



JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

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Our Campaign Winners

EIGHTH FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER



William Wapotich

Here we have the pleasure of introducing to our readers WILLIAM WAPOTICH, the youngest of our Festival Representatives and one of two qualified for this honor by the SPARTAN JUNIORS of Cleveland.

William writes, he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 27, 1926, which means he will not celebrate his 14th birthday until a week after the Festival. He's not a very big fellow, standing 5 feet in height and weighing 90 pounds. At present he attends Empire Junior High and is in the 8th grade.

Numbered among his hobbies are stamp collecting and a variety of sports, including such favorites as football, hockey and swimming. His ambition, however, is to be a printer and is taking up a course in school in preparation for this trade.

And this is what he thinks of the S. S. P. Z. . . . He is of the belief that having the juvenile members organized into Vrtec groups is a very good idea, because—(1) It separates them from adults . . . (2) They have opportunity to attend meetings with members of their own age . . . (3) They learn to conduct themselves properly at meetings, and how to plan and carry out their own social and athletic affairs, so when they are ready to transfer to a Senior Lodge, they will be experienced and better prepared for more serious duties. "My opinion of the SSPZ is," he concludes, "that it is the BEST SLOVENE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD and I hope it becomes the largest and most powerful, too!"

NINTH FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER



Edward Stokel

EDWARD STOKEL, 9th Festival Campaign winner, will team up with "Billy" Wapotich as representatives of the SPARTAN JRS, Cleveland's biggest Vrtec. Unlike his fellow-representative, who is short of

stature, Edward is quite tall . . . He first made his appearance known in this world on the 8th of March, 1923, in the city of Cleveland. Two years later, his father, who was then president of lodge Lunder-Adamic and has held this officer ever since, proposed him as a member of the SSPZ . . . Needless to say he was accepted and admitted, and has enjoyed the best of protection and Society from that date to this.

For the past six years, Edward has been a member of the SPARTAN JUNIORS, three of which have been spent as an officer. Each baseball season has found him an active player on its team, and has played an important role in all three national meets in which Vrtec teams were permitted to participate. He's very proud of this achievement, too.

Music and sports are his hobbies, with sports preferred when it comes to choice . . . Has strummed tunes on a banjo for three years, so we can consider that a close competitor . . . He is at present a twelfth grader in East Tech, majoring in a machine shop course, which is a sign that he is trying to follow in the footsteps of his father, who has been a foreman for the Fisher Body Company many years . . . As a wind-up, Edward writes: "I wish to express my sincerest appreciation for the opportunity the SSPZ has given me to represent the Spartan Juniors in the coming National Juvenile Festival."

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WITH OUR JUNIORS

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,  
Director of Vrtec and English Speaking Lodges

NAMES OF VRTEC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIRST NATIONAL JUVENILE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Vrtec		
No.	—Name	Location
72	JULIA KRAMZER .....	SYGAN, PENNA.
89	EVAGENE CHAD .....	EVELETH, MINN.
148	VIOLET WIDGAY .....	GOWANDA, N. Y.
9	LOUIS ZNIDERSICH .....	INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
44	AGNES TEKSTAR .....	AMBRIDGE, PENNA.
140	MARY KLEVISHER .....	PIERCE, W. VA.
11	ROBERT ZAMAN .....	CLEVELAND, OHIO
5	WILLIAM WAPOTICH .....	CLEVELAND, OHIO
5	EDWARD STOKEL .....	CLEVELAND, OHIO
171	FLORENCE ZITKO .....	CLEVELAND, OHIO
169	ELLA YUVANCIC .....	BRIDGEVILLE, PENNA.
139	*.....	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

\*Will be named later.

There you have the names of the boys and girls, members of our Juvenile Department, who helped pave the way to an enrollment of 358 new members in the recent Festival Campaign, 297 of which were credited to the names of 15 contestants and 12 of whom succeeded in qualifying as Representatives to our first National Juvenile Cultural Festival. It was their entry as contestants that gave the campaign the impetus necessary to rally it onward. It was their cooperation and ready assistance that enabled our older and more seasoned campaigners to more easily secure new members required to fill their quotas. It was their enthusiasm for fraternity and fellowship, their desire to mingle with members from other cities, to see what they have to show, to hear what they have to say, to travel through strange places and, most of all, to have the honor of representing their Vrtec Unit at our National Festival, that prompted them to submit their names as contestants and then work, hand in hand, with their Administrator; father, mother, brother, sister or friend, whomever it chanced to be. Their lies the true spirit of fraternalism, working "One for all and all for one," building leadership for the morrow. We congratulate the winners of our Juvenile Festival Campaign and wish them the grandest time of their life at the National Cultural Festival in May.

(Note: More news of the campaign may be found in the regular section of the Naprede.)

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ELECTION AND ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Vrtec Administrators or Secretaries are requested to send in their names and addresses of Officers elected for 1940. This is a requirement of the By-laws and should be complied with immediately upon conclusion of the election meeting. If you have not yet done so, fill out the "Report of Elections" form and forward same to the Supreme Office before the end of this month.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES for the last six months of 1939 are due. Administrators, who have failed to make this report, are reminded to do so without further delay. Payment of special remuneration is expected will be made in the very near future.

THANKS TO OUR YOUTH LEADERS

We are devoting this small space to our ACTIVE VRTEC ADMINISTRATORS WHOM WE HONOR AND THANK FOR THEIR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 1939. Through their splendid examples of leadership, they have been a tremendous influence in building up the membership and activity of our Juvenile Department and at the same time improving the health and character of our boys and

girls, future citizens and leaders of the United States. It is their kind of leadership, unselfish and too often thankless, which makes possible organizations such as ours. We are happy to announce that, with one or two exceptions, the Administrators, who so faithfully and loyally served the SSPZ last year, will be with us in the same capacity through 1940. Congratulations and thanks to them.



## OUR CAMPAIGN WINNERS

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## TENTH FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER

**FLORENCE ZITKO**, president of the **CONCORDIAN JUNIORS**, has been a Cleveland since her birth, November 11, 1923. She is a student at the Jane Adams School where she is specializing in sewing and hopes to become a dressmaker upon graduation. Her admission into the SSPZ took place in January, 1932, as a member of the Juniors of "Složne Sestre" (Lodge No. 120), but when the juvenile members of Cleveland were united into two large groups, Florence became a member of the Spartan Juniors with whom she remained until early this year when the **CONCORDIAN JUNIORS** were reorganized. She was transferred there as a charter member and became the first president. . . . As she, herself, puts it: "When I'm older and a member of the adult department, I'll be able to look back and say, *I got my early fraternal training among the juvenile members of the SSPZ.*"

## SEVENTH FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER

Ranking next to the youngest of our Festival Campaign winners, **ROBERT ZAMAN** will represent the **OUTLOOKERS** at the first National Juvenile Cultural Festival. He was born in Cleveland on February 20, 1926.

His father, to whom Robert gives all credit for talking the people into allowing their children to join the SSPZ as members of the Outlookers, thus enabling him to qualify as a campaign winner, is the Administrator of this Vrtec and a mighty good one, too. "Bob," as he'd rather be called, is quite an athlete, having played ball for the Outlookers since they were organized. He is a member of the Collinwood Junior High School basketball team and vice-president of a Y. M. C. A. boys' club.

## LIFE

We never live; we are always in the expectation of living. — *Voltaire.*

## MANNERS

Manners are stronger than laws. — *A. Carlile.*

## ELEVENTH FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER



Ella Yuvancic

Although not new to members of the **PROGRESSOR Jrs.**, **ELLA YUVANCIC**, 11th Festival Campaign contestant to qualify as a Representative, is a newcomer to the columns of the Vrtec Section. Mention of her name in this issue of "Napredek" and that of last week, I believe, are the only times she has had the SSPZ spotlight of publicity thrown on her. We hope this won't be the last time, and in the future, if time permits, adapting her writing ability to the columns of the Vrtec Section will help greatly in getting her better acquainted with other active members.

**ELLA YUVANCIC** was born in Bridgeville on May 20, 1923, but did not become a member of the SSPZ until 1937, the year of the "Wheel of Progress" membership campaign. Her entry was one of more than 60 which enabled the Progressor Juniors to win first place in the Juvenile Division of that campaign and cash prizes totaling \$125.00. She is a Junior in the Bridgeville High School.

**HOBBIES:** Spends much of her leisure time collecting pictures pertaining to aviation, likes to dance and participates in outdoor sports.

**AMBITION:** If she succeeds, it will take her higher than the clouds. She would like to become an aviatrix. Good luck to Ella, and may her ambition in life take her higher than the best planes.

## THE VOICE OF THE SPIES

Our own Helen Mikrut has been livening up at our meetings lately. Fess up, Helen.

What caused the fued between both of the Angelines. What's the reason, girls?

What's up between our two little wisecrackers, Mary Lou Gratchner and Eddie Udovich? Could it be?

What happened to that looney cheerleader of Harrison at the Harrison Farragut game? We showed them up with our wonderful cheerleading.

Since when could Emil play the accordion so well? It certainly was a surprise and pleasure.

Who thought up that cute little skit that our younger members participated in?

Why hasn't Joyce been at our meetings lately? Too many dates, Joyce?

What happened to all that communication with the Indianapolis Jugoslav Ang? We haven't heard anything else about it.

The Three Spies

## ROZNIK JUNIORS

The 25th of December marked the day of the Christmas party of Roznik Jrs., which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The party started off with a program with Eddie Udovich, Mary Lou Gratchner, Mary Jo Townsley, Frank Skubic, Emil Kmetec and others entertaining us. Then we had a visitor from the North Pole, none other than our good friend Santa Claus, who presented all children with candy and the members also received gifts. The members then presented our administrator and Bro. Cizey with gifts. Refreshments were then served and carols sung. Games were also played with Eddie Udovich, Mary Lou and June Partekel receiving prizes. Ralph Townsley furnished music to which we danced.

I would like to thank the following members and friends for their donations to our party.

Andrew Cizey who donated money towards our party and also gave 25c each month as an attendance award.

Mrs. Anna Vidmar who donated the beautiful scarf for our Hallow'en party, and also a very beautiful one for our Christmas party which every one hoped they would receive but Mrs. Udovich, mother of our singing star, Eddie, was the lucky person.

Mrs. Kmetec who donated the potica.

Mr. Berger and family and all the people who helped to make our party a success. I'm sure everyone had a good time and will come to our next affair just as readily.

Wilma Gratchner

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## Members of Roznik Jrs.

Please take note that the January meeting will take place on Friday night, January 19, 1940 at 7:30 p. m. at the home of our administrator Bro. Zupancic, 2421 So. Lawndale Ave. All members be present as election of officers will take place.

Wilma Gratchner, Sec'y  
Vrtec 160

## A SHORT REPORT

Chicago, Ill. — On December 25 we had the best Christmas party we ever had. We had a program too, with a play about four boarders, who were played by Jack Marinich, Frank Zupancic, Emil Kmetec and John Rokavec. The newsboy was played by Stanley Mozina. Edward Udovich had the part of Zeke, and the girls' roles were played by Mary Lu Gratchner, Mary Joe Townsley, Angeline Mozina and Sylvia Troyer. After the program we got refreshments, then we played games and saw Santa Claus, who gave us candy. Mr. V. Zupancic gave each of us a half dollar. It was a very nice party.

Frank Zupancic,  
(Age: 11)

## THE ROZNIK CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party of the Roznik Jrs., turned out to be a big success. A short play was given by a few of the members. Our two darling little dancers, Mary Lou Gratchner and Mary Jo Townsley, did a splendid dance for us and had to do many encores. Our genial star Eddie Udovich gave us some more of his wonderful singing and guitar playing. He was received with great acclaim. Every one was very happy when Santa Claus made his appearance, and Mr. Zupancic presented each of the members with fifty cents as a gift from the lodge. After the entertainment and the distribution of gifts was over a very delicious supper was served to all those present. After supper we all sang Christmas Carols and were accompanied on the piano by our own Wilma Gratchner. A little later in the evening there was dancing for all with music furnished by Mr. Ralph Townsley and the musically talented members.

Our next meeting will be held Friday, January 20, 1940, at Brother Zupancic's home. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar and let us all try to make our attendance 100 per cent. I am looking forward to seeing you all then.

Jeannette Beresheim,  
Vrtec 160

Chicago, Illinois. — This is to inform you that the Christmas party given by the Roznik Jrs., Vrtec 160, was a very well-planned and successful one and was enjoyed by all. The party, which was held at Berger's Hall, was set to a good start with a rib-tickling play written by Mr. Anton Udovich. The play dealt with a bachelor club and how it dissolved when news of the war came and an extra stated that single men would be called to war first. Eddie Udovich gave the usual magnificent performance and later entertained us by singing 'South of the Border' and a Slovene song as only Edide can sing them. The rest of the performers, too numerous to mention, also gave excellent performances. Mr. George Kaiser made a very impressive Santa as he distributed the grab-bag presents. Mr. Zupancic, our administrator, received a dish set from the members. The piggy-banks were made heavier by the 1939 half-dollar pieces presented by Mr. Zupancic from the Vrtec to all members.

We wish to express our gratitude to Mrs. Vidmar for the beautiful hand-crocheted scarf she donated, and to all who assisted in making this a memorable day for the Roznik Jrs.

Helen Mikrut,  
Vrtec 160

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# THE OUTLOOKERS' CORNER

## HEADLINE FLASHES

By Olga Zaubi

First and most important of all, don't forget the special meeting to be held this evening (Thursday) in room 3 of the SDD at 7:30 p. m. Our election of officers was postponed until this meeting because so few members attended our regular meeting.

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Congratulations to Bob Zaman, our representative to the Vrtec Cultural Festival, who reached his goal of fifteen new members with the aid of his father, Mr. John Zaman, our administrator. Congrats also to Spartan Juniors for being the only ones to qualify two representatives. We're all anxiously counting the months to May, when we'll be able to make new friends from out-of-town Vrtec units.

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Josephine Kovic spent most of her time at the last meeting wondering what was in the big box under the table. After pestering our administrator to death, she finally found out it was just the empty box which had contained our Literary Trophy. We wish to thank the judges for awarding it to us. We also wish to congratulate Valeria and Freddie for coming out on top.

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This month's meeting was directed by the well-known F. J. Bashel, who surprised us by popping in just in time to take the place of our absent president. Seemed like old times, seeing Val and Freddie conducting the meeting together.

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The Outlooker's Corner editors have not yet been chosen because our elections have been postponed until tonight, but after we're organized, we hope to fill up our page as usual.

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Valentine's Day comes before the next issue of the Vrtec page, so I wish you all receive a gorgeous valentine from your one and only.

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Our Vrtec members who like to jitterbug ought to patronize the Utopians' anniversary dance which, there is a rumor going around, is to be held the 27th of January at the Workmen's Home on Waterloo road. Hoping to hear you were there, I'll say "Goody Good-Bye, Ill see you next month!" ...

## ORDER

A place for everything, everything in its place. — *Franklin.*

## ORIGINALITY

Originality is simply a pair of fresh eyes. — *T. W. Higginson.*

## YOUR DELICIOUS DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

### Ingredients:

2½ cups Outlookers' flour, (I'll wait for you—"Oh Johnny, Oh, Johnny. La, la, la, la, la, ready?");

2 cup Outlookers' (not too sweet) sugar; (Okay?)

3 cups milk—or as much as is needed;

½ pound sweet or salty butter—which appeals to you more;

3 or 4 eggs—do *not* separate them;

1½ tablespoons baking powder.

Sift your flour once, and measure; then add your baking powder, and sift again. Cream your butter and sugar, adding your milk slowly. Combine ½ of your flour with the eggs; (shells and all, it tastes a little better) then combine it with the rest of the ingredients. Bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees Fahrenheit for about one hour. If you use sweet butter, bake five minutes longer. Don't ask me why, either. When the cake is baked, and eaten, and you get an upset stomach, it is the devil in the cake. If the cake doesn't go down your throat, cover the cake with a little butter so it will just slide down and it will not crackle when you eat it.

The recipe was approved by the Outlookers' kitchen of cake making.

Madame La Ster

P. S. Try the recipe and tell me if you live through it.

## BIDDING FAREWELL

To Miss Valeria Artel, Mr. Frederick J. Bashel, and Mr. Rudolph P. Bratina, who have left us and are entering the senior lodge "Utopians," we were all sorry to have them leave us because they have all so faithfully served us. Miss Artel has been our secretary for the years 1938 and 1939, Mr. Bashel was our vice-president for 1939, and Mr. Bratina has served our baseball team and also our club, by writing for our page almost every month. We wish you three success and friendship in your senior lodge.

Eleanor Ster

## MISSING—ONE DOG

By Margaret Watson

I have a cute little dog called "Duke." One day, with all our whistling and calling, we could not find Duke. We asked everyone. The policeman on the beat didn't help any when he said maybe Duke was killed.

After several hours of looking around, we went home for lunch. When we got there, who should we see on our porch but Mother holding Duke and feeding him.

We had guests for the week and when Mother went to fix the bed-sette she found Duke half-smothered. He had been in there all morning.

After getting Duke outside in

## COMETS' NEWS

Ambridge, Pa. — Well to start the new year off right I think that it is altogether fitting and proper to make a resolution. One of my resolutions is to write an article to the "Napredek" each and every month of this year. So here goes.

The Comets' annual meeting was held and the attendance at this meeting was exceptionally good. The election of officers took place and the following were elected to serve our Vrtec for the year 1940. Pres. — Frances Rosenberger, vice-president, Mary Yanchar; secretary, Agnes Tekstar; recording secretary, Jean Gaspersic. Incidentally the officers are all girls but I am sure that each of them will do their work to their best ability.

After this annual meeting a



LEONARD ANDERSON

Agnes Tekstar writes: "This cute little smiling fellow who is pictured above was the first member I enrolled into our Vrtec 44, Comets. He is two years of age and I am sure that he'll be an active member of our Vrtec when he'll be older."

party was held. We were glad to see so many of our Vrtec members present. We also had the pleasure of having with us a number of members from the adult lodge 41 SSPZ and we hope to have them with us again. In behalf of the Comets' Vrtec I wish to thank Ethel Yevak, a new member, for entertaining us with her tap dancing and we hope that she will entertain us again some time. A play entitled "Curing an Invalid" was presented by the following members: Stanley Uhernik, Louis Rosenberger, Frank Tekstar, Alberta Vlasic, and Margaret Tekstar. I am sure that this play was enjoyed by all those present. Everyone seemed to have a grand time.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Valeria Artel and Frederick Bashel of the Outlookers Vrtec on their splendid literary achievements. They

the fresh air, he felt all right. But wild horses couldn't drag Duke to the room with the bed-sette in it.

both deserved winning the highest honors because their articles were very interesting to read each month.

I also wish to congratulate all the winning contestants who worked so hard in enrolling new members for their Vrtec.

To Brother Vrhovnik I extend my appreciation for the nice letter which he had sent me for it was really his letter that inspired me to try in this contest. Mr. Vrhovnik really deserves some credit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who helped me to achieve the goal by enrolling their children into this great organization, the SSPZ. I also wish to thank Frances Rosenberger and Marion Vlasic for their help. It was greatly appreciated and believe me I'll never forget all your kindness and support. My dad deserves a lot of credit for he went from house to house with me so we could reach the goal.

## FLASHES

William Bono sure gets on a certain teacher's nerve.

A number of Comet boys are displaying very flashy jackets. (Boy, they sure can be noticed.)

Marion Vlasic sure loves to tease Margie about a certain?

Some of the Comets will make great actors some day.

Joseph Tekstar will be transferred from our Vrtec into the adult lodge 41. (I wonder if he hates to leave us behind.)

The following Comets are celebrating their birthdays this month: Peter Georgiadis, Frances and Frank Sumrok, Joe and Frank Tekstar, Dorothy Gaspersic and Delores Bursh. The Comets wish all these members a very "Happy Birthday!"

Get down to brass tacks members of Vrtec 44. Why not attend every single meeting in the year 1940? If you attend our meetings you no doubt show us that you are not only a Comet member in name but are really and truly an active and interested member. After all, in order to have a successful Vrtec each member should do his share of work in the activities of the Vrtec. Start off right and attend all meetings.

You should be proud that you belong to such a wonderful organization as the SSPZ. To show that you are, strive to build and enlarge this Society, so that it will be stronger than ever before.

Till next month, I'll be saying so-long and keep smiling.

Agnes Tekstar, Sec'y,  
Vrtec 44

## EDITOR'S NOTE

In the December issue of Junior Section two articles inadvertently appeared without the names of the writers, one written by Betty Bernik, and the other (Birth of Jesus) by Margaret Ohojak, both members of Balkan Juniors. The error occurred when, in the attempt to have every contributor represented in the Vrtec Section a few contributions had to be split between the Junior and the Adult Section of the Official Organ. — Editor.

## JUSTICE

Justice without wisdom is impossible. — *Froude.*



# Spartan Juniors

## Sports Spotlight

By Bill Wapotich

Subject: Bowl Games

In the hot month of August while the majority of us are swimming, playing baseball or just resting, football coaches all over the country are putting their teams through a grueling practice in preparation for their football games with various teams.

Finally the season begins, which lasts from eight to ten weeks. During this period, the field of unbeaten teams is narrowed, until finally the season ends with about eight major colleges unbeaten.

The climax of the season is reached on New Year's Day, when the outstanding teams, usually unbeaten, from all over the country compete for national honors. Usually teams from two different sections of the country compete against each other.

There were six important games played on New Year's Day. I will give you a brief summary of the games and the teams that participated.

### The Rose Bowl Game at Pasadena, Cal., Between Southern California and Tennessee

Previous to the game Southern California was unbeaten but twice tied for the 1939 season, while Tennessee made an outstanding showing for themselves by being unbeaten, untied and unscored upon.

Before game time Southern California was favored to win over Tennessee. And that they did winning 14-0; they not only kept their record clean but spoiled Tennessee's record of being unbeaten and unscored upon. Tennessee's record wasn't blemished until there was but one minute left in the first half, when Ambrose Schindler went over from the one yard line for a touchdown, after they had made a 47 yard march with Schindler doing the passing or running on every play. The second Southern California touchdown came in the closing minutes of the game, when Schnidler alternating with Jack Banta drove 85 yards to Tennessee's one yard line, and there Schindler fooled everybody in the park, with but one yard to go and fourth down, instead of running as usually is done in this case he tossed a pass to Al Kruger who was standing in the end zone to score the second touchdown and put the game on ice.

The outstanding player no doubt was Ambrose Schindler, his personal yardage gained was 75 yards, while his rival team gained only 71 yards.

Maj. Bob Neyland, coach of Tennessee said in true sportsman manner, "We were badly beaten by a superior team. I want to especially congratulate Ambrose Schindler. He not only was a great runner, but he ran the team with brilliance. His choice of plays were all that a coach could ask."

### The Sugar Bowl Game at New Orleans, La., Between Tulane and Texas A. & M.

Pre-game favorites were Texas A. & M., but only after a terrific struggle and that it was as Texas A. & M. edged Tulane 14-13. But the game wasn't so close as the score indicated it, but Texas A. & M. had a player by the name of John Kimbrough and when the game was over it was found that Kimbrough gained more than half of his team's total. He gained 159 yards from scrimmage and also he accounted for both of Texas A. & M.'s touchdowns.

He was in there every minute of the game and if he wasn't carrying the ball he was blocking and when he hit a player they felt it.

Football players, coaches, officials and spectators were alike in their praise for him.

### The Orange Bowl Game at Miami, Fla., Between Georgia Tech and Missouri

Entering the game Georgia Tech were

favorites to win over Missouri and that she did by running all over Missouri and winning 21-7. Missouri scored the first touchdown on passes by Paul Christman in the opening minutes of the game. But here Georgia Tech took over the game, as their running attack and reverse began to click. Time after time Missouri players broke through the line of Georgia Tech and tackle a player only to find another had the ball. Two of Georgia Tech's touchdowns came under these conditions and these touchdowns were the deciding factor of this game.

### The Cotton Bowl Game at Dallas, Texas Between Boston College and Clemson

This was a game between two little colleges' rugged teams but Clemson was given the edge and that is exactly what she did winning 6-3. Boston College was the first to score when Alex Lukachik, Boston College end, kicked a field goal from the 24 yard line. But Clemson wasn't to be held back and started on a 57 yard march which resulted in a touchdown and the deciding points of the game.

### The Sun Bowl Game at El Paso, Texas, Between Catholic University and Arizona State

Not much was known about this game or cared. The game ended in a scoreless tie and each team was satisfied. In the final period Catholic U. attempted two field goals but neither was good and game ended scoreless.

### The Shrine Game at San Francisco, California

This is the only charity game played on New Year's day of importance. All the profits of the game went to the Shrine Children's Hospital. The game is played between a team of all-stars from east of the Mississippi river and a team of all-stars west of the river. The game was a rough and tumble affair in which there were thirty-nine points made. The Western all-stars made a total of twenty-eight while the Eastern all-stars had to be content with eleven points.

Most of the scoring was done in the first half before the field became too muddy on which to play decent football.

A few days after the bowl games were played it was hoped by many that a charity game could be played between Southern California and Texas A. & M. with all profit going to Finland to help her carry on her fight against the Russian invasion. But officials of Southern California said that as worthy as the cause was, conference rules did not permit them to share profits with a third party.

But plans have been made for boxing matches, basketball carnivals, baseball games and other events in order to secure money for Finland.

In a later issue I will attempt to give the outcome of these plans. I wish to thank you for reading my column and until next month, I remain your Spartan Jr. Sports Reporter.

## THE STORY OF DYNAMITE

Dynamite is an explosive produced in its original form in the year 1866, by Alfred Nobel, of Sweden. A few years previous to the invention of dynamite, Nobel had begun experimenting with nitroglycerin, a powerful liquid explosive discovered in 1846 by an Italian chemist, Sobero. Nitroglycerin explodes very readily when in a liquid condition and during Nobel's experiments his own brother was killed. He persevered, however and in 1866 discovered that mixing nitroglycerin with an absorbent material like kieselkuhr (a porous earth composed of the fossil remains of diatoms) produces a plastic substance that can be molded into convenient form, is reasonably safe to handle and explodes with violence when set off by a percussion cap. This substance was named "dynamite," from the Greek word for power.

Since 1866 the composition of dynamite has undergone various modifications. The percentage of nitroglycerin varies according to the desired strength from 40 to as high as 70. Many American dynamites essentially are mixtures of nitroglycerin, wood pulp and sodium or potassium nitrate. In some preparations, about half the ordinary amount of glycerin is replaced by ammonium nitrate and in others a chemical is added to keep the nitroglycerin from freezing. Blasting gelatine, which is even more powerful than ordinary dynamite, is a jelly-like solid produced by dissolving collodion cotton in nitrogly-

## History of the Mountaineers

The Mountaineers, Vrtec 140, of Pierce, W. Va., was organized in January, 1936. At that time we had eleven charter members, but, today, we are proud to say that we have about ninety. Although, many of us did not know exactly what a Vrtec was for but as time went on we finally realized of how much benefit a Vrtec is to it's juvenile members.

In 1936, we worked very hard to increase our membership. By increasing our membership, we had a happier time at all of our affairs. As the ol' sayin' is: "The more, the merrier."

In 1937, the Wheel of Progress Campaign proved to be a success in this community. Many new members were enrolled by Brothers Louis Royce and Frank Polantz, Sr. As we were the leaders in group "B" a twenty-five dollar check was awarded as a campaign prize.

In that same year, we were also fortunate in having a few representatives from our Vrtec at the National Athletic Meet in Cleveland.

In 1938, the annual picnic of the Mountaineers was held at Silver Lake Park. This picnic was well attended and everybody was enjoying himself to his heart's content.

On May 17, 1939, we were visited by Mike Vrhovnik. It certainly was a pleasure to meet him again. (We'd like to have you come again, Mike!)

Another campaign started in October and again it has proven to be a success. With twenty-seven new members enrolled, this means that yours truly will represent Vrtec 140 at the Vrtec Cultural Festival in Cleveland.

At our December meeting it was decided that we have a festival so as to give the members a Christmas treat. The festival was a grand success and this was due only through CO-OPERATION. Let's start 1940 off right! If all the officers and members cooperate, I'm sure whatever we plan in 1940 will be a success.

In conclusion, I want to say that we will continue to work hard to make Vrtec 140 a bigger and better branch of this great and wonderful organization, the SSPZ.

Mary Klevisher, Sec'y  
Vrtec 140  
Pierce, W. Va.

cerin and mixing with wood pulp and a little potassium nitrate. Nobel's invention must be listed among the important milestones in the progress of civilization.

## Careful

Farmer's Wife (to druggist): Now be sure and write plain on the bottles which is for Hank and which is for the horse. I wouldn't want anything to happen to the horse before spring plowing.

Sophie Anetta Colaric  
Vrtec 5

## Dawn Patrol

Gowanda, N. Y. — Hello, gang, back again with some more reports and high-lights from Dawn Patrol, Vrtec 148. We had a record-breaking attendance at our last meeting. Let's keep it up, members! The refreshments were wonderful and plenty of games were played. Preparations for our dance jointly with the senior lodge are in full swing, and so is the play. Indeed, I must mention that our active little member, Eleanor Matekovich, again took the prize in Slovene School. Come boys, don't let the girls beat you at it all the time.

I've noticed in the Vrtec Section that there are quite a few delegates qualified for the Festival in Cleveland in the month of May.

## Off the Record

I noticed that a few boys and girls are quite naughty and don't listen to our Administratrix. Come let's start the new year right . . . We have a member who is only twelve years old and is in the first year of High—none other than Wally (Nesty) Gnezda. Keep it up, "Nesty," you'll be out of high school when you are fifteen . . . Mary and Frances, did that candy that was given to you at the rehearsal Sunday taste good? . . . At our Christmas party we heard little Bobby Vehar who is only three years old sing "God Bless America." He sure can sing for a little shaver . . . How are you boys and girls enjoying the gifts you received for Christmas? . . . I see our little "Boy Scout" received a packet—huh, Dick? . . . Hey "Stub," what are you trying to do, plunging in the snow-drift the other day . . . you sure make a good snowman . . . and you "Guts," how did you get home the other day when you burned your boots while skating? What did your mummy say?

Closing now and until I see you again, your

Roving Reporter

## CONCORDIAN JUNIORS

Cleveland, O. — Now that the Festival Campaign is over, let's get to work on our "Honor Campaign" which began Jan. 1, 1940.

Any member of our Vrtec can join the contest! All you have to do is enroll five members, and you have five months to do it. That gives you plenty of time, doesn't it?

If by May 31, 1940, you have done this, then you will be given an emblem signifying that you are an "Honor Members" of our Vrtec. Not only that, but in June (Juvenile Month) we'll have a nice surprise for you.

There is just one "catch." You must enroll the members yourself, but if interested, you will be taught how to do this.

So come on members, join our contest and become an "Honor Member."

Fraternally,

Marge Jeric, Admx.  
Vrtec 171



## BALKAN JUNIORS

### NEWS FROM BALKAN JRS.

Milwaukee, Wis. — The Balkan Juniors had their annual Xmas program on December 23, which was a great success. Thanks to all Vrtec members and everyone that helped. Also thanks to Brother Vrhovnik for bringing the movies.

Our New Year's party on the 27th of December was also a big success. Much fun was had from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until about 9 o'clock in the evening. At six we had our dinner consisting of potato salad, weiners, soda, cookies and all the goodies that you usually serve at parties. Everyone I'm sure had a good time.

#### Hayriding Party

We are having a Hayriding party, Feb. 2, 1940. It will be held in the evening at 6:30. We are going out to the Midway Airport. Money and permission slips must be in by Jan. 27 at Sophie Stampfel's home. In case we shouldn't have enough children by the 27th, any one that wants to may bring a friend, but he or she also must have their 25c and permission slips in before the 2nd of February. Dress warmly and bring some lunch. Everyone must be at Kagel playground, our meeting place, on 12th and Mineral St., by 6:15 p. m. We won't wait for anybody. I hope to see many of our Vrtec members there.

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We held elections at our meeting, Jan. 13, 1940. Our president for another year is Herman Jerkich, our vice-president is Virginia Reigel, our treasurer is Gordon Ziglinski, the recording secretary is again Marie Ermence and our sergeant at arms is Art Kroll, while I am the secretary again.

Norman Stampfel, Sec'y  
Vrtec 33

### REPORT OF CHRISTMAS PARTY

Milwaukee, Wisc. — December 23 Vrtec 33 held a Christmas program consisting of singing, instrumental music and the recitation of poems. The outstanding numbers of our program were contributed by Betty Bernik, who did tap dances and acrobatic stunts and Eddie Ermence who did an Italian skit and sang Santa Lucia, making everybody just roar with laughter. Little Tommy Leskoshek and Johnny Zuiner are growing up to be great accordionists. Margaret Ohojak made a charming majorette swinging and twirling her baton. The team of brother and sister Rosemary and Leonard Baraga played violin and accordion. Richard Klopish sang some popular tunes and did a nice job of it.

Vrtec 33 thanks the literary contests judges from the bottom of their hearts for the trophy cup awarded to them. We will work diligently toward

winning the first prize next year.

A few days after our Christmas program our Vrtec had a combined Hard Time and New Year's party. With horns, dancing, and games we welcomed in the New Year. Vrtec 33 is looking forward to having a prosperous and progressive new year.

Our sincere thanks to our Juvenile Director Bro. M. Vrhovnik for his speech and for the showing of techni-colored moving pictures of many places and activities among the lodges of the SSPZ.

Thanks to our Administratrix Sophie Stampfel and to all adult "Balkan" members, who worked so willingly and helped to make our program so successful, and to one and all that were present that evening for their moral and financial support.

Fraternally yours,

Marie Ermence  
Vrtec 33

Milwaukee, Wisc. — News from our Christmas and New Year's party. On the night of December 23 we had our Christmas party. First we had moving pictures by Brother Vrhovnik, then we had accordion playing, acrobatic and tap dancing and Edward Ermence played as an Italian. Then Santa Claus came and gave us candy, fruit, cookies and nuts, and we each got a balloon. After everything was over we had dancing.

On Dec. 27 we had our New Year's party. We had a lot of fun. We had little hats and whistles, and we played games. The games were: spin the bottle, broom dance and pillow dance. We also did the Grand March.

I thank brother Vrhovnik very much for coming to our party and for the pictures he showed us. I also thank our Administratrix and all those who helped to make our parties possible. Everybody present had a lot of fun.

Here is wishing you all a very happy and prosperous new year.

Jeanette Gaber,  
Vrtec 33

### GOOD-BYE TO HIAWATHANS

Urbana, Ill. — Everything can wear out; so can a good-bye. However this month makes a last good-bye to the Vrtec, for by this time next month I shall be a member of the adult department, and a proud possessor of the beautiful pin which I shall receive.

It has been a lot of fun writing for the Vrtec paper, working with my home branch, and trying to be helpful in my small way. I do hope that you, too, have enjoyed my writings. I'm glad that the adult department has an English section—maybe

## Power Point Jrs.

Power Point, O. — Well, here I am again after my long sleep. I guess our Christmas dance woke me up. We were expecting a lot of members, friends and neighbors from far and near, but I suppose they just couldn't reach our big city just then because they were preparing for Christmas. Well, we might see them the next time. Boy, did we have fun when Vic played the Beer Barrel Polka. The hardest thing of all was when we had to get up the next morning for our meeting, which was very interesting.

We elected new officers for 1940, who are as follows: president, Sophie Taucher; secretary, Clara Chuck; recording secretary, Elizabeth Chuck; treasurer, Virginia Chuck; auditors, Frances Taucher and Agnes Lesjak. Oh yes, the administratrix, Mrs. Bogatay. The meeting was pretty well attended, for the number of members we have. Maybe some day we will have more.

This is all I can write today, because the Beer Barrel Polka is on my mind again. So good-bye till our next meeting.

Sophie Taucher, Pres.  
Vrtec 126

## "Pioneers"

Vandling, Pa. — Pioneers, Vrtec 1, will hold their monthly meeting on Friday evening, January 19, 1940 at Naprej Hall. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock.

Members please attend this meeting because election of officers will be held.

Let's start the new year with a bang. This will be our first meeting in 1940, so let's have a 100 per cent attendance and each member bring in a new member.

#### NEW YEAR ADVICE

There may visit you this new year  
Many mediums of strife.  
Put to use these trouble-makers;  
Let them aid, not mar, your life.

Find some good in disappointment;  
Use each ill wind though it chills.  
From all stumbling blocks build highways—  
Change the mountains to mole-hills.

Wm. Peve

I'll get up enough energy to write for it.

Christmas was a grand occasion for everyone we know in Nokomis. It was spent in the same old-fashioned way with all our friends and members. The New Year made a favorable entrance, too. May the new year wish be with all Vrtec units this year and every year; may it grow to be a bigger and better organization, and may it keep its Vrtec Section in the Napredek so that we can keep on enjoying it.

Florence

## Indianapolis Jugoslavs

### HIGHLIGHTS '39 AND PREVIEW '40

Indianapolis, Ind. — The report on the year of 1939, shows that Vrtec 9 has done magnificent work. Their membership has been increased so that it is now one of the largest in the country. Vrtec 9 was also the National Softball Champ of '39, which was held here in Indianapolis. The year '39 was a happy and successful year for Vrtec 9 due to the work of our elder Vrtec members and also that of lodge Danica. The elder members of our Vrtec will be lost this coming year. We wish to thank all the boys and lodge Danica for all they have done for the Vrtec.

The coming year we hope will be even more successful than the last. Now that we are going to lose our elder members, younger members will take their places. We know the task that lies before them, and hope they will do as well as the boys that are now leaving us.

New officers were elected and I think they were well chosen. The new officers are: President, Rose Klarich; vice-president, Raymond Medvescek; secretary, Mary Klarich and recording secretary, Wilma (Second name missing, Ed.). We also elected a sergeant-at-arms, B. Yerich. We wish the new officers the best of luck and a successful year.

The possibilities of a good softball team for 1940 are great. I think they will be as tough as they come. We hope to retain the championship in the coming meet. There are five returning letter men and quite a few new players. With the fine managing we should have a successful season.

#### LOUIS' GOSSIP COLMUN

Henry (Jitterbug) Bajt was tabogganing during Christmas vacation. He came home with the seat of his pants torn. (Did you have an accident, Henry?)

Louis (Handsome) Znidarsich was seen dancing polkas on New Year's eve with his cousin. (Did she have her old pair of shoes on?)

Leo (Ned Sparks) Robus could really swing it with the accordion. (He can crack the jokes as well.)

John (Wrong Arm) Prapotnik was seen at Delores Ivancic's house on Christmas Eve. (Joan doesn't live there, Prap. You got the wrong house.)

Bronko (Qu-ball) Yerich was seen dancing at Christemores every Friday night. (Could it be because of a certain girl?)

Louis (Tyronne Power) Dragan was seen in the dressing room at the Slov. Nat'l Home on New Year's Eve. We almost had the police force looking for him. He finally came out with — (Was she struggling too hard, Louie?)

Alice Lambert joined the Vrtec 5 unit. (Was it because of Wm. Komlance's influence?)

On New Year's Eve a Vrtec boy showed Hollywood actors how to perform a romantic love scene. (How do you do it, Zaker?)

Louis Dragon  
Vrtec 9



## Strabane News

Strabane, Pa. — Despite the heavy snow and zero weather, a very good turn-out was had at the Challenger Jrs. January election meeting. So with the start of the new year, we have the following leaders: Samuel Zampan, re-elected president, and his able assistant Steve Horvat as vice-president, Lillian Kosmach re-elected sec. and treas., also re-elected recording sec. Betty Jane Beton, sergeant at arms Harvy Davis. Also a new addition, a publicity committee headed by Helen Pinchak, Mary Jane Sciabica, Dorothy Helay, Frank Cornell and Jane Ellis. Now that we have a publicity committee let's see an article or two in next month's paper.

### Attention All Girls

Knitting classes will be resumed beginning Wednesday, Jan. 17, thru till April. Some fifteen girls received instructions in knitting last year under the supervision of our administratrix Miss Frances Verhovnik. Classes will be held at the home of Miss Verhovnik, and all girls are asked to attend.

### Information Please

Why don't Elsie Kosmach, Helen Kress, Evelyn Yarkosky, Fazzo and Bill Drenik attend any more meetings? Who's the driver of the white delivery truck that's always seen at the Chartiers High School at dismissal time? Could he be waiting for a certain red head? Who's the handsome guy always seen with Evelyn Yarkosky? They say it's Blackie! Wonder who gave Jane Ellis her nickname "Peanuts." Whatever became of Bill and Bob Davis. Oh yes! How are you getting along with your blonde friend, Fazzo? The one that rides the train to Trinity Hi. Who does Sam Zampan date? Did you know that Bill Drenik is on the Trinity High varsity basketball team? And that Fazzo is on the reserves. How did you all like your Xmas treat? Something different anyway. Why does Betty Jane Beton always go square dancing? Does Vivian still go with Eddie? Please tell us why, oh why, can't the fellows keep quiet during the meetings, especially Blow-zum Cornell? Why don't we all get together and have a coasting party some night, now that there's plenty of snow.

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A new member, William Zietz, was proposed at the last meeting. Let's see how many we can have at the next! Now girls, don't forget the Knitting Classes and everyone try to attend the next meeting which will be held at the home of Miss Verhovnik. See you all then.

## Kingsters

Delmont, Pa. — The last monthly meeting of the Kingsters was held on December 17, 1939. Several matters of importance were discussed. Assessments shall be paid from the treasury to all members during the months of January and February.

On December 24, the Kingsters had their Christmas party which was enjoyed by everyone. We were glad to see many of our younger members present who cannot attend the monthly meetings. Refreshments, Xmas specialties and dancing was the main attraction of the evening. Gifts were given to the Vrtec officers and to the administrator.

The next meeting of Vrtec 103, will be on Sunday, January 21, 1940. Let's start the new year out by trying to have 100 per cent attendance. The election of officers shall take place, and plans must be made for our fourth anniversary dance. Make it your duty to attend so that you may participate in the lodge's affairs. A party shall immediately follow the meeting. Don't forget the date, January 21, 1940 at the White Valley Hall. We need your cooperation.

Helen Kastelic, Pres.  
Vrtec 103

## Spartan News

### Ann Opeka

Once again, here's a reminder for all the Spartan members that they should attend their monthly meeting, the first one this year, on Thurs., Jan. 18, 1940, in the S. N. H. (old bldg. room No. 3) at 7:30 p. m. sharp. Let's start the year with a bang and fill the room to a capacity, with your co-operation and support the year 1940 will prove very successful for all Spartan members and the lodge itself without a doubt.

As you know, at this meeting the election of delegates to the 10th SSPZ convention held in Collinwood, Ohio, will take place. Spartans are entitled to send two delegates.

Also, all Spartan bowlers are asked to attend this meeting for a discussion will be brought before you on what type of affair you will sponsor to help defray expenses for traveling to Chicago to attend SSPZ Bowling Tournament.

These two items, the election of delegates and the bowlers affair, are very important, therefore, your presence is absolutely necessary.

For after the meeting the entertainment committee has planned an interesting program which, I'm sure, you'll enjoy. Be sure to come!

INK

A drop of ink may make a million think. — Byron.

## EVENING STARS

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. — Howdy everybody? Well, I'm back with "People You and I Know."

Thresa Kastelic was home for her Christmas vacation. Too bad you couldn't stay longer. What was the idea of the love making to Verna? Didn't you see what Verna was waiting for at the end of the party? He was handsome wasn't he?

Mary Laurich — we don't know where she's keeping herself, but a few of the fellows from Herminie can tell you.

Verna Kosmach—we haven't seen her up Pedora Hill very much. Is Herky taking that much of your time, Verna?

Albert Premozic (midget) turned out to be a good dancer. Who happens to be your teacher Midg?

Stanley Previc comes home from the C C Camps almost every week-end. He was at the Kingsters' party having a nice time. What happened to Freddie's eye, Stanley?

Helen Kastelic, president of Vrtec 103, was very busy at the party. Didn't you even have time to dance, Helen?

Valentina Previc (Teanie) was one of the lucky girls that received a very pretty wrist watch for Christmas.

Martin Kukovich, of Manor, and his orchestra will play for a dance at Pleasant Valley, Jan. 27, 1940.

Agnes Tekstar, of Ambridge, we were so glad to hear of her winning the trip to Cleveland. Nice work, Agnes!

Frances Rosenberger, of Ambridge, I guess you're wondering what happened to your correspondent from White Valley. She'll write to you, I'm sure.

Congratulations to the engaged couple, Helen Sabec, an Evening Star and Ralph Kovacic of Export. May our Vrtec increase!

Joe Noca who is at the hall during our meetings with a few other members, but always happens to be downstairs (the club)!

Frank Senchur—we haven't read an article written by you in the Napredek. Why?

Mary Cappa (she's the Evening Stars' recording secretary) manages to be present at every meeting. Why don't the rest of you follow her footsteps?

Slugs Kosela is getting-along fine and will soon be transferred to a near-by hospital.

Mary Mladenik keeps going to East Pittsburgh. Well Mary, maybe you'll have better luck yet. By the way, your jokes are alright, but omit the story of Popeye.

Pauline Kosmach with the help of Julia, makes a very good entertainer. Wish I could spend more evenings with you, but you see it's impossible.

Joe Laurich, we were surprised to see you do the polka

## Hoosier Pals

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—After a years absence from this page I again poke out my poor head, poor because my mother used the last of my hair oil for the lettuce this evening and my hair just will not stand down without it.

Laughing at my pun for half an hour I forget what I was going to write about in the first place. Oh! Yes... yes, that's it. I was going to notify all bowlers that roll-offs for the formation of teams for the Annual SSPZ Bowling Tournament will begin on Sunday, February 4th. The test will continue thereon for eight weeks. That is, you must submit eight games to qualify for a team. As only the first two teams in the men's division and the four highest in the ladies division will be entered in all-events from the Athletic Fund this is important.

If you should miss a Sunday afternoon you may notify an official when you want to roll a postponed game. These officials are yet to be appointed. No league scores will be accepted. So there.

All ye loyal Hoosier Pals turn out on Feb. 4 now and let's make this an enjoyable get-together in true Hoosier Pal fashion. Milo Semenik says he is always ready to pitch in for some Chicago River.

### Paying Dues

As you may have heard Frank Mivec is the new secretary. In his behalf I plead that all members bring their dues before the 25th day of each and every month to the regular Hoosier Pal meeting. If there is an excuse why you can not pay at the meeting you can pay your dues at his home at 939 N. Warman Avenue.

The Wistful Vamp

### On Safety

Cleveland Police records show that two thirds of all traffic accidents are the fault of the pedestrian. Cross only at the corners. — Don't cross in mid-block. Let us all help in the campaign to "Save a Life for Christmas."

Bureau of Public Relations, Cleveland Police Department.

### Cunning Mamma

"What did you get your baby for a Christmas present?"

"I took \$10 from the little darling's bank and bought him this lovely table lamp."

at the Kingsters' party Christmas Eve.

Elsie De Mario—I don't remember her attending a meeting. You would have been lucky at the last meeting of 1939.

To all Evening Stars: Let's start the new year right and attend every meeting, and as Verna wrote once, the meetings are held upstairs, not downstairs.

—Joy



## SYGAN HILL JUNIORS

### BANG! NEW YEAR'S OFF!

Sygan, Pa. — As I sit here writing, I reminisce of the year gone by . . . The grand times we had together at meetings, parties, dances, and the meets, watching the new youngsters that first set foot in our Vrtec.

Bang! We're off to start the New Year right. Of course we'll have those same gala affairs, but since there are more of us, I say, "the more the merrier." Let's keep up the goal for new members. Let's cooperate in everyway; member with member, officers with members and vice versa. Let's make a habit, or rather new resolution, to see how many meetings we can attend this year. Come to meetings with all your bright ideas, perhaps they are better and involve more fun than those we've been using. Just like an idea a youngster put into my head, "how about teaching jitterbug dancing." Now say youngsters, that's new, grand and joyful. So come on all you children, let's dance and shake 'em up! Those of you such as Rose Demosvek, Rosie Ursitz and Elsie Prosen, as well as others, can teach the young ones and elders the "moderne dance." Even you big, strong he-men can and will learn, eventually, I wager. Are you all for the idea? You've got to prove it at our next meeting on Friday, January 19, 1940 at 6:30 p. m.

I just can't resist telling you about our final meeting of 1939. I must say we had a perfect attendance then, comparing it with other meetings of times gone by. Mind you, over 65 members came to speculate on the most important meeting of the year, election day. But say, didn't we all have a joyful time? Can we have another attendance as perfect as this on Jan 19, or perhaps, in near future?

At the first meeting of 1940, and remainder of them, the chief interest will be in the capable hands of few new officers, as well as old. At our December session, John Dolinar, the brother of our ex-president, Frank who was recently transferred into adult lodge, was elected president. With your fine personality, your fine sense of humor and your ability, we believe you are capable in holding such a new position. We hope your chief interest lies with us all. Good luck Johnnie! George Prosen is another newly elected officer. He has the privilege of acting as our new treasurer. George, too, seems capable of holding his position. With his keen ability, nice personality and fine sense of humor, we know you'll come thru with flying colors. May your work be done as well as our past treasurer, Margaret Erzen! Another change was that of sargeant-at-arms. Frank Vishnikar now holds that honor.

Boys! You all seem capable, willing and cooperative members, please attend all meetings! This is urgent!

The remainder of the officers is the same as previous. Hilda Dolence, vice-president; Rose Dernosvek, recording secretary; Julia Kramzer, secretary.

I hope you agree, as I believe, that our whole interest lies in those capable hands.

May we all enjoy the good luck, loads of success, in all socials, etc., that we may undertake during the new year!

Julia C. Kramzer, Sec'y

Vrtec 72

My sincerest thanks and appreciation goes now to Mrs. Pintar, who so diligently and earnestly helped me obtain some of my 25 qualified members, which enabled me to win my trip to Ohio. After mother and I, with some aid of Mrs. Pintar, had the 25 members, Mrs. Pintar kept finding new ones. Incidentally she lives in Morgan and there is where she won my luck.

Thanks again, Mrs. Pintar, and I only hope I will be able to repay you for your fine aid to me, our Vrtec 72 and SSPZ. as a whole.

Julia C. Kramzer  
Vrtec 72

### WE ALSO ENJOYED XMAS IN SYGAN

Sygan Hill, Pa. — Little boys and girls did not hesitate when it came to doing chores for mama and papa, in fact they were never so helpful and willing to say, "I'll wash the dishes" or "I'll bring in some wood." And then, when all cups and saucers were washed, and the crumbs were brushed away, they crawled on pa's and mama's lap and talk so happily. Soon the subject of Christmas and Santa Claus arose. Later ma and pa were asked to write to the annual Xmas visitor. (We're all familiar with this situation because I, as well as you all, experienced the need to be good.)

Everywhere, everyone was scurrying from store to store, rushing for last minute shopping and mailing out Xmas greetings. Gosh! each greeted people with cheery smiles or pleasant, "hello!" and "Merry Xmas!" It seemed that all the world were at peace. All this hustle and bustle pointed to the fact that the annual holiday was here! Mothers sighed, "I'll be glad when this is over," but deep down in their hearts their joy was supreme.

Everywhere, on that occasion it was celebrated with much Xmas spirit. People gathered in many places, in nearly every

city, to enjoy Xmas programs. Gifts were exchanged and everyone appeared to be happy.

Every Vrtec held a Xmas party and I'll bet a fine program was included. Here in Sygan Hill, candy was distributed to every juvenile, a lunch was served, we danced afterwards and an almost perfect program was on hand and displayed. All in all, on Dec. 23 our Christmas party was a real success. Christmas certainly brought back with it 'Peace on Earth and Good Will to All.'

Santy Claus buzzed his exciting events to me after he visited Sygan Vrtec on Dec. 23. (That was after he undressed from his ultra-fashionable, Santy suit. It's a Vogue fashion!)

Santy was certainly in a fix. Santy quotes and I repeat: 'The weather was mild. In the midst light, large flaky bits of snow floated happily. A real situation prevailed here! This was the first time I had to take out my reindeers from the stable, dust them off and shine up the old dingy sled with shinola (or some kind of renewer) and hitch 'em both up, this year! Next I waited for snow. 8:00 p. m. and no snow! Snap! Snap! (snapped fingers). My suit! Up the attic I ran opened up the old chest and pulled out a suit which happened to be eaten by an army of moths. (This was just a suit but not my Santa Claus suit, I found that out afterwards).

"Thought flashed through my mind. I just couldn't disappoint Sygan this year! I thought and thought, bit off my nails, paced the floor, till I visualized a path on my attic floor. After I settled down in a chair, in the dark, filthy attic, flash! Look again for old suit (my conscience talking.) Well, I found my suit! Mind you, I had been holding two pairs of red flannels in my hands while my suit sat in moth proof box, just waiting for me to lift it out of the chest. Out of my clothes and into my suit I jumped and swish! I was off! (Well wasn't that a mistake. Flannels, ha! ha!)

"At 9:00 I arrived at Sygan, safe and sound, to find there loads of very happy children. The program was grand and the children so spotless and mannerly. Their happy faces beamed with delight when I handed each a nice box of candy."

"I'll be back next year and much earlier."

Bo-Be (Santy Claus) tells me the affair was grand and it really was folks! All co-operated wonderfully as did Santy. He enjoyed pretending to be Santa Claus.

Hope you enjoyed every minute of fun, as we enjoyed arranging this affair.

Julia C. Kramzer, Sec'y  
Vrtec 72

## A VISIT

By Florence Kmet,

As we advanced, the mine had the appearance of a spectre, a deserted, black, steel framework silhouetted against the dreary, cold, cloudy sky which was pierced with flaming, red rays of sunset. We thought of Poe and his stories of horror as we fought against the deep snowdrifts and sharp, blade-like west wind to reach this ugly mass of steel.

There was no life at the mine. We felt as trespassers on forbidden ground. The wind howled as if returning echoes of the past.

The distance dropped behind us as we ascended the small slope to reach the mine which now towered before us like Eiffel Tower. The wind whistled and sang a dirge as it rushed through the bonds of iron and steel. Huge chunks of coal weighing hundreds of pounds lay under the pure, dead, white snow assuming enormous, ghastly shapes in our minds.

Slowly, anxiously we felt our way among the pillars of steel until we reached the edge of the shaft. The shaft resembled a floorless prison cell with its sturdy bars of steel. The walls of the shaft although we could see only about three feet down from the surface of the earth) were of dark, grayish-black dirt, which made us think they had existed since the beginning of time. We threw a piece of coal into the shaft only to hear an undistinguishable, haunting, modulated musical sound many second after the coal had been thrown. This haunting modulated sound reminded us of all the tragic deaths that had been met here. We had a vehement desire in fear; yet we could not force our feet to move.

It was getting dark. We threw another piece of coal into the shaft; the same sound was heard. We stared at each other, shuttered, turned our backs to the mine and fled as from a huge dangerous monster.

## Roznik Juniors

(Continued from page 2.)

### PERSONAL INTERVIEW Helen Mikrut

Our very good friend Helen Mikrut was born in Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 15, 1923. She is a student in her 2 A year at Faragut High School in Chicago. She is taking a commercial course with Latin as selective. She greatly enjoys dancing, writing, singing, and roller skating. She plans to get a job as soon as possible after graduating from school, and to settle down as a very good business woman. Her pet peeve is conceited people. Her favorite foods are, banana cream pie, popcorn and spinach. Her favorite color is green and her favorite flower the gardenia.

Jeannette Beresheim,  
Vrtec 160



## Cleveland United Lodges Bowling News

### UTOPIAN HAWKS UPSET UTOPIAN FALCONS IN TWO GAMES

The Utopian Hawks, the hard luck team in the League, upset the Utopian Falcons in two games. For the Hawks T. Turk had a 516 series and J. Kikol a 514 series. For the Falcons J. Spilar had a 566 series and a 214 game high series for the day.

With J. Japel hitting a 541 series the Concordians took over the Lunder Adamic team in two games. K. Stokel was high for Lunder Adamic with a 474 series.

The Utopian Eagles gained one game on the Utopian Falcons when they took two games from the Zdruzeni Brati. P. Manilla with a 536 series with a 217 game was high for the Eagles. T. Debeljak had a 529 series with a 209 game for the Zdruzeni Brati.

The Spartan Cavaliers took over their brother team the Spartan Yankees. S. Zagar had a 547 series with a 211 games and B. Schuster had a 532 with a 212 game for the Cavaliers. E. Centa had a 519 series for the Yankees.

The Spartan Presidents swamped their brother team the Blue Jays in all three games. For the Presidents R. Lisch had a 552 series and T. Brodnik a 520 series. For the Blue Jays J. Moze had a 516 series and J. Pecnik a 512 series.

#### Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Utopian Eagles	32	13	.711
Utopian Falcons	29	16	.644
Spartan Cavaliers	26	19	.578
Spar. Presidents	24	21	.533
Spartan Yankees	22	23	.490
Zdruzeni Brati	21	24	.467
Utopian Hawks	21	24	.467
Concordians	20	25	.444
Spar. Blue Jays	16	29	.356
Lunder-Adamic	14	31	.311

#### Schedule Jan. 21

Alleys 1-2 — Spartan Yankees vs Utopian Eagles.

Alleys 3-4 — Spartan Blue Jays vs Lunder-Adamic (postponed).

Alleys 5-6 — Concordian vs Utopian Falcons.

Alleys 7-8 — Zdruzeni Brati vs Spartan Cavaliers.

Alleys 7-8 (3 p.m.) — Utop. Hawks vs Spartan Presidents.

#### LADIES LEAGUE

The S. S. Aces keeping up their winning streak took two from the Utopian Rollers. Marge Jeric, who is steadily raising her average was high for the Aces with 138-159-156 for a 453 series. The Rollers in spite of their losses stayed in first place. Stella Zorman was high with 404.

The S. S. Flashes lost three to the revived Utopian Flyers, thereby dropping into second place. Anne Madey was high for the Flyers with 150-165-115 for a 430 series. Molly Dusa was high for the losers with 372.

#### Schedule Jan. 21

Spartans vs Utopian Flyers  
S. S. Flashes vs Utopian Rollers  
S. S. Aces bye.

#### Fourth round schedule

Alleys	3-4	5-6	Bye
January 21	1-2	3-4	5
January 28	3-5	4-1	2
February 4	3-1	5-2	4
February 11	4-2	1-5	3
February 18	5-4	2-3	1

Code: 1. Spartans; 2. Utopian Flyers; 3. S. S. Flashes; 4. Utopian Rollers; 5. S. S. Aces.

The standings at the end of this round are:

Utopian Rollers	39	23	16	.589
S. S. Flashes	39	22	17	.564
Utopian Flyers	39	22	17	.564
Spartans	39	20	19	.512
S. S. Aces	39	19	20	.487

#### Team Hi 3 games

Spartans	2004
Utopian Rollers	2000
Utopian Flyers	1999

#### Team Hi 1 game

Spartans	724
Utopian Rollers	717
Utopian Flyers	711

#### Individual Hi 3 games

Antonia Zagar	566
Mary Krevic	483
Anne Madey	470

#### Individual Hi 1 game

Antonia Zagar	213
Josephine Zakrajsek	177
Mary Krevic	176

#### Individual Averages

Antonia Zagar	147-10
Mary Krevic	137- 9
Anne Madey	133-32
Josephine Zakrajsek	126-13
Marge Jeric	125-25
Albina Gruden	125-13
Rose Hovevar	123-26
Fannie Svetina	123-26
Anne Opeka	120-19
Stella Zorman	119-28
Mary Lunder	115-27
Agnes Jeric	115-18

## Utopians

The Utopians are holding their annual anniversary dance, Jan. 27, 1940 at the Slovene Hall on Waterloo Rd. We extend a very special invitation to all SSPZ members both far and near. We hope the weather man predicts favorable weather for the week end of Jan. 27 so that they may be able to drive in town, from all corners of the globe.

Johnny Pecon will furnish the music.

The entertainment committee promises to show you all a very pleasant time.

We have a date — lest you forget, mark it on your memo. Jan 27, 1940, at 8 o'clock.

Gal Reporter

#### Economy

"Stand behind your lover," said the tightwad to his unfaithful wife. "I'm going to shoot you both."

—Jack O'antern.

## Danica Bowling Events

Indianapolis, Ind. — The time is 7 o'clock. The place is at the Indiana Bowling Alleys.

Don't get excited. Who's excited? We all are, say, the Danica Boys. The reason for the great excitement is that it is the first real bowling meet of the newly organized Danica league.

The first league games were played while the Danica Blues composed of Thomas Naumsek, Louis Znidersich, Capt. Juggs Qualitza, Louis Urbancic and Frank Golob took three games in succession from the Danica Greens. The Greens team is composed of John Hren, Capt. Gus Zupancic, Al Albin, Joe Verhonik and Steve Skorjanc, Jr.

In the other games scheduled the Purples took a two out of three decision from the highly favored Danica Reds. Members on the Purple squad are Joe Matkovich, Jr., Capt., John Praprotnik, Al Armin, Frank Zakrajsek and Martin Dragan. The Reds are composed of Tony Bayt, Capt., Ed Bencik, Dave Bencik, Felix Blazich and Alex Cociancich.

Others that saw action in the league were Adolph Flajs, Ven. Battich and Albin Turk.

In the masculine ranks Louis Urbancic did a nice job of knocking down the maples. Louie also had the highest single game. He rolled 214.

Runnerup to Louis was Juggs Qualitza, who had three pins less than he did.

#### Standings

Name	W	L	Pct.
Greens	3	0	1000
Purples	2	1	666
Reds	1	2	333
Blues	0	3	000

#### Champion Bowler

The person with the greatest art in bowling is Alex Cociancich. The fellow with the most speed is Gus Zupancic. Frank Zakrajsek has the best curve ball which he calls his "Verapoppa" ball. Ed Bencik is the most accurate bowler on the squad. Compile these men together so as to form a bowler and I believe in my estimation we will have the greatest bowler in America.

#### This and That

John "Poodle" Praprotnik didn't have such a good score in the first four frames but he finally came thru with a better score than yours truly. John "Captain" Hren did a nice job for himself and for his team when he rolled a nice game last Sunday eve.

Al "Fowl" Armine went a quarter way down the alley when he forgot to let go of the ball.

Dave Bencik was telling me that drinking and bowling don't mix. (I wonder if he tried it out!)

Felix "Gold Medal" Blazich tried to keep his average of

## Up-To-The-Minute

CLEVELAND, O. — Business got under way at the Concordian Srs. meeting with the initiation of two new members, Ad Lunder and Helen Russ. A touch of humor was added to the seriousness of the occasion by Helen and Ad linking arms and repeating solemn, "I do's." Supervisors elected for the Juniors were Tony Dusa, Elsie Maple and Helen Russ. Our membership has increased during 1939 and with the excellent co-operation we have been getting we ought to go places in 1940. Plans for the social, March 1, sponsored by the members of Concordian Srs. Bowling teams are near completion. On that night some lucky person will get a bowling ball. The meeting was adjourned and certain members then proceeded to the club room where a final touch of finesse was given to the business previously discussed.

It looks as if the female cheering section has added to the confidence of the men's bowling team. They took two games from the Lunder-Adamic boys. Was it the cheering or was it the bowling? "Oh, Johnny, Oh, Johnny, how you can bowl!" Keep it up there, Johnny, those 500 series sure do help. Teeny seemed to wash the bad luck off his hands. Bring a scrubbing brush next Sunday, Teeny!

The Aces think it's too cold down in the cellar, so they are trying to jump up to a warmer spot. Taking two games from the Utopian Rollers helped a bit. Mary L. says she is tired of seeing Margie get all the high games. Quote, "From now on, watch my smoke."

Flashes — not much — they lost all three to the Utopian Flyers. Molly Dusa seems to be a consistent "flash." What happened to the rest of the Flashes? Better luck next time, gals. Well, be seeing you at the Lunder-Adamic Social.

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182 but it seemed utterly impossible. (Better luck next time, Hitler). Joe "Handsome" Verhonik brought his heart throb with him to the alleys (What was the outcome, Joe?)

Ed "Nervous" Bencik, didn't have a very good total due to the fact that he was all in a flutter about getting the players organized.

Joe "Bounce Ball" Matkovich, Jr., has the most luck of all the players on the Danica teams.

This is all for the present but I'll be back in a flash with all of the trash. I'll see all you bowlers at the alleys and don't forget the little black cat.

The Danica Teller Aller P. S.—Don't rub it is—Faithful Danica Member.