









### EAST 61st ST. CORNER YEARS AGO

"Heinie" Martin Antonic.

Forty-two years ago the spark of activity came to new life in old Stokes Hall, now the site of the new Grdina Building, 6025 St. Clair Ave. Previous to this 42-year period, Stokes Hall was an exciting place for dances topped off with fist fighting. In fact some referred to it as the "bucket of blood."

About 1903 Mr. John Grdina opened a tavern in the building. He urged Mr. Anton Grdina to take over the place next to him, which he did, by opening a furniture store. He personally made furniture deliveries with a horse and wagon. Many of our fathers made their first stopping place at Grdina's or Lausche's upon arrival from the old country. In fact, when an immigrant boarded a street car with his "kufer" the conductor knew where to leave him off.

Stokes Hall (Grdina's dvorana) soon became the Slovenian Center of activity. Lodge meetings were held there and the future Americans, through exchange of ideas and experiences began to get a better understanding of their new world. This was a slow process and the "greeners" in some instances suffered much abuse. As years rolled on Stokes Hall was the place for big political rallies, dances, banquets, gymnastic, boxing and wrestling shows, dramatic plays, union meetings and weight lifting shows. For social affairs one of our pioneer mothers, Mrs. Slapnik, sold flowers in the hall aided by her son Charles.

**K. S. K. J. Convention**

In 1923 KSKJ held its convention and elected Mr. Anton Grdina Supreme President. . . Peter Zebic, powerful Serbian, with black handle bar mustaches staged his mighty weight-lifting shows. . . In wrestling it was Ernie Maddock (Modic), Charley Fox, Martin Plestina. A few years ago Fred Bozic in one of the most sensational wrestling matches overcame a giant negro opponent after breaking down the ring posts.

Sokol gymnasts with leader John Marincek and some of the juvenile group leaders at the time were Dr. Garbas, Curly Rupnik, Unc Jereb and Mario.

Very patient and loyal indeed were the patrons at dramatic plays. There were long pauses between acts. Squeaky chairs and long hard benches some without back rests. Intermittent noise from old St. Clair street cars which drowned out some of the weak voiced players as there was no such thing as microphones and amplifiers or acoustically treated ceiling to aid one in hearing better.

At dances, coats were piled high on chairs as many didn't check their clothes. Some fellows would sneak into the hall through the fire-escapes aided by an ally who would open the window from the inside.

**Testimonial to Al. Mlinar**

In February 1941 a testimonial dinner was held for Mlinar of the Cleveland Indians. Tino Modic, donated his Twilight Hall (Stokes) for the occasion. Councilman Edward Kovacic was toastmaster and the Hon. Frank J. Lausche, who was a judge at the time, was the principal speaker. Others present were Alva Bradley and Lou Boudreau, owner and manager respectively of the Cleveland

### Comrades' Note Book

J. F. Fifolt

**March of Dimes Dance — Jan. 30th**

The March of Dimes drive for infantile paralysis is now on. The local group around E. 55 St., under the chairmanship of John Gornik, Sr., and Felix A. Danton are lining up workers to enable the drive being a success. In addition to collection centers which are all over the various Slovene settlements, a March of Dimes dance will be staged Wednesday, January 30th at the SNH with music by Pete Srnick. Entertainment features during the course of the dance will highlight the affair. Business people and all lodges have been contacted thru the mail for donations and purchase of dance tickets. The cause is worthy and your response will be most appreciated.

**In the Service**

News from the boys has been rather lax. This can partly be explained by the fact that most of them are home or on the way home. Frank Golob is back, likewise Joe Shuber. Albina told me recently that the Vehar boys will soon be home. Rudy Felz who suffered partial disability to his left eye and arm recently filed for special benefit. He and his family were immensely pleased with the response from the Supreme Executive Board and wanted me to be sure to thank the SNPJ. They certainly will tell all their friends the fine way that the organization took care of him.

**Dues Collection — Jan. 25th**

The writer is glad to report a batting average of 99.44% as far as paid up dues are concerned for members as of the first of the year. Friday, January 25th will start the new year. Let's keep up the good work.

**Membership Drive**

The membership drive is still rolling. Writer sent out to a large number of our members application blanks for youngsters. I am sure that the response will be fine. The former Vida Peterlin stopped me on the street the other day and asked that the writer stop over to resign her and husband. The Kerzes are considering signing up their daughter. Frank Tushar stated that his brother Charlie will soon join the field of matrimony. After the honeymoon the two intend to join the lodge. If you know of others, advise me. We want to meet our quota.

**sick and Ailing**

Joe Balokar still ailing. The visit made by the Golob and John Mukavetz were much appreciated. Louis Shuber is coming along in good shape after his appendectomy operation. Louis Svete back in circulation again.

The dollars are still rolling in. Here are some additional contributors. Have you done your share yet? Mary Krizmanic, John Tratnik, \$2; Pauline Reimann, Frank Tushar, Albina Vehar, Mary Samsa, Antoinette Skok, Joe Koren, Mollie Koren, Ann Prijatelj, J. Pirnat, Sr., Marie Zak, Rudy Felz, Angele Chartalich, Alice Kunstel, \$5; Frank Golob, Ann Golob.

**Our Thanks**

Mrs. Frances Oblak, whose husband Matijas recently passed away and family, wish to express their deep felt gratitude to all individuals who extended sympathy in the form of visits to the parlor, home, etc., flowers and contributions. While Mr. Oblak was of the retiring

### Proclamation

STATE OF OHIO  
Executive Department  
Office of the Governor  
Columbus

**PROCLAMATION**  
Yugoslav Relief Campaign  
Week

January 13 to January 19, incl.

WHEREAS, Europe is facing the worst winter in modern history and bitter is the plight of all lands ravaged by War's depredations, and

WHEREAS, nowhere is the suffering more intense than in Yugoslavia, our brave ally, which fought the common enemy against the most tremendous odds, and

WHEREAS, Jugoslavia's heroic resistance succeeded in pinning down twenty Axis divisions while our own North African campaign wavered between victory and defeat, thereby aiding the United States and her Allies and saving the lives of countless American boys, and

WHEREAS, the anguish of actual war is ended, the people of Jugoslavia are paying dearly for their epic resistance through homelessness, hunger, starvation and impoverishment; eighty per cent of her men, women and children do not possess a single set of wearable clothing and eight out of ten are barefoot, and

WHEREAS, the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief is conducting a continuous program for the amelioration of the distressing situation in Jugoslavia through the collection of clothing, funds and medical supplies,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank J. Lausche, Governor of the State of Ohio, call upon all citizens to generously contribute clothing and medical supplies to the Yugoslav Relief Campaign in Ohio, realizing that out of our comparative bounty we must help feed the hungry, clothe the naked and minister unto the afflicted amongst our suffering Allies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, this 24th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

By the Governor:  
Frank J. Lausche,

"I didn't mean to do it!" Jimmy sobbed over and over. But his chum was dead—killed by a bullet from Jimmy's "empty" gun. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council and the National Safety Council warns that firearms should always be kept out of reach of children. Real guns are never play-things.

**MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT Curly Rupnik's Cafe**  
6507 St. Clair Ave.  
Open till 2.30 a. m.

**Picture Story "Liberation"**

The new booklet "Liberation" edited by Mr. Louis Adamic, which gives a pictured story of the Yugoslav people and their struggle for freedom, is on sale at our office. Price is 50 cents.

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6202 St. Clair Ave. Cleveland, Ohio

**Strivers' Good Time Dance \* Sat., Jan. 19, 1946**

8 P. M. TILL 1 A. M. AT SLOVENE WORKMEN'S HOME, 15335 WATERLOO RD.—ADMISSION 60c  
MUSIC BY JOHNNY VADNAL'S ORCHESTRA

Honorably discharged from the navy, after 3½ years of service, was Louis A. Frankovic, son of Mrs. Frances Hribar, 1253 E. 60 St.

After 18 months of service in the Hawaii Islands, Edward W. Susel, MO. M.M. 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Susel, 15900 Holmes Ave., arrived home, honorably discharged.

Otto Vene of 21271 Nicholas Ave., received his honorable discharge from the army on December 10th. Four sons of the Vene family were in the service, and all have arrived home, honorably discharged. Otto was employed at the Chase Brass and Copper Co., when infection set in his arm. He was taken to Marine Hospital where he underwent an operation.

Bill Jereb, Mo. M.M. 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jereb, 1357 E. 170 St., was honorably discharged on January 10th, following service in the navy since September 11, 1942. He participated in action in the Pacific and on Okinawa. His brother Edward Jereb ML 2/c, was inducted into the navy in March, 1943, and was honorably discharged on January 7th. He was serving in Kodiak, Alaska. He is now residing in Willoughby, Ohio.

Honorably discharged from the army last month, was Anthony Nagode, son of Mr. Anton Nagode of Avon Park, Girard, Ohio. He was among the first group to leave for the army in Girard, and was the first Slovene from the community to leave for the service. He was serving as a lieutenant in the European theater of war. He is

now residing with his wife, Ethel, in Defiance, Ohio.

Honorably discharged from the army, where he served for five years, was William Sietl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zalogar, Gordon St., Girard, Ohio.

During the past three weeks, two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Simoncic, 15806 Corsica Ave., arrived home from the service. They were both honorably discharged. Adolph, who served with the navy for 23 months, was serving in several zones in the Pacific. Prior to returning home, he was stationed in Tokyo. He is now residing with his wife Frances and daughter Steffie at 17705 Grovewood Ave. S/Sgt. Leo Simoncic, who was serving in the army for 43 months, participated in battle in Manila, in the Philippines and in Australia. With his wife, Carmel, they are residing at the home of his parents.

Honorably discharged from the service were Frank and Henry Glavan, sons of Frank and Veronica Glavan of 1279 E. 55 St. Frank was in the service for 43 months, and Henry was with the army 31 months, and wounded twice.

Al Milnar, one time Cleveland Indians baseball pitcher is on his way home from the Philippines. He is expected to go down south with the St. Louis Browns next month.

**HOME**

Frank Podborek has returned to his home at 19508 Kewanee Ave., after being confined to the hospital. Friends may visit him at the above address.

**Wedding Bells**

On January 5th, Mary Berkopec, daughter of Mrs. Anna Berkopec, 1000 E. 74 St., became the bride of Bob Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Sundale, Md. The wedding ceremony took place in Sundale.

The bride is a member of the WAC's, and was home on furlough. The groom recently was honorably discharged from the navy after six years of service.

The young couple left for California, where Mrs. Miller will report for her discharge, after which they will return to Cleveland for a short visit, prior to making their home in Sundale.

Frances Tavzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Tavzel, 17651 Lakeport Ave., will become the bride of Mr. Joseph (Patsy) Krall, son of Mrs. Rose Krall, 1270 E. 173 St., at a wedding ceremony to take place in St. Mary's Church, Holmes Ave., tomorrow morning at 9:30. The bridal group consists of Miss Ann Geromi as maid of honor and Miss Mary Dremel, bridesmaid. Best man is Mr. Frank Kuret, and Joseph "Peppe" Nainiger will be usher.

A wedding reception will take place in the Slovene Home, Holmes Ave., at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marsic, of Chisholm, Minn., announce the marriage of their daughter, Jean Helen to Mr. Stanley V. Race, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Race of 1114 E. 77 St. The wedding ceremony will take place tomorrow morning at 10 at St. Aloysius Church.

**NEW HONOR FOR ADAMIC**

Due to his contributions to literature, Louis Adamic, American-Slovene author was elected honorary member of the International Mark Twain Society. Other honorary members of this society are Booth Tarkington, Eugene O'Neill, Upton Sinclair, Albert Einstein, H. G. Wells, Winston Churchill, Carl Sandburg, Willa Cather and Archibald MacLeish.

Mr. Adamic is honorary president of the Slovene American National Council and a member of Lodge No. 173, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio. We congratulate Mr. Adamic upon receiving this high honor.

**NEW OFFICERS**

Lodge "Kranj," at their annual meeting, elected the following as officers of the lodge during 1946: President Math Kern; Vice-President Joseph Droblich; Secretary Frank Stefe, 852 E. 73 St.; Treasurer Frank Fende, and Recording Secretary Frances Pernach.

**ON THE AIR**

The well-known banjo player, Joe Sodja, is being featured over WTAM every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a. m. with Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians.

**IN HOSPITAL**

The well-known Mr. John Logar of 1035 Creekview Rd., underwent an operation at Huron Road Hospital last Thursday.

**MEETING POSTPONED**

The annual meeting for SANC No. 39, which was scheduled to take place this evening, was postponed until January 25.

**Collinwood Newsbox No. 1**

By D. M. O.

Howdy, neighbor—all set to go in on the odds and ends of Collinwood? If so, your reporter is ready to give her latest reports of the comings and goings. The scene—Waterloo Dance Hall—, sweet strains of those touching English numbers—lively polkas and the latest in jive, Johnny Wadnal and His No. 1 Band, the crowd—all the young happy folks from all over Cleveland. Yes, this is just what we all witness every week-end.

Back in civvies and looking better than ever is our Euclid friend George Krancic. It's nice having you back with us and we hope the world is treating you fine.

Noticed Millie Kramer renewing her acquaintances with the old but familiar faces... Dolly Major taking in a few jitterbug numbers and her partner Frank Jensen proving to be quite a jitterbug... Stopping in just long enough to say "Hell-o" was Rich Skufca... What called for such a sudden departure, my friend?

Arriving home on discharge after two and one-half years of service was Bob Kastelic and he's mighty proud to wear that discharge button... Can't blame you one bit and let's see you back at the Waterloo Hall!

Gunny Zupan and Fran Vertovnik seen engrossed in one another throughout the evening. No wonder they are to be "Mr. and Mrs." in the very near future! Looking over the crowd,

**Births**

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Stavanja, of Atlanta, Ga., announce the birth of a son, Lewis, Jr., on January 5, 1946. Mr. Stavanja is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stavanja of 18218 Nottingham Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kadunc, Jr., 1110 E. 76 St., announce the birth of a baby girl, their first child. Congratulations!

**SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

Last Tuesday, January 15th, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Baraga of 15612 Saranac Rd., celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

*It is necessary to remind our contributors to please send their articles to the office not later than Wednesday. Contributions received later will be held over for publication the following week. Also, please write on one side of the paper only, but you may have more than one sheet of copy. Thank you!*

I spied Mr. and Mrs. Andy Artel Jr. enjoying themselves to their heart's content.

Johnny Balich making his first appearance since New Year's Eve. What kept you away, Johnny? Not missin out on a single dance was none other Chuck Kurnick... Sailor Boy Rudy Kozely making a big hit with the opposite and proving to be quite a dancer. Nice going, sailor... Chas Barbish being discharged from the U. S. Navy and looking tops in his civvies.

Middle ailing it the 23rd of January in St. Mary's Church will be Alice Asseg and Joe Kozar. Congratulations!

Dancing to the tunes of our popular maestro Johnny Vadnal and His Slovene Band will take place this Saturday and Sunday evening at the Waterloo Dance Hall. Let's all come down and share in an the fun!

**Traffic News**

The expert driver has more accidents in the time than in fair weather. Big trouble with many is that they fail to adjust speed to street and conditions. The average driver to realize that there is surface more slippery packed snow and rough ice and that's glare on sleet or freezing rain packed snow is another near ice, especially where traffic is heavy.

Skidding and obscured are other factors in coming to accidents in winter. Windshield wipers and ers in perfect condition to see where you're going does not mean that you make sure these accessories working and then barge the street as if it were a day in June. After you prepared for winter, drive. When it's snowing look on your lights so that see.

Pedestrians are urged themselves and motor chance by not crossing blindly, by holding on ings up and down stairs railings are provided taking no chance with ping power of oncoming cles.

The customary increase traffic death rate in the months can be prevented care and courtesy in the —Cleveland Police

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