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WITH OUR JUNIORS

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Thanksgiving Greetings

*Wagonloads of pumpkins, as
yellow as gold,
Onions in silvery strings,
Shining red apples and clusters
of grapes,
Nuts and a host of good
things—
Chickens and turkeys and fat
little pigs,
These are what Thanksgiving
brings.*

Anon.

Soon another day of happiness and good cheer will be with us. Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated on next Thursday, Nov. 26 . . . This festival day is given special significance in homes throughout our country because of its American origin in 1621 by the Pilgrims who came to America seeking religious freedom . . . On their first Thanksgiving Day they gave thanks that their lives had been spared and called upon the Lord to protect their

families from the dangers by which they were surrounded.

Today, over three hundred years after the landing of the Pilgrims, we, too, have much to be thankful for and many dangers to guard ourselves against . . . As in the past so now, there are many unfortunate families who, strive as they might, have never been able to provide more than the bare necessities of life for themselves . . . It is these unfortunate ones in our midst, whom, it is our duty to help make happy.

Vrtec Administrators(trices) and members, you will have a happier Thanksgiving if you plan a happy day for some less fortunate member in need of sympathy and aid . . . May this coming Thanksgiving Day be abundant with joy, feasting and thankfulness for each and every one of you.

Like Good News? — Read This

According to the decision of the Supreme Executive Committee at its last regular quarterly session, all assessment, remitted by the Vrtec Administrator(trix) or secretary for the month of November, less assessment paid for re-instated members for months previous to November, will be returned in the following month . . . This does not imply that the Administrator(trix) or secretary, or both, need not collect November's assessment . . . Collect the assessment for the current month from your members the same as if there were to be no refund, then fill out the monthly report and forward same, accompanied by money order, check or cash, to the Supreme Office.

This refund, which is similar to one made last year, may be used towards payment of De-

ember's assessment or, if the Administrator(trix) and members choose, towards the expenses of a XMAS PARTY. Personally, I'd much rather see the money spent for a party. The youngsters will appreciate it much more and remember it far into the new year. The Society, too, will benefit through its local advertising possibilities and through the good impression it will naturally create in their minds. So, wherever it can be conveniently arranged, Vrtec Administrators(trices) are urged to give their Vrtec members a Xmas treat and a party. Remember to invite Santa Claus with his big bag of toys, one for every good little boy and girl, especially, those who have attended their meetings regularly, paid their dues on time, and otherwise took an active part in Vrtec affairs.

Pennsylvania Vrtec Adds 50 New Members

Here is more good news for our Vrtec enthusiasts . . . How many of you read the most en-

couraging news of the year about our newest active Vrtec at BRIDGEVILLE, PA.? . . .

Our Supreme President, brother *John Kwartich*, is its organizer and it was almost entirely due to his efforts that 50 new members were enrolled . . . A month ago, Vrtec No. 169 numbered only 3 members—today, it tips the scale at 53! Some jump, eh? . . . Reports emanating from that district state further that the work is not yet done and that in the near future more new members will be added to the fold.

What better news could anyone wish for? It is inspiring beyond words and should lead many other inactive Vrtec units into the active column where they rightfully belong. The way to give youth a chance to progress on its own is to give it a chance to belong to an active Vrtec unit of the SSPZ.

Although, Bridgeville, Pa., as one would say in good everyday slang, won the cake and the marbles in a walk this month, down Indiana Way, in a little town named CLINTON, which homes Vrtec No. 28, we find brother JOHN SKOFF, Administrator, a very busy organizer . . . In the past three months, brother Skoff has added 15 new members to his Vrtec unit—This unit is not, yet, an active one, but we are sure that, very shortly, brother Skoff will bring it into the active fold and see, too, that it gains a respective place among the top-netchers.

Other notable increases were reported by Vrtec No. 12, Palisade, Colo., where brothers Frank Mautz and Louis Supan-

cic are showing the way to greater progress . . . Vrtec No. 160, Chicago, came through with flying colors once more—Not one step backward has been taken by this Vrtec unit since its organization, which speaks mighty well of brother Victor Zupancic, Administrator, and little sister Wilma Gratchner, secretary . . . Vrtec No. 122 (inactive), Harwick, Pa., gained 3 new members in October . . . Vrtec No. 170 (inactive), Scofield, Utah, obtained 2 new additions—Administrators for the latter two units are, respectively, brothers Frank Nosse and John Bizjak.

And so we find October leading all other months of 1936 by a comfortable margin. But the year is not, yet, over. The books are not closed. There is still much work to be done and a possible chance that both November and December will bear even more successful tidings than October. Certainly nothing would be more pleasing or inspiring to the Supreme officers, and to less active leaders and members, than a record-breaking advance in the closing months of the current year.

What finer XMAS GIFT could the organization ask of any of you than to gain one or two members for your Vrtec unit between now and the end of the year . . . Again, I urge you! Get into the thick of this membership business and bring into the Society at least one new member before the books of 1936 are closed and sealed forever! I'm sure you can do it!

Our Vrtec Supplement

Vrtec Administrators(trices) and members should not forget that the Vrtec supplement is issued EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH and its success depends, almost entirely, upon contributions written and sent in by them . . . The more articles submitted for publication by our Juniors and their supervisors the more attractive will be the paper.

I cannot emphasize, too

strongly, that our first three issues have been far below the standard we had hoped to reach . . . Our Administrators(trices), particularly, have failed to accept a fair share of responsibility . . . With but one exception (a single article by "Uncle" Charlie Koman of the Spartan Juniors), there have been no others to brighten the page. In many respects, it re-

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Health Perils

This week, on the strength of reports from scientists meeting in many sections of the country, the reading public had a number of new health perils to think about. They ranged all the way from baby shoes to maladjustment.

Baby Shoes—Dr. Max Cohen, child specialist, told the National Association of Chiropractors in New York that babies should not wear shoes until they have learned to walk. "Allow a child to move about barefoot when he is learning to walk," he warned. "Because a baby's bones are soft, shoes can easily misform the feet."

Cold Showers — Nobody should take cold showers or cold baths, Dr. Hans J. Behrend announced. Reporting to the American Congress of Physical Therapy, Dr. Behrend, adjunct physical therapist at New York's Hospital for Joint Diseases, said a cold shower or bath following a hot one subjected the body to "two shocks which are injurious to the circulatory system." He advised a bath of about 98 degrees, to be cooled slowly to about 85 degrees by the introduction of cold water.

Maladjustment — Dr. N. H. Palmer of Tulane University reported that maladjustment of workers to their jobs may cause a serious mental disease known as traumatic neurosis. The neurosis, he explained, may bring on paralysis or prolonged disability of some part of the body. He said the disease hits many who are unhappy because they are doing the wrong kind of work. Paralysis caused by it yields to electrical treatment, he stated, or to a psychiatric approach convincing the patient that his physical disability exists only in the mind.

Excessive Idleness — A bad neurosis or harmful mental condition is often suffered by convalescent patients if they

Inhibition

In all her 45 years of life, Minnie Wall has never spoken a word to her father, and no one knows why—not even herself.

Minnie can't explain it. Chas. Wall, her 81-year-old father, can't explain it. Her brother Sam can't. Her neighbors can't. Nobody can.

At the Wall home in College Springs, Iowa, last week, as father and daughter were photographed together, it was explained that she talks freely and easily with everybody else, that she hears her father, but that she just "chokes up" when he tries to talk to him or when she attempts to discuss why her speech with him is so strangely inhibited.

Said her father: "We've lived together here ever since she was born, without her saying a word to me. She tries to talk to me, and she tries hard. But it's just a funny sound in her throat. Why, one time I laid \$500 on the table and her mother told Monnie the money was hers if she'd just ask me for it. But she never did."

Wall said he thought his daughter was "birth-marked" in some mysterious way before she was born. What psychiatrists think is not known, because Minnie never has gone to one for an explanation.

Mrs. Wimpus—Oh, Mike, the installment man's here.

Wimpus—I'll be there in a minute. Tell him to take a chair.

Mrs. Wimpus—I did, but he said he'd start with the radio and piano.

are kept excessively comfortable or idle. This was reported by Dr. Robert H. Kennedy, associate professor of clinical surgery at Columbia University's medical school. He warned against prolonged treatments as being sometimes more harmful than the original malady.

LEPERS

Leprosy, a scourge as old as history, has again entered the news. Within the past fortnight, 235 lepers escaped from and later returned to San Lazaro Hospital in Manila, P. I. Their action reminded the world once more that the ancient disease still constitutes a great problem and that there are agencies constantly seeking to solve it.

The trouble in Manilla started when a group of lepers marched from the hospital to demand that they be allowed to return to their homes. The pleadings of health authorities finally convinced the marchers that they should go back and that they could not expect to live freely in the outside world until regional leprosaria were established. Later, Dr. Eugenio Hernando, acting director of health in Manila, explained to newspaper men that the government did not intend to relax its policy of segregating the afflicted until science could offer full assurance that the disease was no longer contagious.

Commenting on the Manila escape, Dr. Victor G. Heiser, president of the International Leprosy Association, told New York reporters that he could understand the outbreak because "lepers seldom realize the gravity of their own condition." He said leprosy in the Philippines was one of the most dangerous of contagious diseases, with five out of every 1,000 persons suffering from it. He pointed out, however, that leprosy in some places was not at all contagious. As an illustration, he said 200 lepers could parade thru a densely crowded Manhattan street without endangering New Yorkers. Altho the reason is not known, the same would hold true for London, he said, but not for California and other parts of the world.

Meanwhile, as the Manila story appeared in the press, the public heard a plea for cooperation with the Leonard Wood Memorial (American Leprosy Foundation). In its appeal for a more complete recognition of the problem, the leprosy foundation made it clear that medical science was the leper's sole hope and that funds would be helpful in pushing the scientific drive against the disease.

Among the facts made public by the Leonard Wood organization were these:

The estimated number of lepers in the world today is 3,000,000, with approximately 15,000 in the Philippine Islands alone.

The world's largest leper colony is under the American flag, at Culion, an island 200 miles south of Manila, where 7,000 lepers live.

The only organization carrying on scientific research to

Water Safeguards

Health authorities last week had before them a suggestion that the Federal government undertake a public works project to eliminate water pollution throughout the nation.

The suggestion was made by Kenneth A. Reid, national director of the Izaak Walton League, in an address not many days ago at the annual convention of the Association of Audubon Societies. Water pollution in the United States, he said, causes an annual capital loss of \$6,250,000,000.

"Streams," Reid asserted, "have been used by both municipalities and industry as an easy and convenient method for getting rid of wastes without any thought for destroyed biological values or for the dire effects in downstream communities."

Criticizing Secretary of Interior Ickes for not making more use of public works funds to fight pollution, Reid said all conservationists were agreed that a broad program should be launched to keep streams and rivers clean. Adequate sewage disposal facilities, he intimated, should be a health requirement in all towns.

An important pollution detail not touched upon by Reid was that having to do not with streams but with cross-connection plumbing in city water supply systems. This type of plumbing, long a health problem, is used in almost every city where industrial plants mix their own private well or spring water with the public supply.

This connection of two different supplies is generally regulated by a double-valve arrangement designed to prevent any backflow of private and possibly polluted water into public mains. Though much better than a direct connection, double-valve plumbing is not regarded as absolutely safe because danger exists when the cross-connections are not properly regulated. According to the Journal of the American Waterwork Society, "unprotected cross-connections may well be classed as the outstanding public health danger in waterworks operation." (Cross-connections lead all other causes of water-borne typhoid and they rank high among the causes of dysentery).

Thus, from the standpoint of public health, the problem of water pollution is viewed by experts as involving two major factors: (1) widespread construction of sewage disposal plants to eliminate danger in the streams themselves; and (2) careful regulation of the water mains supplying homes.

deal with the problem is the Leonard Wood Memorial.

The children of lepers are born clean; the disease is not hereditary.

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minds me of a deliberate boycott.

Several complaints have found their way to my desk stating that too much Slovene is used in our Junior supplement. This fell to our attention some time ago . . . My suggestion is that not more than one-fourth of the space should be allotted to Slovene articles and instead of giving it the front page, the third page should be utilized for this purpose . . . I believe, also, that fewer of our Vrtec articles (some are excepted) should be printed on the E. S. L. Page, but should be reserved for the monthly Vrtec supplement. These suggestions, I'm sure, will help remove some of the dullness which has been characteristic of the introductory copies.

December marks the close of the year and with it comes the last edition of our Vrtec supplement for 1936 . . . It will be the XMAS ISSUE . . . Does that mean anything to you or doesn't it? . . . Won't you all try to cooperate with the editor by adding your bit of news to his and thus make it more enjoyable for all of us to read? FREE yourselves of writers' cramp . . . PROVE to your elders that the Vrtec Supplement is here to stay; that you don't intend to give it up; that soon it will be composed of six pages instead of four!! That's the spirit you must display in order to prove you do want to continue having your own medium of expression and that you appreciate it! You asked for it; it is up to you to give it life or let it die. Which shall it be? Now is the time to make your choice.

Lukey in njegov škorec

Lukey je raste in hodil v šolo. Nagajal je materi in učiteljici. Nikogar se ni bal. Po očetovem odhodu je bil gospodar v koči. Mati je bila predobra. Ni vpila nad njim. Če ga je tepla, je bolelo bolj njo nego Lukca.

Kadar je ni hotel ubogati, mu je včasih rekla: "Umrta bom, če boš tak." To je Lukca pretreslo. Če umre mati, bo ostal sam. Postal je zamišljen, težko mu je bilo. Pa je kmalu pozabil na to. Jedel je z očetovo žlico, nosil očetov klobuk in stare očetove čevlje.

Kadar je bila mati obupana nad njim, mu je zagrozila: "Povedala bom očetu."

To je Lukca res skrbelo. Očeta je imel rad, vendar se ga je bal. Po taki grožnji je bil nekaj dni dober. Pa si je mislil: "Kako mu bo povedala? Saj ne gremo v Ameriko." Postal je znova poreden.

Marjeta se je bala trenutka, ko bo treba zapustiti domačijo. A se ga je tudi veselila. Bala se je, kaj bo iz sina, če bo ostal pri nji. Oče ga bo že trdo prijel.

Še nekaj drugega jo je siliilo od doma. . . Kovačija je že več let počivala. Neki fant iz vasi se je bil izučil za kovača. Rad bi bil najel koč s kovačnico in vrtom. Gospodar koč, vaški krčmar, je izpraševal Marjeto, kadar jo je srečal:

"Kdaj se boste izselili?"

"Potrpite," je prosila Marjeta, "Morda pojdemo za vedno od tu."

Dan odhoda je prišel, preden ga je pričakovala.

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Lukey je postal priden in ubogljiv. Včasih se je spozabil, a se je takoj spomnil na očeta. Kaj, če mu mati vse pove? Moral je misliti in skrbeti. S škorcem se ni toliko igral kot prej.

Tovarišem v šoli je bil povedal: "Z materjo pojdeva v Ameriko."

Med poukom ga je dregnil Tone: "Boš dal meni škorca?"

"Ne," mu je odgovoril.

"Liro ti dam zanj," mu je ponujal Peter.

"Ne dam ga."

"Saj ga ne boš smel vzeti s seboj. Poginil ti bo. Na poti ti bo ušel."

Učiteljica je opazila šepet. Povedali so ji, da gre Lukey v Ameriko. Spomnila se je, da Lukčeve matere še ni bilo k nji. Ali ji ni povedal? Lukey je bil v zadregi. Stisnil je glavo in molčal. Strmel je na zemljevid.

Čez nekaj časa je dvignil roko: "Prosim, ali so v Argentiniji velika mesta?"

Imeli so računstvo. Učiteljica se je začudena ozrla po Lukcu. Njegove oči so gledale odkrito. Nič porednega bleska ni bilo v njih. Bilo je prvič, da se je Lukey zanimal za kako stvar. Gospodična je zaprla računico in stopila k zemljevidu. Lukey nikoli ni tako pazno

poslušal kot tisto uro. Od vsega, kar mu je pripovedovala gospodična, je razumel le malo, skoraj nič. Vendar so mu zvene besede ko prijetna godba na uho.

Velika, velika mesta. Večja nego Trst. V Argentiniji prebivajo Španci. Tudi drugi narodi so tam. Celo Indijanci. Levov, tigrov in slonov tam ni, a so druge čudovite živali. . .

Lukey je prišel domov in povedal materi: "Gospodična učiteljica pravi, da pridite v šolo."

Mati je sklenila roke: "Toliko skrbi imam, zdaj pride še to na mojo glavo. Si ji že zopet nagajal?"

"Da. Toda že predvčerajšnjim," je povedal po resnici.

Mati je bila ko zmešana. V enem mesecu je bilo treba vse urediti in iti. . . Učiteljica jo je prijazno sprejela. Lukca skoraj ni omenila. Dala ji je roko, želela ji je srečno pot. Marjeti je bilo lažje pri srcu.

V mestu je vprašala: "Ali bo vse nared v enem mesecu?"

Gospodje so skomizgnili z rameni.

Kovaško orodje je prodala novemu kovaču. Tudi ostale reči v hiši so dobile vsaka svojega gospodarja. Pod njenim vzglavjem je ležala lepa vsota denarja. Ni ji dala spati. Gledala je v strop in mislila: "Kakšno bo novo življenje?"

Gospodje v mestu so ji končno povedali: "Manjka še to in ono. Odpeljati se morate dva tedna pozneje. . ." Marjeta je sklenila roke. Pisala je možu pismo in mu to povedala.

Lukey je imel druge skrbi. Pomeril si je novo obleko. Tako gosposki še ni bil nikdar. Bilo ga je skoraj sram, iti z njo v cerkev. Mati je bila prinesla dva kovčega. Lukey je naložil svojega in ga zaprl.

"Da ne boš vlačil neumnosti s seboj," mu je dejala mati.

"Ne," je odgovoril. Dolgo je odlašal, tedaj jo je poprosil: "Mati, dajte mi pet lir. Nekaj si bom kupil."

Ni hotel povedati, kaj. V vaški krčmi je visel ob uri tičnik. Nekoč so imeli kanarčka, a jim je bil poginil. To je bilo pred leti. Od tedaj je bila kletka prazna. Lukey je poželjivo gledal vanjo. Ali mu jo prodajo? Dejali so mu, da je vredna pet lir.

Mati se je dolga obotavljala, preden je dala Lukcu denar. Z njim je tekel Lukey naravnost v vas. Stopil je v krčmo in vrigel srebrnik pred krčmarja.

"Dajte mi tičnik!"

Dobil ga je. Premajhen je bil za škorca. Vrata bo treba razširiti. A bil je lep, ves iz rumene žice. Na vrhu je imel ročaj. Tako previdno kot deček v bajki, ki je našel zlato vodo za bolnega kralja, je prinesel Lukey kletko domov. Postavil jo je na mizo.

"Kaj pa je to?" ga je vprašala mati.

"Kletko sem kupil."

"Za pet lir?" se je zavzela Marjeta. "Zakaj ti bo?"

"Za škorca."

"Škorca poneseš s seboj? Ali nimava dovolj drugih reči? In Bog ve, če pustijo žival vzeti na ladjo?"

Lukcu je vzelo sapo. Da bi škorec ne smel v Ameriko? Na to Lukey ni bil pomislil. Skrb in žalost sta mu zadržnili grlo.

Škorčev oče je bil tudi škorec in njegova mati škoricica. Vsi njegovi sorodniki so bili škorci. Škorčev oče ni imel imena kot Klepec. Ta svojega očeta, ki se je rad družil z vrnanami in kavkami, še poznal ni. To je pa najbrže res, da je stari škorec vsake jeseni odletel v laške dežele. Mraza ni maral no snega. Po volji mu je bilo tolnce, črvi in polži.

Nekoč se je bil zaletel lovcu v mrežo. To mu ni bilo nič po volji. Človeškega jezika ni znal, kot pozneje njegov sin. Od jeze in žalosti je zamijavkal ko mačka, zavreščal ko sraka in še druge grde glasove je dal od sebe.

Lah je to slišal in se je prestrašil. Mislil je morda, da je vraga ujel v past. Od strahu je spustil mrežo, škorec pa je odletel in odnesel zdravo perje.

Spomladi se je vrnil domov. Srečala sta se z lepo, mlado škoricico. Ker sta se imela rada, sta si izbrala za dom duplo blizu kovačije. Spletla sta gnezdo. Škoricica je bila znesla vanj modrikasta jajčeka. Valila je, škorec ji je pel in ji prinašal polžev in črvov. Tu in tam tudi sladkih vipavskih češenj, ki sta jih posebno rada zobala.

To zgodbo o škorcju je bil zvedel Lukey od očeta. Ta mu je bil prinesel nekega jutra mladega Klepeca domov. Klepec je bil najbrž prezgodaj skočil iz gnezda, padel v grmovje in tam obležal. Oče je slišal njegovo tožbo in ga je pobral.

Mladi škorec je bil nekaj dni žalosten in klavern. Privadil se je koč in ljudi, postal je zabaven in vesel.

"Ali bo moj?" je vprašal Lukey očeta.

"Pa naj bo," je dejal ta, "če boš skrbel zanj."

To se je bilo zgodilo tistega leta, preden je bil odšel oče v Ameriko.

Lukey je skrbel za škorca. Še sanjal je o njem. Ptič je postal domač in zvest ko pes. Stopical je po izbi, hodil okoli koč. Mačke ali psa se je bal. Če ju je zagledal, je letel v skrivališče in strašno vpil. Vse leto je plesal, uganjal norčije. Le v jeseni, ko so odleteli njegovi bratci na jug, je postal žalosten in nemiren.

Škorec je dobro poznal svojega gospodarja. Rad ga je imel. Zamijavkal mu je kot mačka, zacvilil kot psiček, zakrutil kot prašiček. Izgovoril je besedo, zažvižgal kot kos, kar si je Lukey želel. Če se ta ni zmenil zanj, mu je sedel na ramo, ga pocuknil za uho: "Lukey! Luka!"

Deček je živali bolj stregel nego sebi. Pritrgal si je, da je dal škorcju. Postala sta si ne-ločljiva prijatelja. Če bi mu ga kdo vzela, bi postal njegov največji sovražnik. Tovarišem je bilo ti znano, zato so ga venomer dražaili: "Vzamemo ti škorca!"

"Poizkusite!"

Lukey je vedel, da je to le za šalo. Vendar se mu je že ob sami misli, da bi izgubil škorca, skrčilo srce. Stisnil je pesti.

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Mati je bila dejala Lukcu odločno: "Škorca ne vzameš s seboj!" Lukey bi bil najrajši zajokal. Kaj bo njemu Argentinija brez škorca? Pretekla sta dva dneva. Odločil se je, da bo še enkrat govoril z materjo. Roko je držal na kletki, obraz se mu je čudno nategoval.

(Dalje sledi)

Bead Swallower

In Washington, D. C., last April, one-year-old Robert Fowler swallowed the contents of a can of lye. His esophagus severely burned, he was rushed to a hospital where he received treatment for several days.

Not long after his discharge from the hospital, however, Baby Bobby began to refuse food and soon dropped in weight from 32 to 15 pounds. It was discovered that the lye's effect was closing up his throat and making it impossible for him to take even a drop of water. Dr. James A. Flynn, a nose and throat specialist, was called and, as a result, Bobby is today undergoing the first treatment of its kind ever recorded in this country.

In treating Bobby, Dr. Flynn's first step was to run an Irish linen thread down the boy's throat, through the esophagus and stomach and out through a rubber tube inserted in the abdominal wall. Then beads were strung on the thread the ends of which were knotted together to form a loop, and Bobby was instructed to swallow. Dr. Flynn varied the size of the beads as the condition of the esophagus improved.

Each day now, Bobby swallows a bead at least once, and gradually his esophagus is returning to its normal state. It is expected that Dr. Flynn will be able to pronounce him well within the next six months. Today the boy is back to his normal weight and can eat and drink almost everything he desires.

The technique of the bead treatment was learned by Dr. Flynn at the University of Bordeaux in France. It was originated by Prof. George Portmann, the French specialist who not long ago took part in a consultation over the severe throat ailment troubling Realm leader Adolf Hitler of Germany.

Letters From Our Vrtec Members

Spartan Jrs. Vrtec No. 5

Hello, Spartan Juniors! Who's interested in a good time? Everyone of course! Well, get an eyeful of this then!!

To start off with, on December 4th there is going to be a joint party with the Outlookers, held in the Workmen's Home on Waterloo road. We are to meet at 7 o'clock sharp in front of our Nat'l Home on St. Clair and E. 65th. We planned to go by means of street car so please have your fares along. Parents are also invited.

By the way, don't let the name "Outlookers" scare you away. If you haven't met any of that bunch yet you have passed up some fine chances of meeting some of the friendliest, brightest and most talented young people.

The next big affair will be our annual Christmas party to be held on Dec. 18. There will be refreshments, dancing, and games.

Can we count on you? Here's hoping for a big crowd and don't forget, the more, the merrier.

What is the matter with Frank Lujbe, Sophie Ponikvar, Marie Ruparcic, Louis Sadder and about seventy-five other members? Have you forgotten that a meeting is held every second Saturday of the month at 7:00? How about giving us twenty-five faithful members a surprise and come to our next meeting on Dec. 12. Elections will be held also so we need your full cooperation. Guess I've done enough scribbling so bye, bye till we meet again.

Helen Poklicky

COLLINWOOD, O. — SSPZ Vrtec No. 11 of Cleveland, O., is planning to have a basketball team, which consists of 10 ball players. As you know a basketball game is a fast game, and in which two teams compete with each other with five men on each team—center, left guard, right guard, left forward, right forward, are the positions which these boys play. The boys who we now are going out for the team are: Edward, Joseph, Mathew Stefanic, Elmer Jacob, Frank Pintar, and the others are as follows: Ernest Pintar, Joe Miheli, Edward Miheli, John Jaman, Stanley Petric, Frank Gacnik, Edward Selako, Stanley Selako and Frank Pucel. If you want to know about this basketball team come to our next meeting on December 4, 1936 which starts at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

By the

Handsome Grasshoppers

Vrtec No. 11

COLLINWOOD, O. — Our next meeting will be held on December 4th at 7:30 sharp. We would like to have most of the members present, as we have many things to discuss.

There are very few who have brought their pictures, so bring them at our next meeting.

Margaret and Otelia Stefanic

CLEVELAND, O. — Stand by for Junior Spartans red hot flash! As a token of thanks for making the program a success the United Lodges of SSPZ have arranged a joint party with the "Outlookers" on Friday, Dec. 4 at the Slovene Home in Collinwood. It was planned that we meet in front of our National Home at 7:00 p. m. sharp. I also extend a cordial invitation to all parents and friends who wish to accompany us. Here is a splendid chance to meet up with the "Outlookers" for they really are a wonderful bunch. Poilte, ambitious, jolly, and kind at all times. So come on members, come one and come all, the more the merrier.

To further the activities of the Jr. Spartans I have to add this. On Dec. 18 the Junior Spartans will hold a short meeting after which they will enjoy themselves with a Christmas party. At our last meeting I was certainly disappointed at the small attendance. You have wonderful opportunities before you but you fail to observe them.

For our winter activities it was arranged that ping-pong will be played after the meetings. So come on Marie, Sophie, Gladys and all other members—come and partake in a game of ping-pong.

Daniella Homovec,
Sec'y of Vrtec No. 5

OAKLAND, Cal. — I'm a girl eleven years of age and wish to become better acquainted with some other Vrtec members. I have been in it since 1930. I belonged to lodge No. 115 in Helper, Utah but transferred to lodge No. 46 at San Francisco. My two brothers are also members. My other three brothers and a sister belong to the senior lodge.

May one send stories to the Juvenile Section and have them printed?

Yours truly,

Lillian Nemanich, 1416 17th St., Oakland, California.

Editor's Note: Articles and stories of all kinds will be gladly published in the Vrtec Section. That's why SSPZ is publishing this little paper. Just write whatever is on your mind, and send it in. This also goes for Vrtec members in all parts of the country.

A Bit of Campaign Talk

Now that the recent election excitement has calmed down we, of the Vrtec No. 5 are going to have an election of our executive officers. The officers, Ed Stokel, president; Billy Vavpotic, vice-president; Gladys Mohoric, secretary; Daniella Homovec, treasurer, I think did their part to speed up the progress of the lodge.

If you want to express any ideas for the betterment of the lodge, come and express them at the next meeting, December 18th.

At the next meeting we are also going to have a social and we're all going to have a good time. Therefore it is a double important occasion to which parents are invited, also bring as many new members as possible.

The purpose of the lodge meeting is to express your opinions, debate upon them and to teach fraternalism—how to conduct meetings properly, how to bring discussions to a head and how to elect officers properly and thoughtfully. These things cannot be done without the assistance of the members and I urge the members to come to meetings and other lodge affairs.

Anthony Elersich

CLEVELAND, O. — The regular meeting of the Spartan Juniors was called to order November 14, 1936. About twenty members were present. Among the things that were discussed was about the membership. Only one new member was brought in this month. We have 174 members in Vrtec No. 5. Some of these ought to be able to get new members. We should have ten new members a month and not only one.

It was decided at the meeting to have a party with Vrtec No. 11 in Collinwood, December 4, 1936. Everyone is invited including parents. Meet in front of National Home 7:00 o'clock sharp. That's not all we decided at the meeting. Vrtec No. 5 will have a Christmas party, December 18, 1936. If you don't come you will miss a good time.

Thomas A. Tavcar, P. C.

CLEVELAND, O. — At the last meeting Vrtec No. 5 had decided to have a joint party with Vrtec No. 11 on Dec. 4 in the Workingmen's Home on Waterloo road. All members of Vrtec No. 5 are to meet in front of the Slovene National Home at 7 o'clock sharp. We want as many members as possible and don't forget to bring your parents with you. Admission is free.

The next meeting of Vrtec No. 5 will be held on Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 o'clock sharp. After the meeting there will be a Christmas party. Vrtec mem-

Big Boys

In Gloucester, Mass., there is a boy named Joseph Randazza, Ja. Joseph will not be four years old until Christmas Eve. He weighs 146 pounds and is four and one-half feet tall.

In Great Yarmouth, England, there is another boy quite as physically astonishing as young Joseph. His name is Leslie Bowles. Four years old, he weighs 154 pounds.

Together, Joseph and Leslie probably are the biggest children for their age in the entire world. Both apparently are healthy, lead fairly normal lives, and continue to grow.

The Randazza child, according to reports last week, puts on weight steadily, although his sister Grace, two years his senior, has a normal weight of 49 pounds. As active as his playmates, he takes part in neighborhood games and enjoys them to the full, except that his heaviness makes him tire more easily than most children. The Bowles boy, son of an unemployed fish worker, also is active and has a special talent for singing.

Excessive glandular activity accounts in all likelihood for the remarkable size of the two. How much heavier they will grow is an unpredictable matter.

Slavo Stinc:

PUNČKA SPI

Petelinček kikerika —
tiho!, moja punčka spi."
Muc mijavka, se dobrika —
"tihu!, moja punčka spi."
Kužek laja, bevska, vika —
"tihu!, moja punčka spi."
"Kak bi spala sredi krika?"
mala Milka govori.
Ziblje punčko in ji poje
pesmi, kolikor jih zna;
veter v oknih pa ji svoje
bajke tiho šepeta.
Mati v sobo je stopila —
"tihu!, moja punčka spi;
glej, da je ne boš zbudila" —
Milka materi veli.
Mati pa se ji nasmeje
in po prstih odhiti —
čuje: Milka več ne poje,
gleda: Milka tudi spi . . .

bers don't forget Friday, Dec. 18, is your lodge meeting.

Frank Drobnik, P. C.

Here I am calling you on invitation. The Spartan Jrs., are doing very poor for coming to the meetings. At the last meeting there were only 16 or 17 members. I am telling the members to come to every meeting. And now I am calling the attention of the members. On Dec. 4, 1936 we will have a Christmas Party with Vrtec No. 11, SSPZ. I wish you will all come. Now on December 18, 1936 we will have a meeting and at the meeting we will choose new officers. I do wish that the officers that were for 1936 will be for 1937. Please come and elect the new officers.

Ann Malich