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Vzroki in znamenja narodnega vtpljanja

Eden glavnih argumentov, če ne sploh glavni, kar jih je obravnaval slovenski tisk na splošno in zamejski se posebej v zadnjih letih, je bilo koroško vprašanje, pa seveda tudi vprašanje zaščite naše manjšine v deželi Furlaniji-Julijski krajini. Pri tem se je neprestano pojavljalo na površini tudi vprašanje narodnega vtpljanja + asimilacije, čeprav ga iz nekake nacionalne sramotljivosti ali iz strahu pred bolečino — kajti brozgati po ranah je vedno boleče — nihče ni upal prav načeti in smo ga odrivali ob stran. Toda to vprašanje ne le obstaja, ampak je tudi pereče, danes prav tako kot v preteklosti, in nič nam ne koristi, če se delamo, kakor da ga ne vidimo, ali če hlinimo, da se bo prej ali slej pač nekako ugodno resilo za nas. Zakaj naj bi se ugodno rešilo? Prej je pričakovati obratno, da bo nameč to tisti zadajo in odločilni vzrok, ki bo zlomil odpor naših manjšin v Italiji in Avstriji, če namreč ne bomo te rane realistično preucili in je začeli zdraviti.

Z logiko in matematiko se da izračunati, da bi obsegal danes slovenski narod vsaj 10 milijonov duš, če bi se ne bil v toliki meri asimiliral in s tem izgubljal tudi svojih ozemelj. Ce bi bil obdržal ozemlja, ki jih je imel prva stoletja po svoji naselitvi, bi štel verjetno celo več kot 10 milijonov. Še v začetku preteklega stoletja je bil slovenski narod številnejši kot cela vrsta evropskih narodov, ki so danes številčno trikrat večji ali tudi več, kot npr. Norvežani, Slovaki, Hrvati in Švicarji.

V preteklem stoletju se je začelo množično izseljevanje iz slovenskih dežel, ki so se znašle zunaj pravega gospodarskega razvoja in zunanjih centrov odločanja, bolj objekt kot subjekt politike, in stočasno se je začela načrtna asimilacija, zlasti v večjih mestih in industrijskih krajih v Avstriji, v Trstu, Gorici in Zagrebu. Z izseljevanjem in potujenjem ter v obeh svetovnih vojn, posebno v prvi, smo izgubili Slovenci toliko ljudi, da bi naslo njihovo število s potomstvom vred danes nad dva milijona ljudi, morda celo tri.

Morda si domisljam, da se je danes asimilacija ustavila. Toda to ni res. Na Koroškem nam pozevsakovo letu vsaj tisoč ljudi — praktično večji del generacije, ki hodi v šole ali ki si išče službe med nemško govorečimi ljudmi. Na Tržaškem in Goriškem je isto. Velik del naših deklet in fantov se poroči s pripadnikom druge narodnosti. Njihovi otroci gredo največkrat v italijsko šolo in značjo kvečjemu nekaj besed slovensko. Asimilacija pa je tudi duhovna in podvržena smo ji takoreči vse, ne da bi se tega sploh zavedali.

Ali ni to že očiten simptom asimilacije, da si naši ljudje kljub vsem opozorilom vendarle nočejo dati nazaj posloveniti svojih priimkov, katerje jim je spremeniš fašizem? Celo taki, ki se delajo odločne antifašiste in to verjetno tudi so, samo zmigajo z rameni in se znajdejo komaj v rahli zadregi, če jih spomnimo na to da še vedno nosijo priimek, ki so jim ga popačile fašistične odredbe, in da bi lahko bili tudi v praksi toliko antifašisti, da bi napravili konec temu podaljšanemu učinku fašizma na našo manjšino.

Fašizem je prepovedal slovenski tisk, šole, kjer bi se bili ljudje lahko naučili slovensko brati in pisati, in slovenska društva, kjer bi bili mogli kulturno delovati in se duhovno razvijati. Seveda so naši ljudje protestirali — toda prepovedi so imela svoj učinek, ljudje so se odvadili slovensko brati, odvadili so se naročavati na slovenski tisk, se zanimati za slovenske knjige, jih kupovati in brati. Odvadili so se slovenskih društev. Danes jim društva mnogokrat niso veselje, ampak v breme, ki se ga skusajo znebiti. Zato društva hirajo in umirajo. Danes imajo okvirne organizacije in zvezze z lepimi in važnimi imeni, toda vsebine je v teh zvezah vedno manj — ker je vedno manj društev, ki bi res delovala.

Tudi izseljevanje se nadaljuje in z njim asimilacija v tujini. Mlađi se neprestano izseljujejo iz naših krajev v veliki italijanski mesta in drugam, celo v tujino, a tudi iz Slovenije je šlo v zadnjih desetletjih v tujino več kot stotisoč ljudi. Mnogi od teh so že vsaj napol asimilirani.

Ali to res gre lahko kar naprej? Stalno tožimo o majhnosti našega naroda, toda slovenski narod bi nikdar ne bil tako majhen, če bi bili mogli in znali zaustaviti kugo asimilacije. Treba je več razmišljati o tem, več razpravljati o tem našem perečem vprašanju, ki je rana, pa tudi sramota. Zakaj ne preučimo dejanskega vzroka hitre asimilacije na Koroškem? Zakaj si nihče ne upa analizirati pravih vzrokov asimilacije v Italiji? In zakaj se ne poglobimo v vzroke izseljevanja s slovenske zemlje, ki nikakor ni najbolj revna in zaostala, ko pa po drugi strani pritegnejo množice tujih delavcev.

Če ne bomo rešili problema, kako zaustaviti asimilacijo, duhovno in jezikovno, ne bomo rešili sploh nobrega problema, kajti vsi koreninijo v bistvu v tem problemu.

Ta problem pa je tako pereč in nujen, da se bomo moralni se povrniti k njemu.

S. R.

prepovedi, da nihče ne sme postati kristjan."

Rev. Charles A. Wolbang,
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131 Birchmount Road
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Klarise potrebujejo naše pomoci!

EUCLID, O. — Ne mine meseč, da ne bi bila objavljena v Ameriški Domovini prošnja za to ali ono dobro delo. Tako Slovenci podpiramo dijake na Koroškem, pomagamo graditi dom v Parizu, obnavljamo cerkev v Sloveniji, pomagamo sestram v Gorici. Tem številnim akcijam se danes pridružuje še ena. Klarije v Sloveniji potrebujejo na-

še pomoči.

Ta kontemplativni ženski red, ki so prišli k proslavi in občudovali svoje mlade umetnice. Vem pa, da so slovenske matereskromne, so skromne tudi te moje vrstice. Vsem za trud in delo — vidno in nevidno, ene ali druge vrste: hvala v imenu tistih, ki so prišli k proslavi in občudovali svoje mlade umetnice. Vem pa, da so otroci pričakvali precej večje udeležbe; zakaj je bila dvorana tako slabo zasedena, naj vsak sam premislil in si najde odgovor.

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J. O.

Materinska proslava in nekaj misli oh koncu šolskega leta

WICKLIFFE, O. — "Mamici za god" — tak je naslov vabilo, ki smo ga dobili ob vstopu v dvorano sv. Vida v nedeljo, 8. maja letos. Res je že nekaj tednov od takrat, a zdi se mi, da ne bi bilo prav, če ne bi ob tej lepoti proslavi slovenskih otrok napisali nekaj besedi in jo tako vsaj registrirali. V sporedi, ki so ga pripravili otroci Slovenske sestobe šole, je bilo vloženo narejeno veliko delo v prid nas vseh, ki ga mi, ki "mimo šole samo hodimo", komaj moremo zaznati in nikoli pravilno oceniti. Ljudje, ki so se v teh desetletjih žrtvovali in vsak po svojem znanju in zmožnostih "gradili" to slovensko šolo; vsemi, ki so skušali oblikovati mišljenja in predeti v srcu in duši naših otrok; vsemi, ki so vsajali in presajeli ljubezen do slovenske besede in naših izrazitosti, o bič ajev in svojstvenosti — zasluzijo vse, kot jim z besedo povedati moremo!

Da to delo ni lahko, čutimo starši v svojih družinah, kajti dobro vemo, da "oblikovanje srca in mišljenja" zahteva mnogo več kot učenje novih besed in slovnice. Zase čutim, da je v tem naša šola naredila mnogo. Mnogo — vsaj pri graduantih. Imel sem priliko vsaj nekaj ur spoznati fante in dekleta osmege razreda in reči moram — da sem bil prijetno presenečen. Vsi so z veseljem hodili v šolo; na vaje; so se nehoto povezali v neko skupnost, postali so tudi na zunaj — za javnost Slovencov. Več sem jih slišal: "Zakaj je danes zadnji dan šole, zakaj nimamo devetega razreda? Vem, da ni bila v teh besedah sama sentimentalnost razvijanja in pubertete, nekaj je bilo v njihovih srcih — njih značaju dodanega, oblikovanega, zgrajenega. Vsi, ki so letos končali pri Sv. Vido slovensko šolo, so jo končali kot Slovence in Slovenke in Bog daj, da bi tudi v življenju ostali. Zadnje pismene izpite so naredili po dogovoru z Ligo S.A. iz New Yorka, ki so bili poslanji na Columbia University in tam ocenjeni. Na podlagi teh ocen so dobili štirje od graduantov priznanja in nagrade. Več kot tretjina razreda je izdelalo "s pojavom", v veselje ne samo graduirancev samih, temveč in predvsem staršev, ter v ponos njihovega učitelja.

Vahalo je za ves trud in delo so starši graduirancev povabili upraviteljico gdč. A. Bolho, č. g. J. Božnarja in priljubljene učiteljice g. Jožeta Odarja na prizneno snidenje učencev in staršev, kjer so bila razdeljena tudi srečevala in diplome.

Drugi del so pričeli s prizrom, ki ga je zbrala v spomin pisatelja K. Mauserja ga. Vovkova in so ga v skupni reziji go. M. Stropnik izvajali dijaki sedmoga razreda. Kotiček striček sta ga krstili, Kotiček, ki ga je pokojni pisatelj s takim vsejim pisalom otrokom leta in leta. Materinsko proslavo je zaključila Snejkuljčica, ki jo je pripravila

vila s svojim četrtem ter z drugim in petim razredom ga. B. Lončar, s pomočjo prizadavnih pomočnic in pomočnikov. V vseh teh prizorih — posebno še v zadnjih dveh — je toliko izvirnosti, muzikalnih, plesnih in igralskih posebnosti, da imam k vsemu samo eno pripombu: Točki ne smeta biti pozabljeni in samo enkrat podani! Oba odrška prizora sta lahko ob vsaki primerni priliki kjerkoli ponovljena — ker nista vezana na čas in ne na priedite. Zato z njimi med slovenski svet, med slovensko mladino!

Še veliko bi moral napisati o tej materinski proslavi. A ker vem, da so slovenske matereskromne, so skromne tudi te moje vrstice. Vsem za trud in delo — vidno in nevidno, ene ali druge vrste: hvala v imenu tistih, ki so prišli k proslavi in občudovali svoje mlade umetnice. Vem pa, da so otroci pričakvali precej večje udeležbe; zakaj je bila dvorana tako slabo zasedena, naj vsak sam premislil in si najde odgovor.

F. J. K.

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Kokosov oreh je sam priljubljena jed. Iz njega izdelujejo kokosovo mast, ki se po vsem svetu uporablja kot dragocene rastlinske mast. Iz zrn kokosovega oreha, ki se imenujejo kopra, izdelujejo mloko.

Pa to se ni vse: iz palmovih listov izdelujejo še danes preproge. Prej so si delali prebijaci tropškega podnebja iz njih oblike, listi sami so jim pa služili za strehe koc.

Avgust Seno:

ZLATARJEVO ZLATO**XXVI.**

Bilo je poletnega popoldne ne boš nikdar imel sina, ker ti 1592. leta. Gora je bila mirna, kakor sem slišal, to brani sveta zrak čist, gozd svetal v zeleni priziga. Jerko pa je božji. Noto gozdu je bilo polno pisanega bene nade ne nosim s seboj v cvetju. Od gorske stezice je pri-grob in nad mojo rakujo bo hajalo tenko zvonjenje. Izza deblo uvenelo. Naj se zgodi boredvja je prišel kmetič, ki je žja volja. A tebi hvala, da si nosil svetilko in zvonil z zvon-prišel. Hudo mi je bilo zatem, za njim pa se je prikazal Toda ne dolži me čez mero. Jaz beli remetski pater, ki je nosil nisem kriv Doline smrti, to Bog sveto hostijo v vezeni burzi. Ta ve. Klara je— Bog se je usmilil!

pater je šel k Stjepku Gregorijancu, da bi ga z božjim kruhom v blodnji, je pripomnil Pavel.

okrepčal za poslednjo pot. Hodoš je s povešeno glavo, da mu nisi mogel razbrati mladega obraz pod kapuco; a če bi ga lahko, bi videl, da je njegovo lice mrko in oči solzne. Redovnik je prišel do zunanjih vrat na pol razpadlega Medvedgradskega.

"Kje je gospodar?" je vprašal vratarja.

"Pred samim dvorcem, oče Jerolim," je pojasnil vratar in se pred sveto hostijo prekrizal. "Pod zimzelenom sedi. Slabo mu je, hudo, toda hotel je tako. Morali smo ga pripeljati iz Sestin."

Redovnik je zavil proti gradu.

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Pod zimzelenom je sedel gospodar Stjepko. Lasje so mu bili beli, lice bledo, uvelo in oči mrtve. Glavo je bil spustil nazaj in jo naslonil ob drevo. Gledal je, strmel v daljavo. Pred njim sta klečala Niko in njegova žena Anka, pred njim je klečal tudi postavni konjeniški častnik — Pavel Gregorjanec.

"Ave coena domini!" (Bodi pozdravljena, večerja Gospodova) je pozdravljal starec in nagnil glavo. "Glejte, otroci moji, čas je. Treba boiti! Hvala, častiti oče! Težko sem vas pričakoval. Oj, pridite hitro, da se vam izpovem."

Duhovnik se je približal s sklonjeno glavo. Otroci so se odstranili v grad. Svečenik se je potlej nagnil k starčevi glavi, ki je božjemu služabniku šepečal svoje grehe. Če bi bilo v starcu kaj več življenja, bi govoril, kako so iz redovnih oči vrele solze in kaplje na njegovo celo.

"Toda en greh, duhovni oče," je drhte končaval Stjepko, "leži na moji duši kakor trd kamen. Bojim se, da zanj ni odpuščanja. Ljubil sem dekle, kmetico, in ona je imela sina. Jaz pa sem zapustil rekle in otroka, otroka sem hotel celo ubiti, a je po mislosti božji zginil. Morda je umrl, morda živi v bedi, mogoče me preklinja..."

"Ne preklinja," je zahljpal redovnik, spustil oglavnico z glave ter padel na kolena. "Ne preklinja, oče! To dete, ta zgubijeni sin ti nosi poslednji blagoslov božji. Ta sin, tvoj Jerko, oče, sem jaz, jaz."

Starec se je stresel.

"Ti, ti," je spregovoril začuden in z rokami objel Jerkovo glavo. "Da, da! Ti ne lažes! Obraz te izdaja, da si Gregorjanec. Da, da, moj! Moj sin!" je oče ječjal in objel sina. "O, hvala ti, večni Bog! No, sinko, končaj. Smrt me čaka..."

Redovnik je opravil sveti obred, otroci pa so se vrnili k starcu.

"Otroci," je rekjal s slabim glasom, "iti moram. Bil sem ponosen, chol. Večna roka me je zlomila. Toda zdaj sem čist. Očistil me je moj izgubljeni sin — vaš brat."

"Jerko!" je vzkliknil Pavel. "Pusti, Pavel, pusti," je dejal starec. "Čas beži, smrt prihaja. Potem ga objemi, pozneje. Sisovi, vidim, da nam starci red zgneva. Hotel sem ga razviti, narediti močnega, toda Bog je določil drugače. Ti, Niko, nimataš."

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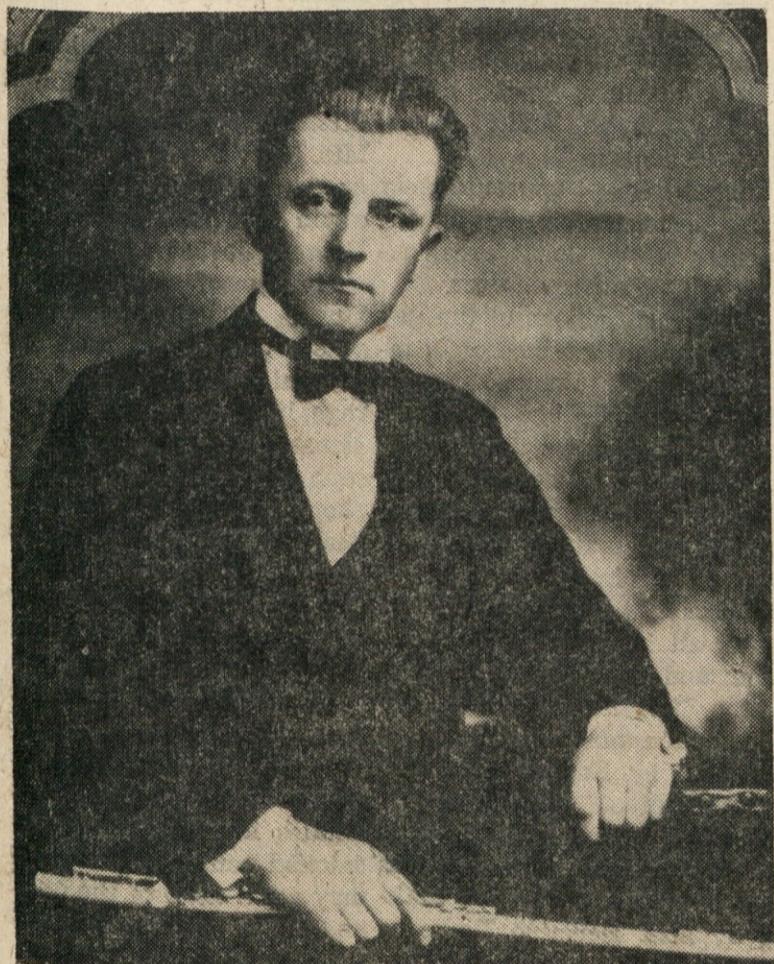
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A Tribute to the Musical Knific Family



John Knific Sr.

By JOHN KNIFIC SR. I would like to relate to you a small part of our family history and some of my musical experiences.

I was born in Valburga, Slovenia and left at the age of 17 for the United States.

After a treacherous and stormy voyage, I arrived in New York City on Dec. 21, 1911.

I lived in the Collinwood area for 1 year, then moved to St. John Avenue. At that time, the Slovenian men and women were very active, organizing clubs, singing groups and lodges. I met many new friends, especially Mr. Rudolph Perdan of the Perdan family. His daughter, Jeanette, was 10 years old at this time and was playing a leading lady role on stage in a children's play. In later years, Jeanette became a coloratura soprano.

I played flute in a trio consisting of Jeanette, and John Hocvar on piano. Jeanette went on to teach at Kent State University between the years 1955 and 1972.

My first flute teacher was August Caputo. My second teacher, Costa Clappa, was first flute player in the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. I studied under Mr. Clappa for 4 years. During this time I also joined the Lunder Adamic Lodge dramatic section. I acted in a few roles. I decided to leave Cleveland and return to New York City where I attended the New York Institute of Music and studied under the First Chair Flutist of the New York Symphony, Anton Fayer. He was Czechoslovakian and took a liking to me. He was also an excellent teacher.

While in New York, I worked for Frank Saksar who owned the newspaper, Glas Naroda. I also worked in the Immigration Department. I met Mr. Ignac Hude, a teacher, who sang tenor, played piano and taught Slovenian, Croatian and Serbian singing groups in New York. I joined the Christian Kriens Symphony which was supported by various New York organizations.

In Cleveland, I joined the Carl Diringer Symphony and in my leisure time, I enjoyed going to the opera, especially watching the great Enrico Caruso at the Metropolitan Opera House, and many other artists.

I returned to Cleveland and

joined the Ivan Cankar Dramatic Society which I have been a member for 41 years. In those days, the scenery was changed manually and there was a long pause between acts. The audience became restless during this time, so I organized an orchestra to play during the intermissions.

On January 28, 1924, I married Josephine Debevec, who resided in Lorain, Ohio. I met her while playing a concert in Lorain. She sang alto in the church choir for 9 years. During this period there were many exciting moments.

I was the first Slovenian to appear on WHK in 1922 and played numerous concerts with a trio.

The Sokols Club, to which I belonged, performed at Luna Park, at was gymnastic events.

John Gornik, whose clothing store was located on St. Clair Ave., made all of the uniforms

and more than 5,000 persons

came to see the Sokol performance.

At this time, I also helped to raise money for the Slovenian Home, St. Clair Avenue, to be built in 1924.

In 1925, we welcomed the famous Croatian sculptor, "Mestrovich" with a banquet and concert. At Cleveland Public Hall, I saw the conductor-composer Paderewski, John Philip Sousa's 100 piece band. Also,

the Russian Ballet, featuring the leading dancer, Pavlova, and Loi Bele of Glasbena Matica

singing society asked me to arrange an orchestra for the opera "Nicola Subic Zrinski" by Zajec under the direction of Mr. John Ivanash. I also appeared in the Shakespearean play, "As You Like It".

In 1935, I organized the Evening Star Children's Orchestra with Molly Zgong piano; Freddy Senor, violin; Adolph Grajzar, violin; Rose Sanbor, violin; Rudy Knific, flute; and John Knific Jr., clarinet. They appeared on radio and won the Junior Showboat Certificate of Merit Award.

Between the years 1935 - 1940 I worked at the Cleveland Main Library as a music copyist, under librarian Clarence Metcalf. In 1940, Mr. H. Koppich, judge and attorney, approached me to operate his Real Estate Office on East 185 Street. After two years, I opened the Knific Realty, which I still own and operate.

My three children are: John, deceased. — He played clarinet, was an All Conference football player and National Honor Society Student at Shore High School and served in World War II. (four children).

Rudy, President, Knific Insurance Service, Inc. — Graduated, Cleveland Institute of Music; played double bass professionally for 20 years with the top bands in the city. (three children). Gloria McNeal, Manager, Dolores Knowlton Realty. — National Honor Society Student.

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Rudolph Knific

U.S.S. GOES INTERNATIONAL ON DAD'S DAY

The United Slovenian Society's main project for 1977 will center around two benefit events for the West Park Slovenian Home.

The Board of Directors of West Park will stage a banquet, program and dance on Saturday evening, June 18, 1977 at the Hall, 4583 West 130th St. Tickets and more details are available from their clubroom for this event.

On Sunday, June 19, a spectacular "International Father's Day Festival" will take place at the air conditioned St. Clair Slovenian Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue, in both upper and lower halls.

U.S.S. members welcome you to treat dad and the whole family on his big day with a Spaghetti Dinner which will be served from 1:30 till 5 p.m. in the lower hall. Tickets including the Dinner, Dance and Show will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3 for children.

A variety of nationality entertainers will revolve in the lower hall starting off with Joe Wendl's German band from 2 till 4 p.m.; Dale Bucar's Croatian singing will be featured from 4 till 5 p.m.; and the Karlin Brass Band under the direction of Frank Makovicka performs from 5 till 8 p.m.

The upper hall will abound with the bright Polish sounds of Joe Oberaitis and his orchestra from 3 till 5 p.m.; a pause from 5 till 6 p.m. for a "Father's Day Salute" show with the Slovenian Planina Junior Chorus in ethnic garb; and finally Eddie Rodick's "Goodtime Guys" polka band from 6 till 10 p.m.

Friday-Sunday — June 3-4-5 — St. Vitus Paper Sale — Bring your old newspapers and magazine zines to the Dinosaur in the school yard.

St. Vitus Events

Fish and Shrimp Dinners, 5 to 7 p.m. in St. Vitus Hall.

General admission for just \$2. Thursday - Sunday — July 7, the dance and show will be \$2. These tickets as well as dinner tickets are available in advance from Tivoli Enterprises, p.m. weekdays and 12 noon on 6419 St. Clair Ave.; West Park Sunday.

FAVORITE RECIPES



-- NEW FEATURE --

Please send your recipes to "Recipes", American Home Publishing Co., 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

OATMEAL CHIP COOKIES

2 cups sifted all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 c. butter (1/4 lb.)

1/2 c. shortening (1/4 lb.)

1 cup sugar, white
2 teas. vanilla
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 eggs — 1 1/2 oz. pkg. chocolate chips

2 cups quick cook rolled oats

Sift together flour, soda and salt. Cream butter and shortening, add sugars and vanilla,

creaming well. Add in unbeaten eggs, one at a time. Beat well. Add dry ingredients and mix thoroughly.

Stir in oats, nuts and chips. Mix well. Shape by rounded teaspoon, into balls. Bake in pre-heated oven 375° for 9 to 12 minutes. Cool in racks.

Makes about 8 doz. cookies.

Mary Komorowski

ENJOYED "SLOVENIAN NIGHT" AT CSU

By Will Gliha

There was a family gathering at the Cleveland State College Saturday evening, May 14. At this "house party" everyone was addressed by their first name.

The party was put on by The Slovenian American Heritage Foundation.

What unselfish, dedicated persons they are. They bring out the best in others and inspire people to help out like

Mrs. Elaine Pryatel, a gallant lady. Someone put a cigarette burn in her dress accidentally. She defended the offender, saying, "I know it was an accident."

I know how crushed the girl was. At a ball game, the lighted part of my cigarette fell on my friend's brand new suit, and put a hole in it. I was crushed. It was 14 years ago and I haven't smoked since. My health is improved.

This was the third affair and it was terrific. If you missed it this year, maybe you can make it next year. Never forget how important you are. Without you these affairs cannot be a success.

This money is used for Slovenian culture, not profit.

Bring your dad and mom. Bring the whole family.

At table 24 we were met by only beautiful smiles. My mother Katherine said to me many times, "There is nothing like a nice smile and good conversation from people."

We were in heaven over the entertainment. The speakers were fine.

The book about Yankovic was

discussed. I read, more than half of it. The impression I got out of it was — that it's not only about "Yankee" but about

ALL OF US. It reminds one of FATHER AND MOTHER. It's

like part of OUR life, too. I value this book highly and will always keep it.

Bulls combat crime against Elderly

State Senator Charles L. Butts a series of legislative hearings on Senate Bill 119, his measure to stop juvenile and adult crimes against the elderly.

The final hearing will be on Monday, June 6, at Antioch Baptist Church, 8869 Cedar Avenue.

Everyone is welcome to attend and give testimony on the prob-

lems of crimes which are committed against our Senior Citi-

zens.

Don't be caught short. Read the American Home Newspaper every Friday

Memo... From Madeline



by
Madeline
Debevec

the active participation of our state government."

Among the members of the Council are:

Mike Polensek, 1407 Clairette in the Collinwood area, is currently the president of the Nottingham Civic Club and was an officer in SNPJ Lodge 142.

Frank Kochevar, 15802 Trafalgar Rd., Cleveland is the President of the Waterloo Beach Homeowners Association and an active member of the local Civic Aid Patrol.

Tony Lavrisa, 1004 Dilwood Rd., Cleveland is currently in law school at Cleveland State University. He was formerly Student Body Vice-President at CSU and will serve as the Chairman for the first meeting.

Rich Markusic, 18116 Harland Rd., and Barrie Sandman, 3100 Lauded Rd. will serve as staff to the Council and as the liaison between the Council and Rep. Eckart.

Congratulations to Donna and Kenneth Kristoff, 1188 Irene Rd., Lyndhurst, on the birth of a daughter, Kathleen Ann on April 17, weighing 5 lbs., 15 oz.

Greetings from St. Louis from the Happy Elders on tour. "Having a grand time," they say.

Congratulations to Jean Krizman as the recipient of the Women Business Leaders award from the Cleveland YWCA. Jean has been with the Stouffer Corp. for 27 years and is currently a vice president of the corporation.

Described by Stouffer president James M. Biggar, as "a highly motivated, aggressive individual with excellent follow-through and many creative concepts, she is also in line for another

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St. Mary's Court 1640 Catholic Foresters Celebrate

St. Mary's Court 1640 Catholic Order of Foresters held their annual family Communion and breakfast on Sunday, May 15 at the Holmes Ave. church and school hall. Receiving special honors were Judge August Pryatel and Alan Spilar. Pictured above, from left to right, are Ohio State Secretary Anthony Urbas, Ohio State Chief Ranger Patrick Hayes, Ohio State Treasurer James Chuman, St. Mary's Court Chief Ranger Hank Skarbez, Judge August Pryatel, High Court Trustee and Financial Secretary, St. Mary's Court, John Spilar, St. Mary Court High Chief Ranger Alan Spilar, and High Court Trustee Bernard Milota. (Photo by Larry Spilar.)

MEMO FROM MADELINE

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ther promotion at Stouffer's next month.

Jean is a member of the Trustees of The American Red Cross and of The Slovene Home for the Aged.

We are all mighty proud of Jean's many accomplishments!

The Greater Cleveland Arts Council issued a directory guide recently. Slovenians are represented by the Slovenian National Art Guild, Kres Dancers, and The Ethnographic Museum of which August Pust is the director. Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to Jane Kaplan (June 8th) from hubby Tom, son Dennis, relatives and friends.

George Kovacich has opened his own realty company, Sentry One, Inc. Realty at 7519 Mentor Ave. in Mentor. In the real estate business for 21 years, Kovacich spent the last eight of them with Pena Realty. He assisted customers in Euclid, Willowick, Eastlake, Mentor, and other eastern suburbs. A Willowick resident, Kovacich resides on Knobel Rd. with his wife. Congratulations!

Josephine Klemencic and Dorothy Urbancic attended Father George's Polka Mass held in Youngstown, Ohio during the Memorial Day weekend.

Michael Tomcko of Euclid, has marked his 30th service anniversary with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. Tomcko, a service unit supervisor, works out of CEI's Euclid Service Center, 1422 Babbitt Rd. The Tomcko family home is on Puritan Avenue.

Congratulations!

Summer time

Summer is on its way and the swimmers, campers, picnickers and hikers will soon be swimming across the scenery. A few helpful reminders to keep you safe this vacation:

Take the sun in easy doses. Wear good sunglasses and don't sleep in the sun.

When camping, remember you can waterproof matches by coating ordinary wooden matches with fingernail polish and wrapping them in aluminum foil.

Relax. Don't try to crowd a year's exercise into two weeks.

If you become lost in the woods, the best policy is to stay where you are, for you will probably be missed and rescuers sent quickly. If you feel you can't wait for rescue, keep track of your route by breaking branches or dropping bits of clothing. These markers will keep you from backtracking and provide a trail for rescuers. Streams are good guides to civilization. Walk in the direction of the water flows.

Congratulations to Beth Oparlich of Mayfield Village. She will graduate from Mayfield

Don't Eat Your Way to a Heart Attack

High School on June 6th. Her grandparents Steve and Alice Opalich of Cape Coral, Florida are in town to attend the ceremony.

Last Thursday a gala birthday party was held for the residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged, celebrating their birthdays in May.

The birthday people were: Jennie Stökel, Karolina Krnc, Joseph Roberts, Anton Zupanic, Mary Habitor, Karolina Schober, Jennie Cergol, and Mary Sibar.

Happy Birthday to all!

Happy 50th Anniversary to John and Albina Mrsnik of Richmond Heights, Ohio. Their special day was May 28th. The development of atherosclerosis, a type of hardening of the arteries, can be slowed by moderate changes in diet. There is sufficient to expect that a 15 to 20 percent reduction in the cholesterol level of middle aged men could reduce heart attacks by almost 50 percent.

Substitution, not monotonous restriction of foods one enjoys, is the key. The American Heart Association advises that saturated fats or those that are solid at room temperature be substituted with polyunsaturated fats such as corn or safflower oil-based margarines. Emphasis should be placed on dairy products low in fats and cholesterol such as skim milk, cottage cheese or other low-fat cheeses. De-emphasize eggs because the egg yolk contains considerable amounts of cholesterol and saturated fats.

With regard to meat and poultry, the leanest type is the best for those concerned about high levels of cholesterol. Perfectly acceptable are pastas, potatoes and all cereals eaten with skim milk.

In addition to dietary control, the gradual development of atherosclerosis can be controlled by eliminating other factors that further diminish the heart's blood supply. Cigarette smoking should be stopped because it tends to constrict blood vessels and can compound the problem in an artery already blocked with cholesterol buildup.

For further information on the prevention of heart disease through proper diet, contact the American Heart Association, Northeast Ohio Affiliate, 1689 East 115th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44106 or call (216) 791-7500.

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KNIFIC FAMILY...

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Has two children and resides in Chardon, Ohio.

My grandchildren are: Lance Knific, vice-president, Knific Insurance Service, Inc. — Studied drums under the late Charley Wilcox. Married and resides in Lakewood, Ohio. (John Jr.'s son).

Glenn Knific, Assistant Manager, National City Bank. — Former star wrestler at Collinwood High School; resides in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. John Jr.'s son.

Gary Hilberer, foreman. — Served in U.S. Navy. Married, 1 child and resides in Chardon, Gloria's son.

Jane Wenzel. — Married, two children and resides in Chardon, Ohio. Gloria's daughter.

Ellen Knific. — Secretary, General Electric. — Plays guitar and a volunteer at Euclid General Hospital. John Jr.'s daughter.

Mary Knific. — Secretary, General Electric. — Collinwood graduate and member of National Honor Society. John Jr.'s daughter.

Randy J. Knific was born on March 11, 1956. He is now 21 years old.

Randy has always been fond of traveling. In 1972 he went on a ski trip to Yugoslavia and Italy. It was on this trip that he had the opportunity to visit the birthplaces and relatives of his grandparents. This was a very enlightening experience.

In 1973 he was selected to be an American Field Service foreign exchange student. He spent two months living with a family in Germany. In 1975 Randy spent the summer studying at the University of London. He also journeyed to France, Holland, Germany, and Morocco. He will be returning to Europe for three months this year.

Randy has been performing music professionally for seven years. He now plays drums in a band for country clubs, restaurants, lounges, and so forth.

At present Randy is pursuing a career in medicine at Case Western Reserve University. He is on the Dean's Distinguished Honor List there. As a research associate in biochemistry, he is working on the cancer problem. He has also worked in the County Coronor's Toxicology Laboratory.

Besides music and traveling, Randy's hobbies include skiing and scuba diving.

He is the son of Rudy Knific.

Tom Knific. — Student, Euclid Shore High School. Member, National Honor Society; Director, Euclid High School Stage Band; plays double bass and guitar; will attend either

Eastman School of Music or the Cleveland Institute of Music upon graduation from Euclid Senior High.

He is Rudy's son.

Don Knific. — Student, Euclid Central High School. Plays piano and saxophone; member of Euclid Central Stage Band.

Honor Student, Rudolph's son.

Thomas Knific. — Euclid High Distinguished Honor, National Honor Society, Director of Euclid High Stage Band, professional guitarist since 8th grade.

Electric bass, studied double bass with Lawrence Angell. He is a senior at Euclid High and will study at either Cleveland Institute of Music and/or Eastman School of Music.

Thomas will accompany the Euclid Varsity Chorale on a European tour during the summer of '77. He spent two sessions as an exchange student in France, each time living with a different family.

Has been studying French for 6 years. He is also a ski buff. I have been and am still a member of:

Lodge Loyalites Slovenian Workmen's Home (Waterloo).

Pitts. Slovene Radio Club First Slovenian Midwest Heritage Day in Joliet Marks 30th Anniversary

Congr. James L. Oberstar

The first Slovenian Heritage travel display on Slovenia will Day in the midwest will be ob- be shown by Tony Petkovsek served June 12 at St. Joseph's of Kollander World Travel of Park, Theodore Street and Raynor Avenue, Joliet, Ill., from noon to 9 p.m.

Dr. Edi Gobetz of Kent State University and the Slovenian Research Center of Cleveiland, O., will present a lecture and exhibit dealing with Slovenian contributions to America.

Other cultural presentations will include an art exhibit by Mr. Emilia Razman-Bucik and Mrs. Mary Foys Lauretig of Chi-

Movies of Baragaland, the Upper Michigan Peninsula, include the appearance of Fran- where one of the most famous kie Yankovic, Roman Posedi Slovenians, Bishop Frederic Ba- and Ken Juricic and their na- raga, lived and worked as a mis-

sionally and locally well-known polka bands; a festival of Slovenian folk dances by the Slo- shop Baraga, a candidate for man American Radio Club Folk beatification, has been called Dancers of Chicago and junior "The Snowshoe Priest", and members of SWU Branch 20 of "Shepherd of the Wilderness", Joliet, all in national folk cos- and "Apostle of the Ottawas" costume; and the Slovene Chicago and Chippewas.

Button Box Band, with a de- In addition to all the visual monstration of the button box and auditory attractions, Her- accordion by Raymond Podboy tage Day visitors will have a chance to sample Slovenian spe- Possedi of Chicago.

Demonstrations will include cialties like potica, strudel and lace making by Mrs. Frances smoked sausage. Early arrivals Segal of Joliet, and wine mak- may get a taste of the one lamb by Mrs. Hermine Dickey of Madison, Wis., and Ralph Pa- pesh of Joliet.

Other foods and refreshments, however, will be available thru- out the afternoon and evening.

For those interested in their a bazaar where cookbooks, lan- ancestral homeland, a slide guage books, art objects, rec- show on Slovenia, "Land of our ounds, cards, etc. can be purchased. Forefathers," will be presented ed, plus games and gifts.

by Dr. Stanley Susteric of Washington, D.C. A movie and A Proud Slovenian."

Medical Technician Rescues Own Daughter

What started out to be a routine unit transfer ended up in Lutheren Medical Center (unit 3) a coincidental and frightening No. 3.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. on May 5, a call came into unit 3

for Emergency Medical Technician (E.M.T.) Sandy E.M.T. Melchoir, who had once become part of the Emergency Medical Services System a few weeks ago, was transferred from her 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. St. Vincent Charity shift (unit 7)

to a 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. shift at a coincidental and frightening No. 3.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. on May 5, a call came into unit 3 for a child down, hit by an auto at W. 54th and Lorain Avenue. Sandy and her partner Ron Spence sped to the scene.

"It was really eerie," Ron re-

called. "The minute we got the

call Sandy knew it was one of

her two daughters who was hit.

They both go to school in that area. When we finally got to

the scene and it actually turned out to be her youngest daughter, Sherri, I fell into a state of disbelief."

Sherri Melchoir, 8, was hit by a car as she stepped off the curb. The initial diagnosis was a fractured cheekbone and right arm. However, tests at Lutheren Medical Center proved negative.

"We were all very lucky," explained Sandy. "Sherri only had some bad bruises. She was back in school Monday morning. As for me, it was a disturbing experience. I just considered myself fortunate to have been able to administer emergency victim care and to have the professional assistance of my partner Ron and Paramedic Eric Daniels, who just happened to be on the scene."

"When I first saw Sherri's coat on the ground, I got a terrible feeling in the pit of my stomach. But in spite of the fact that it was my daughter, I was still able to give effective emergency victim care. But again, my feelings are there; everyone involved was very lucky — Cleveland for having such a terrific emergency medical program."

Death Notices

VRH, ANTONIA (nee Kovacic) — Widow of Joseph, mother of Joesph, Anton, Stephanie Strauss and Jennie (deceased), grandmother of 7, great-grandmother of 11, sister of Helen Barto (Yugoslavia) and the following deceased: Mary Gerl, John, Johanna Kaluza and Josephine Kovacic. Residence 17829 Dillwood Rd.

TOMAZIN, JACOB — Husband of Frances (nee Rotar), father of Richard, Jack and Frank, grandfather of 5, brother of Mary Marolt (Slovenia). Residence at 819 Sable Ave.

CHAMPA, ANTONIA (nee Lauric) — Wife of the late Louis, mother of Anthony Silc (dec.), sister of Ludvik Lavrich and Pavla Anzic (both of Slovenia). Residence at 1150 E. 66 St.

ZAKRAJSEK, FRANCES (nee Delly) — Widow of Joseph, mother of Joseph and Edward, grandmother of 3, great-grandmother of 2, sister of John, Joseph (Fla.), Louis, Nick, Edward, William, Caroline Smith (Fla.), and Ann Shirilla (Fla.), and the following deceased: Vincent, Frank and Mary Stinic. Residence at St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of E. 156 St.

CHERMELY, JOSEPH — Husband of Helen (Shaffer) First wife, Elsa (nee Daberer) (formerly Globelnik) died in 1972. Father of Ronald and Jeffrey of Fla., Erika Muirhead, Tony Globelnik (Colo.), grandfather of 4, brother of Mary Cergol and Stanley Chermely. Residence at 719 Hart St., Mentor, O.

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