



## JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

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### FIRST FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER



JULIA KRAMZAR

First of our Juvenile Festival Campaign contestants to qualify as a winner of a FREE TRIP to the National Juvenile Cultural Festival, JULIA KRAMZAR, also, leads in the number

of new members enrolled... Born on Sygan Hill, Pennsylvania, and there she has lived ever since... Mother and dad emigrated here from Trbovlje, Jugoslavia... Taught her to speak Slovenian, which she does almost to perfection... Received four years of schooling in the little red schoolhouse on Sygan Hill and eight in the South Fayette Township centralized school... Completed her elementary education last June by graduating from South Fayette High School... Has one outstanding ambition, to be a beauty advisor and operator... Plans to enter the Winifred Beauty Academy at Pittsburgh... Among her favorite hobbies are reading books, studying shorthand and corresponding with Vrtec members in Indianapolis, Cleveland and towns in Pennsylvania... Thinks it's a lot of fun... Has been a member of the SSPZ for many years, last four of which have been spent in the capacity of Vrtec Secretary (and a mighty good one, too — we know)... And as she, herself, writes: "Each year I have found this work more interesting and beneficial for my future years of service to the SSPZ — and I enjoy being a boastful SSPZ member and working with our fine group."

### 2nd FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER



EVAGENE CHAD

knew of her intentions to become a contestant until—bang! Just like that, her decision was

made and her entry and one application, filled out for a new member, was sent on its way to the SSPZ Supreme Office in Chicago... We like surprises and thrills and we have Eveleth-born Evagene Chad to thank for a big one in this campaign... Her birthday falls on Feb. 20, and on that day three months hence, she will celebrate her 18th anniversary... Six of these years were spent in the Gillette Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., where she underwent treatments and eight operations for a badly dislocated hip. When 10 years old, she returned home to resume a normal course of life. By working hard, and she must have worked very hard, she finally caught up with girls of her own age in schoolwork and is now winding up her third year in Eveleth's Senior High... Her main ambition is to become a beauty culturist... Likes all outdoor sports and enjoys dancing and singing, which we believe she does very well, in spite of the fact she claims she does a little of each... Being a member of the SSPZ, and campaigning for and winning a trip to the Juvenile Festival, are a few of the brighter spots in her busy program of activities. Although the campaign reward is assured, Evagene has promised to keep right on building the SSPZ in Eveleth with more new members.

### 3rd FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER



VIOLET WIDGAY

We are going to let Violet tell you in her own words a few words a few things about herself. "Dear Brother Vrhovnik... I had just come into the house from the store when I heard a voice calling from the next room. It couldn't be sister Rose Matekovich, the Vrtec Administratrix, I thought to myself, but there she was and brought me the good news that I was chosen to represent Dawn Patrol Vrtec of Gowanda, N. Y., at the first SSPZ National Juvenile Cultural Festival in Cleveland. I hardly could believe my ears and certainly was excited as I've wanted to go to Cle-

veland for a long time, and it was through the SSPZ I finally got my chance.

I was born in Gowanda 16 years ago and have never lived anywhere else. I am now in my Junior year in school and am taking a commercial course with typewriting as my favorite subject.

My ambitions are to become either a stenographer or a dressmaker, but prefer the latter. My favorite sport is basketball and, occasionally, I go hiking.

From the beginning, I was interested in joining the Dawn Patrol Vrtec as it was something different from what the juveniles usually have in Gowanda. Electing our own officers, holding meetings regularly, and having a Slovene school, and many other activities have all proven very interesting. Especially have I wanted, for a long time, to be able to read and write and, also, improve my speech in Slovene. I have that opportunity now and am grateful to those who have made this possible.

Before I close, I wish to thank sisters Rose Matekovich and Julia Pecnik for helping me reach the quota of 25 new members and also those who were kind enough to enroll their children in the SSPZ.

Fraternally,

Violet Widgay

### FOURTH FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN WINNER



LOUIS ZNIDARSICH

Born in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 7, 1922, which makes our 4th Juvenile Festival Campaign winner a youngster of 17 winters, springs, summers and autumns old... A big fellow for his age, too, tipping the scales at around 175 pounds and stands about 5 feet 10 inches in his stockings... Louis is a Senior in the George Washington High School where he is majoring in printing, and is the student-foreman of the printing shop with almost complete authority and responsibility over students under his supervision... Hopes to graduate in January, 1940... Has been

## With Our Juniors

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,  
Director of Vrtec and English-Speaking Lodges

### BEST AT CHRISTMAS

If I had to paint a picture of a man  
I think I'd wait  
Till he fought his selfish battles and  
had put aside his hate.  
I'd not catch him at his labors when his  
thoughts are of pelf,  
On the long days and the dreary when  
he's striving for himself.  
I'd not take him when he's sneering,  
when he's scornful or depressed;  
But I'd look for him at Christmas when  
he's shining at his best.

—E. A. G.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Since Christmas is the time to think of good old friends, the tried and true, it is also the season of the year when our thoughts turn to those whose friendly associations and co-operation have made possible bigger and better things for the SSPZ. To our Vrtec Administrators(trices) and Supervisors, to our Vrtec Officers and members, I extend sincere wishes for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a NEW YEAR filled with good health, true friends and happiness.

### FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN-O-GRAMS

For the first time in four weeks we haven't a new campaign winner to report, but we do have another contestant and that honor goes to our charming Secretary of the Ambridge COMETS, AGNES TEKSTAR, whose entry was received this week along with 22 new members... And in her letter she explained that she and her dad, who has been the local Lodge Secretary for many years and active, too, made the rounds together and in less than two

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a member of the SSPZ for the past twelve years and is now finishing his fifth year as Treasurer of Vrtec Yugoslavs... Pitched and played left-field for the 1939 Vrtec Softball Champs — Has been a member of the team for three consecutive years and next season, if all goes well, expects to be the first four letter man of the Yugoslavs... And he's a chip off the old block, too, for like his active dad, he is a steady SSPZ Booster.

# SPARTAN JUNIORS NEWS

## SPORTS Spotlight

By Bill Wapotich

### Subject: Ice Hockey

This year as every year, boys are receiving ice skates, hockey sticks, and pucks for Christmas. Their first urge is to go to the nearest pond to skate or play ice hockey. At first their ankles seem to be on the ice, but they learn, their ankles become stronger. Most boys usually have a slight idea of what hockey is about. They know that they are supposed to try to get a round object of hard rubber, called a puck, into the opposing team's goal cage. They also know that there are six men on a team: a center, two wingmen, two defensemen, and a goalie. But that is just about all they know.

In the early days of hockey, it was known to have different names by which it was called. For instance in Wales it was known as "bandy." The Irish called it "hurley" while the people in Scotland called it "shinty." But our word probably came from the French who called it "houquet" which means "shepherd crook." At that time hockey was played on a field. But when they brought the game to Canada, they changed it from field hockey to ice hockey.

The first regular hockey clubs, Montreal and Quebec, were organized about 1881. Hockey was later introduced to American Colleges and High Schools. It made rapid strides in popularity and people flocked to the rinks to watch the games. Hockey is now one of the most popular winter sports.

In 1893 Lord Stanley presented a cup known as the "Stanley Cup" to the winner of all Canada. Montreal has had the honor of holding the cup for the greater part of the time since 1893.

It used to be that almost any Canadian team could beat the best team in the United States with comparative ease. But all that has now been changed. Team work has reached such a high degree that the leading teams in United States are able to compete with the best from Canada.

Ice hockey is a very fast game and played on a surface of ice, 112 feet long and 58 feet wide; along the sides are boards known as side boards which are from three to four feet high. At each end of the rink there are goal cages, consisting of nets placed between two posts, four feet high, and six feet apart. A goal is scored when the puck passes between the goal posts.

An ice hockey game is divided

## HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY OF ANDREW ILERSICH

On April 20, 1922 the foremost executive of the Spartan Juniors was born in a dingy coal mining town called Hriskon, Pennsylvania. Andy has now existed 17 years and he still hasn't won in Bank Night. When Andy was three years old he persuaded his family to move to the city. This has saved him the trouble of going to the city and making good at a later age and he now has a head start of all the other persons born in that memorable town.

Andy has now lived in Cleveland for fourteen years. He now goes to John Hay High School. Yes, good old John Hay. I don't know if this is a rumor but the last census taken said that there were 700 boys and 3000 girls. Of course I know that this fact had no bearing on why Andy chose this school to go to.

His subjects are Filing, Typing, Bookkeeping, Advertising and Journalism. His favorite subject is Advertising. The best thing that Andy can advertise is his presence.

Andy is the Assistant Sports Editor for the John Hay Ledger. He also belongs to the movie operator's club. The main ambition of our President is to be an executive. Probably one of those guys who sit with their feet on a desk all day and do nothing

into three periods of twenty minutes with intervals of ten minutes between each period. In case of a tie an extra period of ten minutes is played in an effort to break the tie. If the score is still tied at the end of this ten minute period the game is declared a tie.

Fouls may be called by the referee on offending players for such offenses as tripping, charging, holding, pushing, slashing, rough play, four and abusive language, and other similar things. The offending players may be sent to a penalty box from two to five minutes of actual playing time, and his team must continue without his help.

Some of the above rule are made more essential by the fact that all organized hockey leagues play their games indoor on artificial ice. Boys who play outside cannot have some of the above rules because they have no referees to call fouls, no timekeepers to keep time, or any other things that are needed for a proper game of ice hockey. So it is more of a rough and tumble match with boys who attempt to play it outdoors.

Well, I hope you know now a little bit more about the game of hockey. In closing I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

but think. If Andy had this job he would probably think of his pet diversion which is pretty girls and try not to think of his pet diversion which is homely girls. It seems to me that there are not very many homely girls at John Hay so he won't have a hard time trying not to think of them.

Thomas A. Tavcar  
P. S. I go to John Hay too.

### SPARTAN JUNIORS

December 22 the Spartan Juniors will herald Christmas in regal style. With a great variety of games and prizes we can really promise all you Spartan Juniors a real good time.

This promises to be the outstanding social function of the season.

Our meeting for December will be brief (very brief) so as to allow more time for the party. Before the meeting is adjourned, however, we will give away 50c.

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The main event at the January meeting will be the election of officers for 1940. All the members should make an effort to come to this meeting to aid in the election of these officers.

The officers are *your* representatives and should be of your choosing. The officers, in part, at least, are responsible for the policies of your lodge. It is a person's duty, as a member of the lodge, to come to the January meeting and vote for the persons he or she believes are best fitted for those offices.

Andrew Elersich, Pres.  
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### SPARTAN JR. GOSSIP COLUMN

Say Tommy Tavcar, what are you doing these days, we have not heard or seen you around lately. Is is a girl?

It seems as though Willie Wapotich is going to be a great help to the Vrtec page.

Andy Elersich, our president, talks an awful lot about the Cadillac he hasn't got. When ya gonna get it? The girls want to know.

Elsie Drobnic enjoys herself at the meeting by bringing funny books to read. What's the matter? Bored?

Three girls seen together a lot are "The Three Musketeers" of our lodge. They are Alice, Helen and Mary.

Eddie Stokel hasn't been seen around. Don't forget the Christmas party, Ed.

What happened to the idea about the drill team. How about turning up at some of the meetings so we can start something?

Dolores Rossman

## Do You Know?



Do you know that the first American bathtub was built in 1833 of Mahogany lined with sheet lead. It was seven feet wide and weighed 2000 pounds.

The United States makes one-third of all the matches used in the world. Sweden and Japan rank next. Our country uses three hundred billion matches a year.

Soldiers always break step when crossing a bridge to prevent a regular vibration which might lead to a breakdown of the bridge.

Modern candymakers use spinach to color their candy green.

The hippopotamus has a hide 1½ inches thick. It can stay under water from eight to ten minutes. In spite of its size it can run faster than a man.

Polar bears have hair on the soles of their feet. This prevents them from slipping on the ice.

Eamon de Valera Prime Minister of Ireland was born in New York City, U. S. A.

Florence Nightingale was the first and greatest of war nurses. Born into a noble English family, she scorned gay society, preferring to help the wounded soldiers on the battlefields of the Crimean war.

Bananas grow upside down on trees.

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### Safety First

"How many are there in your family, madam?"

"Just my husband and I."

"No children?"

"No."

"Any cats or dogs?"

"No."

"Do you have a radio?"

"No."

"Now have you any saxophones, pianolas, ukuleles or other musical instruments?"

"Indeed not. And why all these questions?"

"Madam, I'm just the man who intends to rent the house next door."

Sophie Colaric  
Vrtec 5

T'was the night before  
Christmas

And all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring  
Not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung by  
the fireside with care,  
They've been worn six months  
And they needed the air.

—Borrowed

## Merry Christmas to All

## Vrtec 140

### HOW THE LEGEND OF SANTA CLAUS BEGAN

Do you know how the story of Santa Claus first began? Several hundred years ago, around 1500, a Christian bishop fell into the bad graces of his Emperor. He was imprisoned and painfully tortured.

It wasn't long before the Emperor died. His successor was a much kinder man and soon brought about the release of the bishop who was later called St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas, like so many martyrs of his day, was a true friend of the poor and underprivileged. The story goes, he once presented dowries to three daughters of a citizen so that these young ladies, thru marriage, might avoid lives of shame.

For many years Christians honored St. Nicholas on the 6th of December. Later on they shifted to Christmas and started the gift giving ceremony we know today. Early Dutch colonists settled in New York and introduced the custom here. Gradually the name of St. Nicholas developed into Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas still lives in the minds of children and grown-ups. Little folks visualize him as a fat, jolly character in his North Pole workshop, reading their letters, checking behavior references and filling orders.

### THE CHRISTMAS TREE

St. Winfried, a missionary to the Scandinavians in the eighth century, cut down a great oak tree on Christmas to show the people they had been deceived by the Druids. (Druids were an old sect of priests who worships the trees in the forest.) As he turned he saw a young fir in its place, which had suddenly sprung up, so he told his hearers that this evergreen tree was like the new faith which would supplant the religion of their fathers.

The lights on the Christmas tree in your home are a relic of the fire-worshippers; the apples and balls are for the moon and stars.

Christmas carols were sung from the earliest days not only by the wandering minstrels, but also by youthful singers on Christmas morning. These singers went from house to house caroling such beautiful songs as "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" and many others.

Following the custom of the wise men who brought gifts to the Christ Child, we bring Him gifts when we give to those in need.

The Christmas Star that stood over the Inn in Bethlehem on that far-off Christmas Eve has uplifted man by drawing his gaze heavenward. It will yet make all men brothers in peace and good work.

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

## INDIANAPOLIS JUGOSLAVS



1st row seated, left to right: Manager Tony Qualitza, John Praprotnik, Louis Dragan, Mascots Mary and Rose Klarich, William Komlanc and Rudolph Milharic. 2nd row, left to right: Melvin Scott, Albin Turk, Co-Captain Anthony Bayt, Algerd Armin, August Zupancic, Louis Znidarsich, Captain Martin Dragan

The above picture is that of the 1939 National SSPZ Junior Champions. This team is considered as one of the greatest ever produced in the Vrtec's history. Besides being the champions of the SSPZ Juniors, they are one of the foremost teams in the local city.

The team finished the season with a record of 22 victories against 8 defeats. The final victory of the regular season was achieved at the expense of the Hoosier Pals. Tony Qualitza was the manager of the team for the third successive year. The mascots, as you probably all know were Rose and Mary Klarich.

Looking ahead for next year's prospect, there are but six returning lettermen, outstanding of which is Louie Znidarsich, who is capable of playing any position on the field. Others returning are Louis Dragan, Al Armin, Bill Komlanc and Rudolph Flajs.

These boys and a few others will have the task of successfully defending the championship of the Vrtec's teams.

Extending to all members and friends the season's greetings.

The Publicity Committee

### SCRAPS AND SLANTS

Don't forget the Christmas party for Vrtec and Danica members on Dec. 24. There will be entertainment and refreshments. A fine friend from the North Pole will distribute

## GIRARD BUDGETS

Girard, O. — We are planning to have a Christmas party on Dec. 23, 1939. As you all know, this is our first Christmas Party. I want all of you members to come and bring a friend. We are going to play games, we will have prizes, dancing, and refreshments. Bring your parents along too, for I am sure they will enjoy themselves. The party is going to be at Nagode's about 7:00.

How many of you realize that January is just around the corner, and that means election of new officers. Start thinking about that right now. I hope that our attendance at the meet-

goodies to all good boys and girls.

Vrtec No. 9 will regret the graduation to the older lodge of 3 prominent members, namely Martin Dragan, August Zupancic and Anthony Bayt. All three were members of the softball team.

Flash! John Praprotnik has taken up another sport. John rolled a game of ten pins. What was your final score.

We wish to congratulate Julia Kramzer, Evagene Chad and our own Louis Znidarsich in gaining a trip to the Festival in May.

Al Armin is a likely debator. He's always arguing.

Adolph Flajs, the figure skater at Holy Trinity rink, is already getting into shape to play softball by playing basketball.

Louis Dragan, Martin's understudy, will be a challenger for a starting position on this coming year's team.

Melvin "Red" Scott, our star catcher, has signed up for the CCC Camp. Don't work too hard Red!

Rose and Mary Klarich sure did enjoy seeing the movies of the Meet.

Bruno Canolas, the Gable of Houghville, has been a changed man here of late. He has been sporting a new outfit.

Now that we have written a little gossip we believe it is closing time until the New Year rolls around.

A Top-Hatter

## Pioneers

Vanding, Pa. — Pioneers held their last monthly meeting for 1939 on Dec. 10, 1939 at Naprej Hall. Taking into consideration the number of members that attended previous meetings, we had a record attendance.

Anthony Trelec presided at the meeting. The time and day on which we are to hold our meetings may be changed, due to the fact that the hall may be used by some other lodge.

At this meeting arrangements were made for a Christmas Party.

The date—Dec. 22, 1939.

The time—7:00 p. m.

The place—Naprej Hall.

Refreshments will be served.

A program will be staged. Pioneers will receive gifts from Santa Claus who will be there with his pack.

We extend an invitation to our parents and members of lodge 27 to come and enjoy themselves with us.

To all SSPZ members I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Wm. Pevc, Sec'y  
Pioneers

## Balkan Jrs.

Milwaukee, Wis. — Vrtec No. 33 announcing over Station SSPZ. Calling all good boys and girls, stand by! Attention!

A letter from the cold North Pole, sent by the jolly old Nicholas just got into the hands of our Christmas celebration committee. In a big red coat, trimmed with white fur, a fuzzy beard, he climbed into the latest clipper type aeroplane and is traveling with lightning speed toward the south. He gave his word by radio to our Administratrix Sophie, that he will be with us Sat., Dec. 23 promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the Tivoli Hall, cor. 5th and Natl. Ave. with his bag, reindeer and gifts for all youngsters. All Vrtec members with their parents and our friends should be there to meet and greet dear Santa in proper form. A very appropriate program for our Christmas celebration, in which all children will participate, will be given. There will be singing, comical acts and skits, musical numbers and many other interesting features. The program will open with moving pictures. There will be dancing after the performance, music furnished by our own talented Vrtec musicians, and a good time is assured to everyone.

We appeal to you adult members for help and cooperation. Together we can make this a real pleasant and successful evening for ourselves and for the benefit of our Vrtec treasury. Let us all boost our Vrtec, and the SSPZ. Admission 25c, children 10c.

Marie Ermence,  
Vrtec No. 33

Irene Rovani, Sec'y  
Vrtec 30

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

#### HEADLINE FLASHES

By Olga Zaubi

Flash! Flash! Another new member makes his appearance at the Outlookers' meeting!

Name — Frank Glicker.

Address — 1153 E. 168 St.

Age — 11 years.

Birthday — April 15, 1928.

Remarks: — "Watch us grow!"

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Due to the absence of our president, and our vice-president, and because our secretary was busy taking minutes, etc., and because we have no treasurer, a temporary chairman had to be appointed at our last meeting. Since all the boys were too bashful, a little girl got up and volunteered her services as president. In spite of the fact that she is young in years, she proved quite capable of handling the situation. She was no other than Betty Ann Tushar.

Mrs. Bashel pooped in, and business was temporarily suspended while she held a discussion with Mr. Zaman.

Members are asked to think up some brainstorm which we can use for our part in the Festival program to be held in Cleveland next May.

Little else was discussed, except for the membership campaign, and the meeting was soon adjourned.

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Since we didn't have our outing this summer, we'll have a super-special Christmas party. We are holding it tomorrow evening (Friday) in the new club-room joining the downstairs hall of the SDD. We have chosen this room because we are to have dancing with our refreshments. Save up a dime between today and tomorrow, so you can join in exchanging gifts with the rest of us.

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Start the New Year off right by being present at our January meeting, Friday, January 5. Election of officers will take place.

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Mr. Zaman has been re-elected our administrator for the coming year.

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Guess that's just about all, so I'll top it all off by extending our Vrtec's wishes for a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to all the other Vrtecs, their administrators, and the Supreme officers.

## The Outlookers' Corner



### CHRISTMAS EVE

By Eleanor Ster

*The twenty-fifth of December  
Is surely a day to remember.  
It's when Santa Claus comes,  
On a night so clear,  
And brings toys to the children  
Both far and near.*

*He gives dolls with curls  
To the good little girls,  
And he surprises the boys  
With different kinds of toys.*

*Down through the chimney he goes  
And walks very gently on his toes.*

*He fills the stockings to the top  
And goes to another, he does not stop.*

*He hurries away all through  
the night;*

*He must finish before it's  
bright.*

*Then in the morning the children wake,  
And all their presents they will take.*

P. S. With all the holidays coming along in a hurry, I hope nobody celebrates too hard. But enjoy yourselves. I do hope that everyone's wish comes true, and that Santa Claus gets them what they want. And I wish everyone a merry, merry Christmas, and a happy, happy New Year.

Eleanor



### BUCK BASHEL WRITES AGAIN

Well, well, dear readers, here I am again, none for the better, maybe somewhat for the worse, who knows? Since I hung up my pencil after my last masterpiece (or haven't you noticed?) I promised myself that I'd never pick up the blankety-blank implement again. But, as history goes to show you, many a famous article has been signed by just such a thing. Now I'll try to explain to you people who are afflicted with datemosis amnesiamosis (better known as date amnesia) just what's coming off about this time of the year:

Four days from today old St. Nick shall be, or should be, on his way back home with tired feet and a weary body after a hard night's work. His eyes might be swollen and red from lack of sleep, but he'll look back and smile to himself as he reminisces about all the good cheer and happiness he left behind him. In other words, I'm trying to tell you it's Christmas day.

Six days from Christmas that little brat with his birthday suit on will make his debut, and

### A CHRISTMAS GIFT

By Valeria Artel

*I opened up a Christmas gift,  
And this did lie inside:—  
A smile that's greater than  
man's world,  
In bright blue ribbon tied.*

*Another gift I did unwrap,  
And here is what I found:—  
A heart of gold, and very warm,  
With silver tinsel wound.*

*And still a third I opened now;  
I wept with joy, to see  
A soul so great I knew at once  
'T would always understanding  
be.*

*With eagerness that children  
have,  
I hurried on to more:—  
I found two bright and shining  
eyes,  
The smile of friends they wore.*

*I heard a murmur in the next;  
I opened it to see  
A tongue that whispered kindnesses—  
'T could never hurt or anger me.*

*One more I had, and opened it;  
Two hands there I did see;  
In comfort, warmth, and friendliness  
They were stretched out to me.*

*I pieced my gifts together then,  
And laid them end to end;  
Lo! They became God's greatest gift—  
I had — a Perfect Friend!*

the old whiskered gent shall make his exit. This is the day when all old resolutions are to be brought up anew. Like the ones:

"No more smoking" — but can you help it if your relatives brought you a box of cigars?

"No more telling fibs" — but it's easier to blame your little brother or sister for breaking the Christmas tree bulbs.

That gives you a little idea of what this master-mind brain of mine is trying to express.

This new 1940 year is also a sort of Sadie Hawkins year (if you know what I mean) to you gals who jitterbug and romp around the face of this earth. Yep, you guessed it, it's Leap Year. Now, fellows, we are faced with a serious problem which is under the title of "To be hooked or not to be hooked, that is the question." But don't take it seriously, because 90% of the women won't read this column, and 90% won't know that it is Leap Year until December 31, 1940, when it's too late. But you'll question yourself, what about the other 10%,

#### DEDICATION

This, the Christmas issue of the Outlookers' Corner, is dedicated in true Christmas spirit to our friends everywhere. With every Xmas wish on this page comes our hope that your holidays will be happier, more filled with God's graciousness, and more crowded with love and good fellowship than kings could command, or beggars pray for.

Valeria

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

The year of 1939 will come to a close December 31, 1939, at 12:00 m. And the new year of 1940 will step in, which will bring either good or bad luck. But the day celebrated most is New Year's Eve, December 31. Then everyone expects to have a glorious and wonderful time. But do they? That is the question. (Girls, don't plan ahead of time, because there is always a chance of being jilted or disappointed.) Here's a hint, boys, this is a girl's dream of New Year's Eve...

Scene I. About seven p.m. she is sitting in front of her dressing table, powdering up and making herself beautiful, just for you, boys. Then off the hanger comes the gown, yards and yards of pale blue net. Then on it goes, onto a slim figure and the effect is like a cloud gliding along a silver moonbeam. Then the finishing touches, and all is ready, and waiting...

Scene II. 7:45 p.m. The doorbell rings, and her heart is in her mouth, for she thinks it is he, but when she answers the door, to her amazement it is a boy in uniform, who hands her a box. Then off comes the lid, and lo and behold! A WHITE ORCHID! (What a thrill it is, boys, if you only knew.) On her left shoulder goes the beautiful white orchid. Oh!! She certainly does look gorgeous!!

Scene III. 8:00 p.m. For the second time the bell rings. At last, a word of greeting, perhaps more... and then a compliment. With his assistance she puts on her evening wrap of white velvet with black accessories. With a good-bye to her parents, and a last word of instructions from mom and dad they leave. He opens the door to his maroon convertible Buick, and off they go for a most enjoyable evening.

Scene IV. The rest is for you either to know or imagine.

GIRLS: If you get a chance like this, consider yourself lucky. But, make the most of what you do get.

BOYS: I bet you could slaughter me for giving the girls these ideas and expectations.

Josephine Kovic

Aha, that's where they're sunk — they caught their fish long ago.

As I look over the mass of jumbled words, and try to make some sense out of it, ... it can not be done. So I wish you a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year.

Fred Bashel

## VRTEC 72

## FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is like a snowball  
That's rolling down the hill,  
It never grows a single bit  
While it's standing still.

But once you start it rolling,  
It grows along its way,  
Just as our Friendship's growing  
Much greater day by day.

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(P. S. Wouldn't friendship be just the appropriate gift for a Vrtec Christmas gift? Come on, all you youngsters, let's fight for friendship and keep it rolling for future years. We don't want imitation friendship, eh? It's up to us, but let's bring it to the surface. We're all friends and let's show it!)

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## MEMORIES

And so another year slowly creeps toward its end. It's almost gone now, never to return again. What remains of "good ol' '39" are only a few memories.

Let's stop thinking about our future for a few minutes and bring to memory important incidents of 1939.

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The first two months of 1939 started with a bang. We had fine attendance plus entertainment.

Sorrow always intermingles happiness—and so, much to our sorrow, Amelia Lazzini passed away.

March. — News of Bro. Vrhovnik's arrival brought excitement.

April's, May's and June's meetings showed a marvelous improvement. Refreshments were being served and a program added. (This did the trick.)

July and August. — Again our thoughts were stirred. This time we were "Indianapolis bound." Everyone was anxious to go.

September. — Darn the girls' luck—only the boys went to Indianapolis. Before laving, we were assured of remaining champs another year. Well, much to our disappointment, they didn't bring back the bacon this year. A memorable runners-up trophy has its place in our club room.

October. — News of another important campaign reached us. Everyone thought it was great! It was the National Cultural Festival to be held in Cleveland. Incidentally, the campaign is still in progress.

November. — Couldn't believe it, but good ol' '39 was almost gone. Our membership had increased and so had our attendance at monthly meeting.

Eleven months are gone—the twelfth is soon leaving. To end the new year with a bang! We are again holding our Xmas party.

Be good! It's near Christmas time, and our Christmas party.

This being the biggest occasion of the year, everyone should be present to share all its joys. And so, to inform you well, so that all ye shan't forget, remember:

Date: December 23, 1939.

## Comets News

Ambridge, Pa. — Hello, all you Vrtec friends, this is Vrtec 44, broadcasting from Ambridge, Pa., the home of the Comets.

Well, here it is December already, which means that the year 1939 will soon be gone. During 1939 our Vrtec has progressed very nicely. Our membership has been greatly increased, which shows that our Vrtec really did some work. It is stronger and better than the previous year. Although we did not have 100 per cent attendance at our monthly meeting, it was, at most of the meetings, quite good.

Soon, the most important meeting of the year will be held. The general or annual meeting. At this meeting the important task of electing officers for the coming year will take place. Every single member should make it his responsibility to attend this meeting. The members should elect capable officers who will perform their work faithfully and to the best of their ability. Make up your mind to be present at the yearly meeting and show us that you are really interested in the affairs of our Vrtec. This meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 31, 1939, at 2:00 P. M. in the Slovene Home. Be sure to attend.

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The Comets will close the year 1939 with a big party which will be held on December 31 after the annual meeting. At this party there will be plenty to eat and drink, and a chance to be merry. There will be many forms of entertainment. Games will be played and some of our Vrtec members will entertain us with novelty acts. Dancing will be enjoyed by all those who prefer to. All the Comets are invited to attend this party, for I know that all of you will have a grand time. The Comets' parents are also invited to attend this party. Don't forget to be present for we'll be looking forward to see all you members. Each member is requested to bring a gift costing between 10c and 25c. These gifts will be put

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Occasion: Annual Christmas Party.

Comments: Sorry to disappoint you, but we cannot present the Christmas play "Christmas Orphan" as we once had planned. A fine program will make up double for this play. We'd also appreciate a fine attendance of all parents and friends of Vrtec members.

Julia C. Kramzer  
Vrtec 72

together and everybody will have a choice.

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The Slovene Home is going to sponsor a Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 2:00 p. m. in the S. N. Home. Santa Claus will be there and he will distribute candy to all the younger children present. The program will include a play entitled "Angeline Bakes a Cake." Five Comet members will take part in this play. The play is under the direction of Miss Margaret Peltz. The "Rozmarin" singing society will render a number of Slovene Christmas carols. I am sure that all who will be present will enjoy these beautiful Slovene carols. All the Comets as well as members of Lodge 41 SSPZ are invited to attend this program.

The S. N. Home will hold the last dance of this year on Saturday, Dec. 30, at the S. N. Dom. This is to be one of the best dances of the year. The music will be furnished by Tony Cousin and his orchestra, a popular orchestra in this vicinity. They will play music which will be suited to the young and the old. For an enjoyable evening of fun attend this dance.

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I am taking this opportunity to thank the contest judges for all the Vrtec literary prizes which I have received during the year 1939.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Julia Kramzer, and the other winning contestants in the Juvenile Festival Campaign on their splendid work.

## Flashes

The Comets are glad to see James Sekanick home from New Mexico.

Charles Kerzan, a fine mushball player, was transferred to the adult lodge.

Frances Rosenberger made a big hit at the dance.

Alberta Vlasic has been asking a certain boy to make her art pictures for school.

I wonder why Louis (Flash) hasn't attended the meetings lately.

Frank Tekstar and Joe Yanchar are going in for poem writing.

Strive to make the SSPZ a bigger and better organization than ever before.

All the Comets are very glad to hear that brother Gus Rosenberger, a member of our Vrtec, is on his way to a speedy recovery. It would be very nice on the part of our members to pay him a visit at his home.

Keep the "Wheel of Progress" rolling onward!

Agnes Tekstar, Sec'y  
Vrtec 44

## OUR CANARY

Our cat liked to fight,  
So he picked on the canary one night,  
We heard some chatter,  
And went to see what was the matter.  
And when we saw, we weren't merry,  
For it was the bones of our poor canary.

Frank Tekstar (Age 12)

## CHRISTMAS IN JURNA VAS

The way the people of Jurna Vas celebrate Christmas is very interesting.

The preparation begins way ahead of the holiday. First they white-wash the walls and change the straw bedding. A complete scrubbing then follows. After that the women wash all the clothes. (This is the biggest wash of the year.)

The day before Christmas, the mother bakes a cake called "Božična potica" for the family and little "Tičkes" for the children. Meanwhile the father gets wine from the vineyard "Luben," and the eldest daughter prepares a beautiful Christmas decoration.

After the work is all done, the family gets washed and dressed. At twilight, the father blesses the family and all the property. Then they all go to the midnight mass. One member of each family is left behind to act as a watchman.

When they come from mass, they eat a hearty breakfast. After a rest the whole family goes to the morning mass. When they return they eat their Christmas dinner. In the afternoon they sleep. The evening is spent talking over recent happenings and in joy-making.

Frances Rosenberger, Pres.  
Vrtec 44

## CENTER BOOSTERS

Center, Pa. — Santa Claus peeps around the window to see who is good or bad. So I peeped through the Napredek to see if there was an empty space left for me. I noticed an empty corner just like Santa Claus notices empty corners to set the Christmas trees in.

"Starlight, star bright,  
Christmas star I see tonight,  
Wish I may, wish I might,  
Have the wish I wish tonight,  
Candles for each Christmas tree,  
Gifts to fill the world with glee,  
Lots of friends and lots of fun;  
Christmas Joy For Every One."

The Center Boosters are holding a Christmas party for members and their parents only, on December 22, 1939, at 7:00 p.m. I hope all the members and parents will show up, because we have a big surprise for them.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

Helen Knafelc, Sec'y,  
Vrtec 77

Employer: Now that I have decided to give you the job, I must tell you that early hours is the rule in this store.

New Clerk: That's good. You can't close too early for me.

## Christmas

Christmas has a lot of joys,  
But not for bad girls and boys,  
So, if you want to be gay and happy,  
Be good friends with your pappy.  
Joe Yanchar (Age 12)



## Challenger Juniors

### NEWS

Strabane, Pa. — The Challenger Juniors presented a Christmas program and dance at the SNPJ Hall in Strabane, on Saturday evening, Dec. 16. A three act play, entitled "Christmas Dinner" was the featured entertainment of the program. Among those that took part in the play were Zelma Burchak, Irene Ellis, Betty Beton, Dorothy Helay, Margaret Slabe, Mary Jone Sciabica, Eleanor Beton, Matilda Burchak, Helen Pinchak.

Other features of the program were recitations by Harvey Davis, Shirley Bower, Rossella Serca, Mary Ann Yarkosky, Gloria Gump, Geraldine Daley, Herman Helay and Patty and Terry Koval.

Songs by Helen Kress and Jenny Tomsic in Slovene were greatly enjoyed by the audience. Other songs by Betty Beton and our singing star Grace Vivian Beton certainly appeal to everyone. Music selections by Jakie Martincic and orchestra filled in the program.

The program was a huge success, due only to the splendid cooperation of all the cast, and faithful rehearsing during the past four weeks. A great deal of credit goes to our administratrix Miss Frances Vrhovnik, for her impatiently coaching of the cast and her assistant Miss Josephine Ambrose, who helped select costumes and assisted in decorating the stage.

### SIDELINE GLANCES

The Challenger Juniors have graduated four new members in to the senior lodge namely Bill and Joe Progar, Joseph Zupancic and John Cornell.

Helen Pinchak, who has been ill for the past several weeks following an appendicitis operation, was able to take her part in the Xmas program. We are all glad to have you back and well again, Helen.

Duncy "A sailor man will be" Cornell will leave the first of the year for actual training in Uncle Sam's navy. Duncy wants to see the world. (Wonder what it looks like through a port hole.)

During this year's campaigning the Challengers have boasted their membership to 105 strong. So let's keep up the splendid work.

Congratulations Miss Julia Kramzer for qualifying as First Festival Contestant. We wish you an enjoyable trip to Cleveland in March, "you really deserve it."

The Challengers wish to thank Mr. John Serca for his splendid work in selling tickets for our Program and Dance. He sold some 125 tickets. Congratulations and thanks a million Mr. Serca.

Now, in behalf of the Challenger Jrs., our administratrix, and myself, we wish to extend our heartiest greeting for a

Gowanda, N. Y. — This is my first try as a reporter for our Vrtec "Dawn Patrol." How well I succeed is as yet to be seen. I'm a member of Vrtec but a few months and I take great interest in it. One of the main topics is the Slovene School. I take great interest in it. I've attended all meetings except one, when I was out of town visiting.

Congratulations, Violet! I hope some day I may be in your shoes. Here's to lots of luck and lots of fun! Eleanor Matekovich won the prize for being the best pupil in the Slovene School for the month of November. So far one boy and one girl have obtained it.

Off the record. — Who was the young Vrtec member coming out of show the other night, with a young lady at his side? — Who was the young lady that attended our last meeting and was afraid to get kissed? — For Romeo, Milan sure takes the cake. No Matter how we pick a girl out. — Klancer and Matek have recently joined the Boy Scouts. They went camping a few nights back. What were some of the sights you have seen, and how many miles did you have to walk, when you went hiking and exploring with your Scout Master? I hope I haven't offended anyone by the names or notions which I have used. I am sure you are used to them.

For the good of our Vrtec, here's hoping we all attend our meetings regularly and on time and that we shall live up to the SSPZ principles. Before concluding I wish all Vrtec and Senior members of all SSPZ lodges a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Roving Reporter  
Vrtec 148

Gowanda, N. Y. — Hello, again, you Vrtec units! I am making a stab at my second article to the Napredek. Reading through the last month's issue I see the campaign is going strong and we're right in with them. We have already sent in our qualifications, or in other words, our 25 members. The lucky member is our quiet Violet Widgay. We didn't come first as my mother thought we would, being third in line, still I think we're doing fine.

Congratulations, Violet, and I hope you have a good time.

Why do I like the SSPZ?

1. It has formed Vrtec units for children, giving us good times and teaching us true fraternalism.

2. She is right on hand in any emergency, in case of sickness, accident, or death.

3. No partiality is shown; we are all treated alike.

I am very thankful for the Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Reporter

# Dawn Patrol

prize I received in Slovene School for the month of October.

Thanks to Sisters Julia Pecnik and Rose Matkovich for helping us get our 25 new members.

Well, boys, in my last article I mentioned we needed more talent for football and softball. We are getting there very nicely. What we need now is an athletic advisor and we'll have one soon, I think. How about it, gang? Now, until we meet again, Merry Christmas to all!

John Matekovich, Jr., Pres.  
Vrtec 148

Gowanda, N. Y. — This is my first appearance in this paper and I hope to write more often.

Way back in July, Michael Vrhovnik paid a visit to Gowanda, showing us some very good motion pictures, and also gave a very interesting talk and one thing he mentioned, that Gowanda's juveniles should have a Vrtec like many other places are having. About a few weeks later, Sister and Brother Rose and John Matekovich came over and asked my father and mother if they would be willing to have me join the SSPZ. They said we would have our own Vrtec with our own meetings and officers and also have a Slovenian School and this was something new to me and the rest of the members and my parents were willing to enroll me.

Our first meeting was held at the picnic grounds and a good time was enjoyed by all. A special meeting was called to elect the officers and at this meeting, I was elected Treasurer of Dawn Patrol.

We have held quite a few meetings since the first and we have a good time after each one and also refreshments are served.

Our Vrtec is progressing along nicely and we have many new members enrolled since July. The Slovenian School is also progressing along nicely with quite a few members attending, and I have learned quite a bit since we began and you should see us study, as the Dawn Patrol gives a prize each month to the best one.

I have heard good news before, but this was the best news I have heard yet, and that was when Sister Rose Matekovich told me that I was chosen as delegate to the Juvenile Convention in Cleveland. I can hardly wait for May to roll delegates are just as anxious. I wish to thank everyone who so kindly helped me in reaching my goal and many thanks go to Sisters Julia Pecnik and Rose Matekovich. Before I say goodbye, I wish all SSPZ members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Violet Widgay, Treas.  
Dawn Patrol 148

## Vrtec No. 16

DePue, Ill. — No doubt a lot of members who read this article will be surprised because they didn't think there even was a Vrtec No. 16. But here in DePue we have a very active Vrtec even if it hasn't done anything to gain national prominence. Our meetings have been enthusiastically attended by a group of hard-working boys and girls. We have a lot of fun after the meetings with games or entertainment by Mickey Slatner and his accordion, Mary Zickar and I on our trumpets, and Dorothy Yuvon on her clarinet.

Of course, everyone delights in the refreshments which our administrator usually provides.

Only one sorrow has come during this year of fun. It was the loss of our energetic and hard-working president John Koss, whom we shall never forget.

At the November meeting plans were made for a giant Christmas party to be held December 23. I think Santa Claus will be there with gifts for everyone. I don't have to tell every member to be present because you couldn't keep them away if you wanted to.

The following poems were prize winners in a poem writing contest held in October.

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### THE RAIN

By Helen Slatner

I like the rain  
As it comes patting on my window pane.

It seems to come from ever so high,  
From a dark and clouded sky.

When I look from my window pane  
I can see people running about in the rain.

When I go out after the rain has stopped  
I can see people taking flopps.

When the bright sun comes out  
It seems to dry the puddles about,  
And as I sweep away the rain  
It comes again on my window pane.

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### THE CRICKET

By Donald Omahen

The other day I saw a cricket near our house.

I would have a lot rather seen a mouse.

In the evening when hundreds of them sing,

I wish they would go away because they make my ears ring.

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Well, members, let's all be at the December 10th meeting, when we will elect officers for the coming year.

Dorothy Omahen, Sec'y  
Vrtec 16

One day Der Fuehrer decided to inspect Berlin's leading insane asylum. The inmates were well coached, so that when Adolph marched through the building, they all stood at attention and saluted, "Heil Hitler!"

Goebbels noticed one fellow who failed to heil. Marching up to him, the minister shouted, "Dumkopl, why don't you salute Der Fuehrer?"

"But your Excellency," stammered the offender, "I am the Warden here."

—Baldwin Wallace Exponent

# WHITE VALLEY KINGSTERS

## LOOKING BACK



HELEN KASTELIC

Delmont, Pa.  
—The Kingsters have been very active this year. Our first meeting was held on January 15, 1939. The following officers were elected:

Pres., Helen Kastelic; Vice Pres., Helen Mladenich; Sec'y, Verna Kosmach; Rec. Sec'y, Thresa Kastelic; Treas., Helen Sabec.

On the same day we held our third anniversary dance, which was a success.

During this year the Kingsters have lost several of their active members who were transferred to the adult lodge or to the Evening Stars. Josephine Barber and Mary Laurich left us in February; Verna Kosmach and Helen Sabec in March; Thresa Kastelic, Pauline Kogosek, and Stanley Previc in June. As three of these transferred members were officers, we then elected Helen Mladenich, sec'y; Edwin Sabec, treas.; Anna Gerlovsky, rec. sec'y.

May 28, marked the day on which Michael Vrhovnik visited and showed movies at White Valley.

The Kingsters next affair was a dance held on October 15, 1939. I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our affair this year, and making them all a success.

In closing, I wish all the members of the SSPZ a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Helen Kastelic, Pres.  
Vrtec 103

## What a Christmas

Folks love to see Christmas come  
But I—I shudder at the thought.  
For not so very long ago  
My Christmas was all shot.  
It happened just a year ago  
On Christmas Eve at our place,  
I went to bed so happy and gay  
A great big smile upon my face.  
I hung my stocking with greatest care  
Hoping Santa would find it there.  
Everyone laughed at little me  
And yet nothing funny could I see.  
Next morning I rose so bright and early  
And found my stocking so nice and full,  
But when my stocking I did unload  
I became as mad as a great big bull.  
And I suppose you'll wonder why  
Well, I found two oranges and looked for more.  
But coal was in the bottom half  
And was I ever sore.  
My whole Christmas Day was spoiled  
And I still can't figure out,  
Why anyone would play such a trick  
To make a soul and body sick.  
Christmas, Christmas, I can't stand it  
Who wants another Christmas like that.  
I hoped it would never again come 'round  
And some day that person be found  
Who dared do such a dirty thing  
I know it is not very nice  
And really not polite,  
To speak so rude of Christmas  
When all around is bright.  
But I will do my very best  
To be real good this Christmas,  
And if this Santa tries again

## Washington Sights

Having spent six months in Washington, D. C., and having seen scores of places of interest, I am attempting to relate some of these sights to our many Vrtec readers. Any visitor knows that endless numbers of pages can be written about the city, but I'll limit my writing and tell you something about the city in general.

Washington, capital city of the United States, rivals in grandeur the great capitals of Europe and by many is considered the most beautiful city in the world. The attractions it has for the visitor always surpass the time at its disposal to enjoy them and the growth of its fame as the ideal convention city is attested to by the hundreds of conventions now held here annually.

As the center of all activities of the federal government, Washington is of interest to every citizen in the United States. For future citizens, it holds peculiar interest. In its educational institutions, its research organizations, its libraries, its stately public buildings, its beautiful parks, its historic associations, Washington combines features that make it the ideal city for the out-of-town visitor.

The United States Capitol is one of the largest and stateliest buildings in the world. It is 751 feet in length and 350 feet in width, covering three and one-half acres. The statue of Freedom on the dome towers 307 feet above the esplanade. The cornerstone was laid by President Washington in 1793; the central building was finished four years later and the extensions were first occupied by Congress in 1857-1859. The Capitol is a historic building containing four hundred and thirty-one rooms and erected at a cost of approximately fifteen million dollars.

The White House, home of the President, attracts thousands of visitors annually. The spacious rooms make your eyes blink; the chandeliers are beautiful and a gorgeous solid gold-legged piano is roped off at the left-hand side. The White House is closed to the public at present because of the war.

There are more than one hundred libraries, the most important being the noted Library of Congress, unsurpassed by any institution of the kind in the world. Months, rather than hours, might be spent in the enjoyment of this great building with its mural painting, its ornate pavilion and the 5,000,000 volumes, which make it the

To bring me such a gift  
I'll get a broom and be darn sure  
He gets a pretty lift!

Helen Mladenick, Sec'y  
Vrtec 103

largest library in the world. The Library of Congress is patronized very consistently, not only by the people of the United States but also by many from foreign countries.

Then there are two million dollar's worth of buildings in the Federal Triangle, a group that sets a precedent in world history. In the magnificent Lincoln Memorial is the statue of Lincoln by Daniel C. French which is in the central hall while smaller halls at each side of central space contain the Second Inaugural and the Gettysburg Address. Surrounding the walls, incasing these memorials, is a colonade of 36 columns, one for each of the 36 states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death.

Not far from the Lincoln Memorial are the three thousand Japanese Cherry Trees that blossom so beautifully in the spring time, about March or April. Across the Arlington Memorial Bridge, a marvel of engineering skill, is the Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, winding its way along the Potomac to the old home of George Washington.

Then the Washington Monument is spectacular. It rises to a height of 525 feet and is set off on a place of its own. Just last week I went to the top to view the city from a great height. Everything of course, is seen in miniature. This building, I think should be the first one for any visitor to see, for from it, the whole city is laid before your eyes!

Any visitor coming to Washington who wishes information as to the most important and interesting places to see, or who wishes maps and booklets may obtain such material from the "Greater National Capital Committee in the Washington Board of Trade, 204 Evening Star Building, Washington, D. C."

Fraternally,

Thresa Kastelic

## SPARTAN JRS.

### MISTAKES ON PAPER MONEY

Of all the millions of dollars in currency that come from the presses of the United States government, there is rarely a mistake of any kind. So careful are the experts in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing who check and recheck each bill. But mistakes will happen, and in 1890 the government printed a bank note that showed \$100 on one side and \$50 on the other.

A hotel clerk in balancing the accounts for the day could not get them to come out right. One time he would count the bills and they would balance with his figures, but the next time he

## Christmas Thoughts



As Father time goes on his way  
The old clock ticks the hours away.  
Outside the snow is falling fast  
Telling us summer and autumn are past.

But you and I are happy and free  
And that's the way we ought to be.  
For soon it will be Christmas Day  
And we'll get our little "say."

Great happiness we all should know  
Cannot be bought by gold or dough.  
It comes from helping a friend in need  
To our hearts it is a precious deed.

Of course happiness means a great deal  
But what is Christmas without a good meal?

It's just like coffee without the cream  
At least, I'm sure that's the way it would seem.

Here's a little suggestion for this holiday season

I hope you use it with plenty of reason  
And do your share to make your dinner  
A real Holiday Winner.

Here's a recipe for a Fruit Cake.  
Christmas could hardly pass without  
a grand Cake to decorate our table.

### Fruit Cake

5 cups white raisins  
2 cups dried figs  
5 cups sliced citron  
2 cups halved candied cherries  
½ cup fruit nectar (pear or peach)  
3 teaspoons nutmeg  
4 teaspoons mace  
¼ teaspoon white pepper  
2 teaspoons lemon extract  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1½ cups orange marmalade  
2 cups margarine  
2½ cups sugar  
8 eggs  
4½ cups flour  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1½ teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1½ cups coarsely chopped Brazil nuts and meats.  
2 cups broken walnut meats.

Rinse fruits and peels, drain and dry on a towel. Cut figs into thin strips. Combine spices and fruit nectar; stir and pour over combined fruits and peel. Add marmalade and stir. Cover and let stand overnight. Cream margarine and sugar. Add beaten eggs and mix. Add flour sifted with baking powder and salt and beat. Add fruit mixture, flavoring and nuts. Stir well and pour into two 9-inch cake pans that have been lined with two layers of greased brown paper. Bake in slow oven, 285 degrees about 3½ hours. Decorate tops as and if desired. Baked weight about 9 lbs.

Helen Mladenick, Sec'y  
Vrtec 103

would be fifty dollars short. After working for two hours counting the money over and over, in exasperation he called the manager. They examined each bill separately and found the mistake.

But strangely enough the Treasury Department in Washington knew that such a bill was out, for a bill just like the one had been caught before it left the Treasury. There they knew, from the arrangement of the plates on the press, that there must have been another bill printed with a corresponding error.

Sophie Colaric  
Vrtec 5

## Power Point

Power Point, Ohio. — Well, I guess I was just about asleep when I heard someone say, "Christmas is just around the corner, I looked for myself and it most certainly is. So I'm going to tell you all, you'd better turn your steering wheels toward Power Point. We are going to have a Christmas party, December 23, in the Slovene Home, at Chucks Hollow. Now if you don't attend, I'm telling you, you're missing something. So don't forget, friends, neighbors, and all, and turn to Power Point December 23. There will be plenty of refreshments of all kinds, polkas and waltzes so come one, come all. We guarantee you a really good time.

Clara Chuck, Pres.,  
Vrtec 126

Lisbon, O. — Hi, folks, here I am again with a bit of news about most everything but most about our Christmas dance.

The dance will be Saturday the 23 of December and it will be held at the Chuck's Hollow. And it will start 7:00 p.m. The admission will be men 15c, women and children 10c.

You Girard Budgets had better come, because we came over there twice, and Burgettstown, too.

We had a meeting November 26. Most of the members were present. All the members had better come December 24. We're electing new officers then.

Now something about the farm. We got our potatoes out about the middle of October and corn husked last of October, so we're all done harvesting.

I hope I'll see you at our dance, Dec. 23. You're all welcome. Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Agnes June Lesjak,  
Vrtec 126

### A BIG DAY

Lisbon, O. — Here I am with some big news and I'm sure you wouldn't want to miss it. So, here it is: We're going to have a big Christmas party December 23. I'm sure you don't want to miss this big party because you may get a treat from Santa Claus, for all you know. We're looking for a big crowd. We are expecting Pirate Jrs. from Burgettstown, Pa., and Girard Budgets, for we went to both places twice. So, it's your turn to help us enjoy our big evening now. That will give us all chance to meet some of our Brothers and Sisters.

We will have a good musician who will suit both old and young, so please try to come everybody, mothers and fathers and bring your families! I'm sure you will have a good time. It will be held at Chuck's Hollow. This is Rainbows wishing you a happy Christmas and lot's

# Concordians

### A CHRISTMAS POEM

Merry is the Christmas mood,  
Ever happiness and cheer;  
Round the trees in every wood,  
Ring, oh bells from far and near,  
Yuletide at last is here.

Christmas is the time for sighs,  
Holly wreaths are hung on high;  
Reindeer visions dancing and  
prancing,  
Icicles from their sleighs a-hanging.  
St. Nick with his bag of toys  
To give to each little girl and boy,  
Make sure you're good as good can be  
And merry you will surely be,  
Seeing what Santa has for thee.  
Natalie Svetlic, Vice-Pres.  
Vrtec 171

### CONCORDIAN HISTORY

As the year draws to a close, we ponder over the events of the past year as follows:

April — Flash — A big month — Vrtec 171 Concordians and Drill Team Concordettes was organized.

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May — Flash — What a number — Going places with 48 new members.

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June — Flash — Juvenile month. Received our charter, and celebrated with a social after our meeting.

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July — Flash — What fun! Our first outing at Metropolitan Park.

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August — Flash — "Grandmother" — Mr. Vrhovnik attended our meeting at which we initiated Rose Hanko as our "Grandmother."

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September — Flash — Down to business — Decided to try for the 100 mark by the end of the year. Have 66 members.

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October — Flash — Festival — Entered a contestant in the Festival Campaign.

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November — Flash — Nightmare — The drill team had a nightmare, but recovered and is working hard.

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December — Flash Flash — Ending our history for this year with 80 members and more coming, a good attendance at meetings, a good drill team, at least a couple of articles in the paper, and a hope that we keep on progressing.

Mary Menich, Sec'y,  
Vrtec 171

### A POEM

Christmas comes but once each year  
Sometimes it brings a little tear,  
But it's only a tear of joy  
To see a stocking stuffed with a toy.  
And Christmas morning is always  
cheery,  
When we see the face of a little dearie  
Pick up the toys that means so much  
For a Merry Christmas.

Betty Jane Bernik (Age 8)  
Vrtec 33

of good luck in 1940. We'll be seeing you, I hope.

Anna Lesjak,  
Vrtec 126

### CONCORDETTES NIGHTMARE

One cold, dark and dreary night as we sat and waited patiently for our captain, we wondered how much we would like our new meeting place. Our captain finally tripped in with a gay smile on her face, and we proceeded upstairs. We found the room to be large, airy, and very pleasing — at first.

Once we started marching, we were disturbed by faces at the door. So our captain slammed the door, and imagine her surprise when she found the door was locked. As we bravely smiled and tried to march with confidence, we heard a loud hammering on the right and wondered what would happen next. All of a sudden we heard the mournful strains of "Old Black Joe" followed by "mi, mi, mi," and someone running up and down the scale. We thought our misery would never end, but like a ray of sunshine, we heard "The Spring Song." Trying to adjust our marching to these songs, we suddenly came to life when we heard the "Beer Barrel Polka." There wasn't any more marching, for to our captain's dismay, she discovered she had not a drill team, but a jitterbug jamboree. So what started as a nightmare, ended up with a mad rush for the door which opened up like magic.

Natalie and Mary  
Vrtec 171

### CHRISTMAS

When Mary and Joseph came to town,  
The snow flew fiercely all around,  
And out in the streets the wind was  
bold,  
Oh, who would house them from the  
cold?

Then opened wide a stable door,  
The animals which were on the floor,  
All did put forth their heads,  
And said, "Come, let the little Lord  
make here his bed."

The cows breathed to keep Babe  
Jesus warm,  
The cocks crowed o'er the hills—  
"Christ is born."

While out in file young lambs lay,  
Poor shepherds came in to adore and  
pray.

These were Thy neighbors, Christmas  
Child;  
To Thee their love was given,  
For in Thy baby face there shone  
The wonder-light of Heaven.

Margaret Ohojak (Age 13)  
Vrtec 33

## Roznik Juniors

Chicago, Ill. — As the days get closer to Christmas they also get closer to the Christmas Party of the Roznik Jrs. which will be held Dec. 25 at Berger's Hall at 3 p.m.

The members have prepared a program consisting of dance numbers, vocal selections and instrumental numbers. After the program, Santa will visit the party as usual and present the members with gifts.

Refreshments will be served

## Balkan Juniors

### MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

A merry Christmas, or better still, a very happy Christmas to you all! We cannot all be merry because some of us are naturally grave, while some of us may have suffered grief or misfortune. But if we hearken to the Christmas message, we can feel a deeper and more lasting emotion than mere merriment, an assurance of abiding peace and joy.

As Christmas fires are lighted and Christmas candles burn, surely a gleam must extend far out into the darkness. As kind hearts glow even cold hearts feel a faint warmth. Unhappy those who never felt the glow of the Christmas fire, but twice unhappy those who have known its warmth and have closed their hearts to keep it to themselves. I fall who ever felt the happiness of Christmas had taken pain to share its good will with others, the dark corners would now be bright.

No one will read these words who has not been blessed by the coming of Jesus. When he was born, all mankind was lifted up. All those that were free were given a more perfect freedom and those that were slaves realized their freedom then came. A reign of laws was closed, a reign of love opened.

A great danger for the world is that now, with the first Christmas day left farther and farther in the past, we may forget that it is the source of all that is best in our civilization and that we may let the Christmas fire go out.

Let us listen to hymns and carols and sing them with our hearts even if we cannot sing with our lips. If we cannot go to church, let us read the Christmas stories and sing the Christmas songs among ourselves.

Let us make for ourselves and others a happy Christmas. Let us hang holly and trim a tree. Let us carry everywhere the message of Christmas, to the old, to the sick, to the poor, and especially to little children who shall in turn be messengers to another generation.

Above all, let us keep peace in our own hearts, then we shall be happy on this Christmas day.

Elsie Ohojak,  
Vrtec 33

Prof.: Why don't you answer me?

Student: I did, professor. I shook my head.

Prof.: But you don't expect me to hear it rattle way up here, do you?

to all children, games will be played and we will have a grab-bag. All of you bring a 10c gift for the grab-bag, girls bringing a girls' gift, and boys a boys' gift, or one that will be for either.

So don't forget the day, or the time or place and until then . . . a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all!

Wilma Gratchner