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Coming Events

Fridays in Lent

Fish and Shrimp Dinners served 4 to 7 p.m. in St. Vitus Hall by the Dad's Club. (No dinners on Good Friday.)

Friday, March 17 Fish Fry at Slovenian Home, E. 80th St., serving 5 to 8. \$5.00 per person.

March 18 - 25

Slovenian Sports Club sponsors 'Ski the Summit' trip to Hotel Breckenridge. Limited space. For reservations call 944-5847 or 256-8628.

Sunday, March 19

Federation of Slovenian Homes honors men and women of the year with banquet at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Ave.

Sunday, March 19

Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges Meeting at 2:30 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid.

Sunday, March 19 Annual Chicken and Roast Beef Dinner at St. Vitus Auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by St. Vitus Mothers Club.

Saturday, April 1 Glasbena Matica Concert and Dinner-Dance at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair. Doors open 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 n.m. Sumrada orchestra.

Sunday, April 2

Waterloo Pensioners Club Annual Spring Dinner-Dance at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd. Serving 2 to 3:30 p.m. Music by Sumrada Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Donation \$10. For tickets call Steve Shimits 531-2281.

Saturday, April 8

Zarja Spring Concert, dinner 5 to 7 p.m., and dance to Johnny Vadnal Orchestra in Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid. Donation is \$14.00. Dance only tickets are \$4.00.

April 8 and 9

Doubles Bowling Tournament at Newburgh E. 80th St. Slovenian Home Lanes. Saturday dance in Clubroom. For more information or tickets call 883-2963.

Sunday, April 9 Super Button Box Bash, both halls of Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., featuring button box bands. Children's concert at 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 15 Saint Cyril Slovenian Church in New York sponsors Slovenian Festival.

Sunday, April 23 St. Clair Pensioners Annual Dinner and Social, lower hall of St. Clair Slov. National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. Serving from 1 to 3 p.m., Social to 5 p.m.

From Slovenian Folklore Treasures

Slovenian Easter **Traditions**

by Eda Vovk Pusl

Slovenian folk traditions are tightly interwoven with the Christian Easter traditions. In Slovenia, Easter season is one of the most solemn, but joyful, of all holidays.

The true beauty and greatness, heart and soul of the Slovenian people is expressed. This thrilling and harmonious time encompasses and involves everyone, from the youngest to the oldest member of the family. Even the most remote mountain village is full of Easter spirit.

There is an infinite variety of Folk Easter traditions, for every region of Slovenia has its own unique customs. Even the content and use of the greenery blessed on Palm Sunday differs in almost every village, as does the reason for their use. Nearly all famous Slovenian poets and writers immortalize all these customs with their work.

BUTARAS ON PALM SUNDAY

Oh! Let the palms, where they would be Share peace and harmony. Oh! Let the blessed palms Bear peace and prosperity

Simon Gregorcic

There is no village in Slovenia that wouldn't carry bundles of various spring greenery to blessing on Palm Sunday. The holiday is dedicated to the solemn arrival of Christ into Jerusalem, where the crowds welcomed him by laying palm branches in front of Jesus.

It seems that the Christian traditions copied some older, magical power of plants from the pagan times, which would hasten growth, fertility, and make the harvest fruitful. Plants were also the symbol used to drive out evil spirits and illness, and guard people against natural disasters such as lightening, storms and hail.

This roll is now filled by blessed greenery Zegnani les. Every part of the Butara has its purpose and usage. There are countless ways of assembling it, according to each ethnographical region of Slovenia.

The KOROSKA region of Slovenia calls the bundle SNOP, CVETNIK PRA-JTELJ. In this region, the villagers show their pride, joy and wealth by competing among each other for the longest and most beautiful bundle.

Some are even eight, ten or 25-meters long, and are carried by two or four men in the procession to the church. Some were so tall they brushed the cobwebs off the church ceilings. Despite their length, the bundle was only 10 centimeters thick, so it resembled a long spear.

The bundle was composed of native plants, such as red and yellow pussy willows, ivy, berry bushes, box tree, juniper shrubs, but included fruits such as apples, oranges and figs. Easter eggs and patriotic white, blue and red ribbons and flowers decorated the snop. On the top they used and ornately made a cross, or monstrance, like at the top of a Christmas tree.

In the village of Koprivna they carry baskets of fine cut ferns on their shoulders, which



There is a great deal of skill involved in making a great butara.

is used for the cattle during the year. The most unique bundle is made in the cradle of Slovenia, the valley of Zilija. The villagers cut down a cornel or willow tree, peel the branches and hang up to 60 apples, figs, or oranges on the branches. They then fill between the fruit with greenery, long stem spring flowers and colored ribbons.

After the blessing, each family representative hurries home so he may be the first of all the villagers home and thus have the best luck in the coming season for a bountiful harvest.

Every part of the bundle was considered sacred, and was used throughout the year for every sort of help. For example, many crosses are made from snop. They are used

everywhere, on barns, in fields, in stables, over the doorways as good omens. They even functioned like calendars because every year a new cross was added behind the beam, so that the age of the house could be told from counting the crosses - some had over 80 crosses.

Sticks or branches from the snop were often placed in the four corners when spring plowing and planting was done, to insure good crops. The fruits from it were used for medicinal purposes for people, or even sometimes for cattle.

In PREKMURJE, ŠOP, PUŠELJ, PRESNEC is carried all around the house, inside and outside and to all the

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Large Edition

Today's American Home newspaper contains a 28-page insert from the Federation of Slovenian Homes in Greater Cleveland. The insert is in three sections, A, B, and C. Together with the regular American Home 12-page pre-Easter edition, you should have received a 40-page newspaper. We thank the Federation of Slovenian Homes' offciers for allowing us to share their news with our readers. Happy reading, and please send us your news items and information so we may share them with readers across the country and Canada and the world.



Children march to St. Mary Church carrying butare on Palm Sunday morning

-JVD

St. Mary Slovenian Parish on Holmes Avenue in the Collinwood neighborhood is joining with the Board of Trustees of the Slovene Home for the Aged in sponsoring a benefit dinner on behalf of the SHA. In past years this was known ₹ as the Venison Dinner, but this year the SHA Trustees are cosponsoring the event and venison is not on the menu.

The dinner will be Sunday, April 30, at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue. The dinners will be served from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. and there will be musical entertainment well into the afternoon.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children under the age of 12. The tickets are available from the St. Mary parish rectory, any member of the Board of Trustees of the SHA, Tony's Polka Village on E. 185 St., the Slovene Home for the Aged, and American Home office. * * *

OPALICH-MILLS ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Judith Opalich of Mayfield Village and Mr. George Opalich of Concord, Ohio announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Alice, to John Joseph Mills, son of Mrs. Mary Kaye Stock of Rocky River and Mr. John Mills of Middleburg Hts., Ohio.

The bride to be is a graduate of Mayfield High School and attended Ohio University. She is employed at Non Ferrous Metals Fabricating Co. Her fiance is a graduate of St. Edward High School and John Carroll University. He is a manufacturers representative Clauson-Meadows Associates. The wedding date has been set for August 19.

The bride to be is the granddaughter of Alice Opalich and the late Stephen Opalich of Cape Coral, Florida and Richmond Heights, Ohio.

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Benefit Dinner to Aid Slovene Home for Aged

The following article appeared in the "Case Alumnus" and was submitted to the American Home by Frances Nemanich of Euclid, Ohio. Fran's son, Joseph Nemanich, of Dayton, an alumnus of Case, sent his mother the article to share with our readers:

Dr. Margaret Gorensek one of the founding physicians of the Cleveland Clinic's new outpost in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was back in her hometown of Cleveland recently, studying for her third medical board exam - this time in infectious diseases. She



Margie Gorensek at the Cleveland Clinic

is already board-certified in both internal medicine and pediatrics. "That means I can take care of both adults and kids," she said.

When she graduated as a National Merit Scholar and valedictorian of her high school class at Notre Dame Academy, there was no doubt in her mind that she would go to Case and ultimately to medical school.

While an undergraduate, she held the Case Alumni Association's Reinberger Memorial Scholarship during her junior and senior years, the same scholarship her brother held during his undergraduate career at Case.

"We're a Case family," she said. (Her father, Frank Gorensek, has a degree in civil engineering and two brothers also received their degrees from the university.

She remembers her years at the university with fondness, particularly courses with such professors as Garnett McMillan and Robert Dunbar in chemistry, Robert Clark in mathematics and the late Robert Shankland in physics "What was wonderful about

Jennifer Opalich and John Joseph Mills are engaged.

them was the time they took to help students. I guess as far as training went, it was more than I needed for medical school, but it got me where I wanted to go. I probably took more physics than I needed but it taught me to think logically."

Of Slovenian ancestry, Margie grew up speaking both Slovenian and English and expanded her Slavic language capabilities by studying Russian at Case. She was also an active member and accompanist for the Slovenian choral group Korotan. She continued her piano lessons while in college. "I wanted to be able to play Chopin," she said.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, Margie took her medical training at CWRU Medical School, then spent four years as a resident at Cleveland Clinic, followed by a two-year fellowship in infectious diseases at the Clinic and several months at the Children's Medical Center of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas.

She expects to be using all her specialties at the new clinic in Florida. "It's really exciting for me to be part of this wonderful team," she said. "Unfortunately, there's a lot of misunderstanding in the Florida medical community about what the Clinic is doing there. They feel threatened by what they see as financial loss. But we are offering highly specialized medical services there, just as we do 1 Cleveland."

If the Clinic is approved, I will build a 450-bed hospital In Westin, southwest of Forl Lauderdale, and continue its traditional threefold mission of patient care, education and research, she said.

Dr. Gorensek is the daughtel of Julie and Frank Gorensel of Wickliffe, Ohio. Mr. Gorensek was the forme director of the Slovenia choral group, Korotan.

Get Well Wishes Wishes for a speedy recovery to the personable Ton Petkovsek, Sr., who recovering from a slight strok which struck March 8. He is 1 Euclid Meredia Hospital, Hi son, Tony, the popular polk radio personality, said his is progressing nicely and pects to be out of the hospile in a week or two.

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The traditions unique to the **ŠTAJERSKA** region include the use of hazelnut twigs in the BUTARA, PEGELJ, PU-SELJC, and they are quite thick, two to four meters long Each home makes several of them to be used for different purposes. They are also decorated patriotically with white, blue and red ribbons and then the longest ones are leaned against the church wall, for everyone's admiraton because they won't fit inside the church.

Sometimes a heart-shaped cornellian berry blossom is placed on the top of the BUTARA with a banner set in it, and hanging from the banner are holy pictures.

For blessing purposes, a nicely-shaped branch is saved

and kept in a wall cabinet, and used for various blessings throughout the year.

In **PRIMORSKO**, where palms and olives grow, *PALME*, *OLČNE VEJICE*, *PASINE* are more simply made. The most unique feature here is a rooster carved from fig wood and decorated with red cloth for a crown, and the flowers used are snowdrops, hyacinths and artificial flowers.

People of GORENJSKA made their BEGANICA, HERBICA from seven different kinds of wood to symbolize the seven sacraments. They also add blooming

with red cloth for a crown, and the flowers used are snowdrops, hyacinths and artificial flowers.

In the alpine area, fir and pine trees are used long with greenery, paper flowers and colored ribbons. In Vipava, every holy picture in the house is decorated with the PALME for God's protection.

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People of GORENJSKA made their BEGANICA.

Rev. Victor Tomc, former pastor of St. Mary Church in Collinwood, watches a student make butara for Palm Sunday.

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cherry blossoms and string garlands of apples on grape vines. The wealth of the family is expressed in the bushiness, size and number of *BEGANIC*.

BUTARICE from LJU-BLJANA and vicinity are of a newer origin. In the city, a stylized version of the bundle is made. Wooden shavings are twisted into triangles and brightly painted. They are then placed around pussy willow branches to form a bouquet which resembles chrysanthemums. The result is a peculiar, but attractive piece of art which decorates homes throughout the year in Slovenia and abroad.

In BELA KRAJINA, DRE-NEK, MOŠKI ŽEGEN contain fruits and nuts which are painted gold. The very rich tradition of DOLENJSKA, KRAVJI, or LESENI ŽEGEN, has it that they are carried on the shoulders, or with straps on the back.

In my home town of **Ribnica**, the custom was for children to stand at the communion rail, and at the time of the blessing, raise žegen as high as possible, in order to get a better blessing.

If the žegen has a lot of ivy with black berries, it was the pride of the carrier. As a girl, I spent many summer Sundays searching in the woods for such ivy, so that at Easter time, I would know where to find it.

Easter time always filled my heart with indescribable joy, a joy which has stayed deeply in my heart wherever I go, or whatever I do. But all these traditions are the very essence of my being. Perhaps, this is why I have dedicated my life to the preservation of them, with sincerest love.

Some 25 years ago, I made two butaras in the Ribnica tradition for St. Vitus church, and they were the very first ones ever introduced at the Easter ceremonies there. They were carried by my sons, Leo and Marko, and blessed by Pastor/Monsignor Louis Baznik.

Just a few years ago, in 1981 I also introduced Butara tradition at St. Mary's church in Collinwood, organized by the Slovenian Folklore Institute. My son Leo conducted a workshop on the making of

of the fact that over 250 Butaras of all sizes were carried in the procession at that time, with everyone dressed in Slovenian national costumes.

Also, everyone present received a miniature one as a souvenir; over 500 were given out. Pastor Victor Tome, and recently deceased Doctor Reverend Lojze Tomtz offered the Mass and blessed the Butaras.

These Easter traditions are dear to the hearts of all Slovenians, and it was, and still is my fervent wish to preserve them so that they may be passed on to future generations.

Glasbena Matica's "Springtime Delight" Concert Will Be April 1

Glasbena Matica is hard at work rehearsing for its annual spring concert, which will take place on Saturday, April 1, at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Honored in song and word at this "Springtime Delight" performance will be poet and composer Ivan Zorman.

April marks the 100th anniversary of Zorman's birth (he died in 1957) and some of his music and poetry will be presented. Zorman was a major figure in the history of the Cleveland Slovenian American community and it is fitting he finally receives some of the recognition he so richly deserves.

Also to be heard during the concert will be the strains of Johann Strauss's famous waltzes — not for nothing is he known at the Waltz King — as well as many Slovenian

songs. Solos and duets will also be featured at this concert. The Glasbena Matica chorus is under the capable direction of Marya Ashamalla.

The evening will begin at 6:30 with the serving of a delicious meal prepared by Mrs. Smolic. The concert will begin right after the dinner. Following the concert there will be a dance, with music provided by the Sumrada Orchestra.

Contact any Glasbena Matica member for your tickets. The tickets always go very quickly and you won't want to be disappointed in not getting your ticket. Make your plans to attend now. It will be a grand greeting to the springtime season. No fooling!

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AGNES FEKETE

Agnes Fekete (nee Curl), age 76, died in Meridia Euclid Hospital on Monday, March 13 after a lengthy illness.

Agnes was born in Vas Para, Yugoslavia. She came to Cleveland in 1920. She was a resident of Marcella Road for 42 years.

She was a member of St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society, Slovenian Women's Union No. 50, and Holmes Avenue Pensioners.

She was employed as an inspector for the Joseph & Feiss Co. for over 40 years, retiring in 1977.

Agnes was the wife of John, sister of Anton & Matthew (dec.), and sister-in-law of Marie Curl:

Visitation was at Zele Funeral Homes, Inc., with Mass at St. Mary's Church on Thursday, March 16. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

MAGDALENA PEKIC

Magdalena Pekic (nee Mikesic), 88, was the wife of Peter, mother of Kata Pavicic (Canada), sister of Kathy Trzok (Can.), and Jula Demur, (Pa.), grandmother of Barbara Pavicic, Anna Vilimonovic, and Ivan.

Family received friends at the

Recent Deaths

Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Mass was Thursday, March 16 at St. Vitus Church and interment at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Spouses Help

There's a better chance of sticking with exercise programs when you're exercising with your spouse. A study by the St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria found that half the men who exercised alone quit the program after one year, but two-thirds of those exercising with their wives stuck with it.

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MOLLY F. SAYE

Molly F. Saye (nee Zgonc), 80, died at her home in Seminole, Fla. on Thursday, March 2 after a brief illness.

Molly was born in Ely, Minn. She divided her time between her home in Minnesota and Florida. She was the widow of Victor who died in 1967; the aunt of Angela Zbasnik (Ely, Minn.), and John Gorse, Euclid, and Doris Echle of Willoughby. She was the sister of Frank Zgonc, John Zgonc, Frances Rozman, Angela Kokal and Vulgumore, all deceased.

Visitation was held Thursday, March 9 at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Graveside services were held at Acacia Memorial Park.

GENEVIEVE MESERKO

Genevieve Meserko, (nee Sustar), age 91, died in Meridia Euclid Hospital Friday, March 10.

Genevieve was born in Ljubljana and came to Cleveland in 1925. She was a resident of East 72nd Street for 62 years.

She was employed as a seamstress at Hebschman Bros. and retired in 1963. She was a member of AMLA Lodge 9, and Maccabees No.

Genevieve was the widow of Frank, the mother of Jennie Quackenbush and Edward; grandmother of four, greatgrandmother; and sister of John Suster (dec.).

Visitation was at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. where services were held Tuesday, March 14, and at St. Vitus Church at 10 a.m. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

ANNA SUSTARSIC

Anna Sustarsic (nee Tekavec),

85, died at home after a long

illness on Saturday, March 11.

and was a resident of East 200

St., Euclid for 32 years. She

was employed as a machine

operator at Clevite Corp.,

retiring in 1967. Anna as a

member of SNPJ Lodge 604.

She was the widow of Frank,

the mother of Victor (Las

Vegas), Frank and William

(dec.), grandmother of three,

great-grandmother of one,

sister of Bertha Gabriel, Christine Streeter, Marie

Sayre (Tenn.), and Jennie

Kordic (dec.), William,

Thomas (dec.), Victor (dec.),

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ANNA TOMSICK

NEE: KOČEVAR

She entered into rest on February 1, 1989. Our dear one was born September 11, 1907 at Crnomelj, present day Slovenia, and came to America in 1928. She was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society at St. Marys, Holmes Ave., Lodge Naprej, No. 5, SNPJ, and Slovenian Women's Union, Branch No. 10.

Funeral services were held on February 4, 1989 from Zele's Funeral Home, E. 152nd St., with a Mass of the Resurrection at St. Mary's Church, Holmes Ave., and burial following at Calvary Cemetery. We are especially grateful to Rev. John Kumse for celebrating the funeral Mass, for leading the rosary at the funeral home, his beautiful homily at the funeral Mass, and for his final prayers at the cemetery. We are also grateful to concelebrant, Rev. Victor Tomc.

We are deeply grateful to the members of the organizations she belonged to, who paid final homage to our loved one. May God bless everyone a hundred fold for their beautiful floral pieces, Mass offerings, and other charitable donations in her memory. Deep appreciation is extended to everyone for their visitations, prayers, and expressions of sympathy.

From the depth of our hearts, we thank our friends who attended the church services, and accompanied our dear one to her final resting place. Many thanks to her grandchildren who carried the casket of our beloved. A big thank you is extended to Tillie Spehar, Antonia Lamovec, and organist Rudi Knez for their beautiful singing and accompaniment during the funeral Mass.

We are thankful to all who remained with us for some time after the funeral and shared with us in the delicious luncheon prepared by Mrs. Josephine Stanonik, and her staff, at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave.

Thanks are also extended to the Zele Funeral Home and its staff for their courtesies and careful attention to all of the funeral details.

Cards of thanks were sent to all who remembered us, and our dear one in a special way. If, by chance, we missed anyone, please accept our apology, and may this public notice serve as a special thanks to you.

> God watched you as you suffered, He knew you had your share; He gently closed your weary eyes, And took you in His care.

> > Rudy Ko

Your memory is our keepsake, With that we'll never part; God has you in His keeping, We have you in our heart.

Sadly missed by: ALBERT TOMSICK, son, Maple Hts., Ohio MARY PODLOGAR, daughter, Cleveland, Ohio JOHN PLUTT, son, Cleveland, Ohio ROSE KOKEL, daughter, Gowanda, New York WILLIAM TOMSICK, son, Timberlake, Ohio PHYLISS, FRANK, ALBA, JOHN, and PATRICIA,

daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, ROSE MUŠIČ, sister, Črnomeli, Slovenia, and other relatives in Slovenia.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 17, 1989.

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James V. Debevec Publisher

More Events

Sunday, April 30

Slovene Home for the Aged Benefit Dinner at Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Dinners served 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by St. Mary Parish and Board of Trustees, SHA. Adults \$10, Children under 12, \$5.00.

Sunday, April 30

Spring Dance sponsored by and at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130th St., 3:30 p.m. Jack Bell Orchestra. Fri., Sat., Sun., June 9, 10, 11 Weekend Festival celebrating 10th anniversary of Tony Klepec Orchestra. Friday at Sterle's Restaurant, Saturday at St. Clair Slovenian Home, Sunday at AMLA Recreation Center. For information call Tony Klepec (216) 539-4762 or Tony's Polka Village, 481-7512.

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Button Box Bash April 9

SNPJ Circle 2 and its Slovenian Junior Chorus invites you to attend the Super Button Box Bash VII on Sunday, April 9 at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid.

The music begins at 1 p.m. and continues to 9 p.m. The concert is at 3 p.m.

To make it affordable for as many people as possible to join us that day, the tickets are just \$3.00. Musicians with instruments will be admitted free

New to The Bash this year is the Erie Shores Button Box Club from Lorain. Many favorite clubs including the Western Pennsylvania Button Box Club from Sygan, Pa., will fill out a fine program.

F.O.O.D

Horseradish!

Just a little adds a lot of zip to salads, sauces, glazes

Horseradish, the "ugly duckling" vegetable, may look uninviting, but its fiery flavor adds a welcome zip to many foods!

It is the root of a plant of the mustard family—long (about six to 12 inches) and tapered—with round knobby ends and scruffy brownish skin. But once you scrape, then shred or grate it, the silvery white strands make a handsome, refreshing accompaniment for many foods. Here, more about horseradish, and tasty ways to use it.

Fresh horseradish: Buy roots that are flrm—not soft, spongy, with sprouts, or a greenish tinge. Refrigerate, covered in plastic wrap, and use within three weeks. Scrub and scrape, then grate or shred it—preferably in a blender or food processor, because its pungent smell may cause tears.

Prepared horseradish is grated and preserved with vinegar; the red variety is colored with beet juice. Refrigerate opened jars and use within four months, since it loses potency.

Dried, powdered horseradish—best for liquids, such as sauces and soups—can be found in the supermarket spice section. Keep tightly covered in a cool, dry place and use within a few months.

Try these suggestions with fresh or prepared horseradish—you will find a little can make a hig difference!
*Stir horseradish into applesauce or cranberry sauce as an accompaniment to pork, ham, or poultry.

*Mix a few teaspoonfuls into sour cream or yogurt and serve on beef, ham, pork, potatoes, vegetables.

*Add even more "bite" to mustard—for corned beef, frankfurters. *For instant seafood cocktail sauce, add a little to chili sauce—great on burgers, too!

burgers, too!
*Blend a small amount with potato, egg, or tuna salad.

*Orange marmalade or fruit preserve becomes a quick glaze for roast pork, baked ham, or corned beef with a little horseradish.

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Holy Week — 1989

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Holy Week — 1989

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 1989 7:00 p.m. TENEBRAE (Evening Prayers for Holy Week)

HOLY THURSDAY, March 23, 1989 7:00 p.m. Parish Mass of the Lord's Supper (Eng.& Slov) 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (See Bulletin)

GOOD FRIDAY, March 24, 1989

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross in English 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Slovenian

7:00 p.m. Celebration of our Lord's Passion & Death

HOLY SATURDAY, March 25, 1989

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food 3:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil and Concelebrated Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, March 26, 1989

7:00 a.m. Procession and Concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection of our Lord (Slov.)

9:15 a.m. Mass in English 10:30 a.m. Mass in Slovenian 12:00 Noon Mass in English

2:00 p.m. Solemn Litany and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Veliki teden — 1989

SREDA, 22. marec 1989 7:00 p.m. SLOVENSNE VEČERNE MOLITVE (za veliki

VELIKI ČETRTEK, 23. marec 1989 7:00 p.m. Koncelebrirana sv. maša zadnje večerje (Slov. & Eng.)

8:00 p.m. do 12:00 a.m. češčenje Najsvetejšega (glej oznanilo)

VELIKI PETEK, 24. marec 1989

12:00 p.m. Križev pot v angleščini 3:00 p.m. Križev pot v slovenščini

7:00 p.m. Obhajanje Kristusovega trpljenja in smrti

VELIKA SOBOTA, 25. marec 1989 1:00 p.m. Blagoslov jedil

3:00 p.m. Blagoslov jedil

7:30 p.m. Koncelebrirana sv. maša velikonočne vigilije

VELIKA NEDELJA, 26. marec 1989

7:00 a.m. Slovesno vstajenje, procesija in koncelebrirana maša v slovenščini

9:15 a.m. Maša v angleščini 10:30 a.m. Maša v slovenščini 12:00 p.m. Maša v angleščini

2:00 p.m. Pete litanije Matere božje in blagoslov z Najsvetejšim

Schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday......4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

URNIK SPO	OVEDOVANJA	
Sredo	7:00 a.m. do 7:30 a.m 6:30 p.m. do 7:00 p.m.	
Veliki Četrtek	4:30 p.m. do 5:30 p.m.	
Veliki Petek	12:30 p.m. do 1:00 p.m 3:30 p.m. do 4:30 p.m.	
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Veliki teden — 1989

Dragi farani!

Veliki teden je priprava na praznik Kristusovega vstajenja, ki je temeli naše vere. Med tednom se spominjamo, da je Jezus umrl za nas, v nedeljo pa, da je vstal in da ne bo nikdar več umrl. Zdai živi z nami. Velikonočna skrivnost bo imela za nas globlji pomen, če sodelovali celotnem bogoslužju velikega tedna. Molimo, da bi se celokupno versko občestvo pri sv. Vidu bolj zavedlo božje ljubezni da nas in njegovega življenja v Naj velikonočno veselje napolni vaša srca v tem svetem času!

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Dear Parishioners,

Jesus, our Lord, suffered, died and rose again to reconcile the world to His heavenly Father. All of our efforts this Lent have been to further this reconciliation among ourselves and with God.

The events we commemorate this Holy Week have made this possible. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives success to our efforts to 'put on Christ' in everything we do. As we enter this most holy week of the year, we invite you to unite yourself closely to Jesus by Participating fully in the scheduled services and by taking the opportunity to truly be reconciled through the Sacrament of Penance.

May the hope of the Resurrection keep the joy and Peace of the Lord in your life! A Blessed, Happy Easter to

> Parish Staff of St. Mary's, Fr. John Kumse, pastor Fr. Joseph Lieberth, in residence Sr. Nina Vitale, OSU, pastoral minister

HOLY WEEK — 1989

Holy Thursday, March 23, 1989

7:30 p.m. Parish Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. Slovenian Holy Hour 9:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m. English Holy Hour

Good Friday, March 24, 1989

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross in English 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Slovenian 7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy and celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday, March 25, 1989

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food 3:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil: Blessing of Easter Fire, Paschal Candle, Easter Water, and Solemn Liturgy

Easter Sunday, March 26, 1989

6:45 a.m. Procession and Solemn Mass of the Lord's Resurrection (Slovenian) 8:30 a.m.

Mass in English 10:00 a.m. Mass in Slovenian 12:00 noon Mass in English

2:00 p.m. Solemn Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Benediction



SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. HOLY THURSDAY 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. HOLY SATURDAY 1:15 p.m. — 2:30 p.m. URNIK SPOVEDOVANJA

PONEDELJEK 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. SREDA 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. VELIKI ČETRTEK 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. VELIKI PETEK 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. VELIKA SOBOTA 1:15 P.m. — 2:30 p.m.



Dragi Farani,

Naš Gospod Jezus je trpel, umrl, in vstal, da spravi svet s svojim nebeškim očetom. Vsa naša prizadevnost v postnem času je nadalje, sprava med nami in z Bogom.

Dogodke, ki se jih spominjamo v Velikem tednu, so nam omogočili. Življenje, smrt, in vstajenje Jezusa, je uspeh nam 'nadeti si Kristusa' pri vsem našem delu in življenju. Ko vstopamo v ta najbolj sveti teden v letu, vas vabimo, da se združite tesneje z Jezusom s popolnim sodelovanjem v bogoslužju in v priložnosti, da se resnično spravite po zakramentu svete spovedi.

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Vsem vam želimo blagoslovljeno in veselo Veliko

VELIKI TEDEN — 1989

Veliki Četrtek, March 23, 1989

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Veliki Petek, March 24, 1989

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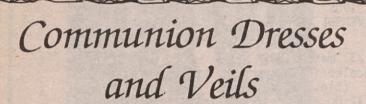
Velika Sobota, March 25, 1989

1:00 p.m. Blagoslov jedil 3:00 p.m. Blagoslov jedil Velikonočne vigilije: 8:00 p.m. blagoslov ognja, sveče, vode, in sv. maša

Velikonočna Nedelja, March 26, 1989

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Vesel sem novice, da se poznate z mojo sestro Mici v Milwaukeeju. Dela in moli. Za mašne intencije se Vam priporočamo. Trije duhovniki se posvečajo naraščaju: malo semenišče, filozofija in teologija. Intencij pa nimajo.

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Molimo za nedavno umrlo mamo g. Slavota Ovna, pokopano v Ljubljani. 93 let je doživela. Tudi za rajnega dr. Cirila Žebota in dr. Tineta Debeljaka, ki sta nedavno umrla v ZD in Argentini. Družina Slavota in Stane Oven je poslala dar \$200; stotak za naše misijonarje in stotak za sv. maše za rajne družin Oven, Stegu in Ramovš.

Naglo brzimo skozi postni čas. Bodimo velikodušni z dobrimi deli. Pomoč misijonom je ena od mnogih možnih, a zelo važna. Darujmo po svojih močeh, dokler je dan. Danes so me klicali, da bi blagoslovil mrtvega, potem ko je bil dolgo bolan in nikdar niso niti povedali, da obstoja. V cerkev ni hodil, ko je še mogel. Kako žalostno, da takole končujejo uboge duše kot brez cilja v večnosti.

Več škofov je poslalo nedavno pisma, eden tudi fotografije vzdrževanih bogoslovcev, kar smo ali te dneve vsem dobrotnikom v ZD in Kanadi razpošiljamo. Molite za vse!

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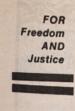
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Danes bo senat potrdil Cheneyja za tajnika za obrambo in Eagleburgerja za namestnika državnega sekretarja Jamesa Bakerja

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Danes bo zvezni senat glasoval za potrditev kongresnika Richarda Cheneyja za obrambnega tajnika ZDA. Včeraj je senatni odbor za obrambne zadeve soglasno glasoval za Cheneyja in ga priporočal celotnemu senatu. Tudi v senatu pričakujejo, da ne bo nihče od senatorjev glasoval proti 48-letnemu Cheneyju. Včeraj je senatni odbor za zunanje zadeve prav tako soglasno glasoval za potrditev Lawrencea Eagleburgerja za namestnika državnega sekretarja. Tudi Eagleburgerja bo senat po vsej verjetnosti že danes potrdil.

Konservativni senator Jesse Helms je bil zelo kritičen do Eagleburgerja na včerajšnjem zasliševanju. Helms je jezen do Eagleburgerja, ker je Eagleburger najtesnejši sodelavec Henryja Kissingerja, ki ga Helms in mnogi konservativci ne morejo trpeti. Menijo, da je bila Kissingerjeva zunanja politika daleč preveč popustljiva do Sovjetske zveze in komunizma sploh. S prihodom Eagleburgerja v State Department vidijo Helms in mnogi konservativci dejansko vrnitev v najvišje kroge ameriške vlade Kissingerjevo gledanje na svet. Kljub temu, Helms končno tudi ni glasoval proti Eagleburgerju.

Ljubljanski tisk je zadnji čas precej pozoren do Eagleburgerja in Bushove administracije. Vzrok tokrat je afera v zvezi z znanim zdravnikom dr. Rajkotom Medenico. Ta je bil obsojen v odsotnosti na 20 let zapora v Jugoslaviji, baje zato, ker je ogoljufal državo za dobra dva milijona dolarjev v času, ko je imel kliniko v Švici. Medenica je menda na skoro čudežen način ozdravel veliko vplivnih pacientov. Po obsodbi v SFRJ in aretaciji nekaj časa v Švici, kjer se bo moral tudi braniti, je Medenica prišel v ZDA po zvezi z bivšim ameriškim veleposlanikom v Saudovi Arabiji Johnom Westom, bogatašem. V letoviškem kraju Hilton Headu v Južni Karolini je Medenica odprl bolnišnico in imel zelo vplivne paciente, ki mu zdaj skušajo pomagati. Med njimi je na primer bivši boksarski prvak Muhammed Ali, ki ima bolezen Parkinson. Ali je v februarju prišel v Jugoslavijo skupaj z drugimi vplivnimi osebnostmi s prošnjo, naj bi Jugoslavija pomilostila Medenico.

Eagleburger je prišel v to zadevo, ker naj bi bil prosil v imenu celo predsednika Busha, naj najvišji jugoslovanski državniki ameriško skupino sprejmejo. Ko je sedanji jugoslovanski veleposlanik Živorad Kovačević izročil svoje dokumente takratnemu državnemu sekretarju Georgeu Shultzu — tako piše ljubljanski tednik Teleks — naj bi mu Shultz dejal, da je najboljši jugoslovanski veleposlanik v ZDA ravno dr. Rajko Medenica. Res pa je, da je Teleks vse to pisal na podlagi intervjuja z Medenico.

Sovjeti dostavljajo orožje in strelivo režimu V Afganistanu preko zračnega mostu — Uporniki so obkolili mesto Jalalabad

KABUL, Af. — Preteklo sredo je Sovjetska zveza pričela dostavljanje orožja in streliva lutkarskemu režimu v Kabulu. Dobro obveščeni viri pravijo, da je pristalo na kabulsko letališče v zadnjih dveh dneh najmanj 40 sovjetskih transportnih letal. Med orožjem, ki ga dobiva kabulski režim, so rakete srednjega dometa. S temi raketami lahko režimske sile obstreljujejo položaje upornikov, ki so obkrožili tretje največje mesto v

državi Jalalabad. V zadnjem tednu potekajo srditi boji za Jalalabad in so izgube na obeh straneh precejšnje. Režimske sile v mestu se ne vdajajo deloma zato, ker je velika nevarnost, da jih bodo po predaji uporniki enostavno pobili. Do takega klanja je že prišlo. Tako mnogi, ki se bojujejo v režimskih vrstah, menijo, da nimajo kaj izgubiti, kajti jih od upornikov čaka le mučenje in smrt.

Sovjetski veleposlanik v Kabulu Jurij Voroncov, ki ima sicer zelo vplivno mesto v sovjetskem zunanjem ministrstvu, je priznal na tiskovni konferenci, da Sovjeti oborožujejo kabulski režim. Dejal je, da dobivajo uporniki veliko podpore od Pakistana in da je tej pomoči treba napraviti konec. S Pakistanom se je SZ že posvetovala, je rekel Voroncov, in Pakistanci vedo, kakšna bo sovjetska reakcija, ako bi Pakistan še podpiral upornike. V bojih pri Jalalabadu pravijo uporniki, da so v zadnjem tednu sestrelili sedem helikopterjev in letal.

- Kratke vesti -

London, V. Br. — Vodilni angleški časopis poroča danes, da angleški preiskovalci sedaj znajo identiteto terorista, ki je odgovoren za bombo, ki je lani eksplodirala v letalu Pan Am. Časopis se sklicuje na zaupne vire v vladnih krogih. Storilec je še na prostosti. Uradni krogi vest demantirajo.

Moskva, ZSSR - Včeraj je centralni komite vladajoče komunistične partije odobril vrsto reform, katerih namen je posodobiti kmetijstvo v državi. Med drugim je bilo odobreno, da bodo mogli kmetje dobiti zemljo »v najem« od države. Kmet bi na ta način »dobil« zemljo za najmanj pet let ali pa tudi za dvajset, štirideset in več let. V slednjem primeru bi lahko zemljo obdeloval njegov sin, torej bi kmečka družina lahko računala, da bo imela zemljo tudi za več rodov. Glavni govornik na zasedanju centralnega komiteja je bil Mihail Gorbačov, ki je s podatki vred orisal dejansko katastrofalen položaj kmetijstva v deželi. Ako bodo reforme končno uresničene, je drugo vprašanje, menijo tako domači kot tuji opazovalci.

Houston, Tex. — Polet zrakoplova Discoveryja se nadaljuje dokaj normalno. Danes se 5-članska posadka pripravlja na pristanek, ki bo jutri dopoldne na vojaškem letališču sredi kalifornijske puščave. Pristajanje bodo neposredno prenašale televizijske družbe. Okvara, ki je nastala pri rezeroarju, napolnjenem z vodikom, sicer potrebnim za proizvajanje električne energije za naprave na zrakoplovu, so popravili.

Washington, D.C. — Nekatere vodilne ameriške judovske organizacije pozivajo Jude po svetu, naj bojkotirajo oziroma se ne udeležujejo nobenih srečanj s papežem Janezom Pavlom II. Omenjene judovske organizacije so ogorčene, ker Vatikan noče odstraniti samostana za nune iz Auschwitza, kraja, kjer so imeli nacisti uničevalno taborišče med drugo svetovno vojno. Judje so še vedno zelo kritični do rimskokatoliške Cerkve zaradi njenega obnašanja med drugo svetovno vojno in še posebej kritizirajo takratnega papeža Pija XII., češ da ni bil dovolj odločen v kljubovanju nacističnemu uničevanju evropske judovske skupnosti.

Princeton, N.J. — Najnovejša anketa javnega mnenja v ZDA kaže, da Amerikanci v glavnem podpirajo zunanjo politiko, ki ji sledi nova Bushova administracija.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Delanje butar-

Nocoj bodo delali butare pri Mariji Vnebovzeti in sicer od 6. do 9. zv. Delali jih bodo tudi jutri dop. od 9. do 12. Vabljeni ste k sodelovanju!

Kosilo Materinskega kluba-

To nedeljo ima kosilo Materinski klub pri Sv. Vidu. Serviranje kosil bo v avditoriju.

Tiskovine s popustom-

V naši pisarni lahko naročate vse tiskovine v zvezi s poroko, torej vabila, serviete itd. Vse trgovine, ki pomagajo pri porokah, se poslužejejo istih tiskarn, pri nas pa lahko nudimo nižjo ceno in sicer 20-odstotni popust. V pisarni imajo vzorčne knjige, iz katerih lahko izberete po Vaši volji. Primerjajte naše cene s tistimi, ki jih nudijo druge trgovine za iste tiskovine.

Novi grobovi

Anna Strukel

V četrtek, 16. marca, je v Geneva Memorial bolnišnici po kratki bolezni umrla 83 let stara Anna Strukel, rojena Preskar v collinwoodski okolici, vdova po l. 1958 umrlem možu Josephu, mati Josepha (pok.), Alberta, Johna, Joanne Vidmar in Josepha L., 12-krat stara mati, 9-krat prastara mati, sestra Rose Yurglic, Josephine Zawicki ter že pok. Angele, Frances Anderson in Josepha, zaposlena kot čistilki v Longfellow šoli na E. 140 St. 14 let, do svoje upokojitve l. 1970, članica SŽZ št. 18 in SNPJ št. 5. Pogreb bo iz Želetovega zavoda na E. 152 St. jutri, v soboto, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete dop. ob 9.30 in od tam na Kalvarijo. Na mrtvaškem odru bo danes pop. od 2. do 5. in zv. od 7. do 9.

Andrew J. Doles

V torek, 14. marca, je umrl 97 let stari Andrew J. Doles, vdovec po Mary, roj. Bucar, oče Andrewa, Ralpha, Clarencea, Therese Perdan in že pok. Edwarda, 15-krat stari oče, 22-krat prastari oče. Pogreb bo iz Brickmanovega zavoda na 21900 Euclid Ave. danes, v petek, v cerkev sv. Felicite dop. ob 9.30 in od tam na pokopališče Vernih duš.

Agnes Fekete

V ponedeljek, 13. marca, je po dolgi bolezni v bolnišnici Meridia Euclid umrla 76 let stara Agnes Fekete, rojena Curl v vasi Para, Slovenija, od koder je prišla v Cleveland l. 1920 ter živela na Marcella Rd. 42 let, žena Johna, sestra Antona in Matthewa (pok.), svakinja Marie Curl, zaposlena pri Joseph & Feiss Co. več kot 40 let, vse do svoje upokojitve l. 1977, članica Oltarnega društva pri Mariji Vnebovzeti,

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To nedeljo pop. ob 2h ima člansko sejo društvo Ribnica št. 12 ADZ in sicer na domu predsednika, 30417 Oakdale Dr. Članstvo vabljeno.

Klub slov. upokojencev v Nevburgu-Maple Hts. ima sejo v sredo, 22. marca, ob 1. pop. v Slov. domu na E. 80 St.

V bolnišnici-

V Meridia Euclid bolnišnici se nahaja Anton Petkovšek st., ki ga je bila zadela možganska kap. G. Petkovšek, ki je oče radijskega napovedovalca Tonyja Petkovška ml., sedaj okreva, dobrodošle pa bodo bodrilne kartice. Prav tako smo obveščeni, da se v isti bolnišnici nahaja znana društvena delavka in bivša lastnica Tivoli trgovine v SND na St. Clair Ave., Josephine Turkman. Obema želimo hitrega okrevanja.

Sprememba lastništva-

Pred kratkim je g. Dan Cosic, ki sedaj lastuje Grdina-Cosic pogrebni zavod, kupil tudi bivši Zak-Blessing pogrebni zavod na Chardon Rd. na Willoughby Hillsu.

Današnja priloga-

Danes je priložena k našemu listu še 28-stranska priloga, ki jo je naročila Federacija slovenskih narodnih domov. Mnogi radi govorijo, da so narodni domovi na robu propada, da so dnevi naše skupnosti šteti. Najbrž bodo tisti, ki to govorijo, prej izginili kot skupnost. Še vedno je veliko ljudi, ki so pripravljeni žrtvovati svoj čas za ta skupnost.

Družabni večer-

Spomladanski družabni večer, ki ga prireja Tabor DSPB v Clevelandu, bo v soboto pred belo nedeljo, 1. aprila, ob 7. uri zvečer, v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Igrali bodo Veseli Slovenci. Za vstopnice, pokličite Filipa Oreha (943-4681) ali Milana Zajca (851-4961).

Koncert Glasbene Matice-

Pevski zbor Glasbena Matica vabi na svoj spomladanski koncert, ki bo v soboto, 1. aprila, v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave. Na koncertu se bo zbor dostojno spomnil pesnika Ivana Zormana, ki je bil rojen pred 100. leti. Koncert je združen tudi z večerjo in plesom. Vstopnice imajo člani in članice.

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Najbolj izpričan dogodek zgodovine

V evangelijih ni dogodka, ki bi bil tako podrobno in natančno popisan, kakor Jezusovo trpljenje in njegovo vstajenje. Vselej, ko to poročilo čitamo, dobimo vtis jasnosti in gotovosti v poročanju, pa le do določene točke. Naenkrat postane pripovedovanje skoraj zmedeno. Zdi se, kakor da bi nenaden vihar zmešal potek dogodkov, da se celo sami evangelisti niso znašli z gotovostjo v njih.

Evangeljsko poročilo je odsev razpoloženja Jezusovih učencev, ki so prešli iz najgloblje žalosti in največjega razočaranja do najbolj prekipevajočega veselja, ki ga je povzročila vest vstajenja. Kakor se pomladi na nebu hitro menjavajo oblaki in sonce, tako pretresata bolečina zaradi Jezusove smrti in veselje zaradi njegovega vstajenja vse njegove učence, medtem ko veselje nad njegovo smrtjo in bojazen nad njegovo novo zmago spravljata v strah njegove

Žene na Veliko noč hitijo h grobu, straže tečejo v mesto, da poročajo o neverjetnem dogodku. Janez in Peter eden drugega prehitevata, da bi čim prej razrešila dvom, ki jima ga je vzbudila Marija Magdalena, katera je od groba pritekla do dvorane zadnje večerje. Dva učenca, ki sta bila na poti v Emavs poučena o Kristusovem trpljenju in vstajenju, sta se v diru vrnila v Jeruzalem. Vsi hitijo in tekajo. Polagoma pa izginja neznosno trpljenje in nadomesti ga nedopovedljiva radost. Jezus se naglo prikaže svojim dragim na najrazličnejših krajih, da prinese veselje v njihove duše.

Opazujemo prizore, ki razodevajo še večjo prisrčnost med Odrešenikom in njegovimi učenci, kakor jih najdemo pred njegovim trpljenjem. Prikazal se je Simonu, ki je edini izmed apostolov imel to srečo, da je sam med prvimi videl Učenika. Kdo bi mogel opisati razpoloženje Petra, ki je bil do smrti žalosten, ker je svojega Gospoda sramotno zatajil pred deklami? Kako nepopisno vzvišen je prizor na vrtu, kjer Marija Magdalena zaradi solza ni takoj spoznala Jezusa, potem pa je vzkliknila od veselja: Moj Učenik! Ko je hotela poljubiti njegove noge, ji je dejal: »Pojdi in povej učencem, da sem vstal!«

Posebnost velikonočnega veselja

Za veliko nepričakovano veselje je značilno, da človeka spravi iz normalnega stanja in ga dvigne v položaj, kakor da bi sanjal. Tako razumemo, zakaj so učenci, katerim so Marija Magdalena in pobožne žene, vse polne veselja, pripovedovale o vstajenju, še vsi potopljeni v žalost govorili, »da se jim je nekaj sanjalo«.

Najbrže se prav zaradi tega v bogoslužju današnjega praznika ne razodeva veselje tako očitno. Zdi se, kakor da radost prihaja iz srca, ki joče od veselja. Izredno veliko veselje, ki nenadoma izbruhne, ne traja dolgo. Kmalu poneha in popolnoma izgine. Iz vsega današnjega bogoslužja veje umerjeno veselje, ki se ne spreminja, ampak ostaja. Sv.

Praznovali smo rojstni dan

CLEVELAND, O. - V nedeljo 5. marca popoldne so se v Sterletovi restavraciji zbrali prijatelji g. Varška, da se spomnijo njegovega 85. rojstnega dne. Praznovanja sta se udeležila tudi g. in ga. Dusek, člana češkega Sokola in ožja prijatelja g. Varška, saj sta Sokol in STZ večkrat sodelovala pri prireditvah. Sicer se je g. Varšek rodil na božični dan, a praznovanje se je zavleklo, prvič zaradi njegove bolezni in nato zaradi smrti njegove žene.

Vsi navzoči so se zbrali, da se zahvalijo svojemu nekdanjemu telovadnemu učitelju. A on je bil mladini več kakor učitelj telovadbe, bil je njihov vzgojitelj in prijatelj. Zato so prišli, ker jim je kazal pot v težkih letih doraščanja. Pomagal jim je reševati probleme, ki so tako svojski za doraščajoče mlade ljudi. Da, zato so prišli, ker je bil g. Varšek ves njihov.

Pred revolucijo je bil g. Varšek član slovenske telovadne vrste, ki je dosegala vrhunske uspehe v Franciji, Belgiji in Češkoslovaški. Praga in Pariz sta bila dve svetli zvezdi v Varškovem telovadnem življenju.

V begunstvu pa je njegovo ime tesno povezano s STZ. Njegov življenjepis je zgodovina STZ. Po prihodu v Cleveland je začel takoj zbirati okoli sebe mladino. STZ je rasla, nastopi so sledili nastopom, vedno z velikim uspehom. Slavljenec je omenil, da bo začel pisati zgodovino STZ, kar so navzoči zelo odobravali.

Spoštovanje, ljubezen in hvaležnost do g. Varška se je najbolj pokazala v govoru Milana Rihtarja. Takole je de-

Dragi gospod Varšek! Zbrali smo se tukaj za Vaš 85. rojstni dan, zato, ker Vas imamo radi. Čeprav pozno radi Vaše bolezni takrat in potem še smrti Vaše dobre žene, Vam hočemo vsaj malo pokazati našo hvaležnost za vsa nekdanja leta, ko ste se trudili z nami, da ste nam dali vse svoje znanje in veselje do telovadbe. Hvala Vam za ves trud, žrtve tolikih ur, vso potrpežljivost, lep zgled poštenosti, ljubeznivosti telovadnega učitelja, da bi se naše geslo »Zdrav duh v zdravem telesu« v nas uresničilo. Vsi smo Vam res iz srca hvaležni za vse, kar ste storili za nas in našo STZ.

Naj Vam Bog poplača! Bog Vas živi!

M.O.

Iz zime v pomlad življenje nam teče

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Dogodilo se je, da kar ves zadnji še čisto zimski mesec, februar, se nisem vsedel za svojo pisalno mizo, da bi nekaj zapisal v kroniko slovenskega sv. Cirila na Osmi.

Malce je bila kriva močna gripa, ki me je nekako gnjavila kar dva tedna. Prvič v življenju me je tako držalo. In prvič je v tem primeru bilo, da mi je »knajpanje« odpovedalo. Vendar sem se spet zlizal brez zdravniške pomoči in brez ponudb apoteke. Naravi sem dal čas, da po svoje opravi, kar je treba. Pil pa sem čaje vseh mogočih zelišč.

Po drugi strani, verjemite mi, ni lahko pisati resnično kroniko, ker so med nami ljudje, prav tu v svobodni Ameriki ljudje, ki menijo, da mora imeti tudi javno odprto življenje svoje »tajnosti«, ki se ne smejo razkriti. In vprav, ker je prekrivanje slabosti, grehov in napak v slovenskem zgodovinarstvu neko dejstvo, smo dobili v zadnjih desetletjih precej izkrivljenih »zgodovin«, tako na Slovenskem kot

Jagnje, ki se daruje za nas.

v svobodnem svetu. Istočasno pa se poudarja: napisano je z namenom, da bodo rodovi za nami vedeli čisto resnico! Jaz pa sem mnenja, da je resnica samo takrat, kadar ona nikdar ničesar ne prekriva!

In tako sem v teh »bolezenskih« dnevih le listal po zadnjih knjigah, ki sem jih dobil iz Ljubljane. Med njimi so tudi knjige celjske Mohorjeve družbe. Seveda med njimi je tudi koledar za letošnje leto. In v njem je tudi nekaj zapisanega o slovenskem življenju na Ameriškem. Ta napis je napravil frančiškanski predstojnik p. S. Zveglič. Na malo več kot štirih straneh objavlja svoje vtise obiska slovenskih naselbin ter Baragove dežele v sestavku: Nekaj listov iz ameriškega obiska 1987.

P. Zveglič je v podajanju vtisov ter doživljanja ob tem obisku resnicoljuben. Piše o stvareh, takšne kot so. V tem njegovem dnevniku je tudi resnično verna podoba našega slovenstva na ameriških tleh. Nič visoko letečih besedi hvale, ampak lepo naniza slučaje,

Pavel v berilu poudarja odločno duhovni značaj Velike noči.

Apostol uporablja to priliko, da nas opozarja, da mora biti

vse naše življenje neprestano vstajenje, trajna velika noč.

Stari kvas, to je hudobna dela, je bil očiščen in odstranjen iz

naših duš, sedaj mora vsaka misel, vsaka želja v nas postati

deležna življenja, katerega je prinesel Kristus, velikonočno

držuje v nas pravo mero v veselju. Cerkev se zaveda, da

mora prehoditi še dolgo pot, zato se ne vdaja veselju, ki

vzplamti, potem pa ugasne, ampak ohranja pravo ravno-

težje. Iz Kristusovega vstajenja črpa moč in tolažbo, mir in

vedno znova nam kristjanom, da ne klonimo v nobenih pre-

vedrost v vseh borbah, ki jih mora prestajati.

V tem je trajen pomen praznovanja Velike noči, ker vz-

Tako veselje, mir in tolažbo prinaša praznik Velike noči

zal začetek zdajšnje velike srbske tragedije — problem Ko-Predočil nam je stanje Srbije po bitki na Kosovem, ko je tam padel car Lazar. Dejstvo (dalje na str. 12)

ki podajajo stvarno stanje. Tudi za našega slovenskega

sv. Cirila je zapisal tako, kot

je doživljal. Tako berem ob

zaključnem listu: »Nedelja 13.

septembra: Ponoči je mnogo

tukajšnjih Slovencev odpoto-

valo na nekakšen shod, zato

udeležba ni bila množična

(žalibog prečesto ni, o.p.),

opazil sem potem pri zajtrku v

župnijski dvorani drugačno

vzdušje, kot kje drugod: pogo-

vorni jezik med Slovenci je

slovenski.« In vprav to dvoje:

udeležba ter slovenski jezik

Menda sem se v svojem kro-

niškem zapisovanju ustavil

tam pred prvo februarsko ne-

deljo. To je bila zadnja pred-

pustna nedelja. Prva v mese-

cu, zato obhajilna pri prvi

maši za člane društva Najsve-

tejšega Imena. Udeležba? Pič-

la je bila, čeprav je bil prejšnji

dan pustna sobota, in smo

letos že opustili farno pustno

zabavo v Ridgewoodu. Tako

so začeli opuščati staronase-

ljenci, posebno jednotina dru-

štva svoje »beer parties«, in po

tej poti so preminuli tudi naši

»oldtajmerji«. Mi pa se mora-

mo držati načela: Samo življe-

Na sestanku po maši, ko je

bil zajtrk že skoraj opravljen,

so začeli prihajat v dvorano še

drugi, starši otrok slovenske

šole, ki so pripeljali svoje mlade k slovenskemu pouku.

Tako dr. Peter Remec, ki je

tokrat spet nastopil kot govor-

nik, ni govoril tistemu malemu

številu pri maši. Ker je profe-

sor mednarodnega prava na

univerzi Fordham, je bila tudi

tokrat njegova tema, kot zme-

rom, nekaj iz te stroke. Ven-

dar je bil močno aktualen, ko

je na osnovi treh mednarodnih

pogodb lepo in stvarno poka-

nje — življenje rodi!

poudarja moja kronika.

Po duhovnih vajah

CLEVELAND, O. - Pretekli konec tedna so bile slovenske duhovne vaje za žene in dekleta. Kar lepo število nas je bilo in sicer 68 oseb. G. dr. p. Bernardin Sušnik, frančiškan, ki se sedaj nahaja v Lemontu, Ill., nam je lepo pokazal Marijino zaupanje v Boga v vsem njenem življenju. Hvala Vam, gospod pater!

Duhovne vaje so se vršile v šolskih prostorih pri Mariji Vnebovzeti, sv. maša pa je bila v cerkvi. Hvala župniku Johnu Kumšetu za vso gostoljubnost in tudi gdč. Ančki Mihelič, ki je skrbela, da nismo trpele la-

Pa tudi med nami je bilo lepo. Bila je povezanost in sodelovanje. Za vso spretno organizacijo gre najlepša hvala Vidi Švajgerjevi, ki se je pogovorila z duhovnim voditeljem in ves čas reševala vse težave. Naj nas zaupanje v božjo pomoč vodi proti večnosti in nam pomaga preko vsakdanjih težav.

izkušnjah, ampak jih pogumno prenašamo. (nadaljevanje in konec prihodnji torek)

Lavriševa

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

800. MZA — Milostno zasnovana Akcija

»Naj se na tem mestu javno zahvalim — ne le za svoj božični misijonski dar, ampak za še toliko podobnih darov, ki jih je darežljiva MZA tudi v tem Gospodovem letu 1988 razposlala posameznim garačem na misijonskem terenu. Ne smete me napak razumeti: nihče me ni pooblastil za to, nihče me ni v tem smislu naprosil — zahvala je vsakogar osebna naloga in osebna čast. Z zgornjimi besedami hočem izraziti pred vsemi, ki me slišijo, svoje hvaležno občudovanje, ko se ponovno zavedam, koliko dobrega je mogla MZA tudi letos storiti v misijonih širnega sveta.

Človek more to nadvse delo-

je bila dobesedno MISIJON-SKA ZNAMKARSKA AKCI-JA; kar je še zmeraj, le da je sedaj ta funkcija utelešena v razsežno delovanje na vsakem področju, ki obljublja dobiček za misijone. Človek se mora spomniti vere in upanja polne ljubezni, ki je v začetku predstavljala edini osnovni razpoložljivi kapital za MZA - človek se mora tega spomniti, da lahko vsaj v neki meri zasluti veličino božje radodarnosti, ki je privedla MZA do sedanje svetovne zmogljivosti. Ta zmogljivost se odraža po treznih načrtih, ki jih je MZA pripravljena po svojih močeh podpirati in ki jih nekatere božično pismo MZA letos navaja: pomoč naj-

1989

bolj ubogim v določenem misijonskem delokrogu; podpora bogoslovcev in domače duhovščine; pomoč za šolanje otrok, zdravljenje bolnikov, gradnjo vodnjakov, cest in cerkva, podporo pri učenju obrti in poljedelstva.

Božji blagoslov pri MZA

je očiten tudi po tem, da

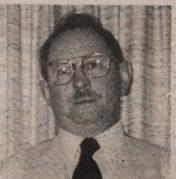
šemo na eno stran pravičnega go stran bilance zapisati: Gospod, Božji Misijonar, je okrepil njihova srca in jih nagnil k vsakršnim dobrim delom in dobrim besedam v Svojo večjo čast - tako kot je bil sv. Pavel nekoč prosil za takšno milost za svoje Tesaloničane: »Naš Gospod Jezus Kristus, in Bog, nas Oče, ki nam je bil izkazal Svojo ljubezen in podaril milost, da lahko resnično upamo, pa tolažbo, ki ne more umreti - naj v Njem postanejo vaša srca močna in po vsakem dobrem dejanju in dobri besedi še močnejša!« (2 Tes 2:16-17). V nadnaravni razsežnosti, v kateri dejansko živimo, ne moremo brez našega Gospoda še posebej ničesar, zato nas je Sam vzpodbujal, da ostanemo v Njem (Jan

Ko se torej veselo čudimo,

MZA sestavlja določeno število katoličanov in katoličank, ki izstopajo iz okvira navadnega krščanskega življenja le po svoji resni in globoki zavzetosti za misijone; to se pravi, da jemljejo resno dejstvo, da so misijoni naše vesoljne Cerkve navsezadnje Gospodovi interesi odnosno žive želje Človeško-

Če torej vse doseženo napi-15:4).

PRVE OBLETNICE NASEGA LJUBLJENEGA OCETA, STAREGA OCETA, TASTA, BRATA IN STRICA



ALOJZ FERLINC

In še in še in vedno bolj prši sneg, naletava in sam sem sredi večnih polj in noga se mi pogrezava. Kje tihi si mi dom,

Nocoj kedaj te videl bom ti sreča moja prava?... Prostrane dalje mrak molči, prši sneg, zamrzava... ah, v srce, zdi se, naletava.

Jos. Murn-Aleksandrov

Christine Bartolotta, hčerka Robert Bartolotta; zet Matthew, vnuk ter sorodstvo v Sloveniji.

Chesterland, O., 17. marca 1989.

da je Gospod blagovolil voditi skromno MZA do današnje njene zmogljivosti, moramo z isto vnemo pretehtati Njegovo navodilo, da ne bomo kdaj padli v skušnjavo, da si vsaj na tihem prisvajamo dela, ki jih brez ljubeznive božje pomoči ne bi bili zmožni izvesti. Njegovo vodilo je zmeraj tisto staro od Zadnje večerje, staro in vendar zmeraj novo: »Ostanite v meni — in Jaz bom ostal v vas.« (Jan 15:4).

MZA je bila v milosti

in po milosti zasnovana, postala je po tej božji milosti ali blagoslovu (prim. 4 Mojzesovo knjigo 6:24) veličastna akcija ali delo(vanje), pri čemer njeni člani niso pozabili Jezusovega načela. Tudi v bodoče ga ne smemo pozabiti, saj je srčika njihove dinamike in poroštvo uspeha vsaj v nadnaravni razsežnosti, za katero nam v prvi vrsti gre, ker gre za nesmrtne duše, njihovo resnično zdravje, njihovo lepoto, njihovo srečo v Bogu. Ne pretiravam: vsaka resnična sreča je povezana z Bogom, takorekoč na Njem sloni, pa naj bo še tako kratkotrajna in morda polna skoraj le zemeljskih dobrin! (Prim. npr. psalm 146:5).

Da si ne bi ubijali možgan z vprašanjem, kako ostati v Gospodu, nam je Sam vnaprej odgovoril: »Ce se ravnate po mojih zapovedih, ostanete v meni, ki sem ljubezen« (Jan 15:10). In skoraj v isti sapi pojasni: »To je moja zapoved: ljubite se med seboj tako, kot sem vas ljubil jaz.« (Jan 15:12). In še enkrat z malce drugačnimi besedami: »To vam nalagam: ljubite se med seboj!« (Jan 15:17).

Ker se ljubezni lahko učimo samo pri Bogu - Pekel je Pekel, ker ne more ljubiti, čeprav morda zna vse drugo, na kar se da sijajen način —, Boga pa »je razodel naš Odrešenik Jezus Kristus« (2 Tim 1:10), saj je Učlovečena »Beseda Bog« (Jan 1:1), ostanejo Gospodove besede in dejanja srce, ki po-



V BLAG SPOMIN OB 31. OBLETNICI, ODKAR

JE UMRL USTANOVITELJ NAŠE POTNIŠKE PISARNE

August Kollander

Preminul je dne 12. marca 1958.

Gospod daruj mu mir, naj večna luč mu sveti, ker si dobrote vir, uživa raj naj sveti!

Žalujoči:

MR. in MRS. AUGUST KOLLANDER

selle, ki se nr u zanja, ampal ostaja. Sv

Cleveland, O., 17. marca 1989.

ganja od vsega začetka dinamiko MZA; iz tega središča se razliva blagodejna luč na vsako posamezno akcijo, pa naj bo zbiranje znamk, priprava piknika, telefonski pogovor, tiho darovanje neizprosne bolečine, ali pa le vdovin krajcar (prim. Mk 12:42-43).

Prav iz te povezanosti z Božjim Misijonarjem se rodijo sadovi - prim. Gospodovo obljubo sadov: Jan 15:5 -, četudi bi jih ne mogli ne videti ne otipati. »Fenomen« naše MZA pa je prav v tem: Gospodu se je zdelo prav, da je nekaj teh sadov napravil vidne in otipljive, npr. v obliki občutne denarne vsote v službi ljubezni. V okviru določenih okoliščin je namreč denar važna kratica za celo vrsto dobrin, ki jim šele ljubezen daje dokončno vrednost. Po ljubezni postane denar »trajne vrednosti«; v 1. pismu Korinčanom zatrjuje sv. misijonar Pavel: »Ljubezen nikdar ne mine!« (13:8). Ne more miniti, ker prihaja od Boga, ki je bistveno »LJUBEZEN« (1 Jan 4:8.16).« (Bo še)

Iz Dominikanske republike

se je zahvalil lazarist g. Jože Mejač za nedavni dar (dalje na str. 8)

Nova beseda za staro resničnost

Predsednik litovske škofovske konference Vincentas Sladkevičius je v pogovoru za sovjetski časopis »Udarnik« opozoril, da v komisiji, ki je pripravila novi zakon o delovanju verskih skupnosti in svobodi izpovedovanja vere, ni bilo predstavnikov Cerkvá in verskih skupnosti. Zaradi vseh dosedanjih osebnih izkušenj je prišel do sledečega zaključka:

»Šele tedaj bomo lahko v 'perestrojko' verjeli, ko bodo v novi verski zakonodaji dejansko sprejeti vsi naši predlogi in ko bo vlada zares upoštevala želje duhovnikov in vernikov. Dokler se to ne bo zgodilo, ne moremo verjeti v perestrojko. Toliko časa bomo imeli vtis, da je perestrojka le nova beseda, ki zaznamuje staro resničnost.«

Kardinal Sladkevičius je tudi odkrito povedal, da je katoliška Cerkev v Litvi še vedno izpostavljena različnim pritiskom in ovirana. Oblasti je zaenkrat dovoljujejo le bogoslovno semenišču v Kaunasu, v katerem sme bivati največ 150 bogoslovcev. Premalo imajo duhovnikov, v semenišče bi sprejeli veliko več bogoslovcev, če bi jim oblasti to dovolile, kajti prosilcev je zelo veliko. Še vedno je zaprtih veliko. cerkvá.

ISKRICA

Bodi svetilka, če ti ni mogoče biti človek; ker težko je biti človek. Človek ima samo dve roki, pomagati pa bi moral tisočerim. Bodi zato obcestna svetilka, ki sveti tisoč veselim v obraz, ki sveti samotnemu, blodečemu.

Srečko Kosovel

Geneva, Cleveland, Dothan, Enterprise, Ft. Polk, anada, Buenos Aires, Slovenija.

David, Sara

sestra - Zofka in ostali sorodniki

(O. Vladimir Kos, D.J., Tokio, Japonska) 2. marca 1989 njenih skromnih začetkih, ko

vno MZA primerjati z MZA v

1908

oče, brat, svak in stric

nosili krsto pokojnega.

strani in veliko pomagali.

našo globoko hvaležnost.

ljubezen, ki si nam jo dajal.

snahi - Ivi in Kathy

žena — Milica

zet - Joe

V ljubeč in nepozaben spomin

Globoko užaloščeni, a vdani v božjo voljo naznanjamo

vsem, da nas je po kratki in težki bolezni previden s sv.

Zakramenti za vedno zapustil naš predragi mož, oče, stari

Maks Ovnič

ška Bela. V Ameriko je prišel leta 1949. Bil je zvest član

cerkve Marije Vnebovzete v Genevi in Kolumbovih Vitezov.

Pogreb je bil 23. januarja s sv. mašo, katero je daroval č.g.

Jože Božnar ob spremstvu domačega župnika Rev. Robert

Hill. Pokojnikovo truplo počiva na pokopališču All Souls.

Hill za vse, kar sta dobrega storila blagemu pokojniku.

darovalcem prekrasnega cvetja naj Bog obilo poplača.

Našo globoko zahvalo naj sprejmeta č.g. Božnar in č.g.

Prisrčna zahvala vsem, ki sta ga prišli pokropit in tako

Vsem sorodnikom in prijateljem, ki ste prihiteli iz daljne

Hvala ti, Milko, za vso pomoč in lep opis Maksovega

velikodušno darovali za svete maše in dobre namene. Vsem

Kanade, iz Toronta, Hamiltona in Grimsbyja, velik Bog pla-

^caj. Enako smo hvaležni vsem sinovom in sorodnikom, ki so

življenja v Ameriški domovini. Hvala dr. Milanu Pavlovčiču

^{za} objavo in žalostinko na radiu, kakor tudi Jožetu za poslo-

vilne besede ob krsti in ob grobu, in Franku za molitve v

Pogrebnem zavodu. Najlepša hvala pa Francki in njeni druži-

ni, kateri so nam ves čas ob njegovi težki bolezni stali ob

darovali v spomin pokojnega. Če kdo po pomoti zahvale ni

prejel, naj nam oprosti in naj s to javno zahvalo sprejme

si za nas, naj nam dobri Bog da milost, da bomo pogumno

hodili po poti pravice, da Te bomo vsi srečali v nebesih v

večni radosti ob večnem snidenju. Hvala Ti, Maks, za vso

Zalujoči:

otroci - Franci, Marija, Lojze, Jozě, Marjanca in Helenca

Vnuki - Tina, Michelle, Paul, Anita, Robert, Chris, Tracy,

Poslali smo kartice vsem, ki so z nami sočustvovali in

Ti pa, dragi, nikdar pozabljeni mož, ata in stari ata, pro-

Naš Maks je bil rojen 9. maja 1908 na Javorniku, Koro-

Božjega Srca.

ocenjevanja, moramo na dru-

V LJUBEČ SPOMIN



roj. 15. junija 1927 umrl 16. marca 1988

ti sreča moja prava?...

Zalujoči ostali:

izkusingh, a

Iz zime v pomlad življenje nam teče

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

je, da Srbija na Kosovu še ni državno čisto propadla. Saj takratni, zdaj odkriti beneški in francoski viri govore o krščanski zmagi. Vendar Srbija se ni več opomogla zaradi notranjih slabosti, drobljenja, dočim je Turčija prebolela kosovski »poraz«, Muratovo smrt.

Dr. Remec je dejal, da je bila Turčija v tistem času bolje urejena od Avstrije, in tako so jo Turki ogrožali pred Dunajem. In če sem malce slovansko napihnjen, bo poudaril zgodovinsko dejstvo, da smo Slovani - Poljaki rešili nemški Dunaj pred Turki. Dejstvo je tudi, da je Srbija čisto pred Turki šele leta 1459. Ne samo kosovska bitka, ampak pomanjkanje močnega vladarja, kot je bil slučaj v močni frankovski državi po smrti Karla Velikega in v malem pred Kosovem v Makedoniji po smrti carja Dušana Silnega, je povzročil težave. Potem je prišlo zmotno zgodovinsko bežanje Srbov pred Turki, največje šele leta 1690 pod vodstvom patriarha Arsenija III.

Tako so Srbi sami zapustili tudi svoje cerkveno središče Peč. Statistika pova, da se je v tem poznem času s Kosova izselilo okoli 80.000 Srbov. V to praznino so s turško pomočjo naseljevali Albanci, ki so sprejeli islamsko vero. Leta 1915 jih je bilo tam že 500.000. Danes jih je že dva milijona, ker imajo visoko nataliteto.

Tu je zdaj tretje dejanje srbske kosovske tragedije. Albanci so postali večinsko prebivalstvo srbsko zgodovinskega Kosova, ki je bilo v času carja Lazarja upravno in cerkveno središče srbske srednjeveške države.

In zdaj, če gremo malo v našo slovensko zgodovino, ali nismo Slovenci že veliko prej, nekako kar brez odpora, razen dveh poskusov, zgubili svojo sveto državno ozemlje -Koroško? Srbi pa doživljajo to travmo zdaj, v času, ko se naj na splošno uveljavlja načelo - človekovih pravic! Dejstvo je danes to, da na Kosovem danes živi skoraj dva milijona Albancev in da so Srbi manjšina, kot smo Slovenci na Koroškem. Tudi v tem imamo Slovenci neko skupno zgodovinsko usodo, pa naj potem nekdo reče tudi kaj drugega.

Na prvi februarski nedelji je bil pri deseti maši dokaj lep obisk. Tako smo se poslovili od predpostnega časa, v katerem ni bilo nobene poroke in tudi ne krsta.

Naslednjo nedeljo, če že nismo imeli poprej nobene poroke, smo imeli mašo, zahvalno, za petdesetletnico poroke Vinkota in Tončke Burgar. V cerkvi spet lepo. Saj je to bila Burgarjeva maša. Ob Vinkotu in Tončki so bili vsi otroci. Tokrat tudi Marinka iz Milwaukeeja, pa brat Ludvik z ženo Minko in hčerko Katerco, samo Maruške ni bilo.

Tudi zame je bil to srečen dan, ker z Burgarjevimi sem preživel precej lepega, ko so bili še vsi v Ridgewoodu. Zdaj pa ni nobenega več. Skorajda samevam. Veliko se jih je preselilo. Še več pa sem jih pospremil v štiridesetih letih na razna pokopališča.

Drugi nedelji je sledila tretja, za katero smo vsi gotovi, da bo pri Sv. Cirilu lepo po udeležbi, pa še kaj izrednega povrh potem v dvorani. Na to nedeljo je iz pustnega programa prosvetne ure močno izpadla umetnica, pevka Bernarda Fink Inzko.

Doslej smo Bernardo slišali samo v manjšem slovenskem farnem krogu na Osmi. Ko pa bo naš farni letošnji dan v soboto, 25. aprila, v cerkveni dvorani Sv. Matije v Ridgewoodu, jo bo slišala vsa njujorška slovenska srenja. Gotovo se bo zbrala skupaj kot vsako leto doslej, odkar ima fara svoj slovenski festival.

Na četrto februarsko nedeljo ni bilo nič posebnega na tihi deseti slovenski maši. Ker Klesinovih ni bilo. Tako tudi Ozana ni prišla. Klesinovi so bili to nedeljo v cerkvi sv. Križa v Fairfieldu, pri krstu svojega prvega vnuka Jožeta Korla, prvega sina hčerke Helence, ki je poročena v Bridgeportu s Slovencem Jožetom Višinskijem.

Na prvo marčevo nedeljo je bilo pri osmi maši nekako tako kot na prvo februarsko. Farani pridejo pozneje, ko pripeljejo slovenske šolarje, ki jih je včasih menda do petnajst. Na sestanku je tokrat govoril dr. Zdravko Kalan. Ker je po poklicu, prvotnem, pravnik, je govoril iz tega področja. Dal je kratko sliko pravne uredbe pred vojno na Slovenskem. Potem je prešel v pravni postopek, ki je enkrat bil na Slovenskem. Zdaj je nekaj drugačen. Pokazal je na razliko s pravnim postopkom, ki je v veljavi in udomačen v Ameriki. Vse je zabelil z dvema primeroma iz svoje odvetniške prakse pred vojno na Slovenskem, kar je siceršnjo suhoparnost poživelo v zadovoljstvo vseh.

Lepa pa je bila druga nedelja v marcu. Obisk je bil izredno lep. Na koru za orglami je bil Nejče Zupan, kot je bil na drugo in tretjo februarsko. Petje je bilo lepo. Kar čeden uvod v intimen velikonočni čas. To je bila enkrat tiha nedelja, ko so v cerkvi križe prekrili z vijoličasto tkanino. Prihodnja pa bo cvetna, ki je naša tradicionalna že vrsto let. Butarice in narodne noše jo požive z lepim obredom Kristusovega zemeljskega zmagoslavja pred človekovim ponižanjem, ki ga je vodilo v odrešujočo smrt, ki je hkrati življe-

Na cvetno nedeljo, letos hkrati Jožefovo, bo zadnja zimska nedelja v letošnjem koledarju. Vstajenjska bo že pomladna. Tako nam bo življenje zimsko spet v pomladno prešlo tudi pri slovenskem sv. Cirilu na Osmi v New Yorku.

Tone Osovnik

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JUNIJ

4. — Otvoritev Slovenske pristave, na SP.

11. — Slov. šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti priredi piknik na Slovenski prisatvi. Sv. maša na S.P. opoldne, nato piknik.
 17. in 18. — Tabor DSPB Cleveland poda spominsko proslavo za pobite Slov. domobrance in vse žrtve komunistične revolucije, na Orlovem vrhu Slovenske prista-

25. — Piknik ohijske KSKJ federacije na farmi sv. Jožefa na White Rd., Willoughby Hills, O. Igrajo »Button Box Players«.

ve.

25. — S.K.D. Triglav, Milwaukee priredi prvi piknik na svoji pristavi.

JULIJ

1. in 2. - Pristavska dne-

va, na Slovenski pristavi.

9. — Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Začetek piknika s sv. mašo ob 12. uri opoldne.

9. — Misijonski piknik MZA v Milwaukeeju, na pristavi SKD Triglava.

30. — Belokranjski klub priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Igra Tony Klepec orkester.

AVGUST

13. — ADZ priredi Družinski dan piknik na svojem letovišču v Leroy, O.

13. — S.K.D. Triglav, Milwaukee, priredi drugi piknik na svoji pristavi.

SEPTEMBER

9. — Fantje na vasi prirede koncert v Slov. nar. domu na St. Clair Ave.

10. — ADZ priredi Pečenje školjk na svojem letovišču v Leroy, O.

17. — Oltarno društvo pri Sv. Vidu priredi kosilo v svetovidski dvorani.

17. — Vinska trgatev na Slovenski pristavi.

24. — Društvo SPB Cleveland priredi romanje v Frank, Ohio.

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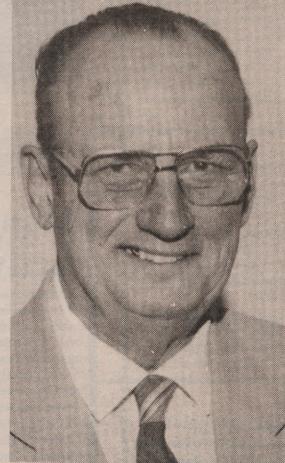
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The Federation 'Family' reports

by Ella Samanich and Joe Petric.

Our 27th year began with our annual meeting at the Slovenian National Home No. 2 on East 80th. The basic business and review of our banquet proceeded.

Congratulations to Joseph Pultz, Stephanie Pultz, Pauline Stepic, Club of West Side Slovene Lodges on Denison Avenue were in order. They hosted the March 20th, 1988 Banquet at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair.

Federation Honorees were Woman of the Year Millie Bradac and Man of the Year Dan Pavsek. The individual Slovenian Homes honorees were Max Simcic from Club of West Side Slovene Lodges, Jack Videtic from Slovenian Home of Collinwood, Jennie Zupancic from Slovenian National Home No. 2 in Newburgh, Bertha Dovgan from Slovenian Workmen's Home, Angela Voytko from Lorain Slovenian Club, Lou Kastelic from Slovenian National Home Maple Hts., William Snyder from America Slovene Club, William V.

Sinkovic from West Park, Anna Marie Skully from Slovenian National Home St. Clair, and Rosemary Toth from Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave.

Master of Ceremonies Charles Ipavec and Co-Master of Ceremonies Patricia Ipavec were complimented on the control and flow of the entire program. Co-chairpersons Marie Pivik and Ella Samanich were also applaud-

The banquet was attended by 700 persons. Comments included appreciation to the Board of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair and their staff for the attentive service rendered for the banquet.

The final schedule of this business meeting was the election of officers for 1989. Elected were Charles Ipavec, president; Helen Urbas first vice president; William Snyder, second vice president; Rudy Pivik, financial secretary. Presently, due to commitments, John Jackson has taken his place. Helen Konkoy is recording secretary; Rosemary Toth, corresponding secretary; Joseph F. Petric, Jr., executive secretary. Audit Chairman is Dan Pavsek; auditors are Steve Shimits and John Jackson, but now taking his place is Stephanie Pultz.

Historians are Ella Samanich and John Habat; legal counselor is Charles Ipavec. Other committees include Liaison, Steve Shimits and Mary Kapel; Ways and Means - Mary Kapel and Marie Pivik; and Membership Attendance:

Joseph F. Petric Jr. and Anna Mae Mannion.

With business concluded and newly elected officers in place, all were sworn in by Charles Ipavec to uphold the ideals and goals of the Federation of Slovenian Homes.

Outgoing president, Joseph F. Petric Jr. expressed his sincere appreciation and support of all in making his two years in office both fruitful and fulfilling with the many friendships and dedicated help he has received.

Meetings continued during 1988-89 with each Home taking its turn as scheduled every other month. The Federation is a sounding board of ideas, problems and a means of helping each Home. An overall condensed summation is that although many problems plague each Home, we are always there to help each other get through the difficult times together so we can continue to keep our Homes as a place of our roots and current ac-

Our tabloid edition for 1988 expressed this growth through "culture" in the Slovenian Homes. Slovenians are happy, musical, and culturally minded people. Problems are overcome through the positive attitudes of the members.

The 1988 activities for the Federation was subdued, but we participated in Bishop A. Edward Pevec's St. Nicholas Day and reception sponsored by the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation. We offered money for food for the needy.

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JACK TOMAZIC



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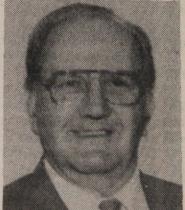
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Message From The President

This year, The Federation of Slovenian National Homes is honoring Slovenes of the year for the twenty-ninth consecutive year. We are very proud of this achievement and we welcome all Slovenes, world wide, to join us in this yearly recognition of the most wonderful people on earth.

All of us Slovenes recognize that among our people there are various factions, and that is the way it should be, because our people are free thinkers and, accordingly, adopt many different viewpoints. The Federation of Slovenian National Homes, however, has attempted to bridge the gap which exists between our various groups, first by encouraging all Slovenes to participate and attend our Banquets to honor hardworking Slovenes; and, second, by including among the individuals who have been honored persons from our various groups. We are continually making a great effort to have a vast common ground on which to discuss our mutually beneficial interests; and, for a short time, while we are together, to hold off and not discuss our differences.

In terms of the entire world's population, we Slovenes are such a small factor that we are in danger of disintegrating and of being assimilated if we do not stick together. We have so much to be proud of, because our people have had a significant role in all of the arts and sciences, and a significant role in many governments, most notably in Yugoslavia, Austria and the United States. Personally, I am very proud of the fact that the second printed Bible in the world was printed in the Slovene language. We have a beautiful and rich cultural background.

We encourage all Slovenes to visit the various Slovenian National Homes, not only in our immediate Cleveland and Northern Ohio vicinity, but wherever you travel in the world. You will be welcomed, made to feel at home, and you will make fast friends. Tell me, what could be better?

May God bless you.

Charles F. Ipavec President Federation of Slovenian National Homes March 19, 1989

1988-1989 Officers of Federation of Slovenian National Homes



L. to R. front row, Helen Konkoy, William Snyder, Helen Urbas, Charles Ipavec, Rosemary Toth, John Jackson, Stephanie Pultz.

Back row, Dan Pavsek, Joe Petric, Ella Samanich, John Habat, and Steve Shimits.

'Family'

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The Federation was represented by Charles Ipavec and family and Marie Pivik, Joseph F. Petric, Jr., Rosemary Toth, Alice Arko, and Anna Mae Mannion, representing their Homes.

We also bid farewell at a reception in honor of Yugoslav Consul General Ivo Vajgl and wife Metka and son at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave.

Representatives also paid their last farewell to our dearest representative from the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair to a man of unending drive and spirit, our fellow Slovene, Edward Bradach. May he and all our departed representatives rest in God's loving care. Their mark on our Slovenian communities will be remembered always.

Christmas time is a joyous time, one which every member looks forward to. The Federation's annual Christmas party was a day to celebrate and introduce the new Honorees for 1989. This year's Federation Woman of the year is Mary Blatnik and the Man of the Year is John Habat.

The Federation extends its appreciation to the representatives of the West Park Slovenian National Home hosting this year's 28th Awards Program at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair on Sunday, March 19th.



Board of Directors of the Lorain Slovenian Club

Left to right, Michael Tomazin, Louis Kamnikar, Frank Renusi, Stanley Mramor, Marilyn Renusi, John Schrenk, Linda Burris, James Yurman, Scott Serazin, Cyril Zgonc, Helen Urbas, Stephen Docs, Joan Rahotina, Adolph Ravnikar, Ray Udovich. Absent is Peter Celik.

Many Families Help Promote Activities of Lorain Slovene Hall

So many families have been and still are involved in sustaining and promoting the Lorain Slovenian Home that it would be difficult to single out any one family, or two, or three for special attention.

From the very beginning, back in 1917, the drive to establish the Home, sell shares and raise funds to erect a building, has always been a family effort. Until World War II, the Lorain Home and the Church were the social centers of the Slovenian families. Dances, concerts, plays, dinners, card parties, breakfasts, lodge affairs, school affairs, social, political and dramatic clubs, the Slovenian Library, singing groups, all involving families, were held at the Home.

With the dispersal of Slovenians to other areas of the city, state and country - we have shareholders scattered throughout the United States — it is difficult to maintain the Lorain Home. Many of our young people have other interests. We are pleased that we have some third and fourth generation Slovenians involved. We have three generations working in our fish fry crew. Our board of directors has several third generation

members. Children and grandchildren of our shareholders are members of our Slovenian Folk Dancers. The Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists and the Erie Shores Button Box Club also have second and third generation members.

Because of the changing neighborhoods surrounding the Home, most of our social members are of other nationalities and our social affairs draw from these also.

In an attempt to involve more active people in the Home, we have asked our inactive and out-of-town stockholders to donate or sell their shares back to the Home. In turn, we have limited purchase of shares to two per family in order to involve more people. We are hoping for more donations of shares.

The second generation group is aging and it is difficult to foresee who will take over the reins in the years to come.

Almost a year ago, we asked our shareholders for donations and some special fundraisers, we raised approximately \$12,000. The building foundation had to be sealed from the outside. Two walls have been completed; new sidewalks put in; storm windows installed; some windows are being replaced. And still the repair and renovation work goes on.

The spearhead for all this work is Stanley Mramor, who is chairman of the House Committee for the Home. He has never charged a cent for all his hours of work. It's a labor of love for him. He has able helpers who assist him.

Our bar managers do much to involve all our members. They sponsor three dart teams, two bowling teams, two golf teams, 66 tournament, buses to football and basketball games, a pool tournament, a weekly Dog and Suds Night, and special dinners.

Our weekly fish fries are bringing in more customers every week. And our steak dinner dances always draw a crowd. Our jam session crowds fluctuate, but we hope to do better this year.

Of the 299 original share-holders, only 15 survive today; most of them live in or near Lorain. They are up in years, however, and cannot be active any longer. They gave the Home their all in their day. Now their sons and daughters are carrying on.



Our warmest thanks to the various news medias carrying our publicity, and to the advertisers who so generously cooperate with our editors to make this annual edition such a worthy addition to our history.

I must note this year's edition features the "Families In Our Slovenian Homes," the backbone of our society.

At a Federation meeting the membership voted on a new logo for the Federation. It depicts a line structure of a home encompassing a medallion of a stylized Slovene carnation, with its leaves in the shape of a heart representing the foundation of each Slovenian Home, love of each

other, family, community and country. Along the extended formation are the words, "Federation of Slovenian National Homes."

This design is embellished in burgundy on slate grey stationery with each Slovenian Home listed in column form on the left of letterheads. The design was done by Joseph F. Petric, Jr. It was unanimously approved by the Federation as the look of the 1990s.

We of the Federation cannot begin to tell each and every one of the members what to do for each Home, We can only guide your efforts so we can all bring out our best every member has and remember our efforts come from the HEART.

Na svidenje.

Jack Tomazic brings accordion music to Lorain

Jacob "Jack" Tomazic, the Lorain Slovenian Home's Man of the Year for 1989, has been a swinging Slovenian accordionist almost all his life. He played with many bands in the Lorain area over the years and is a charter member of the Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists, which was established in 1980.

Jack has performed at dances, social affairs, picnics, weddings, various festivals, on the Lorain Slovenian Heritage Association float in the annual Lorain International parade, the Lorain International Bazaar, and the jam sessions held monthly at the Lorain Slovenian Home for the past several years. He also is the accompanist for the Lorain Slovenian Folk Dancers. He plays both the piano accordion and the button box.

Jack has been active in the Lorain Slovenian Home since its founding in 1923. His parents, Jacob and Frances, were stockholders in the Lorain Home, as are Jack, his daughter Jacqueline, his brothers and sisters. His late wife, Vera (nee Skander), supervised the fish fries at the Lorain Home for several years and also catered many wedding receptions and funeral repasts. Vera was the I orain

Slovenian Home Woman of the Year in 1979.

Jack remains an active, supporting member of the Lorain Home and has done a great deal of repair work, renovation and cleanup for the Home over the years. He assists in the construction of our Slovenian Heritage Association floats, which are entered in the Lorain International parade every year. Whenever Jack is called upon for help, he is there to assist and lend his ex-

He is a lifetime member of SS Cyril & Methodius Church, a member of the church choir

er and many utensils and

cooking pots were purchased,

and an extensive renovation of

the kitchen was achieved. The

Auxiliary, by means of its

rummage sales, baking,

dances and other events has

assisted the West Park Home

with meeting mortgage pay-

ments, paying taxes, helping

cover the cost of general re-

pairs to the Home and parking

Throughout these years,

three men, husbands who had

retired, were very helpful to

the Ladies Auxiliary, as they

did the heavier work, lifting,

carrying and hauling. Two of

them, John Znidarsic and

George Meyers, are now de-

ceased. Joe Peresutti is the last

of the male hands and much

Cifranic have been officers for

many years and continue to

serve. Other members, not so

far mentioned, are Donna Oh-

man, Albina (Bea) Zakrajsek,

Rose Znidarsic, Molly Sanker,

Marge Peresutti, Rose Kosko,

Edith Garsteck, Ella Sama-

nich, Bea Capek, Anne Zaletel

and Theresa Stefanik. Inactive

for some time now are Leona

Blatnik, who is ill, and Marge

Meyers and Rose Slapnik, re-

Deceased members of long

standing, who gave much to

the Auxiliary, are Theresa

Lach, Pauline Gorsek, Julia

siding in Florida.

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appreciated.

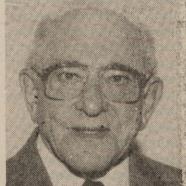
lot, as these needs arose.

and the Holy Name Society. He is a lifetime member of the Musicians' Union, of SNPJ Lodge 17, KSKJ Lodge 101, AMLA Lodge 60, and also a member of the Steelworkers Pensioneers.

Jack worked as a tool maker for US Steel for many years, and then for the Thew Shovel Company, from which he retired.

In his younger days, Jack was an avid bowler and won many tournaments. Now, however, he plays golf as often as possible.

Jack has three daughter. and six grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters. Three sisters are deceased.



JACK TOMAZIC

The heart of the family

West Park Salutes Auxiliary

There was a time, back in 1970, when economic conditions were at a very low state at the West Park Slovene Home. Michael (Mickey) Dancull was serving as president then. Marie Pivik, a member of the board of directors, was inspired to become involved in preparing dinners at the Home in order to build income for the facility.

At that time Marie was employed by a local wholesale seafood company and so she began preparing fish dinners. Soon the patronage grew and Rose Slapnik joined Marie in preparing the dinners. Then Lucille Sinkovic followed and also other members.

Sadly, Mickey Dancull had a massive heart attack and passed away. His widow, Stella, became active. She was a good cook, too. So the kitchen at the Home was in fine hands. Karen Mismas added her capability as a hostess to enhance the dining room. Some more hands were needed to replace the older women. Marie Pivik realized that getting people involved meant recognizing and rewarding them. Pauline Gorsek became the Home honoree, a recognition she justly deserved. Now deceased, Pauline had a beautiful, sunny personality.

On June 18, 1973, the official Ladies Auxiliary of the West Park Home was organized. Rose Slapnik was president. The women alternated Fridays, as one would cook and another would serve the dinners. Of course, from time to time there were slow seasons, when patronage lagged.

In 1978, Joanne Cifranic became Auxiliary president. Zena Sesek and Janet Lachowski took office as recording secretary and financial secretary, respectively. Eventually, in 1977, the women decided to begin making poticas, though in a small way, as the facilities to do this were in effect nonexistent. They had to grind the walnuts using an old hand crank mill and did their preparing and baking at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue.

Finally, enough funds had been generated to buy needed kitchen equipment for the West Park Home. Stella and Pauline continued their fish and goulash dinners side by side. Every Easter and Christmas potica baking became and remains a tradition. Over 90 poticas are always pre-sold.

For a while, when ambitions were greater and before arthritis affected limbs, krofe (raised doughnuts) were made for special occasions.

In the spring of 1975, before her untimely death, Josephine Zakrajsek of the Progressive Slovene Women of America, and then Jean Krizman, came to demonstrate baking bread, strudel and poticas. There were three such sessions. Anna Kosak taught the art of noodle dough and cutting. The classes were well attended and much appreciated by those present.

As a result of the Auxiliary fundraising efforts, the floors in the dining room and kitchen were re-covered, a dough mix-

THERESA KRISBY

Susel and Anne Zaletel. May their souls be remembered and may they all rest in peace. Since the beginnings back in 1970 much history has been made in the kitchen of the West Park Slovene Home. All the members of the Auxiliary have displayed dedication to each other and have upheld the spirit of friends of the West Park Slovene Home. Because of this long and loyal service, we honor and applaud all those who together constitute the Ladies Auxiliary of our West Park Home!

H. L. Konkoy, Editor

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> to our honoree Jack Tomazic and all the other honorees

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best wishes to JACK TOMAZIC, our honoree, and

Congratulations and

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Lorain

Congratulations and



JOANN CIFRANIC

4 'Family Spirit' of pioneers Lives in West Park Home

by Helen Konkoy

under one roof.

In 1919 several men pooled their efforts to assemble a small wooden structure on a carpenter builder.

at a time when we as second generation offspring continue

volved and active were the Anton Hostas, Tom Barberics, Peruseks and L. Sinkovics, and most especially Cecelia Brodnik herself.

Not to be forgotten are the merchants of the day who gave and donated their goods, namely grocers Santa, Kuhar Stoyanoff, Kovacic, Katic Recreation, Brodnik gas sta-

Mlakar delicatessan, Kozely Hardware, Feuchter Feeds, Flynn Coal, Cimperman's Grove, Cobbler Kolence, Slabe Billiards, Kosich Variety and Jurca's Tavern.

Of the Hosta family, Anton and Mary both were dedicated to the Christian lodges like KSKJ, AMLA, and SWU. They made repairs, cleaning, etc. Mrs. Hosta was on the Slovene Womens' Board. There were many flag blessings, lodge initiations, parades, concerts, dramas, or anniversaries. Mrs. Hosta baked for meetings, often preparing a huge delicious roast of beef for sandwiches.

They were a family of 11 children, grown presently to 25 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren. The eldest, Tony, became interested in drama, and directed by Mrs. Brodnik became an AMLA officer.

John, next in line, managed the club room and rentals for several years with his wife, Laverne. They also had a large family.

Sisters Anne and Mary were loyal to the Slovene Women's Union all the years I can

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tion industry and worked as a

heavy equipment operator for

24 years. He is a member of

Local No. 18. Before retiring

seven years ago, Larry partici-

pated in the construction of

five phases of I-480, with the

Great Lakes Construction

Since his retirement, Larry

and Edith have been active in

bowling. Our honoree also en-

joys many hours with another

favorite hobby: he is an avid

Larry and his wife are very

much looking forward to par-

ticipating in the gala celebra-

tion of the 50th anniversary of

our West Side Slovene Home.

This will take place on June

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their dream. Those long ago families in-

tion (and Jursek), Caroline,

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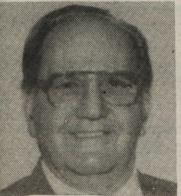
vene Lodges, better known as the West Side Slovene Home, 6818 Denison Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44102, has selected Lawrence F. Lehrke as its Man of the Year for 1989.

Larry has been married to Edith (nee Braun) for 48 very happy years. They have two daughters, Judith and Karen, and a son, Bruce, and enjoy their five grandchildren.

Larry participates actively in lodge league bowling and many other lodge affairs. He has been a member of SNPJ Lodge Nanos No. 264 for thirty years. He also has been a member of the board of trustees for a number of years. He willingly gave his time, energy and knowledge in helping with the expansion and remodeling of our West Side Hall.

He is a veteran of World War II. In June, 1942 he entered the U.S. Army and served with the 82nd Mortar Battalion, which took him into combat in the Pacific theatre, including Guadalcanal, the Philippines, and all the way to Tokyo. He was honorably discharged in November, 1945.

Soon after leaving military



LAWRENCE F. LEHRKE

Club of West Side Lodges Mark 50th Year

This year we are planning to celebrate our 50th anniversary. It was as a result of the efforts of Mr. Paul Oblack, Sr., that back in 1930 a meeting was called for representatives of all Slovene fraternal lodges on the West Side of Cleveland to attend. This was the beginning.

A second meeting was held

in June, 1930. At that meeting it was decided to give the new organization the name "Klub zapadnih slovenskih društev" (Club of West Side Slovene Lodges). The first officers to be elected were John Slabe, who became president, Carl Samanich, who became secretary, and Carl Valentine, who became treasurer.

In the midst of the greatest economic depression the United States has yet experienced, the new group set out to raise the funds needed to achieve the goal of creating a new Slovenian National Cleveland.



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remember. Anne had been one of the cadets on the drill team from 1938 thru 1942 with Branch 21.

Cecelia Brodnik was a civicminded woman of vision. She was a Democrat whose influence made a difference in politics. Another civic-action citizen, John Mismas, was a long term Financial Secretary on the Board and was with AMLA Lodge 35.

Mrs. Brodnik with her husband, Steve, and daughter, Lil and their sons Steve, Ed and Leonard made up the family. Mr. B. operated the local gas Station for many years, a landmark, while his wife actively participated in the community lodges, SNPJ, Progressive Slovenian Women and the Club of Slovenian W. Union. Being a good Christian, Cecelia was a leader of the church women of the Rosary Society, card parties, bazaars of the 20's thru 40's. She lived to be 86, 11 years after the death of her husband at 75.

Originally the Brodniks were a family of six. Steve and Leonard were active as teens in the church baseball team and even played instruments in the West Park Band of the Home. As adults they attended all the dance functions being popular at the time. Offsprings to date are eight grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Louis Sinkovic, as early as 1912 was a very keen and perceptive member of the Board as President. His membership was a serious activity. To maintain the Home and lodges successfully meant a selfless dedication. To this end he instilled the same qualities in his son William, "Willy" as he was called. Later he became active and used his skills as an electrician and remained Financial secretary from the late 1960s thru 1972. He and Tony Miklich, as president for six years, operated without wages. They both did maintenance work on the premises and were steadfast at the helm in times of difficulty.

ANTON HOSTA FAMILY

Nellie Strodtbeck held on with them for a time as Recording Secretary. Willie recorded the finances of AMLA Valentin Vodnik No. 35 for 16

Matt Poturica managed the small Home in 1936 and more years very well. In 1945 Jacob Vidmar was custodian manager with his wife, Anna. In three years they operated so efficiently with the dinners, they showed a profit of \$40,000 which went toward the new building. In 1938 when John Mismas was president, shares were being sold as a building fund raiser.

Checking into the records I found lodges paid a percent of the profit from social events, as one (recording secretary) earned \$40.00 per year in 1935. Coal was delivered by their own men. Members who solicited ads earned 15%. Bar managers were paid a commission. Mrs. Tomazic washed the linens used at dinners and fish frys. Frances Blatnik assisted in the kitchen with

Anna Kosak who cooked in 1936. Stage curtain ads sold at a \$1.00 per year.

The following are other names of participating certificate holders prior to 1972, Bizjak, Cukjne, Dancull, Flis, Gabriel, Gustincic, Katherine Kovach, Lach, Komocar, Less, Mlakar, F. Miklich, Slabe, Sustersic, Slokar, Sipek, Sanker Zalar, M. Zupancic, Zrnel.

These members, with the strength of their convictions, fought difficult times and stubborn minds to support and fulfill the dream of the men and women of 1919. Today we have solid structures, 60 and 70 years old. Second generation volunteers are again dedicated to preserving the Home.

Today we honor those men and women who served many hours in the hope of unity and loyality in the spirit of devotion to culture and a strong Slovenian heritage, manifested in the West Park Slovenian Home.

adapted to serve as the dance hall. In 1980, an addition was made to give us a beautiful and very good hall. Our first managers were Tony and Frances Andren, who were instrumental in getting us under way. We have built on what

was received from the State of

Ohio. After many years and

much controversy, the present

property at 6818 Denison Ave.

was purchased. The building

on Denison Avenue was con-

verted into a club bar, while

The rear building was

So many individuals have assisted us over the years that it is not possible to mention all of their names and thank them. They all donated their time and effort. It is because of them that we have been able over the years to have gala events that will not be for-

gotten by those who had the

privilege of attending.

rivilege of attending.

We Slovenes on the West Side area may be few in num-> ber, but we have great pride in the achievements of our forefathers. As we approach our Q 50th year, it is with great pleasure that we honor Lawrence > (Larry) Lehrke as our Man of co the Year. It was his untiring m effort and his enthusiasm that O helped us when we needed it ≥ most. It was the time when we mere enlarging our hall, of which we are so proud today. He is one of our top promoters Z for any event we sponsor. Just Z call Larry and he's there!

It is really too bad that we cannot attract our East Side friends to our functions. All > we hear is: "Oh, that's too far." But let me assure you it co is worth the trip. You will always see West Siders at East Side events. We do need your help and support.

Joseph Klinec President

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of West Park Auxiliary
who have cooperated with us
for the betterment of the Home.

From the Past Honorees of West Park
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HONOREES

Mary Blatnik Is Active Slovene

It is with great pleasure that we introduce Mary C. Blatnik, a most active and productive Slovene, who was selected by the Federation of Slovenian National Homes as its Woman of the Year for 1989.

There are few activities that have been held for the general well being of the community, our Slovenian organizations and Slovenian Homes, with which Mary has not been involved. She richly deserves this honor and distinction for her untiring efforts.

Mary C. Blatnik, nee Homar, was born and raised in the Collinwood-East 140th Street area, with her brother, Frank Homar, and her sisters, Josephine Wutchiett, Frances Kajfez, and Alice Signorelli.

Mary attended Longfellow Elementary School and Collinwood High School. On Saturday mornings, she attended Slovenian School at the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue. The Homar family was a member of St. Mary's Church On Holmes Avenue. During the 1940s, Mary was employed the Richmond Brothers Company. She also worked at Thompson Products in Euclid. She married Henry J. Blatnik at St. Mary's Church, the same church where her parents had been married twenty-four years earlier. Harry and Mary had two lovely daughters, Bonnie and Cathy. Bonnie is a leacher at Forest Park Elementary School in Euclid, and Cathy is a claims administrafor for the Sherwin Williams Company. The family has rein Euclid since 1969.

They attend Holy Cross Church.

Twice during the 1970s, the Slovenian Awards Banquet held special memories for the Blatnik family: first, when Harry was named Man of the Year representing the Slovenian Workmen's Home in 1972, and again in 1976, when he was selected by the Federation of Slovenian Homes as its Man of the Year. Unfortunately, Harry passed away in 1982. A precedent has now been established with the selection of Mary Blatnik as the 1989 Woman of the Year. For the first time, the Federation of Slovenian National Homes has honored both a husband and wife.

Mary's husband, Harry, and his mother, Frances Blatnik, were very active and great promoters of the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road. After her marriage, Mary joined them in their involvement with Slovenian organizations. She performs various duties and actively participates in the following organizations:

The American Mutual Life Association, where she serves on the Fraternal Affairs Committee of the Supreme Board and as president of Cerknisko Jezero lodge 59; Slovenian Women's Union of America's Branch 50 and a 1987 convention delegate; United Slovenian Society; St. Joseph's lodge 169 of KSKJ; Circle 1 of the Progressive Slovene Women of America; Slovenian Pensioner's Club of Euclid, Ohio; Friends of the Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Ave-

nue; Cleveland Slovenian Radio Club; Life Member of the American Slovenian Polka Foundation; Holy Cross Church and its Court of Mary and Married Couples Club; Euclid Democratic Club; Edgecliff Beach Club; Cuyahoga County Homemakers Organization; President of The East Shore Garden Club. Also, Mary is a stockholder in four Slovenian Homes.

She approaches these civic. cultural and fraternal organizations with a conscientious, dedicated, loyal and honest attitude.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Mary was employed by the Host House and Sherwin's Party Centers. She also worked at the Beechmont Chagrin Valley and Pine Ridge Country Clubs.

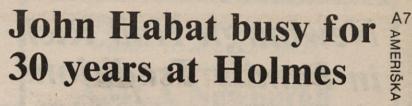
Mary has a deserved reputation as an excellent caterer. She has prepared and decorated elegant buffets, cocktail receptions and dinners for the United Slovenian Society, Kollander World Travel, the Yugoslav Consulate General, Slovenian Homes, AMLA, the Polka Hall of Fame, and others. This hobby involving culinary art began when Mary was in the twelfth grade at Collinwood High School. She entered a cake baking contest at Higbee's and won the first prize of ten dollars.

For years and years she has meticulously decorated and arranged the stage for the honorees at the Slovenian Awards annual banquet.

Despite her busy schedule. Mary still finds time for her hobbies, which include baking, playing cards, traveling, taking photos and decorating for special occasions.

What more can we say about this grand lady! She is always caring, thoughtful, kind and ready to help. Congratulations, Mary Blatnik, and may you enjoy many more years of good health and continue to be an inspiration to us

Mary is very proud to receive this honor. She would like to thank Dan Pavsek of the Collinwood Slovenian Home for nominating her and tne Federation of Slovenian Homes for naming her the 1989 Slovenian Woman of the



The Federation of Slovenian National Homes is has named John Edward Habat at its Slovenian Man of the Year for

John is a member of the board of directors of the Collinwood Slovenian Society Home and was that Home's Man of the Year in 1980. His father, John Habat Sr., received the Home's Man of the Year award in 1965.

John Habat has been very active at the Collinwood Slovenian Home for more than thirty years, since 1958. He has served in a wide variety of positions, including three terms as president. Among the progress achieved by the Home during his years of service have been a renovation of the entrance and hallway and then the remodeling of the entire upper ballroom. Parking capacity at the Home was increased greatly with the removal of a house, bowling alley and vegetation. John worked with many directors and supporters of the Home over the years to help bring about these advances.

John has also been extremely active in the Federation of Slovenian National Homes itself and has served as Federation president, vice president and secretary. It was during his tenure as Federation president that the concept of publishing special edition newspapers was realized. This edition marks the tenth of its kind and each has recorded the history and current developments at each of the Homes and biographical sketches of the annual honorees.

The special editions have been distributed to subscribers of the American Home newspaper and from each of the Homes.

John has been extremely active with the recently-formed American Slovenian Polka Foundation, based in Euclid, Ohio, and currently serves as curator of the Foundation's Hall of Fame. He also very much enjoys the activities of the Slovenian National Art Guild and helped encourage this organization to display the works of its members at many of the Man and Woman of the

Year annual banquets and at the festivals at the Collinwood and other Slovenian National Homes.

The Habat family lived on E. 76 St. in St. Clair Slovenian community for a number of years, then moved to the Nottingham area of Cleveland. John graduated from Collinwood High School and then attended Ohio University. from which he graduated. He did additional work at Kent State, Ohio State and Cleveland State Universities.

After graduating from college, John became a teacher in the Euclid School System. He taught and was an athletic coach at Euclid Shore and Forest Park schools for 35 years. He retired in 1981. During his teaching career, John was elected president of the Greater Cleveland Regional Council of Science Teachers. He also was a member of the Central Association of Science and Math Teachers and the National Science Teachers Association.

An avid sportsman throughout his life, John conducted the first water ski show in Cleveland and the Great Lakes, owned and operated the former Raymond A.C. Health Club, also owned a water ski school in Cleveland, and is a charter member of the Wildwood Boating & Fishing Club. More recently, he is the publisher of the North Coast News, which is printed by the American Home.

John is married to the former Dolores Ann Pike. Their children are Deborah Jeanne (Thomas) Olshanski, Bruce J. G. (Kathy) Habat, John Habat III, and Cheryl Ann Habat. Grandchildren are Kristine, Jilliane, Thomas, and Ginny Olshanski.

John's brother, Eddie Habat, is of course one of the greats in polka music, while a second brother, Herman, is now deceased. John also has two sisters, Betty Kozar and Anna Trost. John's father, John Habat Sr., is deceased, but John's mother, Mary Habat, still resides on E. 177 St. in the Collinwood neighborhood, as she has for 64



MARY BLATNIK



JOHN HABAT

From the year 1919 to the present time, the Slovenian National Home in Newburgh on East 80th St. has been rich in family traditions and heritage passed down from the founding fathers.

Evidence of this is that the first president, John Lekan, some 70 years later would have a son, Anthony Lekan who is being honored as the 1989 Newburgh Slovenian Man of the Year. Another son, Albin also helped years ago as a weekend bartender.

Andrew Zagar was one of the founders, his son Bill became the first American born, English speaking president of the Slovenian Home in Newburgh. He was instrumental in installing the bowling alleys, during his tenure. Agnes Zagar, Bill's mother, also served on the Board as a Recording Secretary. Agnes was an honoree from the Home, and was also the Federation Woman of the Year.

Mike Vercek, another founder's family, is still active. Josephine Sever and Eleanor Grozdanic are two of his daughters. These two ladies are willing to help at any task at any time. They are the famous Birdie Ladies. At one time, Mrs. Sever, her husband, daughters Sienna and Lois were all on the Board of Directors. Eleanor Grozdanic

and her husband, Bill, were also on the Board of Directors.

Joseph Vercek, Mike's brother, is part of another active family who has a daughter who was a Board of Director member and is still active and willing to help. She is a member of the Birdie Ladies. Her name is Hattie Mussig. Hattie's husband, Louis Mussig, a former Board member, was a former Slovenian Man of the Year for the Newburgh Hall. He is the one and only honoree who is not Slovenian from the Newburgh area. Louis can always be found helping tend bar at our socials.

The Botra of the Slovenian National Home, Mary Kuznik's family has been active throughout the years.

Anna Kapela, her daughter, served on the Board of Directors for many years. Ann was also an honoree of the Newburgh Hall.

Albina Trsinar, another daughter, was also a member of the Board of Directors. Frank and Mimi (Kuznik) and their family have been very active. Mimi is a former bartender of the clubroom and a very staunch supporter of the many various socials that are held at the hall. She can often be found promoting tickets and helping clear after the events. Frank has been on

Anthony Lekan Chosen as Newburgh Honoree

Anthony (Tona) Lekan was born in Newburgh on East 80th Street to the proud and happy family of John and Theresa Lekan. Tona was the 7th of 12 children.

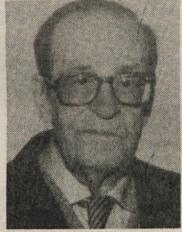
His fondest memories are of Sunday afternoon dinners at home. This is when everyone shared their happenings of the week. After this, usually the boys would accompany their father, John to the Slovenian National Home (NASH).

John Lekan was the first president of the Slovenian National Home in Newburgh.

Tona started school at St. Lawrence, where he became an altar boy at an early age and was active with the Holy Name Society. Tona graduated from South High School.

In 1941 Tona married his childhood sweetheart, Eleanor Hausler. They had one child, a daughter, Linda. The family was happy for a short while but in 1954, sadness struck the family. Eleanor became seriously ill and passed away. Tony raised Linda with a little help from the families.

Linda is now married to Ned Kenny. They have a son and a daughter, Scott and Wendy. Linda and her family live in Houston, Texas. Tony is quite the jetsetter as he travels to and from Texas at least four times a year.



TONY LEKAN

Tony worked at Clytel Manufacturing Company as a machinist for 23 years. Tony was an avid golfer and bowler. Always in the AMLA and KSKJ tournaments until a few years ago when he injured his hand at work.

Tony was Bar Manager at the Slovenian National Home in Newburgh during World War II and for several years after. To this day, Tona fills in as a bartender whenever he is able.

Tony is a 50 year member of Queen of Peace Lodge No. 24 AMLA, and a member of St. Joseph Lodge No. 146 KSKJ.

Tony, now retired, lives in Garfield Heights, Ohio. He keeps himself busy helping people.

Tony is truly deserving of being Newburgh's Slovenian Man of the Year for 1989 and always.



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the Board for very many years. He has served as president, vice president and auditor. At one time Frank was a member of the Board, his son Frank, Jr., State Representative, was president and Frank's daughter, Charlene Barr, was secretary.

Frank was honored as the Newburgh Man of the Year and also the Federation Slovenian Man of the Year.

Another family that was active from the area was the Skufca family. Jim Skufca was the bowling alley manager for several years and general manager of the entire Slovenian National Home. Edward Skufca served on the Board for many years. He was also the president of the Hall and served as a bartender in the club for many years. Ed was also an honoree of the Home.

Mr. Frank Strazar and his sons were active in the Home for many years. Frank Sr. was an Honoree of the Home. He served on the Board for many years and no task was too great for him. Frank Jr. was also a Board member. Albin Strazar was president and during his tenure tended bar. Along with his wife, he did maintenance work. Al was another Honoree of the Hall.

A founder, Anton Pelko and his family are still active in the Slovenian National Home in Newburgh. To Anton Pelko, the Slovenian Home was truly his home away from home. He has instilled this in his families. Anton was also an honoree of the Slovenian Home.

Anton's daughter, Anna Mae Mannion and her family are active with the Home. Anna Mae and her husband, Willie, served for many years on the Board of the Home. As youngsters, Anna Mae's family helped clean, do check room work, etc.

Tony Mannion is currently a member of the Board serving as Vice President and now as President. Jean Marie Mannion, daughter, is also a member of the Board. Bartending and Snack Bar Lady are

some of Jeanie's duties.

Katie Kawszyniski, another daughter, also helps tend bar and whatever. The Mannions have a mixed couples bowling league at the East 80th lanes every other Sunday. Anna Mae has been on the Board for many years. She has served as auditor, recording secretary, treasurer, and has been secretary for several years.

Anna Mae was an Honoree of the Home and also honored as the Woman of the Year from the Federation of Slovenian Homes. Dolores Pelko was a bartender for many years at the Club.

Currently serving on the Board as a family team is Olga Sray and her daughter Mary Ann Sray. A helping hand is always given to the Home by husband, Victor Sray, sisterin-law and aunt Laura Berdyck.

Alice Arko, treasurer, has a daughter Rosemary Pozarelli, who joined the Board of directors this year. Another family becoming active is the Skufca family because Hattie (Skufca) Fashinpaur has also joined the Board of Directors this year. Welcome aboard.

These are the families who have and are still keeping the Slovenian Home in Newburgh going and still the best place to visit. There are many people who also help, but this paper's theme this year is "family" and we have spotlighted them. A family tradition has always been outstanding at Newburgh.

The Slovenian East 80th Lanes are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the installation of the bowling lanes. A Doubles Tournament is being' held on April 8 and 9. A dance will be held on April 8 in the Clubroom, music by Skul and Zagar. This will be an opportunity for you and yours to meet old friends and new ones and have a good time. You will also be promoting your Slovenian Home and heritage. For more information call John Kuznik, bowling alley manager at 883-2963. John is

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being helped by Alan Novak. Alan Novak is a former Board member and very active in helping John with the bowling lanes.

The Board of Directors is very active throughout the year promoting fundraisers. Without fundraisers it would be impossible to exist.

The month of April will be busy for the members. A Nite at the Races will be held April 1st, a 50-50 feature is on April 5 with music by the Rodicks. They are held every other month.

In June, a Testimonial Dinner will be held for the Man of the Year, Tony Lekan.

The Annual Clambake will be held in October with catering by Maple Heights Catering and music by the Rodicks. The New Year's Eve Dinner Dance is always a must.

From the Slovenian National Home and all the Board of Directors and employees, we wish the Federation Honorees Mary Blatnik, Woman of the Year, and John Habat, Man of the Year, the very best. To all the Halls' Honorees, and especially to Newburgh's Man of the Year, Anthony (Tona) Lekan, we offer our sincerest congratulations.

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At 92, Frances Legat Enjoys Legacy of Dedication

Although Frances Legat will be celebrating her 92nd birthday this coming September, her energy and enthusiasm for life make her appear half her age. A cracked vertebra in her back (as a result of taking care of her husband) and a broken hip ten months ago have not stopped this spry "young" woman from bouncing back and attending concerts, meetings and fraternal affairs whenever she is able.

Frances was born on September 26, 1897 in the village of Ostrozno Brdo, not far from Postojna, Slovenia. The nearby postal office was in the village of Kosana. She arrived in America on February 22, 1913, when she was fifteen years old. She settled in the St. Clair area on East 61 Street, by her cousin Jennie Drobnick and became involved in fraternal activities soon after she arrived.

Frances married Anton Pirnat on October 31, 1916 and has one daughter, Florence; however, she was widowed by the time she was 24 years old, when Florence was only five years old.

She remarried, this time to Tom Legat, on September 20, 1924. They had a happy mar-

riage for 63 years, until his death on February 7, 1986. Her daughter has two children, John and Linda. John is a National Accounts Manager for Northern Telecom and has one son and two daughters. Linda is a Doctor of Psychology and has a son and five daughters, giving Frances a grand total of nine grandchildren. She is justly proud of all of them.

Frances worked at Atlas Bolt, then at Richman Brothers, for 17 years, before she went to work in the meat market her husband and she owned. She worked there for ten years. Frances and Tom attended many cultural and fraternal programs, especially since they both enjoyed dancing tremendously.

In Slovenian circles, Frances is best remembered for her involvement with Slovenske Sokolice, SNPJ 442, where she held every office from sergeant-at-arms to president. She was president from 1940 until the lodge merged with SNPJ Lodge 147 Vodnikov Venec in 1982. During her tenure, she increased lodge membership from 48 to 125 and was the recipient of many awards from the SNPJ as being one of the leading cam-

paigners in many contests. She was also a frequent scribe to the Slovene section of the Prosveta newspaper.

In its heyday, Slovenske Sokolice lodge members were front-runners in innovative ideas for helping to raise funds, whether it was for the purchase of land for the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road or the purchase of land and the building of the Slovene Home for the Aged on Neff Road. Frances, together with her friend Cecilia Subel, collected over \$3,000.00, going from house to house to solicit funds to help this project get off the ground.

As early as 1916, when the Slovenian Home Committee was renting the picnic grounds of the Slovenska Čitalnica (at that time on E. 61 St. and Glass Ave.) in order to raise money to build a Slovenian Home (now the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue), Frances helped by preparing and selling tickets for fund raisers and drawings.

Frances is also active with the Progressive Slovene Women of America Circle 2, on St. Clair Avenue. Having joined in 1938, she was vice president from the very first meeting until 1972, at which time she received a commendation making her a lifetime honorary vice president of the Circle. While actively involved, she was a top seller of tickets, whether admission tickets to the Circle's annual bazaars or their many drawings. Here too Frances was successful in obtaining new members. She was responsible for the enrollment of at least 20 women into the Circle.

She continually promoted the propagation of the Slovene language and was among those responsible for founding Circle 2 of the SNPJ (the Slovene Junior Chorus), which celebrated its 50th anniversary last November.

Frances was ahead of her time in that she was driving a car (since 1924) long before most women, or their husbands, even considered it as an option or a necessity. One might say Frances practiced "women's lib" long before it became the fashionable thing to do. Because she could drive, she would pick up Mrs. Josephine Tratnik and together they drove house to house soliciting potential members.

Her association with SNPJ



FRANCES LEGAT

Circle 2 was while the Circle had its headquarters at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue and was under the direction of Anton Schubel. Frances was a tremendous asset, especially helping with the handicrafts that the Circle members excelled in making and displaying at the numerous SNPJ National Days handicraft exhibits

Although her work among the Slovenes is highly recognized, Frances had time to expand her horizons to include working unselfishly for the

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To All Honorees of the Federation of the Slovenian Homes

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The Slovenian American Future

Most of us who belong to the American Mutual Life Association are also members of the broader Slovenian American community. That community has existed in organized form here in the Greater Cleveland area for more than one century. Slovenes have been coming to northern Ohio throughout that period. As time passes, and as new immigration from Slovenia has ceased except for rare exceptions, the face of Our community has become more thoroughly American. It is not so much that we are becoming assimilated as it is that the great majority of us now are American-born, in short, Americans in the fullest sense of the term. Rare now are the organizations in our midst that still function in the Slovene language; while many of us still can understand some Slovene and somewhat fewer can speak more than a few phrases, rare are those American-born persons of Slovene heritage who can really carry on a conversation in Slovene, much less write a complete sentence in grammatical Slovene. Even many of our most prominent community leaders, both in organizational and media terms, can not do this.

This is understandable and excusable. Not only the face but also the substance of our community has changed over the decades, and this process of change will continue. It is a natural process. Those of us active in the many organizations that have come down to us from our parents and grandparents are not the same people in a nationality or ethnic sense that they were.

There is no doubt that our community is contracting. Nor can there be doubt that this process will continue. We are likely ever again to have large-scale immigration to the United States from Slovenia, even if the present economic and political crisis in Slovenia-Yugoslavia turns into a lsaster. We are on our own. We can not expect "governhent", to prop us up artificialby subsidizing newspapers radio and television programs. If we want these, we eed to produce them ourselves, not get them via government handouts. Such handouts, even when they Ome, tend to come with a lot of strings attached, the kinds of strings attached, the would

West Side Club Celebrates 50th

This year we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary. The celebration will be on Saturday, June 24, with dinner and then dancing to the tunes of the Joey Tomsick Orchestra. We hope to see many of our friends from the Federation of slovenian National Homes in alternance for this very special occasion.

Thank you!

Board of Directors Club of West Side Slovene Lodges - Denison benefit directly the most wouldn't like and probably couldn't meet.

Our Slovenian national homes have been among the pillars of our community in an organizational sense. Each of the Slovene settlements in the Greater Cleveland area established its own home and supported it over the long years and decades. That these national homes still serve a vital purpose in our community is shown by their resilience in the face of constant economic pressures, changing communities and, not least, by the efforts of some to downplay their significance or complain about lack of "security", lack of adequate "parking", and "outdated" or "run-down" facilities. There is always a tendency to go after the bird in the bush or the pie in the sky and take for granted what already exists. The result generally is to lose both. As in the case of Slovene language newspapers and Slovenian national parishes, so too with our Slovenian national homes. Once they are gone there is little chance they'll ever appear again. We would be better off building on what we have and preserving what can be preserved as long as we can.

Rudolph M. Susel

Love and destruction of 'family'

by James V. Debevec

Clevelnd Bishop Anthony Pilla writing in the Dec. 23 issue of Ameriška Domovina about the celebration of Christmas noted, "The family is the first experience of love..."

Slovenians gathered together during a function in the Slovenian Homes in Greater Cleveland can be likened to a family assembled to observe a special occasion. A family has a unique bond that cements itself together for protection. The members are accustomed to each other's company and are at ease, and at leisure. The Homes are a place members can relax - and get away from the work world for a few hours.

Bishop Pilla further stated, "Christ the newborn benefitted from the example of Mary and Joseph and grew to manhood under their loving care." The people who congregate at the Slovenian Homes are like the Christ Child who benefit from loving care of the Officers of each National Home who can be compared to the Mother Mary. The officers meet monthly and give of themselves to insure the people who visit the National Homes have a warm and friendly and secure time.

The Home itself, a sturdy structure, which can withstand the violent forces of nature, can be likened to St. Joseph, a strong pillar always there whenever we need it for shelter and comfort and as a place in which to celebrate happy occasions

The love of the officers and the stable buildings of the Slovenian Homes are a formidable combination, and a reliable one, which cannot easily be destroyed.

However, one must be ever on the alert for the Judas in the family. The Great Wall of China is one of mankind's greatest achievements, but its purpose of keeping out the invaders was thwarted - not by hostile attack, but from the treachery of those within.

One hears talk from those previously cloaked in the Homes' sanctuary, suggesting some of the Homes be destroyed and a new "massive - all encompassing" Home be built in the country. There are those who pass before you to-day in the majestic Slovenian National Home on St. Clair who often talk about a new extensive major home in the wilderness.

There are many things that can destroy a family, such as serious illness beyond medical attention, but when family members take the 30 pieces of silver and deliberately try to destroy the hard work of the Mother and Father, the rest of the members must be vigilant and determine who are their friends and who are not.

The greatest stab in the back will occur when the newly-outsiders disguised in the wrap of creativity come around seeking funds from those they seek to destroy.

"The family is the first experience of love," and uniting together as the 700 gathered on Sunday, March 19 to honor their own are doing is an example of love - love for your fellow Slovenian Home workers

But with love should come discipline. By being together this day we also demonstrate another family trait — solidarity. By determining to stick together, the Slovenian Homes can overcome adversity and prosper and endure and grow and find the peace of a family united in the spirit of love.

Legacy

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community in which she lived. She was the recipient of a gold pin for her ten years as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. In one year alone, she collected more than \$900.00 for this worthy organization. She volunteered for the Community Chest, a forerunner of our current United Appeal. She volunteered for the Veterans Hospital in Brecksville, and was a presiding judge at the election booth for five years. She was also extremely active with the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion No. 273 for 25 years.

Frances is a member of St. Christine's parish and belongs to the retirees club at the church and is a member of the Euclid Pensioners, too. She is a member of AMLA Lodge 2 for 52 years.

Frances lives in Euclid, in a side-by-side duplex which she shares with her daughter Florence, who recently became a widow.

As my son so aptly stated after I read this biography to get his opinion: "What took them so long to recognize what this woman has accomplished for the greater benefit of the Slovenian Community?"

It is indeed about time, Frances, and we congratulate you on this richly deserved honor!

Betty Rotar

FEDERATION OF SLOVENIAN NATIONAL HOMES

Mary Kapel Is Top Faiport Honoree

Mary Kapel has been named Slovenian of the Year representing the American-Slovenian Club in Fairport Harbor at the annual event honoring individuals for outstanding service to their organization sponsored by the Federation of Slovenian National Homes in Cleveland. She is the third Kapel so honored. Her husband, Herman, and brotherin-law, Charles, both well known and longtime bartenders at the Fairport Slovenian Club, were both recognized in previous years.

For the past year, Mary Kapel, a member of the Club's board of directors, has been the person most responsible for bringing a new dimension to the Club. Through her efforts, a Women's Auxiliary was formed just a little over a year ago, which started serving Friday night dinners featuring Lake Erie perch. The fish fries are held every other Friday. Just completing a year of operation, the group has made rapid strides toward renovation of the kitchen facilities at the Club. The Auxiliary -

with the women donating their time and pastries for dessert has already purchased a new refrigerator, financed half the purchase of a new ice machine, and made other donations to the Club.

In conjunction with the dinners, Mrs. Kapel encouraged several members to bring their button boxes to the Club and thus launched the Polka Jammers, which entertains at the fish fries.

Mary Kapel was born in Aliquippa, Pa., to the late Steve and Anna Laskodi, but moved to Cleveland with her family as a child. She graduated from South High School. She has a sister, Ann Fill, living in Broadview Heights, and four brothers who have all passed away.

Following high school she was married to John Burns, Jr., who has since passed away. The couple moved to Parma, where she lived for some 20 years. The couple had a son, Robert Charles Burns, who now resides in Crystal Lake, Ill., with his wife, Pen-

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Club of West Side Slovene Lodges Party Center Dates

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-John Ivancic, Hall Manager

FUTURE SOCIAL DATES

June 24 — 50th Anniversary Sept. 23 — Raffle Dinner-Dance Nov. 18 — Bowling Dinner Dance



MARY KAPEL

Fairport

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ney, and sons, Scott Harder and Michael Shawn. Her son is a pilot captain with United Airlines. Her daughter-in-law is the daughter of renowned Cleveland Indians pitching star and later a coach with the Indians, Mel Harder.

Mary married Herman Kapel 18 years ago. The couple now lives on Carson Street. Grand River, Ohio. Admittedly a soft touch when it comes to animals, over the years Mary has befriended six cats which found their way to her door homeless.

Mary says she loves polka music and dancing and also enjoys cooking. A member of the Club's board of directors for two years, she is also a member of SNPJ Lodge 355, Slovenian Women's Union Branch 68, VFW Post 7754 Women's Auxiliary, is a member of the Polka Boosters, and represents the Club on the board of the Federation of Slovenian National Homes.

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Families of the Slovenian Society Home, Euclid

by Joseph F. Petric, Jr.

Seventy long difficult years, changing times, voluntary acts, effects made to happen by persons, families, shaping and molding ideas, producing a place, a home, an ethnic structure, a Slovenian Society

Once strangers, now friends, these once immigrant people have bonded themselves to a small memory of their homeland - dearly missed.

But, this Home has given them a purpose to work for and hold the fraternal and cultural heritage so loved by all. These outstanding attributes have given the city of Euclid peoples of Slovenian origin, who have strengthened this growing community with leaders in city government, business, churches, and neighbors, who are reliable friends, caring, ready to help at the time of need. Pages are written of accounts about them and pages are still blank waiting to be filled by Slovenian Home members at different times.

This writer will not attempt to document at this time a continued history, but will give his impressions of families who have impressed him and have shared his ideas and actions to assist with others like himself the place called Slovenian Society Home on Recher Avenue and Ljubljana Drive.

These families of Slovenian Society Home are ideally compared to the yearly growth and cycle of a tree. Inch by inch, branching out, new growth budding every spring, maturing in summer, coming to the pinnacle of beauty in fall, and the barren, empty cycle only to show the basic structure of life, which will begin again.

So I will attempt to share cameo episodes of families who began and branched out and some who have only completed their cycle to further the many strengths of the Slovenian Home.

- Every summer the balina alleys are the gathering places of so many people, the alleys holding pairs of feet, voices shouting, grunts and groans and satisfaction as the artful skill of balinca is played. As one gentleman picks up the ball his lazy smile and twinkle in his half droopy eye manages to wink and twitch his shoulder glancing at his wife, Angela, watching from the

John Barkovich, a director on the board, doesn't realize that some day his son-in-law Lou Sajovic will build an addition to the Slovenian Home, that his daughter, Gayle's little girl, Karen, will carry on their fraternal activity and spirit. A son, Chip, will involve himself in fraternal and cultural traditions at Slovenian Home. Maybe he will be a future director.

- On another alley, a few years later, a tall slender man, with chisled nose, broad grin, his favorite straw hat and, oh yes, this one inch cigar held gingerly between his lips from one side to another. Hands clasped behind his back as he makes his way to the other side of the court to throw his only ball to make a point.

Yes, that's John Mrsnik playing his favorite game at his favorite Slovenian Home. Always ready to come running to the assistance of John Troha, House Chairman, or helping park cars.

Wife, Albina, is made of the same fabric; always ready to pitch in with auxiliary members for fish fries, bake sales, parties. Albina's famous roast beef and krofe always make the events worthwhile.

Later, their youngest, Rosemary, picks up the spirit and now goes from one activity to another, serving for whatever cause there may be.

She was recognized as Woman of the Year, and her daughter chosen as Miss Activity and Talent and Miss S.N.P.J.

- Around the corner a young voice from the midst of a group of ladies is singing Tečka-pa-luf-ti-luf-ti-lata-yo to the pride and joy of his mother, Josie. Husband, Joe Sr., a quiet and behind the scenes person, glances over to admire the achievement of his son, Joey. Someday he will be a leader and well versed in the prose of the Slovenian language, which will further his growth in leadership in the Slovene community.

His sister, Cecelia, will direct the many generations of SNPJ children in Slovene concerts, along with her own offspring, reared in Slovenian traditions. The Valencics will have contributed greatly to the riches of folk songs perpetuated on albums and cassette tapes at their Slovenian Home.

 A cloud of - looks like smoke - no - dust is rising down by the clubroom entrance. A slightly stocky, red cheeked man rests on his broom handle wiping his brow. I knew it. It's John Troha again, always policing the sidewalk, returning the ground sandstone from people's shoes back to the alleys. John's caring and know-how has carried this Home for some time - thru tough times and good times. John taught me how to love and be loyal to this Home.

His wife, Monica, a bubbly individual, always had some very educated subject matters to discuss. She reads a great deal. Yes John was very conscientious and a good director until the end. God bless him. His memory will guide me

- Remember the Adams family on TV? Our Slovenian Home has its Adams family, but they are the complete opposite of the TV entertainers. A beautiful example of Slovenian class, John and Ann are active in all fraternal and club activities with mama Cebul, always with a pleasant smile and a helping hand.

John's activity on the board drew his sons Ken and David into the same spirit, especially Dave, a magician by hobby. He has entertained many children at lodge Christmas parties. Soon their own children will enjoy another episode in their cycle at the Slovenian Home.

- A swift, straight upright stance and flushed cheeks are her trademark as she mixes another batch of dough for krofe for yet another bake sale and voluntary help at concerts on Sunday afternoons. It is none other than Mary Kobal.

She strives for excellence and pride in her auxiliary and wellequipped kitchen as she often proudly escorts anyone who glances into its tiled walls and stainless steel surroundings.

She makes a fine president of the auxiliary. She is followed by her son, Max, presently active on the board and past president, adding his carpentry skills to various projects.

- From his first year to the present, some 24 years later, his perpetual work never seems to end. A bit round shouldered, slight built - a young Abe Lincoln type. Bill Frank gives it his all.

Filtering monies to every account, reminding everyone, "We don't have a barrel of money," as the song goes. His wife, Mary, is ready to assist in Home functions. She probably never realized how quickly the years have passed, yielding offsprings who also are active in fraternal events. Son Billy and his famous Hobo's Band, a Slovene novelty, is well known and his music is well done. Karen, their oldest, assists with the eveyday book work and is helping us to enter the computer age - the first in Slovene Home history, and upgraded

procedures.

I am running out of space for my thoughts, but want to touch on the fine dedicated work of the Starman Family, the Turkovichs, the Cvelbars, Anton Subel, and many more. Some day again I may sit down and write of my impressions filling more of those empty pages, expressing accomplishments of more

I close with thoughts of my family and its supportive labors directed by some of those I've mentioned. They were years of labor's love and if we were whole again I'm sure Mary and Joe Sr. would say try us, if you're not satisfied, you owe us nothing, and if you are, we're here to stay and give you our loyal

God bless them all, for they have given their share which makes it possible for others to come and do the same.

Stanley Grk Is Workmen Honoree

With justifiable pride, the Slovenian Workmen's Home has named and honors Stanley Grk as its Man of the Year for

Stanley was born in the Primorska region of Slovenia and came to Cleveland by way of Canada in 1958. Shortly after his arrival in our city, Stanley joined St. Joseph Lodge 169 of the KSKJ; the following year he affiliated with the Slovenian Workmen's Home.

In 1961, he was elected to the Home's board of trustees. Skilled in all trades, Stanley was responsible for much of the work at a time when there was a great deal of remodeling going on at the Home.

A member of the Jadran Singing Society for many years, Stanley not only enjoys singing, but plays the chromatic accordion and tuba. With his genial personality he enlivens many a party. He is a member of the Primorski Club in Cleveland, and also is an active member of the St. Clair Rifle Club.

Devoted to his family, Stanley lives in Willoughby Hills with his wife, Emma. They have two children, son John and daughter Emma, and two grandchildren.

Stanley has been with the East Ohio Gas Company for 24 years. In addition, he has assisted his wife Emma for a period of 8 years in managing and operating the Slovenian

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Stanley has always actively promoted the Slovenian heritage, culture and tradition.

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As time marches on, the words of Harlow Shapley come to mind. Honored by scientists from all over the world on the 50th anniversary of his contributions to astronomy, Shapley was called upon to respond to the eulogies. He rose slowly, then said: "Listening to the speeches, the one thought that went through my mind was: There is so much to learn, and so little time."

So it is with the Slovenian Workmen's Home. The Home is now in its 63rd year. Construction of the facility began back on July 25, 1926. We pay tribute to all those who over the years have contributed time, energy and money in building the Home, maintaining it and passing the legacy on

Who remembers the New York Central Railroad, Collinwood Brick Yard, Kuhlman Car Company? Stirring memories is a photograph taken in 1938, when the Jadran Singing Society had more than sixty members.

We take this opportunity to pay tribute to all those organizations and individuals who have supported the Slovenian Workmen's Home and all the Slovenian National Homes through the years.

Coming events at the SWH this year are:

Jadran Singing Society concert and dance - April 22.

Waterloo Festival, July 20, 21, 22, and 23.

Steve Shimits

Christine Kovach

Christine Kovach was born February 11, 1900, at 1010 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. She attended St. Vitus Catholic School for two years before her family moved to Saranac Road in Collinwood. Christine lived in Collinwood for almost fifty years, attending East Clark Elementary School and graduating from Collinwood High School.

In 1916, Christine met Andrew, her future husband. They were married in 1918, at the height of the First World War. Both Christine and Andrew worked in war plants during the war. From their marriage two children were born. Son Robert is retired and lives with his wife in Ocala, Florida. Daughter Irene Stutzman and her husband live in Aurora, Ohio. Christine has four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was a devoted wife to her husband and is a loving and understanding



CHRISTINE KOVACH

mother and grandmother. She lost her husband Andrew after 62 years of marriage, in 1980.

Christine is a loyal and dedicated citizen of her community, state and country. She has served faithfully as a Democratic precinct committeewoman in her ward and has frequently consented to chair campaigns for such Democrats as Tim McCormack, Joe Far-

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Slovenian Society Home Honors Kovach

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rell and Dennis Eckart. Christine is a longtime member of the Democratic Caucus of Euclid.

She has also made significant contributions to the Slovenian community through her active involvement in the preservation of her ethnic culture. Her extensive activities include:

- Longtime member of

Circle 3 of the Progressive Slovene Women of America, serving as president for many years as well as sunshine chairman for five years, and as vice president.

- President of Club Ljubljana for 15 years.
- Currently serves as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, after serving many years as vice president

and auditor.

- Member of the "Klub društev" (Societies' Club), where she has always helped in the kitchen.
- President of the drama club "Naša zvezda."
- Member of the Slovene Home for the Aged since the first home was built.
- Petition drive campaign leader for the Slovenian Society Home's effort to obtain its

first Sunday liquor permit.

- In short, Christine has always been ready to perform whatever tasks needed to be done to support all fraternal, cultural and civic organiza-

She is well known for her delicious strudels. She has won numerous blue ribbons for her baking and has demonstrated strudel making in cooking lessons sponsored by Circle 3

of the PSWA at the Slovenian Society Home.

Christine has been a member of St. Mary's Church for over 80 years and a member of St. Joseph Lodge 169 in Collinwood for 55 years. She is also an active member of the Euclid Pensioners Club ever since it was founded - 26

Christine is very grateful for the honor bestowed upon her and very thankful to all who nominated and supported her. She expresses her heartfelt thanks and adds: "God bless you all!"

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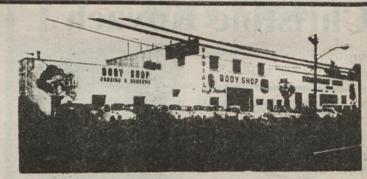
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Another year has come to an end and 1988 is now history. It was, as usual, a very busy year at the Collinwood Slovenian Home.

The year began with our customary Shrove Tuesday event, which is held in the Club Room. Everyone looks forward to this occasion. Our button box players were there to entertain us, as they always are. Thanks to John and Alba for all their hard work in making this affair a success.

In April, we had our annual winter bowling banquet. 22 teams participated in 1988. Mrs. Josie Stanonik and her crew prepared the delicious dinner. Everyone was happy.

As spring drew near, we got ready for our ninth annual spring dance. In 1988 we honored Jack Videtic, a most deserving person. If you need anything done, he is always there to give a helping hand. We also honored Dan Pavsek as "Federation Man of the Year." Dan is another great person. Ask him to do something and he is right there to help. Al Markic and his orchestra played for this affair.

We still have a sports department at our Home. In 1988 we had four dart teams. They shoot darts every Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Club Room. Everyone is welcome to stop by and watch some very good dart throwers. We also back two bowling

teams, a volleyball team and we have a men's softball team. They are all great.

With the arrival of summer we got ready for our annual Homecoming celebration. A lot of hard work goes into this affair. Thanks go to Frank Koncilja, Al Pestotnik, Dan Pavsek and Gus Petelinkar for putting together such a beautiful affair in 1988.

There is s saying: "Don't rain on my parade!" Well, in 1988 it did rain on our parade and it had to be canceled — after all the hard work. But the rest of the day was a huge success. Special thanks go to John Plutt for all his time and hard work to make this a special day.

At our Homecoming celebration we honored our hall musician of the year. Tony Vadnal was the honoree. You couldn't find a nicer person. He's always smiling and happy. Stay that way, Tony!

This year, by the way, we will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Collinwood Slovenian Home. Hope to see everyone at the celebration, which will be a three-day affair. I can report that our musician of the year in 1989 will be George Cook.

Our Club Room had a busy year in 1988, too. We had central air conditioning installed. We also purchased new bar stools and new chairs. It was a major project. Our thanks go

Daughter of the Year in 1985.

In addition, she is a member

of SNPJ Lodge No. 5 "Na-

Whenever St. Mary's parish

or the Collinwood Slovenian

Home need help, Mary is there

to assist. From time to time

she also helps the Cub Scouts

of St. Clare Church, where her

Mary has been a member of

the board of directors of the

Collinwood Slovenian Home

for ten years, serving on the

Audit and Entertainment

Committees. She helps on the

Thanksgiving dance project,

which requires a lot of plan-

All these activities don't

leave her much time for other

hobbies, but she does enjoy

Mary and her husband

Frank - they have been mar-

ried 39 years - have two

children. Their daughter Mary

Ann is married to Jeff Moses

and they have a son, Brian,

making Mary and Frank

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Congratulations, Mary!

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honor bestowed upon you.

ning and hard work.

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to John for all his fundraising efforts to help cover the cost of these major improvements.

Our after-Thanksgiving dinner and dance was also a huge success in 1988. All three floors had entertainment all day long. The Club Room had Corky Godec and his band. Again this year, Frank Yankovic put in an appearance with Corky.

The first floor hall had a jam session organized by the Pol-Kats. The hall was filled to capacity. Musicians were coming and going all day long.

In the evening we had a dinner and dance honoring all of our out-of-town guests. Mrs. Stanonik cooked and the the Johnny Vadnal Orchestra played. The Button Box Players were on hand and did a great job. Again, we would like to thank John Habat for all his help.

December is always a busy time for us. We have an appreciation dinner for all of the workers who helped us at the Homecoming event. In 1988 the Button Box group again provided the music. Our

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The Holmes Hall Buttonaires are a fun group. They play for rest homes, festivals, fraternal groups, button box jam sessions, hospitals and other worthy institutions. They bring much enjoyment to their listeners.

The Buttonaires have Tony Fortuna as their leader, John Gorjanc, who handles public relations, Rose Intihar, who serves as secretary-treasurer, and accordionists Mary Zvidor, Dan Novinc, Tony Kristoff, Millie Budnar, Frank Dremel and Connie Lee.

Georgie Cook Will Be Honored as Top Musician

The Collinwood Slovenian Home's Musician of the Year is Georgie Cook, the well known banjo player. He has played with many orchestras over the years, most notably with Frankie Yankovic.

Georgie will be honored at the annual Homecoming celebration, which will be held Sunday, August 20, 1989.

The day before, August 19, the Collinwood Slovenian Home will celebrate its 70th anniversary with a dinner-dance.



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John Habat

sincere thanks to you all!

As the year drew to a close, our Club Room was busy setting up the annual Christmas party. Everyone looks forward to this affair. It is our way of thanking our members. Again in 1988, John and Alba had a Toys-for-Tots fund, with all the proceeds going to the needy families of our St. Mary's Church. Thanks to all of our Club members for their generosity in making 1988 the best year ever.

So, readers, you can see the Collinwood Slovenian Home had another full year of hard work and fun in 1988 — and we will try to do even better in 1989!

The board of directors of the Collinwood Slovenian Home wants to thank all of the members who patronize our Home during the year. Without you we couldn't succeed. With your continued help and with God's blessing, we will have a great 1989!

Mary Podlogar

Recalling John Habat as Pillar of Home

In the years that I have been acquainted with the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue, I remember John Habat Sr. as one of the few whom I could count on the fingers of one hand who had outstanding leadership.

As a pillar of the Home, along with the late Mr. Joseph Ferra, Habat gave of himself freely for the good of the Collinwood Slovenian Home.

His possessed a personality that allowed him to stand alone on the stage behind a microphone and ad-lib endlessly as a Master of Ceremonies.

He had a sense of humor that was appreciated by all those who were in his company. Not only was he popular at the Home but he did a tremendous amount of work for the St. Mary Church on Holmes Ave. as well. He kept the ball rolling.

The late Mr. Habat was truly an unforgettable and lovable man.

And this year we are fortunate to salute his son John Habat Jr. as the Main Honoree of the Federation of Slovenian Homes who is following in his father's footsteps as a well-liked, respected person who is equally at home behind a microphone. One of John Jr.'s greatest talents is his ability to come up with ideas to improve the Home or any project he has decided to focus his attention upon.

-Frank Koncilija



JOHN HABAT SR.

Pennsylvania-born Mary Podlogar is this year's Collinwood Slovenian Home "Wo-

Mary Podlogar Is

Born in Coudersport, Pa., she is the daughter of Matthew and Anna (nee Tomsick) Plutt. She has three brothers and one sister. They are Albert, John, bill and Rose Kokel, who resides in Gowanda, New York. The family moved to Cleveland in 1942. They lived on E. St. until 1952, when they noved into the Collinwood heighborhood.

Mary belongs to St. Mary's Church, where she is a member of the Altar and Rosary Branch 10 of the Slovenian



MARY PODLOGAR



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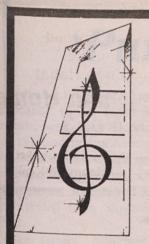
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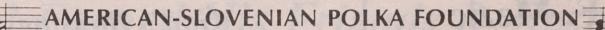
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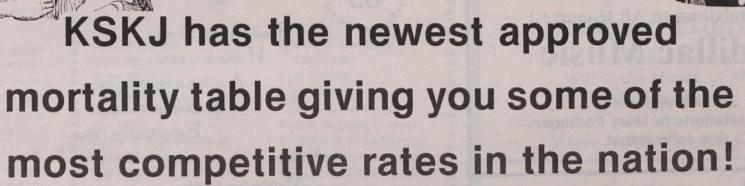
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William Ponikvar, known as Punky to his many dear friends, was born December 15, 1912, on Bonna Avenue in the St. Clair Slovenian neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio. His parents, Joseph and Rozi, immigrated from Slovenia in

The family, including his brother Joseph, moved to Maple Heights in 1923, to a landmark building once popularly known as "The Sunrise Saloon." It was built in 1895. It was in this building

landmark building popularly known as Sunrise Saloon." It was in this Maple Recalls **Busy '88**

Here it is 1989 already! Where does the time go? It seems upon reflection that 1988 was a year filled with activity at the Slovenian National Home of Maple Heights. Our bi-monthly fundraisers are still a big success. The able Lou Champa is in charge of them and they always draw a good crowd. We Owe a great deal of appreciation to the many musicians who contribute so generously with their music and make the fundraising evenings fun for everyone.

Our annual Grape Festival was a wonderful success in 1988. The board of directors puts in a lot of effort to make it bigger and better every year. The kitchen committee works hard to prepare the good foods and strudels everyone enjoys so much. In 1988, the menu was barbecued pork, klobase (sausages), and cheese and apple strudel. The door prizes never seemed to end and the music was terrific.

Every member of the board of directors and all the volunteers who aren't board members work and help to the best of their ability to make these affairs a success.

Our able custodian, Al Lipnos, keeps on top of things and has everything in good re-

During this last year, four of our board members were troubled by illness. Bill Ponikvar, our man of the year, had surgery, as did Lou Champa, Marty Planisek and Emma Urbancic. All have just about completed their recoveries and are getting along well.

Maple Heights Home **Coming Events** -1989 -

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that the family lived and operated a confectionary store.

Bill's father retired in the 1940s and turned the business over to his two sons. They operated the business from confectionary to groceries and meats and in 1945 converted it to a beverage business, "Punky's Clip Joint." They operated this business until their retirement in 1978, when they sold both the business and the building.

Bill married Olga Hrovat on June 26, 1937, at St. Lawrence Church in the Newburgh community, so they have already celebrated their 51st anniversary. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter.

William Ponikvar, Jr. is president of Ponikvar Associates Insurance Agency, and his wife, Carol, is a guidance counselor at Trinity High School. Their son, Bill, is an electrical engineering student at Dayton University, and their daughter, Beth, is a communications major at the University of Akron.

'Punky' Earned His Friends & Respect

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tracts with the Raytheon Corporation. He and his wife Lois live in Boston with their two children, Mark and Michelle.

Daughter Patricia and her husband Jack Wolf are parents of five sons. The eldest, John, is an intern at Doctors Hospital in Columbus. Bill is a graduate of Kent State University, with a degree in Computer Science. Tim graduated from Akron University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology and is a Shaker Heights Fireman and a District Manager with A.L. Williams Company. Ronald is a pre-dental student at Akron University and Tom is 12 years

old and a seventh grader. Bill, Tim and Ron, along with Eric Veselic and Dave Hassing comprise the popular "Wolf Band." Their first appearance took place at the Slovenian National Home in Maple Heights accompanying the Planina Junior Chorus in 1977. They provide much pleasure with their musical talent and continue to play the ever popular Slovenian polkas and waltzes.

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The first settlers from Massachusetts and Connecticut preferred the rolling acreage of the eastern townships where rock outcroppings did not damage the precious plows pulled by oxen near the headwaters of the Cuyahoga near Huntsburg and the virgin land near Hiram, Windham, and Hudson.

By the early decades of the 1800's, resourceful men sought the Bedford gorge, built several mills along the creek and used that power to grind the wheat from the fields in Bedford and surrounding areas including Northfield and Twinsburg. German Lutheran farmers dominated the western portion of the Township; the Millers and Freunds were found in the NW section which later became the Slovenian enclave.

By the turn of the 19th century, the ABC line brought many people from the fast growing industrialized areas of the SE part of Cleveland to the Bedford area. The Poles were attracted to the Fleet Avenue area by agents of the steel mills. They displaced many resentful Irish by accepting work at lesser The Slovenes in the 1890's and early 1900's also came to the Newburgh area and settled in the former houses of some of the Irish who moved on to the present Holy Name area.

These Slovenes immediately built their own church and organized St. Lawrence parish in the Aetna, Union and 81st area. These same people built a national home, a unique social polestar combining the conviviality of an English pub and the intimacy of a German dancing hall.

Before the beginning of WWI a number of Slovenes followed the ABC line to the Greenhurst allotment in Bedford Township, recently opened by developers of the Miller farm. They sought more room and cleaner air in contrast to the air spoiled by pollutants emanating from the powerful blast furnaces of Republic and American Steel. Along Miller Avenue came Martin Potisek, John Fortuna (Poputnik), and Ignac Baznik, the saloon entrepreneur who was besieged with the scourge of TB, an especial Slovene proclivity. Along Stanley Avenue came Louis Lipoglasek, Joseph Boh, and Frank Stavec. They referred to their new home as Bedford and

indeed it was, Maple Heights not being formed until 1915.

The Greenhurst allotment attracted many Slovenes in the 1920's. Almost all had Newburgh and St. Lawrence connections. Greenhurst Dr. charmed Ludwig Vrcek, his brother Michael Vrcek, Mike Femec, and Fred Filips. On Raymond Street it was the Prosen family.

On Miller Avenue the following families settled: Ignac Baznik, Luka Gorup, John Breznikar, Frank Perko, Andrej Režin, Ignac Novak, Jos. Pečjak, Martin Potisek, John Fortuna (Poputnik), Anton Perušek, Frank Jelušic, Frank Kovačič, Frank Skufca, Mike Plut, Jos. Boh, who moved from Stanley Avenue, Louis Simončič, Louis Prhne, and John Fortuna who married the widow Ana Baznik.

On Stanley Avenue, the following families built their homes: Frank Stavec, Alojze Kastelic, Geo. Craider (German-Croation family and part of the Slovenian community since they spoke Slovenian), Jos. Legan, Louis Lipoglavšek, John Cešnik, John Kern, Frank Legan, Jacob Jemec, Johan Hrovat, Andrej Hočevar, Vincent Zimsek, Frank Volkar, the Zabukovic family, Rudy Franetic, Louis Zupancic, Gregor Hribar, Martin Martinšek, Domen Pečnik, Jos. Zakraješek, Anton Gorenc, Mike Hrovat and his brother Vincent Hrovat, Rudy Polc, Jos. Link and Frank Vrček on Broadway and Jos. Ponikvar.

A line of elm trees running north and south served as a boundary between the Miller and Freund farms. In the Freund area on Raymond St. were the Hočevars, both named Charles and each married to a wife name Mary. Frank Gorše lived across the street and Anton Steržaj on Charles Street. John Glivar lived on McCracken, the Glavič family on Erwin Street and the Louis Fink family built on Stanley.

Slovenian youngsters attended St. Wenceslaus and the public schools. Before the first Maple Heights graduating class of 1925, students attended high school in Bedford and temporary classes were held in Liberty Hall across the bridge in the Grove area, Herbkersman's store on Broadway near Ponikvar's and the Village Hall built from gambling proceeds of the Golden Oval racetrack on Rockside Road.

Beginning of the National Home

Written records are not existence that could verify the proceedings of the first meeting of men who were interested in organizing and subsequently building a national home. The Slovenian community in Maple Heights was and is an extension of the Newburgh community. Slovenes in Maple Heights continued to participate at mass at St. Lawrence, baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals were all conducted in the Slovenian parish church. Social events

Maple Heights, Ohio By Robert Kastelic

such as <u>veselice</u> (neighborhood festivals) were held in the Newburgh national home.

With nearly (60) families in Maple Heights, the Slovenes thought of organizing both a parish and a national home. Realism vetoed the idea of a church but the creation of a Dom gained strength after the first meeting in John Breznikar's house on 17 January, 1926 when 35 ¢ was collected to begin the building fund. From statements recorded in later minutes we know that Anton Pelko was the first president and Frank Legan the secretary.

Very sketchy minutes are in existence beginning 21 April, 1928. These minutes record social activities such as veselices held in Newburgh, picnics at Maple Gardens on Raymond Street and at Anton Gorišek's prostora in Nord Randol. Raffles were popular. One was held for the purchase of a clock, another for carpeting which implies that the meetings were held in a shareholder's house. Some meetings were held in the store, part of Meznar's house (Sturman), Johan Hrovat. Shares for the new corporation began building up a treasury. In May, \$33.50 was collected and the charter obtained from the State of Ohio.

The Board of Directors in 1928 included Anton Gorenc, Ludwig Vrček, Mike Femec, Ignac Novak, Frank Volkar or Frank Kovačič. The recording secretary was Frank Vrček and the president Vincent Zimšek. The other board members are not listed. Temporary secretaries served as zapisnikars such as Gorenc and Volkar, Alojze Kastelic showed his Croatian influence when he wrote the preposition and as i rather than in.

Martin Potisek carved a wooden frame which later enclosed the pictures of Ivan Zorman, Ivan Cankar, President Roosevelt and the Slovene ensign. He was paid \$2.00 for his artistic efforts.

In July 1928, the pravilo (rules) were passed recording the spirit of the democratically inclined Slovenes. The first paragraph clearly states that the Board will be neutral in politics and religion. Such a precautionary resolution seemed unnecessary since all the directors professed Catholicism and were registered Democrats. But the anti-clericalism of the European Slovenes carried over to America, especially those from the socialist hot-bed near the Italian border. Although Democrats, many leaned heavily towards the socialism of Eugene Debs and became much enamored of Louis Adamic in later years when an open cleavage was seen in Yugoslavia between the new order Partizani and the clerical Domobranci.

Meetings were now held in Gorše's house, 15901 Raymond Street. The order of business included reports from the audit committee plus building and finance and reports and admonitions from the various lodges.

In December 1928, <u>zapisnikar</u> Frank Volkar wrote that a shareholder's meeting would be held next month and that a small lunch (<u>malo lonča</u>) would be served free of charge but the special ham sandwiches would sell for 15¢.

Market Crash of 1929 In the years after the collapse of the stock market on Wall Street veselices and raffles continued to be the primary activities of the Board. It promoted a social consciousness which in turn gave vent to the Slovene tradition of neighborhood entertainment.

Two lots were purchased on Stanley Avenue between the Lipoglavsek and Stueve house and the men began clearing them of brush to build a dance

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Left, Maple Heights "Man of the Year," Bill Ponikvar with Frank Urbancic, President.



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'Punky'

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Maple Heights and Newburgh Pensioners Club, the St. Wenceslas Catholic Club, and a loyal member of St. Wenceslas Church for 50 years.

Bill and Olga have traveled throughout the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Japan, and have made three trips to Europe. But of all the places in the world, Bill's heart and roots and love remain at 5172 Greenhurst Drive in Maple Heights. He is a devoted husband and proud and caring father of his 3 children and 9 grandchildren. He is looking forward happily to becoming a great grandfather in April.

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Maple Heights Cooking Club (1940's)

Mrs. Mary Prhne (front, left), Mrs. Angela Perko, Mrs. Josie Perko Gruden, Mrs. Agnes Vrcek, Mrs. Antonia Legan, Mrs. Anna Glivar, and Mrs. Josephine Stavec.

Narodni Dom History

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platform enclosed by cut branches. The abandoned outhouse lying on its side was uprighted and although not normally used as originally intended, it presented a more respectable picture.

The <u>vinska trgatev</u> was held in October of each year to celebrate the harvest of grapes and an arbor erected with luscious bunches of Catawba and Concord grapes hanging just beyond reach of the covetous hands of the youngsters who jumped to snatch a handful of the Bacchus gift when they thought nobody was watching.

John Breznikar was the self appointed judge since he had a discarded cap of a trolley conductor which gave him an aura of authority. Those who were caught "stealing" grapes or chickens or klobase hanging in the arbor and refused or feigned refusal to pay a fine were promptly jailed in the outhouse and kept there until a change of heart was perceived. The jailer, Anton Gorenc, permitted the offender to rejoin the festivities amid the laughter and friendly taunts of the revelers who applauded the offender's courage and willingness to suffer such an embarrassment.

Kres was a celebration of St. John's Day. In the summer months a big pile of branches and small trees from the woods was made in the center of the lots and that evening after work men gathered at the door of the men with the Christian name of John, serenaded him to the

accompaniment of Louis Kastelic's button box accordion, Andrej Rezin's washboard, and John Kern's drumming on the kitchen kettle. The celebrants went to several houses since there were several Slovenes named for St. John and they all gathered before the kres where the women had prepared klobase, vinarce, and strudel and someone rolled in the full barrel of cvicek, the tasty red wine of Dolenisko vintage. The blaze attracted all the neighbors who joined in toasting the party-boy. It also attracted the lone policeman who often celebrated with the dancers into the small hours of the night. It was not unusual to find, the next morning, several men sleeping in makeshift hay mounds, having been unable to walk home the previous evening because of the heady effects of the wine. Some people still remember the game of koza which was played that evening. It involved throwing a heavy stick against a tripod of a cut tree. The stock market crash

presaged the oncoming economic depression but the Slovenes continued their activities. Because Frank Gorše was moving back to Minnesota and Louis Kastelic built a new house with a very accommodating klet (basement), the meetings and veselices were held in his house. There were usually (2) veselices each year and the one scheduled for 31 January, 1931 had the following assignpri bari, Frank Legan and Louis Simoncič

za strežaja, John Hrovat and Ludwig Vrček kuharica, Mrs. J. Hrovat za prodajati tikatov, Jos. Legan

and Johan Hrovat za reditelja, Andrej Režin and

Frank Gorše

godbu obskrbuje, Louis Kastelic (he usually engaged the musical talents of F. Novak or J. Sulen).

This veselica proved to be very successful. At the next meeting, Jos. Legan moved for another veselica for 28 March.

In the meantime the abstracts for the purchase of the lots had been made and signed by Ludwig Vrček, Frank Perko, and Frank Gorše.

Two (2) vrtni veselice (garden parties) were planned each year, the one in the Spring at Maple Gardens and the fall veselica at Gorišek's. Raffle tickets for live hens were sold at the door of St. Lawrence Church and these were often times sold by Louis Lipoglavšek. Prices dropped quickly because of the depression. A quart of wine went from 75¢ to 25¢ and the dance charge from 25¢ per person to 15¢.

For more accurate financial record keeping, Martin Martinsek moved to keep veselice accounts and the sales of shares separate. Moneys were placed in the Maple Heights Bank, the North American (Slovenian) Bank, and the Cleveland Trust. Accounts in Maple Heights and North American were frozen and the Board unable to withdraw some of their funds. The Cleveland

Trust Company remained solvent. This did not escape the attention of the frugal Slovenes who developed the habit of saving 25% of their income.

The number of activities increased and more wine was ordered each year. In September of each year, Frank Legan ordered (2) barrels of most from Jos. Košak and (2) from the fruit and poultry peddler Rudy Novak, both in Newburgh. Collections for payments on shares were curtailed, waiting for better economic times.

Plans for a Building

During the annual shareholder's meeting of 24 January, 1932, Andrej Zagar moved for the building committee to ready plans for the construction of a Dom. New directors included Mike Plut, Andrej Hočevar, Jacob Jemec, and Ana Fortuna who promptly moved to have kitchen facilities planned for the building and pots and pans purchased for the newly organized cooking club. This club began with (14) members and established a cuisinary reputation excelling in the preparation of fried chicken and roast beef.

A pall of deep sorrow befell the community when Louis Lipoglavšek died in early 1932. A garland of flowers was sent to his home where his body was resting in the front room and where the family received the sympathies of friends who recognized his devotion and labors in keeping the traditions of the peasant Slovene. His place could not be filled. His early death left a deep void in the neighborhood.

In July one contractor sub-

mitted plans for a 40' by 96' building at \$16,000.00, another measuring 40' by 90' al \$17,000.00. The estimated costs shocked the board into immobility. No real action was taken for the construction of a building for several years.

Continued Business of the Board

In October of 1932, the musical society from St. Lawrence asked for a donation towards a concert for the benefit of a milk fund provided for the poor children of the parish. Five (\$5.00) was voted to the fund. Later that year a \$250.00 loan was granted to Gregor Hribar with a first mortgage on his house, at 5% interest.

The 1933 annual meeting voted in new directors Anton Perusek, Jos. Boh, and Anna Rezin. The following were elected officers:

Vincent Zimsek, president Andrej Režin, vice president Anton Gorenc, secretary Frank Legan, treasurer Louis Simončič, recording sec-

The auditors were Martin Martinsek, Louis Kastelic, and Anton Perusek.

In March, a Mrs. Miller addressed the Board and offered the entire block of buildings on Broadway at Stanley for \$5,000.00. The Board was divided in its options. Some reatly desired to purchase the block but felt stymied by the inability to withdraw any moneys from the Maple Heights Bank. Some believed the structure was not well built. No action was taken at this time.

In June 1933, Anton Goreno

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displayed a photograph of President Roosevelt who was almost venerated by the labor union conscious Slovenes. If it had the power, the Board would have canonized him and elevated him one rung above Franz Josef of Austria. Instead they agreed to frame his photo as long as the cost was less than \$1.00.

Veselices were now held at John Breznikar's house on Stanley Avenue, and also at Jacob Jemec's new brick house and store at 5112 Stanley Avenue. Chairs and tables were loaned to lodges sv. družina, ženska zveza, and dom, all local lodges who continued their own celebrations. To give evidence of the close connection between the community and St. Lawrence, one veselica was rescheduled so as not to interfere with a new mass on 27 May. Vinarce and Klobase were bought from Jacob Jemec who quickly gained the status of an excellent butcher, case beer from the mayor, J. Pekarek, pop from Potokar's and barreled beer from Drenik's.

Balinčarie

The balinca club was estabished in the summer of 1934 after first being played in the scraped gutters of Stanley Avenue under the lights of a single telephone pole near Stavec's house. The balls were carved from maple trees felled he previous spring and soaked na pan of machine oil to pre-Served their integrity. Attracting more men and then later, omen, it became a neighborhood sporting event with (2) alleys built on the SND lots paralleling the Lipoglavsek Tekmas (matches) were arranged with players from Garfield, Prince Avenue and Newburgh. It was common place to have several hundred people visit the alleys on a Summer Sunday to watch the competition. Jacob Jemec, Fred Filips, and Louis Kastelic spearheaded the balincarje and the club became part of the ND when equipment was purchased by the Board and ohn Kern hired to oversee the care of the alleys lest they be harred by over zealous boys playing on the smooth sur-

The sport became a big atraction. Regulation balls were ought, a score board constructed with moveable pegs, electric lights hooked from the treet to provide evening enjoynent but with the stipulation hat playing cease by midnight. Before the installation of lights, the one man police cruiser often times provided lights by aming his headlights along the

In June 1936, Jos. Legan's bandoned gasoline station Purchased for \$60.00 and orought over on rolling bars across the street to the lots and Served as the club house for the alincarie. Some neighborood wit suggested painting a on the <u>senda</u> and prodaiming it the SND.

Renewed interest in Building

The annual meeting of 1935 voted in new members Fred Filips, Jos. Lekan, Frank Perko, Karel Hočevar, and John Cvet. Zimšek remained president and Anton Perusek became recording secretary. The minutes recorded by Mssrs. Simončič and Perušek are complete and stylishly penned in contrast to the minutes of earlier years. They displayed techniques of bright and open

For several years the (3) men on the building committee studied plans and examined other national homes for designs to be adopted by Maple Heights. Their drawings were presented to the Board but each time the cost was deemed prohibitive. Frank Jelušič's house on Miller Avenue became available for \$4,600.00 plus the (2) lots. A school building was being dismantled and the lumber offered for sale. Some shareholders thought a building might be constructed from the used lumber. On 5 July Mr. Oldencamp came in with plans for a brick building 24' by 60' for \$7,800.00. A special shareholder's meeting was called and the only lodges favoring Mr. Oldencamp's offer were sv. družina (John Fortuna) and dr. Mir (Mr. Meljac). It was finally agreed at this meeting to make plans for a Dom with a price tag of \$4,500.00

No plans were forthcoming. At the annual meeting of 1936 a motion was made to buy the Jelusic house for \$4,000.00 but the motion was defeated. Asked by the president how many people were prepared to co-sign for a loan in order to build a Dom, only (4) people raised their hands. Martin Martinsek recommended the idea of building be held in abeyance for a year. At this meeting, Albert Vrček and Frank Košak were elected to the Board. Fred Filips was elected secretary.

Reports were made at the 1937 annual meeting that the Broadway block was again available. The price was given as \$7,000.00 plus back taxes of \$4,000.00 were due. Shareholders voted 37-0 in favor of offering the owners \$6,500.00. There were (9) absentees. The Board learned later that the block was sold for \$7,700.00. At this meeting the following people were elected to the Board. It remains a significant list because they became the builders of the Home and the photo is included in this article. 1st vote: Zimsek and Filips 2nd Al. Vrcek and Rezin

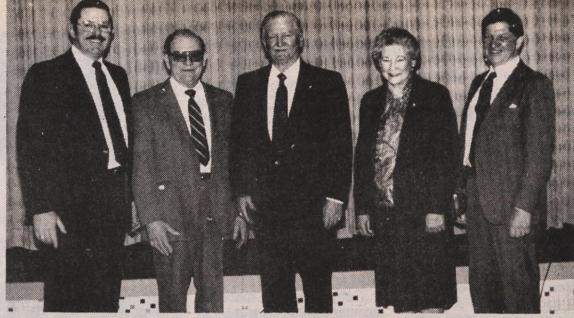
3rd J. Jemec and A. Perušek 4th L.Kastelic and M. Martin-

sek 5th L. Vrcek and J. Legan 6th Jos. Ponikvar and M.

Femec 7th F. Vrček and John Cvet

8th A. Legan and A. Hrovat Conspicous by his absence

was Louis Simončič. In the February meeting of 1937, Frank Vrček moved to send \$5.00 to the striking workers at Fisher Body.



MAPLE HEIGHTS OFFICERS — 1988

Left to right, Tom Meljac, Financial Secretary, Lud Hrovat, Vice President, Frank Urbancic, President, Mildred Lipnos, Treasurer, and Joe Habjan, Recording Secretary.

In June Mr. Oldencamp came to the Board and presented plans for a 24' x 60' wooden building at a cost of \$5,766.00. The plans were accepted and Anton Perusek began talks with SDZ to secure the necessary loan. Excitement increased. On 10 July, Mr. Oldencamp attended a special meeting of the Board with plans for a 24' x 60' building, full basement of block containing a bar room, kitchen facilities, (2) toilets, a boiler room for a steam furnace and storage room for coal. The wooden upper part would consist of one large dvorana (hall) and a check room. With the installation of window screens, the cost reached \$6,500.00. The contract was signed by Vincent Zimšek, Fred Filips who came from his barbershop, and Jacob Jemec who came from his butcher shop store. The signing was witnessed by Anton Perusek and Louis Kastelic. Discussion followed the signing as to which side the Dom should be built. A very close vote determined the right side by Stueve's house. The final sight was selected by the women in the neighborhood who discussed the actual construction amongst themselves. It was decided to excavate 25' from the north side and 20' from the sidewalk. The work began immediately, hallelujah in hvala Boau.

Actual Construction

The Board members got down to serious construction business. They decided to place the joists on 12" centers rather than 16" as per the plans. They knew the foot stomping Slovene polkas required a stronger dancing platform than the plans offered by Mr. Oldencamp.

While the construction was proceeding at a rapid pace and Breznikar retrieved some of the lumber taken by the boys in the neighborhood to build the best-ever camp in Stavec's woods, plans were underway for a grand opening. Program books with whole page advertising at \$10.00 and congratulatory statements at 50¢ were being designed under the careful eye of Martin Martinsek. The directors assigned themselves to scour the entire county for ads to fill the program but in reality were acting as public relations men touting the achievements of the Maple Heights Slovenes to their fellow rojaki. The vogel kamen (corner stone) was ordered and invitations sent to choral groups including Zvon, Slovenija, and Cvet. Orders were given to purchase (1,000) badges to sell for 10¢ each. To officially open the front entrance to the new Dom the Board decided the honor should go to the woman or young lady who sold the most ads. Mrs. Mary Hrovat (Sturmanca) achieved that honor.

Festivities were planned for 1:30 p.m. on 3 October, 1937 with a parade of automobiles at the corner of Raymond and Stanley and proceeding to Lee. Libby, Broadway, Greenhurst, Raymond, Miller, Broadway, and up Stanley to the Slovenski

Narodni Dom. The marching; band from St. Lawrence was to lead the parade of proud Slovenes and the L. Sadar orchestra engaged for the evening dance.

The first dance on the brand new floor would be performed by the person who offered the largest monetary bid. The head speaker was Judge Frank J. Lausche, the boter (Godfather) Dr. Anthony Perko. Mayor Pekarek, auditor Gerald Mansell and councilmen Thomas Murray were invited to represent the city of Maple Heights. Fr. Oman was invited to lend a credence of spirituality to this auspicious occasion. Speaking also were Mssrs. Zulic, Ferfolia, and Jos. Lekan, president of the SND in Newburgh. Ivan Zorman was to play the piano on the klavir bought from John Glivar for \$5.00.

Two (2) young ladies, Vida Perušek and Agnes Vrček, were chosen to receive guests at the front entrance. The Board, sensing the historic nature of the event, decided to have a photograph taken at the Beros studio on St. Clair. The picture is included with this article. Martin Martinsek prepared the program and asked Albert Vrček to find a loudspeaker for the benefit of those unable to enter the expected crowded hall. Jos. Legan secured the parking area and announcements made on (2) radio programs plus both Slovenian newspapers, the Ameriska Domovina and

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MAPLE HEIGHTS 1988 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Front, left to right, Tony Planinsek, Emma Urbancic, Tom Meljac, Frank Urbancic, Lud Hrovat, Mildred Lipnos, Joe Habjan.

Back, left to right, Eugene Vercek, Joe Glivar, Frank Hrovat, Bill Ponikvar, Albert Lipnos, Lou Champa, Marty Planisek, Louis Ferfolia, Tony Kaplan.

Narodni Dom History

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Enakopravnost. Two (2) flags were purchased, one "American" and the other a Slovenian zastava made by the local tailor Frank Vrček.

Board members now assumed roles of businessmen. Applications for rental use were being quickly received. Regulations needed to be stipulated. Weddings rented for \$25.00, including kitchen facilities, catechism classes were \$2.00 for each child per year. The children were not to be permitted until the presence of the priest. Mike Plut was hired as bartender manager at \$25.00 per week and was also responsible for the operation of the boiler room.

Fred Filips was finally able to secure the liquor license with the help of the mayor. He paid \$200.00 for the certificate allowing the sale of alcohol and was later reimbursed by the Board.

Final preparations were made at the 26 September meeting. The souvenir booklet printed by Enakopravnost and (500) program sheets printed by Ameriška Domovina were accepted. Johan Hrovat made flower and palm arrangements and the opening key was made the responsibility of Albert Vrček. Fifty chairs were borrowed from Louis Ferfolia and orders made for (23) half bar-

rels of beer with (3) coil systems to pour the beer; (75) cases of pop and (4) barrels of wine were stored in the basement as reserves. Rudy Franetic was asked to paint the <u>šenda</u> and \$2.00 sent to the Stueve's for use of their water during construction.

The weather cooperated for the grand opening. Even if it had rained, it would have been a bright, sunny day. The opening day festivities make for another story to be told by an obliging participant.

The history of Bedford Township could now record in its annals the surveying party of Moses Cleaveland and Seth Pease in 1796, the organization of Bedford in 1837, the role of its citizens during the war years of 1861-1865, the laying of the electric car line, the ABC, in 1896, the first Slovenes to settle in 1911, and the building of the Slovenski Narodni Dom in 1937. The Slovenes of Maple Heights became a part of a larger community, the panoply of America, and contributed their own poetry, music, and fraternal organizations to the American scene. Zivio Slovenci!!

Photos taken on the occasion of the Blessing of the Zastava (flag) of dr. Sveta Družina in the summer of 1929 alongside Jos. Legan's house.

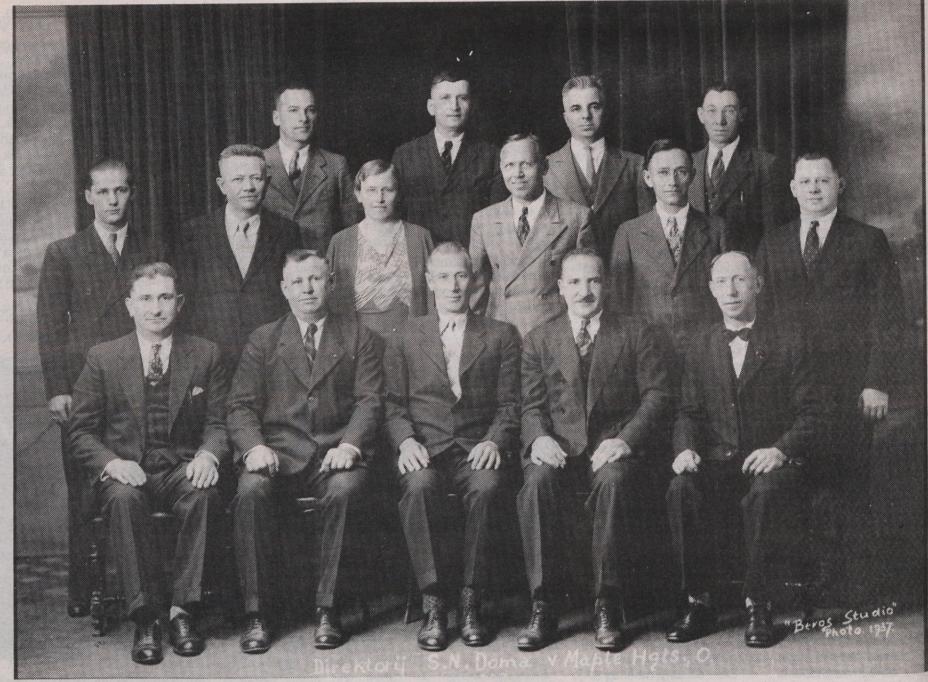


First row, girls: Anne Legan, Justina Stavec, V, Kovačič, Blanche Steržaj

Second row: John Fortuna, Louis Lipoglavšek, Frank Perko, Anton Steržaj, Louis Kastelic (boter), Ana Baznik Fortuna (boterca), Mrs. Steržaj, Frank Stavec, Mrs. Kresho, Mrs. Kovačič. Third row: Charles Hočevar, John Breznikar, John Lipnos, Frank Stavec, ml., Louis Lipnos (flag bearer), Mary Stavec, Cilka Oblak, Helen Steržaj, Jennie Hrovat, Joseph Legan, John Kern.

Fourth row: Andrej Hočevar, Mike Hrovat, Fred Filips, Mary Fortuna Filips, Anna Fortuna Boh, Mrs. Breznikar, Mrs. Zabukovic, Mrs. Lipoglavsek Mrs. Gregor Hribar.

Whenever group pictures were to be photographed in the neighborhood, the site by Jos Legan's house was selected because of the beautiful display of roses. It was also convertient.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF S.N.H., Maple Heights, 1937, are left to right, back row, Jos. Legan, Mike Femec, John Cvet and Jos. Horvat.

Middle row, Al Vercek, Frank Vercek, Antonia Legan, Joe Ponikvar Sr., Louis Kastelic, Sr., Jack Yemec.

Front row (seated) Anton Perusek, Ludvik Vercek, Vincent Zimsek, Fred Filips, and Martincic. (See Bob Kastelic's article about the history of Maple Heights Slovenian Home.)