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WITH OUR JUNIORS

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New Membership Factographs

Before taking definite leave of the year 1936 let us, together, review the work of our various Vrtec units in connection with the membership drive which began August 1, 1936. Checking over the list which took active part, we find that only 33 or, approximately, one-fifth of all Vrtec units saw action of a greater or lesser degree during this period. A grand total of 213 new members were admitted to the SSPZ fold. Of these, 163 were gained by Vrtec units classed as ACTIVE and the remainder by the inactive group. Of the 33 Vrtec units which participated actively in this campaign, 16 are numbered among the ACTIVE GROUP.

As has been the custom in every past campaign, although, we are ready to admit that the last one did not receive nearly as much publicity as did former campaigns and everything was left, more or less, to the incentive created, locally, the closing months were outstanding for their fruitfulness. Among these are found, Vrtec 169 at Bridgeville, Pa., leading the field with a splendid total of 53 new members. Next in line for honorable mention is Vrtec 72 of Sygan, Pa., which added 33 members, and not far behind is Vrtec 28 of Clinton, Ind., with a total of 18 new members to its credit.

December's activity, the returns of which will become effective, officially, as of January 1, 1937, was centered mainly around Vrtec 5 of Cleveland where the BIG THREE, brothers Candon, Stokel and Wapovich, aided by sister Ann Opeka, got together and decided to give "Uncle" Charlie a hand. 8 new members was the result of their combined efforts. At Donora, Pa., where brother Anton Bucic holds sway, Vrtec 6, after lagging behind for a prolonged spell, finally broke the ice for a sizable gain which netted an increase of 8 members. Victor Zupancic, administrator of Vrtec 160, continued his good work with an addition of 5 more new members, while from For-

est City, Pa., came 4 applications. Others deserving special mention for their work in December were Vrtec 12 of Pali-sade, Colo., 13 of Madison, Ill., and 169 of Bridgeville, Pa.

In the select circle for their exceptionally fine showing in

Place—Vrtec and location

- 1 Vrtec 169 Bridgeville, Pa.
- 2 Vrtec 72, Sygan, Pa.
- 3 Vrtec 28, Clinton, Ind.
- 4 Vrtec 160, Chicago, Ill.
- 5 Vrtec 101, Burgettst'n, Pa.
- 6 Vrtec 103, White Valley, Pa.
- 7 Vrtec 5, Cleveland, Ohio
- 8 Vrtec 6, Donora, Pa.
- 9 Vrtec 44, Ambridge, Pa.
- 10 Vrtec 60, Johnston City, Ill.

CONGRATULATIONS and MANY THANKS to each and every member who in any way helped to increase the membership and speed the progress of our SSPZ during the year 1936.

What Lies Ahead . . .

With the year 1937 nearly a month on its way and your Vrtec officers elected, now is the time to draw-up a program of events for the remainder of the year. Every Vrtec unit should be an active asset of the organization as well as the community in which it is located. Every Vrtec unit, can, if its officers and members are inclined to want to do something worthwhile, help to promote the welfare of its community thru its social-fraternal activities. It stands to reason that the more good a Vrtec unit does in its home community, the more good publicity will it gain and the greater and more profitable will it be as an attraction to prospective members. ADVERTISE your social, cultural, educational and athletic events far and wide, high and low. Use your Vrtec Supplement to this advantage. Write about your doings, talk about them, tell the world what you are planning to do and then do it better than you advertised it would be, that's the best way to make your calendar of events during the year 1937 most successful.

Here are a number of special days you should include in your social calendar . . .

Saint Valentine's Day—Plan

the past 6 months, we have placed the following units . . . Note that 9 of the 10 listed are ACTIVE, which proves our contention that an Active Vrtec unit's chances of growth are much greater than that of a non-active unit . . .

No. new members — Adminis.

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| 53 | Christine Kvartich |
| 33 | Leopold Mur |
| 18 | John Skoff |
| 12 | Victor Zupancic |
| 9 | Frank Laurich, Sr. |
| 9 | George Previc |
| 8 | Charles Koman |
| 8 | Anton Bucic |
| 6 | Joseph Hochevar |
| 6 | Mary Burja |

on having a Valentine box for your next meeting.

Mother's Day and Dad's Day

—These are two very important days. Both are appropriate occasions for short programs. Invite your parents to attend. A light lunch served after the program will interest them, too.

Anniversary celebrations

Your Vrtec unit has a birthday, every year, the same as you do. If possible, celebrate this event during the month of the birthday.

Labor Day week-end—Three full days of joy, fun, play and laughter. This is our National Meet. Begin to plan now to attend this gala affair. It will be in Cleveland this year. Save your pennies, nickels and dimes so that you will be able to be present. You'll be mighty glad you did.

Hallowe'en — This occasion should never be overlooked. It affords opportunity for lots of fun and a rollicking good time for all.

Thanksgiving Day — Always falls on the last Thursday of November. It is an occasion for remembering the less fortunate members of your Vrtec unit and others in your immediate vicinity.

Christmas Day — This, of course, is the greatest day of the year for all boys and girls. Parties, programs, gifts, and good things to eat is an annual event in the SSPZ. It is one day of the year that will not be overlooked.

Monthly meetings — These should be made educational and entertaining. The regular routine should be followed by short discussions on selected subjects, contests, games, drills, gymnastics, or any of a number of various other features. An occasional after meeting party helps to swell the attendance.

Learn to Think Properly

There is an old, fanciful story about a hungry donkey that was wandering along in a deserted region. All at once he came to a place where two bales of hay lay by the roadside. There the silly donkey stood between the bales, unable to make up his mind which he should eat first, and the old story goes that he stood there and starved to death. Do you know any boys and girls like that? I do, and grown-up people, too. These hesitating, too-careful persons waste a good part of their lives and other people's time and patience. Our Vrtec members should try to learn to think about a matter properly, and then make up their mind at once.

Do You Know . . .

JANUARY is named after JANUS, an ancient Latin divinity. He was held in great reverence by the Romans, who believed him to be the God of the year, and was represented with two faces, one looking forward, the other backward. All doors, passages and beginnings were in his care.

FEBRUARY is named after the Roman Rebrua, a festival of purification, having twenty-eight days, except in leap year, when it has twenty-nine. Many important birthdays fall in this month. Among them we find ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S, Feb. 12th, who was our most beloved president and always a friend of the common people. GEORGE WASHINGTON'S birthday on the 22nd, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's on the 27th and Saint Valentine's Day on the 14th are only a few of the standouts.

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Lukec in njegov škorec

France Bevk

Ptič je obrnil glavo in pogledal dečka z enim očesom. "Lukec!" Zaslutil je, da nekaj ni v redu. Poizkusil je vtakniti glavo skozi mrežo, ni šlo. Znova je pogledal Lukca. Ta je zgrabil kletko za ročaj in se nameril proti vratom.

"Potep! Potep!" je vpil Klepec. Zagnal se je v žico. Kletka se je zamajala v Lukčevih rokah. "Bedak! Bedak!"

Mati je stala s kovčgom in culo sredi izbe. Poslednjič se je ozrla po stenah. Svete podobe so gledale nanjo. Tudi Lukec je stal in gledal. Do tistega hipa se mu je zdela koča navadna, celo grda. Sedaj bi jo bil vzel s seboj kot škorca, če bi bil mogel.

Mati se je prekrizala.

"Lukec, prekrizaj se tudi ti in reci: zbogom! Toliko let smo preživeli v tej koči . . . Nikoli več . . . je ne bom videla . . ."

Ustnice so ji zatrepetale. Dve debeli solzi sta ji zdrknili čez lica. Lukec se je prekrizal. V očeh je imel solze. Mati je naglo stopila iz kože in jo zaklenila.

Z naglimi koraki sta stopala v vas . . . Nad Vipavsko dolino je visela rahla meglica. Drevje je bilo že rumeno, listje je padalo na tla. Od Nanosa je vela mrzla sapa. Na vrhuncih gora so se zlatili prvi solnčni žarki. Petelini žarki. Petelini so peli.

Škorec se je spomnil med potjo na vse hude besede, kar jih je kdaj znal. Iz srda jih je usipal na Lukca, ki je hodil molče in se ni ozrl po njem . . . Slednjič je Klepec utihnil. Stisnil se je k steni kletke in se vdal v svojo usodo. Gledal je pol srdito a pol radovedno v svet.

Pred vasjo se je mati še enkrat ozrla. Na samoti med drevjem je stala koča. Pravkar je bilo posijalo solnce nanjo. Vsa zlata je blestela med rumenim listjem.

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Vas je še pokojno spala. Le iz nekaterih vež so se že slišali glasovi. Lukec se je ozrl po šoli. Siva, resna je stala ob poti.

Pred krčmo je čakal vprežen voz. Mati je sedla na culo in se sključila v dve gubi. Roke je skrila pod predpasnik in molila. Lukes je sedel poleg voznika. Tičnik je položil na kolena in ga objemal z obema rokama.

"Hi!"

Konj je potegnil. Voz je zaropotal po klancu, zapustil vas. Dosegli so cesto. Bela, peščena se je vila v daljavo. Vrtovi, polja, hiše. Prvi ljudje so pravkar vstali, se pretegovali na pragih in zehali.

Voz je ropotal skozi trg, skozi vasi. Srečeval je druge vozove avtomobile. Zvonovi so peli. Ljudje so hodili na delo. Ob cesti so se že igrali otroci. Meglica se je dvignila, solnce je posijalo.

Vse se je treslo: voz, Lukčeva kolena in škorec v kletki. Tistega dne se je zdelo Lukcu vse

novi. Tesnoba ga je bila popustila. Zdelo se mu je, da sanja. Dobil je peroti in leti v daljni svet.

Obrnil se je k materi: "Pravljice sem pozabil."

"V tvojem kovčgu so," je mati prekinila molitev. Vprašala je voznika: "Ali ne bomo zamudili vlaka?"

"Ne." Voznik je udaril po konju. "Hi!"

"Hi!" se je zdramil škorec.

Šlo je naglo, da je bila radost. Pred vozom se je odpiral ovinek.

"Lukec, ozri se, če hočeš še enkrat videti našo vas in našo dolino," je spregovorila mati.

Lukec se je ozrl. V daljavi, na holmu je stala vas. Na samoti je stalo nekaj sivega. Koča. Vedno bolj je ginila med drevjem. Vipavska dolina s svojimi solnčnimi pobočji, hišami, polji in vrtovi . . .

Mati je imela roke prekrizane, objemala je kolena. Nič več molila. Z ljubeznijo in z neko pobožnostjo je gledala v daljavo. Kaj je mislila? Kaj je čutila? Svet je velik a domovina je samo ena, sama ena . . .

"Lukec, pokrižaj se še enkrat!"

Voz je izginil za ovinkom, drvel po klancu v nižino, med gosto drevje, med dva brebova. Vipavska dolina se je zagrnila očem . . . Za vedno?

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Marjeta in Lukec sta bila prišla z žalostnim srcem v mesto. Šum ulic in cest, letanje in skrbi so zadušile njuno domotožje. Vozovi, avtomobili, množica ljudi, vse to je zamamljalo Lukca in škorca.

Klepec je oponašal glasove, ki jih je slišal in se drl od veselja. Pred postajo se je nabrala gruča ljudi okrog Lukca in njegovega škorca.

"Ti boš še tu ostal s svojim škorcem," je dejala mati sinu. Bila ga je izubila, težko ga je našla. "Pazi na culo, ki je lažja! Jaz ponesem kovčeg . . ."

Sedla sta v vlak. Kovčega sta počivala na polici, cula je ležala pod klopjo. Lukec je sedel nasproti materi, škorca je držal na kolenu. Klepec se je bil naveličal vpitja, postal je otožen . . . Mimo okna so švigali brzojavni drogovi.

Potniki so škilili na tičnik. Postajali so radovedni. Majhen mož z rdečim nosom in široko glavo je iztegnil prst. Hotel je podražiti Klepca. "Bedak!" je poskočil škorec. Možiček se je prestrašil. Ljudje so se smejali.

"Ali je kavka?" so vprašali.

"Ne. Škorec."

"Aha, škorec. Kam ga neseš? Domov?"

"Ne. V Ameriko."

"V Ameriko greš? Sam?"

Neki gospod je ogledoval Lukca z zanimanjem od nog do glave.

Jimmie's Trials

I scrub my face, my neck, and ears,
The best I can for my eight years,
I shine, sparkle, and glimmer so,
Mom'll have to say I'm clean, I know.

I run down the steps like a little mouse—
But everything rattles in our old house.
With a meek "Good morning" I sneak to my chair,
My pop looks at me with the glare of a bear.

"Listen, young man," he'll begin with a frown,
And inside of a second my eyes are cast down.
"Have you washed your neck and behind your ears?
I've asked you this for the past four years."

I know what my fate is, right then and there,
Another washing trip up the stair,
A scrub, a rub, and a blackened towel,
Which, on her washday, makes mom scowl.

Another inspection with a grunt and okay,
A kiss from my mommy to start off the day.
I look for my books under table and chair,
And lo, and behold! they ain't even there.

When I finally find them, I trudge off to school,
To obey and abide by the golden rule.
I find that I'm late by a minute or two,
And I'll have to stay. That's a rule for you.

But after all, when all is through,
The washing, staying, and all that you do,
You'll see that your folks and the teacher know best,
When you're through with school and shave like the rest.

Anne Lusin

(Anne is one of the most active members of Outlookers, Vrtec 11, in Collinwood. — Editor.)

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A Game or Two . . .

I say stoop . . . The players stand in a circle, and in front of them stands the leader. The leader says quickly, "I say, stoop!" and immediately stoops and rises again. The players all imitate the action; but when the leader says "I say, stand!" at the same time stooping, the players should remain standing. Any one who makes a mistake when the leader says, "I say, stand!" are out of the game. This is a good game to develop alertness, self-control, and concentration.

Bean Contest . . . Give each player ten beans and place a quart jar or tumbler at a certain distance from the line. Contestants see which can throw the most beans into the receptacle.

Boys Will Be Boys

"The next time you are late you must bring an excuse," announced the teacher.

"Who from?" asked Johnny.

"Z materjo greva," je pokazal deček na Marjeto. Zavest, da je med temi ljudmi morda edini, ki gre v Ameriko, ga je delala ošabnega. "Ali greste tudi vi v Ameriko?"

Ne, gospod ni šel v Ameriko. V Ameriko ne gremo kar tako. Možiček, ki je hotel prej podražiti škorca, je pokazal s prstom nase.

"Jaz grem v Ameriko. V Buenos Aires. A ti?"

Lukec ga je ne erno pogledal. Ta človek mu kar nič ni bil po volji. Imdl je rdeče obrobijene oči in modre žilice na nosu. Pa nekako zaničljivo se je smehljajal.

"Your father," answered the teacher.

"Aw-w-w, he ain't good at excuses," said Tommy. "Mother finds him out everytime."

Tramp: "Say boy, your dog bit me on the ankle."

Boy: "Well, that's as high as he could reach. You wouldn't expect a little pup like that to bite you on the neck, would you?"

A boy who had an impediment of speech was asked by a visiting bishop how he would like to be a preacher.

"I—I w-w-w-would I-like to d-d-do the p-p-pounding and the h-h-hollering," he replied, "but the s-s-speaking w-w-would b-b-bother me s-s-some."

"Now that your little boy is going to school," cooed the persuasive book agent, "you should buy him an encyclopedia."

"Nothing doing," replied the mother, "let the little rascal walk or ride the street cars the way I did."

"Jaz grem še dalje," je rekel Lukec. "V Parana."

"Do Argentinije bomo potovali skupaj. Kako ti je ime?"

Deček je povedal, dasi nerad. Vprašal je: "In vam?"

"Brontolon." je odgovoril možiček.

Ali je bilo res, ali se je samo šalil? Ljudje so se zasmeli. Lukec ni razumel, kaj pomeni beseda. Vendar se mu je strašno zdelo.

"Čedna žival," je Brontolon ogledoval škorca. Oči so mu gorele od poželenja. "Torej zna govoriti? Ali mi ga prodaš?"

(Dalje prihodnjič)

Letters From Our Vrtec Members

Bridgeville Vrtec No. 169

During the latter part of '36 the Progressors have accomplished something of which we are extremely proud, that is the organization of one of the finest Vrtec units in our locality. A Vrtec that will in time grow into a finer and better lodge than we have in existence today. Had it not been for the support and aid of our Supreme President Brother Kvartich, we are doubtful whether our goal of fifty members would have been reached. But with his help and the help of several active Progressors, the task was completed. I must also remember to thank the parents of these juveniles who have gladly consented to having their child or children join our sound society which offers one of the best insurance policies available.

Members of our newly organized Vrtec No. 169 of Bridgeville show every indication of the much needed enthusiasm and interest necessary for the building of a juvenile unit which in turn leads to the further developing and advancing of our Slovene Progressive Benefit Society.

The first meeting of our Vrtec No. 169 was held Wednesday Dec. 9 at the Slovene Hall and it was indeed surprising to see over three fourths of the entire membership now consisting of fifty-six present. Naturally we do not expect a 100% attendance as a portion of our members are entirely too small to attend, therefore, we consider this an excellent record and shall be exceedingly grateful should our turnouts in the future equal that of our first meeting. The officers elected at this meeting are as follows: President, William Ozanich; Vice President, Tony Crocetti; Secretary, Ernest Pochervina; Treasurer, Josephine Ozanich; Sergeant at arms, Tony Naples.

It is evident that a more reliable and more capable staff could not have been chosen and they are aware of the duties and responsibilities bestowed upon them. I am sure they will serve willingly, doing their utmost to make our Vrtec interesting, thus proving themselves qualified for their offices.

Attention all Vrtec members!

Let us all board this great ship of our SSPZ Vrtec No. 169. Board it with the understanding that YOU as a faithful and supporting member of the crew should willingly obey all rules and by-laws constituting our outfit, lending a helping hand at all times. With our commanding officers and an obedient and cooperative crew, sailing o'er the waters, regardless of how rough it may be

at times, should be quite calm and peaceful.

Anchor away, shipmates! We are now on our way bound for success and may this be a grand and glorious voyage until and long after our destination has been reached.

On December 29th we held a Christmas Party for our juvenile members, their parents and the Progressors. This celebration was executed not only for the Yuletide greetings but for the success we achieved in organizing our Vrtec here in Bridgeville.

Assembled together as one happy family, we witnessed a program presented by our talented Vrtec members. Brother E. Kvartich's welcome speech opened the program. Santa arrived, then the entertainment consisting of poems, speeches and verses, recited dilligently by our youngsters, continued.

Wm. Martincic's poem given in Slovene must have been a knock-out according to the applause received; Albert Ozanich and Richard Villani's song "Jingle Bells" was most enjoyable; Tony Crocetti's solos on his clarinet proved himself capable of handling such an instrument; Tony Naples, another of our talented musicians, played several pieces on his banjo; Josephine Ozanich recited an original poem about joining our Vrtec; Arthur Zurman, the noted pipe player, said a poem which struck us all for the slow and distinctive manner in which he spoke was superb.

Because of the unique and orderly way in which this program was performed, Santa gave each juvenile a box of delicious chocolate candy and an orange. After this treat, another followed. All were seated around large tables and served a delightful lunch. Later we had a cake walk for the children only and the music ceased playing as Sonny Zurman trotted proudly along with the bright red handkerchief on his shoulder.

With music, eats, and drinks combined, the evening terminated and another grand time was had by all. This was our first Christmas Party celebrated with our fifty juveniles and let us hope that we can celebrate our second with a Vrtec membership increased to one hundred members.

Christine Kvartich

Vrtec No. 1

Vandling, Pa. — To start the new year right every Vrtec member should attend every meeting, so that we'll accomplish more and better things in 1937. If we all attend every meeting, which is held once a month, we could do much for the betterment of our Vrtec.

We will have different things

arranged for each meeting. Attend the meetings, Vrtec members, and bring with you your ideas and a new member.

Hoping that the members will attend our first 1937 meeting so that we will make arrangements for our Feb. meeting.

Did all you Vrtec members make this resolution? I will send an article to Napredek every month. If you didn't, make an effort to send one in.

I wish to thank our former vice-president and recording secretary for the services they rendered to our Vrtec for the past few years and best of luck to the new officers.

Wm. Pevc,

Pres. of Vrtec No. 1

Outlookers Plan Initiation

Cleveland - Collinwood, O. —

The plans for the Outlookers' initiation party are nearly completed, and all we have to do now is look forward to it.

The party is to take place after the February meeting. This is an affair for the members alone, and any parents who would like to be there.

Any member who does not attend this next meeting, will be charged with a penalty of twenty-five cents.

Then, for our after-meeting get-together for the March meeting, there will be table tennis. There will be a girls' team, a boys' team, and a picked mixed team. There are enough sets so as to supply five or six couples with racquets. Let's hope that they include table tennis in the Athletic Meet this summer.

Now, while I'm on the subject of the "Meet", let me mention that the Outlookers have several members practicing, and some who are going to start practicing as soon as the warm weather comes, for the track events. We have one boy who hopes to take part in the dash, low hurdles, and broadjump. Two of our girls are planning to take part in these events. Go to it, members, and don't forget to try to bring home the honors.

Don't you think it's about time just to start thinking about the games that are to take place in the early spring for the trophy? I do, and so do several people. These games are to be played with our friendly rivals, the Spartan Jrs. May the best team win!

The Outlooker girls have planned to play tennis this summer. The plans are not complete as yet.

These are only half the plans we are making. We haven't mentioned the fall and winter sports at all, just yet, but there is plenty of time to think of those.

Our scrapbook is being filled gradually. The only things that really should be brought in with more rapidity are the members' pictures and more material for the 'Miscellaneous' section.

Don't forget, members, the

initiation party on the next meeting, and the fun you'll have!

Anne E. Gacnik, Sec'y

Vrtec No. 118

Library, Pa. — The year of '37 brings and enjoyable and interesting year according to the plans of our administratrix and members. At our last meeting held on January 10, new officers were elected to replace the former ones who are about to depart from the juveniles and transfer to the adult class. The officers which were elected are:

President, Rose Celin; secretary, Steffie Retonia; treasurer, May Masneri.

We are quite sure that these officers will be successful in carrying out their meetings orderly. At this same meeting we have selected an entertainment committee. They are: F. Dermotta, A. and B. Ocepek, H. Terchek and Ed Rupnik. Their duty is to plan entertainment for each meeting. Our meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Valentine's Day so come prepared for a pleasant surprise.

We hope to see all present at this meeting and I am sure you will be persuaded to attend every other future meeting.

The Vrtec 118 wishes the Social Stars success in the dance they are sponsoring on January 30, 1937 at the Library Slovene Hall. They are featuring the radio artists of K2V known as the Blues Chasers. We'll be seeing you on the 30th.

Fran and Al

Vrtec No. 11

Cleveland - Collinwood, O. —

At our last meeting we discussed the idea about the initiation party which will be held at the next meeting on Feb. 5. We appointed a committee to select something for the initiating. All the members who have joined or have been transferred from other lodges within one year will be initiated. We are looking forward to a big crowd. We faithful members are inviting all of the members who don't attend the meetings. Come on members, come ye all to the next meeting on Feb. 5. Last year we accomplished our quota which was 100 members. We are all very proud of it. Our new president Frank Gacnik is coming along very nice and led into joyfulness at our last meeting. We decided to play ping-pong after our meetings, starting in March. Members don't forget to bring your ping-pong sets. At January's meeting we received our lodge pamphlets, which we are to bring the time when we pay our lodge dues. Our scrapbook has many valuable articles in it. The members promised to bring their pictures at the next meeting. We are expecting you and your parents. Au revoir.

Josephine Kovic and Olga Zaubi.

Letters From Our Vrtec Members

Sygan Juniors Vrtec No. 72

Sygan, Pa. — Hello everybody. How are you all feeling after the joyous holidays?

I suppose you are all anxious to know that Sygan also has a new Vrtec. We wish to extend our thanks to lodge No. 89, SS-PZ who helped build up our new Vrtec. On Dec. 26, we had a joyous Christmas party. We also had a program which opened with a speech given by bro. J. Kvartich. Refreshments were served after Santa Claus brought candy. We also had a Cake Walk after the refreshments were served. Our new treasurer Henry Ursitz won the cake. We certainly cannot say that Henry was stingy about his cake, because he cut it up, and passed it around. We all appreciated it a lot. We wish to thank all members of lodge 89 SSPZ for the wonderful time they gave us. I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves.

On Dec. 29 we had our first meeting. Sister Christine Kvar-tich took charge of the first meeting although sister Mary Visnicker, my mother, brother Mur and brother Kvartich were also present. Sister C. Kvar-tich explained the by-laws and helped elect the officers.

The officers for the year 1937 are: President, Frank Dolinar; vice-president, Paul Chap-pel; secretary, Julia C. Kram-zer; treasurer, Henry Ursitz; recording secretary, Dorothy Usnick.

The younger members were quite interested in the first meeting. They seem to co-operate with each other. If all the members will take as much interest in all the meetings as they did at the first meeting we certainly will be able to co-operate with one another. In the future the boys as well as the girls are interested in a mushball team. If any member is in doubt about the Vrtec, my mother J. Kramzer and brother Mur, the administrators are willing to give all the information they can. Our Vrtec has 53 members and would like to have many more. So, if you are not yet a member, tell your mother, father, sisters and brothers, that you want to be a member of the Junior Vrtec 72 and be able to enjoy and partake of all the pleasures that the Vrtec will have. Of course you can become a member at any time, but why not join now, the sooner the better.

I wish to remind the members of Vrtec 72 to attend their meetings regularly, pay their dues monthly and obey the officers.

Let us try to do our duty to make this Vrtec a success.

The meetings of Vrtec 72 are held every 3rd Wednesday of every month.

I wish all a happy and prosperous new year.

Julia C. Kramzer,
Sec'y of Vrtec 72

Spartan Juniors News

Cleveland, O. — The December meeting of Spartan Jrs. was well attended. The winners of writing the best articles in November Vrtec Page are: Helen Policky, first prize, three months' free dues; Daniella Homovec, second prize, two months' free dues and Anton Ilersich, third prize, one month free dues. The prizes were awarded by William Candon, Anton Wapotich and Charles Koman.

It was voted to have ping-pong at the next meeting and to have swimming for the boys at the Bath House. It was voted to have the meeting date changed to every second Friday of the month. Officers were then elected. They are:

Anton Ilersich, president; Eddie Stokel, vice-president; Daniella Homovec, secretary-treasurer and Helen Policky, recording secretary.

After the meeting ice cream and cookies were served. Each child received a bag of candy and a bank with ten cents in it. The first to have \$5.00 in it is to receive a prize.

On January 8 Spartan Jrs. had their first meeting of the year which was poorly attended. It was decided to have a scrap book. It was voted that the officers were to receive money for their work. The president is to get \$3.00; vice-president, \$1.00; secretary, \$5.00 and recording secretary \$2.00. Ping-pong was played after the meeting. The next meeting of Spartan Jrs. will be held February 12, after which there will be a Valentine party. Until then, I'll be seeing you.

William Wapotich

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Cleveland, O. — Hi members! The Spartan Jrs. will hold a Valentine party next month. The rhythm will be furnished by the Spartan Jrs. orchestra. They will be led by the famous teacher and one who is loved by all members, the one and only "Uncle Charlie". All members, attend our meetings for they are very important. After meetings you can enjoy yourself, playing ping-pong.

L. Gustincic, Jr.

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Cleveland, O. — The meeting of January 8, 1937 was called to order by Edward Stokel. The new officers were inaugurated and Anthony Ilersic took over the floor. The new officers are as follows: President, Anthony Ilersic; vice-president, Edward Stokel; secretary, Daniella Homovec and recording secretary Helen Palicky.

Charles Koman announced that there was going to be swimming at the St. Clair Bath House every Saturday from 2 to 3 o'clock. The swimming is only for boys. Vrtec No. 11 members are invited.

There is going to be a Valentine party at the next meeting. Everyone who comes must

bring a Valentine with them. We are also going to have a scrapbook. Any member who has a shapshot of himself should bring it to the meeting so we can paste it into the scrapbook. Mr. Candon said that all the officers were to get paid for their work. He also suggested a floor show to raise money for the treasury.

Don't forget the Valentine party. By the way, the Vrtec No. 5 orchestra will furnish music for dancing. See you at the next meeting. So long!

Thomas A. Tavcar, P. C.

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Cleveland, O. — I am a new member in Vrtec No. 5, Spartan Juniors. I attended my first meeting January 8th and found it very interesting and amusing.

President Tony Ilersich makes a fine president. He has the ability and leadership that a president needs.

We made plans for the future. There is swimming for boys every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3. There will be a Valentine party after our next meeting on February 12. Everyone is invited. Plans are being made for a play to be given in the near future.

I met all the members that were present and they were very sociable.

After the meeting we played ping-pong and had a lot of fun.

I will attend the next meeting and hope it will be just as interesting as the first and more members present.

Frank Benigar

Vrtec No. 2

Butte, Mont. — This is my first letter to this page. I am a member of Vrtec No. 2, SSPZ. I am 8 years old. I am in the third grade. I like to go to school. We had a vacation for Christmas. We sure have lots of fun skating and sleigh riding. Some times we fall down, but we do not care. We had our first meeting December 27th. We had Santa Claus. Each member got some candy and a toy. Mary Petritz and Billy Turk played nice music for us.

Our first meeting of Vrtec was visited by Mr. John Petritz and Mr. Frank Putzel. At the meeting we elected our own Juvenile officers who are: George Petritz, president; Joe Rozech, vice-president; Mary Krantz, secretary; Ana Auman, recording secretary; Anton Fahun, treasurer and John J. Petritz, sergeant-at-arms. John Petritz is our administrator.

Now each member should try to bring at least one new member to our Juvenile lodge.

Good luck to everybody and a happy new year to all!

John Stankovich

Outlookers News

Cleveland - Collinwood, O. — Hear ye! Hear ye! Jan. 21, 1937 and all's well (so far). The Outlookers' quota has increased from about 90 to 100 members, according to the secretary's records.

Subjects I Have Taken In School And How I Liked Them

One of my most disliked subjects in high school was Geometry. I happened to be one of the unfortunate people to undertake the study of the subject.

It seems that my mind has never been made to work in mechanical terms. Geometry, to my way of thinking is one of the most mechanical subjects. If I was to choose my subjects over again, I would certainly leave Geometry out entirely.

Now, we take Science, for instance. That, to me, is one of the most worthy subjects. It has always been a very interesting subject, too. I have been studying science, in one form or another, since my third year in school.

With the knowledge of science one can accomplish many things in the way of helping humanity. Science teaches one to keep things about them in a sanitary condition, what food and other materials are composed of and in chemistry, how to prepare various solutions and gases.

Another one of my favorite subjects is music. I have been studying music since the first grade. If music would be taken out of my curriculum, it would certainly seem as though a comforting friend had left me. I think that music has helped along my imagination a great deal.

If it is at all possible, I would like to study music as a vocation, or at least an avocation.

The fact that music has helped my imagination, has helped me in the writing of compositions, stories, and poems. Whenever I write anything, I most always like to listen to some sort of music, because it gives me inspiration. Nine times out of ten, it puts me in the mood for writing.

I also like English, because there is a very close relation between English and music.

One would enjoy school much more if he would try to connect his subjects in one way or another to make them more interesting.

Anne E. Gacnik

Explanation: An essay is a composition where the author tries to get his viewpoint across to the reader.

Our last meeting was well attended and much was accomplished, but a lot more could have been done if more members would have been there.

We are looking forward to the plans we have made for summer and spring.

An initiation party has been planned, and is to take place after the February meeting. The penalty for members who are not present will be "two-bits" (twenty-five cents). And to "Fredrick" Bashel: We will not "bust" an egg over your head (bean).

Frank H. Gacnik,
Pres. of Outlookers