, Louis A. and Joseph Jr., two daughters, Mrs. Josephine Hirter and Mrs. Justine Girod, and nine grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his wife Theresa, to whom he had been married for 48 years, who died in 1947, and three sons, Henry in 1918, Ferdinand, who was killed in an air crash while in the service during World War I, and August, who passed away in 1934.

Funeral services for Mr. Zele were held Tuesday morning from the funeral home on East 152nd Street, with services in St. Vitus Church and interment in the family plot in Calvary Cemetery.



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WEDDING BELLS Lesar-Pokren

Tomorrow morning at 10:30, St. Jerome's Church will be the scene of a wedding, uniting in marriage Miss Agnes Lesar and Mr. Jerry Pokren. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Jennie Lesar, 15804 Huntmere Avenue. Mr. Pokren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno and Marie Pokren, 468 East 272 Street.

Znidarsic-Glivar

Miss Helen Znidarsic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Znidarsic, 16029 Arcade Avenue, will become the bride of Mr. Charles Glivar, 854 East 139 Street, tomorrow morning at 9:30. The wedding ceremony will be performed in St. Jerome's Church.

Zgonc-Strnad

Last Saturday, May 23rd, Miss Mary Strnad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Strnad of the Strnad Grocery and Meat Market, East 77 Street, became the bride of Mr. John Zgonc Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zgonc, 20996 Tracy Avenue. The marriage was performed in St. Vitus Church. A wedding reception for relatives and guests was held in the evening, at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Speh of 18203 Nottingham Road, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children, relatives, and many friends extend congratulations and best wishes to them on this happy occasion.

INJURED AT WORK

On Friday, May 15th, Mr. Frank Alich of 1234 East 163 Street was injured while at work at New York Central Shops. He is confined to Euclid-Glenville Hospital. Visitors are permitted.

CONVALESCING

Mr. Jim Rotter has returned to his home at 19615 Kewanee Avenue, after being confined to the hospital. Friends may visit him.

OBITUARIES

Perko, Mary—of 8614 Capital Avenue. 81 years of age. Mother of Mary, Mrs. Louise Mismas, Anthony, William and Ignatius. Sister of Mrs. Antonia Vidich of Aspen, Colorado.

Sterle, Max—55 years of age. Residence at 5801 Prosser Avenue. Father of Carmen, nephew of Jernej Kravosec, and cousin of John Krasovec.

Struss, Mary—Residence at 1386 East 30 Street. 73 years of age. Mother of Mrs. Anna Kline.

Tome, Katherine—71 years of age. Family residence at 6206 Dibble Avenue. Member of KSKJ and Altar Society of St. Vitus. Wife of Michael, mother of Martin, Stanislav, Thomas, Mrs. Jean Trzeciak, Rev. Victor Tome, assistant pastor of St. Vitus Church, Mrs. Katherine Stopar, Michael Jr., Mary and Agnes. Grandmother of nine.

Zimmerman, Joseph—of 924 Alhambra Rd. 53 years of age. Member of SDZ. Husband of Jennie, father of Eleanor. Brother of Tony, Ivan, Marija, Frances and Ivana, all of Yugoslavia.

S.D.Z. No. 2 Notes

Our May meeting was all that we had anticipated and more. We're sure any of the ladies questioned would say that they really had an enjoyable evening. The guests of honor were our esteemed members who had reached the venerable age of 70. Those who attended in response to invitations were Mrs. Frances Zugovitz, Mrs. Frances Hudovernik, Mrs. Ivana Vokac, Mrs. Emma Sayhar, Mrs. Ivana Homovec and, of course our president, Mrs. Nežka Kalan. Mrs. Petric presented them all with red carnations and what with all the edible and liquid refreshments there was quite a festive spirit prevalent. Here's hoping we have many more occasions that bring so many ladies to join in our monthly meetings. It was nice to greet Lillian Ivancic Ribarich again, and to meet Evelyn Schutte. Of course, it wasn't all play. We had our serious business meeting too. There was our customary donation to the Cancer Society, which has everyone's approval and good wishes. Also, an invitation was extended to Lodge No. 61 to join us at some of our get-togethers and meetings. We miss them and sincerely wish to have them among us once more.

The new membership campaign was discussed and everyone is urged to do his or her utmost to sign up additional members for our Svobodomiselnice Slovenke. It's a fine lodge, but with more members it just couldn't be beat.

The \$1 award went to our jolly Mrs. Mikus. There was a bright note in our sick list this time. Mrs. Mary Znidarsic, Mrs. Frances Zupin and Mrs. Mary Peterlin reported well. We're happy for them. Others still on the list were Mrs. Frances Hovecar, Mrs. Josephine Stadler, Mrs. Antonia Jesenovc, Mrs. Mary Presko, Mrs. Frances Hegler, Mrs. Jennie Racic, Mrs. Josephine Radina, Mrs. Josephine Levec and Mrs. Mary Belaj. We sincerely wish they will soon join the others on the recovered list.

Since the last get-together at Mrs. Petric's home was such a wonderful success, everyone thought it a fine idea to do a repeat of the affair. This time the ladies will gather at the home of Mrs. Zagar on June 3rd, in the afternoon. Her address is 19276 Newton Avenue, and all of you who want to go should call Mrs. Kalan. Come on ladies, find out what a gay time you can have on an afternoon out.

Our next meeting is June 11th at the usual place. We hope to see you all then.

—Rose Alden

EN ROUTE TO EUROPE

Mrs. Josephine Erjavec, former secretary of the Slovenian Women's Union, her daughter Jonita, and grandson Ronald, all left for Europe this week, sailing on the Queen Mary. Others leaving this week, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Mary Zele of North Vine Street, Mrs. Julia Peternel of Carl Avenue, Mrs. Millicent Stois, 1117 East 68 Street, Mrs. Matilda Samide, 1419 East 55 Street, and Mrs. Gus Streiner, 768 East 72 Street.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Brundula, 17817 Delavan Road, are announcing the birth of a son, their first child. Grandparents for the first time, are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tisovec of Delavan Road. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brundula of 579 Bishop Road. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tisovec of Dayton Road, Madison, Ohio.

A baby girl, their second child, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Joan Kumel, 1119 East 177 Street. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cekada of East 177 Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kumel. Mr. Frank Kumel became great-grandfather for the second time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prijatelj Jr. of Rt. 44, Chardon, Ohio, are the happy parents of a baby girl, their first child. Mother, the former Dorothy Ostroska, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ostroska, 812 River Street, Grand River, Ohio, who became grandparents for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. John Prijatelj of 411 Depot St., Conneaut, Ohio, became grandparents for the fifth time.

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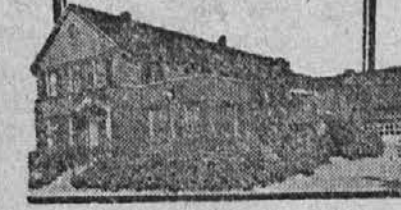
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MEETING TONIGHT
Lodge Zavedni Sosedje No. 158 SNPJ, will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight, May 29th, at the American Jugoslav Center on Recher Avenue. All members are urged to attend. During the absence of Secretary Mr. Charles Zele, who is vacationing in Europe, his daughter Miss Dorothy Zele will take over his lodge duties.

PICNIC SUNDAY

The Ladies Club of the SNPJ Farm will sponsor a picnic this Sunday, May 31st at the Farm located on Heath and Chardon Rd. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. There will be plenty of refreshments available, and music for dancing will be furnished by Richard Vadnal and his orchestra.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Tuesday, May 26th, marked the 80th birthday of Mrs. Caroline Modic, of Modic's Cafe, 6201 St. Clair Avenue. Despite her age, Mrs. Modic is still active, and prepares all the lunches for her daily customers at the cafe. Congratulations!

32nd WARD DEMOCRATIC CLUB

At the regular monthly meeting of the 32nd Ward Democratic Club the following officers for 1953-54 were installed: Frank Znidarsic, president; Joe Music, 1st vice president; Jack Banko, 2nd vice president; Eleanor McGroarty, 3rd vice president; Cecelia M. Wolf, secretary; Belle Bunin, treasurer; Frank Verholz and Louis E. Uraier, sergeants-at-arms.

After paying tribute to Ann Dorington who resigned because of ill health, Leonard Cervenik introduced Mrs. Dorothea Skelley as the new Lady Ward Leader. John Fakult, Councilman, gave a resume of improvements under way in the ward and also explained tentative projects which he has proposed.

A resolution was passed to urge Mayor Thomas A. Burke to run for reelection this fall.

A recess has been called for the summer months but activities will be in full swing in September. This has been assured by the appointment of Frank Verhovec, Joseph Poznic and Louis Juratovec as the Program Committee.

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