



JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

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WITH OUR JUNIORS

By Michael Vrhovnik, Director of Vrtec and English Speaking Lodges

JUNE'S LITERARY CONTEST WINNERS

Well, here we are again, boys and girls, ready to announce the winners of our S. S. P. Z. JUNIOR LITERARY CONTEST for the month of June! How many of you know what the month of June means to our members? Yes, that's true; it is the month of the roses and the sixth month of the year . . . But it is, also, S. S. P. Z. JUVENILE MONTH. Don't forget that! I'll be around to ask you the same question next year, so be on the lookout for it. And now . . .

Before we proceed to disclose to you the prize winners, we're going to ask you another question . . . How many of you youngsters and "oldsters", too, took the time to read the many fine "literary gems" contributed by our junior members in June's issue of our Vrtec Section? Did you enjoy reading Valeria Artel's poem, "Peace In God"; or Helen Previc's splendid description of JUVENILE DAY in White Valley, Pa., on Sunday, June 13; or Anne Gacnik's brilliant write-up on Cleveland's S. S. P. Z. at Surtz's Farm on June 20; or William Pevc's clear-cut views on how to build a stronger Society? . . . These were only a few of the praiseworthy literary achievements sent in during the month of June.

There were others, nearly as good, contributed by Angy Pevc, Agnes Tekstar, Rudolph Rosenberger, Mary Klevisher, Wilma Gratchner and "Ernie" (let's have your real name and age the next time, Ernie . . . You can't win a prize if you choose to remain incognito) . . .

Everyone of these boys and girls have ability to express their thoughts in writing and deserve highest compliments on their efforts, and right here and now, we're going to be the first to congratulate not only the prize winners of June's contest, but, also, all you other hard-working youngsters who haven't been quite able to cop a prize, but yet are helping to spread the good news of the SSPZ on the pages of the Vrtec and ESL Sections of our NapredeK. Congratulations to all of you!

JUNIOR WHEEL OF PROGRESS

Vrtec No. 140, Pierce, W. Va. on top

Twelve leaders:

Group—Vrt. No.—Location	New Members
B— 140 Pierce, W. Va.	12
B— 33 Milwaukee, Wis.	10
A— 11 Cleveland, Ohio	10
A— 10 Strabane, Penn'a	9
A— 72 Sygan, Penn'a	9
A— 139 Chicago, Ill.	9
A— 169 Bridgeville, Penn'a	8
A— 5 Cleveland, Ohio	7
A— 1 Forest City, Penn'a	6
A— 44 Ambridge, Penn'a	6
B— 121 Russellton, Penn'a	6
C— 131 Coverdale, Penn'a	6

NOTE: Turn to English-speaking Lodge Section for more campaign news.

One more month remains for you to enter this contest . . . So, come on boys and girls! Get busy and write! . . . Remember, at the conclusion of this contest, two gold, two silver and two bronze trophies will be awarded to the boys and girls chosen as the outstanding S. S. P. Z. Junior writers in 1937. These will be on display at the National

Athletic Meet in Cleveland over the coming Labor Day holidays... The winning contributions will, also, be exhibited as a feature of the Junior Hobby Exhibit . . . Now, isn't that an honor worthy of your best efforts? . . . Surely, you will try once, won't you?

Here are the winners of June's contest . . .

GROUP "A"

(Ages 13 and over)

1st prize	Valeria Artel, Vrtec No. 11; Cleveland, O.
2nd prize	Helen Previc, Vrtec No. 103; White Valley, Pa.
3rd prize	Anne Gacnik, Vrtec No. 11; Cleveland, O.
Consolation	Angy Pevc, Vrtec No. 1; Forest City, Pa.
Consolation	Mary Klevisher, Vrtec No. 140; Pierce, W. Va.

GROUP "B"

1st prize	William Pevc, Vrtec No. 1, Forest City, Pa.
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The SSPZ Junior Literary Contest will, officially, close with August's issue of the Vrtec Section. That means that all you boys and girls have one more opportunity to win a monthly cash prize or one of the beautiful trophies which will be awarded for the best entries published in the Vrtec Section during the six (6) months of the contest . . . Get busy today and start "grinding" out that letter, essay, original story or poem, or what have you in your system . . . Contestants are urged once more to be sure not to forget to sign their names to their entries. Also, state the present age and Vrtec number . . . Prizes will not be awarded for contributions written in collaboration with one or more members and signed with two or more names!

Vrtec Director

MILWAUKEE'S VRTEC GROWS

Sometime ago, an announcement was made in the English-speaking Lodge Section of the NapredeK that an ACTIVE VRTEC was established by Lodge No. 24, Milwaukee, Wis., and now, upon completing my "Juvenile Month" tour, we are happy to inform our readers that we had the pleasure and the honor, too, of spending a very pleasant week-end with the members and administratrix, sister Sophie Stampfel, of this up and coming Vrtec. The transfer of this Vrtec from the inactive to the active ranks took place, officially, June 1st . . . Its organizers are sister Sophie Stampfel, secretary of Lodge No. 24, and brother John Maren, Supreme Auditor.

At the first meeting, which was held at the home of brother Frank Petritz, on Friday evening, June 11th, a total of ten (10) new members were added to their previous enrollment of fifteen. The names of these new juniors members are as follows:

Norma Stampfel
Olga Stampfel
Marie Gnader
Edward Ermence
Marie Ermence
Jeanette Kosrog
June Mary Bohte
Bertha Gole
Richard F. Kloplich
Jeanette Gaber

Two new applicants were proposed and accepted at this meeting. By this time they are full-fledged members of the Vrtec and their names are: Margaret Angeline Ohojak and her sister Elsie Erna. Both girls are musically inclined. And boy! Can they play ball and swim! You should have seen them at Army, Lake on Sunday June 27th!

Election of officers for the current year took place at this initial meeting, also. We have for president, Anton Jerkich; vice-president, Elsie Ohojak; secretary, Norma Stampfel; treasurer, Edward Ermence; recording secretary, Margaret Ohojak; Sargeant-at-Arms, Olga Stampfel.

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S. S. P. Z. NATIONAL JUNIOR HOBBY EXHIBIT

RULES

Purpose — The purpose of the JUNIOR HOBBY EXHIBIT is to promote and stimulate a greater interest in the acquisition of hobbies of a useful and educational nature among the boys and girls of our Society.

Date — The JUNIOR HOBBY EXHIBIT will be feature of our National Athletic Meet, Sept. 4-5-6, 1937.

Place — Slovene National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland.

Hobby Classes — All hobbies shall be classified into four divisions: Collections, manual work, household arts and arts.

Awards — First, second and third place ribbons, attached to our new "star" Junior pins, will be awarded to winners in each hobby classification. A beautiful trophy will be awarded to the Vrtec unit scoring the highest number of merit points. The following system shall be used as a basis for grading entries: Five (5) points shall be given for each first place in each classification; three (3) points for each second place and one (1) point for each third. An additional ten (10) points shall be awarded to the Vrtec unit having promoted the greatest interest in hobbies as evidenced by the number and quality of exhibits.

How to Enter — Fill in an entry blank with your name, Vrtec and certificate No., age, address, classification of entry, type of exhibit and number of pieces and mail or present it with your exhibit to Rudolph Lisch, 1393 E. 47th St., Cleveland, O.

Final Entry Date — All entries must be mailed or delivered to Rudolph Lisch, 1393 E. 47th St., Cleveland, O., not later than August 25, 1937.

All entries must be the creation or collection of the exhibitor. Exhibits will be given all possible care, but are entered at member's risk.

Articles should be protected against breakage. Be sure to pack well with cotton or paper and then place in a box before mailing.

Please state if you wish exhibit to be returned. All local exhibitors must call for them, personally.

No entry fee is required.

For further information, write to Michael Vrhovnik, 247 W. 103rd St., Chicago, Ill.

NOTE: Entry blank is published in this issue!

Director of Juvenile Department

S. S. P. Z. NATIONAL JUNIOR HOBBY EXHIBIT
Cleveland, Ohio — Sept. 4-5-6, 1937.

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

Name.....Vrtec No.....Cert. No.....Age.....

Address.....

(City or town) (Street or box No.) (State)

(Check below the exhibits you have entered)

Classifications and Collections

Collections

- (a) Stamps.....
- (b) Curios.....
- (c) Buttons & Badges.....

Household Arts

- (a) Sewing.....
- (b) Needlework.....
- (c) Knitting.....

Manual Work

- (a) Woodwork.....
- (b) Metal work.....
- (c) Models (ships, planes, etc.).....

Arts

- (a) Cartoons & Posters.....
- (b) Drawing.....
- (c) Clay & Soap Sculpturing.....

Vrtec Secretary

Administrator-trix

NOTE: This entry blank, properly filled and signed, should be mailed or presented to Rudolph Lisch, 1393 E. 47th St., Cleveland, O., not later than August 25, 1937.

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WESTERN LEADERS PAR- ENT TO NEW VRTEC

We welcome these boys and girls to our active junior ranks and hope they will take advantage of every privilege and opportunity offered them as members of this great Society of ours.

The birth of a new Vrtec took place in Butte, Mont., during our JUVENILE MONTH . . . Brother Peter Kranitz, secretary of the Western Leaders, Lodge No. 209, who wrote to me, several months ago regarding the organization of a new Vrtec,

is its organizer, having sent in five (5) new applications. This Vrtec is not yet an ACTIVE unit, but we are more or less certain that with a few additional members, it, too, will soon follow in the foot-steps of Vrtec No. 33 at Milwaukee. The names of Butte's new members are:

- Annabel Kranitz
- Ione J. Kranitz
- Lorraine Lubich
- Robert G. Henderson
- Katherine G. Henderson

We welcome this group of youngsters into our Juvenile Department and wish them and their administrator success in all future ventures. May they grow and prosper under the guiding influence of SSPZ fraternalism. We congratulate brother Kranitz on his efforts and hope he follows through and completes the task he has set out to do.

VRTEC NATIONAL SOFT- BALL TOURNEY

I'm sure all you young Vrtec players will be mighty glad to hear that the Cleveland S. S. P. Z. 5th National Athletic Meet Committee reversed a previous ruling that there would be no National Vrtec Softball Tourney this year . . . This tourney will be open to teams representing ACTIVE units only . . . Although teams are permitted to carry fifteen (15) players, we suggest that the number be kept down to twelve (12) . . . The biggest job of the Meet is finding room for you to sleep and seeing that you're fed and taken care of properly. The other big worry is that none of you get hurt or get into any mischief which might leave a detrimental stigma on the Society and Lodges of Cleveland . . . When you come to Cleveland, leave your bag of tricks at home. Make up your minds to be perfect gentlemen and the best of sports in victory or defeat. That, you find, is the best motto if you wish to leave a good impression on your hosts and other Vrtec and Lodge members who will be there to witness and participate in our 5th NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET. On your showing and behavior will depend the future status of Vrtec competition in our National Meets. If you want to be a participant in next year's Meet, wherever it will be held, do all you can to keep the work of handling your needs, at this year's affair, down to a minimum. Nothing will go farther towards insuring a National Vrtec event in 1938. So take care, all of you lads! To date, five (5) Vrtec teams are planning to enter the 1937 Vrtec Softball Tourney . . . Two, and possibly three others, are working hard to raise funds to enable them to make the grade. Everything points to a most successful National Meet . . . Hope to see you there.

VRTEC NO. 11 PLANS OUTING

COLLINWOOD, O. — At our last meeting we didn't have reg-

ular attendance on account of a big storm. I give credit to those that did come, all those that weren't there should attend our next meeting, August 6. Among our regular business we will discuss the outing that will take place next month. And of course the Wheel of Progress. We have a gigantic drive now in progress for new members. We have three prizes: First, bicycle for girl or boy; second prize, \$5.00 and third \$2.50. Here's information to the ones that didn't attend the last meeting. If you have any friends willing to join bring them along next meeting.

Boys that play ball should come to practice more regularly. You'll have contestants out-of-town, and they say that they are plenty tough. Spartan Jrs. are not an easy mark, either and the Olympics are only two months away! So do come to practice every Saturday at 4 o'clock, Grovewood ave. and E. 176 St.

The SSPZ Athletic Board changed the size of ball to 12 inches which Br. Vrhovnik already explained in the Napredek.

All the Vrtec 11 members should be proud of their splendid orchestra which consists of five well-groomed boys. As you all know they appeared at the banquet which was given in honor of SNPJ delegates at S. D. D. on Waterloo Rd., and they sure made a hit. The delegates from Gowanda, N. Y., could not forget them, so they were invited to Gowanda to play July 24-25.

I'll be seeing you at the next meeting—bring your friends!

John Zaman Sr.

Administrator Vrtec 11.

Baseball in Six Simple Stanzas

(As viewed by a mascot)

Come on, kids,
The game's begun;
End of first —
Score—three to one.

Inning: three.
Swing that bat!
Huh?! Three outs?
That ump's a rat.

(We want a new ump!
We want a new ump!)

Batter up!
The pitcher's sore;
Balls one, two, three,
Ha-ha! Ball four.

(We want a new pitcher!
We want a new pitcher!)

"Pardon me,
But that's our bat."
"Oh yeah, sez who?
Take that — and that — — —"

(We need a new bat!
We need a new bat!)

Here's the ball
And what a hit!
But what a catcher —
He swallowed it!

(We need a new ball and catcher!
We need a new ball and catcher!)

Inning: ninth —
The second half.
Score: — 102-1
What a laugh!

(How's about a new team?
How's about a new team?)

Valeria Artel,
Vrtec 11.

Letters From Our Vrtec Members

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Written by Marie Ermenc

We members of Vrtec No. 33 think Mr. Vrhovnik is a great leader and has a wonderful personality.

It's just too bad we didn't have time enough to prepare for a good program to give in his honor. We tried to show our appreciation to him for his visit to our Vrtec, his lovely speech he made for us and the pictures he showed of different members and activities of our SSPZ.

Marie Gnader played a couple of lovely accordion selections also brother Herman Jerkich showed his skill with the accordion, the writer too played some Slovene selections on the piano, and so did my brother Ed try his hand at the piano. Sisters Olga and Norma Stampel, Elsie and Margaret Ohojak sang a Slovene song entitled "Lipa zelenela je." Also one of our youngest members Dolores Omeyc sang a song entitled "Pennies From Heaven."

We hope to do better on his next visit. This took place Saturday evening, June 26th.

Next morning we all started out for the picnic grounds at Army Lake, a beautiful place. Our Senior lodge donated 10 tickets to each of us Vrtec members and free lunch for young and old. We surely did enjoy our picnic, boating, swimming, and watching the two teams from Chicago playing baseball with our "Balkanites." After the games were over Mr. Vrhovnik got us juniors to play baseball too. We stayed out there till dark. We sure had a swell time! Our great appreciation and thanks to our Vrtec administratrix, Sophie Stampel, John Maren and Leo Omeyc, all Vrtec supervisors, for their efforts in behalf of us junior members, also Senior lodge members for rides and entertainment of us juniors at the picnic, and refreshments served to us at our Vrtec meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Peric we also thank for donating the hall for our meetings.

To pay our indebtedness to those above mentioned, I suggest, let's do our best and gather in new members for Vrtec No. 33. Let's make it one hundred strong till next June. As a welcome greeting and our appreciation to our junior director Mr. Vrhovnik's visit for Saturday night June 26th, I wrote and recited the following verses:

*OUR SSPZ GARDEN
In a little garden full of
flowers,
Once a month we spend a
couple of happy hours,*

*The flowers, boys and girls are
we,*

*And the garden is our lodge
Vrtec No. 33.*

*We boys and girls from Mil-
waukee this day,*

*Wish to present a lovely bou-
quet,*

To our Mother Lodge SSPZ

To be known as Vrtec No. 33.

*We are proud to belong to such
a fine lodge known as SSPZ,
That indeed offers a helping
hand to you and me.*

Three cheers for its members

*Here present or wherever they
may be,*

Long live our SSPZ.

Marie Ermenc, age 12, 7A
Grade, Member Vrtec 33.

Vandling, Pa., July 14, 1937.

— The regular meeting of Pioneers Vrtec No. 1 was held on Sunday, July 11, 1937. Not many members were present. Our secretary was also absent for the first time since the Vrtec had been organized and for the first time she is spending her vacation in New York. In Genesis we read that often God had worked for six days creating the heavens, the earth, and all that they contain. He rested the seventh day, and appointed it a day of rest for the children of men. So the world over men feel that one day out of the week should be so observed. We have no scriptural warrant for summer vacations, but when the out-door season comes along most people feel like leaving the daily routine they have followed and do something different for a month or so. And I think it's a good practice. We get stale if we stay too long at the grind of every day life, and need a little recreation to bring back the savor of living. The change will be most welcome. Hoping she is enjoying herself, and will be waiting for an article from her in the Vrtec page from L. Is., N. Y. Vrtec members please attend our next monthly meeting Aug. 8, 1937, so we will be able to arrange for our outing before school starts.

This should have been done at this meeting, is was impossible, for the members did not attend. We don't think enough if we are active members, the kind that we should be, or to be just contented and wear the SSPZ button on our lapels? We must think, do we attend meetings and if we do our part. We should all take an active part to help the Vrtec and the organization, the SSPZ. Are we doing our part in the Wheel of Progress Campaign? Our admx. had put two spokes in the Wheel of Progress at our meeting, which means the building is rising slowly. We should all help the work along,

or are we satisfied to be one of those who just belongs? Members come to the meetings often and help with heart and hand. We shall get interested in the affairs, then we will attend every meeting. Don't be just a member, take an active part. Think this over, brothers and sisters.

You all know right from wrong, so why not be an active member, instead of one who just belongs?

Promise to attend one meeting a month and read the Napredok Vrtec Page. So many do not read it. Questions are asked at the meetings that shows they do not read the Vrtec page. Read the monthly issue of the Napredok that every member receives. The director of the Juvenile Dept. bro. Michael Vrhovnik, writes all about the Vrtec units and organization, and the "Wheel of Progress Campaign." If we read what he writes, we would be very interested in the work. The fraternal organization system is one of the real evidences of co-operation. It is development of the power among the members to intelligently work together for a given purpose. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the assistant supreme secretary of the SSPZ for the donation given to the Pioneer Vrtec at the time of his visit here.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to the Junior Literary Contest judges for the prize I have received from them for my monthly article in the "Napredok." The amount was received with great appreciation.

Wm. Pevc,
Vrtec No. 1

VRTEC 11 BALL PLAYERS, ATTENTION!

CLEVELAND-Collinwood. — The next meeting of Vrtec No. 11 will be held on August 6, 1937. At that meeting we will decide about the outing. If we can find a suitable spot we are going to have an outing during the month of August.

The 1937 SSPZ Athletic Meet is not far off. At this Meet we will compete against other Vrtec teams for the baseball championship.

There haven't been many boys showing up for practice for the last two weeks although the weather is fine. You can't expect any championship team without practice. So let's all show up at E. 176 and Grovewood and have real practice.

John Zaman Jr.
Member Vrtec No. 11

HOW TO BUILD A SUCCESS- FUL LODGE

CLEVELAND-Collinwood, O. — The growth of a lodge or a club reminds me of a baby.

While the lodge is very young, it is practically helpless because of the small membership. Like a baby it must be fed, washed and dressed. It must be cared

for to make it grow into a large, strong one.

S. S. P. Z. is a big, strong, young man now with the Vrtec lodges added to it's care of the Slovene and English-speaking lodges.

We must help it care for these lodges, and the way to do it is to take interest in our own branch.

Many Vrtec units have a large membership but are not what one would call strong. The meetings are not attended well and nothing is accomplished.

First of all, a good leader should be chosen. Then, most important of all, the members *should* cooperate.

It might be hard to get the members to attend the meetings because the ones they had attended had been dull, uninteresting, with the president just talking listlessly about something they didn't know. Right after the meeting is over, everyone scatters almost immediately. They hardly know anyone else there so what else could they do?

This is how it should be—

It is up to the president to make the meeting interesting. He should explain things to the members and make them enthusiastic over the various activities.

The new members ought to be introduced to the members at the meeting.

One of the most important things is to have something doing after each meeting to keep the members' interests from lagging. Sprinkle the year with outings, picnics, parties and dances. Have benefit card parties, bingo parties and bazaars. Plan small things to keep the members busy thinking about them.

Don't forget that—

1. Added membership goes for the growth of an organization.

2. Cooperation of the members for strength.

3. Lots of activity to keep the organization clothed in the interest of the members.

Anne Gacnik,
Outlookers' Secretary

NEWSY-NOTES FROM WHITE VALLEY

Vrtec 103 held their regular monthly meeting on Sunday morning, July 18, in the White Valley Hall. The meeting was well attended, but I could easily guess why. Following the calling to order of the meeting the minutes were read by our Recording Secretary Helen Previc and approved. The financial situation resulting from our last picnic was settled with the old lodge. That being accomplished we began a discussion about taking a group picture of our Vrtec. The idea being brought up by our good administrator, Mr. Previc. Everyone was in favor of having our pictures taken and entering them in the Junior Amateur Snapshot Contest. We talked about holding a picnic on the first Sunday in August at the home of our secretary, Julia

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MY ENERGETIC SISTER

I know it was time for me to write a contribution a long time ago, but since I haven't I will tell why I have not. Like every other story this is a long one, but I will try to keep it as short as possible. It is all on account of my little sister. She must of gotten jealous or something, for after I won a prize she said, "The next time we will write together. A good story that will surely win the final award."

"Good!" was my excited reply, "when do we start? What are we going to write about?"

"Oh! I'll choose a suitable subject; you need not worry," she answered and then added "Most likely all you will have to do will be to sign your name."

"No, but that wouldn't be fair."

"All right! But your English is terrible and you don't have any imagination at all." With this last bored remark she hurried out for Francis Sinkovic went by, and she just couldn't bear to miss seeing his, oh so romantic countenance. But I was right after her for I wanted to tell all my friends of my good luck.

How I regret that now. How my good name suffered. I really am ashamed of myself, and you will see I have just cause to be.

I returned home some time later, but my sister must have been out boy-chasing as usual. If she wasn't boy-chasing then she had caught one and was pestering him. Anyway she wasn't home, so I filled her pen and bought a new tablet. Yes sir, my enthusiasm was high.

After supper, when my sister had rested and I had wiped the dishes, I told her of my preparations. She was aghast. She wasn't going to be rushed. And besides she couldn't write on such hot nights. And who did I think I was fooling around with her best pen. A moment later I was hurrying to put away the pen and paper with "I'll start when I'm good and ready," ringing wrathfully in my ears.

When I again took enough courage to approach her, and ask her about what we were going to write about, she said something that sounded like: "A Satire on Politics." I didn't have a chance to ask her again for those curly hair of Tony Bayt had just passed our house. I don't know if it was Tony though that made her run so or was it the fact that he did not have a shirt, and was swinging it about his head.

"A Satire on Politics"? That was a funny subject to choose. What did she know about politics. Pop don't know about anything but shoes. Mom can cook but that's all. Sis and I read only the last page of the 'Globe' and the funnies are on it. It was here I began to regret. We were going to write about politics and no one in the house knew anything about them.

A week later I asked my sis-

ter if she had done anything. She answered sweetly she had written two pages on my tablet. You should have seen her when I said: "How could you when I have it locked in my closet?" But she wasn't going to be caught so easily. She yelled right back. "Do you expect me to be perpetually writing? I have other things to do," and she stormed out of the house. Perpetually writing? Why she hadn't written a word.

A few days later I finally induced her to sit down and write a little at least, but after I read the few lines she did write I was not consoled. Besides not making sense it was no good. But I did not dare say I would not sign my name to such a thing so I said, "Why don't we just write the local news? It won't be such a strain on you."

"Oh! anyone can write such trash!" she said. "We are going to be exclusive."

I was afraid we were not only going to be exclusive, but excluded from the contest for that month also, so I continued my prodding. "We could write that Tony Bayt was elected captain of the baseball team, and that I am the manager. That's news and not trash. Besides that's all they give prizes for anyway."

You always want your name in the paper. Anyone can write about that, so we are going to write about satire and that is final.

"Then all I am going to do is sign my name. And have a maybe after that," I cried angrily and threw my pencil after her receding back.

Another eight days passed and still no results, so we sat down together again to see what we could do. We didn't do anything but quarrel. "Well, why don't you write something? — And quit humming," I said. "That darn song is getting on my nerves."

"If you are so smart why don't you write something yourself. Here! Here is the pen and paper."

"You needn't get sassy about it!" I cried back.

"I'll do what I like, and no one is going to tell me what to do. What if you are a few years older? You can't boss me."

"All right! All right!" I cried back to her. "If that's the way you feel about it you can go and chase Johnny Praprotnik and that cute Martin Dragan. I'll write my own story. And I hope you break your wrist writing your story. Give me my paper."

I picked up my tablet and dashed into my room, and that is where this originated from. I didn't like the title anyway and I don't see how Francis, Tony, Johnny, and Martin stand my sister or any other girl for that matter. I hate them all, including my sister.

Frank Mivec (Age: 16)
Vrtec 9, Indianapolis, Ind.

Letters From Our Vrtec Members

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Kosmach and I'm sure that would be a wonderful location for a good time. Besides having a group picture we expect to take some individual hobby pictures, such as swimming, baseball, playing instruments, etc. A committee was appointed to prepare some refreshments for the picnic and it seems like we're all in for a good time.

Following our planning of the picnic we were informed about one of our members, Martha Kosholic, leaving our Vrtec and joining the senior lodge. That meant that we owed her a dollar, for we made a rule that as long as our money lasted in the treasury we would give a dollar to any member that left out Vrtec to join the SSPZ. Our treasurer, Mary Lavrich, presented Martha with the money and all was well. Farewell! Martha, I'm sure we'll all miss your pleasant company at our future meetings. Hurrah for Martha! She's started the wedding bells ringing in our Vrtec this year and we hope they'll keep ringing and ringing. Good for you Martha, we all wish you many years of happy married life.

The meeting was then adjourned and refreshments were served. This has been one of the main attractions of our younger members to our meetings lately. Everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments and went home happy.

All our members have been enjoying an easy life this summer. The boys have been playing baseball, horseshoes, etc. Some of the girls have been doing a little farming, others have been keeping house (that's all right girls, it's good practice) and the rest of the girls are taking whatever comes by. A few of the girls are certainly interested in dancing. Why they could almost dance day and night. For instance Helen Previc couldn't count the dances she attended during the last month. Some of the girls have been doing quite a deal of hitch-hiking and boy, is it fun! A number of the members have tried their best in joining some of the contests now open for juveniles, especially our recording secretary, Helen, and secretary, Julia have been quite successful in their attempts and we wish them more luck in the future. We have tried stressing the contests upon our younger members but they all seem to be backward or something. Everyone has tried hard to get new members for our Vrtec but lately it seems that we've gone to sleep on the job, but we really haven't; we're still trying our best, and don't seem to be able to find new members. Of course the encouragement given us by brother Vrhovnik seemed

Note: All names used are true and they have consented to my use of them.

to urge everyone to go on. I'm sure that words couldn't express our appreciations to him for coming out to visit us. This is about all the news from our Vrtec this time. Until the next time we'll all KEEP TRYING.

Tillie Mladenick, president of Vrtec 103, Box 102, Export, Pa.

HELEN COMES THROUGH AGAIN

EXPORT, Pa. — Dear Editor and Readers: I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Junior Literary Contest Judges for the prize I had received for my article in the "Napredek". The amount was received with great appreciation.

A few of the Challenger members are great disappointers. The reason: Saying to watch for an article in the paper and then not having one. I guess they just don't have the ambition to write or it's this summer weather we're having. What do you say, boys? Did Pellegrini find his red-headed girl friend, the one he says all men prefer.

So brother Vrhovnik changed his mind about me being a quitter. I want to thank him for the lovely letter which was sent to me. Everyone of the members are anxiously awaiting to see the movies of ourselves and they keep asking when they will have the opportunity of seeing them. We only hope that we can see them soon, Brother Vrhovnik.

Our July meeting was held as usual on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a. m. and was largely attended. They still kept talking about brother Michael Vrhovnik. At this meeting we discussed plans of having a photographer come next month to take a group picture, this is, if the weather permits. We were very sorry to lose one of our members to the adult class.

After the meeting was adjourned refreshments were served.

So the "quitter" is saying so long till the next time.

Helen Previc, recording sec'y Vrtec 103, Box 458, Export, Pa.

A Symphony of Life

I sit beside my window bright
And gaze through its transparent pane
I watch the clouds, but see them not,
Nor hear the patter of the rain.

No haunting wailing of the wind,
No blinding spire of lightning white
Disturbs me, as I sit and dream,
Unmindful of the stormy night.

I dream of happiness and fame —
Of freedom from the pains of strife—
Of love—of hope—of faithfulness --
A perfect Symphony of Life.

No clash of stubborn, selfish wills,
No fear, no hopeless apathy,
No loud discords of arrogance
Will mar my Perfect Symphony.

My symphony will soar on high,
Will reach God's heavenly domain;
But when I feel a loneliness,
'T will come to comfort me again.

And when the chords fade out and die
When wearied, but content I'll be,
I, too, shall then begin to fade —
And join my Perfect Symphony.

Valeria Artel,
Vrtec 11.