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TEAMWORK

By *William F. Card*

The world is full of problems,
There's much to cause distress;
We all are bowed beneath the cares
That daily round us press;
There's only one solution,
'Tis simply stated, thus:
"A little less of you or me,
A little more of us."

The rule of each one for himself
Most foolish is to follow;
It brings no savor to the game,
Its victories are hollow.
But the other plan has never failed
To bring satisfaction, plus:
"A little less of you or me,
A little more of us."

A flake of snow is very small;
'Tis lost to sight quite quickly,
But many flakes, combined, will fill
The roads and pathways thickly.
United we can face the fight,
Without distress or fuss;
"A little less of you or me,
A little more of us."

ZIMSKA VOŽNJA

Hej, tja čez polje prostrano,
mimo neznanih strmin
gladko sani mi drčijo,
zvončki zvenijo: cin cin.

Semtertja tiho sneg vsiplje
z golih, dremotnih se vej,
bistro bežijo konjički
dalje in dalje naprej.

Vse se pred nami umika,
vse kakor veter beži,
daleč za nami je mesto,
v sivi se megli gubi . . .

Radivoj Peterlin-Petruška.

IS THE CRICKET A PEST?

Who does not love the cricket? Everybody, you say. And yet in the State of New York there appeared a case in the courts in which a tenant claimed that four or five crickets which lived in his apartment were "a plague of insects." But the Court decided that these crickets were not a nuisance. This is what Judge Pette said about our little friends.

While the cricket is classed as an insect and a bug, it would appear from a study of his life that instead of being a pest, he is a bright little fellow and fine musician. While both male and female can leap, the male produces the chirping sound which may be heard nightly in the open fields, and in country districts, in the neighborhood of the fireplace, since it is particularly fond of warmth.

Chamber's Encyclopedia says that the cricket "hides in nooks and crevices, loves the neighborhood of the fire, especially in winter. Its merry note has become associated with ideas of home, as in Dickens' 'The Cricket on the Hearth.' It remains quiet during the day, but hunts about actively at night for crumbs and other scraps. It is well known for the sound by means of which the male wins his mate. The loudest noise made by a cricket is probably that made by those who live in Sicily, which is stated to make itself heard at a distance of a mile. (We may be thankful that such a species does not inhabit these parts.)

The sound is produced by the filing or rubbing of one wing on the other, very much like the violinist applies his bow upon his violin.

Clarence Weed, a naturalist, speaking of the observation of crickets in a glass jar, says, "If you watch them carefully, you will see that they sing with the fiddles on their wings. Our American crickets are by no means lacking in interest. They are the best known of our insect musicians, and they give the warm evenings of late summer and early autumn a special charm which would be greatly missed without their notes. They are the easiest insects to observe in musical action, for they can be kept in a jar where they will keep on singing just as they do in an open field."

In Japan the crickets are kept in parks, and the government has had to pass regulations concerning their sale. In China and Japan the crickets are prized according to the quality of their song.

The evidence shows that the crickets were black, green, and silvery. The silvery cricket was probably one of the four or five species of tree crickets of whose fine notes Weed makes special mention as follows: "Listeners who study them carefully find that there is a rhythmic quality in the notes of the snowy tree cricket which differs from the more continuous tones of the striped tree cricket. The song of the former has well been described as a 'series of clear, high-pitched trills, rhythmically repeated, for an indefinite length of time.' The quality is that of a clear whistle, and has best been described by the word 're-treat.' The pitch varies somewhat with the temperature, but on an ordinary evening it is about C, two octaves above middle C, or on a warm evening, it may reach as high as D."

Dickens, in his beautiful tale, "The Cricket on the Hearth" has immortalized the chirping of these creatures as a symbol of peace and contentment. Indeed, in that story, the cricket sings only when things are running smoothly, but in times of sadness and trouble it is silent.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

"Back to School,"
drawn by **Rosemary
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Buhl, Minn.



FUN and FROLIC

Submitted by **Ann Sannemann**

groups, and are just for fun!

It is a good idea to set aside 15 or 20 minutes after meetings to teach the children a few simple action songs and dances. Besides being a fine form of relaxation, they give the group that "didn't we have fun" feeling. The ones described below have been used successfully with assorted age groups, and are just for fun!

Li'l 'Liza Jane (Action Song)

Music: Li'l 'Liza Jane (Old Song)

Words:

You got a gal an' I got none, Li'l 'Liza Jane,
Come my love an' be my one, Li'l 'Liza Jane,
O Eliza, Li'l 'Liza Jane.

Action:

All players are seated. They sing the song and stand up each time on the words "O, Eliza, Li'l 'Liza," stretching arms high over head and yell the word "O" and all sit down on the word "Jane."

My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean (Action Song)

Music: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" (Old Song)

Words:

My bonnie lies over the ocean,
My bonnie lies over the sea,
My bonnie lies over the ocean,
Oh bring back my bonnie to me.

Chorus:

Bring back, bring back,
Oh bring back my bonnie to me, to me,
Bring back, bring back,
Oh bring back my bonnie to me.

Action: The following actions are used for these words:

Word:	Action:
My	Point to self
bonnie	Make a bee, using thumb and first finger of each hand, fingertips together: lower the hands in this position to right knee.
lies	Lean head on two hands together at right ear as if sleeping.
over	Move right thumb over right shoulder.
ocean	Wave fingers of right hand to imitate waves.
sea	Make the letter "C", using thumb and first finger of right hand.
Oh	Make the letter "O" with the thumb and first finger of right hand.

bring	Use right hand to beckon to self.
back	Use right hand to touch own back.
to	Hold up two fingers of right hand.
me	Touch self with right hand.

Good Night Ladies (Action Song and Dance)

Music: "Good Night, Ladies"

Formation: Trios to form large circle. Boys are usually on the outside and a lady in the middle.

Boys face counterclockwise, lady clockwise.

Words: Action:

Good night ladies—Lady shakes hands with boy on right

Good night ladies—Lady shakes hands with boy on left

Good night ladies—Boys bow, ladies curtsey

We're going to—Lady moves on to the next leave you now. pair of boys.

Chorus:

Merrily we roll along
Roll along, roll along,
Merrily we roll along
O'er the deep blue sea.

Action:

During entire chorus the lady swings with boy on the right, with a right elbow swing, and then with the boy on the left with the left elbow, back with the right, continue to the end of the chorus. Repeat from the beginning, ladies shaking hands with the boys they had just swung.

Boys should sing the verse part of the song, with the girls all joining in on the chorus.

Deep in the Heart of Texas (Action Dance and Song)

Music: Chorus of "Deep in the Heart of Texas" popular song.

Words: As above.

Formation:

Players in couples offer their right arms to their ladies, all marching in large circle counterclockwise. You must have extra boys in the center of the circle, waiting their turn to get a partner.

Action:

- Couples walk seven steps forward with partners, at same time each boy looks at the girl ahead of him, for she is to be his next partner.
- Face partner, clap four times quickly.
- Boys face diagonally left forward, claim new partner and turn her once around. "Extras" in the center must rush in on 2 and 3 to claim a girl. All boys left without partners go to the center on 1. Repeat as many times as desired. The players should sing the song, and time themselves so that they clap hands (No. 2) in time with the music, which has hand clapping in it.

VČERAJ JE BILO, JUTRI BO...

Hermynia zur Muehlen.

Pravljice
Poslovenil A. C.

KAJ PRIPOVEDUJEJO PETRČKOVI PRIJATELJI?

(Nadaljevanje.)

Videl in vedel je, kako utrudljivo je bilo žagati debela, orjaška stebila z uborno malo ročno žago. Videl je, kako so se morali delavci ubijati, kako je bilo njihovo delo dolgotrajno ter je premišljeval, kako bi mogel ustvariti napravo, ki bi imela moč desetih mož. Priprava pa bi morala biti takšna, da bi se dala preprosto uporabljati ter bi jo bilo mogoče zaupati celo dečku.

Čarovnik je delal dolga, dolga leta v svoji mali koči. Postaral se je. Posivel je že, ko je naposled dokončal svoje delo. Z velikim veseljem je opazoval svojo pripravo. Položil je trepetajoče roke na kolena in ukazal sinu, naj skliče vse moške iz vasi.

Vaščani so prišli, zakaj njihova radovednost je bila večja, nego njihov strah. Tedaj je prinesel čarovnikov sin ogromen hrastov panj ter ga položil pod pripravo. Čarovnik je premaknil vzvod, priprava je začela glasno brneti, puščati bele oblake, orjaška žaga se je zagrizla v hrastov panj, se je premikala nekaj časa sem ter tja—rič, rič, rič, rič—in glej: hrastov panj se je razpolovil, kakor da je bil drobna vejica.

Vaščani so od začudenja odreveneli ter v prvem trenutku kar onemeli. Koj nato pa so ga obsuli z vprašanji.

"Ustvaril sem hlapca," je izjavil starec, "ki vam bo pri delu pomagal. Ni prav, če mora človek toliko garati, da mu niti pičila urica ne preostane za razvedrilo. Vidite, hlapec bo v treh, štirih urah opravil delo, za katero ste vi rabili več dni. Po delu boste prosti. Imeli boste dovolj časa za razvedrilo. Igrali se boste z otroki, pomenkovali z ženami. V bodoče vam ne bo več treba vleči, kakor živini."

Pokazal jim je, kako je ravnati z veliko žago. Ni bilo težko. Prav nasprotno: bilo je tako preprosto, da je bilo mogoče zaupati delo pri žagi celo desetletnemu dečku.

Možje so od veselja kar vriskali. Nikakor niso mogli najti zadosti primernih besed, da bi se čarovniku zahvalili. Čarovnik je svarilno dvignil roko in resno spregovoril:

"Darujem vam hlapca. Pazite pa, da hlapec ne postane vaš gospod! Bil bi neusmiljen gospodar. Zrl bi vaše življenje in življenja vaših otrok!"

Možje so se smejali. Spraševali so se:

"Norčeval bi se iz nas? Kako bi mogla mrtva stvar iz železa in usnja zagospodovati živim ljudem?"

Stari čarovnik jih je ves v skrbeh pogledal in spregovoril: "Dokler bo ta naprava vaša skupna lastnina, bo dober hlapec, ki vam bo pomagal. Če bi se kdaj zgodilo, da bi postal lastnina posameznika, bo neizprosno in hud gospodar!"

Nato je naročil svojemu sinu:

"Ti bodi hlapčev varuh! Izroči ga vedno tistim, ki potrebujejo njegove pomoči. Dokler boš moje zapoved vestno izpolnjeval, bo bdel nad teboj moj očetovski blagoslov. Če bo hlapec prišel kdaj po tvoji krivdi v oblast posameznika, boš preklet ti, tvoji otroci in otroci tvojih otrok!"

Možje so obljubili staremu čarovniku, da bo hlapec za vse večne čase lastnina vse občine, da se nihče ne bo drznil prilastiti si ga. Na skrivaj pa so se starcu in njegovemu svarilu posmehovali. "Revež, saj je čisto bo pamet!" je rekel vaški starejšina. "On misli, da so v žagi čarobne moči, ki bi utegnile iz nje ustvariti gospoda, ki bi zagospodoval vsej vasi. Stari norec!" Niti čarovnikov sin ni umel pravilno oceniti očetovih svarilnih besed ter se je starčku z drugimi vred posmehoval. Vendar pa so se vsi skrbno pazili, da ne bi svojih skritih misli izdali čarovniku. Bali so se, da jim ne bi svojega daru zopet vzel.

Dobri, stari čarovnik je najbrž čkal samo, da je svoje delo dokončal. Nekoliko dni po pravkar opisanem dogodku je legel ter umrl. Preden je za vedno zatisnil svoje dobre oči, jih je še enkrat, še poslednjič posvaril: "Pazite, da ne postane hlapec vaš gospod!"

Tedaj so nastopili za vso vas veseli časi. Hlapec je neutrudljivo delal; delo, za katero so prej delavci rabili po več dni, je opravil v štirih, petih urah. Vaščanom ni bilo več potrebno malone do smrti garati, da bi si zaslužili svoje življenjske potrebsčine, marveč so imeli dnevno po več ur počitka ter so postali živahni in dobro razpoloženi. Po vasi, ki je nekdanj bila tiha in žalostna, se je razlegal vesel smeh, vsepovsod so se zbijale vesele šale. Ljudje niso bili več tako utrujeni, da je bilo joj, nič več jih ni bolel po trdem delu ves život. Zato so bili medsebojno bolj strpni, dobri in ljubeznivi. Kmalu je vsa okolica nazivala ta kraj "srečno" vas. Marsikdo je pripotoval iz daljnjih krajev ter se tu naselil. Saj je bilo tu lepše, nego kjerkoli drugod.

Čarovnikov sin je bil dober in preprost dečko; upravljal je očetov dar zvesto ter se veselil blagostanja in sreče vasice. Marsikdaj se je smejal, ko se je spomnil očetovega svarila. Hlapec je vedno enako marljivo garal, sopihal, hupal in se pokoraval slehernemu gibu človeške roke. Kako je mogel vendar stari čarovnik verjeti, da bi ta mrtva stvar mogla kdaj komu zagospodovati!

Minilo je nekoliko let. Nekega dne se je priklatil v vas tujec. Bil je lepo in gosposko oblečen. Ob rejenem trebuhu mu je visela zlata verižica. Žvenkljal je z zlatniki, ki jih je nosil v žepu, in pripovedoval čudne reči o krasotah širnega sveta.

Njegovo napihnjeno obnašanje je vaščane dražilo. Zato so mu hoteli dokazati, da niti oni niso takšni berači. Dokazati so mu hoteli, da imajo nekaj, česar na vsem svetu nihče nima. Šli so torej z njim v veliko kolnico, ki so jo bili zgradili za hlapca, ter mu pokazali, kako urno in neutrudljivo hlapec dela.

(Dalje prihodnjič.)

Birthdays of the Great Men

By Louis Beniger

Janez Bleiweis

Janez Bleiweis, Slovene journalist and educator, was born on November 19, 1808, in Kranj, Gorenjsko, Slovenia, of well-to-do parents. He obtained his early education in his native town and his high school education in Ljubljana. After his high school graduation he went to Vienna to study medicine.

Bleiweis completed his studies at the Vienna University at the age of 24 and received his degree as doctor of medicine in 1832. He remained in Vienna for a number of years as an instructor while he pursued his studies in the medical field. Bleiweis returned to Ljubljana in 1841 and became professor of medicine at the Ljubljana school of surgery. The following year he was named secretary of the Slovene Agricultural Association and superintendent of the veterinary school, retaining both posts until his death.

It must be remembered that Bleiweis lived in a period of Austrian absolutism when the Slovenes and other nations under Austrian rule had no rights and no freedom. The only Slovene newspaper, "Čebelica," was suppressed by the government ten years before Bleiweis' return to Ljubljana. It was mainly due to his efforts that the Slovenes were again permitted to issue a paper in their own language. That was in 1843, when the first issue of "Novice" appeared under his editorship. Thus the Slovenes once more were able to read news in their own paper, which was primarily devoted to agriculture and related subjects.

With the establishment of "Novice" the Slovenes began to realize their national ambition and were given the right to live as a national entity on equal footing with the other minority groups under Austrian rule. It was this paper that greatly helped to speed the unification of the Slovene language in writing, and thus the Slovene peasants were able to receive instructions pertaining to agriculture and economic problems in their own language.

In 1848, the March revolution in Europe brought to all minority national groups a semblance of freedom. Along with other small nations under Austrian rule the Slo-

venes were given the right to political life and were given a place in the state legislature. Along with this right the freedom of press was partially won and the Slovenes under the leadership of such men as Bleiweis took full advantage of the opportunity. They immediately prepared a program for a United Slovenia, that is, they demanded that all Slovenes be united and recognized as a political entity.

Bleiweis was one of the main spokesmen of this new idea and demanded in the state legislature that Slovene should be taught in all schools in Slovenia. Moreover, he demanded that Slovene should be recognized as the official language in all public and government offices. In this he succeeded admirably well.

Although Bleiweis was primarily an organizer, educator and national leader, his literary endeavors were not limited to "Novice." He published a number of books. In 1843 he published "Bukve za Kmete" dealing with modern farming. A few years later he compiled other works for the advancement of knowledge in agriculture. He also edited and published "Slovenski Koledarček" and "Velika Pratika." In addition to this he translated many books of useful knowledge.

As an able organizer Bleiweis succeeded in obtaining the cooperation of the educated class for the spread of organizational work throughout Slovenia. As a result of this, there sprang up in Slovenia a number of cultural and social organizations and libraries. It was at this time that Slovenska Matica, a cultural organization, came into being headed by Janez Bleiweis, who, by the way, was also instrumental in obtaining Slovene plays for general use.

Bleiweis' contemporaries valued his work highly and called him "the father" of the Slovene nation. On the occasion of his 70th birthday he was accorded high recognition, higher than any other Slovene before him. He was a practical man in all his endeavors. He laid the foundation for the economic and educational progress of Slovenes as well as for the development of the Slovene language.

Janez Bleiweis died on November 29, 1881, in Ljubljana, at the age of 73.

JUST FOR FUN

By Ernestine Jugg

SISTERS THREE

Three little sisters
Lived high in the sky;
This they had in common:
They all of them could fly.

The first was warm and friendly
With laughter in her song;
The second one was cold and cruel,
Her grey hair thin and long.

The third was the fairest of the three,
With eyes that glistened bright;
Her hair was curled and fluffy,
Her manner gay and light.

And when they visit us on earth
We call them each by name;
The first we see in summer
And know of her as Rain.

The second comes when cold winds blow
And ice is on the street;
When trees are bare and days are dark,
Then visits sister Sleet.

But when the snow falls light and soft,
We know it's sister three;
Her sparkling eyes and jeweled hair
Are a pleasure for all to see.

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QUIZ CORNER

1. Where did the Jap "Zero" get its name?
2. Andrew Jackson's picture can be found on a (a) \$5, (b) \$10, (c) \$20 bill.
3. A hundred years ago you paid postage on letters when you received them. (True or False)
4. To get a watch repaired you would take it to an (a) oculist; (b) astronomer; (c) horologist.
5. A cougar is an animal which resembles a (a) dog; (b) cat; (c) horse.

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

We couldn't let November M. L. go by without contributing a little Thanksgiving puzzler. These are all Thanksgiving dinner words, with the vowels omitted. Can you supply them?

1. Cr - nb - rry
2. P - mpk - n P - -
3. T - rk - y
4. Dr - ss - ng
5. Sw - - t P - t - t - - s

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ODD NAMES

We read an interesting story the other day about odd names. Perhaps it will remind you of others. Here are those we heard about:

There were 3 families living near the sea. Their

names were: Sea, Trout, and Herring. Then there was the one where Miss Wolfe married Mr. Lamb at her uncle's home, Mr. Fox; also, we like the one about Mrs. Kettles and daughter, Mrs. Kitchen visiting with Mrs. Kettle's mother, Mrs. Cook.

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REASON ENOUGH

During the baseball season a panhandler wanted \$2.00 for a hot dog. A hot dog only costs a dime, why do you want \$2.00 was the question. Because, said the panhandler, I want to eat it in the Yankee Stadium.

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PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

A grocer has two kinds of coffee—one kind selling at 80c a pound and the other at 60c a pound. How many pounds of each kind must be used to make 50 lbs. that he can sell for 72c a pound?

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BRAIN TEASERS

1. What bird are we thinking about when we say "a feather duster tomorrow"?
2. Why is it impossible for human beings to live on the Moon?
3. Herons live in a herony. What lives in an apiary?
4. How many men are a battalion?
5. How many tin cans should each family contribute to supply tin for war uses?

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DAYS IN OUR HISTORY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1918: "To us in America," said President Wilson—"the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory both because of the things from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations."

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MATH MUDDLER

Robert had 6 bags of fruit weighing 12 lbs. altogether. Two bags were green, two red and two blue. If one green and one red weigh 3 pounds and one red and one blue weigh 5 pounds, how much does each kind weigh?

(Answers to be found on Inside Cover Page.)



OUR JUVENILE LIBRARY

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK



One of the primary objectives of our Juvenile Circles is to cultivate in the membership a greater appreciation of the finer things of life through the organization, promotion and development of cultural, entertainment, and educational programs. In order to bring this about more quickly, we have in the course of the past two years collected a number of books, plays and miscellaneous program material for various holiday occasions of the year. This we call our *Juvenile Library*.

The library, of course, is still in its infancy, but it is our aim to continue adding to the collection so that in time, we will be able to satisfy the desires and needs of our juvenile groups and their leaders with a much wider and better choice of program material. Suggestions on all kinds of indoor and outdoor recreational activities, too, are now available. Circle Managers are invited to send in their requests, giving a brief outline, if possible, of the kind of program or activity they intend to stage. If the Juvenile Library does not contain the book or play desired, the Director of Juvenile Activities will do his best to obtain it for you.

This is the season when organized groups of boys and girls are beginning to draw up their plans for that all-important holiday celebration of the year—*Christmas*. For that reason we are suggesting here a list of plays and programs appropriate for the occasion. These and others may be had on request. There is no charge for the service, but books still in good condition are expected to be returned to the library when no longer needed, unless otherwise instructed.

BANG! GOES CHRISTMAS—By James Blakley

Here is a Christmas play for teen-age children or adults, one that develops the Christmas spirit, but is full of action and funny situation. This play fills the bill. Mrs. Chase is expecting guests from the "upper circle" and has hired a "butlah" and a maid to keep up appearances. She also hires a

Santa Claus for a "clever surprise." Things don't go right, however—the colored "butlah" and maid certainly mix things up. Rich Uncle Gregory arrives incognito and is given a very cold reception, the refreshments go wrong, and the presents are distributed to unexpected but deserving relatives. Mr. Chase, preserving his boyish desire to celebrate Christmas with fire-crackers, has hidden three big ones, but even he is to be deprived of that pleasure. However jumbled things get, the Christmas idea of having presents go to those who need them most is well brought out in this play.—For 7 boys, 8 girls. One easy setting. Time about 1 hour.

HER CHRISTMAS HAT—By Walter Been Hare

A farce in one act. It is a perfect nightmare of a hat that young Warren Williams gives his wife, Kitty, for Christmas, though not one whit worse than the box of cheap cigars that Kitty gives him. At the first opportunity, each surreptitiously gives the unwanted gift away; but Kitty's gift sticks, finding no more takers after the first, whereas the hat flies about from hand to hand, returning to Kitty twice. A gay satire on Christmas giving for the teen-age youngsters. For 4 boys, 5 girls. Time about 25 minutes.

CHRISTMAS AT CASEY'S—By Jessie M. Ford

A comedy in one act. The Casey's are in a flurry of preparation, with Denny having to be shoed away from Christmas goodies, and John, Kathleen, and Mary preoccupied with dates as well as Christmas. On top of it all, Dad brings home a pair of new trousers. They've all been after him to smarten up a bit, "like Mr. Flanagan," and now he has. But the trousers need shortening three inches without the others knowing it. It's a real farce that keeps the Christmas spirit, too!—For 3 boys and 3 girls. Time about 20 minutes.

ZGODBE O BOMBAŽU

Oskar Hudales

(Nadaljevanje.)

Rečeno, storjeno! V kratkem, takorekoč čez noč, so zrastle na Japonskem nove tvornice. Da, da, gospodje samuraji, do tod je bil vaš račun točen. V industriji ste postali samostojni. Ampak za industrijo so potrebne surovine; premog, nafta, železo, baker, les, bombaž . . . Vsega tega na Japonskem ni. Če kupiš, moraš prej kaj zaslужiti, kaj prodati. Komu? Japonski kmetje so ubožni. Nimajo denarja. Po drugih delih sveta prodajajo Evropci in Američani. Izpodrine jih lahko samo tisti, ki prodaja ceneje. Japonci tega ne zmorejo, čeprav svoje delavce slabo plačujejo, kajti surovine so drage.

Baroni Mitsubishi, Mitsui in Susuki so pametni ljudje. Bili so med prvimi, ki so slekli kimono in skočili v evropske obleke. Vedo, kje je izhod iz stiske. Povejte, ljubi moji, zakaj bi Japonci ne postavili tovarn tam, kjer so surovine, kjer je premog, kjer so rude, gozdovi, petrolej, bombaž . . . Na primer na Kitajskem in v Mandžuriji.

O, Mandžurija! Popolnoma smo v tej knjižici pozabili nate. Dvakrat tako velika si ko Francija, poraščena si z gozdovi, tvoja zemlja je plodna in v njenem osrčju se skriva premog, železo, zlato, nafta . . . Tvoja zemlja rodi žito, sojo (fižolu podobna rastlina, iz katere iztiskajo olje, jo meljejo za moko, pražijo in uživajo ko kavo. Soja je poleg riža glavna hrana vzhodnih narodov) in—bombaž. Mi smo te pozabili. Japonski samuraji te niso. Gospodje Mitsubishi, Mitsui in Susuki so vedno gledali z enim očesom na tvoja bogastva. Ali ni škoda, da leže neizrabljena?

Toda v Mandžuriji šarijo Rusi. Lop po Rusih!

Leta 1904 premagajo japonski vojaki ruske. Mitsubishi, Mitsui in Susuki imajo v Mandžuriji proste roke. Postavijo tovarne, odprejo rudnike, zasadijo bombaž. Kaj jim je sedaj mar ameriški bombaž! Naj ga Američani prodajajo, komur ga hočejo, Japoncem ga ne bodo več, posebno odkar so Japonci Mandžurijo odtrgali od Kitajske in jo izpremenili v samostojno državo (Mandžukuo). Samostojno? Že, že! A Japonci imajo v novi državi glavno besedo. Kupčija se je posrečila, kajti kitajski delavci so še cenejši ko japonski.

Na Kitajskem raste bombaž. Zato postavljajo tam kitajski denarniki in Angleži predilnice in tkalnice. Največ v Šanghaju. Zakaj jih ne bi postavili tudi Japonci? Angleži in Američani godrnjajo. Japonci jim odjedajo dobiček.

"Prav vam je!" se škodoželjno smehljajo Mitsubishi, Mitsui in Susuki. "Zakaj nas niste pustili pri miru? Ali vam je bilo treba, da ste nas leta 1868 prisilili h kupčevanju z vami?"

Japonci postavljajo na Kitajskem tekstilne tovarne. Zelo hitro. Danes je že ena tretjina kitajskih tekstilnih delavcev zaposlenih v japonskih tekstilnih tovarnah. Naj govore še številke:

Leta 1909 so imeli v šanghajskih predilnicah:
 kitajski tvorničarji 889,000 vreten,
 japonski tvorničarji 333,000 vreten.

Danes imajo:

kitajski tvorničarji 2,499,000 vreten,
 japonski tvorničarji 1,821,000 vreten,
 angleški tvorničarji 178,000 vreten.

(Moč tekstilne industrije se navadno ne meri po številu tvornic, temveč po številu strojev. V predilnicah štejejo vretena—stroje z vreteni, na katere se navija preja—v tkalnicah pa statve—stroje za tkanje.)

V Šanghaju je dolga dvorana. Več dolgih dvoran. Take dvorane so še drugod po svetu. Na Angleškem, na Francoskem, na Nemškem, v Italiji, na Češkem, na Poljskem in v Jugoslaviji v Leskocvu, Dugi Resi, Mariboru, Litiji . . .

V dvorani stoje rahljač, volk in tolkač. Kakšni gospodje so to? Nič gospodje! Stroji so, ki grizejo bombaž.

V bale stisnjen bombaž je trd ko kamen. Kdo naj prede takega? Rahljač, požuri se! Rahljač zagode. Njegovi zobati valji se zagrižejo v balo in jo trgajo. Zrak se napolni s prahom in drobnimi vlakenci. Glavno delo si opravil, rahljač. Ampak takega bombaža ne sprejmejo v predilnico. Še vedno je stisnjen v debele svaljke.

Naj volk opravi svoje. Da, pozna se mu volčja požrešnost. Nenehoma golta svaljke. Njegov želedec so železni bobni. V bobnih prebavljajo ostre pušice bombažne svaljke. Dobro si naredil volk! Toda pozabil si odvzeti bombažu nesnago: slamo, ostanke glavice, pesek, prah . . . Praviš, da to ni tvoje delo?

Seveda! Čemu neki je tolkač tu? Kaj tako težko sopeš, tolkač? Stroj se ne zmeni za naše vprašanje. Hlastno grabi zrahljano prejo in jo požira. Skozi rešetko padajo zemeljske grudice, pesek, ostanke slame . . . Prah pa se še vedno drži preje. Nič zato. Skozi dva sitasto preluknjana bobna vdihuje tolkač prah iz bombaža.

Kaj pa gin? Gin je požrešna žival. Bojiš se ga, bombaž, ali ne? Zato tako trepečeš, ko na premakljivi mizi polagoma drčiš k njegovim nenasičnim čeljustim. Štiri sto petdesetkrat v minuti se zasučejo te grozne jeklene čeljusti s poševnimi, ostrimi zobmi. Ne boj se, beli in mehki bombaž! Nič hudega se ti ne bo zgodilo. Ali ne vidiš, da so ljudje pred to požrešno žrelo postavili železno rešetko? Skozi rešetko te zobje sicer dosežejo, toda raztrgati te ne morejo. Samo seme bodo ločili od vlakenc, kajti le brez semena si sposoben za predilnico. Glej, kako hitro te očiščenega pobirajo železne ščetke z ostrih čeljusti.

Ne pozabimo na seme!

V šanghajskem pristanišču stoji vrsta dolgih stavb. Velike so in prostorne. Zidane iz betona. Z lesenimi rampami so povezane med seboj. Podobne so čebelnjaku, kajti venomer prihajajo iz njih kitajski kuliji (delavci, težaki). Prihajajo in odhajajo.

"Lej-lela, hui-la (prihajam, izogni se)", izgovarjajo eni s pojočim glasom. Telesa se jim šibe pod težkimi tovor.

(Dalje prihodnjič)



What Do You Know?

Unique World Clock

The exact time in London, Berlin, Moscow, Tokyo, New York and any point on the face of the globe, is told at a glance by the pictorial world clock that was put into operation on the first floor of the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History in Boston. This unique clock was presented to the Hayden Planetarium by the International Business Machines Corporation. Its face is a large 3-foot by 5-foot colored and illuminated map of the world. The black vertical lines on the map indicate the 24 zones of standard time around the globe. Above the map is a tape indicating the hour of the day or night for each time zone. The tape moves automatically to the left at the rate of one time zone per hour. A circle at the top electrically flashes on the minutes.

In The World of Sports

The invention of a direction finder device now enables even the blind to find recreation in bowling. The gadget consists of a headpiece, worn by the bowler, and a sound producing apparatus set above the pins. Once on the runway of the alley, the bowler moves about until he catches the sound waves sent out by the apparatus. As the bowler lines himself up directly with the sound beam the intensity increases. It decreases when he moves to either side of the beam. He then guides himself accordingly. Once on the beam, it is only a matter of the bowler taking a few steps toward the foul line and releasing the ball. The results have been surprisingly favorable.

Homogenized Milk

Milk is homogenized by putting it through a machine under terrific pressure which breaks up the fat particles in the raw form. The cream is thus distributed uniformly through the milk, rather than left to rise to the top as in non-homogenized milk. This method of treating milk makes the curd smaller and softer, and is thought by many dairy specialists to make milk more easily digestible.

Irish Potatoes

The ordinary white potato is called the Irish potato because it is the favorite food of Ireland. It was introduced into that country by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1610 and within twenty years became the national food of the Irish. Its sudden popularity there has been ascribed largely to the fact that it was one edible which could not easily be

either destroyed or carried away by the marauding armies of that period. One person could cultivate enough to feed forty people, and the tubers were simply left in the ground until needed as food. The great Irish famine of 1739 was caused by a frost which penetrated deep enough to spoil the country's unstored and never-harvested potato crop.

Original Robinson Crusoe

In the year 1704 a Scotch sailor, by the name of Alexander Selkirk, was put ashore on the island of Juan Fernandez off the coast of Chile, where he lived four years and four months. The story of Selkirk's adventures suggested the idea of "Robinson Crusoe" to the English writer, Daniel Defoe; thus Selkirk may be said to have been the original Robinson Crusoe. While living on Juan Fernandez, however, Selkirk did not undergo the hardships of his storied character, as this island is one of the most fertile off the coast of South America.

Think of a Number

Ask a member of the group to think of a number. Tell him to subtract 1 from it, multiply the remainder by 2, and then add the number thought of to the product. When you are told the figure arrived at, add 3 to it and divide the resulting number by 3. This will give you the number originally thought of . . . For example, let us assume that 10 is the number thought of. The member subtracts 1 from it and gets 9. He multiplies 9 by 2 and gets 18. Then he adds the original number, 10, to 18 and gets 28. You (the performer) add 3 to 28, which makes 31. This is not exactly divisible by 3, so you divide 3 into the next closest number or 30. This gives 10, which was the original number.

Magnetic Match-box Drawer

Place the drawer of a safety-match box upside down on the table and on top of it place the cover, standing it upright on one end. Then ask the audience if they can lift the cover and the drawer at the same time, without touching the drawer.

It is impossible to do this in any way but one. That is by taking the upper end of the cover between your lips and drawing in your breath, at the same time raising your head. The suction will cause the drawer to stick fast to the cover and both of them will be lifted together.

Four Important Words

You have often heard the words *liberal*, *conservative*, *radical* and *reactionary*. They were frequently used in the recent political campaign by the various candidates for public office. Do you know what they mean in the political world? . . . A *liberal* is one who prefers a free, dynamic, changing, experimenting government, thinks and acts independently, and votes for what he believes are progressive improvements . . . A *conservative*, on the other hand, is opposed to change. He believes that what is, is best. He prefers that his government follows the tried, tested and supposedly sane policies, and supports his arguments with, "We're content with what we have—Why

(Continued on Inside Back Cover)

OUR SCHOOL

NO CONTEST SUBJECT

There will be no special contest subject suggested until further notice. As in the past, juvenile contributors are free to choose their own subject and type of composition.

You are reminded that all contributions intended for the January issue of the juvenile magazine should be addressed to "THE VOICE OF YOUTH", 2657 So. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Illinois, and mailed in such time that it will be received on or prior to DECEMBER 1, 1944.

New plans for "THE VOICE OF YOUTH" will in all probability be announced in the next issue of the magazine and, perhaps, also in the PROSVETA. Watch for the announcement.

In the meantime select a worthwhile subject—written composition, drawing or both—and prepare it in your very best style. We want January's issue of "THE VOICE OF YOUTH" to be outstanding. If you have a good, clear picture of yourself, pets, scenic place, etc., send that along, too.—Be sure to enclose your name, address, age, lodge number, and any other information you desire to be published with the picture.

Juvenile Director.

CONTEST LETTERS

THE VICTOR

Since the Supreme Board has decided that the Mladinski List should have an American name suggested by the juvenile membership of the SNPJ, I would like to suggest the name to be "The Victor".

We know the juveniles of the SNPJ have entered many contests such as baseball, basketball, etc., and have played for victory. This is one reason why I would like to have "The Victor" chosen as the new name for the M. L. Furthermore, we have many members of the SNPJ in the armed forces all over the world who, also, are fighting for victory, which means liberty and better life for all of us.

The M. L. represents the juveniles of the SNPJ who are doing everything in their daily life—working, playing and fighting for victory. It shows how great the meaning of this word is for us.

As we look back in the history of our organization, we see the entire membership working hard to build the SNPJ strong and victorious as it is



today. So the word victory also means very much to the whole organization.

I am sure that this magazine with a name like "The Victor" will bring more energy among us, to build this organization in the future bigger and better.

JOSEPHINE VIDMAR, 15, Lodge 747,
Milwaukee 10, Wis.

SNPJ RAY

As I was hoeing strawberries for Uncle one day, I happened to think of the importance of the sun. As the rays are cast upon the earth, they make possible not only the growth of these plants, but also children like me.

Then a new thought suddenly entered my mind. The SNPJ is also like the sun. Its helpful rays, some of which are sick and death benefits, Juvenile Circles and the juvenile magazine, are also like the sun's rays.

To me the most valuable SNPJ Ray is the Mladinski List, our juvenile magazine, which lights the United States and Canada, opening new doors to knowledge and making real men and women of us juveniles, directing us to the "Road to a prosperous future."

DAN GOSTOVICH, 13, Lodge 297,
Route 2, Box 307, Oregon City, Oregon.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MAGAZINE

I have selected a name for the "New Name for Mladinski List" contest. After thinking up many names, I have chosen one which I believe is ideal. The name is "Young People's Magazine."

I think this name is appropriate because, as soon as one would see it, he or she would know instantly that it is a juvenile magazine, and the contents pertain to something about juveniles.

Young People means juveniles or, using a more common word, children. As for the rest of the name, everyone knows what magazine means. Put these words together and the answer reveals that it is a magazine for juveniles.

I guess I've got everything explained about the name chosen, and since I have nothing else to add, I'll close with fraternal regards to all.

TOM GORNICK, 12, Lodge 629,
331 Third St., Trafford, Pa.

THE JUVENILE TORCH

Here is my suggestion for a new and original name for the Mladinski List—"The Juvenile Torch." I think this would be an appropriate name, because the magazine acts like a torch for new members. Those who are members show the M. L. to their friends and thus attempt to light their way into becoming new members of the SNPJ. Before I became a member, I always read the M. L. because my older sisters were members. The interesting letters and contests made me want to become a member. Now our entire family of 12 are members.

VERA BOZANIC, 16, Lodge 393,
Worcester, N. Y.

OUR CHEST

One day my sisters and I were playing house outdoors. We had a little chest in which we put our best dishes. As I was playing I thought of a name for our juvenile magazine—**Our Chest**.

I thought of this name because just as we put only the best things into our chest, so do the SNPJ juveniles send their best letters and drawings to the M. L.—It, too, is like a chest, for it contains the best things of all the juveniles.

Perhaps, a few years from now, we will think back and say, "Oh, yes, we still have those contributions in **Our Chest**. We will know that while reading the magazine and contributing to it, we were adding more and more to our "chest" of knowledge.

DONNA GOSTOVICH, 11, Lodge 297,
Box 531, Raton, New Mex.

THE FRIENDLY READER

My new name suggestion is "**The Friendly Reader**." I chose this name because the magazine brings many hours of entertainment to our house each month. I always check and double check through every article every time it comes to our mailbox.

The M. L. is a magazine which contains different kinds of material. It is well organized and the thoughts in it are usually presented clearly. I like especially well the Pen Pal section in the back. It helps you to make friends and communicate with them. The M. L. has made many friends all over the country. I don't now of one person who doesn't consider it as a friend. That's how I decided on this name.

LOUISE BHESELLI, 15, Lodge 243,
Box 27, Lawrence, Pa.

THE JUVENILE MIRROR

My choice of a new name for Mladinski List is "**The Juvenile Mirror**." In using this as the name of our juvenile publication, we would suggest its true significance and meaning.

First of all, its contents are by and for the junior members of the SNPJ. Secondly, it mirrors in its contents our interests, activities and ambitions. Thirdly, it is short, easily remembered, and easily understood by all readers of our magazine.

JOHN TURKOVICH, Lodge 299,
Walsenburg, Colo.

HELLO, JUVENILES!

Even though I do not contribute to the Mladinski List, I like to receive it, especially now, since I am away from home. When Dan (my brother) and I take it out of the mailbox we are so happy, and the magazine itself seems to say, "**Hello, Juveniles!**" I am sure that all other members also feel this way when it arrives each month. For that reason I would like our magazine to be called "**Hello, Juveniles!**"

RAY GOSTOVICH, 10, lodge 297,
Route 2, Box 307, Oregon City, Ore.

EMCEE

EMCEE is my choice for a snappy new name for the M. L. It does sound odd at first, but when you learn the reasons behind it, I think you will like it. Everyone knows of the WAC, the Women's Army Corps—well, I built my choice on just such principles. Each letter in the name **EMCEE** has a word behind it. When put together they make a staunch slogan or motto for the juvenile members.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE EXCELLENT EXAMPLES

SYLVIA TROJAR, 16, Lodge 1,
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JUVENILE DIGEST

In suggesting a new name for the Mladinski List I offer the name "**Juvenile Digest**" to head the cover of our magazine.

The reason for my suggesting this name is because it is a magazine for the juvenile members of our Society, just as the "Prosveta" is a newspaper for the adult members.

"Digest" signifies that it is not just a magazine of story form, but contains a variety of material, such as stories, letters, poems, drawings, puzzles, etc.



Drawn by Zita Bozanic, 17, lodge 393,
Worcester, N. Y.

I believe that "Juvenile Digest" speaks for itself and tells the reader the magazine's consistency.

MARGARET POLONCIC, 17, Lodge 124,
Mount Pleasant, Pa.

FRATERNALLY YOURS

My suggestion for a new name is "Fraternally Yours." Although this an American name, behind it lies that spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood with which Slovenians and Americans alike have cooperated wholeheartedly together in making the SNPJ an organization fraternally yours and mine—for juveniles and adults.

ZITA BOZANIC, 17, Lodge 393,
Worcester, N. Y.

MY HOBBY

The hobby I picked out to be the most interesting is collecting picture post cards. This is a very interesting hobby especially if you are interested in different cities and states.

The way I got started with my hobby was when I was smaller. My Mother had a few post cards from different places that I looked at quite often. The older I got the more I liked them. So finally I decided to choose that for my hobby. When I wrote to the ML I got pen pals from different cities and states. Now my collection is gradually increasing to post cards from 14 different states.

There are many interesting things on these cards such as lakes, parks, mountains, scenery, buildings, etc. And I think almost every boy or girl likes at least one of the things. So if you don't have a hobby I think you would like this one.

JENNY MOZINA, 13, Lodge 476,
R. D. 1, Salem, Ohio.

THANKSGIVING

There were many dark days in our War for Independence, and none darker than in 1778. The year began with the bitter winter of Valley Forge. Washington's army dwindled, money had become worthless and soldiers were almost without supplies.

On all sides were reasons for dejection, but the Continental Congress proclaimed a day of public thanksgiving in spite of all odds. Little is known in our history that each year of the War for Independence, from 1777 to 1783, a day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed and observed in the struggling colonies. Most of them were grim, hard years. Both the men and women who established this Nation found something in them for which to be thankful. Their faith of final Victory did not fail them.

In this war we are again engaged in a struggle to be free. It is bringing burdens upon us all. There are vacant places in many homes, there are gold stars in many places. But when we begin to feel low in heart let us think back to those men and women of 1778, measure our hardships and square our spirit with theirs.

If they were thankful, how can we be otherwise? Let us keep our faith in Democracy and be thankful for our unprecedented production on the home front as well as for our victories on the fighting fronts. Let us look back on those sublime

words of Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1863. Let us be thankful to our soldiers of production—the millions of workers in the mines and shops and on the farms who are producing war weapons and food—and to our brave soldiers who are winning the war on the battle fronts.

Yes, we have much to be thankful for this year. The enemy is on the run everywhere and the day of final Victory is rapidly approaching. The dark forces of tyranny are in mortal agony and the Day of Victory is here. Let us be thankful for everything that our men and women have done in this war for the final defeat of fascism and nazism, and let us strive to make a permanent peace with justice for all.

ZITA BOZANIC, 17, Lodge 393,
Worcester, New York.

THE STATE IN WHICH I LIVE

West Virginia is the state that I moved to from the state of Arkansas almost two years ago.

Agriculture is the chief occupation of the people here, and yet West Virginia is very well supplied with mineral resources and forests.

Wheeling is the largest city in West Virginia. It is situated on the Ohio River about 60 miles below Pittsburgh. Large supplies of coal and iron are available, and this city, like Pittsburgh, has become a great manufacturing center. In addition to the iron and steel mills there are large glassworks.



"War Horses," drawn by Bill Baltezar, Lodge 249;
1246 Short St., Butte, Mont.

Huntington is another large city in West Virginia located on the Ohio River. It has the advantage of both railway and water transportation.

Charleston, the capital, is in the midst of one of the greatest coal districts of the state and is surrounded by rich oil and gas fields.

Rhododendion is the state flower and is usually found in our beautiful mountains.

West Virginia has an area of 24,170 square miles. It was admitted to the Union on June 20, 1863, after Virginia was divided into West Virginia and Virginia.

GEORGIE MARIE MOCIVNIK, 13, Lodge 552,
P. O. Box 47, Kingston, W. Va.

MY HOBBY

My favorite hobby is collecting dolls, either paper dolls or baby dolls.

I like my hobby because I like little children and so I thought that I would start collecting dolls. My hobby got started when I was little. I would always get more of them until I had a big collection.

And I think other children would like this hobby too. After you get started you keep getting dolls or paper dolls and you will find out that your hobby will get bigger all the time.

I found out that this is my favorite hobby and probably many others may think so too.

MARY MOZINA, 11, Lodge 476,
R. D. 1, Salem, Ohio.

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

We will do well to remember that in an intense wartime atmosphere our liberty is always in danger. It has been said and many people have accepted that we cannot maintain civil liberties and at the same time prosecute a total war. There is great danger of abandoning the Bill of Rights. Wrongs against liberty are committed in the name of patriotism. While we are fighting the war we must also defend ourselves from internal aggressions against those hard won freedoms.

Our lives and happiness are guaranteed in the Bill of Rights (first ten amendments to the Constitution). To find the true foundation of American liberty one must look beyond the Constitution, beyond the Declaration of 1776, or even beyond the coming of the Mayflower to Plymouth. The principles of our freedom had their birth on the soil of the Old World. Their beginnings go back to the days of early civilization. The struggle during ancient and medieval times culminated in the granting of the Magna Charta to the English people in 1215.

During the colonial days of man's life on this continent he was ruled by dictators from 1620 until the Revolution. The population grew to about three million under that form of government. The Revolution was fought for and gained our New World freedom, our constitutional government and the Bill of Rights. Our Bill of Rights, therefore, is only 153 years old (it was adopted Dec. 15, 1791). We can appreciate how new this charter is and how little opportunity we have had to benefit from its wisdom when we bear in mind that the evolution of this document spans many thousands of years.

When the founders of our government created the Constitution they were also wise enough to include the Bill of Rights several years after the adoption of the Constitution. In adding these rights, the states through their representatives realized that the care of civilization, the thing that gives it a soul, is the spirit of freedom as expressed in the Bill of Rights, and especially in Article I of the Ten Amendments, wherein the freedom of speech and of the press, the right of the people to assemble peaceably, to petition the government for a redress of grievances, are guaranteed, and Congress "shall make no law respecting and establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Source: History books and pamphlets.

VERA BOZANIC, Lodge 393,
Worcester, New York.

MY HOBBIES

I have two hobbies which I enjoy above all other things. The first one is reading. Almost any kind of reading matter suits me. It has helped me in all my subjects at school. It doesn't take me long to finish a good book. The M. L. I read from cover to cover except the Slovene section.

My other hobby is sewing. I just love to sew. I guess I could do it day in and day out. In school I have made a spring coat, wool dress, and a blouse. I am now getting a sewing machine and then I will be able to make most of my clothes. I started sewing in seventh grade where we had sewing as a subject. I made my first blouse and skirt. Of course they were not exceptionally well made, but from that time on I have made great progress.

Both of my hobbies have helped me in many ways. They are both educational as well as profitable.

JOSEPHINE SLANSEK, Lodge 559,
4933 W. 24 St., Cicero 50, Ill.

MY HOME TOWN

My home town, Mullan, Idaho, was founded between 1885-1882 by Captain John Mullan when he was blazing the Old Mullan Road.

He was heading for Ft. Benton, Montana, from Walla Walla, Washington.

The population of Mullan is about 2,000. It is a mining community centered around the Morning Mine, a lead mine. There are some other mines on the outskirts of Mullan but they are not as large as the Morning.

Drawn by Frances B.
Novak, 12, lodge 31,
1099 Sherman Ave.,
Sharon, Pa.



We have two schools here, the grade school and the high school. The grade school was built in 1903 but the high school was built at a much later date. This year there are 72 students attending high school which is less than last year's attendance.

About four miles out of town is Pottsville Park which is the Shoshone County Park. It has many tables, benches, and small stoves, a large fireplace, a baseball diamond, a race track, swing, and two small bridges across the little stream. About one mile from the park is the Fish Hatchery where they hatch and keep the fish until they are large enough to be put in the streams and rivers. The main fish to be caught around Mullan is trout. We have rainbow trout mostly.

It is seven miles to the Idaho-Montana State Line up a winding hill road. It is called the Summit up at the top and during the winter people come from all around to ski there. Last winter sailors from the Naval Training Station at Faragut, Idaho, were skiing there.

In everything Mullan enlists it is usually over the top before Wallace, a neighboring town. In our paper drives and bond drives, we are always over the top. In 1942 we had a scrap drive and we went 'way over the top in that.

This summer we had some very nice victory gardens. We can raise potatoes, cabbage, carrots, peas, beets, lettuce, and other such vegetables. We have only about a 3½ month growing season so it is not possible to raise fruits.

In front of the post office is a statue of Captain John Mullan. It is the center of attraction right in the town as it is on a nice plot of lawn with flowers growing around it.

All in all, Mullan is a pretty nice little town and I like it pretty well.

VIRGINIA ORAZEM, Lodge 214,
Mullan, Idaho.

THANKSGIVING DAY

We are very thankful for Thanksgiving,
And for many good things too,
And also for our own living,
And all the whole world through.

We are thankful for our foods,
And also our clothing too,
For all the things Nature provided us,
For all the things we do,
With none of us in a fuss.

The Day of Thanksgiving has come to an end
For which our hearts shall blend,
Next we shall thank for happy ones,
We are thankful for all of our funs.

MILDRED CRETNIK, 12, lodge 24,
Route 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

MY SPECIAL HOBBY

My hobby is the study of nature's life, especially the habits of snakes, frogs and turtles.

When I'm out in the country I hear stories about some of these creatures. Some are true, and some are legend, and I'm going to tell you a few of them.

Most farmers do not kill snakes, because al-

most any type of snake will eat all kinds of poisonous and destructive insects, and that is a big help to the farmer.

Frogs croak only at twilight, usually in pairs, whether they are mates or not. The frogs sing to each other, taking turns, and it seems one tries to outdo the other, but it is said the one that has the wind with him sings louder. The only time frogs will croak in the dead of night is when a storm is blowing up, and as soon as it starts to rain, they become silent. Frogs like rain, and sit on the bank enjoying the showers.

Turtles are known as the "wise old men." They eat very little, sleep a lot, and very seldom "stick their necks out" and so do not get into trouble.

I am learning practical things about these creatures now, but I want to keep on with the scientific study of them as I continue in school.

ROB ANN SANNEMANN, 10, lodge 559,
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ILLINOIS, MY HOME STATE

Illinois is mostly noted for its mixed farming. Illinois in the summer is a beautiful scene. In riding through the countryside you could see fields of corn, wheat, oats, rye and sugar beets, potatoes, field beans, vegetables, and many other products. Live stock is a familiar scene too. You might see groups of horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, and poultry.

Southern Illinois is a great oil country. You see pumps and tanks of oil. Coal mining is another important industry. Mines also dot the countryside.

My description of Illinois would be: Our transportation is good—boats, air planes, and railroads, good highways are also plentiful. Illinois is a scenic and interesting state, a state of importance.

ELLA MAE SELAK, 12, lodge 559,
3036 S. Central Park, Chicago 23, Illinois.

MY FAVORITE HOBBY

A hobby is very interesting and probably the most common is collecting stamps. It has been popular, almost ever since the first stamps were issued, about the middle of the nineteenth century.

Many famous and worthy men have had stamp collecting their hobby. For example President Roosevelt.



Drawn by Frances
Bahor, 14, lodge 31;
Box 54, Sharon, Pa.

I have a rather nice collection of three-hundred different kinds from sixty-eight different countries. Among them I have six (I regret not having more) from Yugoslavia, six from Czechoslovakia, two from Austria, and forty-five from Germany.

I also have one of the first issues of the "win the war" three-cent stamps, issued July 4, 1943. I have a stamp from Trinidad and Tobago, attached to a check which is postmarked 1930 that I am taking extra care in not losing it.

I find stamp collecting very interesting and hope others will try it.

VELMA M. RANK, 15, Circle 11,
Arma, Kansas.

LITERATURE AND SPELLING

My special hobby is literature, both for fun and education. I consider literature educational for I'm one of those "things" people call "Human Book Worms." When I enter a store I can't resist, but look for a book shelf and although there is no stop sign at the school library, I'm always carrying out another book.

Still my main subject is spelling. Why? Because when I was in the fourth grade, I was fortunate to be the one in the fourth grade to go to the Spelling Contest. The first week I was more interested in the loud laughter of the children out of doors enjoying themselves, but with the kind help of our teacher, little by little my mind turned to that wonderful Spelling Book. No luck for us, but the other schools cheered with glee. I enjoyed it also being only 8 years of age. In the fifth grade, I again represented my class and this time I enjoyed it more.

In the sixth grade, I went alone, out of the whole school, to the Spelling Contest at Girard, Kansas. Then came a great reward in bringing back the Prize Ribbon to the dear ole school. Now I'm a Sophomore in High School and upon looking back, I realize more deeply, the use of spelling in my every day work.

ROBERT MOROZZO, 14, lodge 206,
Arcadia, Kansas.

A FINE HOBBY

I have several hobbies, but my most interesting is studying the honey bee. Having several hives of bees at the farm, I am quite acquainted with them and their peculiar habits. It's really amazing, the things one can learn about bees, especially if there's someone like my grandfather to explain things to you. In the next few paragraphs I have put down most of the important facts about the bee's life; after reading them, I am sure you'll agree with me that this really is a fine hobby.

An average hive consists of about 1000 drones, 3 to 7 or 8 thousand workers and a queen.

The worker brings the honey, cares for the young and does all the work. Their toil begins as soon as they can stand, they work till death, which in summer occurs in about six weeks, while those from the latest broods last through winter.

The drone or male bee is lazy and stingless, and has to be assisted to its meals. Their wedding flight is their first and last flight. In this

flight the drone meets the young queens from other hives. After the queens are mated, the workers drive out the useless drones who, unable to exist by themselves, try to get back in the hive till the workers sting them to death or seal them up in a cell where they starve to death.

A young queen lays around 3,000 eggs in a day, each year she grows weaker till four or five years when the workers turn on her or let out a younger queen to kill her. The old queen tries to kill the young queen in the cells, but if it is early in the summer the workers push her away, after which she leaves the hive followed by several 1,000 loyal workers.

Preparing for the swarm, bees eat enough honey to last them three days, this renders them stingless and they are unable to fly far; so they soon land on a convenient branch and form a cluster often weighing over three pounds. They are then easily shaken into a box and if the queen is satisfied they stay and start a new hive and if it is early summer, this hive might bring forth two or three more swarms while the old hive will produce about four or five swarms.

RAYMOND LIPOVAC, 14, lodge 537,
Crivitz, Wis.

MY SPECIAL HOBBY

As far back as I can remember I have always liked to read. When I first started going to school and learned to read, about the only books I read were my school books. As I started going to higher grades I started to read more and more. I now like to read the newspaper, magazines, poetry and all the books I can get.

I like to read because it helps me by increasing my vocabulary and by teaching me many things I never knew before.

I think that others will enjoy it if they really make up their mind to read a good book. I'm sure that after they read it they will want to read more often.

JEAN BARWIDI, 12, lodge 292,
Box 238, Avella, Pa.

MY SPECIAL HOBBY

Creative Art is my special hobby. I've always been interested in it.

I like it because it is so interesting and helpful too. It is one good way of working with your hands and using your own judgement.

I've been interested in art as long as I can remember, and if it wasn't for my Uncle Harvey G. Prusheck, I don't think I would be as interested in it, as I am now. I've studied his paintings many times and only wish I could some day accomplish his work. He was a well known artist and his paintings are all over the United States. My uncle is dead now but he has many paintings to his credit.

I enjoy this hobby very much; it is not only a good hobby, but a good pastime as well.

Recently I got a box of oil paints for my birthday. I like them very much. I hope you'll all try my hobby sometime. I know you'll all like it. Just remember "Practice Makes Perfect."

LILLIAN PETAC, 13, lodge 26,
80 N. 17th St., Beech Grove, Indiana.

OUR FLAG

I love America and I'm sure you do too,
But best of all I love our flag
Of red, white and blue.

I love its broad stripes and stars in view,
I know it's waving over me
Free, beautiful and true.

Independence and Liberty are symbols true,
There are many flags, but the best
Is our own red, white and blue.

CARMEN JEAN RANK, 12, Circle 11,
Arma, Kansas.

CONSTRUCTING AIRPLANES

My hobby is constructing model airplanes. This hobby began when I used to carve them from apple box boards. Later a distributor of a bread firm gave cards away for model airplanes.

When I sent the card I expected to wait long but soon the plane arrived. I began to build it the very day I got it. When it was finished I bought another. Soon it became a regular pastime for me.

I like to build these planes because it's fun to assemble various parts to turn into a whole copy of some plane that some large company builds. This hobby brought me patience and nimbleness.

I think others will like this hobby also because it contributes to the war effort because you can send the good ones to the army for practice against real planes.

JACOB KOKALY, 16, lodge 69
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MY OWN HOME TOWN

Our Juvenile Director, Mr. Vrhovnik, asked us to write on "Our Own Home Town," so I will write about my home town, Gallup, New Mexico.

Gallup is just about sixty years old. It was given the name after an engineer named Gallup who constructed the Santa Fe Railroad which runs through here.

When my father first came to Gallup in 1907, there were very few buildings and wooden sidewalks. My grandfather told us about the time they first started making roads to the mining camps, that what they could make in a day, the Indians tore up at night.

Gallup is located on Highway 66, the Will Rogers Memorial Highway. The population of Gallup is 8,200. Within ten miles around Gallup the population is 13,000. The altitude is 6,514 above sea level. The climate is excellent; never too hot or too cold.

Gallup's principal industries are coal mining, railroading, wholesale mercantile, Indian trading, and tourist trade. The Wingate Munition Depot which is located about 10 miles east of Gallup was built in 1941. It employs about 1,200 men and women.

Gallup is also the Indian Capital. There are about 7,000 full-blooded primitive Indians of 31 different tribes that live around Gallup. The Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial is held here

every year in the middle of August for three days. The purpose of this association is the encouragement of genuine hand-made Indian arts and the perpetuation of the beautiful things, rites, costumes, legends, customs and traditions.

There are many different nationalities here, many Mexican and Spanish American people. We have over 50 Yugoslav families here, mostly Croats. There are only about eight Slovene families here.

Gallup is a very friendly place. I was born and reared here and I have all my friends here and I like Gallup very much.

ROSEMARY MARINSEK, 13, lodge 120
1042, Gallup, New Mexico.

MY OWN HOME TOWN

Salem, Ohio, is situated about 60 miles south of Cleveland and about the same distance west of Pittsburgh. It has a population of 14,000 and is located in the midst of a well improved farming district.

Salem is pleasantly situated on a slight elevation, but the country around is for the most part comparatively level. Zadok Street and family settled here in 1805. This town was named after Salem, New Jersey, from which the Streets came.

The first settlers came to Salem in 1801. They were Quakers, and Salem is known as the Quaker City. They were with few exceptions, industrious and frugal in their habits. A man who possessed a wagon covered with strong canvas and six horses, was an important character. Goods were often brought from Pittsburgh, and sometimes from Philadelphia and Baltimore. Country produce was often sent from this region to those cities.

The first post office was established in 1807. The mail was carried by horseback-riders, and came once a week. The first state line by which mail was carried was established in 1830. In 1836 this was discontinued and the railroad started.

The first newspaper was published in 1825, and known as the Salem Gazette.

Salem has the distinction of introducing the manufacture of Gummed Labels into America. Josiah Mitchell, an English druggist, had used gummed druggists' labels in England and started the business in Salem.

The first successful attempt to build a railroad from Pittsburgh to Cleveland was started in 1845. In 1852 railroad transportation was in operation.

Here in Salem we have one SNPJ lodge, No. 476, and a Juvenile Circle, No. 10.

MARY J. KORDAN, 12, lodge 476
R. D. No. 2, Salem, Ohio.

MY HOME TOWN, HERMINIE, PA.

The name of my home town is Herminie, named after a girl who was the wife of a wealthy man who started the mines. Herminie was started in 1890, 54 years ago. The oldest house was built that year and is still standing now. It's the Tinsman place.

Herminie is located about 30 miles west of Pittsburgh. The population is about 3,000. In

1938, the local mines shut down, but in spite of this, we are proud to say that Herminie has grown much since then. We can easily say we have progressed in many ways and found that we can do better without the mines.

We have a fairly good school system. The first school was built in 1894. It had only four rooms, but by 1915 it had 10 rooms. The school burned down in 1917. Then, in 1918, the front of the school (standing now) was built. In 1925 the first annex was built, and in 1942 another new annex was built. It consist of gym, shop, shower room, office and band rooms. Children from all over the township come to our school.

We have three "ole swimmin' holes." We have two SNPJ lodges, No. 87, Slovene speaking, and No. 613, English speaking, and one ABZ lodge.

We have several stores, a post office, bank, pop factory, churches, one physician (we had two until recently, but one of them died).

My girl friend's (June Lape) grandfather and many of her relatives on his side had lived here in Hermanie when it was first started. We have two war heroes. Wm. Herbert died in a Japanese camp several months ago, and Dale Gentsek who was reported missing and then dead.

I guess this doesn't seem very exciting to many boys and girls who live in large towns, but to me it is the dearest town because I was reared here.

HELEN JANASON, lodge 87
Box 126, Herminie, Pa.

MY HOME TOWN, SALEM, OHIO

Mr. W. H. Mullins was born near Steubenville, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1856 and died March 6, 1932. He was the founder of the industry known as the Mullins Manufacturing Corp. For a time as a young man he lived near Pittsburgh, then came to Salem with the first one thousand dollars he made. He obtained this by resale of a wrecked locomotive which he bought as scrap and repaired it.

He began to produce stamped and art metals.

One of these products is nationally known as the statue of Diana which topped the steeple of Madison Square Garden in New York for 35 years. Among other noted art works turned out in Salem are: Lincoln monument in the Public Square in Indianapolis; Progress, a symbolical piece 60 ft. high on top the New York Life Building, showing four Giant Atlases, supporting the world on their shoulders; many copper ornamental monuments for the Chicago World's Fair in 1893; most of the large statues on the Naval Academy buildings at Anapolis, Md.; the Columbus Statue in Chicago. Among the best war memorials are those at Gettysburg and Mercer, Pa.

Later the company produced a small steel non-sinkable boat for duck hunting, then steel row boats, motor boats, and canoes. In a short time the Mullins boats were used in all parts of this country and Canada.

Then Mr. Mullins further developed his steel stamping business by entering the automobile body business. He made large donations to the fund to build the city hospital. Later bought a home for the nurses, called the Hanna E. Mullins Home for Nurses in honor of his mother. He

donated to the citizens of Salem the World War Memorial Building which is used as a community center.

FRANCES KORDAN, 11, lodge 476
R. D. No. 2, Salem, Ohio.

MY OWN HOME STATE

A good way to open my article is to give the origin of our state, Minnesota. Minnesota is a Sioux Indian word meaning "sky-tinted water." In my opinion, I think that name is well suited to our great state.

Minnesota is often referred to as "The Land of 10,000 Lakes." Although an inland state, two-thirds of its boundary is water. You all probably like fishing and swimming. Nearly everyone who comes home from a city goes fishing for a few days while home on his vacation. Most famous is Lake Minnetonka near Minneapolis. Whether in the north or south, however, many of the lakes are very beautiful, with timbered shores and their clear "sky-tinted" waters.

The state flower is the moccasin flower. Some of its nicknames are the Gopher State, Bread and Butter State, and the North Star State.

Minnesota has entirely within its boundaries the most valuable iron ore region, so far as known, in the world. Three great iron ore regions are located here: the Mesaba, Vermillion, and Cuyuga Ranges. Their location near Lake Superior makes transportation very easy.

Originally Minnesota was one of the most heavily-wooded of the states, and today, despite long, continued cutting, the forest area is still great. Forests constitute great beauty, especially in the autumn with the many beautifully colored leaves.

Besides mining and foresting, Minnesota also has agriculture. Some of the crops raised are wheat, oats, corn and barley. Some of the game found are prairie chicken, patridges, and quails. Some of the fish found are lake trout, perch, pike, bass and whitefish.

The great river, the Mississippi, has its source in Lake Itasca in Minnesota. The Minnesota and St. Croix rivers are some of the Mississippi's tributaries.

FLORENCE ALICH, 17, lodge 111

MY OWN HOME STATE, FLORIDA

Florida, "Land of Sunshine," was discovered in 1513 by Ponce de Lion, who was in search of gold and the "fountain of youth." In 1564 French Huguenots attempted to settle here, but were routed by the Spaniards, who had lived here in Florida for many years.

In 1803 West Florida came into the possession of the United States through the Louisiana Purchase. Spain ceded both West and East Florida to the United States in 1819. It was admitted to the Union in 1845, nearly 100 years ago.

Lumbering plays a great part of Florida's business. Citrus and semi-tropical fruits are most important of the many Florida's agricultural products. There is also sponge and coral fishing.

The most important of Florida's business is—winter tourists that come to Florida from all parts of the country.

Tallahasee, the capital, is a rather small city located in northern Florida. Miami is an important airport, linking with the Pan-American Airways. It has great possibilities after the war Tampa is the most important port on the Gulf. Other large cities are St. Augustine, the oldest European settlement in the United States east of Texas, Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, and Pensacola.

Some of the attractions of Florida are: Silver Springs, Fountain of Youth, the Ocala National forests, etc.

New Smyrna Beach claims to be the first settlement in the United States, but was not as permanent as that of St. Augustine.

Okechobee is the largest lake and St. John's is the most important river. The Everglades, 5,000 square miles of swamp, cover the southern tip of Florida. The State Flower is the Orange Blossom; state bird, Mocking Bird; state song, "Swanee River," a small river in Florida. Florida is altogether a pleasant place to live in.

DOLORES PLETERSKI, 11, lodge 603
Rte. 1, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

MY HOBBY

My favorite hobby is collecting picture post cards. I think this is a very interesting hobby. Through this hobby you can get an idea of what famous places look like all over the world.

You, too, can get acquainted with boys and girls all over the world by exchanging picture post cards with them. From these acquaintances you can get interesting pictures of all the interesting and famous places in every state and country that you may never get the privilege to see.

I know that many other juveniles are collecting cards and enjoy the hobby. Try it and I am sure you'll like it.

DEL TOMSIC, 15, lodge 57
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THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Long before the white man settled in the territory known as Washington, it had been inhabited by many Indian tribes. In the early days it was a part of the land area known as the Oregon Country, which was claimed by Spain, Russia, England, and the United States.

At the time the United States gained independence from England, Boston was the center of commerce. Two ships were built by the Boston Bay Company and several years later they made port of Nootka Sound at Vancouver Island. There they found Indians that were eager to trade furs for metals, blankets, beads, etc.

Years before Thomas Jefferson became President of the United States, he had been interested in the territorial expansion. Following his election and after the purchase of the Louisiana Territory, he renewed his interest in the West, and the famous expedition of Lewis and Clark that followed gave the United States further claim on the Oregon Country.

The United States became active, starting covered wagon caravans to the West. Eventually this won for the United States the Oregon Coun-

try. The large area was subdivided, thus the Evergreen State of Washington was formed by Congress in 1853 as a territory, at which time it included Idaho and portions of Montana and Wyoming. The State of Washington was admitted to the Union in 1889, but it was given its present boundaries as early as 1863.

The name "Columbia" was suggested but congressmen contended it would likely become confused with the District of Columbia. So Washington was decided upon in honor of our first President.

The public school system of Washington is an excellent one. The universities, colleges and professional and technical schools rank among the best in the country. The University of Washington is located at Seattle.

GENE BALINT, 11, lodge 738
Enumclaw, Washington.

MY HOME STATE, WISCONSIN

The name of Wisconsin comes from an Indian name meaning "wild, rushing river," being first given to the river, and later, to the state. All of Minnesota, Wisconsin and the larger portion of the Dakotas belonged to the territory of Wisconsin until 1838. Wisconsin was admitted to the Union, May 29, 1848.

Wisconsin is one of the noted pleasure resorts of the nation. Though not a dude ranch state, there are many riding stables for vacationists who enjoy horseback riding. Wisconsin also has over 7,000 lakes where one may fish, swim, hunt ducks or go boating; good highways, and a large number of resorts.

The places of interest which attract many sight-seers are the Wisconsin Dalles and the Apostle Islands, where one may wander all day entranced by the beautiful Wisconsin Rapids amid their natural surroundings. Though it has no lakes, southwestern Wisconsin also lures tourists to see the mighty Mississippi which forms a part of our boundary line.

Door County, which has 250 miles of shoreline, is called "Cherry Blossom Land." The large cherry orchards attract people from many miles away to come and pick cherries during the cherry picking season as well as during cherry blossom time.

Milwaukee, our state's largest city, is the 13th largest in the nation, and is taking a great part in the war effort by producing shells, guns and other vital war materials. Our shipbuilding industries at Sturgeon Bay and at Manitowoc are doing a splendid job in building ships, submarines and small boats for the government in an all-out for Victory campaign.

Wisconsin has a splendid public school system, and its institutions for higher education are many and of high standard. At Madison, the capital, the well-known University of Wisconsin is located, surrounded by a beautiful campus on the shores of Lake Mendota. There are three other lakes at Madison, namely, Monona, Kegonsa and Waubesa or Vingra.

RAYMOND LIPOVAC, 14, lodge 537
Crivitz, Wisconsin.

SOME MORE JOKES

Jasper: See my new magic pencil?
 Joan: What's magic about it?
 Jasper: It'll write any color you wish.
 Joan: Let's see you write green.
 Jasper: Okay. G-r-e-e-n.

Teacher: Name 4 ways to preserve food.
 Jack: Can it, dehydrate it, freeze it, eat it.

Teacher: Johnny, you were supposed to write two pages about milk. Here's only one.
 Johnny: I wrote about condensed milk.

VERA BOZANIC, 16, lodge 393
 Worcester, New York.

JUST A FEW JOKES

First Electrician: Have you any four volt, two watt bulbs?
 Second Electrician: For what?
 First: No, two.
 Second: Two what?
 First: Yes.

Boss: You should have been here at nine o'clock sharp.
 New Employee: Why? What happened?

Weary Man: (Bumping into lamp post) "Excuse me sir." (Bumping into fire hydrant) "Excuse me, little boy." (Bumping into telephone pole) "Well, I'll just sit here until the crowd passes."

DONALD BOZANIC, 11, lodge 393
 Worcester, New York.

MY HOME TOWN

The topic for this month is titled "My Home Town." Walsenburg, Colorado, is my home town and I will briefly describe it.

Walsenburg is built up, or rather, composed of all kinds of nationalities and people, but we are all Americans. Walsenburg has quite a few big stores and hotels. Some of these stores are scattered in almost all of the 48 states—they are chain stores. There is Safeway store, J. C. Penny Co., and ten-cent stores. There is also a power plant, creamery, and flour mill.

The coal mining industry is a very important one in this region, also farming. There are many coal mining camps scattered around Walsenburg, also many farmlands, and some of these are doing very well every year.

We do not have any war plant or big factories, but there is supposed to be a landing post to be built in the near future. The airplanes are going to carry passengers from Walsenburg to Pueblo, Colorado. They will make two trips, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The number of passengers it will carry is not known yet.

As most of you know, Colorado has a national reputation for a pleasant and healthful climate, mineral springs of great medical value, and dry, pure air. Of course, Walsenburg benefits by all this as it is situated near the Rocky Mountains, in a straight line south of Denver and only about 40 miles north of the state line of New Mexico. Right to the west of Walsenburg are the Rockies,

and Walsenburg itself is located in the mountainous region.

All in all, my home town, Walsenburg, is a very nice place and I am proud of my home town.
 ELIZABETH DUZENACK, Circle No. 1
 709 W. 6th St., Walsenburg, Colo.

MY SPECIAL HOBBY

I have many hobbies in which I am interested; however, the one which interests me the most is writing to this incomparable magazine.

I started writing to this magazine about four years ago and after seeing my first letter published in this fine magazine, I was very much pleased and encouraged. I wrote other articles and in one I asked for pen pals. I received letters from boys and girls from different parts of the country. I was very much interested in them. We exchanged post cards of the historical points in our own state. I enjoyed writing to this magazine and by the influence of my parents, I became more interested.

Never will I forget my first award for writing to this wonderful magazine! It was a Victory pin. I was very proud of it and decided to write more often. Writing to the ML has helped me in more ways than one. It has been educational to the extent that it has improved my ability to write letters. I have learned about the different states through my correspondence with my pen pals. Among the many interesting facts about the states are the following: the industries, occupation of the majority of the people, the climate, and other points of historical interest.

Writing to this wonderful magazine has helped me socially. By writing to the ML I gained more friends (pen pals). During my leisure hours in the evenings, I would sit down and write to my pen pals, which was my form of entertainment.

What do you think of this hobby, juvenile members? Don't you think you should develop this same hobby? I can assure you that you will not be wasting your time by developing this hobby. It will pay you big dividends in many ways: socially, mentally, and it will provide a good form of entertainment during your spare hours. You won't be sorry, juvenile members, if you develop this beneficial hobby. Won't you start writing to the ML today?

DOROTHY YOGER, 17, lodge 225
 317 W. 13th St., Kansas City, Mo.

FARMING

My topic for this month is farming. I was staying at my Uncle's farm during the summer months, and it was very nice to be in the country. His farm is about twenty miles out of town.

In the morning, the first thing that is done is to milk the cows. This was the first time that I had ever tried to milk cows. I started one morning to milk one cow and soon thereafter I was able to milk three. Then we had an early breakfast. I was also helping my cousin Bill feed the chickens and do other chores that had to be done. It took us at least half a day to finish our work, then we usually went horseback riding for a couple of hours. After we returned

home, it was time to go after the cows in the field—milking time again.

The next thing was to go in the field and put up the crops for the winter. My Uncle cut the crops, Bill raked it up, and I helped put it on a stack. After the day's work was done I went fishing in the nearby creek. On July 4, I caught ten fish, and was I proud of myself because I never caught so many fish in all my life!

We did quite a job in the garden, pulling out weeds and watering the plants. I hope that this year he will win the first prize in the 4-H fair as he did last year.

On Saturday evenings we go to the movies and then later we go to a dance if there is one in town.

ALBERT DUZENACK, Circle No. 1
709 W. 6th St., Walsenburg, Colo.

MY HOBBY

My hobby is collecting rocks. My collection contains fifteen different rocks. I purchased these at the Museum of Science and Industry. I also have a manual telling stories about each of them.

Collecting rocks is a very interesting hobby.

ELLA MAE SELAK, 12, lodge 559
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MY OWN HOME STATE

Just when the ancestors of the present-day Indians of the Southwest came to this country, or from whence they came, no man knows. But it has been established that the peak of their activities was about 1100 A. D.

Their villages, some of which have been set aside as National Monuments, with buildings of as many as 1200 rooms, were scattered all over the vast area that is now New Mexico. Today the Indians live much as they were living in 1540 when Coronado, in search of the Seven Cities of Cibola, found them.

Although Coronado found no cities of gold, he did find strange Indian villages which he called pueblos where tribes lived in communal dwellings and where primitive engineers had devised irrigation systems to bring water to the thirsty land.

On our continent no people are more vigorous, more racially pure, or more independent than the nomadic Navajos. These self-reliant Indians run millions of head of sheep, make hand-worked silver jewelry, weave colorful rugs, and hold fast to native customs.

To the east are Pueblo villages; Zuni, the largest in New Mexico, and famed Acoma near Albuquerque atop its 400-foot rock mesa—the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the United States. For over 250 years Acoma has gone its peaceful way. In the summer most of the inhabitants live in the valley below irrigating their farms and tending their livestock. In the winter they move back to the rock still reached by foot paths. Even yet it is hard to explain how human strength could carry the building materials of an entire village up its steep and narrow paths.

So far, I have described only two of the various

tribes to whom we owe the colorful historic background. It is unfair to speak of New Mexico without telling of the history, customs, and present life of these "real" Americans.

ZORA GOSTOVICH, 16, lodge 297,
Box 531, Raton, New Mexico.

ILLINOIS, MY HOME STATE

The first people in Illinois after the Indians were Frenchmen. A great number later came from Kentucky and Virginia. Following the development of the northern part of Illinois and the completion of the Erie Canal, many New Englanders settled here. Now the population consists of more than Frenchmen and people from the Southern and New England States. Immigrants have come to Illinois from nearly every foreign country. They are mostly German, English, Irish, Polish, Italian, Swedish, Czech, Russian and Yugoslav. One fifth of Illinois' population is made up of foreign born. According to the latest census 7,897,241 people live in Illinois, making it the third largest in the country.

A schoolmaster teaching one of the first schools needed only to know the three R's, how to make a good quill pen and the use of a birch rod. He went from house to house "collecting" the children. If there were many children in a family, the father would pay the tuition for two and the children would take turns in going to school. Today, we not only have schools ranging from kindergarten thru the eighth grade, high schools, colleges and universities, but also schools for the deaf, blind, mute and crippled—and summer schools, open air schools and schools for tubercular children.

Illinois has very fertile land, plenty of water, and flat-lands that are easily cultivated. Many improved methods of tillage, especially machinery are being used.

Since the latter half of the nineteenth century, manufacturing has increased immensely. Of course, the fact that Illinois has marvelous water and railroad transportation certainly doesn't hinder its progress. The mining of coal, too, has something to do with it. In other words, Illinois has ideal facilities. Most of the big manufactures are located in Chicago. The most important single industry is slaughtering and meat-packing of which Chicago is the center.

Illinois has many advantages, such as the coal resources, fertile and level lands, and good transportation systems. It has made the most of them and so has become one of the most important states in the Union.

SYLVIA TROJAR, 13, lodge 1,
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MY HOME STATE

Not so long ago I read a book at school titled "Illinois Grows Up." It contained an alphabet of Illinois that I liked very much. It tells so much about my home state in such a nice way, that I decided to use it for the M. L.'s subject of the month.

An Alphabet of Illinois

- A for Alonquins bold,
the early red men here—
- B for the swift Canoes
of Louis Joliet—
- D for Devotion true,
as found in Pere Marquette.
- E for the Early French,
explorers in our land—
- F for the French Fort Chartres,
till England took command.
- G for George Rogers Clark,
a hero brave and right—
- H for John Kinzie's House,
Fort Dearborn just in sight.
- I for Illinois,
by covered wagons swept,
J for the laws so Just,
that Gov'nor Edwards kept.
- K for Kaskasia,
a mission, fort and mart—
- L for our Lincoln great,
of kind and loving heart.
- M for a Man like Grant,
who saved our nation's fate—
- N for New Salem quaint,
so well restored of late.
- O for our Ogden wise,
fine mayor, all allow—
- P for the Products rich,
of factory and plow.
- Q for the Quincy cliffs,
where famous mounds still rest—
- R for the Railroads fast,
uniting East and West.
- S for the Public Schools,
with equal chance for all—
- T for the winding Trails,
first trod by red men tall.
- U for Urbana life,
with books and work and play—
- V for the Verses fine,
by poets of their day.
- W for broad Waterways,
that lead through prairies fair—
- X for the warning sign,
of danger to beware.
- Y for the goodly Years,
we sing with cheerful praise—
- Z for the earnest Zeal,
of past and present days.

ROB ANN SANNEMANN, 10, Lodge 559,
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ILLINOIS

The eastern part of the upper valley of the Mississippi River, stretching for 385 miles, is the rolling country of the "Prairie State," Illinois. It is flat with rolling hills in the north, west and south, and marshlands in the extreme south. Few states have a finer natural drainage system.

Special beauties of Illinois are the Apple River Canyon in Jo Davies County, Mississippi Pali-sades, White Pine Forest, Starved Rock, Pere Marquette Park and a Giant City Park.

Illinois is located in the Corn Belt and is a great corn producing state. It ranks among the first in the Union in agriculture. The chief farm products are corn, oats, wheat, barley, vegetables and fruit, and live stock farming. Valuable minerals are coal, petroleum, fluor spar, sand and gravel, natural gas, lead and zinc. A third of the fresh-water fish come from Illinois.

Three-fourths of the people live in cities. The growth of industry is due to excellent transportation. There is more railway mileage in proportion to size than in any other state. Chicago is the largest railway terminal in the world.

In early history, Illinois was often the focus of national attention. Once during the financial panic of 1837; then the Mormons, under Joseph Smith, made themselves unpopular and their leader was killed by a mob; and in 1858 when the famous debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place. The debate led to Lincoln's election as President two years later.

From the beginning of the war between the states, Illinois showed loyalty to the Union in spite of the large number of citizens who were of southern origin. Illinois supplied the Union Army with 250,000 men, and such able leaders as Ulysess S. Grant and John A. Logan.

Springfield is the capital city. It is near the center of the state. It was the home of Abraham Lincoln and his tomb and monument are there.

Chicago's population is 3,396,803. It is the chief grain market and meat-packing center of the world. It also is the largest and most important city in Illinois. The population of the entire state is 7,897,241 of whom one-half live in Chicago and its surrounding suburbs. This leads to disagreement since the "Downstate," as the rest of Illinois called, is determined that Chicago shall not dominate.

JOSEPHINE SLANSEK, 17, lodge 559,
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The Story

A very small boy, too young to be able to write, was scribbling on a piece of paper. When asked by his mother to explain what he was doing, he replied, "I am writing a letter to grandmother."

"What are you telling her," the mother further inquired.

"I'm telling her a dirty story," was the surprising reply.

"And what is this story you are telling to your grandmother?" the mother asked.

"Two pigs fell in the mud!"

Our Own Juvenile Circles of the S. N. P. J.



Send all your questions and requests for your Juvenile Circles to Bro. Michael Vrhovnik, Director of the SNPJ Juvenile Dept., 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. He has been elected the Director of Juvenile Circles and your Advisers should keep in touch with him.

JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 28

ROUNDUP, MONT.—This is Circle No. 28, Junior Harmonizers, broadcasting its latest news.

First of all, I wish to say that our Circle continues to meet on the second Sunday of each month, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the New Moose Hall.

Our last meeting was called to order at the usual time and place, with only seven members present. Our Circle's Manager discussed the juvenile magazine's new name. Some of the members didn't like the new name, Voice of Youth, but we are sure that they'll get used to it gradually. The Manager urged us to try and write an article about our home state, and mail it before the end of the month.

Joan Finco got a dollar reward for writing to the M. L. She also collected the most waste fat and gave the money to the Circle. We now have \$33 in our treasury.

We are all glad to have Mrs. Lea Oset up and walking again.

No new business was discussed, but picnic plans were to be discussed at a later date. The meeting was adjourned with all members promising to bring an old and new member to the Circle. We also want our Assistant Manager, Louise Lekse, to be present.

The October meeting was scheduled for Oct. 8 at 1:15 in the New Moose Hall, and our November

meeting will be held on Nov. 12 at the same place. All members are requested to attend.

EDDIE HILDERMAN, Acting Sec'y.

JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 1

WALSENBURG, COLO.—This is Circle No. 1 informing the rest of the Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ about our activities and doings.

On July 23, our Circle held a picnic at the Park and it was a nice picnic. It began at two o'clock in the afternoon and a large crowd attended. We had refreshments and we also roasted frankfurters in the rocks. The picnic was drawing to a close at nine o'clock, because it was getting late and also dark. We all had a very good time at the picnic.

Here is a brief description of Huajatolla Park, known as Martin Lake. It was made into a beautiful park which is situated about three miles out of town. The park was first started about two years ago when a group of men from Walsenburg decided to have a place where people would spend a few hours during summer months.

It took them only a few weeks to have everything planned out. There is a nice, large lake. In the camping grounds there are large, beautiful rocks and there are tables and benches near these rocks. During the summer days there is always someone in the park, either fishing or having a picnic. They also have large gatherings in the

park at various times, with speakers addressing the people.

Our Circle meets once a month, on the third Sunday, at 10:45 a. m. at the usual place. Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, Nov. 19, and all members are urged to be present.

VERNA MAE DUZENACK, Circle 1.

WALSENBURG JUVENILE CIRCLE

WALSENBURG, COLO.—First of all I want to say I'm sorry I didn't write last month. It seems as though the month just flew by so fast I didn't realize where the time went to. Then it was too late to write, but I'll try not to let that happen again.

Our Circle is carrying on its activities the best way it can under wartime conditions. Our meetings are not as well attended as in former years and our activities are correspondingly fewer.



WILMA KOSEM
Co-Manager Circle No. 22
Midway, Pa.

When Juvenile Circle No. 22, "Voice of Youth," was organized at Midway, Pa., on July 28, 1939, Wilma Kosem was elected as its first President. She held this office until her transfer to the Senior Department of the SNPJ—Lodge No. 89, leaving behind her an excellent record of juvenile leadership. In the following year, upon resignation of Mary Janeshek, Sister Kosem and Margaret Petach, whose picture appears elsewhere in this issue, were chosen as co-managers of the "Voice of Youth" Circle, in which capacity both have been retained and each has done commendable work . . . Wilma Kosem is a graduate of Burgettstown High School, class of '42. After her graduation, she received training in a commercial course at a business college and is now employed as a stenographer in a Pittsburgh office.

I am a sophomore in high school. The subjects I take are English, Spanish, biology, business mathematics, and band. The HCHS Panthers have won their first football game against Florence late in September. The team has got off to a pretty good start and I hope they keep it up so we can win all of the games scheduled for this season.

In some towns, like Alamosa, the schools are being closed down so the boys and girls can go out on ranches and help harvest the crops. Alamosa is noted for its potatoes and sugar beets. They also have other crops, but the two mentioned are the most important.

I will sign off for now and write more next time. However, before I close I want to add that all juvenile members are urged to attend the next Circle meeting on November 19.

ELIZABETH DUZENACK, Secretary.

ASKS MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS

WALSENBURG, COLO.—I am quite sure that other members of our Circle will write about our activities, so I will briefly describe our town.

Walsenburg is a small town in size as well as in population. It is located in Huafarno County in the southern part of the state. The population of our town is about 5,000.

There is only one creamery in Walsenburg, and a few dairies which help supply the town with milk. But the creamery is the only place where milk is pasteurized. They make ice cream, cottage cheese, popcicles, and butter. The creamery also helps supply Pueblo with butter and ice cream. My father makes butter and tests cream. Frank Mauro is the owner of the creamery.

Members, don't forget to come to the next Circle meeting, Sunday, Nov. 19.

JOE DERNOVSHEK, Treasurer.

Perfect Circle Section

By Members of Circle No. 26, Chicago, Illinois,
Ann Sannemann, Mgr., Ruth Medic, Assist.-Mgr.

SURPRISE!

We, the members of Perfect Circle 26, were really surprised on our meeting of September 9. We were to have a very special meeting that would last unusually long.

Naturally, everyone attended this meeting with the idea that they were to work hard all afternoon "producing" articles for our bazaar, but were we fooled. We walked in the doorway very much astonished to see an immense table gayly decorated with the proper paraphernalia for a "whopperoo" of a party—and that is exactly what it was.

Ann Sannemann and Ruth Medic, our circle managers, gave us this party as a celebration of their first year with us.

We had hot dogs, milk, cake, candy, potatoe chips, ice cream, soda, and all the trimmings that make up a very enjoyable party. (Yummy!) Of course, we took pictures and played many games. But there was one spelling game in which the girls outwitted the boys; thus proving the old adage that girls are smarter than boys. (I wonder

why the boys did better on the rest of the games? I can't figure it out.)

Anyhow, everybody had a grand time. We consider ourselves very lucky to have two such swell managers as Ann and Ruth.

MARION CERVENKA, Vice president.

NEWS OF ACTIVITIES

On September 23, Perfect Circle No. 26 held a short meeting. Pictures from a previous meeting were shown to the children. Everyone looked very nice on the pictures. These were taken on September 9, when our Manager, Ann Sannemann and Assistant-Manager, Ruth Medic, held a "First Year" Party for the children of Perfect Circle.

One of the things talked about at this meeting



MARGARET PETACH
Co-Manager Circle No. 22
Midway, Pa.

When the officers of Circle No. 22, "Voice of Youth," were elected for the first time, Margaret Petach was among those so honored. She became the Circle's first Secretary, a responsibility held for one and a half years, and followed this with another year as Recording-Secretary before graduating into the Senior Branch of the Society. Altogether the Circle has been active for five and a half years, two of them spent under the combined guidance of Sister Petach and Wilma Kosem. This is really something to be proud of, knowing that the first President and Secretary of the Circle are now its Co-Managers. It proves that the training received under the former Manager, Mary Janeshek, was not in vain, but in fact is bearing the good results anticipated. . . . Like Wilma Kosem, Sister Petach also graduated from the neighboring Burgettstown High School, class of '41, and continued her studies at a business college. At present she is working as a book-keeper for a firm in Pittsburgh.

was of the programs that will be given at the Chicago National History Museum. We are going to attend five of these programs. One will be on October 28 and the other four will be on the four Saturdays in November. Parents, as well as members, are invited to attend these affairs. After the programs we might have some fun playing around. These programs will contain:—history, travel, lectures and cartoons.

Perfect Circle was very proud to present our president, Edward Udovich, with a \$25 war bond. Edward chose the name "The Voice of Youth," a very good name. A boy named John Petach also chose this name for the M. L. We would like to congratulate both boys for their fine work.

Among the letters that were written with the name, Edward Udovich won the first prize of \$5 in war stamps. Congratulations!

Some of the members won war stamp awards for writing to the M. L. in the third quarterly period of the year. They were Marion Cervenka, RobAnn Sannemann, Sylvia Trojar and Grace Ann Gerdance. We are all very proud of Edward and the other members who won in the M. L.

GRACE ANN GERDANCE, 13, lodge 559,
4933 W. 24th St., Cicero 50, Ill.

HOW I JOINED THE CIRCLE

I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade. About 3 weeks ago I became a member of the children's Circle. I was invited to attend the Christmas Party of the Circle and found it very interesting. Later I went to see their barn dance program. I enjoyed it also and wondered whether I could belong to the Circle because I like to have parts in plays and sing songs. A neighbor girl proposed me as a member at their meeting and now I am one of the circle group.

My twin brothers also belong and I hope to have some busy and interesting times.

THOMAS LEE HINES.

BAZAAR-MAKING HOUR

Every Saturday until the bazaar on October 21, members met at the SNPJ hall to work on projects. Thirty boys and girls came to the first meeting on September 16. Projects were started and a few finished. Four mothers, Frances Rak, Mildred Kaiser, Mary Reven and Mary Andres give their time, advice and materials.

The older girls had fun helping the smaller children with their projects. They taught them different stitches, etc. Tommy Hines, Joseph Svehla and Charles Zordani were the three boys working. Tommy Hines outdid the boys and passed up several of the girls. Tommy is one of our newer members and is stepping right up and doing his bit.

Some of the articles that have been started are: souvenir book marks, ration book holders and pin cushions with clever faces. The parents have made such articles as towels, potholders and other items.

The bazaar was scheduled for Saturday evening, Oct. 21, at 7 P. M. The booths were decorated

and taken care of by the members dressed in colorful costumes. After the refreshments and such, dancing ended the bazaar.

JOSEPHINE SLANSEK, Treasurer.

I LEARN TO SEW

One day when I came to one of the Circle meetings, I found out the members had to work on bazaar articles. The boys were going to have to sew. At first none of the boys liked the idea very much. Then our instructor told us that many of the young men in service sew buttons, mend socks, and do other kinds of sewing. That made the boys feel better.

The first things that I made were two ration book holders. I learned how to make the blanket and applique stitch. Learning French knots was fun, too.

One of the boys was always threading needles for the girls. After we were through, we decided we liked to do this kind of work and offered to help as much as possible.

JOSEPH SVEHLA, 10, lodge 559,
2245 Springfield Ave., Chicago 23, Ill.



MARY JANESHEK
1st Manager Circle No. 22
Midway, Pa.

Here we have a picture of Mary Janeshek, first and organizing manager of Juvenile Circle No. 22, "Voice of Youth." Under her leadership and guidance the Circle gained the reputation of being one of the most active juvenile groups in western Pennsylvania. She held this office for three and a half years, and while not now officially connected with the Circle, we happen to know that she is still very much interested in its affairs and is ready at all times to advise and lend a hand when necessary. Incidentally, Sister Janeshek is a cousin to the Co-Managers, Wilma Kossem and Margaret Petach.

HOW THE MOON GOT ITS FACE

By Rowena Asenap

There once lived an old blind man, who had a young girl to sit hours and hours telling him stories. One day she grew tired and decided to run away.

So when the old man fell asleep, she stole away. She came to a river and could not get across. Standing on the bank near by was a crane. She rushed up to it and asked for help.

The crane said for the girl to walk around him five times. This she did, although she was in a hurry. The crane stretched his leg across the river, and the girl went safely to the other side.

She was not very far off when she looked back and saw that the old man had changed himself into a coyote and was chasing her. He came to the river and asked the crane to help him across. The crane told him to do just as he had told the girl to do. Instead of walking all the time, the coyote ran.

Thinking he had fooled the crane, he laughed to himself. But the crane knew different and planned revenge. Just as the coyote got half way across the crane drew his leg in, and the coyote fell in the water. He swam to the shore and continued his chase.

By this time the girl was a long way off. She came out on a flat plain. There she saw five large buffaloes. Again she asked for help. The buffaloes formed a large circle and she had to walk around them five times. The fifth time she was to get inside the circle.

The coyote was getting closer and closer. She had just finished the fifth time when the coyote came for help. He asked the largest buffalo to let him have the girl. The buffalo told the coyote to walk around the same as the girl had done.

Again the coyote played the same trick as he did before. Just as he got behind the large buffalo he was kicked to the moon. That is where the moon got its face.

Professor: "E—er, My Dear, what's the meaning of this vase of flowers on the table today?"

Wife: "Meaning? Why, today's your wedding anniversary."

Professor: "Indeed! Well, well, do let me know when yours is so I may do the same for you."



OUR PEN PALS WRITE



TOMMY IS BUYING BONDS

Dear Editor:—The month of October is here and that means more homework and study. I must say that eighth grade isn't easy. It is quite a problem to keep up with my ten subjects.

Since school is in full progress I hardly have the time going on hikes and doing other things. I am trying to help the war effort as much as I can. I put all the money I earn in war stamps and bonds. With the money I earned last summer I bought a \$50 war bond and a \$25 war bond. Buying bonds and stamps is the best investment one can make. Besides that, it helps our boys lick the enemy.

It surely is great to read in the ML about other SNPJ juveniles write that they buy war bonds and stamps. Keep it up until Victory is won!—**Tom Gornick** (13), 331 Third St., Trafford, Pa. (Lodge 629.)

WILL TRY HARDER

Dear Editor:—With great pleasure I take pride in thanking the SNPJ for the \$2 in war stamps I received. I am going to try harder each month to contribute to the ML, a really worthwhile magazine.

Also, I want to give my heartiest congratulations to John Petach and Edward Udovich as winners of the ML new name contest. May you continue onward and soon reach the goal of success. I also want to congratulate Zora Gostovich. She is very good in contributing things to the M. L. Keep up the good work!

Another month has just rolled away and with it several weeks of school. My subjects are English, algebra, home economics, health, and civics. That's all for this month. Best of luck to all.—**Georgie Marie Mociwnik** (13), Box 47, Kingston, W. Va.

"I EARNED \$35"

Dear Editor:—I guess it is about time I wrote to this fine magazine. I am 12 years old and in the seventh grade. School started Sept. 5 and is now in full progress.

I had a pen pal by the name of Celestine Saphar, but somehow I misplaced her address and I can't find it. I wish she would write to me. I would like to have some pen pals from any state.

I spent my vacation on a farm in Yokima. I

earned \$35. I am buying school material with some and a war bond with the rest of this sum. Best regards to one and all.—**Graneth Fera** (12), Box 90, Roslyn, Wash. (Lodge 75)

CAROLINE'S "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—Again I write to this fine magazine for the second time. I was glad to see my first letter printed.

School has started and I like my teachers very much. I passed to the third grade. In our school we buy stamps every week. I have so far three war bonds and some war stamps in a book.

Our rabbits are coming along fine. One of our rabbits has ten young ones. They surely are cute; they are as big as my finger. That's all for this time. Good luck to all.—**Caroline Gornick** (8), 331 Third St., Trafford, Pa. (Lodge 629.)

ALMA'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I do enjoy reading the ML very much. I am 14 years old and am a freshman in high school. I have brunette hair and brown eyes. Our school started Sept. 5.

I would like to have some pen pals, both boys and girls. I will answer all letters promptly. My hobby is saving post cards and I would like to receive some from different places. Dancing and roller skating are my favorite sports.

With best regards to all.—**Alma Novak** (14), 801 Arlington Rd., Newton Falls, Ohio. (Lodge 510.)

ERMA'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I wish to introduce myself. I am 14 years old and I am a freshman in high school. I have brown hair and brown eyes. My favorite hobby is collecting picture post cards. I have four teachers, namely, Miss Kilger, Miss Skilling, Miss Wilbert, and Miss Hammond. They are very nice. Best regards to all.—**Erma Frost** (14), R. D. 4, Girard, Kansas.

BUSY IN STORE

Dear Editor:—In the latest issue of the ML I noticed that the name will soon be changed to "Voice of Youth," and I certainly do think it is a very appropriate selection.

I would like to thank all of my pen pals who have been exchanging post cards with me; and

if I haven't answered any of them, please don't worry about it. I promise to answer soon. I have been rather busy at the store the last week or so. It seems as though all customers have been doing shopping for service packages.

I would like to say hello to Catherine Serovac and would like to ask her why she hasn't been writing. Also to Dorothy Martincic, and my cousin Joe Ujcich. I have seen a few good shows lately, "Janie" and "Going My Way." Best regards to one and all.—**Doris Ujcich** (17), Windsor Heights, W. Va. (Lodge 437.)

STANKO JE VOJAK!



Dragi urednik!—To moje kratko pisemce lahko pričnem z besedami, da "slovenska korenina se zopet oglašča," in sicer po dolgem času. Kajti dolgo je že od takrat, ko sem Vam zadnjič pisal. Od takrat se je mnogo spremenilo za vse, tako tudi zame.

Sedaj sem pri vojakih-mornarjih. Ne veste kako prav mi pride sedaj, ko sem daleč od doma, ker znam vsaj nekoliko slovensko čitati in pisati. Zelo me veseli, ker me je moja mama učila slovensko. Vedno mi je pomagala in me silila, naj čitam in pišem slovensko. Kako prav mi to pride sedaj, da ji lahko pišem po slovensko!

To pismo Vam pišem od doma, ko sem se mudil na desetdnevnem dopustu. Odločil sem se, da moram napisati kratek dopisek za Mladinski list. Moja mama mi redno pošilja ML v vojaško tabo-rišče in jaz ga z veseljem čitam. Želim omeniti, da se imam dobro pri vojakih. Tukaj se vežbamo in pripravljamo, da bomo bolj sposobni za boj proti Hitlerjevi vojni mašini in ostalim našim sovražnikom. Bodo že videli, da slovenska kri nikdar ne falil!

Prigibno Vam pošiljam mojo sliko. Zelo me bo veselilo, ako jo priobčite v ML poleg mojega dopisa. Gotovo se boste spominjali, da je moj dom v

Coverdalu, Pennsylvania, kjer sta dve društvi SNPJ, namreč št. 427 in 732.

H koncu iskreno pozdravljam Vas, vse čitatelje ML in moje znance ter sorodnike!—**Stanley Nun- cija**, 2/c, N.A.S., Box 7, Melbourne, Fla.

DOLORES' "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to this fine magazine. I have seven pen pals and would like to say hello to them. They are Audry Setenz, Joseph Jereb (please answer my letter), Sylvia Nonnenberg, Josie Nahamura, and Mary Hribal.

I will continue writing to this magazine every month. Come on all you Milwaukeeans, fill your pen and start writing now! I am also sending a poem which I hope will be published. Best regards to all.—**Dolores Omejc**, 705 W. Mineral St., Milwaukee, Wis.

UNCLES HAVE RECOVERED

Dear Editor:—School started on Sept. 6 and I am in the eighth grade. This year I have history, mathematics, English, study hall, physical education, and shop. My teachers are Mrs. Gautier, Mrs. Windborn, Mrs. Ivey, and Mr. Cox.

I have two pen pals from Pennsylvania. My two uncles who were wounded in France and Italy, have recovered and are back in the fighting again. Best regards to all.—**John Reichel Jr.**, Rte. 1, Box 136, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. (Lodge 603.)

JOANNE'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I am seven years old and am in the second grade. My teacher is very nice. I have a two year-old sister. Her name is Patricia, but we call her Patty. I will try to write again. Best regards to all. **Joanne Mozina** (7), Greensburg, Pa. (Lodge 223.)

"ALL OVER THE WORLD"

Dear Editor:—First of all I want to congratulate John Petach and Edward Udovich on the new name they have chosen for the M. L. I know that we will all like the new name, "The Voice of Youth."

Among my hobbies, which aren't very many, is also the hobby of writing to servicemen all over the world. I write to a very large number and certainly enjoy doing it. I am a senior in high school taking the commercial course.

In the future I promise to write more regularly to this magazine. Best of luck to all.—**Violet Topic**, 275 Kelly St., Luzerne, Pa. (Ed. note: Next time please write a letter and write plainly, including your name and address. Thank you.)

NORMA'S INTERESTING NOTE

Dear Editor:—I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. I have brown hair and hazel eyes, and am 5 feet 4 inches tall.

I have been taking violin lessons for five years and piano lessons for one year and seven months. I like both instruments very much. I am a member of the 4-H Sewing Club and have been the

secretary for the past year. The project I like best was that we each made a jumper.

This is my first letter to the M. L. I am a member of SNPJ lodge 549 of Sacramento, Calif. My parents and my older sister Judith are also members of this fine organization. I enjoy reading the ML and I can read almost all that is written in Slovene, too!

I hope to have many pen pals and I promise to write back soon. Best regards to all.—**Norma Podbeck** (13), Rte. 1, Box 1133, Elk Grove, Calif. (Lodge 549.)

CAMPING EXPERIENCE

Dear Editor:—Here I am again writing to this fine magazine of ours. I like the new name, "The Voice of Youth."

Late in August the Girl Scouts went camping. We rode about 20 miles in an open truck. At night we had to go to bed by candle light. Our beds were very uncomfortable. If I would have slept on the floor it would have been more comfortable. The cotton was coming out of our mattresses, and we had to sleep down in a hole in the mattresses. Some experience, all right, eh, what?!

Well, our school started on Sept. 6 and is now in full progress. In seventh grade there were 36 children. Before I close I would like to say hello to all my pen pals. I am sending my picture and hope it'll be published. (It doesn't look like myself.) Best regards to all.—**Anna May Lander** (12), Box 54, Joffre, Pa.

THANKS FOR THE STAMPS

Dear Editor:—I want to thank the SNPJ for the \$2 in war stamps. I was very happy to receive them. School has started and it's okay so far.

I haven't been getting any post cards from my pen pals. I wish you'd please write to me. I would like to have Theresa Turley for a pen pal. Will you write to me, Theresa? Thank you.

I have a new cousin now, John Stanley, born Sept. 9. I am sending along a poem, also a few jokes. I remain an SNPJer.—**Dolores Malnar** (11), Willard, Wis. (Lodge 198.)

CHANGES NAME

Dear Editor:—I haven't written to the ML for a long time but I think it's about time to drop you a few lines. I have been pretty busy. I also got married, and when I write from now on it will be Phyllis Kehl, formerly McKinley.

Well, I haven't got much to say except that I won't go to Ferndale High School as my last let-

ter had stated. So until I write again I want to say hello to all of my pen pals. Best regards.—**Phyllis Kehl**, 402 Ohio St., Johnstown, Pennsylvania. (Lodge 82.)

LIKES THE NEW NAME

Dear Editor:—It has been quite some time since I have written to this fine magazine. By the time my letter will be published I will be back in school. I will be in first term high school.

I enjoy dancing very much, also bicycle riding and last but not least reading the M. L. I think the new name picked for the ML is very good. I would like to say hello to my pen pals Helen and Gloria and would like to have more pen pals. Also, hello to my grandfather in Detroit, Mich., also my cousins, Aunt Ann and cousin Dolores. Best regards to all.—**Dolores Mikoley** (13), 108 Eldert St., Brooklyn 7, N. Y. (Lodge 580.)

FOUR UNCLES

Dear Editor:—I am sorry to have to write about the article I sent in in the name of my little daughter. You left out one uncle. Four uncles are members of the SNPJ lodge 66 of Trinidad, now in the service of our country. Cpl. Tony J. Marinac is in France, Cpl. Joe Marinac in India, S/Sgt. Rudolph Marinac in New Guinea, and Cpl. Dan Marinac in Greensboro, N. C.—**Elizabeth Paula Cahill** (age 28 months), 611 Park St., Trinidad, Colo. (Lodge 66.)

HAS EIGHT PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I am again writing to this swell magazine. I already have eight pen pals and they are all very nice to correspond with. I hope my new pen pal Jean Bilant from Roundup, Mont., would send me her address as I lost it.

We had a short program at the SNPJ banquet in honor of the Society's fortieth anniversary. After the banquet there was a dance to the tunes of Jack Persin's Jolly Jesters. A very large crowd attended.

My hobby is reading books. I have read 10 or 12 of Zane Gray's books, all the Tarzan series and many more. I am now reading "Phantom of the Opera," and it is very thrilling. In school, my teachers are Miss Skendrovich, Miss Orlando, Mrs. Sreaves, Mr. Jacob and Miss Locke. They are all very nice.—**Frances K. Bahor** (14), R. D. 1, Box 54, Sharon, Pa. (Circle 21.)

ALSO IN NEW MEXICO

Dear Editor:—In the September issue of the ML on page nine (Just for Fun) under "Tuffies" was this question: "All of the letters of the alphabet are used in the names of the 48 states, with the exception of one. Do you know which one?"

In "Answers to Puzzles" on back inside cover page the answer is given as the letter X, but I believe this is wrong. Because the letter X is in Texas. I looked it up and the only letter that is not used is Q.

Best regards to one and all.—**Agnes Lushina**,



MC No. 28, Warren, Ohio. (Ed. note: Thank you for keen observance. It was a mere oversight on the part of the writer as well as our own.)

BETTY'S "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—I want to thank you for publishing my first letter in the M. L. I go to Russellton School. I will try to write every month to the Mladinski List.

My hobby is collecting picture post cards of pen pals. I have four pen pals they are Betty Zgainer, Dorothy Heins, Jean Belante, and Marjorie Kalister. I would like to say hello to them.

I remain a proud SNPJ member—**Betty Jane Agnic** (12), R. D. 2, Tarentum, Pa. (Lodge 365.)

MARY LOU'S "FIRST"



Dear Editor:—I enjoy reading this fine magazine very much. I am 10 years old, and this is my first letter to the M. L. I have dark brown hair and blue eyes. I am 4 feet 3 inches tall.

I am enclosing a snapshot of myself.

My hobbies are sewing, reading and writing. I have a sister and a brother. My sister is in the eighth grade, and my brother is only seven months old. I am glad school has started.

I would like to have some pen pals between the ages of 10 and 11. I'll write more next time. Best regards to all.—**Mary Lou Agnic** (10), R.D. 2, Box 169, Tarentum, Pa.

LIKED "SQUIRREL" STORY

Dear Editor:—Reading the ML I came across "Hazel Squirrel in Squirrel Town." It was amusing. I wish there were more stories like that in the M. L.

I would like to say hello to my new pen pals, Joan and Mildred. I now have 10 pen pals, but I would still like some more. I see Mary Karchan is getting around. In fact, she was my pen pal once.

By the time this letter is published Halloween will have passed and Thanksgiving will be just around the corner. I am glad I'm back in school again. I am also glad that a new name, The Voice of Youth, will grace our magazine in 1945 and thereafter. Best regards to all.—**Margaret Verbiec** (11), 18905 Arrowhead, Cleveland, O. (Lodge 126.)

BETTY WAS GLAD . . .

Dear Editor:—I was very glad to have my letter published in the September issue. Since then I have one pen pal, Joe Jereb. I would like to know why Betty Luzovec doesn't write to me any more.

School has started, and am I glad! My favorite movie stars are Robert Young and Jean Darling.

My favorite song is "San Francisco Valley" and many others.

I'll close for now. Best regards to all.—**Betty Zgainer** (12), 1206 Bruce St., Washington, Penna. (Lodge 521.)

YES, OF COURSE

Dear Editor:—All of my pen pals want a picture or a snapshot of me and I only have one. If I would send a picture of myself to the magazine could you possibly send it back to me? Please let me know.—**Dannie Urbas**, Camden-on-Gauley, W. Va. (Ed. note: Send a stamped, self-addressed envelop along with the picture and we'll return it as requested.)

VIOLET'S "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the ML, and I was very glad to see my first letter printed.

Many things have changed since I last wrote. My brother is now in England and he seems to like it very much.

I belong to a drill team and enjoy drill work very much. That's all for this time. Best regards to all.—**Violet Spiler**, 15618 Saranac Rd., Cleveland 10, Ohio. (Lodge 142.)

WILL GRADUATE IN JUNE

Dear Editor:—Here I am writing again to the M. L. We went back to school Sept. 6 and I am glad because I will graduate next June.

I wish to thank that boy or girl who wrote to me that card and very glad they liked my work in this wonderful magazine. I wish to have more pen pals who would correspond with me between the ages of 13 and 16. If anybody would like to exchange cards I will gladly do so.

I see my girl friend Violet Spiler wrote in to the M. L. Good for her and I hope she keeps up the good work. My uncle, Cpl. Victor Petrovic, went overseas and won't be able to see his newborn son Dennis. I hope to see more letters from Cleveland. Come on, Clevelanders! Get your pens out and start writing. I remain a proud SNPJ member—**Louise Petrovic**, 683 E. 159th St., Cleveland 10, Ohio. (Lodge 142.)

THIS FINE MAGAZINE

Dear Editor:—Once more I find myself writing to this wonderful magazine. School started on Sept. 5. I like school very much and am getting along fine in all my subjects. The only subject I don't like is geography.—Thanks for the pretty card Joe Jereb sent me. Best regards to all.—**Rudy Zorman**, Box 107, Willard, Wis.

AMELIA LIKES SCHOOL

Dear Editor:—School started on the 11th of September, and was I glad to get in school again! I am in the sixth grade this year. For this month, I am sending in an article about Zachary Taylor. I hope it is accepted and published.

My sister Annie received \$3 in war stamps from the M. L. This will be her last award from the

ML, because she is 18 years old and she now belongs to the adult department. She got her stamps on her birthday, and was she proud to get them!

It is getting cold in the nights now, since we started to school. Best regards to one and all.—**Amelia Cretnik** (11), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24.)

MARY'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—I am nine years old. This is my first letter to the M. L. I am going to school at Garfield. I like it very much. I am a member of the SNPJ and my two brothers are also members of this fine organization. We had a bad hailstorm Aug. 26 and big hailstones. I will write more next time. Regards to one and all.—**Mary Frances Nagode**, 2512 Wood Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

TWO BROTHERS IN SERVICE

Dear Editor:—Well, I have started back to school and it is in a very good swing. I have all different teachers except one, and she is Miss Sadler. The others are Mrs. Adams and Miss Johnson. I am in the eighth grade.

My next to the youngest brother was on a furlough for two weeks and we were very proud and glad to see him. He is stationed at Camp Stewart, Georgia. My oldest brother, Leo, is in Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. We are very glad that he is closer to home. I will try to continue writing to the M. L. Best regards to all.—**Mildred Cretnik** (12), Rte. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark. (Lodge 24.)

COLLINWOOD HIGH

Dear Editor:—I have a few spare moments so I decided to write a few lines to the Mladinski List.

I noticed in the September issue that a new name had been selected, "The Voice of Youth." It is a very appropriate name for our fine magazine, and I know that everyone will agree that it has been well chosen.

Our school started on Sept. 11, and is now well under way. I am in the 10A at Collinwood High School. My subjects are biology, geography, English, typing, business information and gym. With all that homework I am kept quite busy after school.

Here at Collinwood High we are all looking forward to seeing our football team in action and hoping it will win the East Side Championship. Last year we came within one game of the title having won all previous games when we were defeated by Cathedral Latin. This season we got off to a good start; we won our first game, which was with Sandusky.

My postcard collection is increasing quite steadily and I would like to thank all of the persons who have sent me a card. Each card has helped to make the collection larger. Again I say, thank you.

It's getting late and I still have to do some homework. So I'll close for now but I promise to write again.—**Doris Pike**, 448 East 156 St., Cleveland, Ohio (Lodge 53).

SEEKS PEN PALS

Dear Editor:—I am in search for pen pals from the ages of 12 to 14. I am 12 years old. I have blonde hair, blue eyes. I am 5 feet 7 inches tall. My hobbies are collecting movie stars and rocks. I also like to receive picture post cards and will gladly exchange them. I like to correspond with people and will answer all letters promptly. Best wishes to all SPNJers.—**Ella Mae Selak**, 3036 S. Central Park Ave., Chicago 23, Ill. (Lodge 559).

LIKES HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Editor:—Here I am, reporting to this wonderful magazine once again. My last letter was published in the August issue.

This summer I spent two months of my vacation visiting my sister in Toppenish, Wash. It is a nice town with a population of about 5,000. I had a great deal of fun and would like to go back sometime.

School started here September 7. I'm a freshman in high school this year. I like high school much better than grade school as they offer more subjects. I am taking algebra, English, home economics, and health. I am also taking physical education and dramatics for activities. Yesterday we had class elections and I was elected president of the 1944 freshman class. I'm pretty thrilled.

I received letters from some girls who saw my letter in the August issue but I didn't answer them because I was on my vacation.

Hello to all SNPJ members and best regards.—**Virginia Orazem** (13), Box 785, Mullan, Idaho. (Lodge 214).

NO TIME TO SPARE

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to this magazine. I hope it reaches you in time for publication. With school work, at home, etc., I just don't seem to have time to say "Jack Robinson" even. I am going to try and write each month so as to earn a pin.

I want to say "hello" to my two new pen pals, Anna Palcher and Betty Lou White. I am looking for a letter from both of you. I would like for someone who collects post cards and movie stars to write to me. Maybe we could trade a few.

Well, I guess I'll close for now. Good luck to all.—**June Lape** (14), Herminie, Pa. (Circle 52).

SNOW IN SEPTEMBER!

Dear Editor:—I'm practically writing this letter at the last minute. I surely hope it is published in the November issue. The first few weeks of school surely have kept me busy. I have to force myself to study because I don't think I have vacation completely off my mind.

Today (Sept. 18) was a terrible day. We had snow! Not very much but enough to know that it had snowed after we got out of school for lunch. Some people have told me that it also snowed a few nights ago. We've also had freezing temperatures at night. The gardens were frozen during the last part of August. It really looks like winter tonight.

We almost had our first test this year in school.

but the principal called an assembly just in time. The American History teacher had only given us two questions. All of us kids were so glad because none of us had studied.

Sophomore Initiation was September 15. They surely got some of the worst tasting things to eat. A lot of the sophomore boys got it worse than we did.

The Kemmerer High School "Rangers" have played their first football practice game. They played it with Evanston, but we were the losing team. One of the boys got his leg hurt and won't be able to play football any more this season. He was a good player too. The next game our team plays is with Green River.

Before I close I'd like to ask Mildred Derzich, Sophie Hrast, Zora Gostovich, James McMinn, Ethel Switka, Lorraine Borich, and Marilyn Dohner why they haven't written to me for so long. If it is because I haven't answered their cards or letter I wish they'd write and tell me 'cause I miss their letters. I received some new pen pals who I enjoy writing to very much. I'd like to have a few others to write to. So please write me a letter. A proud member, *Theresa Turley* (17), Box 545, Kemmerer, Wyo.

OUR PIGEONS

Dear Editor:—I am in the seventh grade in school and am 12 years old. I have had a very nice summer. I tried to start to get pigeons, unsuccessfully, but at last I got some. Bob Bilant and I got two brown pigeons. They were very tame. Then we got two white pigeons. A cat got one of them. Then we got more pigeons and now we have nine. I would like to get some pen pals about my age.—*Chuckey Maris* (12), Roundup, Montana.

FOOTBALL SEASON

Dear Editor:—Eveleth's football squad is now in full swing. The first game on September 8 ended with a victory for Eveleth over Gilbert, 19-0. The second game played ended with a 13 to 0 victory for Eveleth over Chisholm.

I've been picking hazelnuts and got about 40 pounds of shelled ones.

I want to say thanks for the dollar in stamps which I received for sending in letters. I will try to keep it up. So long until next time.—*Jacob Kokaly* (16), 715 N. Court St., Eveleth, Minnesota. (Lodge 69.)

ARMY WAR SHOW

Dear Editor:—I have just finished my homework and decided to write to you. I want to thank you very much for the one dollar war stamps. I appreciated it very much. And that, too, encouraged my writing tonight.

On Sept. 11-12 we had an army war show in the high school stadium. We had 350 men who came out here to influence the manufacture of steel in the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. The soldiers put on a very interesting show by demonstrating their tanks, jeeps, guns, etc., also the flame thrower. They also had a sham battle with

the Japs. The best thing I liked were the searchlights, and they were seen in Pittsburgh. Many war bonds and stamps were bought as a result of this show.

Well, I think I've said enough. Best regards to one and all.—*Mary Ann Rudich* (15), 163 Baker St., Aliquippa, Pa. (Lodge 122.)

ABOUT THIS AND THAT

Dear Editor:—We seniors finally received our graduation rings. I think they are very pretty. We also elected our class officers soon after we started school. I think I'll enjoy my senior year.

We initiated the freshmen on Sept. 15. During the day we had all the freshmen wear green dunce caps and obey all the seniors' commands. We made them carry our books and such, also other silly things, all of which is a foolish tradition. Anyway, that's how things are being done at most schools. After the initiation we had a dance in the gym.

My brother Joe is now stationed at Camp Haan in California. My brother Rudy is in Hawaii. He went to visit my cousin Frank Skeryanc from Ely who was in a hospital there. My brother Marty is going to finish his last term at the University of Minnesota this year. Just recently he bought another Slovene accordion which I like very much.

Br-r-r, winter is surely around the corner. We girls of the Aurora High do not have physical education as yet. Our school hasn't been able to obtain a teacher for the subject. So long and good luck.—*Florence Alich* (17), Box 607, Aurora, Minn. (Lodge 111.)

ALBERT'S A BUSY BOY

Dear Editor:—I am in the eighth grade in school. I have five teachers and six classes. I'm making a lamp for my mother. I play in the band and we'll play a new piece in the spring state contest. Our band teacher is also our arithmetic teacher, as well as our football coach. We defeated the Crusaders and the Wildcats. This year school is fun, not much work, mostly reviewing last year's work. I want to play on the Wildcat basketball and football. I will write more next time. Best regards.—*Albert Duzenack*, 706 W. 6th St., Wal-senburg, Colo. (Circle 1.)

MAKING THINGS FOR THE BAZAAR

Dear Editor:—On Saturday, October 21, the Perfect Circle will sponsor a bazaar (when this letter is published the bazaar will be over). In these weeks before October 21, we are having loads of fun making things for the bazaar.

The first week we started book-marks, ration-book holders and pin cushions. At that time we found out that Tommy Hines was very good at sewing, even better than most girls ten years old.

The second week we finished all that we had started. We sewed the applique stitch on the felt ration-book holders. After trying a few times, I finally made the stitches just the right size. By

the way, Edward Podbevsek beat all the girls. He finished his holder long before any of them.

So you see, we have had loads of fun planning our bazaar. I hope it will be a big success.—**Doris Trojar** (8), 2803 S. Central Park Ave., Chicago 23, Ill. (Lodge 1.)

BEST VACATION EVER

Dear Editor:—This is my third letter to this fine magazine. I hope it will get me a Victory pin. I'm going to write about my vacation, when I went to visit my grandfather on the farm. I was there for two whole weeks, each one full of fun.

On the day set for our departure from Chicago, we had to get up bright and early for we had to wash, dress and eat. We got to the station in plenty of time to buy the tickets and get good seats on the train bound for Springfield, Ill. In about three hours we arrived at this destination. We then boarded another train running from there to St. Louis, Mo., and got off at a small town a mile from the farm. Here we were met by two aunts, an uncle and my grandfather. Boy, that was the shortest mile I ever walked.

The first thing I did on reaching the house was to put on my overalls and start visiting my old friends and having some fun. The two weeks were up before I knew it, and that ended the best vacation I ever spent.—**Lewis Reven** (11), 3237 S. Springfield Ave., Chicago 23, Ill. (Lodge 559.)

SHE LIKES SWIMMING

Dear Editor:—I found the September issue of the ML on top of the shelves (what an odd place to find it) and started reading. I was happy to see two of my letters and My Home Town article in there, because for a long time none of my articles was published.

During the summer I learned to swim, and swimming is now the sport I like best. I might be able to learn how to ice skate if we go to my grandma's often enough. On Aug. 15, my sister had a baby boy named Michael Gene. He is the third Mike in that family. I have been aunt twice and I'm only 11 years old. I was aunt when I was eight.

I want to thank my pen pals for corresponding with me. I like Zora Gostovich's cards; she has a certain way of writing them and I enjoy them. I hope she liked the ones I sent her. I think I'll close and hope my pen pals will correspond with me.—**Dolores Malnar** (11), Willard, Wis.

"THANKS" FOR THE WAR STAMPS

Dear Editor:—Once again I have picked up my pencil. This time, however, I want to sincerely thank you for the war stamps I received. I was very much surprised, but very happy.

School is really in full swing. It seems as though I get more homework every day, but I suppose the more you get the more you learn.

Our circle is making plans for our bazaar, which is to be held on October 21st. Every Saturday we have a meeting and make many different articles for it. Even the boys of our circle are learning

how to sew. In some cases, they work a little faster than the girls.

The younger children have a lot of fun, too. You would really be surprised if you could see the work they do. It's really very good. They are making very pretty ration book holders. They are attractively decorated and made very neatly. These younger members are really trying to make this bazaar a great success—just as we all are. It's children like these who make such organizations worthwhile.

I guess that is all I have to say for this time, except thanks again and best wishes to all members of the SNPJ.—**Marion Cervenka**, 15, 5126 West 24th Place, Cicero 50, Illinois. (Lodge 559.)

FROM A BUSY GIRL

Dear Editor:—Here I am again writing to this fine magazine. I haven't written for about three or four months. I guess summer vacation was bothering and also keeping me busy. Now it's school work and homework. I am now in the eighth grade. By the way, I would like to know what happened to the poem I sent in many months ago. Wasn't it good enough to be published? (Ed. note: We receive many poems and articles each month; some of these are published when space permits.)

At our last meeting (Circle 38) we discussed about having a dance. It was decided to hold it the last Friday of October at the City Auditorium. At the meeting we all had a nice time, and we even had pop and hot dogs. We also had a guest at our meeting from Pekin, Ill., who was visiting her parents.

During summer vacation I was out at the lake almost every day. The lake is four miles from our town. We usually took lunch out with us and then stayed for supper. But now old man winter is around the corner. Even the maple leaves are falling off. I hope the winter won't be too cold. We go skating, skiing, hiking, etc.

I just want to ask all of the SNPJ juveniles: Are you doing your part today? The least you can do so that the boys will be happy and so that they'll come marching home some day is write to them or buy war stamps regularly. Do your share today!

I want to say hello to all my pen pals and the rest of the SNPJ juveniles.—**Rosemarie Strukel** (13), 202 Fayal Road, Eveleth, Minn. (Lodge 650.)

LIKES ML FEATURES

Dear Editor:—After several months I have finally decided to "come out of the shell" and write a few lines in regard to some of the articles I have read in the September issue of the Mladinski List.

I was particularly impressed by the new name which was selected for our juvenile magazine. "The Voice of Youth" is a grand way to express the feelings of the juvenile department of the SNPJ. Congratulations to the boys who have contributed this name.

Another article which I thought most clever and interesting was the one by the twenty-six

month old girl's mother. It was a grand way to contribute to the Mladinski List. Just imagine this tiny member having her picture and such a nice article published for readers all over the nation! May she continue to contribute to this fine magazine and to our great nation by "standing guard."

Another page of the M. L. which I enjoy reading is the "What Do You Know?" page.

I'll suggest a "super" idea to some of the members. If war work isn't keeping your parents too busy perhaps they will help you. To get to the point, have Mother or Dad sit in a comfortable chair with the M. L. and read some of the articles and jokes to you while you are busy at some of your evening tasks about the house. This will brighten the evening for the whole family. I have tried this and, believe me, it is a grand idea. I would suggest this for those of you who live far in the country and cannot enjoy some of the city entertainment.

I hope this isn't too boring a letter, but you see I have, no way to attend the Circle meetings so I cannot write about the activities there. Maybe sometime soon I shall again attend the meetings and have more to write about.

I must close now so I can do some research work on "My Home State." In the meantime, won't you try my idea? Best regards to all.—
Marie Kunstel (17), R. R. 1, Box 138, Arcadia, Kansas.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON JUST FOR FUN PAGE

Quiz Corner—1. From the 2 zeros of its model No. 7-00. 2. \$20.00 bill. 3. True. 4. Horologist. 5. Cat.

Thanksgiving Dinner—1. Cranberry; 2. Pumpkin Pie; 3. Turkey; 4. Dressing; 5. Sweet Potatoes.

Problem of the Month—25½ lbs. of 80c; 24½ lbs. of 60c.

Brain Teasers—1. Rooster; 2. Apparently there is no air or water there; 3. Bees; 4. 240-800; 5. 150 cans per family.

Math Muddler—Green—2 lbs; Red 4 lbs; Blue 6 lbs.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

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take the risk of sailing into uncharted waters?" This stand is good for the rich who have and want to hold, but very bad for the poor. The *liberals* and *conservatives* form the two opposite wings of the government, the former being referred to as the *leftists* and the latter as *rightists*. The extreme liberals, who are still further to the left are called *radicals*, while the extreme conservatives, who are far to the right, are called *reactionaries*, coming from the Latin words meaning "to lead back."

By M. T. V.

"Hello, is this the fire department?"

"Yes, what is it?"

"Where's the nearest fire box? I want to turn in an alarm."

TONGUE TWISTERS

If you think you have a smooth-running tongue, try these twisters, and if you succeed in making no mistakes, you can be sure you will not be in any danger of stammering:

She sells sea-shells on the seashore.

The shells she sells are sea-shells, I'm sure,
So if she sells sea-shells on the seashore,
Then I'm sure she sells seashore shells.

Here is another one that should prove an excellent test of a smooth-running tongue:

Kimbo Kemble kicked his kinsman's kettle.
Did Kimbo Kemble kick his kinsman's kettle?
If Kimbo Kemble kicked his kinsman's kettle,
Where's the kinsman's kettle that Kimbo
Kemble kicked?

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CHINA

China has an area of 2,903,000 square miles, while outer China which includes Manchuria, Mongolia and Tibet has an area of 1,577,000 square miles. The total is more than a quarter of entire Asia. China proper and outer China together have a population of approximately 457,800,000 or more than one-fifth of the human race.

China has an uninterrupted history of more than four thousand years, a claim that no other country can match. The people invented or discovered silk, porcelain, tea, printing and gunpowder. They have a canal that is still the longest in the world.

Confucius was a famous philosopher of China who died fifty years before Plato was born.



Photo from oil painting by Joseph Bogdanich, Eveleth, Minn. (1944)

BEST GIFT OF THE YEAR

Juvenile members, especially you who are in your "teen" years, can help build up the juvenile membership of the local lodge by asking and encouraging your friends and schoolmates, who are under sixteen years of age, to join the SNPJ.

You are urged to recommend them as prospects to the lodge secretary and, if necessary, accompany him or some adult member to their homes to fill out membership application. Take with you a copy or two of our juvenile magazine. Show it to the new prospects. Use it as one of your selling pointers.

If you have friends and schoolmates who would like to receive our juvenile magazine every month the same as you do—who would like the opportunity to write or draw for it and a chance to win a prize, tell them that all that is necessary to bring this about is to have their parents enroll them as members in the SNPJ.

Explain that when a boy or girl becomes a member of the SNPJ, he or she not only is entitled to a copy of the finest juvenile magazine, but also membership in the largest and most progressive Slovene fraternal benefit society in America, and on top of that the best insurance protection an equal amount of money can buy.

There is no better time to join the SNPJ than TODAY! There is no better time to prove your loyalty and devotion to the Society than in this final month of the 40th Anniversary Membership Campaign! You can help to do your share by enrolling at least one new member. **THAT'S THE BEST GIFT OF THE YEAR—A TWO-WAY GIFT IS BOUND TO PLEASE BOTH YOUR FRIEND AND THE SNPJ!**

Remember, you have only until NOVEMBER 30, 1944 to present the SNPJ with the BEST GIFT OF THE YEAR—A NEW MEMBER!

Michael Urhovich

Juvenile Director.