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Malo za špas, malo zares

Ko človek prebira slovenske liste od vsepovsod, najde v njih marsikaj zanimivega, tudi takega, kar je za zabavo in smeh. Posebno pikantne so tu in tam opazke na račun diktatorskega režima v mili komunistični domovini, kadar prikazujejo in opisujejo strumno zadržanje oblasti do navad in običajev v človeškem življenju, ki se na kakršen koli način vsaj dotikajo verske province v teku življenja. Doslednost, stroga odločnost in aktiven poseg v stare, ustaljene navade so tako skrbno izdelane direktive in predpisi od strani oblasti, da se ti nehote poraja misel: kaj ko bi te lepe in koristne lastnosti režim upošteval in uveljavljal pri urejevanju državnega (se pravi partijskega) gospodarstva, pa bi Jugoslavija danes ne bila med najbolj spuščanimi državami na svetu.

Vsi priseljenci se dobro spominjamo, da smo doma več ali manj slovesno praznovali god. Ni bila navada obhajati kako slovesnost na rojstni dan, recimo, ob 25- ali 50-letnici ali ob še višjih takih doživetjih. Pač pa se je redno slavil dan godu tega ali onega družinskega člena tudi v podeželskih, kmečkih družinah, po mestih pa še bolj.

Toda god je vedno v zvezi s svetnikom, na čigar ime je bila oseba krščena in zapisana v rojstno knjigo. Za Boga svetega, to pa je vendar v ateistični družbi nezdružljivo z »znanstveno« ideologijo brezboštva, radi česar se v javnosti ne sme in ne more trpeti. To je neke vrste klerikalizem, režimu smrtno nevaren bavbar. Dosledno takemu stališču oblasti, se javna občila (tisk, radio in televizija — vse v rokah partije) ne smejo uporabljati za razna godovna voščila, ali celo proslave. Vendar bodimo pravični: niso se smela do sedaj, izvršil pa se je »premik«, o katerem poroča ljubljanska Družinska priloga. Uslužbenka na televiziji je namreč sporočila, da ne bodo več prevajali imena »god« v »življenjski praznik«, ampak bo ostal kar god. Kakšen napredok!

Botre in botri so bile skozi stoletja med Slovenci morda najbolj pogosto rabiljene besede. Označevalo so ženske in moške, ki so ali držali dojenčka in v njegovem imenu odgovarjali krstitelju pri obredu krsta v cerkvi ob krstnem kamnu, ali pa so položili ob birmi svojo roko na birmančeve ramo, ko ga je škof potreval za vojščaka Kristusovega. Obe funkciji sta bili povsem cerkveni in verski, čeravno so potem v gostilni krepko zalili vso slovesnost, včasih tako temeljito, da je botra celo pozabila dete v gostilni. A to so bile človeške osebne slabosti. Botrstvo kot tako pa je popolnoma verske narave — in to je tisto, zaradi česar marksistična brezverska oblast prepoveduje (izraz je točen: prepoveduje!) uporabo besede boter ali botra v javnih občilih. Tudi te besede morajo biti neke vrste klerikalizem, ki se ga vodilni komunisti bojijo kot hudič križa.

Le kako morejo podeželski ljudje v Sloveniji shajati ob prepovedi besede botra in boter, ko jim je po nekaterih predelih dežele ta beseda na jeziku skoraj za vsako starejšo žensko osebo? Recimo v Beli Krajini ali v Kostelu je bilo botro slišati tako redno kot dober dan ali dober večer, pa naj je bila dotična ženska res botra ali ne. Ali se pri sedanji verski »svobodi« kmečki človek naj ozre na vse strani, da li ni v bližini kakega teranca, ki bi ga naznani oblasti, da širi klerikalizem? In versko nestrpnost?

Kar sledi, je pa bolj resno. Pristojna oblast izvaja strogo cenzuro nad besedili v osmrtnih oznanilih ali nekrologih v časopisu. Prepovedano je urednikom objavljati osmrtnice za navadne zemljane z uvodnimi besedami: »Zaspal je v

BARAGOV DAN — 1984

— 1. in 2. septembra 1984 —

CHICAGO, Ill. — Slovenski skupnosti v fari sv. Štefana letos pripada skrb za pripravo *Baragovega dne — 1984*. Isto dolžnost so uspešno že opravila mesta Cleveland, Joliet, Milwaukee in Marquette.

Znani naš Baragoslovec g. Joseph Gregorič je meseca februarja preminil v visoki starosti 94 let. Večino svojega življenja je posvetil raziskovanju listin o Baragovem življenju. Nekaj Baragovih dni je celo sam organiziral vsaj za udeležbo članov Baragovega odseka iz Chicaga. Zelo ga je veselilo, ko je spoznal vnemo »novih« slovenskih priseljencev za Barago; videl je, da njegovo delo za Baragovo beatifikacijo nadaljujejo.

Za praznovanje v Chicagu sta določena dva dneva in sicer 1. in 2. september — takrat že poletna vročina odjenja. Pripravljalni odbor, ki sestoji iz Župnijskega sveta in odbora Baragove zveze (pri teh dveh so zastopana skoraj vsa društva), vestno pripravlja vse potrebno za lep in dober uspeh. Gospod župnik p. Vendelin je opozoril farane, naj v ta name molijo in po možnosti tudi finančno podprejo. Ta *Baragov dan — 1984* je dogodek, ki pripada vsem župljanim slovenske fare sv. Štefana in vsak mora čutiti obveznost in odgovornost za njegov uspeh.

Glavni program je določen:

— sobota: 1. september — ob 6.30 zvečer se bo razvila izpred cerkve sv. Štefana procesija z društvenimi zastavami in banderi — tri bloke daleč — v večjo in prostornejšo nekdanjo nemško cerkev sv. Pavla. Številno duhovščino s slovenskim škofom v sredini bodo spremljali v cerkev domačini in gostje iz drugih krajev. Vse bogoslužje v cerkvi sv. Pavla ob 7. uri bo v slovenščini.

— nedelja: 2. september — ob 3. uri popoldne bo bogoslužje v katedrali mesta Chicago — Holy Name Cathedral — v angleškem jeziku. Pontifikalno mašo bo opravil njegova Eminenca kardinal Joseph Bernardin. Obdan bo od večjega števila ameriških škofov in škofa Alojzija Ambrožiča iz Kanade.

Cerkveni zbor od sv. Štefana bo pomnožen z zborom *Slovenska pesem* in s pevci iz okolice — štel bo okrog 100 pevcev — se bo poslužil treh jezikov: angleščine, latinščine in slovenščine. Vodil in dirigiral bo naš znani glasbenik dr. p. Vendelin Špendov. Po slovesnosti v cerkvi oziroma v

katedrali bo banket in seja glavnega odbora v hotelu Continental na Michigan Avenue.

Župljani od sv. Štefana bodo sprejemali goste iz drugih krajev v soboto, 1. septembra, od opoldne t.j. od 12. ure naprej v veliki župnijski dvorani, ki je nasproti cerkve. Tam bodo prijazno sprejeti, dobili bodo okreplilo in se lahko malo odpočili. Vsak gost ali Baragov častilec bo v Chicago dobrodošel. Pričakujemo nekaj avtobusov udeležencev — prav gotovo — iz tega mesta sta na vsak Baragov dan odpeljala dva avtobusa.

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Ana Gaber

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120. ura

Kljud drugačnim vremenjskim napovedim je bilo v nedeljo, 20. maja, vreme lepo in tja do trde noči brez dežja. V ponedeljek so pisali časopisi, da se je Bog usmilil Newyorkancov in jim dal lepo vreme zato, ker so imeli toliko parad in proslav na prostem. Po Peti aveniji so korakali črnici in proslavljeni Martina Luthra Kinga; v Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, so paradirali Norvežani; na Sedmi cesti so zaključili Ukrainci s plesi in pojedinami tridnevno razstavo obrti in umetnosti; v štirih delih mesta je več kot deset tisoč kolesarjev vozilo in pobiralo prispevke v korist borbe proti možganski ohromelosti.

Medtem ko so drugi Newyorkanci paradirali, smo Slovenci v cerkveni dvorani na 120. uri naše prosvete častili svoje slovenske matere. Leto-

Gospodu... ali nekaj podobnega, kar bi kazalo, da je rajnik imel neko zvezo z Bogom. Po besedah zastopnika oblasti mora imeti osmrtnica laično vsebino, ne pa cerkvene. Zaspal je v Gospodu se sme uporabljati v osmrtnicah le za duhovniške osebe, ne pa za laike. Človek bi dejal, da je oblikovanje osmrtnice normalna človeška pravica, ki dovoljuje, da si izbereš besedilo po svoji (ali rajnkega) volji. Ne tako v »napredni in znanstveno« pozidan Sloveniji, kjer je borba zoper klerikalizem načelna, dosledna, neizprosna in »znanstveno« utemeljena... Razlika, da sme v Gospodu zaspasti samo duhovnik (morda tudi redovnica?), ne pa navaden zemljan, ni v skladu z marksistično ideologijo o enakosti, saj so v komunistični družbi vendar vsi »tovariši!« (Da niso tovariši, prav dobro ve vsak veren katoliški kristjan).

Če so ukrepi glede godu in botrov samo špasni, je cenzura besedila osmrtnic ogabna stvar. Ni veliko boljša uradno ukazana spremembra krajevnih imen, ki nosijo (ali so nosila) zgodovinski pomen in tradicijo pa so bila posneta po imenih svetnikov. Naj navedem en sam zgled: Sv. Lucijo ob Soči so preimenovali v Most na Soči (kjer je bil doma veliki pisatelj Ivan Prelog).

Iz vsega otročjega brisanja besed, izvirajočih iz verske zavesti ljudstva, odseva en sam strah pred — klerikalizmom. O tem predmetu sem zadnjič obširnejše spregovoril. Je namreč v osredju komunističnega boja zoper katoliško Cerkev. Dosledno ateistična oblast v Sloveniji se poslužuje vseh mogočih sredstev in trikov, kako bi zmanjšala in po možnosti presekala vpliv Cerkve v javnosti. V rokah ima šolo, razna zborovanja edino dovoljenih organizacij, radio, televizijo in še kaj, do česar Cerkev sploh nima dostopa, v tisku pa le zelo skromnega. Vse to na račun klerikalizma. Godovi, botrice in osmrtnice so le zelo skromen odtenek strahu pred Cerkvio, ki stoji kot skala in jo tudi komunistične sile in nasilja ne bodo premagala.

L. P.

šnja proslava je prekosila vse prejšnje. Na odru so namreč nastopili člani slovenskega gledališča v Torontu, pravi mojstri slovenske besede, petja in glasbe.

Prvi so nastopili učenci slovenske šole, ki jo že nekaj mesecov uspešno vodi Milena Puc. Deklamirali so Župančičev pesem »Ciciban in čebela«. Samogovore sta deklamirala Marko Burgar in Alenka Delak. Mala Alenka je bila odlična v vseh ozirih. Med nastopajočimi učenci je bil tudi naš devetletni klavirski virtuoz Ive Lango. Ko sem ga pred uro vprašal za ime skladbe, ki jo bo igral, mi je odgovoril, da ga je pozabil.

»Kako boš pa igrал, če ne veš niti imena skladbe?« sem silil vanj.

»O, saj jo znam na pamet, samo ime sem pozabil!«

Vsi vemo, da igra Ive vse na pamet, brez not, in da je začel spoznavati note šele pred kratkim. Dal sem mu angleško besedilo »Nasveti devetletnega dečka« in rekel:

»Tisti, ki bi moral to recitati, ni prišel. Ti boš recitiral namesto njega. Tako se začni vaditi! Ko se boš vadiš, se boš spomnil tudi imena tiste skladbe, ki jo boš igral na klavirju!«

In tako se je zgodilo! V nekaj minutah se je naučil recitacije in se spomnil imena skladbe.

Toda pred njim je nastopila Helka Puc Clement in recitirala z občutkom, kakor le ona zna, Meškovo pesem »Mamicci«.

Za njo je nastopil Ive. Na klavirju je igral »Rumen metulj« (Yellow Butterfly) in nato recitiral z Inge Zupančič »Nasveti devetletnega dečka«, ki nam povedo, kako morajo otroci ubogati starše, pomagati mami, biti vlijudni, pridni in moliti vsak dan. Oba sta bila dobra.

Marinka Zupančič je zapela pesem »Slovenija, odkod lepo« (dalje na str. 3)

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

625. SESTRA MAGDALENA KAJNČ,

ki je šla v Indijo kot lorentinka – s. dr. Miriam Zalaznik in sedanja Mati Terezija sta bili v isti Kongregaciji –, je 2. aprila ob 11.20 zvečer odšla v večnost po svoje plačilo.

Sestra M. Anne Lefevre, I.B.V.M., piše 25. aprila pisec teh člankov takole:

»Dragi Father Charles,

To pismo prinaša žalostno vest o smrti drage sestre Magdalene Kajnč. Mirno je zaspala v Gospodu.

Zadnje poletje je občutila vročino zelo močno in ni več mogla dnevno hoditi v dispanzer, ob najhujši vročini v maju in juniju.

V juliju si je toliko opomogla, da je bila dovolj močna in je znova zastavila s svojim delom za bolnike. Prepričali smo jo, da naj dela samo dvakrat tedensko. Nekako do septembra se je silila in pozikušala. Od oktobra dalje je postajala vedno šibkejša. Tretji tened v marcu je padla v svoji sobi in X-Ray (rentgen) je pokazal, da je imela zlomljeno nogo in ni mogla več hoditi. Imela je hude bolečine. Bila je maziljena 25. marca in po sv. obhajilu je občutila v duši velik mir. Zdravnik je svetoval bolnico za ozdravljenje. 1. aprila je

bila odpeljana v Railway Hospital. A Bog je odločil, da je svoj čas dobro izrabila in jo je poklical k sebi 2. aprila sredi noči.

Njeni ostanki so bili prineseni v samostan isto noč in telo je ležalo v sobi zraven naše kapelle. 3. aprila ob 4. popoldne smo jo po vstajenjski sv. maši položili k počitku na našem pokopališču.

Zahvaljujemo se Vam za vso pomoč, ki ste jo leta dajali naši rajni sestri. Tako je mogla zvesto delati med ubogimi in za uboge. Sedaj je dispanzer zaprt, kajti samo s. Magdalena je bila zmožna vršiti tisti način dela za Boga. Kakšno plačilo jo je čakalo v nebesih! Naj Vas vstali Zveličar obilno blagoslov!

Pripis: Iskrena hvala za Vašo velikodušno pomoč naši rajni sestri Magdaleni. Bog je bil dober, da jo je vzel pravčasno. Zelo bi trpela, če bi ne mogla več delati za uboge. Ako bi samo še životarila. Molite zanjo, za nas vse in posebno za dobre poklice naši Kongregaciji. Bog povrni in Bog Vas blagoslov!

Spet je umrla pionirka.

Velika duša je bila s. Magdalena. Dosegla je visoko starost nad 80 let in duhovno je ostala mlada do konca. To je poseben blagoslov tistih, ki vedno misijo kako pomagati drugim in pozablja, kar nje boli ali v življenju ubija.

S kakšno ljubezni je vedno pisala o svojih ubogih, ki so oblegali njen dispanzer vsak dan skozi dolga leta! Njena pisma, pisana s težko roko preproste žene, so bila vedno polna o potrebah najbolj ubogih in o dobroti Kristusovih ubogih.

Kristus nam je obljudil, da ne bomo dše nikdar v nevarnosti spravili, če pomagamo ubogim. Za nas vse je življenje in smrt pionirke s. Magdalene Kajnč, ki je šla v Indijo iz majhne Slovenije, da tisočim od krije božjo Dobroto in pomaga ljubiti Odrešenika, velika vzpodbuda. Počivaj v miru, draga sestra Kajnč! Moli za nas in našo MZA, ki je spet izgubila eno pionirk, zaradi katerih se je sodelovanje MZA začelo in se s tako ljubezno vedno znova nadaljuje.

Kot takole padajo duhovni hrasti v misijonskih vrstah, ne smemo pozabiti, da se vsi staramo in da moramo biti tudi sami vedno pripravljeni, kot je bila sestra Magdalena.

Sestra Anica Miklavčič,

kanosijanka v Hong Kongu, se priporoča za molitev, ko 28. maja obhaja 50-letnico svojega redovniškega poklica. Pravi, da se stara, a da veliko še lahko dela in jo posebno Japonci vedno iščejo. Redno tudi pošilja kake lepe znamke za MZA, ki jo že dolga leta šteje med svoje zveste sodelavke.

Sestra Marija Sreš se oglaša iz Indije in želi vsem blagoslovijo Veliko noč. Pravi, da so

končale eno leto formacije in gredo sedaj v drugo formacijsko hišo ter da bodo nadaljevale z delom za uboge. Sedaj bo na naslovu: Society of Jesus, 105, Koreson Park, Poona 411001, Indija.

S. Ivanka Pokovec, poprej v Avstriji, je šla v domovino in deluje v Mariboru na Vita Kraigherja ulici 2, 62000 Maribor.

O. Miha Drevenšek je bil imenovan za vizitatorja minoritov v Zambiji.

Gdč. Barica Rous želi vsem blagoslovijo Veliko noč in prosi molitve. Zdravja je manj trdnega zadnje leto.

O. Radko Rudež D.J. bo letos šel na počitnice v domovino. On je najdlje časa v Zambiji od slovenskih oo. jezuitov.

O. Janez Mujdrica se tudi odpravlja na dopust v domovini. V Kamangi je zgradil menzarijo.

O. Lovro Tomažin je zapustil župnijsko delo in gradi dom duhovnih vaj ter širi marijansko pobožnost ter počablja duhovno življenje domačinov.

Novega nadškofa imajo v Lusaki v osebi domačina, škofa Adriana Mungaduja.

O. Janezu Mlakarju je umrla v domovini mati. Pokopali so jo v Bohinjski Srednji vasi. Imela je 13 otrok, od katerih sta dva duhovnika in gdč. Kristina je bila leta laična misjonarka v Zambiji. Naj počiva v miru!

O. Lojze Podgrajšek je sedaj spet v Zambiji in zastavlja z novim apostolatom, po končanih študijah v Kanadi.

Rudarji so zgradili novo cerkev v Nampundwe pod vodstvom o. Stankota Rozmana.

O. Ernest Benko lepo dela in formira kakih 20 fantov za sveti poklic.

Brat Jože Rovtar ni več ekonom, je pa še vedno v Semenišču, ki si ga ne morejo predstavljati brez njega.

Iz Burundi se oglaša

17. januarja

salezijanski misijonar Avgust Horvat. Zahvaljuje se za dar MZA in prosi za povezavo v molitvi. Oblast ni preveč naklonjena Cerkvi in misjonarjem. Moti jo vpliv vere v šoli, njen ugled in moč. Težave delajo pri podaljševanju viz za delo v deželi. Na jugu je bilo dosedaj hujše, a pravijo, da bodo polagoma vse tuje misjonarje izgnali iz cele dežele.

O. Jože Mlinarič gradi v eni podružnic novo cerkev. Imajo duhovne obnove za kristjane. Ljudje prinašajo za zidanje kamenje, država je dala les, delo pa je treba plačati. Tudi cement in opeko je treba kupiti. Zahvaljuje se za pomoč MZA, ki mu vedno omogoča graditi božje kraljestvo tam, kjer so potrebe najnujnejše.

Iz Tanzanije se oglaša 17. marca misijonar Štefan Burja. 1500 materam pomaga misijon redno z mlečnim prahom, oljem in sladkorjem. Catholic

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(nadaljevanje z 2. str.)

spremjal mladi Janko Kastelic.

Kakšen glas! Kakšno podanje! Nič ne pretiravam, ko zapišem, da nam je bilo srce hitreje in da nam je zastajal dih, ko smo ga napeto poslušali.

Lojze Žižek je recitiral v prekmurskem narečju pesem, ki jo je menda med prvo svetovno vojno napisal Prekmurec dr. Avgust Pavel. V pesmi spodbuja svoje rojake, da ne klonejo in obupujejo, ker jih čaka lepša bodočnost.

Devetletni učenec Marko Čekuta nas je vse presenetil. Citiral je precej dolgo in neravno lahko Cankarjevo črtico »Grenka je pot do učenosti« v tako lepi slovenščini, tako jasno in z razumevanjem, da smo se mu čudili. V njegovi izgovarjavi ni bilo niti sence kakega tujega akcenta! Zdelo se nam je, da je pravkar priatel iz Slovenije, kjer preživila svojo mladost. Vidi se, da je po svojem starem očetu Čekuti podedoval čut za natančnost in po starem očetu Babniku vztrajnost. Moj nasvet, dragi Marko, posnemaj svoja stara očeta in boš uspel v vsem, česar se boš lotil!

Za njim je Lojze Žižek recitiral prelep Župančičevu pesem »Oko je zazvenelo« in Blaž Potočnik je po kratkih uvodnih besedah zapel priljubljeno pesem Jožeta Lovrenčiča »Jaz bi rad rudečih rož«, nakar je Vilko Čekuta recitiral pesnitev Lada Piščanca »Mati«.

In nato je nastopila slovensko-kanadska zvezdica, pevka Nežika Čekuta.

Vso sezono so me mladi partiti starejši člani naše prosvete spraševali, kdaj bo zopet prišla Nežika k nam pet. Ob prvem obisku je osvojila naša srca. Njen glas, njeno podajanje, njenogen so nas prevzeli. In zdaj je tu! Predno je začela peti, je doživel navdušen sprejem. Verjetno kaj takega ni pričakovala, čeprav je veda, da smo jo hoteli ob prvem nastopu pridržati v New Yorku.

Pela je zelo nežno kitajsko pesem »Dekletova tožba« in nato po kratkem uvodu predporočno arijo mlade japonske neveste Jam-Jam, v kateri primerja sebe sončku in lunici.

Obe pesmi sta nas ganili. Nežika je za svoje lepo petje zaslužila odobravanje, ki ni hotelo nehati.

Za konec je Vilko Čekuta recitiral mehko črtico Vinka Beličiča »Materina luč«. Iz nje

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Iz newyorške prosvete

(nadaljevanje s 3. str.)

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Nato je Nežika zapela iz opere »Cats« (Mačke) solospiev »Spomini«, kako na starost ožive spomini na lepe dni ob materi, njeni pesmi in rasti ob njej.

Preljuba Nežika, dragi Kanadčani, tisočkrat hvala v imenu vseh newyorških Slovencev! Zopet ste nas s svojo besedo, pesmijo in glasbo vodili iz tega sveta vsaj za kratek čas v svet lepote in ljubezni. Hvala vsem!

Nežiki in Janku pa želimo še posebej, da bi dosegla v svoji umetnosti najlepše uspehe!

Zahvala

Pred 35 leti so prišle prve skupine povojuh slovenskih emigrantov v ZDA. Med njimi je bil tudi podpisani. Nič nismo imeli. Bili smo revni kot cerkvene miši. Amerika nam je dala vse. Bil sem 50 let star, ko sem zopet končal univerzo. In zdaj po 35 letih živimo od tega, kar smo si z delom in pridnostjo priborili.

Noben Slovenec v New Yorku ne živi od javne podpore. In naši otroci! Skoraj vsi so končali univerze in imajo lepe položaje v javnem življenju in gospodarstvu. Napravili so kariere, ki bi jih nikjer drugje. Toda od vseh dobrin, ki nam jih so dale ZDA, je najlepša svoboda in zopet svoboda! Kdor ni nikoli živel pod totalitarnimi režimi si skoraj ne more predstavljati, kako dragocena je prava svoboda.

V zahvalo Ameriki, je vsa dvorana zapela I. Berlinovo »Bog blagoslovi Ameriko« (God Bless America). Berlin je pravkar izpolnil 96-let. Škoda, da ni bil med nami! Gotovo bi

užival, ko bi videl, s kakšnim navdušenjem so peli naši prosvetarji njegovo lepo pesem.

Sprejem nadškofa

V petek, 11. maja, je bil za jugovzhodni Manhattan sprejem novega nadškofa J. J. O'Connorja v stari katedrali sv. Patrika.

Našo faro so zastopali v narodnih nošah Anki Babnik, Marjanca Prelog, Doroteja Klesin, Janez Babnik in Karl Klesin ml.

Nadškof jih je pohvalil in jih pozval, da pridejo k njemu pred oltar. To so storili ob navdušenem ploskanju vse cerkve. Pred oltarjem so se pozdravili z nadškofom in ostali ob njem do konca sporeda. Bili so edina skupina v narodnih nošah.

Pa smo res od vraga! Najmanjša fara v škofiji, pa smo bili pred leti na CBS TV postavlji, zdaj nas pa sam nadškof odlikuje, ko pokliče naše predstavnike pred oltar.

Liga Ameriških Slovencev je poslal g. nadškofu v spomin na ta sprejem knjige »Lepote Slovenije« s posebnim posvetilom, da bo vedel, kdo smo in kje so naše korenine.

Dr. Zdravko Kalan

Novi grobovi

(nadaljevanje s 1. str.)

Mary Guzell

V torek, 22. maja, je v Brentwood bolnišnici umrla 96 let stara Mary Guzell, rojena Rozina na Planini pri Rakeku, Slovenija, od koder je prišla v Pa. l. 1910, vdova po pok. možu Josephu, mati Franka, Josepha, Johna (pok.), Henryja, Mary Sustarsic (Bedford,

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Joseph Nadock

V petek, 25. maja, je v Cleveland Clinic umrl 69 let stari Joseph Nadock z 1010 Bryn Mawr Blvd. v Wickliffe, rojen v Clevelandu, mož Kathryn, roj. Dolsak, oče Delores McCrudden, JoAnn Heinz in Josepha, 11-krat stari oče, 3-krat prastari oče, brat Mary Skiljan in Rudolph (oba že pok.). Pogreb je bil preteklo sredo iz Železovega pogreb. zavoda na pokopališče Vernih duš.

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Hawaii

By Eleanor Cerne Pavay

Once again Nettie Seaman and I, using our senior Eastern Airline Get-Up-and-Go passports, took off for San Francisco on Monday, March 26, on the first leg of our trip to Hawaii.

The eight islands known as the Hawaiian Islands are Oahu (the Gathering Place) includes Honolulu and Waikiki, Kauai (the Garden Island), Maui (the Valley Island), Molokai (the Friendly Island), Hawaii (the Big Island), plus Lanai, Kahoolawe and Nihau. We visited Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, spending three days on each island.

Oahu

On Tuesday we made our connection for Honolulu on the island of Oahu and arrived at the city 2,400 miles from the west coast of the U.S. five and-a-half hours later. There is a two hour difference between San Francisco and Honolulu.

We spent the early part of the afternoon getting briefed and obtaining our inter-island tickets. After getting settled at the Waikiki Tower Hotel, we took a stroll on the main avenue, stopping at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center located at the entrance to the Sheraton-Waikiki and Royal Hawaiian Hotels on Kalakaua Avenue (the main street) and

the International Market Place. Needless to say, we had to return the next day — the shops are fantastic. It's a shoppers paradise. No need to worry what to wear — the most casual clothes, muu'mu's, shorts, no stockings, sandals (or barefoot) — what have you is part of the scene. Only in the most exclusive places did we really see "dressed up" people.

The next day we separated — Nettie having been to Hawaii four times didn't want to see the Polynesian Cultural Center — so I took the tour alone. This is an all-day venture taking over an hour from Waikiki to get there and then allowing time to roam the center itself.

The Center is a uniquely beautiful, 42-acre living museum established by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to help preserve the cultural heritage of Polynesia while providing jobs and scholarships for hundreds of students at the adjoining Brigham Young University — Hawaii Campus.

A pleasant afternoon's stroll through the lush, landscaped grounds or a gentle canoe tour on the freshwater lagoon will take you to seven villages. Thousands of years ago the Polynesian people

shared a common heritage which is still evidenced in the similarities of their language and various traditions, but as they navigated their double-hulled canoes to islands flung widely over 16-million square miles of ocean, their styles of architecture, dress, arts and crafts changed." (Whenever you see quotes, it means I am using literature I received to describe the situation.)

There are seven distinct villages in the center representing Samoa, Aotearoa (Maori), Fiji, Hawaii, Tahiti, The Marquesas (an island group about 800 miles north of Tahiti), and Tonga. The villagers (college students from the different islands) board canoes along the Center's waterway and stop in neighboring villages to sing and dance. There are canoe tours for visitors and also a walking tour to each village where you can stop at the demonstrations, join in the fun, games, and activities, and listen to the villagers explain their cultures to you. There is also a tram shuttle to take you from village to village.

At sunset the brass band marches through the villages, stopping in each to play. Once it arrives at the gazebo, the band plays music for the entertainment of the visitors until it is time to go to the exciting Polynesian revue which consists of a 90-minute extravaganza featuring 150 young islanders performing in the beautiful Pacific Pavilion amphitheater. You see ancient and modern Polynesian dances, listen to authentic Island music, watch fiery antics, lively hulas, and a dazzling light and water show. A most exciting evening.

Next day we took a Municipal City Tour. This includes a visit to the Salvation Army Mission Home for girls from broken homes. The grounds were a botanical paradise. While we were there a wedding was taking place in the small chapel. Our guide informed us that as many as 300 weddings a week take place.

Co. earlier in the day. Bishop Smej concelebrated the holy sacrifice of the Mass in St. Mary Church on Holmes Ave. in Collinwood. He was attended by most of the local Slovenian clergy. The bishop immediately made a favorable impression on the crowd attending the services. Young and old were in Slovenian national costume.

In response, Bishop Smej praised the groups. Rev. Joseph Božnar, pastor of St. Vitus, acted as master of ceremonies. John Petrič representing the Bishop Slomšek Association for sainthood, then spoke words of

The Japanese in particular come from Japan as they want to be married "American style" and also because a traditional Japanese wedding is a very costly event. These weddings must cost quite a bit, too, as the guide told us the minister (a retired missionary) had 40 limousines he owned and just for doing the ceremony earned \$350 to \$400, plus all the other businesses connected with a wedding.

Our next stop was to visit The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (called Punchbowl Crater) which was once an ancient Hawaiian hill of sacrifice. This is a most impressive sight. We viewed the city from the top of the observation platform on the crater then made our way to the memorial. As usual, I couldn't help but feel very sad when viewing the numerous names of those who had died. I was particularly interested in the grave of Ernie Pyle (the popular war correspondent killed while covering the war) as he was a native of Crawford County Indiana from where my husband had come.

We did not get to see Iolani Palace known as America's only royal palace as admission is by reservation only and we didn't have the time to do so.

The larger-than-life statue of King Kamehameha I, who conquered the Islands of Hawaii, is an imposing memorial to him. The gold and black monument of the imposing spear-carrying chief wearing a feather cloak and helmet is one of the most photographed attractions in Honolulu. During the celebration on June 11 annually, dozens of 30-foot multi-hued leis are draped around him using fire engine ladders. At his feet, dozens of civil marriage ceremonies are performed annually.

We concluded the evening with a buffet dinner and an aquacade show at Sheraton Waikiki.

Next day we took a cruise to Pearl Harbor aboard the Adventure V. We were given a

brochure detailing the events of that fateful attack on U.S. Naval Shipyard on December 7, 1941. We listened to a running account of events while we followed the narration in detail on our brochures as we passed the graveyards of the ships lost that day. The attack on Pearl Harbor resulted in the loss of life to 3,067 American servicemen.

In 1962 Elvis Presley gave a benefit concert to raise funds for a memorial and as a result of his effort (which started the drive) funds were secured to raise the Arizona Memorial, a gracefully anchored white structure which was built over the sunken remains of the battleship Arizona. The Navy shuttles visitors to the Memorial (tickets for the day's launches are issued on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8 a.m.) The Japanese comprise about 20 percent of the visitors. Nettie said on her last trip, she witnessed a lovely Japanese girl silently crying with tears streaming down her cheeks. I purchased a booklet, "The Pearl Harbor Story — The True Account of the December 7 Attack," and plan to read it later. If you plan to see Pearl Harbor, Nettie who has been on the Navy tour and now on the harbor cruise, recommends the cruise.

On our return trip the harbor became a little rough, and I must admit that I was very, very glad to get ashore. As we were talking to a young man, he told us that there is a product on the market that you put the liquid behind your ear, it penetrates the skin and acts as a stabilizer on the ear canal which prevents you from getting seasick. Wish I had known about that — for sure I'm checking with my doctor before I leave on another trip.

Our last evening on Oahu was spent browsing through the shops, watching the sun set, and packing and getting to bed relatively early for us as we were leaving on March 31 for a three-day stay on the Island of Kauai.

(To Be Continued)

Coming Events

Sunday, June 3
Slovenska Pristava opens for the season with a Mass at 11 a.m.

Sunday, June 3
Slovenian Catholic League spring picnic at St. Joseph Park in Joliet, Ill.

Monday, June 4
The American Slovene Club will meet Monday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Broadview Savings, E. 260 St. and Lake Shore Blvd.

Saturday, June 9
Fantje na Vasi concert at Slovenian National Home, 5050 Stanley Ave., Maple Hts. at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$5.00.

Bishop Smej Visits

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After Mass a reception was held in St. Mary school hall. A brief program included a trio consisting of accordion, flute,

Cleveland Slovenes

and guitar playing one of Avsenik's tunes. A children's group (Mladi Harmonikarji) sang some familiar folk songs. It was followed by a mixed chorus from Korotan. Both groups were under the direction of Rudi Knez.

In response, Bishop Smej praised the groups. Rev. Joseph Božnar, pastor of St. Vitus, acted as master of ceremonies. John Petrič representing the Bishop Slomšek Association for sainthood, then spoke words of

welcome.

Everyone attending the reception then had a chance to meet with Bishop Smej. The long line of smiling faces and enthusiastic conversations, left no doubt that all the persons were very well pleased. So was the bishop.

We wish Auxiliary Bishop Jožef Smej a safe return to his native Slovenia, with many pleasant impressions of Slovians here and throughout America.

Joseph Zelis

Szymanskis' Celebrate

Marge and Henry Szymanski of 1074 E. 66 St., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 10 at the 9:15 Mass at St. Vitus Church. Bishop Edward Pevec will be the main celebrant.

Friends of the Szymanski family are most welcome to celebrate with them at Mass, and a small reception, immediately following, will be in the St. Vitus Social Room. Invitations will not be sent.

Last Tuesday night, May 29 the Slovenian Catholic community in Greater Cleveland was in a state of excitement. The occasion was the visit of the auxiliary bishop of Maribor, his Excellency the Rev. Jožef Smej. The evening climaxed a whirlwind tour of the Slovenian parishes in Cleveland, including St. Vitus, St. Christine, and St. Lawrence church. The bishop and his entourage also took a tour through the American Home Publishing



By Madeline Debevec

Pangonis — Suponic Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis Pangonis, 8557 Hilltop Drive, Mentor, announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee M., to Frank A. Suponic, son of Olga M. Suponic, 338 E. 308th St., Willowick, and the late Frank M. Suponic.

The bride-elect is a 1982 graduate of Lake Catholic High School in Mentor and attends Ohio State Beauty College in Willoughby. She had attended Kent State University. Her fiance is a 1980 graduate of Lake Catholic and



Renee M. Pangonis

a 1984 graduate of John Carroll University in University Heights, where he was a

Bishop Rožman Memorial Fund Report

Plans for the Bishop Rožman Memorial Fund have been moving along. At the last general meeting, Frank Urankar reported \$12,000 was being held on deposit at a local bank. The goal established has been set for \$25,000. With this sum it is hoped to renovate and furnish a reading room and a library at the new student center in Celovec (Austria).

It has been decided to provide a portrait of the late Bishop Rožman which is to be placed in the reading room. Word has come from the Rev. Dr. Janez Hornbok, of the Saint Hermagoras Society, that the committee there has decided to include the portraits of Bishop Rožman's father and mother. They will be placed on either side of the bishop's portrait.

Immediately below the portrait will be a plaque in Slovenian which translates:

1959 — 1984

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of Dr. Gregory Rožman, Bishop of Ljubljana,

"Example I gave you" that you too would: love your country to the end, for your brothers bear the cross; forgive your enemies, honor Mary as your mother, through the storms your faith preserve, and at death receive the payment of the cross.

Beneath this plaque will be another with the following inscription:

The Society of Saint Hermagoras in Celovec dedicates this reading-room to the great Carinthian Slovene, Dr. Gregory Rožman, Bishop of Ljubljana, who suffered much and prayed for the entire Slovenian nation, and it gratefully remembers all the deceased and living benefactors in the U.S.A., Canada, in foreign countries, beyond the (Slovenian) borders, and in Carinthia, who following the Second World War magnanimously helped with their donations to renovate and build our more than 130 year old Society of Saint Hermagoras.

Negotiations are now in progress for the painting of the Bishop Rožman memorial portrait.

Friends who are interested in making a contribution can do so to the following authorized committee members:

Mr. Frank Urankar, 396 Steven Blvd., Richmond Heights, OH 44143.

Mr. Janez Prosen, 16211 Trafalgar Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110.

Mr. Joseph Zelle, 1227 Addison Road, Cleveland, OH 44103.

The committee thanks you.

member of the National Association of Accountants and the John Carroll Accounting Association. He is an accountant for Kerr Lakeside Inc., in Euclid.

A June 1985 wedding at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Willowick is planned.

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Campus News

Bart Cerer from Euclid, Ohio recently graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, College of Environmental Design, with a Landscape Architecture degree. He was also a four-year member of Cal University Varsity Swim team. His brother Joseph Cerer from Euclid attended graduation commencement on May 13.

Bart is the son of Tone and Mara Cerer, and grandson of Mrs. Tončka Čebul, the sister of the late Nande Novak of Kamnik, Slovenia, who lived many years in Cleveland before returning to Slovenia.

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David Centa, son of Frank and Angela Centa of Gary Avenue, received his master's degree in business administration from Case Western Reserve University.

Centa earned his undergraduate degree in business from the University of Cincinnati.

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Frey-Drobnick Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frederick Frey of Columbus announce the engagement of their daughter Shelley Jo to Jerald Drobnick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drobnick of Blackfoot Avenue.

Both are graduates of Bowling Green State University. The bride-to-be is a teacher with the Southwestern City Schools in Columbus; her fiance is an employee at ITT Telecom.

An August wedding is planned.

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Four Graduations

Frances Moenik, daughter of Don and Pat Moenik, graduated from Cleveland State University as a teacher.

Ellen Croak, daughter of Marian and Phil Croak, Monona, Wisc., graduated

Memo From Madeline

from the University of Wisconsin, as a teacher. Thomas and Theresa Marinko, twins of John and Kathy Marinko, graduated from Lake Catholic High School, Mentor, Ohio, and

will go to Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

All four are grandchildren of Mary Marinko. Twins Thomas and Theresa are also grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Erzen, Wickliffe, O.

News from Joe Zelle

In last week's "News and Musical Notes," Tony Petkovšek mentioned prominent Tilka Blaha and Vida Tomšič as being visitors in our fair city. What he did not say was that at least Vida Tomšič was a very active revolutionary most of her adult life in Yugoslavia. She was arrested several times for subversive activities before the war. In December of 1941 she along with her husband were arrested for political activities by the Nazi Gestapo. Tone Tomšič was executed but his wife escaped with a 25-year sentence. She was so active in her revolutionary activities she was awarded the Order of National Hero by the new Federal Republic.

The question is why is Tovarshtsa Tomšič visiting Slovenian communities and what is she doing in the United States, the greatest and most successful (and most hated) capitalistic country in the world? And what are our Democratic representatives in Congress, Mary Rose Oakar and Dennis Eckart, doing at these celebrations?

The annual Catholic Universe Bulletin subscription campaign is now over. Among the winners from the various parochial schools were Timothy Pevec of St. John Bosco in Parma Heights and Margaret Žnidarič of St. Paul in Euclid. Our congratulations to these youngsters.

Recently the Summit County CYO inducted John Bradach into its Hall of Fame. This honor was in recognition of Bradach's work in the development of the youth organization.

Mr. Bradach is a retired employee of Goodrich Tire Co. He has been active with the CYO since 1950. He served

for 10 years as a coach and athletic director in St. Peter Parish of Akron. During this time he organized the first football and basketball teams. Moreover he has been a supervisor of the Catholic Youth Organization's athletic program.

In its recent issue, Catholic Universe Bulletin cited the top high school graduates for 1984. Among the honored students was Diane Lunder valedictorian at Villa Angela. Congratulations, Diane!

Bob Mills of Bonna Ave. has been made Training Officer in Ohio for MARS, the Military Amateur Radio System. One of his assignments is to teach Morse code to aspiring candidates in the amateur radio reserve system. Nice work, Bob!

Happy Birthday

June birthday greetings go out to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged:

- June 8 — Anton Celhar, 97
- 9 — Theresa Gorjanc, 80
- 10 — Josephine Haffner, 90
- 13 — Mary Urbanick, 91
- 14 — Hedviga Rakitic, 64
- Vid Hribar, 95
- Gertrude Stuber, 81
- 15 — Henrik Kremzar, 84
- 16 — Louis Boit, 92
- Louise Ursic, 90
- Anna Sustar, 88
- 26 — Antanina Atkocaitis, 73
- 28 — Alice Croser, 85

Thanks

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Save July 13-15 for St. Vitus' Festival

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2:45-3:15 — St. Nicholas Carpatho-Russian Dance Group (Barberton)

3:30-4 — Lorain Button Box

4:15-5 — Zagreb Tamburitzans

5:15-5:45 — Mladi Harmonikarji

6-6:30 — Korotan Singing Group

7-10:30 — Markic-Zagger Band

In addition to the entertainment schedule, which has been enhanced with many new groups and the children's matinee puppet and magic shows, the excellent culinary skills of women from the parish will rate attention with the following dinner menus:

Friday — Pigs in Blanket or Fish (\$4)

Saturday — Spaghetti and Meat Balls (\$4)

Sunday — Roast Beef or Chicken (\$5)

Takeout orders will be available. Children's portions are half-price. Additional food and beverages also will be available at various concession stands.

The special feature of this year's festival is a 10K Run (approximately 6.2 miles). The run will be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 15, and has been accredited and certified by TAC. Net proceeds will be used for a youth jobs program through St. Vitus to provide funds for temporary employment of community youths.

The remaining proceeds from the festival enable St. Vitus to perform many

necessary capital improvements. Recent examples include insulating and roofing of the school, auditorium and convent; installation of thermally-insulated windows at the school, and a new lighting system for the auditorium. You need not be an accountant to determine that these are major undertakings. The volunteer effort expended at this event is a major credit to the many people who have helped over the years.

Is this event necessary? Ask yourself this: What would the St. Clair area look like if St. Vitus parish did not exist? You will then have your answer.

Stane J. Kuhar

Co-chairman

St. Vitus Festival Committee

The crack of a baseball bat. Roasting of hot dogs and marshmallows over an open fire. The perpetual noise of the ever diligent worker bee. The fragrant aroma of a Sweet William plant. And the splendor of watching a geranium blossom. These are but a few of the sounds and smells of summer.

The city streets are usually devoid of these and other sounds and smells. But in the heart of the near northeast neighborhood of Cleveland, referred to as the North Coast Village, the parish of St. Vitus is about to explode with a panorama of good entertainment, food and company in mid-July with its annual summer festival.

Suhadolnik Eyes Bill to Cut Tax

Last fall, the Celeste administration warned Ohioans that a 90 percent personal income tax rate was necessary to prevent the state's \$16 billion budget from defaulting. However, despite the Governor's claim that the tax was necessary and not excessive, Ohio's budget surplus continues to rise, surpassing estimates by almost \$98 million in April alone.

State Sen. Gary C. Suhadolnik (R-Parma Heights), in fact, thinks the surplus is too excessive and would like to do something about it. "The surplus in the general revenue fund is now over \$105 million for the fiscal year to date, which is mostly attributable to the \$95.2 million overage in personal income taxes," the state senator claims.

Suhadolnik, a strong proponent in last year's tax repeal

drive, has introduced a bill which would reduce a budget surplus by cutting the state income tax rate as the unemployment rate declines. "For every one percent drop in the unemployment rate, a \$190 to \$210 million net increase in state revenue is realized," he explains. "In the first three months of this year, unemployment rates were at least two full percentage points lower than estimates.

"Although the state is clearly taking in more money than is needed, both the Celeste administration and the legislature refuse to move on proposals which would resolve these imbalances.

"Ohio's unemployed stand more to gain from money circulating in the economy than from the \$100 million surplus in the state's general revenue fund," Suhadolnik concludes.

Funds Approved for Euclid Beach

State Sen. Lee I. Fisher (D-25) has announced that the state capital improvements budget approved earlier this week by the Ohio General Assembly contains \$2.2 million in funds for the development of the Euclid Beach State Park.

Since August 1983, Fisher has met many times with Gov. Richard Celeste and members of his cabinet about the state park funding. Last September, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources wrote Fisher and estimated it would cost more than \$500,000 for a general cleanup of the Euclid Beach property, including removal of dense underbrush and certain dangerous trees, building of a chain-link fence along the eastern and western property lines, and repair of open manholes.

The cleanup would include the creation of a gravel service road onto and through the site from Lake Shore Boulevard, which will be needed to facilitate the cleanup efforts. In addition, the beach area of the site will have an extensive cleanup, and excavation work on several foundations and paved concrete areas will be required to clear these items. Many of the existing trees on the site will be saved through pruning and cabling.

The \$2.2 million will be used to begin the development of the various aspects of the Euclid Beach State Park, as

proposed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The park will offer recreational activities, including swimming, sunbathing, bocci, horseshoes, picnicking and strolling along the historic promenade. The department hopes to recreate and highlight the style and main features of the amusement park.

Several features of the original Euclid Beach have been included in the design concept, including a museum, the size of which has not been determined. Possibilities range from a memorabilia room to a separate building in an area that would include a covered walkway reminiscent of the original walkways and a reconstructed circular fountain.

An inventory has been taken to assess the condition of existing trees. A special effort will be made to retain the large, shady trees which were characteristic of the park. The concept also provides for the reconstruction of a pier into Lake Erie — one of the most notable features of the amusement park — and a promenade walkway at the top of the beach overlooking the bluff.

In addition to these central features, several other projects for the park have been discussed, including a pond which during the summer could be used for wading and toy boat sailing, and for ice skating during the winter months.

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Dan's Diary

By Dan J. Postotnik

Another Golden St. Vitus Class Reunion is now history. This time it was the Class of 1934 who did their thing. The gala 50th Annual Event occurred on Sunday, May 20. It began with a Mass of Thanksgiving at noon, offered by pastor, Rev. Joseph Bozner, and concelebrated by Rev. William Jerse, son of William Jerse, Sr., one of the graduates. Readers were Marie Baraga Oblak, and Katie Tomc Slaper, two of the classmates.

After the Mass, the Jubilarians gathered in the Auditorium. Although the weather was not too good, spirits ran high. Picture taking ensued, and then they sat down to a delicious dinner, prepared by Julie Zalar.

The program was headed by Master of Ceremonies and classmate, Dr. Anthony F. Spech, and I understand he did a fantastic job, taking the grads down Memory Lane. Another classmate, Lou Trebar, with a few other musicians, provided some wonderful entertainment.

There was a total of 110 graduates in the Class of 1934, and 29 are deceased. Counting spouses, a total of 105 attended, and 64 of them were alumni, which comes to a very good approximate 80% attendance. Those who came from far off places were: Mr. and Mrs. Albin (Grebenc) Gribbons, Palm Springs, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Ponikvar, Roslyn, N.Y., and John Modic, a Professor of English Literature, residing in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Many thanks to this hard working committee who got the ball rolling early, and did a very fine job: Olga Hrovatin Lappin, Caroline Delgaudio Loushin, William Hraster, Marie Baraga Oblak, Katie Tomc Slaper, Mollie Skully Strunge, Josephine Penca Taucher, Elvira Turk Kobal, and Mitzi Lach Agh.

The Alumni Class of 1934 enjoyed reminiscing and meeting classmates, some of whom they had not seen for many years, so much, that they

decided to come together again. God willing, it will be for their 55th Anniversary in 1989. They also made a donation of \$100.00 to St. Vitus Church.

Anyone who could not attend the reunion and has not been contacted, may order a class picture. Contact Marie Baraga Oblak at 486-0172, or Katie Tomc Slaper at 585-1423. Class picture charge is \$10.00.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the members of the Class of 1934 from a member of the Class of 1932 (the writer), and many others. It will soon be your turn, class of 1935, to get going with your big celebration.

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Here are some interesting statistics from St. Vitus Parish: During 1983 there were 41 baptisms (26 male and 15 female); 42 children received First Holy Communion; 32 were confirmed; 22 couples were married; 64 parishioners and non-parishioners died and had last rites administered; and there were 321 boys and girls attending St. Vitus School.

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It was a distinct pleasure for me to attend the 33rd Annual Communion Breakfast of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association on Sunday, May 6. Some 500 of us attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Cathedral, and then were in attendance for the breakfast and program in the Bond Court Hotel. Our alumnus, Francis A. Gaul, Class of 1945, Treasurer of Cuyahoga County, was honored as Man of the Year. The guest speaker was the internationally renowned neuro-surgeon and authority on biotechnology, Dr. Robert J. White. He has been very close to the Vatican in the past 10 years, and his address was titled, "A Vatican Medical Connection". Also, celebrating their 50th Jubilee of graduation at this event was the Class of 1934. Dr. John J. Dejak, already deceased, and William Tomc, a chemist, were members of this class.

Slovenian alumni who attended were William Buehner

(and wife, Marie, formerly Baraga), Wencel Frank, Joe Marinko, Bailiff Robert Novak, Dan Postotnik, Tony Pozelnik, Judge Edmund Turk, and Joe Zelle.

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Here are some very special birthday observances: John Lokar, 89th, 7/8, Frank Zupancic, 88th, 6/6, Henrik Kremzar, 84th, 7/16, Martin Svetec, 82nd, 7/9, John Celesnik, 80th, 5/27, Anthony Osredkar, 80th, 6/14, Frank Capuder, 75th, 6/16, John Zarnick, 75th, 7/9, Peter Jančar, Sr., 70th, 6/28, and Charles McNeill, 65th, 6/19.

Happy Birthday to all of you, and may the Lord give you good health and happiness for many more years.

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Holy Name Society at St. Vitus will have their Corporate Communion on Sunday, June 10 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Breakfast meeting will follow immediately after in the church basement. There will be no meetings in the months of July and August. Bring a friend.

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Happy Fathers Day to all of you Dads out there. And a happy, safe summertime to everyone.

Baraga Trip

Anyone interested in the bus trip to the Baraga Days in Chicago, Ill. from Sept. 1 to Sept. 3rd should call Fr. Tomc at 761-7740.

A.H. Vacation

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St. Clair Pensioners News

The St. Clair Avenue Pensioners Club wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to the editor for his generous support in the publicity of our annual dinner, held May 20 at the St. Clair Slovenian Home. We are certain that the articles, both in English and Slovenian, and the listing in the "coming events", helped in making the event a satisfactory success.

The event also was excellently publicized over the air by Tony Petkovsek and the Bucars on their respective programs, while Milan Pavlovic sent out our message and in-

vitation to his Slovenian listening audience. To each of you, our most sincere thanks for your support.

May 20 was a day loaded with many events and activities, and from reports heard, all turned out successfully. Each was able to attract its share of support.

We sincerely wish to thank the many friends who patronized our dinner affair. We were pleasantly surprised with the number of friends who came from the outlying areas. To all, from far and near, your support was heart-warming and truly appreciated. Thank you all. By your comments, we know that you were not disappointed.

The food, prepared by Lojska Fegus and Vida Dovjak was "delicious and plenty." The refreshments were ably handled by Mike Vidmar and Andy Kavcnik. The music was furnished by Bill Srnick. He entertained us with tunes that were easy to listen to. The sound and volume were pleasing to the ear. Srnick's music was delightful.

The next meeting of the St. Clair Pensioners will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, in the annex of the St. Clair Slovenian Home.

A bus trip is scheduled for June 24. Members interested should notify Marge Kaus as soon as possible, but no later than June 15.

Currently, we are seeking to increase our membership. Our goal is not a lofty 1,000, but a modest 250 would be most satisfactory at this time. If you are a potential candidate and are interested in joining, contact a member or officer of the club. We need to reach our goal.

Stanley J. Frank
Secretary

Professionalism In Korotan Concert

By John Nemeć

The Slovenian singing group *Korotan* presented their annual spring concert on May 26 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave.

The vocal ensemble consists of 48 men and women singing in four parts. The group has long been known for its beautiful blend of well-trained voices, performing a variety of Slovenian music. It has gone through many internal changes this past year.

Saturday's concert was on the lighter side, devoted primarily to Slovenian folk song arrangements.

After the first number it was obvious the choir had lost none of its finesse under the leadership of new director Rudy Knez. The fullness of sound, balance of voices and group intonation demonstrated the combined talents of the singers. Excellent diction, along with dynamic contrast, subtle shadings of color and attention to the other various performance details, were evidence of many hours of rehearsal preparation. These qualities, in addition to the ensemble's strict discipline, gave one the unmistakable impression that he was listening to a professional group.

For those who listened objectively, the standards of professionalism made the concert a success. But most of the audience was comprised of native and second-generation Slovenians, who listened as much with their hearts as with their ears; for them, it was the spirit behind each song that gave the performance meaning.

The numbers progressed smoothly, yet each one took on its own personality. The predominant themes were the beauty of love and of the Slovenian homeland. The feeling that *Korotan* put into each song was proof of an intense pride in their Slovenian heritage. Sentimentality abounded as the group

Birthday Greetings

Ann Kristoff of Euclid, Ohio, May 29th.

Mary Boltezar, of 381 E. 165 St., was 100 years old on May 18. She's still an active lady doing her own cooking and yard work.

Mary Frank of E. 71 St., will be 93 years young on June 10. The annual clan round-up will be in order that day to celebrate her birthday and other birthdays and anniversaries of family members including the following: Helen and Martin Frank, Mary Ann and Jim Frey, Terry and Gary Turner, and grandma June Turner of Elyria. Also through the thoughtfulness of the ladies working in Ward 13, precinct Z, on election day, it was discovered Mary has been a consistent voter for 50 years. She became a citizen in March 1934 and cast her first ballot in April 1934. Congratulations!

Rikk Jenko's birthday is today, June 1st. Congratulations and best wishes on his 20th birthday from his mom Emilee of Emilee's Beauty Shop.

Betty Kazan of Willoughby Hills celebrated her special day on May 31st. Fondest wishes from her family and friends.

Many happy returns of the day to one and all!

brought to life old melodies, enriched by the harmonies of the full chorus, and also by the sonorities of the women's and men's choruses separately. Several solos and duets showed off individual talents, as well as adding variety and color.

Colorful also were the costumes, as tuxedos and long skirts were replaced by Slovenian national costumes for the second half of the program. The concert ended with a high-spirited song by Lojze Slak, arranged for the chorus by former director Frank A. Gorencsek. It was performed

John Milakovich dies; was Councilman

John Milakovich, 58, former Cleveland Councilman, died Wednesday, May 30 at Euclid General Hospital where he was undergoing therapy after back surgery at Cleveland Clinic Hospital.

He also had hip surgery two months ago at St. Vincent Charity Hospital.

Since 1982 he had been chief deputy to Cleveland Municipal Court Clerk Jerome F. Krakowski.

Mr. Milakovich was appointed to council from old Ward 23 (St. Clair Ave.) in 1977 after the resignation of Robert A. Novak.

He was Croatian and lived his entire life in the same house on Prosser Ave. in the Slovenian community of St. Clair. He was fluent in both Slovenian and Croatian.

He had founded the Civic Aid Patrol in Ward 23 and was a licensed private duty policeman.

He was re-elected Democratic leader of Ward 13 last week.

He was a graduate of John Hay High School and was in the Coast Guard in World War II. He attended Case Western Reserve University.

Mr. Milakovich was on the board of directors of the Slovenian National Home, in the Dads and the Ushers clubs, and Catholic War Veterans of St. Vitus Church. He was a member of United Slovenian Society, Croatian Fraternal Union, the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary and the St. Vitus Holy Name Society.

Surviving are sons John and

by the full group with the accompaniment of "Veseli Slovenci" (Duke Marsic Orchestra), who entertained with music for dancing after the concert.

This was truly a Slovenian event: the singing, the audience, the dance — even the food. It was altogether a very enjoyable evening with a beautiful expression of Slovenian culture. With this concert, Mr. Knez and the members of *Korotan* reassured us that they have every intention of preserving and enhancing that culture for the Slovenians of Cleveland.

Diane Habat

Diane Habat (born Kaiser), wife of musician Edward J., died on Friday, May 25.

She was the mother of Mark, Edward, Jeffrey, Paul, Wayne and Patricia Mullikin; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral was Tuesday, May 29 at St. Mary's at 9:30; burial at All Souls Cemetery. Brickman Funeral Home handled arrangements.

MARY GUZELL

Mary Guzell (nee Rozina) died Tuesday, May 22, at Brentwood Hospital in Warrensville Heights, Ohio, after a short illness.

Mrs. Guzell, 96, was born in Planina pri Rakeku on Nov. 16, 1887. She came to the U.S. in 1910, married in Pennsylvania and raised her family there. When her husband Joseph died, she stayed with her daughter, Mary Sustarsic, in Bedford (Ohio).

In addition to Mary, survivors include sons Frank, Joseph and Henry; daughter Helen De Fillippis of New Jersey; 24 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Another son (John) and daughter (Rose Sustarsic) are deceased.

Services were held at the Donelly Funeral Home in Beaverville, Pa.

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