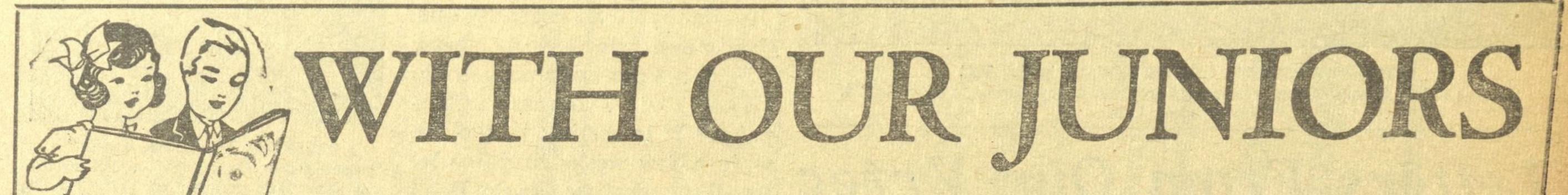
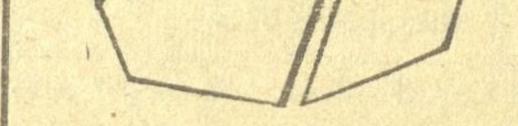


JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

CLEVELAND, OHIO, DECEMBER 15th, 1937





By Michael Vrhovnik, Director of Vrtec and English Speaking Lodges

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS Old Santa Claus is coming— I met him on the road— He's driving eight swift reindeers And he's brought a mighty load Of candy, nuts, and toys For all LUCKY girls and boys. —Anon.

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Yes, to all the LUCKY girls and boys, Santa Claus will bring gifts, candies, toys and many many other joys this coming Christmas-tide . . . And we join in and wish you ALL a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS — Yes, you bet we do - A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS to all you boys and girls! — And lest we forget, may the NEW YEAR be kind to you and bring you just loads and loads of new joys, happiness, good health and prosperity . . . And may your Vrtec, yes, all Vrtec units in the whole wide SSPZ, grow and grow until they all grow into the biggest and finest girls' and boys' organization in the country... And before the new year sets in, let's all resolve to make 1938, in every possible way, the outstanding year the SSPZ has ever enjoyed.

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"VRTEC MEMBERS GETTING ACQUAINTED Second Prize, Group "A"—Taken by Julia Kosmach, Member of Vrtec No. 103, White Valley, Pa.

spirit of the occasion. More or less voluntarily, they are, individually and as a group, drawn into the spirit of giving. The extent to which they indulge depends largely on their material means. One's material means, it seems, has so much to do with the success of the Christmas celebration. I say this, because, even though good old Santa Claus may be found on nearly every street corner and in every department store, yet, thousands upon thousands of homes, where little girls and boys live, will not be visited by Santa and his brother helpers this Christmas.

A few months ago, with most of Santa Claus' mills, factories

The years roll by and with each succeeding year comes another Christmas and with it new joys for some and more sorrows and regrets for others. Not

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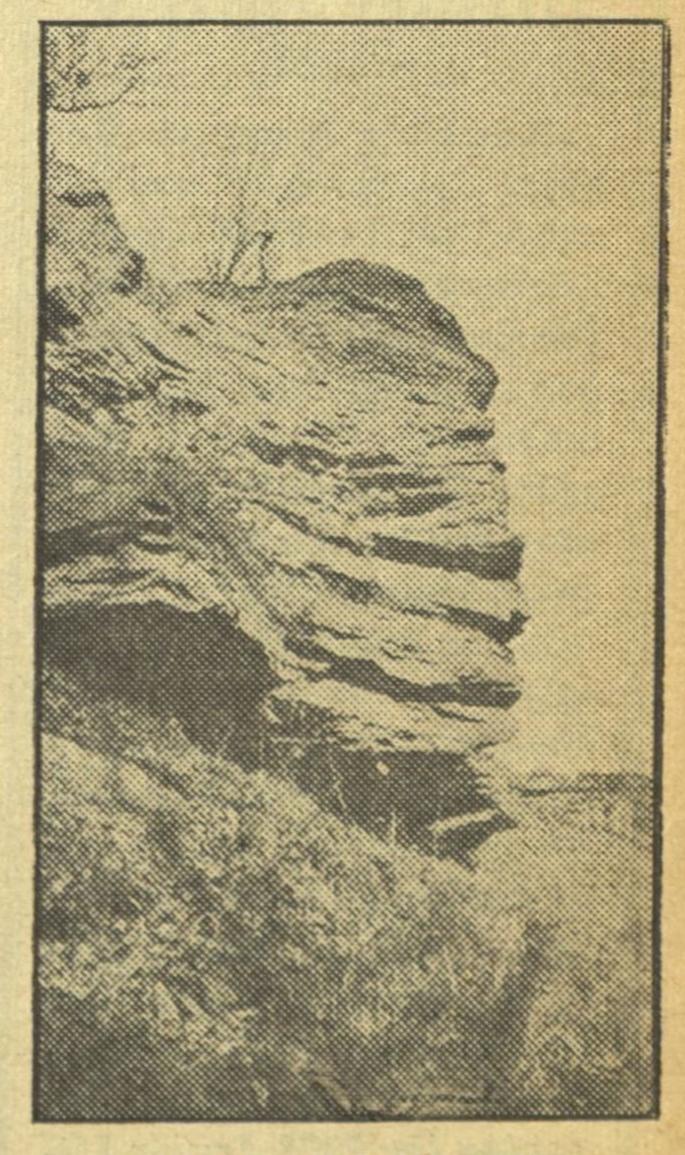
everybody is happy during the Christmas season even though there seems to be an abundance of gladness and the spirit of giving in every breath of air.

There are millions of girls and boys, in other parts of this great world, who have never heard the story of the birth of Jesus Christ —for them there is no Christmas holiday. There are millions more mostly among our elders who, although they do not believe in the origin of Christmas as the Bible teaches us, nevertheless, have accepted it as the best time of the year to open their heartstrings and remember their family and friends with gifts and happy greetings. With so many millions, everywhere, believing in the teachings of the Christian religion and the Christmas festivities, it is almost impossible for any smaller group to entirely disregard the

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and mines booming, it looked like this coming Christmas would be the happiest in many years . . . But, suddenly, and without warning, orders were given to suspend operations. First one section of Santa's workers were laid-off, and then another and another. Production of toys, automobiles, radios, furniture, clothes and so forth began to slow up. Slowly at first, and then faster and faster. It's hard for most of us to understand why this sudden change for the bad had to take place at a time like everyone Continued on page 4

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"BROTHERS" Third Prize, Group "A"—Submitted by Frank Mivec, Member of Vrtec No. 9, Indianapolis, Ind.

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"LOOKOUT ROCK" First Prize, Group "C" — Taken by John Ahacic, Vrtec No. 10, Strabane, Pa. Stran 2

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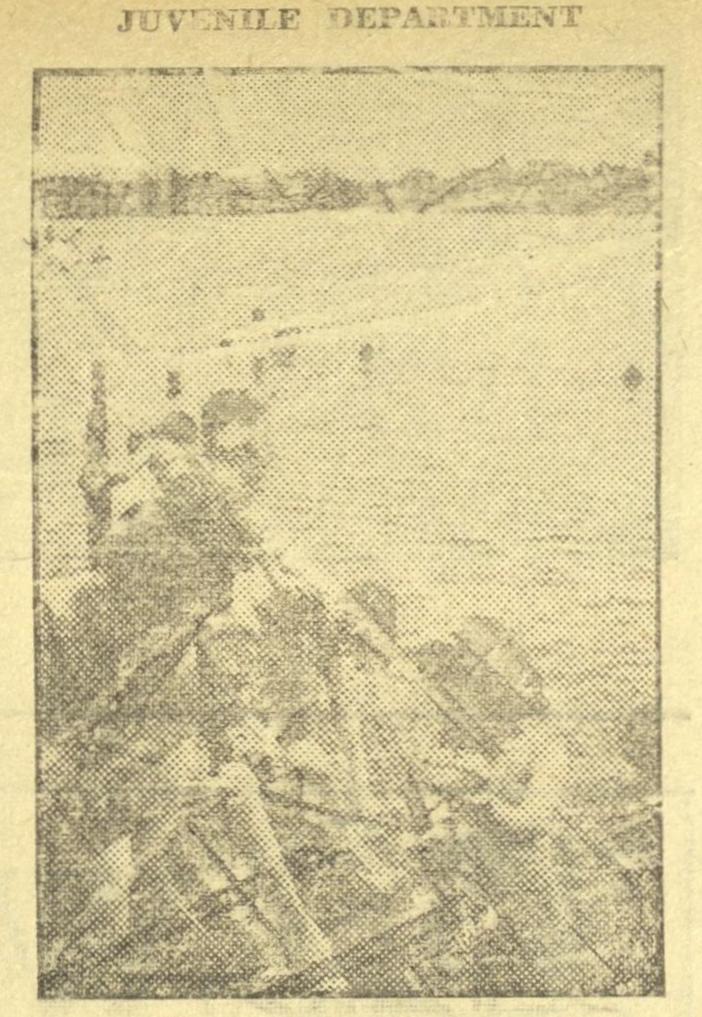
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"BIG SEWICKLEY CREEK" (Waltz Mills, Pa.) Second Prize, Group "C" - Submitted by Mrs. Mary Omejc, Lodge No. 24, Milwankee, Wis.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

VANDLING, Pa. -- Sunday afternoon, December 19, Pioneer Vrtec No. 1 will hold the Annual Christmas Program. It is scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock. It will consist of two plays, recitations, declamations, songs, tap dancing and distribution of gifts from Santa to all Vrtec members. He is on his way. We are extending all members an invitation to come and also bring your friends. By receiving our gifts we mould all exchange and give to our Vrtec new members. Have we done our part in the "Wheel of Progress" Campaign? It is coming to a close. Only a few weeks to go so let us all try what we can do. Don't have a vacant seat at your Vrtec meeting when your friend should be in it as a Vrtec member. Christmas greetings to all SS-PZ members!



"A SWIM IN ARMY LAKE' Second Prize, Group "B" - From Norma Stampfel, member of Vrtec No. 33, Milwaukee, Wis.

Letters From Our Vrtec Members

VRTEC 140 PIERCE, W. Va. — Well, Here's wishing every SSPZ Mary's back again with some more lines.

Here I am reminding all the members to attend the January meeting which will be held on Jan. 9. Officers are going to be elected and every member should come and cast his or her vote. Don't forget another prize is going to be given away.

The members attended the meeting very well and can you imagine even the wee little tots came. That's how I like to see the meetings attended.

This is your last chance to get some new members during this campaign. If each Vrtec member would bring a new member for the December meeting you can realize our Vrtec to be bigger and better. So, come on members-get more members!

To a perfect Christmas Day. member a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mary Klevisher, Treas.

POEM OF VRTEC 140

We only began a few years ago,

And at that time our membership was low. But now we are proud to say, That there are many more of us today.

We're a group of jolly members, And each one his duty renders.

The time has come, we now declare,

· To talk of "Christmas cheer," And wish for all our many friends

Their full share for the year. This cheer includes a world of things-

We mention them, to wit: Good health, good luck, a peaceful mind—

In fact, a generous bit— Of everything that goes to make This world in which we live A better place, so now accept This hearty wish we give. Wm. Pevc, Vrtec No. 1

So in conclusion, let our motto be: Keep the wheel of progress rolling.

Agnes Tekstar, Sec'y

COMETS' COLUMN

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — Here we are with some news concerning the Comets. Our annual meeting will be held on December 26 in the S. N. Dom at 2 p. m. Be sure to attend this meeting for we will elect officers for the coming year, 1938. Be sure to elect officers who will attend each meeting and care for our Vrtec. After the meeting we will all enjoy ourselves with a huge party. Don't forget to attend this meeting.

Don't stop turning the Wheel of Progress because we still have a chance to get up in the lead of the membership campaign. Our Vrtec has sent in the most membership applications for the month of November. Hurrah! for another grand treat on Christmas Day at 2 p. m. sponsored by the S. N. Dom. Dear old Santa will be there to give the kiddies gifts. The weather in Ambridge is very cold. We have had quite a bit of snow out here also. Before we sign off we wish all members of the SSPZ, far and near, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Since it's so near Christmas here is a poem that I found which I think is rather good.

Here it is:

There are trails that lead to the springtime

There are trails that lead to the fall,

But the trail that leads

to Christmas

Is the sweetest trail of all; And as you travel merrily Along its remembered way May it guide you gaily smiling

LITERARY CONTEST RULES

January's issue of the Vrtec Section will contain rules for the 1938 Junior Literary Contest. These, I'm sure, will interest every boy and girl with literary ambitions. Beautiful trophies or plaques will be awarded for the year's best contributions. There will, also, be monthly prizes to stimulate interest in the contest. All of January's contributions will be eligible for the final awards to be made at the end of the year . . . So, be sure to prepare something for the coming issue and don't forget to read the rules governing the 1938 Junior Literary Contest.

We always have fun as you all know,

And try to get new members wherever we go.

We are glad we are members of the SSPZ. For it is worthwhile we can see.

It's a great organization we all know,

And spread the good of it wherever we go. Jennie Klevisher, Pres.

PIONEER VRTEC

VANDLING, Pa. — As the custom of Vrtec No. 1 is to have a Christmas program, we are going to have our Christmas of charge. The program will consist of year 1937. a success. No. 1 members?

COMETS' DOINGS

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — With this cold weather here a person feels like writing, so here goes.

The first thing I wish to remind all you Comets members is that the final meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Slovene Home. The meeting will begin promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The election of officers for the year 1938 will take place at this meeting. After this meeting a party will be held for all the Comet members. We assure all those that attend this party an enjoyable and grand time. But in order to make any affair a program on Sunday afternoon, success the support and co-December 19 at Zvon Hall. The operation of every member is fee for admission is 20c. Vrtec needed. So let's show some good CHICAGO, Ill. - Members, members will be admitted free spirit and have a 100% attend- parents and friends: On Sunance at our final meeting of the two plays, "Tiny Jim" and "The Well there will be another en-Real Santa Claus," declama- joyable time on Dec. 25, Christtions, and songs. After the pro- mas Day. Santa Claus will be gram, Christmas gifts will be present at the Slovene National distributed among Vrtec mem- Home at 2 p. m. and will disbers. I am inviting the parents, tribute Xmas gifts to those who relatives and friends of Vrtec are present. So all the members members to come and cooperate of Vrtec 44 SSPZ are invited to with us so that the play will be be at the S. N. Home on Dec. 25 at 2 p. m. Is everyone doing his best to The Slovene National Home make the "Wheel of Progress" will hold a dance on Dec. 31, Campaign a success? As a New Year's Eve. The music will Christmas gift to Vrtec No. 1, be good which will be furnishlet's all strive to bring in a new ed by Kaiser's orchestra. I am member for our December meet- sure that those who attend will ing. What do you think, Vrtec have a grand and glorious time. With this dance we will end the

Margaret Tekstar, Frank Tekstar, Vrtec 44.

VRTEC 160

day, Dec. 26, 1937, Vrtec 160, Rožnik Jrs. will hold their Christmas party. It will be held (Continued on page 3.)

Angy Pevc, Vrtec No. 1 year 1937.

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"PALS" First Prize, Group "B" - Submitted by Frank Vadnal, Vrtec No. 11, Cleveland.

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at Berger's Hall at 2653 So. Lawndale avenue.

The program which will consist of a play and other entertainment will begin at 2 p. m. After the program there will be gifts, stockings and refreshmen's. Dancing will follow.

Members we are counting on you to bring your parents and friends with you and we assure you all a good time.

Wilma Gratenner, Sec'y

XMAS PARTY AT POWER POINT, O.

are also very thankful to all those who sold admission tickets for us, namely, Mrs. Hvalica, Mrs. Zridarsich, Mrs. Klemen, Mrs. Ivansick and Mr. Medvescick. I also wish to add that Mr. Louis Znidarsich made an introductory talk before the play started, for which we thank him.

Mr. Michael Vrhovnik, director of ESL and Vrtec lodges, was with us on that day. He made a speech in which he explained the importance of the new certificates of the SSPZ. He also donated \$5.00 and gave us SSPZ junior emblem pins. After the play was over we had moving pictures showing the SSPZ Olympics at Cleveland and Chicago, which Mr. Vrhovnik brought from Chicago.

held next month, January 16, 1938.

Don't forget members our final meeting 100% attendance. What do you say, Vrtec members?

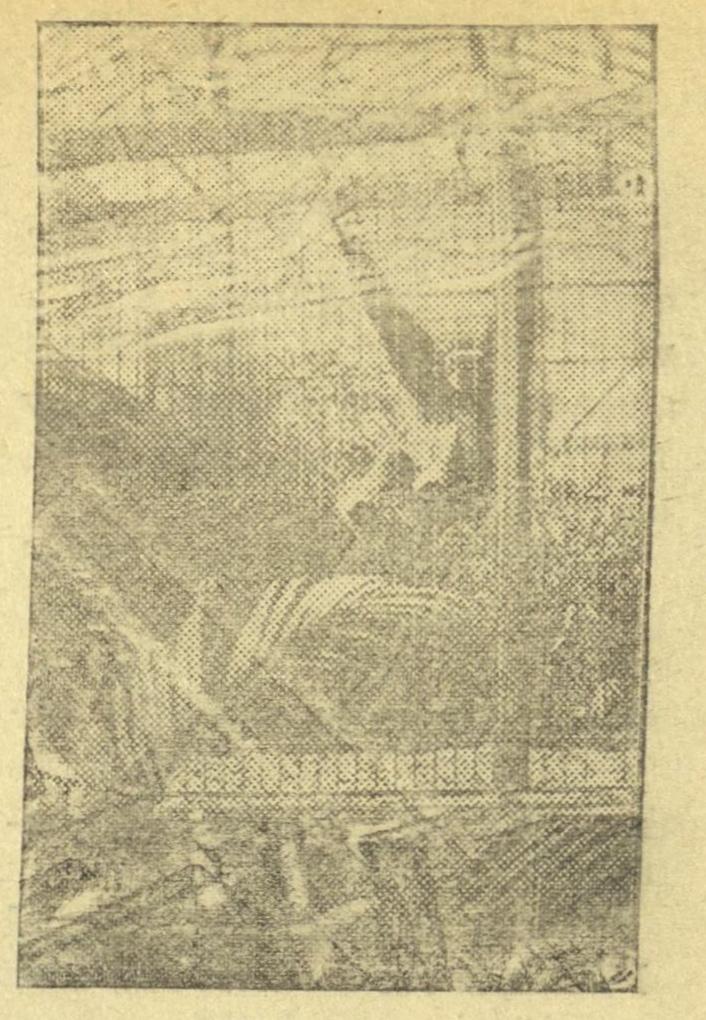
> - Julia Kosmach, Sec'y Vrtec 103, SSPZ

VRTEC. 103

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. - Hello everybody :--- Here I am back again with a bit of Vrtec 103's doings.

November 21st at 11:00 a.m. our regular meeting was called to order. First there were names for our Vrtec and of all the names mentioned, the vote was all for "Kingsters" and so now Vrtec 103 is not without a name or motto-our motto is: "Cooperation Makes Success" which we all like very well. And the flower that was most suitable to all was the red carnation-so that is our flower. The colors, as before, are blue and white.

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POWER POINT, O. — Hello everybody! Vrtec No. 126 will have a dance and Christmas party on December 25th, 1937. The party begins at 1:30 p.m. and the dance will follow at 3 p.m. All members and friends of the SSPZ from local and neighbor lodges are heartily invited to attend our party. We will have good music that will satisfy everybody, young and old. Also, refreshments of all kinds will be served. So, don't forgetwe'll be expecting you. The party will take place at Chuck's Hollow which, I am sure, will not be hard to find. For those coming by machine plenty of parking space will be provided. We'll be seeing you!

Virginia Chuck, President

A SUCCESSFUL PLAY

Let me also report that we are going to have a Christmas party on December 19, 1937, at 3:00 in the afternoon. All members and their parents are invited.

In conclusion, I think that all the members of Vrtec No. 9 should go out and get as many new members as possible, so that our Vrtec will become larger. Let each and everyone do his part! I shall do mine.

Louis Znidarsich.

MASSILLON, O. — All members of "Cadets" Vrtec No. 110 are requested to attend the special meeting Sunday, December 19 at our regular meeting place.

Three new members were accepted in our Vrtec. They are: Hilda Homce (12), Anna Gerlosky (10) and Stanley Gerlosky (12). Our membership is increasing very slowly, but we hope that sooner or later that it will really start growing.

On the eve of November 21st we held a dance at which there were many Progressor members of Bridgeville present, including our president Mr. Kvartich. We all hope that they had a wonderful time. To top it all off, one of the fellows (Lefty) and one of our girls (Frances) won the cake in the cake walkand was it good. Don't you think so Lefty and Frances? Even though everybody's mouth was full of cake, that didn't stop them from enjoying themselves dancing to the music of Art De France. Then at 12 bells the music had to stop and that ended another of our Vrtec dances. The dance being over, and the Bridgeville gang still lingering behind, gave us a better opportunity to get acquainted. Mr. Kvartich and a few others were deeply in a conversation.

"CAGED"

(Taken at Brookfield Zoo, Cuicago) Second Prize, Group "B" - Entered by Julia Dolinar, Trail Blazer, Lodge No. 197, Chicago, Ill.

JOHNNY'S ADVENTURE

(Preview: Johnny was caught by a man and was forced to swallow a red pill. His mind grew hazy and then he found himself in a dark Egyptian cave. His foot kicks something which makes a big iron ball rolling down the cave tunnels to Johnny. Johnny gets horrified and screams.)

The iron ball was but a few yards away sweeping everything down in its way. Johnny glanced at the wall and saw an iron chain with a ring at the end of it. He tugged at the chain and a door slowly opened and Johnny just stepped in when the ball came tumbling past as terrific speed. He then sat down and gave a deep sigh of relief. Glancing about the room, and saw chains dangling on the walls with skeletons in the locks, and in the center was a big wall with sharp points which were used to crush people. Johnny knew at once he was in the death chambers and as he turned about to leave the room the door slammed shut. He tugged and pulled trying to force it open without any use. Johnny saw he could not leave thru the door so he looked about and saw another door across the way. Careful not to step on any of the bones which were scattered about, he reached the door and pushed it open to find the room filled Continued on Page 4

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. ---Dear Editor: I am writing to tell you how successful our Slovene play, "The Great Postal Mystery," given at the Slovene National Home, on Holmes Ave., was. The characters in the play were as follows: Frank Mivec, Matic; John Propernik, pismonoša and uradnik; Frank Zakrajseck, pismonoša; Martin Dragan, birič, Ronald Medvescick, pisar; Louis Znidarsich, policaj. I wish to extend special thanks to Frank Velikan for the help in directing the play. We

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We shall select names for our "Christmas Present Exchange," and arrange for a Christmas party Dec. 23. Let's get together and have a merry time. This will be the last party this year.

> Josephine Selan, Vrtec 110, Sec'y

WHITE VALLEY VRTEC

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. - Our Vrtec intends to become greater and more successful for the coming year. We have increased our membership by the addition of two, namely: Hilda Homce and Anna Gerlosky. The two new members mentioned, I'm sure will aid in our Vrtec programs.

In spite of the bad weather

Claridge was represented by quite a few. Thanks to Bridgeville and Claridge for coming to our dance and we hope to see them back in January.

JUVENILE BY-LAWS

Vrtec Administrators and members are advised that the new Juvenile Bylaws, which were approved and adopted by the Supreme Board at its last regular session, have not yet been published in booklet form and, probably, will not be until sometime after the coming Supreme Board meeting. The reason for this delay is due to a change in the interpretation of the state laws effecting the transferring date from the Juvenile to the Adult Department. Whether this interpretation is to be final is more less undecided, but as soon as it is definitely known which interpretation shall become law, the By-Laws will go to press, and, immediately, be put into circulation . . . For the same reason, our Juvenile Certificates for the months of November and December are being held back. These, too, will be rushed to our new members as soon as the official OKAY is received from the Insurance Department of Illinois.

"AN INTERESTING YOUNG LADY" First Prize, Group "A" - Entered by Valeria Artel, member of Vrtec No. 11, Cleveland, O.

conditions, our Thanksgiving Dance was well attended. Everyone, I'm sure, spent an enjoyable evening dancing to that swell music. I want to thank the Progressors of Bridgeville for corresponding with us. Being quite a distance from our town, they were willing to come to show their sportsmanship. Great sports, Progressors!

The Vrtec will hold their regular monthly meeting Sunday, December 19, 1937 at 11:00 a.m. This being our final meeting for 1937, I hope to see a 100% attendance. It is necessary for all to attend in order to elect the officers for the new coming year. at White Valley. Also arrangements will be made for our anniversary dance to be

On January 16th the "Kingsters" (Vrtec 103) will hold their anniversary dance. A program is being planned for that day. Don't forget to keep January 16, 1938 open, so you can attend our anniversary dance.

A few of us certainly did have a grand time at the dance in Braddock on Nov. 27. Mary, don't forget your promise-the date is the 16th of January.

Well the clock is rolling very fast and again it has come time to stop. So as Marion Pellegrini would say: "Au Revoir" everybody until another time.

Remember! January 16, 1938

Helen Previc, Box 458, Export, Pa.

Juvenile Section of "Napredek"

Christmas With the Trail Blazer Jrs.

Howdy, boys and girls and everybody, howdy! — And a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a most successful and happy NEW YEAR to you ALL! Yes, sir, you bet!

Well, I'm sure you've all heard about the year's most celebrated event, the Christmas Program and Dance to be given by our Trail Blazer Vrtec at Stancik's Hall, 205 E. 115th St., on Sunday, December 19th.

This is an annual affair, and I think, if our mothers and dads and brothers and sisters from the Senior Lodges co-operate with us the way they did in former years, it's going to be another Christmas celebration. And boy, are we looking forward to it!

tell you, old Santa, for all the years that's he's been coming and going, seldom if ever goes back on his promises— He's not that kind of a fellow, no sir-e-e! He's dependable, he is! About the only thing, that'll keep him away, will be a bad breakdown, but I don't believe that will happen; not this Christmas, anyway.

And when the last gift and stocking has been taken out of the bag, and Santa Claus has gone his way, delicious "klobase" and beef sandwiches will be served with coffee and other refreshments, if you prefer them. While all this is going on, our own Willie Trsar will entertain you with music to suit from his accordion until Frankie Gradisek and his Westside boys arrive for the dance which will start at 7 o'clock (it is hoped) that evening ... But programs you know, have a peculiar way of running over or under their scheduled time, and it may be that we'll be a half hour off this way or that— If it happens so, on the 19th, forgive us our error of judgment for we really don't want to disappoint anyone. Our aim is, and always has been, to please all who come, and we certainly hope and expect to see faces from all sides- East, west, north and south. We want all the boys and girls from Vrtec 139, 31 and 75, and as many as can cossibly attend from Vrtec No. 160, to be present with us . . . And be sure to bring your pas and mas (or have them bring you) along, too; because, if we can't have them, what's the use of trying to celebrate . . . And don't forget to remind your older brothers and sisters and your friends, too, to spend the day with us. We're so sure everyone will enjoy themselves, if they'll just half try, that we're extending this invitation to everybody from everywhere. It'll be open house to all SSPZ Lodge and Vrtec members and their friends at STANCIK'S HALL on Sunday afternoon and evening, December 19th.

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The program, which is scheduled to start at 3 o'clock in the afternoon (although the tickets say 2:30), will not be nearly as long as it was last year and, probably, not quite so elaborate, but what there will be of it (and there's going to be a short play, entitled "Christmas at Casey's," recitations, songs and instrumental numbers) we hope will satisfy all of you.

As a climax to the program will be the distribution of gifts and other goodies, which we're sure, every Vrtec member will be mightly glad to receive . . . Old Santa Claus will be there in person to greet all of us youngsters . . . "How do I know?" you ask . . . Well, I certainly ought to know, for wasn't I standing right next to him, last Christmas, when brother Stan Tome invited him to our 1937 Christmas festivity, and didn't I hear him say, with my own ears, that he'd sure be here— And let me

MEMBERS OF VRTEC NO. 33, MILWAUKEE, WIS. Second Prize. Group "D"-Taken by Sophie Stampfel, Lodge No. 24, Milwaukee

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naturally looks forward to greater happiness.

Some will tell you that it's because of the big improvement in modern machinery—that more than enough has already been produced to supply the present needs and demands. Others will explain that Santa Claus does not believe in taking care of all the girls and boys with all the things they need because that would cause a more wide-spread and longer period of "nothingto-do." So, what he tries to do is divide all the available work among as many workers as possible and distribute it over the longest possible period of time. There are some who lay the entire blame at the door of politics or persons high in the financial world. Personally, I believe that selfishness and greed are the cause of most of the world's unhappiness and dissatisfaction. There does, from all apparent indications, appear to be more need of unselfish regulatory measures over Santa's big workshops so that every Christmas could be enjoyed by all groups of the laboring masses instead of just a few of the more fortunate ones. It would be wonderful, indeed, if at least on Christmas Day, everyone, everywhere, would be contented and happyif we could all sing out in complete merriment, "I'm glad all over for I have everything I want!" . . . But, since it is not and cannot be so under the conditions which exist today, it becomes the duty of those who have, to help those who haven't. Help those who can't help themselves! If there is someone in your Lodge Secretary, Trail Blazer Seniors, who as usual are lending the Juniors a helping hand, and Vrtec 139 members. The important thing is that you are present— Whether you buy your ticket before or after you get there, makes little difference . . . Of course, we've got to admit that a "Bird in the hand, etc." . . . So, buy your tickets now! Come early and stay until the lights go out . . . So-long-See you ALL, December 19th. Junior Reporter

your Vrtec who has barely the necessities of life, get together and surprise him on Christmas Day. A kind word, a cheerful smile or a gift will go a long long way in brightening his thoughts, giving him new courage and building stronger friendship. Try that— Make somone's home in your community happier. And while doing that, be sure that your own home is made brighter with the good old SSPZ Merry Christmas.

THE MONTH OF XMAS The word "Christmas" is derived from the mediaeval

WISDOM — SKILL SERVICE To know what to do is WISDOM. To know how to do it is SKILL. To do it as it should be

done is SERVICE. - Anon.

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The admission charge for, both, program and dance, is only 25 cents. Tickets are available now, and may be bought from

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"Christes Masse," the Mass of Christ, that is, a feast held in commemoration of the birth of Christ, and annually observed by the Christian Church on the 25th of this month. In the U.S., England and other countries business is generally suspended on this day. The custom of making presents at this time is derived from ancient usage. The sending of Christmas cards dates back to about 1860. The Christmas tree has been traced back to the Romans, thence to Germany, then to Great Britain, and then to the United States.

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with gold. His eyes were dazzled by the glare of the gold but Johnny ran to it and ran his hands over the gold statues. His heart sang with joy, he will be rich, buy all the things he wanted, buy things for his mother and father which he always wanted to. The door slammed shut again but Johnny was too interested in the gold to pay much attention to it. Johnny then heard a hissing noise which came from a large statue. Keeping his eyes fastened to it he saw three large cobra snakes crawling out making their way toward Johnny. Horrified Johnny ran to the door but found it was locked and ran across the room to the farthest corner. The snakes kept on coming within a few feet of him and all began coiling up ready for the death bite. Johnny realizing it would be the end yelled for help. "Wake up! Hey, wake up, Johnny!" yelled Johnny's mother. "Come on you'll be late for church again." "Gee ma, I'm sure glad you woke me up. Boy, what a dream I had."

End. Frank Vadnal, Vrtec 11