



## JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

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### Christmas Cheer and Joys



I don't think it is necessary for me to remind you that the happiest and most joyful season is here again, for I'm sure that every Vrtec member of the SSPZ looks forward to Christmas Day with its many joys, gifts, merry-making, and all kinds of good things to eat as the most glorious and thrilling holiday. For . . .

"No other day throughout the year Holds such a wealth of friendly cheer, No other day can bring to mind Such thoughts of love for all mankind; The Christmas spirit seems to be A light that shines o'er land and sea; May its bright rays bring joy today, In all you think, or do, or say."

This year, as in past years, many of our Vrtecs' have completed arrangements for various forms of Christmas entertainment. A number of them have already been held, one in Chicago last Sunday by the ROZNIK JUNIORS and another in Straabne, Pa., by the CHALLENGER JUNIORS on the same day. The great majority of these affairs, however, will be staged this coming week-end, two of which I shall have the pleasure of attending personally. The first of these will be in Chicago this coming Saturday evening, when the TRAIL BLAZER JUNIORS and Seniors will combine their talents in staging their fifth annual

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Merry Christmas, Vrtec friends,  
May it be merry and gay  
And with the greetings that one sends  
Is that happiness shall reign the day.

Christmas to me means a time  
When unkindness is far away  
And everyone that can help those in  
need  
To do so willingly without greed.



If upon this Christmas Day  
You help someone along the way  
Christmas shall be brighter yet  
For those you help shall not forget.

I wish you a Merry Christmas at this  
time  
And, too, a lot of Christmas cheer,  
The bells give forth a message in each  
chime  
"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year.

Mary Klevisher

Christmas program and dance. This affair will be held at Stan-cik's Hall and will begin, promptly, at 8 o'clock. I'm looking forward to this event very much because I know it's going to measure up to the same high standard of many previous Trail Blazer celebrations. I've been tipped off that good old Santa Claus has once more consented to pay the Juniors a visit and will bring with him a big bag of treats, one for every boy and girl present. There will be a Christmas tree, too, decorated with tinsel, lights and other sparkling effects, to add a warm cheeriness to the scene . . . On top of that a two-act comedy, entitled, "Sauerkraut, Inc." will be presented by a cast of four Vrtec members and six Seniors, and this is going to be good for it's packed with fun and laughs from beginning to end . . . Be sure to attend and remember, there's going to be a treat for every boy and girl handed out by Santa Claus, himself.

And on the following day, Sunday, December 22, I'm going to visit with the BALKAN JUNIORS in Milwaukee where I expect to enjoy another fine program; at least, they have never failed me, yet, and something seems to tell me that this time they're going to surpass anything they've presented in the past. Oh, yes, Santa has a date with them, too . . . And here, as in Strabane last week-end, I'm going to have the pleasure of showing the latest SSPZ movies of SLOVENIA, America The Beautiful, a comedy and, perhaps, a reel or two of our various national and local events. . . It is my wish that both the Trail Blazer and Balkan Juniors' affairs will be well attended, for nothing encourages or inspires a group of young people more than the presence of a large crowd responding generously to their performances . . . It's up to every member to invite his friends so that the halls in both places will be packed to the doors. And the same wish goes for every other SSPZ Christmas celebration in the country.

# With Our Juniors

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,  
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At Strabane, last Sunday, more than 400 people crowded the SNPJ Hall to witness a program of song, music, dance, recitations, a play and movies staged by and for the benefit of the Challenger Juniors. Some thirty or more boys and girls helped to put on a show that was enjoyed by the entire audience. *Grace Vivian Beton*, whom many of you will remember as a stand-out participant in the National Cultural Festival in Cleveland, opened the program with a song entitled, "I AM AN AMERICAN," followed by a military tap dance, and then came six recitations in a row—and this will probably surprise you as much as it did me—they were poems composed by our own members and published in the Vrtec Section during recent years . . . *Johnny Zigman* started them off with "Greetings," a poem composed by *William Pevc* of Forest City, Pa.; *Mary Ann Yarkosky* recited "Wanting To Wait For Santa" written by *Margaret Ohojak* of Milwaukee; *Gerry Daley* came on the stage next and very nicely rendered "Christmas Eve" by *Eleanor Ster* of Cleveland; *Helen Mladenick's* poem, "Errand Girl's Christmas," was recited by *Dorothy Showron*; *Jennie Kosmach* expressed "A Christmas Wish" written by *Valeria Artel*, and last and the smallest of the six was *Herman Helay* who gave us "Christmas Morn" as composed by his sister *Dorothy* . . . They were all very good . . . It's wonderful to know that some of the literary works of our Vrtec members are being used for entertainment purposes; it's almost too good to believe . . . With the poems concluded, four tiny girls, whose ages ranged from five to seven, trooped out on the stage and sang "The Four Little Jingle Bells," and while they sang they jingled bells attached to their wrists in rhythm with the tune; the quartet was composed of *Rosella Serca*, *Gertrude Verholtz*, *Dolores Gesualdi* and *Alice Burchak*, and as they walked off the stage you should have heard the applause . . . The

"Cowboy Song" by *Gloria Gump* was next and she did such a splendid job of yodeling that she was called back for an encore . . . And then came the climax of the program, a one act Christmas play entitled, "Jake Snyder's Christmas," presented by the following members: *Samuel Zampan*, *Steve Horvat*, *John Vrhovnik*, *William Seitz*, *Guy Cornell*, *Harvey Davis*, *Margarite Christy*, *Betty Jane Sciabica*, *Blanche Lugencky*, and *Eleanor Beton*. During the play and between scenes the charming trio of *Zelma* and *Maitilda Burchak*, and *Jean Gioclo-mi* sang several appropriate Christmas songs and, also, the song "Trade Winds." Their voices harmonized very beautifully . . . And just before the movies, which concluded a three hour program, two brother and sister couples, *Patricia* and *Terry Koval*, and *William* and *Shirley Brower*, wished on and all a *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year* . . . And since there isn't time for more (It's Monday afternoon and I'm still back here in Strabane, my home town), I believe this is as good a place as any to wish you all A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . THANKS EVER SO MUCH FOR YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT AND COOPERATION, YOUR MANY SERVICES AND COURTESIES EXTENDED TO THE SSPZ DURING THE PAST YEAR.

### CHRISTMAS



Christmas time is very near,  
So listen my children and you shall  
hear  
About Santa and his great big bells,  
Hopping over hills and dales.

Down the chimney he will creep,  
When you are fast asleep,  
He will fill your stocking with toys  
All for good little girls and boys.

When he fills the stocking to the toe  
Up the chimney he will go,  
When you wake you will say:  
"I hope he'll come next Christmas Day."

Josephine Rosman (Age: 12)  
Vrtec 10

## COMETS' NEWS

Ambridge, Pa. — Once again we are nearing the conclusion of another fairly successful year. Most of us have many things to look back to. I know that I do. Memories of those pleasant days that I spent at the Cultural Festival at Cleveland will live with me forever. At this grand occasion, I had the pleasure of meeting many friendly boys and girls from other Vrtec units. I am now corresponding with most of them, and they write very interesting letters. Gee, I am so glad to correspond with everyone of them!

During the course of this year, our membership has decreased because of the transfers to the adult lodge 41. We all miss those members that were transferred, but sooner or later the time will come when we too will have to leave our Vrtec. A number of new members were enrolled in our Vrtec. We are all glad to have these new members with us, for I know that every Comet member enjoys their company.

The most important meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, December 29, at 2:00 p. m. at the Slovene Home. Yes, this is the Comets' general meeting. The most important business at this meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year. It is the duty of each and every member to attend this meeting.

**SURPRISE!** Guess what? Well, I won't keep you in suspense any longer, so here goes. Our Vrtec is going to sponsor another party this year. It will take place immediately after the meeting. There will be plenty of fun for everyone who attends. The program will include games an amateur hour, and various other things. Refreshments will be served by the Comet girls. For a grand and glorious time, be sure to attend this meeting and party. I'll be seeing all of you!

The Slovene Home will sponsor a Christmas program. It will be held on December 25, at 2:00 p. m. at the Slovene Home. This program will include a play in which some of our Vrtec members will take part. Another highlight of the afternoon will be the singing of Slovene Christmas Carols by the "Rozmarin" Slovene Singing Society. Many of you have probably heard them sing and I am sure you'll miss something worth while if you aren't present to hear them render their fine selections. Yes, kiddies Santa Claus will be back again at this time. Old Santa will distribute gifts to all the children that are present. The younger "Comet" members are all invited to this grand affair. The members of Lodge 41 and all the Comets as well as their friends are also invited to see the fine program. After the program dancing will follow.

It seems as if there are many good times in store for us. This year as in previous years the Slovene Home is sponsoring a New Year's Eve Dance. This grand event promises to be a very enjoyable one for all those who attend. Dancing will be to the strains of a popular orchestra in this vicinity. For an enjoyable evening full of fun and frolic, don't miss this dance. It's a good place in which to welcome in the New Year.

The "Rozmarin" Slovene Singing Society held their concert on November 23, and it was a great success. I hope that the "Rozmarin" chorus will continue to progress.

We should all try to start the new year off right by enrolling as many new members as possible. Remember the more the merrier!

Sophie Patregas and Ethel Yevak have celebrated their birthdays this month. The Comets wish both of them a "Very Happy Birthday."

I extend my best wishes to the officers of the Supreme Board of the SSPZ, to the editor of the "Napredek," and to all the Vrtec members for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Agnes Tekstar, Sec'y  
Vrtec 44

### COMETS

Ambridge, Pa. — Father Time will soon mark off another year, my fellow members. Without a doubt, time flies.

At this time of the year, we all pause for a while and evaluate what we have done during the past year. We regret that we didn't try just a little harder in our school work. We wish we had been kinder to our friends, a little nicer to our parents. We resolve to do better as soon as the new year is ushered in, but what happens? I needn't tell you for you know as well as I do.

This is but one of the Christmas moods. Christmas brings gaiety and joy to everyone—whether he is rich or poor. Christmas time is time for rejoicing and wishing happiness and good cheer to all our friends and fellow comrades.

And that is the purpose of this letter—to wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Jane Gaspersic  
Vrtec 44

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## Balkan Juniors

### LIKE A RIVER

Milwaukee, Wis. — Going, gone . . . there is just a wee bit time left before the old year departs, passes into history, and the baby New Year 1941 already waits at the door to be ushered in, to begin its work to bring us new, unforeseen things in life.

Like a mighty river that starts with a tiny trickling spring, and as it flows on it gathers more and more of the little and big streams onto itself, keeps on growing, roaring, rising, from gentle, splashing ripples to a swifter thundering giant at the river's end, where it empties into mother ocean. All things have their beginnings, and end in that fashion. The whole life of a person is very much like the beginning, and the end of a river's journey. Of course we don't take life so seriously yet; we want to be just boys and girls, jolly and free for a good many years yet, (rivers are nice to go in swimming in the good ol' summer time) so we say, "River, please keep away from my door."

The social life of our Vrtec No. 33 here in Milwaukee if we look back at the end of the year 1940, was satisfactory. We keep on growing, not so very fast, but as in the story about the river, we were fairly active, we lost some members, and gained others, so that we may mark the year in our memory book as a year of fair success. Not much illnesses, and most boys and girls attended the monthly Vrtec meetings, pretty regularly, thus fulfilling their duties. And we've had outings, were to picnics, all jolly good times.



With our traditional Christmas program we complete the year's Vrtec activities at the height of joy and enthusiasm for the entertainment of our young and adult members. Vrtec members choose their parts in a play, others show their individual talents in one way or another. In the play "Tiny Tim," the following members form the cast: Betty Bernik, Gordon Zilinski, Mary Louise Pink, Jeanette Gaber, Olga Stampfel, Rudy Smole, Johnny Marn, Edward Ermenc etc. Thanking the administratrix, and Vrtec committee and adult members for their work for the Vrtec, and us Vrtec members, thanking also the SSPZ judges for all awards given to me in this year, I ring off with the best of Christmas and New Year's wishes to all Vrtec and adult members of the SSPZ.

Fraternally yours,

Marie Ermence  
Vrtec 33

## Girard Budgets

This is the Girard Budgets reporting. We have been asleep for a couple of months but now we are waking up again.

First of all I would like to thank the Napredek for the lovely reward I received for my last article. Our last meeting was held on December 8 at Nagode's place. Our attendance was quite a bit better than usual, but I think that if all of you members would try to attend our meetings, we would be much more successful in all our affairs. Our meetings are held at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon and there is enough time left afterward for you to go to movies or any place you wish. Please try to attend meetings for you know that the more members we shall have the more successful and prosperous we shall be. Tell your friends about our society and perhaps you will be able to get a few more members for our Vrtec. Remember that it is no fun to come to the meetings and discuss with four or five members. I am sure that you wouldn't like to see our Vrtec end as our Trojan's did. Get a little bit of pride for your organization and attend our meetings!

Joseph Leskovec, our treasurer, received our bank award of \$1.25. Good luck Joe.

Our discussion was based upon our Christmas party. It will be held on December 21 at Nagode's at Avon Park. Come along and bring your friends.

There will be a gift exchange of 25 cents so if you bring a guest be sure and tell them to bring a gift too. We will also have a nice door prize. Be sure and tell your parents that they are all welcome. All the nearby lodges are invited and also out of towners. The more the better. There will be plenty of refreshments and dancing for young and old. We had a lovely time last year and this year we shall have twice as much fun. I hope that it will snow here on Dec. 21 because to get the real Christmas spirit we must have it. Don't forget our next meeting on January 12. Come promptly at 12:45. We want to get started a little earlier because of the election of officers.

In the mean time be thinking about the members that you think are capable of holding positions and come up and nominate them. The meeting is very important so please attend. We want to make 1941 the greatest year in the history of Vrtec 30. Make a resolution that you will attend our meetings regularly and faithfully. With that thought in mind I shall close and say

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each and every one of you SSPZ members.

Irene Rován, Sec'y



## Mountaineers

### SECURITY—LIGHT OF THE FUTURE

In a little town nestled in the hills of the coal fields of West Virginia there lives a family who have recently been the victims of a terrible mishap.

Papa Miljan was a coalminer who worked hard to earn a living for his wife and three children.

One day as he was ready to go to work he bid his family goodbye. He did not know that he was bidding goodbye to them forever. As he was going down the road he turned around and waved. His wife attended to her household duties and as she stepped out of the door to go to the market she saw a man hurrying up the sidewalk. He brought her the shocking news that her husband had been crushed to death beneath the wheels of a speeding automobile.

Mr. Miljan was a man that thought about the future. He carried life insurance. Without this security the family would have a dull Christmas indeed, but now his children can have the happiness that Christmas brings. Mrs. Miljan now knows that at least for a while the future of her family is secure.

Mary Klevisher

### A NEW YEAR

As in a few days the old year will fade away and a new year come in, it should be well for each one of us to make a good start.

No doubt most of us make resolutions. This year, just as the old year is almost gone, why not make some good resolutions and stick to them?

All of us want to be a little better in 1941 than in 1940. Are there some things that you said to someone that hurt them greatly? Resolve to speak kindly to all, and you shall have no regret.

Has anyone ever asked you for guidance through a stormy road? When asked did you willingly extend a helping hand? If you haven't, then you have missed one of the real joys of living. For what better feeling can there be than to know that one has been helped.

Whatever you will do, will you try to do it well? Whatever you undertake to do will you devote yourself to it completely? Resolve to succeed. Make every possible effort to do so and you will reach your goal.

If you make a real effort at the beginning and all through 1941 when it is about to die out, you will realize that it was not a year of failure but one of the best years in your life.

Mary Klevisher

### AS TIME GOES BY

There comes a time when every juvenile member in this organization reaches the age to leave his fellow Vrtec members.

When a group has been together for many years and worked hand in hand, it is a sad departure when members reach the age to transfer into the adult department.

The time has now come for two Mountaineers, namely Virginia Pavcic and Flome Fortini, to leave us. Both girls have been loyal boosters of the Vrtec, and these girls were seen at every affair of the Mountaineers.

Virginia, who was our vice-president for the last few years, joined the SSPZ in 1937. At first, she knew very little about the Vrtec, but once started, she proved to be one of the hardest workers in the Vrtec. She was elected vice-president of the Vrtec in 1938 and has held the office ever since. Virginia is now attending Strayer's College in Washington, D. C. I'm sure she will be a success in her future career.

Flome was the first member of non-Slovenian nationality proposed into the Vrtec. All of her friends were members of the Vrtec and she wanted to be one of them, too. After being informed that children of other nationalities could join the Vrtec, Flome was the first one accepted — being proposed by yours truly. She hasn't missed one Vrtec meeting, and that is a record to be proud of. I might say that Flome was the hardest worker in our Vrtec—she served on every committee, prepared all the refreshments for our affairs (delicious it was) and she was our recording secretary for two years. She is now attending a beauty academy in New York City. I can assure you that she, too, will be a success in the line of work that she has chosen.

Good luck to both of you!

As time goes by more and more Vrtec members will have to join the higher ranks, and it is up to you younger members to see that we will keep on growing and be an active branch of the SSPZ.

Mary Klevisher

Pittsburgh, Pa. — While reading the Vrtec page last month, I noticed that a new name appeared in the paper. The name is our newly-elected treasurer, sister Sophie Polantz. Sophie is the daughter of our first administrator, brother Frank Polantz (one of our best) and I'm sure she will do her utmost to make the Vrtec progress. Nothing pleased me more than to read that she will continue to write the news of the Mountaineers for the Vrtec Section. Keep up the good work and you'll see how much enjoyment you get by writing for our own lodge paper.

Congratulations to you Sophie on being elected our new treasurer, and to Ann Pinasky the new vice-president! I'm sure if you members cooperate with

## Challenger Juniors

### OUR MEETING

Strabane, Pa. — The December meeting was called to order by president Sam Zampan. Recording secretary Betty Jane Beton read the minutes for the November meeting. Many members attended and the new members were initiated.

The play and movies are on the 15th. I know the affair will be a success, but it is too late to write about it in this issue, so I will write about it in my next report.

My, but it's nice to see you gals and boys come to the meetings. Hope you keep it up.

All of you had better come to the January meeting and elect your officers. The meeting will be held at the SNPJ hall at 6:30 p. m.

Wishing each and everyone of you "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Dorothy Helay, Sec'y  
Vrtec 10

### PAGING MADAM STER!

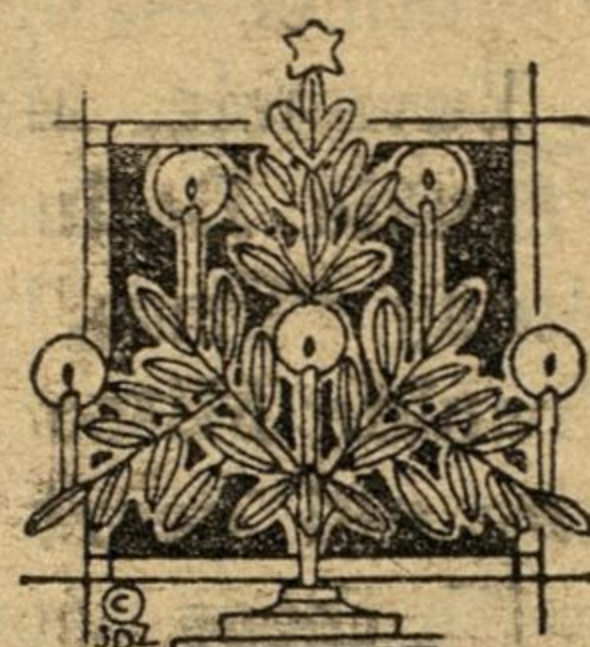
In regard to Madam Ster's recipe "Thanksgiving Snow Fruit Cake" in the last month's "Outlooker's Corner."

Dear Madam:

I have tried (believe it or not) your most delicious, complicated recipe. I find it very hard to explain how it turned out. I'll be on the outlook for the "Outlookers" from "Outlookers' Corner" for more recipes.

—An Ardent Admirer

### CHRISTMAS



Christmas Day will soon be here  
With lots of laughter and good cheer.

The leaves have fallen and trees are bare,  
But they don't even seem to care.

Christmas joy is in the air  
With happiness reigning everywhere.  
Lillian Helay,  
Vrtec 10

### OUR COOKS

Six hungry boys and girls in T. H. S.  
Participate in cooking class.  
Each has a skill all their own,  
Even though it's not well known.

Zelma Burchak just loves to cook  
She can even boil water without a book.  
But that's about all that she can do  
Without a little peek or two.

Stevie Horvat, I've heard them say,  
He has an awful funny way  
Of mixing up what he calls dough  
Never measures things so - so.

Donald Paris is really a scream,  
Especially when he gets up steam.  
He gets so excited his face turns red  
When he peeks in oven to look at bread.

Sammy Zampan is tall and thin,  
He's over the kitchen in a double spin.  
He sure can fix the spanish rice,  
Even boil potatoés very nice.

the officers you will be a success in every undertaking.

Fraternally yours,  
Mary Klevisher

Vivian Beton you'd laugh to see  
With a mixing bowl on her knee.  
She beats and whams with all her might  
Until the teacher's out of sight.

All these boys and girls are working hard

To get a credit on their card.  
So don't laugh at their mistakes  
'Cause each one has just what it takes.

Helen Pinchak,  
Vrtec 10

### THE GOSSIP I'VE HEARD

Why does Eleanor Betonte, known as "Dude," like Trinity Hi so much? She must have a special reason.

What's this we hear about Harvey Davis and Evelyn Verholtz? Do you happen to know anything about it, Harvey?

Who is the boy that sits near Mary Jane in school, and seems to always have his eyes on her? I'm wondering if it's Robert?

I hear that Frank Fazzolare, known as Popsicle, is rather nice to a certain Dorothy Skowuron? Am I hearing right, Frank?

Who is the girl that keeps Bob Davis away from the meetings? Are blonds your favorite, Bob?

Have you heard Gloria Gump sing and yodel? If you haven't, you've missed a lot. She is our Vrtec's youngest and best yodeler.

Dot and Dash

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## Sygan Vrtec

Well, I guess you are all preparing for the biggest holiday of the year, Christmas. This is the one day of the year which the children anxiously await. That's the day when old Santa comes creeping down the chimneys to fill their stockings with toys. It brings joy and happiness in our homes. During this time you see people busily doing their Christmas shopping, thinking, "now what shall I get John, and how what was it that Jean wanted so much."

To every person, young and old, Christmas should bring them joy and happiness. It should make people feel happy to hear Christmas Carols. It makes me feel happy just to smell the fragrance of the well-decorated Christmas trees and to see their glittering lights sparkle in the dark room. It makes me feel happy to see the warm blaze in the fireplace as we sit and watch it.

Christmas brings a stronger friendship and love among our fellowmen. Our organization has helped us to secure this, by giving our Vrtec members a Christmas Party.

The real meaning of Christmas is not the receiving of gifts but the giving of gifts. Do you get the same feeling as I do when you are able to give a gift to the ones who are dear to you. I just love to see their faces light up and to see their eyes sparkle as they open the package.

Go around and do your daily tasks with that Christmas spirit throughout the new year. And now I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Elsie Prosen (Age: 16)  
Vrtec 72

# THE OUTLOOKERS' CORNER

"Outlookers' Corner", published as a section of the Napredek's Vrtec page. The Junior Editors are:

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"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

## GETTING HOME

There are so many pleasant things that happen with arrivals. The dogs come racing up, shattering quiet dignity to broken echoes of confusion; old servants must be shaken hand with; and after you have teared and bathed and looked with friendliness upon your books, relatives come pouring in to say "Hello."

Presently they go, and left you alone again. This is the best part. There are so many things to do. You can wander about, touching things to feel the solid happiness of their mere presence; you can sit on the terrace, and eat supper of cold eggs and coffee jelly, while the sun goes down and makes the old line of spectres stand out on the far-off hills; or you can go about announcing your arrival to your friends, or read your letters by the river, or pick flowers from the garden that you know in the valley, and come back with the foaming torrent of them enveloping your mouth and nose and all but putting out your eyes.

I took my letters to the river bank, and began to read. They had accumulated into mountains, and some of them were dry and old, so that the dust of their disinterest flew down my throat to choke me, and I threw them in the water and watched "the ink turn pale, and run away in very shame" having written such stupidities.

Yet others sang phrases like the wood thrush, and the wind left gardens to attend the words, and brought me scents of flowers in the evening light. It hummed so many pretty songs of things it had seen that I was forced to go and search for them. To leave the slow, black water, to push a hawthorn hedge apart, to climb a wall, and walk across a lawn, until I found myself in what I knew of old to be my home, beginning, gathering-place of flowers, and where I saw fair myriad ghosts of them shine in the dark. I threw myself beneath a tree that stood on a small patch of grass in the middle of this hiding-place for moonbeams. I lay on my back, and let the grass-blades trickle up between my fingers. I stayed quite still, and listened to my welcome back as sung among the tree toads.

Oh, those fairy noises that haunt homecoming nights in May and in June; the witcheries that stir, the magic scents of lilac, honeysuckle and warmth

## LOOKING BACK

By Valeria Artel

Young as we are, I think that each of us, at some time or another has looked back over the past months and wished he were able to relive some of his experiences. Well, today I have gone back twelve months to the day when I wrote my last article as a Vrtec member, and I write now not as a Utopian, grown-up, sophisticated (more or less) and ver-r-ry dignified, but just as the plain or'nery kid I used to be.

I think my chief interest in the lodge has always been the literary angle, so first of all I'd like to tell you young writers that the rest of us get a great deal of enjoyment from your articles—believe it or not. I remember that I used to feel that no one read the stuff anyhow, so why bother, but now I'm pretty sure I was wrong. Anyhow, kids, (excuse me, I don't mean to insult you, but I can't think of anything else to call you) you'll have one reader always, no matter what happens. Even when I get to be rheumatic, gray-haired, deaf, etc., I'll still be reading your articles with my good eye. You won't let me down, will you?

You know, it's a funny thing, but I never realized until I transferred, how many friends I made through the Vrtec lodge. I got to see a great many of them this summer—Julie Kramzer, Ella Yuvancic, Mary Klevisher, Frankie Dolinar, Tony Bayt, Johnny "Prap," Frankie "Zak," Frankie Mivec . . . and it does the old heart good to meet up with these people from time to time.

If you'd like to try something interesting, why not pick a name from the Vrtec page, get his or her address from the main of-

of grasses, the coolness of leaves, the laughing brown water and the damp graciousness of the earth!

I went to all the flower beds and pulled a hundred blown buds from their places, to carry back with me and help me make a festival for beauty.

Thus I walked home, and made my room a paradise for honeybees. And for myself—I slipped down into my linen sheets that came from cedar boxes, and dreamed that every day was June, and in each one of them I should be "getting home."

Eleanor Ster

I also want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And I hope everyone gets the things they want from Santa Claus.

## AN AFTERNOON OF FUN

By Olga Zaubi

Since the Christmas holidays are just around the corner, the Outlookers decided to get together and have some fun. The argument at the last meeting was whether we should go ice skating or roller skating. Finally it was decided that more people knew how to roller skate. So roller skating we shall go!

We have planned to have it on Sunday, December 29 in the afternoon at the Skateland. We are to meet in front of the S. D. D. on Waterloo at 1 o'clock. Skating starts at 2:00.

If there is anyone from the Utopians, Spartans, or Spartan Jrs. who would like to join us, we would be pleased to have you with us.

After the last meeting the Outlookers joined with the Utopians in a gala feast. I'm sure that everyone who attended had a splendid time and I must say that the people who did not attend surely missed a grand affair. Everything was so well planned that the party went off with a bang. I just wish that some day the Outlookers will be able to do something of that kind.

I wish to remind all you Outlooker members that at the next meeting we will elect new officers for the coming year. I hope that you will all be able to attend.

To have a little amusement we have decided to exchange gifts and play a few games after the election. So don't forget to bring your gift. Nothing more than 10c.

It's fun exchanging ideas with someone on the other side of the country.

Getting closer to home—the Outlookers had a nice set of officers this year. Congrats especially to prexy Olga Zaubi, and also secretary Eleanor Ster and vice-president Betty Ann Tushar. And above all to Mr. Zaman who has been super-administrator for several years. The job's a pretty hard one, but you don't see him kicking.

What next year will bring, we can't say, but I hope they'll do as good a job as this year's officers did. I'm sure they will.

Well, guess I'll quit now, and let you young folk have the floor. There's a question and its answer I thought you might like (you'll notice it isn't original):

"What did the pen say to the paper?"

"I dot my i's on you."

I'll close very unoriginally, but very sincerely—a very, very merry Christmas to you all.

'Bye now.

## Progressor Juniors

Bridgeville, Pa. — Another year has nearly gone by! It's nearly a year ago that I found out I was to be representative at the National Festival. I then had the first SSPZ spotlight of publicity thrown on me. My articles began appearing in the Vrtec and this is where I have met my pen pals. It was hard waiting for May to roll around. About a month after I met J. Kramzer, a wonderful person. We made the trip together, where I met many wonderful people, including Michael Vrhovnik, Vatro Grill, Rudy Lisch, Agnes Tekstar, Mitzie Klevisher, Valeria Artel and many others. I shall never forget the wonderful time I had at Euclid Beach Park. It was in Cleveland that I saw the talent of the SSPZ juveniles. The few days I spent in Cleveland left memories that will linger for a long, long time.

Summer vacation came about and passed all too quickly! On August 11 a grand time was spent in Cleveland left memories the Progressors held their big event.

Back to school for my last year which I know will pass too quickly.

Now another season of Christmas, and then the New Year shall begin another year, which I'm sure, we all hope will be a peaceful one.

And now, a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all.

Ella Yuvancic,  
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## PERSONALITIES

By Margaret Stefanic

### Frank Krasovec

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krasovec were, on the eighth day of August 1925, presented with a son, Frank Jr. Like all boys he was quite a nuisance at home until he started to go to school at the age of five. When he was ready to enter the eighth grade he graduated from Memorial School and entered Collinwood. At the present he is in the 10B.

He takes a technical course and has hopes of becoming an electrician. He enjoys breeding canaries, making airplane models, collecting stamps, ice and roller skating, and of course, eating and sleeping.

His favorite subject in school is foundry work and outside of school—girls. Rumor has it that he is quite a wolf around the girls. He would like to be married at seventeen so any girl who would like to take him up has only two years to get a hold of him. By the way, he has dark brown hair and brown eyes. He is willing to discuss sports with anyone interested. His address is 384 E. 165 St., Cleveland, Ohio.