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Readers visiting the Milwaukee Main Public Library will get to know Slovenians better when they pick up a copy of the book **FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA**, placed there recently by members of Br. 17, West Allis, Wis. Seen here presenting the book to Miss Vivian Maddox, Librarian, are Supreme Vice-President, Marie A. Floryan, Honorary President of Br. 17, Josephine Schlossar and President, Marion Marolt. Br. 17 also presented copies to local libraries in the Milwaukee area, and hope that every S. W. U. branch will follow in their footsteps.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER

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Nov. 15—Josephine Artac, Br. 102, Willard, Wis.

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Nov. 6—Dorothy Kastelic, Br. 101, Bedford Hgts, Ohio

Nov. 16—Charlotte Sherek, Br. 39, Biwabik, Minn.

Nov. 27—Mary Grzely, Br. 67, Fairport Harbor, Ohio

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

ON THE COVER . . .

So that more will learn about the Slovenian people and their contribution to the American heritage, copies of our Founder Marie Prislant's book, FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA have been placed on the bookshelves of many libraries throughout the country.

We feel it is a proper and meaningful gesture by the branches of S.W.U. to do this, first for the better promotion of the book, secondly, to increase knowledge of the Slovenian people and their immigration to the U. S. and thirdly, to finally answer the question: Where is Slovenia? Reference to this book in your library or your home may be the best reply to such a question.

Give it a thought! Why not make Christmas a really important holiday for the S. W. U. Buy copies of FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA for everyone on your list!

CHRISTMAS TIME IS NEAR!

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS! For a Christmas gift this year give our book FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA to your children, grandchildren and friends — both Slovenian and American. Many are unaware of the existence of Slovenia or its location. The map on the inside cover shows the boundaries and the places where you or your ancestors were born. Let the people dear to you read about the beautiful land our pioneers immigrated from and what hard work and trials confronted them after coming to America. Make them aware of what the Slovenian pioneers achieved for themselves and for their adopted country. Their record is great, but not enough people know about it. Distribute these books to spread this knowledge around the world. Get a copy today! The supply is dwindling very fast.

Let this Christmas be—A BOOK CHRISTMAS!

Editor

BOOKS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST!

Christmas gifts are as American as apple pie and ice cream. At Christmas time everybody gives and receives gifts — some practical, some not so practical.

The most practical and everlasting gift at Christmas or any other time is a book. The book, dedicated to your relative or friend with a few warm words penned inside, will live on after you are gone and forgotten. A book seldom wears out, thus making it an eternal gift.

Three good books, written by Slovenian-American authors, are on the market today.

THE GENESIS OF CONTRACTUAL THEORY AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE DUKES OF CARINTHIA, by Dr. Joseph Felicijan, is a beautifully and masterfully written, well documented book of the election and the installation of the Dukes, who were rulers of the Slovenian people receiving much favorable acclaim, can be ordered from the author who is a professor of history at St. John College, Cathedral Square, Cleveland, Ohio. Price is \$6.00.

FROM CARNIOLA TO CARNEGIE HALL is a biography of the widely known and beloved singer-musician Anton Schubel. The author of this richly illustrated handsome volume is Dr. Edward Gobetz, professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Kent University, Kent, Ohio. The book relates how much one person can do for his nationality and for the art he loves if his heart is dedicated to his endeavor. This interesting book can be ordered from the author at 29227 Eddy Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092. Price \$6.00.

FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA contains the history of our Slovenian immigrants and their achievements in America, their adopted country. It was issued by the Slovenian Women's Union whose scholarship fund will benefit by the sale of these books.

This book is receiving numerous favorable comments. Recently, Congressman John A. Blatnik from Minnesota read and recommended the book in the United States Congress as recorded in the Congressional Record of September 19th. The price of the book is \$4.00 if purchased at the local branch and \$4.25 by mail.

Often we rack our brain for inspiration what to select for a gift. Here we have three very fine book selections, suited for the nicest gift.

GIVE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS AND HELP
GOOD LITERATURE TO GET AROUND!

Marie Prislant

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

Nov. 5—Br. 33, Duluth, Minn. Fall Dinner, 6:30 p. m.

Nov. 8—4th Anniversary Dinner Dance held by Br. 103, Washington, D. C.

Nov. 13—Penny Social at Br. 2, Chicago, Ill., at 7 p. m.

Dec. 3—Br. 95, So. Chicago, Ill. Christmas Dinner, 6 p.m.

Dec. 7—Br. 21, Cleveland, Ohio, Christmas Party, 2 p.m.

Dec. 7—Br. 46, St. Louis, Mo., Christmas Party

Dec. 10—Br. 40, Lorain, Ohio, Christmas Luncheon, 6 p.m.

Dec. 16—Br. 54, Warren, Ohio, Christmas Party, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 21—Br. 17, West Allis, Wis. Christmas Party

EVIDENCE

A husband came home from work one day to find his house a mess.

"What happened?" he exclaimed to his wife.

"You're always wondering what I do all day," she said. "Well, here it is—I didn't do it."

BRIGHT SUNNY DAY GREET'S OHIO ANNIVERSARY



Honor Guards of Br. 32, Euclid, O.

Meeting for the annual Ohio-Michigan State Day were officers and members from Cleveland and out-of-state. On this photo taken in front of the new St. Christine's church are: from left, Miriam Leskovar, Frances Sietz, president of Br. 50, Corinne Leskovar, Editor of Zarja, Mary Bostian, State President, Ann Cooke, co-chairman of 40th Anniversary, Albina Novak, Supreme Secretary, Theresa Skur, Alternate Supreme Auditor.

Two Euclid Presidents. Mary Bostian of Br. 32, with Theresa Skur of Branch No. 14.

Listing of Departed Sisters of Br. 32 was focal point of Memorial ceremony on stage at Rehar Hall for Br. 32 Anniversary. Little Susan Sudar and Allen Lapuh are seen in the center.



REMARKS GIVEN AT OHIO-MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION, SEPTEMBER 14th!

by State President, Mary Bostian

Today is a great day for our states of Ohio and Michigan and for Br. 32, Euclid, celebrating their 40th Anniversary. This is our last State Convention before the National Convention to be here in Euclid in 1970 and we must be prepared and have your complete cooperation in order to accomplish all that must be done.

I want to thank all who were at Mass this morning, as Br. 32 officers and members are most grateful to you. The more who attend such events, the greater the promotion of this organization among others. This way we can really recruit more new members.

Also, we must not forget the importance of good deeds. We must be kind and helpful to the sick and most of all, ladies, don't forget your sisters when they leave us. Attendance at the last rites of a member of your way of showing your love. I also believe the ritual of wearing a white flower at the departed sister's funeral to be very inspirational.

My dear sisters; if there are any problems, questions, or what have you, please do not hesitate to speak up.

I think the greatest part of the Convention meetings is to be able to meet and discuss matters which you sincerely feel to be important. Activities do count, so ladies, assure your branch's progress by being active and cooperate. Do something more than is expected—be involved. For your meetings, arrange interesting programs that will bring your members to the meetings.

We welcome all ideas and hope there will be many discussed here today. There is always room for improvement and progress. Thank you.

Our State Convention in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary of Br. 32, was held on Sept. 14th. We started the day at 11 o'clock Mass at the new, beautiful St. Christine's church. Br. 32 Honor Guards lead the various branches in procession. It was a beautiful day and this helped to bring out a large attendance. We all wore our SWU badges.

Among us was our wonderful Supreme Secretary Albina Novak and her daughter, Editor Corinne Leskovar who had along her sweet daughter, Miriam. This all made our day more exciting and enjoyable.

At noon we had a luncheon provided for our out-of-town members and guests. At 1:30 p. m. we held the State Convention which was opened with prayer. Marie Beck, Recording Secretary read the Minutes of the 1968 meeting in Slovenian and English languages. She was also appointed to be rec. sec. of this meeting which made me very happy. Marie is an excellent secretary and a most agreeable person.

Location of the next State Convention was postponed until a future date. It will be decided by the Combined Branches at a meeting in the next year.

Our Secretary, Albina Novak, spoke on many things pertinent to the SWU, among them, the sale of the new book *From Slovenia to America* by Mrs. Priland.

The Campaign for the Convention Queen was announced and altho we are happy that we came in second in the State Presidents' Campaign, we will work

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME PRESIDENT

Dear Members! Back in the good old USA and back to the grind again! Hope that all the members had a marvelous time over the summer months as I did!

Congratulations on their 40th Anniversary to those branches which observed this great day in October, namely:

Br. 33, Duluth, Minn., organized October 8, 1929 by Helen Kral;

Br. 34, Soudan, Minn., organized October 12, 1929 by Frances Lousin; and

Br. 35, Aurora, Minn., organized October 14, 1929 by Katarina Kastelic.

This month of November, the small branch of Greaney, Minn., observes their 40th Anniversary and we send a long our hearty congratulations. They were organized Nov. 22, 1929 by Katarina Kocovar. This little town of Greaney is located up in the northern part of beautiful Minnesota where their main industries are farming and logging. I wish all 27 members great success and prosperity and many more years. Keep up the good spirit as you have done in the past!

State Presidents' Campaign Concluded

Congratulations to all the winners! Elizabeth Zefran of Illinois-Indiana, came in first place; Mary Bostian of Ohio-Michigan, was second, third place went to Mary Tomsic of Pennsylvania and fourth place to Barbara Rosandich of Minnesota. Rose Kraemer of Wisconsin was sixth and Anna Pachak, Colorado-Kansas-Missouri was seventh. Thank you ALL for your fine cooperation and we do wish that you will all continue to work hard in the new campaign, dedicated to the Convention Queen.

Convention Queen Campaign

In the October issue of *Zarja*, you read the details concerning the new membership campaign. How you can become the Convention Queen was outlined. The 15th National Convention will be held in Euclid, Ohio, May 24-27, 1970 and that is not too far away. It's not hard to become "Queen" of the S.W.U. All you have to do is get most new members! Your rewards will be many! First, you will receive your trip to the Convention City paid, and for every new member, a cash reward. Numerous gifts also will be presented at the Grand Banquet.

Don't wait until the last minute. Time flies by so fast and the deadline will be March 31, 1970. So, start right now! All details you can receive in the *Zarja-DAWN* magazine or contact your secretary and she will be more than happy to give you all the application blanks you need.

Welcome Home Surprises

Returning back from our long vacation in Europe, sailing on the S. S. United States, I decided that since we had to dock at New York City, I could spend some time visiting our S.W.U. branches there, namely, No. 84 and No. 93. We had beautiful weather coming home across the ocean as we did going to Europe. There was only one period of bad weather and that came as we neared New York on the final day of sailing. A storm that had been heading for New York changed its course and went out to sea, hitting us during the hours between 3 p. m. and midnight. I was trying to pack my bags as we had to have them ready for disembarking and oh, what a time I had! I was thrown from one end of the room to the other! I finally maneuvered enough to complete the job and then fell into bed and stayed there until 5 a. m. the next morning.

The landing at 8 a. m. was really exciting. Everyone was waiting, anxious to get back home and on edge waiting to go thru customs. Our bags were late coming off the boat and we had to wait until about 11 o'clock when most of the people had already passed by.

The customs men had everyone open their bags, but when our turn came, we were very fortunate and did not have to open even one! My very good friend, Mary Marsich Grlic, who has been residing in New York for the past 12 years was waiting at the pier for us and she directed us through the heart of the city to her home where we were their house guests for two days.

Arrangements were soon made for us to visit our members and on that same day, we took our husbands along and went to see the two branches. We arrived on time and got the surprise of our lives as guests at a beautiful dinner that was arranged for us. We had expected just a little get-together with the officers and instead, our President of Br. 84, Angela Voje presented me with a beautiful red rose corsage and introduced 44 members present! In the beautiful meeting hall, each branch sat together along sides of the room and at the head table, a large, gorgeous cake with the words: Welcome President! Our gentlemen present, Mr. Cyril Grlic, who was our taxi driver that night, picking up members who lived far away, Mr. Kepic, father of secretary Christine Kepic of Br. 92 and my husband, Frank, really had a grand time with all of us.

After a toast with pink champagne, we partook of a delicious dinner of roast beef with all the trimmings and for dessert, pieces of that delicious cake. The tables were so lovely with the smiling faces of our members sitting there. It was a great pleasure meeting all of you and it was a very enjoyable evening which I shall long remember. On behalf of my husband, Frank and I, thanks to all the lovely members of Branches 84 and 93 for the wonderful hospitality shown us!

We left New York heading for Forest City, Pa., where again my wish was to meet members of Branch 7 and also Rev. Andrew J. Krusinski who has done so much for the Slovenian Chapel Fund from that area. Driving thru the western part of New Jersey into the beautiful hills of Pennsylvania was most pleasant. We arrived in Forest City in the early afternoon and were very much impressed by the sight of this quiet little city along the slopes of the hills. Frank and I agreed that this was a place we would like to see often. We stopped at the home of Sec. Josephine Gostisha to whom I had written a card from France, informing her of my wish to meet her. Mrs. Gostisha opened her home to us and insisted we make ourselves at home which was easy to do since she is such a lovable person. In fact, when we asked about a motel for the night, she replied: "There isn't any — you are staying with me!"

We went to visit president, Anna Kameen who is only 92 years young! She still does her work around the house and I wish I had her pep! I remember my first meeting with Mrs. Kameen was back in 1937 at the first SWU convention I attended in Collinwood, O.

When I asked about meeting Father Krusinski, Josephine told me we would get together at the dinner planned for the following evening. Saturday arrived and we went visiting and shopping until about 5 p. m. when Father came to pick us up. So, we finally had the opportunity of meeting this fine, energetic pastor of St. Joseph's parish that goes on record with a \$1,000 donation to the Slovenian Chapel and an additional \$2,000 collected among the parishioners, making a total of \$3,000.00. The dinner was at 7 p. m. at the Firemen's Hall in Broudale. I saw so many cars and people going into the hall I asked Josie what was going on and she replied: "wait and see for yourself! I had nothing to do with it!" Finally, Father Krusinski escorted us into the hall and down to the front table. I thought for a minute I was going through the floor and my husband felt the same as I! There were about 250 people present and all greeted us with smiles and

friendly gestures. After the invocation led by Father Krusinski, we were treated to the most wonderful Slovenian dinner, with the krajnske klobase made there by a local Slovenian butcher. Acting as the toastmaster, Father Krusinski welcomed us to Forest City and added that we were honored guests along with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bostjancic, celebrants of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They are retired but still carry on their duties as caretakers of St. Joseph church. Father gave a very complimentary greeting to me as Supreme President of the Slovenian Women's Union and to my husband as Secretary of the Slovenian Chapel Fund. Then Mrs. Bostjancic and I were each presented with a beautiful corsage and since it was stated that "To the ladies we can give flowers but to the men, all we can give them is four roses!" Mr. Bostjancic and Frank each received a bottle of ???

We were asked to speak about Europe and also on the present activity with the Chapel Fund. To be called upon as the "commanader" was really a most flattering compliment and I can't tell you how warm and happy the friendliness of these people made me feel.

After the dinner was a time for hand-shaking and meeting everyone. What can we say but Thank You to all and may God bestow His blessing on you! To Father Krusinski, a sincere word of gratitude on behalf of the Chapel Committee and may all the good you are doing be returned to you in abundance! May the people of St. Joseph's parish in Forest City have many more years of His guidance and love.



Msgr. William F. McDonough, rector of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. is pictured with the painting of MARIJA POMAGAJ that will be placed in the Slovenian Chapel there. The Chapel will be dedicated to Slovenian Catholics of the United States.

Slovenian Chapel Fund Standing

As you read in Zarja, the hand-painted picture of Marija Pomagaj is at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. now ready to be placed in the future Slovenian Chapel. Have good news to report — and that is that only \$7,500.00 remains to the completion of our goal for the Slovenian Chapel. As a memento to all who have donated and in honor of all Slovenian-American this Chapel will soon become a reality.

Those of you who have not as yet sent in a donation are asked to do so and help us conclude the drive soon. Your names will be included in the souvenir book and shall be preserved in the Chapel itself. A reminder also to anyone wishing to donate in memory of relatives or friends that these names also shall be in the souvenir book.

Rev. Claude Okorn, O.F.M.:

ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH RENEWAL

(Continuation)

IGNORANCE, is another ever present enemy in the Church. The growing emphasis on education and understanding in the secular order has not yet penetrated the realm of religion.

Most men know more about the internal workings of a gasoline engine than they do about the basic elements of the Christian faith. Most people spend 12 to 20 years in making a living, and scarcely one hour a week preparing to make a life.

Yet we are told to be ready always to give reasons for the hope we cherish, to those who ask. To give reasons, we must know them, we must read them and study, listen and learn.

FEAR has no place in the house of faith. Yet it finds its way in. One has but to look over the average congregation to note faces lined with the unrelaxed tension of anxiety and fear.

This is indeed a fearsome age. One man was heard longing for the good old days when all we had to fear was fear itself. Yet the disciples of Christ still hear His challenge: "Why are ye fearful, o ye of little faith?"

There is the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom. When it is rejected, there is left only the fear of suffering, poverty, sickness, trouble, and finally the loss of personal worth. Only in the fear of the Lord—the revered awe and trust due to a holy God—can the fears of the troubled world be laid to rest.

HELPLESSNESS is the final enemy mentioned. It creeps in and takes over when the Church fails to draw on the resources of the Divine Power available to it.

We must, to be sure, remember the words of Jesus: "Without me you can do nothing." Yet with these we must grasp confidence of Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

In our weakness we find His strength. In our helplessness we receive His help. Paralyzing helplessness and hopelessness are driven out when we learn to exercise appropriating faith.

Daniel Walker, who listed these enemies in the pew, adds that there is only one way to conquer them. That is to rediscover the true nature of the Christian faith and to be loyal to it.

"We must," he says, "somehow deepen the dedication of church members until their lives are plainly given over to one purpose only, complete obedience to God's will as it is revealed to them."

This is nothing new. This is just to grasp anew the truth that has always been before us. It is these who yield their bodies "a living sacrifice", holy acceptable unto God and are able to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Following are the donations that have been sent by Slovenian Women's Union Branches and members over the summer months: S.W.U. has donated \$1,000, matching the same amount donated by KSKJ.

Br. 2, Chicago, Albina Novak sent \$240.00; Br. 3, Pueblo, Anna Pachak, \$17.00; Br. 7, Forest City, Josephine Gostisha, \$72.00; Br. 12, Milwaukee, Frances Plesko, \$10.00; Br. 13, San Francisco, Margaret Fager, \$20.00; Br. 15, Cleveland, Frances Lindich, \$10.00; Br. 25, Cleveland, Mary Otonicar, \$82.00; Br. 32, Euclid, Ann Godlar, \$40.00; Br. 43, Milwaukee, Rose Kraemer, \$15.00; Br. 47, Garfield Hgts., Jennie Pugely, \$45.00; Br. 50, Cleveland, Mrs. John Bavec, \$120.00; Br. 56, Hibbing, Mary Meadows, \$12.50 and Br. 64, Kansas City, Mary Hotujec, \$105.00.

Sincere thanks to all!

Toni Turek

THE BEST IN THE WEST - COLORADO STATE DAY!

No. 3, Pubelo, Colo. — Our State Day on September 14th began with Holy Mass at the parish church with Father Claude Roberts offering the Mass and extending compliments to our organization. Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. J. Miller accepted our invitation to address our group and we thank him for his kindness and good wishes.

The Convention began after a welcome by yours truly as State President. With us were a nice number of members and friends. Represented were branches 3 and 66. Because of the great distance between our towns, branches 46, 64, 63 and 92 did not participate. Frances Simonic, secretary of Br. 2 reported on the branch's progress and new members. Helen McFarland, secretary of Br. 66 reported on their work and especially praised their president, Christine Konte. She had many nice words to say and we appreciate her remarks on the SWU Scholarship Fund.

Our charter member Mary Bozaich was present but we were sorry that Frances Gornik, Anna Butkovich and Frances Mikatic were not able to attend because of illness. Correspondance was read and we acknowledged the greetings of Hon. President Marie Priskand, Supreme President Toni Turek who sent her wishes across the big ocean, Supreme Vice-President Marie Floryan and Supreme Secretary Albina Novak. Best wishes were also received from State Presidents Mary Tomsic (Penna), Mary Bostian (Ohio), Barbara Rosandich (Minn.) and Rose Kraemer (Wis.) Greetings came from the following branches: Christine Konte, Br. 66, Antonia Kostelic, Br. 64, Ellen Stefanski, Br. 63, Carol McDaniel, Br. 92, Agnes Pogline, Br. 63 and Christine Corgaraelli, sec. of

Royal Gorge Circle 46, Canon City, Colo. We also received a letter from the Rev. Leopold Mihelich with heartfelt wishes.

Deepest thanks to all who attended the State Convention, especially Mmes. Mary Grande, Martha Popovich of Denver, Mr. and Mrs. Gal Glaven of Milwaukee who were visiting John and Elsie Barker.

My granddaughter, Cheryl performed on the piano the Slov. Women's Union hymn and "Sem slovenska deklica" which was taught to her by our wonderful singer Dorothy Zakrajsek. Thank you to both.

Our well-known Mamie Pugel was the main speaker and she brought out many points to remember. She outlined the history and work of this organization and what we most appreciated was to hear her speak in beautiful Slovenian language. Her presence brought a special meeting to this event. It was an excellent program and memorable for all.

We thank the committee who worked so hard, namely F. Simonic, Margaret Kocovar, Josephine Rimes and Mamie Pugel for adv. in newspaper, Elsie Barker who brought souvenirs from McCarthy Funeral Home and Minnequa Bank, to my son Billy for his help in obtaining a beautiful prize. Our members Genie Lukanich and Mary Stravje were the most diligent sales-ladies. And, thanks also to Agnes Roitz for writing for me in English.

The celebration of our State Convention received the gratitude of all our members and extended the progress of our organization. We thank all for their participation.

Anna Pachak, State President

No. 2, Chicago, Ill. — A most cordial invitation to all our members to attend the PENNY SOCIAL on Nov. 13th at the Lower Hall of St. Stephan's. The games will begin at 7 p.m. and we know you will enjoy yourselves at this annual event. Refreshments will be served and as usual we hope to have quite an array of delicious things on the table.

Our branch mourns two members who passed away recently. Miss Angeline Lesza was a very good member who died at the age of 42 years. Her mother, brothers and sisters are fine neighbors on Cermak Road near the Home Office. The ladies of Br. 2 acted as pallbearers and we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

It was another sad day for us to learn of the death of Mrs. Angeline Zugich, one of our long-standing members and such a fine lady. She made the best poticas and flancate. Each time our branch held some sort of affair, Mrs. Zugich contributed her delicious home-baked goods. For her funeral our members again served as pallbearers and attended the funeral in good numbers. For both our departed, a prayer hour was held on the day prior to the funeral with our members reciting the rosary led by president, Josephine Zeleznikar.

We hope to see you on Nov. 13th, ladies, and if possible, please come to pay your dues. Since the recent illness of our secretary, Mrs. Albina Novak, many of you have called and written cheerful cards. Thanks to

each and everyone. We know Mrs. Novak will be up and back to her old self soon again. Best wishes to all.

Corinne Leskovar

No. 12, Wilwaukee, Wis.—Summer and most vacations are over so we are hoping more members find their way to the Lily Club on the third Thursdays of each month to help make decisions and bring out new ideas and air any gripes. As this is the function of the branch, we want you to come and do something about them. We also enjoy a social and lunch after each meeting.

There have been a number of sick people in hospitals as well as at home but you folks aren't reporting them to me, so we hear of it too late to visit them or send our "get well wishes." This is something we would like to know when it happens, so please call Mrs. Plesko, 384-4705 or myself, 281-8515. I am not listed in the book so please make a note of my number for future calls. If we have overlooked any of our sick members, I apologize, as it is not intentional and I do hope all are now well and on their way to recovery.

The State Convention held at Willard, Wis. this last September 14th was certainly well worth the price, as the food was delicious and bountiful and service with the real Slovenian-style hospitality. We even got miniature wooden baskets brought back from Slovenia by our delightful young lady dressed in a real Slovenian costume. She made an ex-

cellent greeter in her attire from her trip to Slovenia earlier this summer. I am speaking of Mrs. Vitko Staut, of course. It's a shame that our bus wasn't filled to capacity. Several of the ladies brought their sister members in from their far distant homes because of the early hour and we would have been glad to bring they had asked.

The speakers and entertainers were good as always and brought back our memories of better days amongst our friends, even those who are no longer with us. Mrs. Priskand was given a hand-made plaque for her devotion and foresight in the future of our organization as its founder and now, as a new author. It was made by one of Willard's people and I am sorry to have forgotten his name.

I was the proud winner of the hand-made sewing cabinet. It's really a thing of beauty and very well made, also by one of their local people. I lost no time in seeing that it got aboard the bus to my home. Thanks to Mr. Plesko and Mr. J. Plesnik who carried it.

Hope you all had a very nice summer an get with your meetings and socials this fall and winter.

Please remember to "catch up" on your dues. If you cannot come to our meeting because of illness or are handicapped, give me a call and I will be glad to pick you up at your homes. God bless you all and a Happy Holiday if I don't get to see you before.

Mary Dezman, Sec.

HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION OF OHIO-MICHIGAN

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harder to come in first this time! Let's all try harder now, as we need new members!

Editor Corinne spoke about all the interesting material we read in Zarja. The discussion was very lively and especially were we excited to learn of an idea by Fran Sletz, president of Br. 50, for a debutant ball at the National Convention. I think it will be wonderful for the young people. Now Frances is starting to work on this idea and we hope all branches will cooperate. More such ideas are always welcome, so how about it, girls!

It was such a pleasure to receive greetings from sisters in various states and our Supreme Officers. We heard from Toni Turek who wrote us from her vacation overseas, our wonderful Founder, Mrs. Priland of Wisconsin, Marie A. Floryan of West Allis, Wis., Anna Pachak of Colorado, Rose Kraemer of Wisconsin, Mary Tomsic of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Pauline Adamic, president of Br. 105, Detroit and Mrs. Anna Trontel, pres. of Br. 26, Pittsburgh.

Before adjournment, we held a memorial to our departed members of Ohio and Michigan branches, namely from Br. 6, Barberton, 68, Fairport Harbor 40, Lorain, 42, Maple Hgts, 73, Warrensville Hgts., 47, Garfield Hgts., and of course, all Cleveland branches, 10, 14, 15, 21, 25, 49 and 50.

I want to thank you all for helping to make the

Convention interesting. Special thanks to the Br. 32 Guards who were with us all day helping in many ways.

It was so wonderful to be remembered with congratulations to Br. 32 from all these branches. Thanks to each and everyone. God bless you all! I also thank Albina and Corinne for being present and little Mimi for helping us in the evening.

Br. 32 can indeed claim a great success that day. Everything in the hall was beautifully decorated for the anniversary banquet. The ruby red color scheme was just beautiful and everything hand made. Ladies of Br. 32 worked so hard and our hostess at the dinner was Margaret Turk. Co-chairmen were Ann Cooke and Mary Drobnick. The committee was Mary Batich, Josephine Comenshek, Ann Tekavec, Ann Godlar and many more worked, believe me!

The program after dinner was performed by the Dawn Choral Group under the direction of Mr. Frank Gorensek. They sang in tribute to our deceased members also, with the Honor Guards at attention, and little Susan Sudar and Allen Lapuh placing flowers. The Baton Twirlers were darling with Kathy and Carol Cooke leading.

Guests at the banquet included Father Celesnik, pastor of St. Christine's parish, Mayor Kenneth Sims of Euclid, Councilman Max Gerl and our Supreme Officers, Albina Novak and Corinne Leskovar. Again, thanks to all and may God bless you.

Mary Bostian

25th ANNIVERSARY



JOSEPHINE AND VINCE AIUTO

No. 13, San Francisco, Calif. One of our long time members and the former secretary of our Branch No. 13, Josephine Aiuto and her husband, Vince, celebrated their 25th Anniversary on May 21st and it was a happy occasion to be long remembered.

Their son, David and their daughter, Michele Bogdanov (also a member of Branch No. 13) and her husband Bill gave them a surprise party at Sabella's Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf. It was a wonderful reunion for Jo and Vince and they both looked like newlyweds.

Celebrating the anniversary with them was the Bridal Party and the immediate family, namely, Josephine's mother, Katie Judnich, and her two sisters (all members of Branch No. 13), her brother, Vince's brothers and their families. A grand time was had by all . . .

May God bless them both with many more years of health and happiness together.

M. Sustarich

No. 14, Euclid, Ohio. — Our October Card Party turned out to be a wonderful success. We were delighted to have our Supreme President, Antonia Turek and her husband Frank attend and also so many members of neighboring branches. Members from other branches came all the way from Fairport Harbor as they always do. Chairman Pauline Krall wishes to thank all of these people for coming and also thanks all the Branch No. 14 members who have helped her. We all think Pauline has done a tremendous job.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Simons on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The Simons family operated a Department Store on E. 200th St. for many years. Our best wishes to them!

We wish a speedy recovery to our sick members; Frances Prijatelj, Jenile Vidovic, Mary Sadar, and Antoinette Skabe.

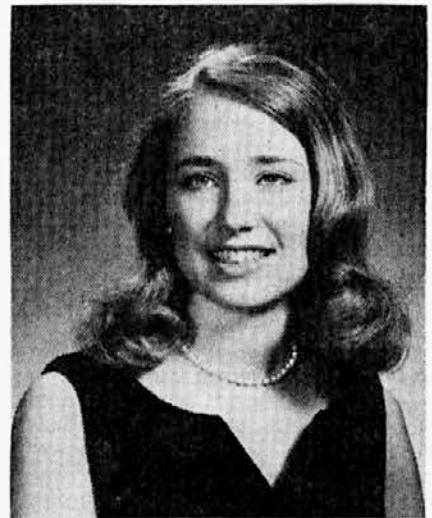
Our Good Time Fund was increased by a donation from Mrs. Rose Maurich. Thank You.

Congratulations to Mary Gerl who become "Grandma" again; and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strazisar who became "great-grandparents" for the second time. Mitzi Globokar, Rep.

No. 17, West Allis, Wis. Our State Day Convention at Willard, Wisconsin, was a success and many thanks go to the hostess Branch No. 102 for their warm hospitality, delicious banquet and delightful program. Our group from Branch No. 17 was very well satisfied. The bus trip was enjoyed by all including our junior members.

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ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED



Miss Barbara Grasch

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Grasch, 13055 Dumwoody dr., Elm Grove, Wis., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Marie, to James M. Barrett.

Miss Grasch attends Marquette University, where she is president of Alpha Delta Theta. She is interning in medical technology at St. Joseph's hospital in Milwaukee.

Mr. Barrett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Barrett of Simi, California, also attends Marquette University, where he is affiliated with Pi Sigma Epsilon. He is majoring in accounting and is a midshipman first class in the NROTC program.

Miss Grasch was a recipient of the 1966 Slovenian Women's Union scholarship. She is a member of Branch No. 17, West Allis, Wisconsin.

Best wishes.

M. F.

Br. 17., Continued:

Our branch has presented the book "From Slovenia to America" to the Milwaukee Main Public Library, The West Allis Public Library, and to the Elm Grove Library. Two of the junior members, Scott Schubert, son of Rose, our recording secretary, and Ray Anthony Marolt, son of our president, Marion, presented a book to their St. Mary's School library. After reading it, they felt that other children would like to read about our Slovenian cultures. It was very thoughtful of you two boys to part with your allowances the way you did. Many thanks boys.

Please remember that the meetings are held every 3rd. Sunday of the month in the new St. Mary's church hall. Please use rear door entrance and go downstairs to the meeting room. Just a reminder that our annual meeting is coming up on Sunday, December 21 at 2 p. m. It will also be our Christmas Party and distribution of gifts to the children. Please bring a \$1.00 gift for Christmas exchange. Refreshments will be served.

Congratulations to Barbara Grash on her engagement. She is the granddaughter of Mary Grash.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Arnold St. Peter and son Timothy, on the loss of wife and mother, Eileen. Condolences also to Angela Kastelic and family, who was our Slovenian scribe for many years, on the recent loss of her husband, Anton. May they rest in peace.

To all of our shut-ins and sick members, we wish you a speedy recovery. May God bless you all.

Marie A. Floryan, Sec'y

No. 20 20, Joliet, Ill. — Just a few days after my return from Europe, we visited our dear friend Frances Pikush to thank her for the poticas she had baked for my son's shower and wedding. Our conversation was about our two months trip to Europe, recalling the places where she also visited in her homeland 6 years ago.

Then, a few days later, Mrs. Jennie Benedick gave me the sad news that Mrs. Pikush had died suddenly that Sunday noon in the kitchen while preparing dinner for her daughters. This was a shock to all who knew her.

One more week passed when my husband and I visited the Benedick family to see Mr. Benedick, convalescing for some time. Here again, our main topic was about our trip to Europe and reminiscing about the time in 1961 when they, too, were with us in Slovenia and the wonderful time they had at a Trontelj picnic in honor of all my Joliet friends who came that day. In fact, Mr. Benedict said: "You know, if I could walk, I would go back tomorrow." Mrs. Benedick echoed her husband's

JOLIET MOURNS MRS. BENEDICK

The loss of a good, loyal member always saddens our S.W.U. branches and none is more grieved at this time than Br. 20 in Joliet who lost their dear member, Mrs. Jennie Benedick, a member over 41 years.

Mrs. Benedick died Sept. 28th at the age of 80 years. She was the beloved wife of Luke Benedick whom she married in 1907 and was the mother of eight. Nine grandchildren also survive. This photo of Mrs. Benedick was taken at their 50th Wedding Anniversary 12 years ago. At that time, stories appeared in the newspapers citing her many contributions to family and community life. She was especially known for her baking art and in 1955 her bread baking had already been tallied at 9 miles of home-made bread. The Chicago Tribune claimed she had made 52,416 ft. of it during her married life by baking 18 loaves at 14 inches long each week. Her goodness and generosity also was demonstrated in the fact that she always packed more hot lunch in her husband's lunch-pail than he could eat, so that his co-workers could share in the meal.



Her memory will be a bright one in the hearts and minds of her sister members and we pray that God will find a special place in heaven for Jennie Benedick, a remarkable and good-hearted wife, mother and friend.

words: "So would I."

On Sunday, Sept. 28th, when we returned from Lemont where we had paid our respects to the visiting Aux. Bishop of Ljubljana, Dr. Stanko Lenic, we passed the Benedick home and noticed several cars around their home. A little while later I received a call from Mrs. Pikush's daughter, Mrs. Walczak, close friend of the Benedick's informing me that Mrs. Benedick was stricken suddenly and had died. This again was a shock to me and to her many friends who loved her and admired her piety, her friendliness, as she always came to help someone in need — she was at once there to give aid. She was an auditor of our branch for many years and a vice-president. She was also delegate to a Convention and an organizer of our first Joliet Bowling team. She was Mother of the Year, too, and last year when our branch celebrated the 40th anniversary, she asked: can I do anything to help? and then made fried flancate for the entire group in the hall. She was a good hostess and when the SWU Headquarters was in Joliet, she invited all the Supreme Officers to dinner many, many times. She was a gracious hostess.

Mrs. Benedick was 81 years old at the time of her death. She lived in Joliet for 70 of those years, coming here from Skofja Loka. She was recommended for membership by yours truly. Also a member of the Altar and Rosary Society, she is survived by her husband, Luke, five daughters and two sons, one of whom

preceded her in death, 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Her daughters are also members of our branch.

Mrs. Frances Pikush was born at Loški potok and was a member for 41 years. She was recommended by the late Antonia Struna. Her husband died 5 years ago and she is also survived by four daughters.

We lost another member, Mrs. Theresa Gosak, another 41 year member, recommended by the late J. Juresich. While still in good health, she came to our meetings. She is survived by three daughters and five sons. Her late husband was a building contractor those years and one son followed in that trade. 28 grandchildren also survive.

So, we have lost 3 wonderful members in one month. All were 41 year members. May God give them peace and reward in heaven for they performed good deeds while still on earth. The members were buried at St. Joseph's cemetery where our members accompanied them as an honor guard, namely, Emma Planinsek, Olga Ancel, Jo Sumic, Jo Muster, Theresa Marentic, Frances Hubert, Frances Bottari and yours truly.

We also express our condolences to the Slapnicar family on the loss of their sister, Pauline Grego of Los Angeles, Calif. Pauline was well-known here in Joliet although she moved to Los Angeles 40 years ago. Her first husband was Bill Bevan. She is survived by 6 sisters and one brother. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Slapnicar, passed away some years

STRIKES, SPARES AND SPLITS!

ago. Also, one son and three grandchildren survive. May she rest in peace. Her sister, Kristine, is our long-time member.

Our condolences to the John Jevitz family who lost their dear father and grandfather, Mr. John Jevitz, Sr. at the age of 92. Altho up in years, he was alert to the last, was a pioneer of our parish and active member of the community. His son, John, a county clerk, follows his father in patriotism and in his love for the Slovenian people. Mr. Jevitz was an active member of many organizations, one could write a book on the life of this worthy friend and citizen.

Also an active member of the parish who passed away was John Malesich, age 84. He is survived by his wife, a long-time member of the branch, 2 sons, one Dr. John Malesich and 2 daughters. He was a friendly man whose children are all members of St. Joseph's parish.

Ill in the hospital is Mary Bostjanich from Summit St., and now recovered is Tillie Buldak, a bowler and Anna Mahkovec, Sr. Eleanore Annungi of Hickory St. is convalescing at Silver Cross Hospital.

Now that the fall season is here, it would be worth while to attend the meetings regularly and to meet your old friends. Time is later than you think. Let's get together more often and reminisce on our younger days. Hope to see you all soon at the meeting November 16th.

Josephine Erjavec

At a special meeting held at St. Joseph's church, presided by Msgr. Butala, it was announced that the combined societies of this parish will hold the annual card party (pillow slip card party) at the parish hall on N. Chicago St., on **Nov. 16th**. All members of our branch are kindly asked to bring their prizes to the secretary, Mr. Olga Ancel. Let's cooperate to make this event the greatest ever!

J. E.

No. 21, Cleveland, O.— The long summer days have drawn to a close all too quickly. Many of our members enjoyed a vacation away from home while others retired to Yardsville and raised beautiful and bountiful gardens. A note of thanks from our beloved treasurer Mrs. Josephine Weiss to all members for your thoughtfulness and good wishes during her illness.

Wedding bells! To sister, Emma Zupan we extend congratulations on the marriage of her son, Donald J. Zupan to Marsha Ann Magyar on August 2nd at St. Paschall Baylon church in Highland Hgts., Ohio. An evening reception was held at the Executive Club on Chagrin Blvd. The couple honeymooned in Canada. Best wishes to the bride and groom.

No. 2., Chicago, Ill. Bowling News. Well, we're back at Townhall bowling lanes on Tuesday evenings again—the 1969-1970 Chicago S.W.U. bowling season is well under way.

As October began, several teams are contenders for top position—the leaders can change from week to week this early in the season. As of this writing, **John F. Cuneo** is in the lead with 13 wins and 5 losses. Close behind, tied for second place with 12 wins and 6 losses, are **Zefran Funeral Home** and **Wagner's Bakery**. **Marquette Service Station** is in fourth place with a record of 11 wins and 7 losses. Other teams returning for the new season are **Dr. Grill**, **Reliance Federal**, **Barbara's Beauty Shoppe**, **St. Paul Federal**, **Jelinek Drugs** and **Zarja**.

As usual, there is a wide range of averages—from a low of 99 to a high of 159. **K Navarro** has the lead in high individual game with 231; **S. Gorka's** 627 is the high individual series. **Jelinek's** and **Barbara's** are tied for high team game with 929; **Wagner's** leads in high team series with 2712. These are all handicap scores.

Back to the railroads again: **A. Fingerhut**, **E. Kroschel**, **S. Rada**, **A. Scambiaterra**, 5-7; **L. Ovnik**, **A. Vucko**, **H. Fitzgerald**, 3-10; **B. Zalik**, **R. Swartz**, 2-7-10; **A. Post**, **B. Tegel**, 5-10; **F. Smulski**, **A. Hozzian**, 3-7-10; **J. Gervase**, 5-8-10; **L. Hasek**, 5-10, 5-7; **M. Zahorsky**, 5-8-10, 4-5-7; **T. Stanek**, 5-7, 3-7-10; **M. Stuck**, 4-7-10, 6-7-10; **S. Gorka**, 6-7, 3-10; **L. Putzell**, 2-7; **B. Zurek**, 3-7.

I don't know why, but this first column of the new bowling season is always so difficult to write. Guess the brain is as rusty as the old bowling arm is the first few weeks of the season.

Barbara Zurek

Trips! Vacationing at Lee's Villa Lake was member **Pauline Tratnik** and husband. Hope your trip was a pleasant one. From Florida, welcome back to **Molly Strle**. It was nice having you among us at our regular meeting. **Molly** will make her home with daughter, **Mrs. A. Petek**. From Florida, **Ann Pischel** staying wif' her daughter and visiting all relatives and friends in Cleveland. Our Serviceman, **Mickey Hosta**, returned to the States for a month's furlough with his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hosta**. Hope you fulfill your military obligations for Uncle Sam, soon, **Mickey**.

Circle the date, **Sunday Dec. 7th** for the Christmas Party at 2 p. m. at the West Park Slovene Home. 4582 W. 130 th St. and McGowan Ave. Each member is asked to bring

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. Bowling News. Here we are again! After four weeks of bowling, the standings are as follows: **Bluth's Sausage**, first place winning 9 games and losing 2. **Virginia Guertin** is Captain. **Shep's DX Service** is second with 8 wins and 4 losses, **Capt. Marge Gasperich**. **Northwest Recreation** with **Captain Evelyn Gregory**; **American Slovenian Home**, **Capt. Jo Mlakar** and **Mericka's Restaurant**, **Capt. Marge Wajchert** are all tied for third with 5 wins and 7 losses each. Last but not least we have **Fred C. Dames Funeral Home**, 4 wins and 8 losses, **Capt. Vicki Bernikas**. Splits picked up by **Millie Elena** 6-7-10; **Lil Anderson** 6-7-10; **Vicki Bernikas** 5-8-10; **Marje Wajchert** and **Mary Rudman** 5-10. Nice work girls!

High series so far is 515 bowled by **Marge Gasperich**. High game is 194 by **Gen Klainsek**. We would like to welcome our new bowlers, **Bernice Plankar**, **Clarice Nemanich**, and **Mary Rudman**. Good luck, girls. Nice to see all the old-timers back at bowling. We hope **Ann Papesch**, **Gert Padovich** and **Fran McCarthy** will return to bowling with us after a little rest. See you next month!

Gen Klainsek

a covered dish dinner or baked goods — all cheerfully accepted. We will have one dollar Christmas gift exchange. So, until then, stay healthy and happy.

Stella Dancull, Sec.

No. 23, Dawn Club, Ely Minn. Now that the vacation time is over and everyone is back home safe and sound, we will again be resuming our meetings that were dispensed with for the summer months. The Dawn Club held their first meeting on Sept 17th at 7:30 p. m. in the St. Anthony's church hall with **Emma Pucel**, president presiding.

The meeting was very well attended. Games were played and prizes were awarded to the winners. A delicious lunch was served by the following lunch committee: **Louise Selga**, **Margaret Somrock**, **Mary Evanish**, **Rose Novak** and **Barbara Rosandich**. **Rose Stupnik** won the attendance prize.

At this meeting discussion for our public card party held on Oct. 22 were discussed. Chairmen for the games were **Mary M. Shikonya**, **Rose Ferderber**, and **Barbara Brennan**.

Lunch committee for the card party were **Margery Skubitz**, **Rose Stupnik**, **Jeanette Vilmar**, **J. Grahek**, **Catherine Merhar**, **Caroline Deyak**, **Mary Zgonc**, **Frances Zakryshek**, **Mary Deyak**, and **Mrs. Mary Shikonya**.

Mary M. Shikonya, Reporter

MINNESOTA MEETS MRS. KOMPARE!



The committee on arrangements for Minnesota State Day and 40th Anniversary of Br. 33, Duluth, met Supreme Auditor, Anne Kompore of So. Chicago for the first time on Sept. 14th. They paused during the celebration for this smiling photo, from left, seated: Liz Misiewicz, Sec. and Treas., Frances Blatnik, Pres., Mary Schubitz, Mary Rot and Mary Jaksa, Charter Members; standing: Suntina Spehar, Rec. Sec., Verna Thoreson, Vice-Pres., Barbara Rosandich, State President, Anne Kompore, Supreme Auditor, Ann Podgorsek, Supreme Auditor and Charter Member and Cyrilla Collard, Toastmistress.

Minnesota Zveza Day and the 40th Anniversary of Br. 33 in Duluth, Minn. on September 14th was a huge success! Approximately 400 members from the branches in this state attended.

On behalf of the working committee of the branch, our deepest appreciation and thanks to all who attended. We hope it was a memorable day for each and every one.

The program for the day was arranged and prepared by the members themselves. Many fine comments were heard from the audience.

The State meeting was very well-attended. Barbara Rosandich, State President, presided. Many congratulatory notes and letters were received and read.

Our pastor, Father Stanley Dolsina had a very inspiring sermon at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, both in Slovenian and English. The speech was very touching and sentimental. Many had tears in their eyes. Our member, Shirley Hoppenyan was the commentator at Mass. Our officers brought the gifts to the altar and members ushered in church and also passed the collecting boxes. All was done by our own members.

To all our honored guests at the banquet, our fine musicians and performers, a hearty thank you. We were honored to have as our guest speaker, Supreme Auditor Anne Kompore of Chicago, whom we all enjoyed meeting. Anne's speech was eloquent. She was accompanied by her husband, Ed. A finer couple could not be found anywhere. Come again, Ann and Ed.

We again wish to thank you all for your wonderful spirit and warm expression of sisterhood.

God willing, we will again meet in Keewatin in 1970.

Ann Podgorsek, Supreme Auditor
and Recording Secretary of Branch 33

"FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA" BELONGS IN EVERY HOME

Excerpt from remarks given at Minnesota
State Day

by Anne N. Kompore, Supreme Auditor,
Chicago, Ill.

"In recent months our Supreme Officers and members of our branches throughout the East and Midwest, have been busily engaged in the sale and distribution of a wonderful book written and compiled by our own founder and Honorary President, Marie Prisland. The book is entitled "FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA" and should be on every bookshelf of our membership and in the local libraries. It is a work of unselfish dedication. Depicting the life and history of our early Slovene and Croatian immigrants . . . their trials and tribulations.

It gives recognition to pioneer Slovene families and the noteworthy achievements of their sons and daughters in America. In this day, when many of the younger Yugoslav generation are drifting away from the family fireside, intermarrying, and being absorbed into the American scene, this book should be a revelation and reminder of what our pioneers endured and contributed to our American culture. If for no other reason, this book should be purchased as a gesture of love and appreciation by all our Zveza members, to our beloved Marie Prisland.

Proceeds from the sale of these books go to the Scholarship Fund of the Slovenian Women's Union."

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DULUTH SAYS THANKS!

Duluth, Minn. Minnesota Day — September 14th, at St. Elizabeth's was a big success. It was wonderful to see the ladies came from all over in spite of the inclement weather. The Mass celebrated by Father Dolsina was beautiful and the perfect way to start the day which meant so much to us at Br. 33. All the ladies worked hard and happily and everyone enjoyed themselves no matter what the chore. We would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. F. Danko and her help who took care of the dinner which was delicious. This is a big undertaking and takes a lot of patience and effort. So, many, many thanks to you, Fran.

Other people who worked very hard and uncomplaining were: Suintina Spehar, program; Cyrilla Collard, Toastmistress; Tickets: Jackie and Thera Rukavina; Table Favors Decorations: Rose Kresky; Name Tags and Registration; Alice Cacich, Helen Mosack, Eileen Fedo, Mary Chepelnik, John Cacich; Social at the School, Stella Mattson; Registration: Alice Cacich, Anna Struke; lak, Betty Picconnatto, Josephine Gregorich; Cake and Corsages: Dorothy Jacobson; Table Decoration: Frances Starsinich; Photographer: Tom Morris, and Frances Blatnik,

General Chairman.

To these and all the many people who helped in any way on these committees go many, many thanks again.

God Bless you all!

I'm sure everyone who attended or worked found it was very worthwhile in helping celebrate our 40th anniversary.

Our October meeting was well attended by many new faces. It is good to see so many more of our younger members. The annual lodge Fall dinner which will be Nov. 5th, at 6:30 p. m. was discussed. It was tremendous to have the younger members take it upon themselves to take care of it. We would like to extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Blatnik on celebrating 60 years of married life. Mrs. Blatnik is confined to her home following surgery. Many happy returns.

We were saddened by the death of one of our members, Mrs. Frank Burger, Sr. Our sympathy goes out to the family and relatives.

Blessings go out to our sick and to those confined in hospitals and at home. I say again a card or a visit is very often deeply appreciated. Meeting closed with prayer. Florence Burger, Assistant Reporter

ity if you would go to visit these people. Also at the hospital is Pauline Polynier and K. Kuzma and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Mary M. Shikonya, Reporter

No. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa. Our meeting in September had a good attendance. At this meeting, it was decided that each member will bring some delicacy and we would have a Halloween Party on the meeting night in Oct. Some of the members asked that we masquerade, so it was agreed that whoever wanted to should dress up and prizes would be given to the best costume.

We welcome two new members to our branch, Lena Hotujec and Mary Antlogar. Congratulations go to Agnes Widina and Magdalena Widina on the new baby girl, Janet, granddaughter to Agnes and great-granddaughter to Magdalena.

Get-well wishes to two of our members who at present are in the hospital: Veronica Senfner and Agnes Klobuchar, also get-well wishes to the following members recently hospitalized: Anna Klun, Justine Lokar and Mary De Mauro. Mrs. Widina's son, William, is very ill so let's say a prayer for him.

We all mourn the death of Father Matthew Kebe who died on Sept. 19th. Father Kebe will be remembered for a long time by all. He did so much for the parish here in Pittsburgh. Years ago, Father Kebe came to St. Mary's on 57th St. and assisted Fr. Mirtel. Any time we had devotions or other special occasions, he helped out. Now the two friends are together at St. Mary's Cemetery. May their souls rest in peace.

Wishes to all our members for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ann Frankovic, Sec'y.

No. 34, Soudan, Minn. You can be sure that our meeting on September 17th, (which followed just three days after 17 of our members were in attendance at MINNESOTA DAY as guests of Branch No. 32) was spent in reminiscing about the wonderful day we had. Truly, the Duluth Branch can be proud of the way they observed their 40th anniversary as well as MINNESOTA DAY, combined. Our members travelled in 2 cars and 6 members joined the Ely ladies in their bus. Everyone reports a wonderful time. From the registration at 10 a. m., through the meeting (which was conducted by the light of 2 large flashlights because of the power failure during a severe electrical storm and rain) then the noon Mass with a sermon both in Slovenian and English by Rev. John Dolsina ending with the ladies all joining the choir in "Češčena Si Marija"—it was really touching. Then followed the most delicious fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings including our Slo-

Beautiful table arrangement at Duluth's 40th Anniversary added the right touch to festivities. Only gentlemen seated with Minnesota officers was genial husband of Supreme Auditor, Anne Kompare.



No. 23, Ely, Minn. On behalf of the members of the Slovenian Women's Union, I wish to thank the Duluth branch most heartily for the wonderful time shown us at the Minnesota Zveza Day. Even though the weather was bad in the morning, it was soon forgotten. The ladies were all so friendly, just like one happy family. Supreme Auditor, Ann Kompare is indeed a fine person and we all enjoyed her talk and meeting her.

At the noon Mass at St. Elizabeth's church, the altar was bedecked with lovely flowers, the singing could not be finer. Last but not least, Father Stanley Dolsina gave us a very inspiring talk and sermon both in the Slovenian and English languages which touched our hearts. The

ladies really took over on that day. In church they had lady ushers and also a lady comentator at Mass, so all in all it was really Slovenian "Ladies" Day.

After the Mass the banquet was one that we won't forget from the program, prizes and dinner. The food I am sure couldn't have been better, that's all you could hear on the bus going home was praises for the celebration. I haven't tasted walnut potica for a long time that was as good as that.

Again we want to thank the Duluth branch for the fine hospitality shown us all at the Zveza Day and I know we won't forget it.

Our members in the Nursing Home are Mary Russ, Rose Pucel, Ursula Golob. It would be an act of char-

venian favorites, potica and krofe. This was followed by a delightful program, with the Mayor of Duluth, Ben Boo, honoring us with his presence, and talk. Mrs. Anna Kompare, our Supreme Auditor, was the speaker for the program and gave us an inspiring message about keeping our SWU goals before us and, to try to do as much as we can to instill these qualities (which were handed to us by our parents and officers of the SWU through the years) into our children and grandchildren. She urged the members to try to get new members, and to promote the sale of Mrs. Prislant's book, "From Slovenia to America." The beautiful Slovenian songs sung by the Quartet from Ely—Mary Huter (who is known by all the Minnesota SWU members, I'm sure—and by many from other states) together with her brother Bernard Hutar and Frank Shepel with his sister Mrs. Josephine Luthanen, were enjoyed so much. Mary also led the Community singing as always which produces such a feeling of warmth and hospitality and friendliness toward everyone. There were other speakers, too, and entertainment; accordion solos by Mr. Wm. Rot and son, Billy, all of which were enjoyed and well-received. Mrs. Cyrilla Collard, the non-Slovenian speaking toastmistress was excellent!

The program was concluded with the awarding of many prizes to the ladies who held the lucky numbers as they registered.

Our Branch No. 34 members do wish to thank Mrs. Ann Podgorsek, Supreme Auditor (from Branch No. 33) and all her co-worker members for such a wonderful day. We will all have to work hard to equal their efforts for such a marvelous day spent with them and all our members throughout Minnesota. God bless them all.

At our meeting we also made plans for the observance of our 40th anniversary, which was to be a dinner meeting at the Marjo Hotel in Tower on our meeting night Oct. 15. Named to make arrangements for the celebration was Mrs. John Tekautz. Mrs. Mary Pahula was to arrange the program.

To follow up Mrs. Kompare's suggestion, our Branch voted to buy a copy of Mrs. Prislant's book, FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA, which tells the story of the immigration of people from Slovenia to America, and of their struggles, achievements and attainments through the years. In order that the second and third generation of these immigrants is given an opportunity to read the book, Branch No. 34 is donating the volume to the Dr. Preston Bradley Public Library in Tower. Everyone is invited and urged to read the interesting and nostalgic accounts of the life of our predecessors.

A social hour followed the meeting

with prizes going to Mrs. John Pahula, Mrs. Louis Chiabotti & Mrs. Mary Pahula. Mrs. Leo Wilson won the Scrabble prize. Our hostesses, Mrs. William Lilya and Mrs. Joseph Jarnick served a delicious lunch to conclude the pleasant evening. The attendance prize, donated by Mrs. Joseph Stefanich was awarded to Mrs. John Bobence.

This was our first meeting of the Fall season and since we didn't have meetings during the summer, I didn't contribute any articles during the summer. However, I was kept busy, nevertheless. In June, in company with our son George and his wife Mary and son Michael, and my sister Rose Nemanich and friend Irene Stein, we took a week's vacation trip to South Dakota, visiting the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, Custer Park, many Museums, and places of interest. On our 34th wedding anniversary, Sunday June 22, we all witnessed the moving PASSION PLAY at Spearfish, South Dakota. Anyone who has seen it, will tell you that it is such an emotional experience—something you will never forget. It is like being with Christ, Our Lord, during the last week of His life on earth—accompanying Him throughout the events of that final week on earth. Live actors and animals make it so realistic, even the Crucifixion and Resurrection, that one is moved to tears—it was truly a moving experience.

We had been home only a week or 10 days, when on July 8, my husband and I accompanied our daughter Barbara, in her air-conditioned car, to Phoenix, Arizona, where she is now employed at Good Samaritan hospital after having been employed as Chief of Medical Records at North Memorial hospital in Minneapolis for 6 years. Accompanying us, in another car, were her roommate Beverly Behme (a school teacher) and her aunt, Sister M. Ellen, OSB, a teacher at Cathedral High School in Duluth.

We left Minneapolis on Tuesday morning July 8th, and got to Phoenix 4½ days later, Saturday afternoon, where the temperature was 110 degrees. Enroute we stopped at many interesting places,—and we passed many big cities, Des Moines, Iowa; Kansas City, Kansas, (we would have liked to stop at our dear relative's home—the Jos. Kostelec's but time did not permit), Oklahoma City; Tucson, Arizona, and finally Phoenix. In Tucson, we did stop to visit Old Tucson where TV movies such as HIGH CHAPARRAL and GUN-SMOKE are filmed. It was interesting to browse in the shops there and see all the relics saved from another era. Even more fascinating, was the mountainous area on which it is situated, with no grass or trees but just Cactus growth of every variety.

We spent the weekend in Phoenix

staying at the beautiful air conditioned Desert Hills Motel. All during our travels we stayed at beautiful motels along the way. We travelled only during the daytime, resting at night and were ready to journey on the next morning, refreshed for another day's travels. We travelled over 2,400 miles all told, and on Monday evening took a jet plane back to Minneapolis—arriving there in three hours—our first plane ride—and we loved it. We were met at the airport by our son Anthony (who lives with his family in St. Paul) and the next day our son George and his family came down from our cabin at Eagles West Lake (where they spent the summer—as did we) and drove us home.

In August we had the pleasure of having my brother Joseph Nemanich of Euclid, Ohio his wife Frances (of Branch No. 50) and her brother Tony Kasunic and Father Joseph Falez of St. Vitus parish of Cleveland as our guests. They stayed at Eagles Nest Lake just a short distance from us at the George Nemanich cabin. We had such a wonderful two weeks together enjoying the perfect weather and excellent fishing.

We had many weddings to attend also, during the summer—and now that Fall is here, are again busy with Club and Church work—so it is a busy time—all the time. I know other members of SWU are just as busy and to all of them I wish for health—and happy "get-togethers" at their SWU meetings.

Mrs. Anthony F. Yapel, Reporter

No. 40, Lorain, Ohio. — It was so nice to attend the meeting of the combined branches of Ohio and Michigan. It was a pleasure to see our Supreme Secretary, Albina Novak and our Editor, Corinne Leskovar. We were able to help Br. 32 celebrate their 40th anniversary and our group numbered 11 from Lorain. It was a lovely affair.

Our December meeting will be December 10th starting with a luncheon at 6 p. m. There will be a Christmas gift exchange as usual, for one dollar value. Please bring something along in the line of baked goods or a prize. There will be election of officers and also Mother of the Year for 1970. So, come on you members, let us see at least 50% of you at this meeting!

On the sick list we have Mary Plecnik, Angeline Zgonc, Frances Ivancic and Angeline Voytko and we wish them all a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy to Robert Woodings on the loss of his dear wife, our member, Elsie. She leaves 3 sons, her mother, Frances Tomazic, 3 brothers and 4 sisters, all members of Br. No. 40.

Our condolences to Mrs. Johanna Znidarsic on the loss of her husband, Martin, also survived by 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 2 brothers and one sister. Our sympathy to John Dugar

"FROM SLOVENIA ... TO AMERICA"



Pride in one's heritage and knowledge of the courage of his ancestors is a wonderful part of life. How little do we actually know of the early days of this country we love so dearly. What do the history books tell us? Only general descriptions or historic records. But, how personal and dear history becomes if we learn of actual true stories of our grandparents and their predecessors. When reading them, we become a part of that era.

In order to bring the story of our Slovenian forefathers closer to us, the Founder of S.W.U., Mrs. Marie Prislund, has compiled stories, anecdotes and tales she gathered from many sources. The book she has now given to posterity is one that will benefit every second and third generation Slovenian and surely even more, those who will follow.

Something of the importance of this book was told by U. S. Congressman John A. Blatnik of Minnesota, speaking before Congress recently. We re-print his remarks from the Congressional Record with gratitude and hope that it will inspire you, our readers, to make this book a part of your family's reading entertainment and education in the near future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SLOVENES AND THEIR HOMELAND

HON. JOHN A. BLATNIK
of Minnesota

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 19, 1969

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Speaker, all men are proud of their nationalities, and we of the Slovenian extraction are no exception.

About 150 years ago the Slovenes began leaving their homeland stopping first in New York and Chicago and then spreading to Joliet, Cleveland, Minnesota's Iron Range, Colorado, and California.

These were a colorful, hard-working people who contributed as much as any nationality to the greatness of America. However, their history and heritage for many

years was for the most part unknown simply because no one had taken the time to record the background of the Slovenes and their homeland.

This is no longer the case. Marie Prislund, a native of Slovenia and now of Sheboygan, Wis., has written a book, "FROM SLOVENIA—TO AMERICA", which gives an account of the American Slovenes, the culture and customs they brought with them, and the land they left behind.

The author explains:

It is for the children and grandchildren that I have prepared this collection of Slovenian history so that they might have a small glimpse of the rough road travelled by their parents and grand parents to improve their own standard of living and to give life to their sons and daughters in a free and happy land.

In her book she writes:

The early Slovenians came to America with the intention of accumulating enough savings to improve their living conditions after they returned to their families in Slovenia.

In America they did not find the streets "paved in gold" or money "growing on trees" as many Europeans still believe, but they were faced with many hardships in a new and strange environment. Since they were young in mind and strongbodied and because of the rugged life in their homeland, they did not despair and were determined to work hard and to have patience to overcome the obstacles confronting them in the new land.

The American way of life, however, with its freedom of expression, the vast opportunities and privileges it provided, soon had its effect.

Mr. Speaker, this is the first book written in the English language about the Slovenian immigrants and their homeland and Marie Prislund has done a remarkable job. I commend it to the attention of my colleagues.

on the loss of his mother, Mary, our member.

Mrs. Anna Jancar became grandmother for the twelfth time and great-grandmother for the fifth time. Mrs. Agnes Celik became grandmother for the fifteenth time.

Congratulations to all!

I still have some books on hand written by our Founder, Mrs. Marie Prislund, called FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA. It should be very interesting reading for the young. See where your parents come from and how lived in early America. I also have a number of cookbooks on hand.

Wishes for a happy and healthy birthday to our Superem Secretary, Albina Novak. And a happy birthday to all members who are celebrating these fall months of October, November and December. May you have many more happy and especially healthy ones. See you at the Dec. meeting, at 6 p. m.

Angela Kozjan, Sec.

No. 40, Lorain, O. The beginning of the fall and winter activities started with a successful convention of the Ohio and Michigan Branches at Rechar Hall in Euclid, Ohio on Sunday, September 14th. Many branches were represented and we, of Branch No. 40 topped the list with 11 members present. The meeting presided by Mrs. Mary Bostian, President, was quite interesting and exciting, as many new ideas were brought up. It was really a pleasure to see some of my friends of long ago, again. Especially, Mrs. Albina Novak of Chicago, our Supreme Secretary, who gave us such enlightening information, and her daughter, Mrs. Corinne Leskovar also of Chicago, and Editor of our "Zarja", who really talked of exciting new things that we can plan to do at some future date.

We also exchanged many happy experiences of our separate trips to Yugoslavia and just couldn't talk e-

nough of the beauty of our parents' homeland. I also had a special surprise at seeing Albina's sister, Jean Krizman whom I haven't seen for many years.

We did miss the presence of our Supreme President, Mrs. Turek, although she did send her best wishes from her vacation in Slovenia.

The day of the Convention came to a close with a banquet served in superb style. The food was delicious and much more than anybody could eat. The speeches of the dignitaries were interesting and short and everybody enjoyed them. Of course, we all danced to the tunes of lively polkas and waltzes (even the 80 year old ladies) until the end of the evening and it was time to take the trip back home.

Our congratulations to Branch No. 32 of Euclid, Ohio on a joyful and successful Convention.

Now, I will turn my thoughts to the sad news of our local branch and say that we have lost two members recently. One was Mrs. Mary Dugar a senior member, and the other was Mrs. Elsie Woodings. I must say a few words in memory of Elsie Woodings because she was a person very dear in all our hearts, and the first member of our Drill Team that has left us.

Going back to the years of our childhood, I remember how gay and carefree she was as we played together. We were first cousins, next-door neighbors and best of friends. Then, as teenagers, we were completely involved from the first day of the organization of the Drill Team, to the very end in all its activities. As the years progressed, Elsie married Robert Woodings. They had 3 sons, Daniel, Ralph and Wayne. We continued our friendship through baby-days and grown up children. Beside her husband and children, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Frances Tomazic, 4 sisters and 3 brothers. We will all miss her dearly as she was such a "ray of sunshine" in our midst. May God bless her and give her eternal happiness.

Along the lighter news I have, is that our son, Myron, is enrolled as a freshman at the University of Akron, studying Business Administration. Of course, we all miss him at home, but we do wish him best wishes, good luck, and very success in his coming college days.

Closing, just a reminder for all the members to attend our meetings because we do have fun celebrating birthdays and playing "T".

Albina Uehlein

No. 42, Maple Heights, Ohio After a long summer of vacationing and simply lazing around, I have finally gotten out the old pen and returned to my duties as Reporter.

During the past months I am sure much has happened that we have not heard of, but we are happy to report that Mary Hovecar is fully recovered from her past illness and that "Ma" Prhne is doing well after celebrating her 89th birthday. The summer also brought a new baby to the home of Joe and JoAnne Kastelic—a boy named Jeffrey.

Antonija Kastelic, Paul Hribar and Mary Yemec attended the convention and banquet celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Branch No. 32 in Euclid. They tell us a grand time was had by all.

The Maple Heights Slovenian Home honored Frank Legan, husband of our long-time member Antonia, for his many years of service to the community at its annual banquet on September 21st. Mr. Legan (and his apron) are certainly beloved landmarks of Stanley Avenue.

Last, but certainly not least, we wish Happy Birthday to Angela Perko, Mrs. Mary Prhne, Millie Lipnos, Antonia Matis and Miss Mary Prhne.

B. A. Kastelic

No. 46, St. Louis, Mo. Our meeting was held on September 14th, at the home of Mrs. Dolenz, with only 11 members present. We would like to take this opportunity to urge more of our members to make a real effort to attend more meetings.

We wish a very Happy 75th Birthday to Mrs. Josephine Ancel, and are very sorry that she can no longer be with us at our functions.

It was decided to hold the Christmas Party on December 7th, at the home of Mrs. Ida Webb, 303 Wild Forest Dr. Baldwin, Mo. Each member is asked to bring a \$1.00 gift, and some type of dessert. If any members are in need of transportation, please call Viola Pisoni, Marie Thompson, Ann Faith, Marie Gartner or Theresa Gabrian.

Our next meeting will be held on the second Sunday in November, at Mrs. Dolenz' home.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Gabrian

No. 50, Cleveland, O. — September and October are busy months, getting ready for our annual Picnic Meeting at Marie Beck's where 45 members attended and the Bake Sale at Baraga Dom where 50 members donated baked goods. We netted a splendid profit. A big thank you to all members who co-operated to make this a successful venture.

Now, our Sunshine Treasury is all set for another year. We are ready to start thinking about bigger adventures that are coming up. As we grow older, we need inspiration to do good deeds. Just to stay home and complain about aches and pains makes for a very dull life. All you good members, get ready for a lot of exciting events in 1969-1970.

The National Convention will take place in the month of May, 1970 at Euclid, Ohio; Rechar Hall being the headquarters. This event also includes a giant membership campaign for the selection of the Convention Queen and her princesses who are the runners-up. A sure way to increase your membership is to get active in this campaign. Among the Convention activities will be a Cotillion dance for younger members and the Grand banquet.

Birthday greetings to all our November celebrants. Remember to send cheer-up cards to our sick members: Evana Mandel, 22200 Chardon Rd., Cecelia Znidarsic, 1166 E. 66th St., Mary Finley, 5661 Highland Rd. and Stella Ruppe, 978 E. 69th St. Mamie Marin was hospitalized during October. Best of good health to all our members.

Our Nov. 17th meeting will be held at the Euclid Recreation Center which is opposite the former Bally Dept. Store on Lake Shore Blvd. Meet at the downstairs meeting room. All members should try to be there on time at 8 o'clock.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Rose Roesch on the loss of her dear mother, Theresa Bavec and to Helen Delisi who lost her dear husband Anthony. God grant them eternal rest.

Albina Novak, our Supreme Secretary is one the sick list. We wish her a very speedy recovery and we hope you will send her a cheer up card to her home, 2030 W. Cermak Road, Chicago, Ill. 60608.

Are your dues paid up? Make our secretary Marie Beck a happy lady and please take care of this.

No. 50 wishes to extend sincere congratulations to the Dawn Choral Group. They did an excellent performance at the 40th Anniversary of Br. 32 held at Euclid Sept. 14th and again at the 75th Anniversary Banquet of the KSKJ. Keep up the good work, girls! **Frances Sietz, Pres.**

No. 52, Kitzville, Minn. — Discussion at our meeting in September was very short due to the few members present. Plans were made to charter a bus to Duluth for the Minnesota State Day and 15 members did attend this event. A wonderful time was had. We also wish to take this time to thank the Duluth ladies for giving us such a nice welcome. Although the storm we had during the meeting left us without lights for a time, things progressed in a very orderly fashion. The banquet was delicious and to the cooks and waitresses, we all think you have done a great job! Thanks to you all.

Sister Angeline Hrovat went home with one of the prizes.

We also have sad news to report. Sister Celia Politano lost her husband, Patsy Politano. We hope and pray that she knows how badly we feel in her loss. Our deepest sympathy. He carried a heavy load and his burdens were many but we will all pray that his reward is in heaven. To daughters, Jean and Lenore; sons; Louis, Dennis and wife, Celia, we extend our condolences. May his soul rest in peace. Thanks to all who helped in time of their need.

There wasn't much left to discuss for the members were so few. Meeting was closed by president Josephine Oswald and a delicious lunch was served by hostesses Margaret Kochevar, Betty Strazlsner, June Jerulle and Gertrude Kochevar. Frances Shega is thanked for her donation of flancate. Prizes went to Rose Chiodi, Elizabeth Spinelli, Ivana Preslesnik, Angeline Russ, Frances Shega, Jennie Crea, Margaret Kochevar, Gertrude Kochevar and door prize to Jenny Crea.

We would like to participate in the membership campaign now on and ask you members to talk to a friend and bring her along to our meetings. There is always room for another.

The meeting of October 1st was very fine with a large attendance. Plans were made for a White Elephant sale at the next meeting, so please bring in all of your unwanted articles so we can make this a big success. Every little bit helps.

We did have a few new faces with us such as sister Pauline Germ, who became a social member. Hope you will come often, Pauline. Sister Josephine Oswald again concluded the meeting with prayer. To all sick members, our best wishes.

We also pray for the souls of dearly beloved deceased members. May their souls rest in peace!

The social of the evening was successful with hostesses Florence Techar, Mary Techar, Shirley Spinelli and Frances Rapovich. A very delicious lunch was served and prizes went to Elizabeth Spinelli, Dorothy Russo, Shirley Spinelli, Alice Baratto, Frances Oswald, Angeline Russ, Josephine Politano, Rose Chiodi and the door prize to Julia Mancuso.

See you at the next meeting on the first Wednesday of November at the Little Grove. May God bless you and keep you all in good health.

Gertrude Kochevar, Reporter

No. 54, Warren, Ohio — With the arrival of fall, we have had beautiful weather in our town.

We had our first meeting a few weeks ago at the new meeting place, St. James White Hall. It was very nice and our group was a few more than usual. Our hostesses were Rose Racher, Mary Waltko, Mayme Sporich and yours truly. We had wonderful goodies and games after the meeting. Plans were made for Christmas. We will have a dollar gift exchange and all members are to bring cookies for refreshments. It will be at the White Hall on Dec. 14th at 7:30 p. m. Please try and come.

In January we are making plans for a Card Party and we need the efforts of all our members — not just the few regulars. More news about this will follow in the Zarja.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gladd, Sr., who became great-grandparents recently and their son and daughter-in-law, Valentina, who became grandparents for the first time. Both ladies are our members.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kassin on the loss of his father, who would have been 90 years old this year.

Our vice-president Mary Waltko was taken to the hospital as I write this lines and we hope she will soon be feeling better. Another member recently hospitalized was Elsie Persin and is now on the mend.

Helen and Lou Gorsick are grandparents again with a new baby born to son, Louis and daughter-in-law, Gloria.

To those in arrears are asked to please pay up. I have moved to 4010 Greenmont Dr. S. E. in Eastgate; phone: 856-2911.

Good health to all and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones. Our November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30 p. m. at the White Hall, Burton St. S.
Joanne Ponikvar, Sec.

No. 56, Hibbing, Minn. — Our fall season has gotten under way and we hope to see a lot more of you at our meetings. We attended the Minnesota State Day at Duluth and had a wonderful time. Congratulations Br. 33 on your 40th Anniversary and thanks for the lovely day, even tho it rained. See you all in Keewatin next year.

At our September meeting, we had a fairly nice attendance. Our charter was draped for the late Mary Theodore and Rose Majerle. To their families our deepest sympathy and may they rest in peace.

Cards were played and luncheon served following the meeting. Hostesses were Elizabeth Draskovich, Catherine Muhvich, Mary Ayotte, Katherine Marold and Anna Staudohar.

Since the September meeting we have lost another member, Laura Golob who died in a traffic accident. We paid our respects in a group. She was the daughter of our organizer, Ursula Zalc. To her and the bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy. May she rest in peace.

I planned to be out east during October so I missed the meeting. Hostesses were to be Margaret Matasich, Dorothy Plese, Anna Silvo and Rose Chernugel. Hope our reporter is able to get in the groove again. To all our best wishes and to the sick, a speedy recovery.

Anne B. Satovich, President

No. 66, Canon City, Colo. Summer is over, people are back from their vacations, children are fully school oriented and we approach the wonderful season of fall.

Yours truly along with three other members of our branch had the pleasure of attending the SWU annual three-state conventions which was held in Pueblo on Sept. 14th. We started out with Mass at St. Mary's church at 9 a. m. celebrated by Father Claude, former pastor of our local parish, followed by a brunch at the Minnequa Club. Our gracious state president, Anna Pachak, was the mistress of ceremonies and what a wonderful person she is. It was amazing to learn from her that the Pueblo branch has over 400 members with 12 new members enrolled this last year. I was very honored to represent Br. No. 66 of Canon City

as a delegate. And, the food was plentiful and delicious. That wonderful potica really hit the spot.

Some excellent piano selections were played by Mrs. Pachak's granddaughter. It was regrettable that more from our branch could not attend. Those who were there from Canon City were Mmes. Christine Konte, Johanna Zallar, Mildred Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon McFarland. A good time was had by all.

Congratulations are in order for Anna Bandi who celebrated her 80th birthday and also to Judith Ann Javernick who became Mrs. David Dionesse. Best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Get well wishes are extended to Mary Tella, Dorothy Legan, Patricia Weaver, Anna Bandi, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lukezic and Mr. Joe Stevens who all have been on the sick list.

I wish to remind all members who are behind in dues to please pay up your monthly membership. It will help the secretary keep her books in order. God bless you one and all.

Helen McFarland, Sec.

No. 67, Bessemer, Pa. — Summer's activities are over and we have again started our October meeting with a well attended group. Mrs. Frances Samsa opened the meeting with a prayer. Due to illness, she had to give up her position of Secretary. So there were 25 ladies present to give her a surprise party.

We have had several members on our sick list this summer, namely, Ruby Medich, Mildred Hulina, Frances Samsa, Ann Peterson, Frances Ljubic who is still in the hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Frances Pitchentino and Mary Bryan on the loss of their husbands.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vrabel on their 50th Anniversary May 17th. They exchanged vows in St. Anthony's church in Bessemer, Pa. They are the parents of 5 children: Daniel E. Vrabel, Cyril M. Vrabel, both of Bessemer; Mrs. Alex A. (Katherine) Horney, Andrew J. Vrabel, both of New Castle, Pa. and Mrs. Howard P. (Monica) Bader of New Middletown, Ohio. They are grandparents of 16 and great-grandparents to 4.

We are going out for our Christmas dinner to Youngstown, the SNPJ lodge No. 153 is having a banquet Nov. 1st to honor their seniors of 50 years.

Ladies don't forget our Christmas Party and gift exchange (\$1.00) in December also bring your favorite dish. Also be sure to attend our next meeting to help us make plans for our trip to Washington.

We wish all those who had birthdays the best of luck and good health.

May you all have a Happy Thanksgiving Day. May God bless you all!

Mary Percic, Sec., Reporter

POTS & PANS and PASTIME

HOLIDAY BIRDS NEED STUFFING AND TRIMMINGS

Mushroom stuffing

- 2 cans mushrooms 4 oz. size) or
1 pound fresh, sliced mushrooms
sauteed for 5 minutes in melted
butter and removed before adding
celery and onions.
- 12 cups lightly packed bread cubes
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup minced parsley
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ¾ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup finely diced celery

Drain mushrooms, reserve liquid. In a large bowl combine mushrooms canned or sauteed, bread cubes, poultry seasoning, salt, pepper and parsley. Saute onion and celery in melted butter until tender but not brown. Add this to mushroom-bread mixture then add mushroom liquid (if fresh mushrooms are used, add enough hot water or broth to moisten crumbs.) Toss with fork until well mixed. Stuff bird lightly. This is enough for a 12 to 15 pound turkey.

SQUASH SUPREME

- 8 cups washed, cut into 2-inch
squares Hubbard or Butternut
Squash.
- boiling salted water
- 1 cup crushed pineapple and juice
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- ½ cup butter
- dash nutmeg
- ½ cup half and half

Peel cut pices of squash removing stringy portions and seeds. Cook 20 minutes in boiling water or until tender. Drain, mash and add rest of the ingredients using enough half and half to make squash consistency of mashed potatoes. Serve hot.

CRANBERRY — JELLO SALAD

- 2 cups raw cranberries, ground
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 small package lemon jello

Prepare jello using only 1½ cups water. Dissolve sugar in jello while it is warm. Refrigerate. When it begins to thicken stir in cranberries, celery and nuts. Refrigerate again. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise.

One of the many pleasures of any trip is becoming acquainted with new friends. For example, we were delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. John Petrich of West Allis, Wis., who were part of our group on the Germany, Switzerland, and Italian tour.

Fifty years had passed since Mr. Petrich left Trieste, Italy. Returning for the first time, he nostalgically anticipated the arrival of the tour bus to that historic seaport on the Adriatic Coast, his birthplace.

Before many days passed I learned that Mrs. Petrich, member of Branch No. 17, thoroughly enjoys cooking so I asked her for a favorite recipe.

Schaum Torte is a dessert which she loves to serve her friends and which would be elegant for your Thanksgiving dinner. To include recipes with which to use up the egg yolks Mrs. Petrich suggests Noodles or Sunshine Cake.

SCHAUM TORTE

- 12 egg whites, room temperature
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 pint whipping cream
- Drained crushed pineapple, fresh or
frozen strawberries or sliced
peaches.

Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until very stiff. Then gradually add small amounts of sugar beating well after each addition. Add vinegar and vanilla and keep beating. It is important that the mixture be very stiff. Grease very lightly a large springs form pan, put egg mixture in and bake ONLY 5 minutes in an oven that has been PRE-HEATED to 450 degrees. TURN OVEN OFF after 5 minutes, but leave the torte inside to cool until oven is cold or overnight. When done, with a knife go around the pan to loosen torte. Open the pan and put the torte on a large plate

Add drained crushed pineapple, strawberries or peaches.

Spread whipped cream over the top and sides. Cut into at least 14 pieces. The egg mixture can be prepared and baked the night before and filled with fruit the next morning to serve for your company or family.

The Beginner

She measured out the butter with a very solemn air, The milk and sugar also; and she took the greatest care To count the eggs correctly, and to add a little bit Of baking powder, which, you know, beginners oft omit. Then she stirred it all together, and she baked it full an hour; But she never quite forgave herself for leaving out the flour.

EGG YOLK SPONGE CAKE

- 1½ cups cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 10 egg yolks (all 12 yolks can be used)
- ½ cup hot water
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 1 cup sugar

Have ingredients at room temperature. Sift flour, measure, sift with baking powder and salt. Place egg yolks in large bowl of the electric mixer, beat slightly at a low speed. Turn mixer to high speed, add hot water gradually beating until light and fluffy. Add lemon extract and beat about 5 minutes longer. Add sugar gradually beating well as you add sugar. Fold in dry ingredients. Pour into ungreased 10 inch angel food pan. Bake 350 degrees about 1 hour. Invert to cool.

NOODLES

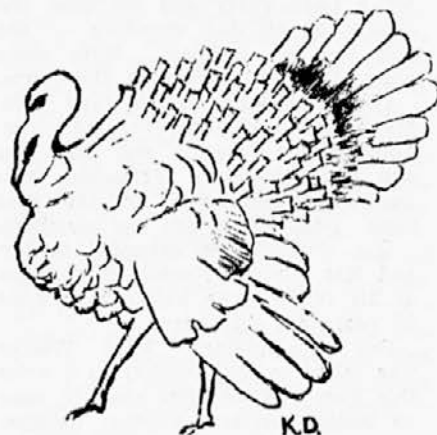
- 12 yolks
- ¼ cup cold water
- 3 cups flour

Put all ingredients together in bowl and mix with spoon or fork. Then knead until smooth (kneading can be done right in bowl.) Divide into about 6 parts. Roll each portion as thin as possible (paper thin) on lightly floured cloth-covered board. Lay rolled out portions on a floured cloth to dry. It must not be the least bit sticky, to slice and not so dry that it will break or be brittle. Roll up as for jelly roll. With a thin sharp knife cut into strips of desired widths. (Mrs. Petrich uses her kitchen aid machine to knead dough and a noodle machine to cut the noodles which simplifies the job.)

You can freeze these noodles and use them as needed. No salt is added because the soup is usually salted. The noodles are a lovely yellow color.

*A Happy Thanksgiving to all of
you and may your dinner be the
best you have ever prepared.*

Fondly, HERMINE



No. 73, Warrensville, Hgts, Ohio.— Betty Bayus has reluctantly given up her post as news reporter as she is working and with house chores and children, she found that there are not enough hours to get a report written. Our members as well as myself want to thank Betty for a job well done these past years. As your scribe I hope to be able to continue gathering the news of our members in the future.

This being the first article since summer, I hope you all had an enjoyable one. Frances Kainec, her daughter Rosemary and son Frank travelled to Stuttgart, Germany, in July to visit with her daughter Eleanor and son-in-law for 3 weeks. Her son-in-law is a career Army man and will be in Germany for one more year. This was Frances' second visit to Germany. Isn't it wonderful how air travel can bring us to our loved ones.

Ann Yoger's daughter Pat up from San Francisco in May. Went back home after 6 weeks of visiting with all the kissing relatives.

Another European traveller was Martha Herak who also spent 2 weeks touring Yugoslavia. This was a joyous trip back home for Martha as she returned to her birthplace after an absence of 50 years.

Ann Fredovich's daughter Susan was married in August. Her husband is from Spain. She met him while teaching in Madrid. His sister came here for the wedding. How is the Spanish coming, Ann? Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Sophie Mauer's daughter, Pat, is taking that big step to the altar on November 8th. Best wishes for many years of happy wedded bliss from all the members. Sophie is one of our charter members and Pat is also a long-time member. Miss seeing you at our meetings, Soph.

Elsie Kabat, Helen Dusek, and Louise Epley were our representatives at the State Convention. Understand there was an abundance of delicious food for dinner.

We had a picnic supper for our September meeting. Corn on the cob and foot long hot dogs were enjoyed by all. Thanks to the ladies who donated the pastries and Mrs. Rivachuck for the birthday bottle.

Congratulations to Kathie Skok on the birth of her new son. Hope we can sign this one up also. This makes the fourth blessing for Kathie and Frances Kainec is grandmother again.

Our project for Christmas is coming along nicely. We are making lap robes which we will give to Jennings Home for the Aged. We would like for all members to share in either donating odds and ends of washable cotton material you no longer need or help with the hand and machine sewing. We hope to do

this at our meetings so come and join us in this worthwhile and gratifying project.

With Thanksgiving Day this month look back on the past year and I am sure we all will find many things for which we can be thankful for.

Just heard Christine Shisla is recuperating at home after a short stay in the hospital. Hope everything is fine by now.

Lots more to write but will have to pick up in future months.

Kay Yuratovac, President

No. 79, Enumclaw, Wash.— We met at the home of Frances Potochnik on September 14th with 13 members present. After a short business meeting, all enjoyed a lovely lunch and social hour.

The next meeting will be December 14th, the annual Christmas meeting. Mary Kitna of Auburn, Wash. will be hostess for the pot luck at 2 p. m. There will be a \$2 gift exchange for members. Those with young children are to bring a child's gift for their own. Santa should make his annual visit with candy for them.

See you at the December meeting. Sisterly greetings to all.

Mary Mihelich

No. 89, Oglesby, Ill.— Meetings were resumed on Sept. 8th and reports were read by the president. Plans were made to have the annual auction sale in October.

Mrs. Caroline Dawson gave a report on the Bowling Tournament, stating the next one is to be in Sheboygan, Wis.

The charter was draped and prayers said for Mrs. Mary Slogar; a thank you card was also read from the family.

Another thank you was extended from the family of Sophie Frank and Mary Dittle in appreciation for being remembered during her illness.

A membership campaign is now in progress. The sunshine gift was presented to Catherine Golich.

The October meeting was planned for the 13th with Mrs. Dawson as hostess chairman. Meeting ended with prayer.

Frances Meglich, Reporter

No. 90, Presto, Pa.— Meetings will be held in November and December and next year in March, April, and May. We wish to see more members attend. Discussions for the Christmas Party, welfare of lodge, at the November meeting. Party and election of officers at the December meeting.

Mrs. Johanna Aubel spent several weeks in Slovenia and enjoyed her trip. She will have lots to tell about. Only, we are sorry to hear that she is now at St. Clair hospital. Take care, Mrs. Aubel, as we hope to see you at our next meeting.

To all sick members, we send a get-well card.

Happy birthday Mrs. Maryana Klemencic who was 84 on October 4th. Her grandson, Sgt. Lawrence Klemencic, your reporter's son, has been in Germany for 3 years and was home on leave to celebrate her birthday this year. He will be stationed in the States for the remainder of his enlistment ending in June. Happy Holidays to all. See you at the meetings.

Anne Klemencic

No. 91, Oakmont, Pa. Our last meeting was held in September, so now we will have our next session on Dec. 2nd. at our sister secretary Mrs. Sorch's home. We will have a Christmas gift exchange then. Please bring a gift.

We have quite a list of sick members. Mary Salamon is in the hospital. Our treasurer, Mrs. Flisek is at home. Please send them get well cards to cheer them up and let them know that we are thinking of them. Pray to God and ask Him for our good health and peace in all the world.

My sister Mary and husband came back from Europe after a five week visit with their loved ones. They had a very nice time. Our sister, Josephine Dallas and husband, Frank are also going on a trip on December 6th. We wish them a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Sells have some fun for us here at home.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Joseph Zanella, policeman of Verona, Pa.; our sister is the aunt of young Mrs. Zanella. She is Jennie Hajduk. May he rest in peace.

A. K., Reporter

No. 95, So. Chicago, Ill. Our October meeting was attended by only 21 members. This means that from a group such as ours 21 is a small attendance. I do know your time, no matter who you are, is your most valuable possession. If you have a little spare time, please try to attend one of our meetings in the near future. Many issues were discussed at this meeting, but the most important one was our Christmas Party which will be held Wednesday, December 3rd. at the Jovial Club, 9615 Commercial Ave., at 6 p. m., dinner tickets—\$3.25. Of course the usual \$1.00 grab bag gift is expected. In no more meaningful way do you celebrate the glorious Anniversary of Our Saviour's Birth than by joining together for a stimulating and enjoyable evening. It is also a source of satisfaction for me to listen to your happy voices, and light chatter, which seems to brighten the atmosphere.

Again, our energetic Rec. Sec'y, Evelyn Driscoll has assumed the responsibilities as Chairlady for our Christmas Party. Make your reservations on or before December 1st with her; you may phone her at 371-5088.

GATHERING AT WILLARD'S NEW CHURCH

After the meeting was adjourned, Amelia Cuzella served the goodies prepared by the following members: Evelyn Driscoll, Mary Kovacevich (Allegan, Mich.), Phyllis Perko, Ann Pavo, Dragica Vukasovich, and Emma Yergovich. Cash donated by: (\$2) Amelia Cuzella, Katherine Jackovich, Ann Nelson, (\$1), Mary Brozovich and Julie Hansen, many thanks for your generous contributions. A special thanks to Ann Kompare for her excellent report; I know her message made a deep impression on our members.

I am delighted to hear that Manda Spehar is restored to full health after her critical operation.

I have also heard that Eva Cora is back after vacationing in Europe and Ann Sorak who also vacationed in California.

Many happy returns to the following who are celebrating their birthdays in November: Doris Cuzella, Mary Duich, Anna Jevanevich, Frances Matanovich, Kate Musa, Helen Nowicki, Mary Perkovich (96th and Houston), Helen Plantz, Mary Plesha, Mary Simunic, Helen Price, Fedella Svalina, Ljuba Trgovac, Dorothy Werteska, Mary Mundger, Marge Pozeck, Jacqueline Natzke, Helen Daly, Diane Wojnovich and Inez Carnavaccla.

In conclusion, as we approach the holiday season, Thanksgiving Day is a time for counting your blessings. Good cheer and plenty, the love of your dear ones, the affection of your friends, may all these contribute to a happy Thanksgiving Day.

See you all at our Christmas Party on December 3rd.

Mildred James, President

No. 100, Fontana, Calif. — We congratulate our young member, Frances Jean Kurilich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kurilich, who received her Master's degree in English Literature from the University of Los Angeles in June. She has been accepted into the doctoral program and has begun her further studies for her Ph. D. this fall.

Frances Jean is the daughter of our president and has been a member for most of her lifetime. A lovely girl, we extend her the very best wishes for a happy and rewarding life.

Sorry to report the recent death of sister Elizabeth Parkel. She was killed in an auto accident and Jeanette, Penna. is her final resting place, once again back with her beloved family. She is sorely missed by her many friends, but especially by the old folks at the Fontana Slovenian Rest Home that she managed for 9 years.

Sister Mary Evanish lost her husband and we in turn have lost Mary's presence in Fontana, as she has moved to Lorain, Ohio to be near her family.



Members of Branch No. 1, Sheboygan at Wisconsin State Day Mass.



Nearly one hundred members of Wisconsin branches attended the festivities at Willard with President Joesphine Artac, Founder of S. W. U. Mrs. Marie Prislend, member in Slovenian costume, Maria Staut and State President Rose Kraemer in the forefront.



Newly organized choral group of Willard, Mrs. Henry Lamovec, director.

Ann Proznik lost her husband, Tony. His death was due to a heart attack. The Prozniks came to Fontana from Scotts Run, West Virginia in 1956. Ann intends to continue living here in Fontana. Our sincere condolences are offered to the members of the families afore mentioned, likewise do we remember the deceased in our prayers.

Frank Bruce is hospitalized after suffering a stroke which paralyzed his vocal cords, and other parts of his body. Know that you are wished all things good by your many friends, Frank, who are asking God to watch over you.

Sister Mary Pavsek Reck is most assuredly carrying a heavy cross at

this writing. Her son, Joe had a mastoid surgery performed and is still hospitalized as is her husband, Frank, who has been and still is under intensive care due to a trocheotomy surgery plus several other complications. God will surely hear all our prayers for your family's health, Mary, and we will see you at our meetings soon.

Birthday celebrants are sisters Mary Mayzak, Mary Jasina, Mary Kovacich, Mary Skubic, Mary Evanish, Tina Pecnik, Rose Montag, Rose Krainik and Carmela Petricevich.

God keep watch over you and bless each and every one. See you next month, God willing.

Edith Drawenek

WISCONSIN BRANCHES HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Our State Convention at Willard, Wis., was a great success and better than words can describe. The Holy Mass and sermon given by Rev. Father Claude Okorn, our SWU Spiritual Advisor, and smiling pastor of St. John the Evangelist church in Milwaukee, set the mood with his cheerfulness. The members of the church choir provided beautiful singing and the church itself is so lovely. Following the Mass we went to the downstairs hall, where delicious baked goods and beautiful handmade articles were on display to be sold and also refreshments were served. The tables were beautifully set and the place settings were favored with small wooden tubs filled with candy. The tubs were gifts brought over from Slovenia by member Mary Staut. After a short intermission, a delicious chicken dinner was served and everyone ate to their heart's content and enjoyed every particle of the delicious home cooking. The waitresses were very well-experienced in their work and the service excellent.

A short program was presented with singing and accordionists. Father Okorn and Father Urbic greeting the delegates, members, officers and friends. Our Hon. President and Founder, Marie Prislant, now the author of a grand book, FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA greeted and gave a short talk. She was presented with a beautiful plaque and yours truly a beautiful planter. The program was concluded by the President of Br. 102, Josephine Artac, who thanked everyone for attending the banquet. Immediately following the convention meeting began with an exceptionally large attendance. An address of welcome was given by State President, Mrs. Kraemer. Minutes were read from the previous two meetings by secretaries Mary Dezman and Rose Schubert.

Sophie Trunkel was appointed as recording secretary for this meeting. Greetings were received from Supreme President, Antonia Turek, Supreme Secretary, Albina Novak, Supreme Vice-President, Marie A. Floryan, State Presidents, Mary Bostian, Barbara Rosandich and Anna Pachak.

The State President asked for reports to be given by the delegates. Br. 1, Sheboygan delegate Margaret Fis-

cher, responded with report that their branch treasury contributed \$100 toward the Slovenian Chapel in Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Prislant collected an additional \$717 making a total of \$817 from Sheboygan to this cause. Br. 12, Milwaukee delegate, Mary Dezman, reported better co-operation and togetherness, especially for out-of-town activities. Br. 17 of West Allis delegate Marion Marolt reported they have presented copies of FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA to the Main Public Library, West Allis Library and Elm Grove Library. Juvenile members Marolt and Schubert also presented a copy of the book to their school, St. Mary's.

Br. 43, Milwaukee delegate, Ann Konzal, reported they are encouraging more members to take part in their meetings. Br. 102 Willard, delegate Rose Pakiz said their branch raised \$675 in a period of two years to purchase a statue of their church's patron, Holy Family, which is placed in the vestibule of their new church.

All five branches especially approved of the book FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA and are happy that the first book written in English about the Slovenian pioneers in America came out of Wisconsin and is selling very well. Residents of Sheboygan are especially proud of their own Mrs. Prislant. The task of compiling the book is more than one can realize but with hard work and patience, a marvelous book has resulted and is now available. A copy should be in every home of Slovenian heritage. Congratulations to our Founder and Honorary President, Marie Prislant.

Father Claude, Mrs. Prislant, Father Urbic greeted the convention group and gave short inspiring talks. The question of bringing back the Slovenian Radio Hour was discussed, and all branches unanimously voted the return. Ways and means are now being discussed to support the Hour.

The meeting concluded with prayer and a big thank you to each and everyone who attended. To Rev. Okorn Rev. Urbic, Supreme Officers, members, delegates and cooks and waitresses, Mr. and Mrs. Staut, Br. 102 and everyone who participated. Again, thank you!

Rose Kraemer, State President

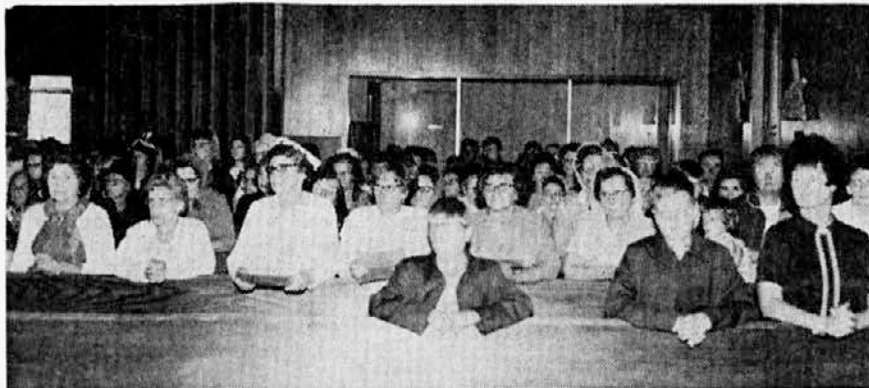
PHOTO OF WIS. OFFICERS WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH

No. 102, Willard, Wis. — Sunday, September 14th marked the 10th annual Wisconsin State Convention and took place here in Willard. Delegates and members numbering 52 came from Branches 17, West Allis, 1, Sheboygan, 12, 43, Milwaukee and Br. 102 had 27 members attending.

Our Supreme Officers, Mrs. Prislant, Mrs. Kraemer and Mrs. Floryan were met at the bus by Mrs. Mary Staut dressed in native Slovenian costume. She pinned fresh corsages on them as she did on our charter members, Anna Volovsek and Mary Lesar.

A low Mass in Slovenian vernacular was celebrated at our new church of the Holy Family by our Spiritual Advisor, Father Claude Okorn. The senior choir sang Slovenian hymns, Sveta družina, Vsi ponižno počastimo, Usmiljeni Jesus, Večerni zvon and Oznanil je angel, during the Mass.

Dinner was served by St. Catherine's group of our D.C.C.W. The blessing before and after dinner was given in Slovenian and English by
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Members of Branch 17, West Allis and Branches 12 and 43, Milwaukee at the State Convention in Willard, Wis. on September 14th. Scene is in the new church of the Holy Family.

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Father Claude. Each member was presented with a souvenir badge, a red carnation with a white cross, upon entering the dining hall. Identification tags were also available to all who sent in their names. Each lady received a "favor", a miniature wooden tub filled with mints, brought from Slovenia for us by our member, Mary Staut. She and her husband brought a vast number of articles, maps and pictures of Slovenia which they displayed about the room. What a wonderful contribution to our Convention.

A short musical program was presented by our choir, Mary Ann Lesar, Dennis Pakiz and Patricia Artac.

This was followed by music and singing done by a group from Br. 1, Sheboygan. Thanks, ladies.

Meeting was called to order by State President Rose Kraemer. Recording Sec. was Sophie Trunkel.

Patricia Artac, daughter of Josephine Artac, presented our founder, Mrs. Prislant with a beautiful mahogany plaque, inscribed in gold with a gold outline of our new church, made by our well-known artist and handicraftman, Mr. John Snedic. A beautiful planter was given to Rose Kraemer, our State President. Letters and messages were read from Minnesota State President, Barbara Rosandich; Colorado State President, Anna Pachak; Ohio State President Mary Bostian; Supreme President Antonia Turek who wrote from Slovenia and a letter explaining the new campaign drive from Sec. Albina Novak.

Minutes of the 1967 Convention were read by Mary Dezman. Minutes of the 1968 Convention were read by Rose Schubert.

Reports on questionnaires were given by the following delegates Br. 1, Margaret Fischer; Br. 12, Mary Dezman; Br. 17, Marion Marolt; Br. 43, Ann Kongo; Br. 102, Rose Pakiz.

Mrs. Prislant complimented us on the purchase of the hand-carved statue of the Holy Family which is the focal point at the entrance to our church; also on the fine sales of the book *From Slovenia to America* and on the arrangements for this Convention.

Our speakers were Father Urbic and Father Okorn. Br. 43 offered to host the next State Convention at Milwaukee. Winners of the prizes were: Sewing Cabinet, Mary Dezman of Br. 12; Poticas, Helen Valentincic of Br. 1; and Olga Saye of Br 1 and the Door Prize went to Olga Saye.

Rose Kraemer's prizes went to A-malia Pritzel, Rose Pakiz of Br.102 and Michelle Filkins, Br. 17.

Father Claude suggested reinstating the Slovenian Hour in Milwaukee. Approval was unanimous. With Mrs. Kraemer's concluding remarks and thanks, the meeting adjourned. Then followed refreshments, gaily, group

singing and lunch. So ended our State Day with everyone happy and tired. We want to thank our members for their work, our visitors for attending, the choir, the ushers, servers, musicians, St. Catherine's group for the fine dinner and anyone else who helped to make this day a success.

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On August 25th my father-in-law, Anton Trunkel, 85, was called to eternity. He was the first Slovenian farmer to settle in Willard. He built himself a log house in the woods one mile north of the railroad terminal, Willard. The first year, 1907, he had to get food and supplies from Greenwood, 8 miles away, often carrying a 50 lb. sack of flour on his back. He built homes for other settlers and with pick and shovel made a road to Willard. In this way he earned enough money to buy horses and cows and built the farm on which we now live.

Anton Trunkel was also active in church affairs, giving the first \$30 down payment on the land upon which the first church was built. He also helped build the church and watched heavy-heartedly as it went up in flames last year.

He is survived by his wife, Anna (Stalzer), daughter Ann (Snedic), 3 sons, Tony, John F. and Edward.

May he rest in peace.

Sophie Trunkel, Reporter

No. 103, Washington, D. C. — The September meeting began with the membership chatting informally about the delightful vacation days spent in various parts of the U. S. or in foreign lands. Every member present "got away" for at least a few week-ends. Two visitors were welcomed: Margot Fowle and Mrs. Ann Skube. Mrs. Skube is a cousin of Freda Michelitch and Becky Nagel. We were surprised to hear that her son flew the helicopter which picked up the astronauts on their return from the moon. Also present for the meeting was Mrs. Ivanka Antolin and her 3 charming daughters. They extended an invitation to all members to visit Emmitsburg on the 12th of October for a Mass and picnic lunch.

During the course of the meeting, Mrs. A. Menapace presented to our branch, a lovely wall plaque featuring the Slovenian poet, Presern. We sincerely thank Anna for her gracious and lovely remembrance and wish our sister member good health and happiness. Hostesses Matilda Terselic and Matilda Podborssek served refreshments of butter finger cookies, rum cake and Danish Kringle. It is always a special treat when we can sample the home-baked delicacies of our ladies each month after the meeting. Arrangements were discussed for our 4th Anniversary Dinner-Dance scheduled for Saturday, Nov.

8th at St. Thomas's Hall from 7 p. m. to the wee hours of the morning. Chairman for the event will be our capable vice-president, Miss Freda Michelitch. Paid reservations (\$6.50) must be made in advance to Mary Lou Terselic or Mary Mejac. Because the seating capacity is limited in number we suggest early reservations. Featured once again will be the lively polka music of the Frank Baloh orchestra from Pittsburgh, Pa. There is no doubt as to the delightful time that will be had by all who attend. Proceeds will be donated to 3 Slovenian charities: The SWU Scholarship Fund, The Chapel Fund and Slovenicum.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. Zebot who became grandparents when their daughter gave birth to a baby boy. Best wishes to the young couple and their bundle of joy.

Good health is extended to Mrs. Mara Chokel who has been ill with an ear infection, while Birthday Greetings are extended to ladies celebrating in the month of November: Elaine Fleming 6th; Celeste Spehar 11th; Dora Voyatzia 11th; Vida Antolin (Junior) 21st. Many Happy Returns!

In commemoration of Thanksgiving Day, let us offer this prayer: "Thank you Lord for all that I have and do not appreciate. Irene M. Planenisek

No. 105, Detroit, Mich. First of all, I hope everyone had a very happy and safe summer, whether you vacationed away from home or just stayed at home receiving out-of-town guests. My, but the time just whizzed by!

Our September meeting was held at Jenny Vidmar's home. We didn't have our usual attendance, but we had a couple of our old members present who had not been at our meetings for several months, namely, Mary Zimmerman and Ann Plazar. I was unable to attend this meeting as my cousin Edward Mihelich and his lovely wife were here a couple of days and I had not seen him in thirty years.

Katherine Musick received the hostess prize which was a bottle of fragrant perfume. We had several extra donations added to our "kitty" by Ann Senko, Betty Kares, Kathy Musick, Zorka Maisel, Audrey Krulic, Mary Zimmerman and Angline Yef-tich.

Frances Seaman is leaving for a two week vacation to New Jersey. Have a nice time, Frances and take care.

Happy belated birthdays in October to Jenny Vidmar and Mary Zimmerman. We wish them all happiness and good health. Frances Seaman was to be our October hostess.

A delicious lunch was served which I am positive everyone en-

Seeing Slovenia and Europe a Delightful Experience!

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. — After a two month touring trip thru Europe, your reporter, her husband Joseph, grandson Philip Pucel and his student friend, Patrick Riley, returned home to Joliet refreshed and ready for another school term this fall. For the two boys, graduates of St. Charles Borromeo Minor Seminary, and now freshmen at Lewis College, it was their first trip while for your reporter, this was the 8th. Philip is the son of our daughter, Millie and husband, Rudy Pucel and Patrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riley of Grand Ave.

Leaving June 20th, we spent two days sight-seeing in New York, then embarked on board the luxury liner, "United States" on June 22nd. For the boys this was a delightful experience with so many accommodations.

After spending four and a half days on the ocean, we proceeded to Paris, France for two days, visiting historical places. We took a sight-seeing trip to Versailles palace, the home of Empress Antoinette and saw the Hall of Mirrors where First World War terms for peace were drawn. Beautiful gardens surround this palace.

After two days in Paris, we went to Lourdes and took part in all the religious ceremonies. We witnessed the blessing of the sick who are wheeled to this sacred place by the thousands. The singing by the throngs and the candle-light processions instill a devout feeling in one's heart and we only regretted that all our family and friends could not be with us.

After a few days we took an 8 hour ride to Nice, noted for its famous seaside resorts. We entrained to Milan, Italy and there enjoyed the view of many historic places; including the famed Cathedral with its high spires, monuments and waterfalls. We boarded the Oriental Express train for our final destination, Ljubljana, Capital of Slovenia and on July 5th in the early hours arrived there. Just a few days rest was all we needed at the homes of relatives. An extended bus trip was scheduled for 9 days that took us to Austria. This was a very delightful trip, arranged by Kollander Agency thru the Kompas Agency in Slovenia. We had excellent guides and chauffeur who showed us the best of every country visited. We had a wonderful group of co-travelers including Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dicke and two daughters from Madison, Wis., Mrs. Josephine Schlosser and granddaughter and Mr. and

joyed. Bowling is in full swing now and I hope all you gals get out there to get some good scores. I'm hoping, too. See you all at our next meeting. God bless you all!

Stephanie Hometz, Reporter

Mrs. John Petrich of West Allis, Wis.

Mrs. Mary Petrich is a Supreme Officer of KSKJ and a loyal member of Zveza. Mrs. Dicke is the daughter of Mrs. Marie Prislund and our regular columnist in Zarja.

Together we visited Switzerland, Austria, France and Lichtenstein.

In Germany, we visited Munich and saw a famous beer garden and other shows. The city has immensely improved since my last visit. We were also driven to the ill-famed concentration camp at Dachau.

Driving thru the beautiful Alps, and at Heilgebluth, noted for its beauty and souvenir shopping, we spent a night. Having our meals at its modern resort restaurant, we enjoyed every moment. Finally, we headed home for Slovenia, again.

After a day's rest, we said "so long" to our co-travelers on the first tour and boarded another bus for Italy, again taking a Kompas arranged and guided tour. Here we found some new passengers. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Dicke and family were also Mrs. Antonia Turek, Supreme President of SWU and her husband, Frank. We all enjoyed seeing the beautiful spots in Italy with four days in Rome, visiting St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican, the Colosseum, the Catacombs, the many waterfalls and the entire main section of the Divine City.

We were also in a group that was received by the Holy Father. He blessed us and especially mentioned the U. S. Army, Navy, and those loved ones at home who were not with us. It was gratifying to be among the group to be privileged at the time to see Pope Paul. Your reporter had previously seen Pope Pius and Pope John.

During our four days in Rome, we attended the opera "Aida". Many activities were planned for us in the evenings such as the Carnival of Rome, the Forum, etc. Departing from Rome, we visited Florence, Pisa, Padua, Venice and Trieste where we visited the magnificent palace of Emperor Maximilian who was put to death in Mexico. We also were greeted by our organizer and first President, Mrs. Marie Prislund who came to Trieste for this reunion. It was refreshing to have her meet us.

This concluded our second 9 day tour, for which we thank both Kollander and Kompas agencies for their delightful arrangements at places one could never visit so well on his own!

After a short rest, at home in Ljubljana, my family with the son of my husband's cousin visited Maribor where we have more relatives. On the way, we stopped at Velenje, Celje then on to Graz and Vienna, Austria to visit my cousins. Again we saw many interesting historical places such as the Schoenbrunn palace of

Emperor Francis Joseph with its many elegant rooms, gardens; also, the opera, etc. We later drove into Czechoslovakia and at the border city of Bratislava, were checked by Russian border guards. There we had the opportunity of seeing the life led by our brothers, people of Czechoslovakia whose language and customs are so similar to ours. After the boys visited the castle and went sight-seeing, we again crossed the border and went back into Vienna, then to Salzburg, to my dear Kufstein, the beautiful fairy-like resort that words cannot describe. No visitor to this area would miss this enchanting little Tyrolean resort.

Visiting the "Auracher Löchl" with tyrolean dancing and singing, one enjoys a continuous program and you can forget all your cares. Then, further on, there are other such clubs, shops and interesting places galore.

Every store is painted a different pastel color, showing gifts which only Kufstein can display and their unique church.

The friendly people, the flowers everywhere among the Alpine slopes; it is no wonder your reporter makes this place a habit to visit at every opportunity. My father lived and learned his trade here so many, many years ago. The neighboring city, Kufesfelden, is where more old-time friends were met and finally we said goodbye and left this enchanted resort, driving back towards home thru the Grosslochner again, thru Heilgebluth, thru Spittal on Drau and other beautiful tyrolean villages, whose windows were banked with flowers. We arrived home crossing the Austrian-Yugoslav border into Slovenia from Klagenfurt. This concluded our tour to see our relatives in Austria where we were fortunate to have the best accommodations everywhere. During the remaining weeks of our visit we saw the Bled, Bohinj, Opatija, Portoroz, Izola, Koper, Marija Pomagaj at Brezje and slowly began packing for our departure home.

As the time approached to leave, we anticipated excitedly my first jet plane ride. Leaving from Bernik airport, we enjoyed it very much and made good connections to Chicago where on August 26th late in the evening, we arrived safe and sound. Greeting us at the O'Hare airport were daughter Jonita Ruth, her husband and daughters and the boys' parents. This was the happy conclusion of our trip called the best of our life! The boys will always remember their experiences and are happily relating them to schoolmates and friends. We will relive it many times, especially when viewing the movies and pictures taken so diligently by all of us.

Josephine Erjavec

MARIE PRISLAND:

OH, TA SVET...



"Je kaj napredka v starem kraju", je prvo vprašanje potniku, ki se vrne z obiska domovine

Napredek je! Domačih in tujih avtomobilov kar mr-goli po asfaltiranih cestah. Mestne in tudi podeželske trgovine so dobro založene z raznovrstnim blagom, le mesa večkrat zmanjka. Vedno več stanovanj ima pralne stroje, ki imajo vdolan grelec za vodo ter hladilnike. Mnogo stanovanj ima radio pa tudi televizor. Hrana je dobra. Restavracije so prenapolnjene, da je večkrat težko dobiti prostor; največ gostov je domačih.

Terase so polne ljudi, ki naročajo pijačo že ob zgod-njih urah. Ljudje so primerno lepo oblečeni. Kmetijska dela so vedno bolj mehanizirana, le delavcev pri-manjkuje. Slovenska mladina gre, ali v tovarno, ali v šole, na kmetiji ostanejo večinoma starejši ljudje, ki se mučijo s kmečkim delom. Pri težkih delih kot gradnji cest in poslopij so zaposleni ljudje iz Hrvaške in Bosne, ki ponekod pomagajo tudi pri poljskem delu. Delavec v tovarni ali uradu — prost je ob dveh popoldne — lahko opravi še kako dodatno delo ter ima po dva za-služka. Revež pa je kmet, ki mora sam opravljati za-sebno posestvo ter se muči od zore do mraka. Davki so visoki za delavca in uradnika, zlasti še za kmeta.

Kmetje v hribih so na boljšem kot oni v dolini. Hri-bovci so smeli ohraniti svoja posestva, medtem ko so ona v dolini bila podržavljena. Povedano mi je bilo, da je v Savinjski dolini nekaj hribovskih kmetij popolnoma e-lektrificiranih; imajo električne peči, hladilnike, pralne stroje in celo električno ograjo za živino na pašnikih. To je pa že nekaj! — Povsod seveda ni tako! Mnogo je še revščine, katere nikdo ne vidi in nikdo ne odpravlja.

Cene hotelskim sobam v Ljubljani so se od mojega zadnjega obiska pred tremi leti zelo zvišale. Dražja je tudi hrana v restavracijah.

V Italiji so cene življskim potrebščinam in oblekl še izdatno višje kot v Sloveniji, zato Italijani trumoma prihajajo čez mejo kupovati hrano in druge stvari. Ko-per in Sežana imata zelo dober promet.

V Trstu mi je šofer taxija — rodom iz Sežane — po-kazal malo škatico vžigalic, ki v Italiji stane 30 lir, v Sloveniji pa 17 lir. Gasolin je v Italiji liter 140 lir, v Sloveniji 94 lir. Meso je skoro polovico ceneje v Sežani in Kopru kot v Trstu. Vprašala sem zakaj tako visoke cene potrebščinam ko ima mesto Trst krasno pristanišče in bi lahko po nizkih cenah uvažali vse, kar potrebujejo. Odgovor je bil, da je pristanišče zanemar-jeno in vanj dospe samo po ena ladja na teden, ki živež pripelje, kar seveda potrebam ne zadostuje, zato so cene visoke. — Naj pripomnim, da navajam mnenje sa-mo ene osebe. Uradnih statistik nisem iskala.

V Trstu sem zelo želela videti hišo, kjer sem kot petletni otrok dve leti bivala s starši predem so odšli v Brazilijo za obljubljeni jim srečo, da postanejo posest-niki kavinih nasadov in na ta način hitro obogatijo, kar se seveda ni nikdar zgodilo.

Ulca — Via Romana — je še ista, hiše pa več ni...

Rada bi šla v Bohinj, katerega sliko nosi moja knjiga FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERIKA. Ta divni kraj se mi je zelo priljubil, ko smo leta 1938 prispeli v Slove-nijo s prvo skupino Slovenske Ženske Zveze ter obis-kali tudi Bohinj.

Moja želja videti Bohinj bi se letos skoro ne izpol-nila, ker je bil višek turistične sezone in so vse sobe v hotelih in drugih gostiščih bile oddane. Dobrim zve-zam g. Jožeta Jeraja v Ljubljani, poljedelskega inže-nirja, rojenega na Rečici, se imam zahvaliti, da sem

končno dobila sobico v hotelu Zlatorog, kjer je bilo mirno in narava silno krasna.

Obiskala sem cerkvico Sv. Janeza ob vznožju jezera. Cerkvica izhaja iz 13tega stoletja ter ima dobro ohranje-ne znamenite freske. Cerkvico obnavljajo. Koncert folk-lorne skupine, podan na prostem, je bil prijeten du-ševen užitek.

En dan sem se z žičnico peljala v 5,000 čevljev vi-soko planino Vogel, kjer stoji petnadstropni Ski hotel, ki je po zimi na razpolago smučarskim tekmam, v po-letju pa turistom. Razgled od tukaj je tako diven, tako krasen, da se dovolj vredno opisati ne da; treba ga je videti in doživeti. Kdor ljubi gore in planine naj tega obiska ne zamudi.

Gospod Jeraj me je peljal tudi v Celovec, ker sem na vsak način hotela videti mesto, ki vsebuje toliko lepe slovenske zgodovine. V srce so me boleli slo-venski, zdaj ponemčeni napisji na trgovinah in lokalih. Lahko bi ti lepi kraji danes bili del Slovenije, če bi v usodnem času imeli drzne voditelje ter iskrene in mo-gočne prijatelje.

Zelo sem g. Jeraju hvaležna za njegovo prijaznost. Če-prav zaposljen, nadzoruje namreč mlekarstvo proizvodnjo vse Jugoslavije, mi je vseeno bil s svojim avtom na razpolago. V družbi je bila njegova prijazna soproga in dve ljubki hčerkici.

Zahvalo sem dolžna ge. Almi Jezernikovi. Družina stanuje v Ljubljani; lepo hišo imajo tudi na Rečici. Že takoj prvo nedeljo po našem prihodu nas je njih šofer peljal na Brezje in pozneje na Bled. Z nami je bila moja sestrična Tončka Lekše. Jezernikov avto me je peljal na Rečico pa tudi v Trst, ki je rojstno mesto gospe Jezernikove. Gospa govori pet jezikov. Njen pri-jazni sin Toni je letos v Londonu z odliko absolviraj študije za atomskega inženirja.

Prof. Zvonko Kržičnik, soprog moje nečakinje Metke Lekše, simpatičen mlad mož in dober pevec, je bil moj šofer iz Rečice v Ljubljano, zakar mu lepa hvala.

Kar je v domovini name napravilo trajen vtis je globoka vernost slovenskega ljudstva. Prvo nedeljo po našem prihodu je bila na Brezjah velika slavnost. Naši potniki iz Chicage — 75 po številu — so naročili sv. mašo, katero je daroval Rev. Vendelin Spendov, njih bivši župnik pri Sv. Štefanu. Prišel je naravnost z Rima, kjer je zdaj nastanjen. Snidenje z njegovimi bivšimi farani je bilo zelo prisrčno. Po maši se je vsa tisočglava množica zgrnila k oltarju Matere Božje. Vse oči so bile obrnjene v njeno podobo, vsa srca so pro-sila uslišanj. Mnogo vernikov je šlo okrog oltarja po kolenih. Tako globoko vernost sem videla samo še v Lurdu.

Prejeta poročila ugotavljajo, da je letos najmanj 50 naših mladih slovenskih Amerikancev obiskalo Slove-nijo, da vidijo, če je dežela res tako lepa kot jo opisuje knjiga FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA. Upam, da so se zadovoljni vrnili.

V domovini so mi rekli: "Gospa, korajžna ste, da si v vaših letih upate podati na tako dolgo pot."

Res, pot je dolga in brez spanja tudi naporna, a lepo je če se človek razmeroma dobro počuti tudi takrat, kadar naša koža ni več taka kot je bila, ko smo imeli 20 let!



CELOVEC NA KOROŠKEM

POGOVOR Z BOGOM

Zdi se čudno a je mogoče. Že sama narava nam pripoveduje o Bogu in po njej se on pogovarja z nami. Na svoji poti po okolici se samo ozri na drevje. Kako čudovita stvar božja je to. Ogleduješ jo od vseh strani. Na tisoče listov se igra v lahнем vetru, ogleduješ veje, ki jih nosijo in ogleduješ debelo deblo, ki nosi veje. Vec živi. Vsak list se hrani po neštivilnih, ko las tankih kanalih, po katerih se dviga sok kvišku iz zemlje do njih: živ čudež.

Ko občuduješ to drevo, si moraš pač priznati kako čudovito je vse to Bog uredil. Pokazal se je celega mojstra. In to drevo je bilo ustvarjeno za človeka. V tem drevesu se kaže božja modrost in moč.

Na drugi strani pa lahko opazujemo življenje današnjega človeka. Prav malo je pravega razumevanja. Vsak večinoma le sam sebe vidi. To ne velja samo za našega sočloveka ampak tudi za družinske člane. Kolikokrat slišimo očitke: Nikoli te ni doma. Za vse imaš čas, le za dom ne. Za vsakega imaš prijazno besedo le za domačega ne. Sediš pri telefonu ure in ure in imaš vedno nekaj povedat za domače pa ni ne prijazne besede ne razgovora. Tako naše razpoloženje je velikokrat odsev notranjega razpoloženja. Morda je naš odnos do Boga podobno urejen. Nimamo se kaj pogovoriti z jim in vendar vemo, da je potrebno. Če se pred Bogem opravičimo za svoj postopek, se pogovarjamo z njim. Dasi Bog ne rabi besed, kakor jih mi rabimo, se vendar pogovarja z nami na svoj skrivnostni in miren način. Po dejstvih Bog govori z nami. Lepota narave ki jo občudujemo, je božja beseda, drevo, ki se dviga proti nebu, je njegova zgovorna beseda. A tudi srečanje z ljudmi in karkoli sploh doživimo, je nekako njegova beseda, darilo in naloga, ki prihaja od njega. Predno človek govori je že on govoril in če ze ozreš na to, kar srečaš, govori že spet on. Že to je način pogovora z Bogom.

Ko premišljaš, novzočnost božjo, prične govoriti on. Tu ti pride beseda na misel morda iz sv. pisma ali od dobrega človeka in spet je govoril Bog na svoj način. Ne smemo misliti, da kadar se pogovarjamo z Bogom, da moramo samo mi govoriti. Včasih je prav, da poslušamo. Pri tem je pa seveda potrebna potrpežljivost in vera.

Kdor sprejme božjo besedo, temu pride tudi na misel, kaj je prav, če pride ob tih uri k Bogu, ga vpraša, z njim govori.

Mrs. Gal Glavan in vnukinja iz Milwaukee, ki so bili na obisku pri John in Elsie Barker, ki je tako kar 5 oseb pripeljala med nas. Prisrčna ji hvala.

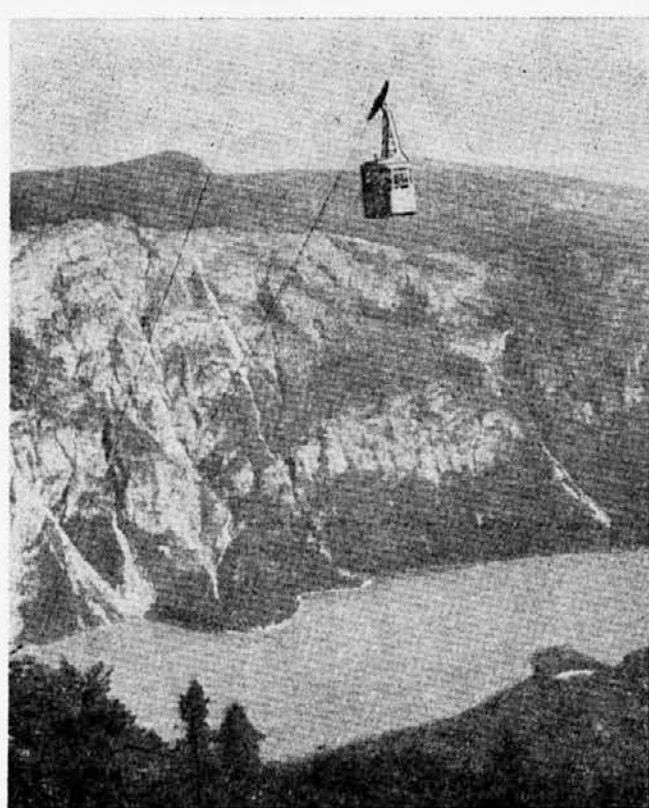
Moje vnukinja Cheryl je lepo zaigrala na klavir našo Zvezino himno ter vedno lepo pesem: "Sem slovenska deklica..." katere se je naučila odlična pevka Dorothy Zakrašek. Iskrena ji hvala.

Pri sklepu je bila glavna govornica vsem dobro poznana gl. uradnica in naša čla. Mamie Pugel. Vsi smo pazno poslušali njen govor. Podala je zgodovino dela in zaslug naše podr. in SZZ. Ona govori lepo slovensko in tako smo na naši prireditvi rabile tudi slovensko besedo. Mamie je govorila kakor izučeni advokat ter smo ji vsi hvaležni za njene vzpodbudne besede. Ona je povzdignila našo slavnost. Vse je bilo zelo imenitno, prijetno domače, da se bomo vedno rade spominjale tega dneva.

Pri srčna hvala mojim sodelavkam in vsemu "committee", ki ste bile v veliko pomoč, posebno F. Simonich, Margaret Kočevar, Josephine Rimes in Mamie Pugel za oglas v časopisu, Elsie Barker, ki je položila spominke od G. McCarthy in Minnequa Bank, mojemu sinu Billyju za znižano ceno radija, kar je bilo oddano na srečke katere so pridno prodajale zveste čla. Genie Lukanich in Mary Stravje. Obe sta vedno pripravljene, za dobrobit Zveze. God bless them! Hvaležna sem tudi Agnes Roitz, ki piše za mene v angleščini.

Slovesnost naše drž. konvencije je potekla v zadovoljstvo udeležencev in v ponos naše podr. te cele SZZ.

Anna Pachak, drž. preds.



Žičnica na planino Vogel

SLAVJE ZVEZINEGA DNE

Pueblo, Colo. — Naš Zvezin dan dne 14. sept. se je pričel s sv. mašo v farni cerkvi. Č. g. Claude Roberts so izrekli Zvezl čestitke in želeli zborovanju mnogo uspeha. Č. g. monsignor A. J. Miller je z veseljem sprejel naše vabilo, da je opravil molitev in potem tudi govoril kot da je znana osebnost naše organizacije, ki pozna in visoko ceni delovanje SZZ. S hvaležnostjo smo sprejeli visokega gosta med nami.

Program zborovanja je pričela Vaša državna preds. Anna Pachak ter v izbranih besedah pozdravila goste in razložila pomen zborovanja, kar je bilo sprejeto s priznanjem.

Nazočih med nami je bilo lepo število čla. in gostov. Prisotne in zastopane so bile naslednje podr.: št. 3 in št. 66. Zaradi velike razdalje niso bile navzoče podr. 46, 64, 65, 92. Frances Simonich od podr. št. 3 je poročala da podr. lepo napreduje. Glede novih članic gre počasi naprej. Delegatina podr. št. 66, Helen McFarland je poročala, da njena podr. napreduje ti da so članice aktivne, posebno njihova preds. Christine Konte, je delavna kakor čebelica. Iskrena ji hvala za vzpodbudni govor in posebno tudi, da je omenila Zvezin šolninski sklad.

Prisotna je bila tudi Mary Bozaič, ustanovna čla. naše podr. od katerih so samo še tri žive: Frances Gornik, Anna Butkovich in Frances Mikatich, katere je zadržala bolezen. Prečitana so bila pismena poročila in pozdravi: Častna preds. Marie Prislant, ki želi kar največ uspeha, gl. preds. Toni Turek iz Slovenije "from across the big ocean, wishes successful meeting and love to all."

Enako gl. podpreds. Marie Florian želi najboljši uspeh, gl. tajnica Albina Novak, pošilja "loving regards to all," najlepše pozdrave in polno uspeha. Pozdrave so poslale tudi drž. predsednice, Mary Tomšič, (Penna.) Mary Bostian (Ohio), Barbara Rosandich (Minn.), Rose Kraemer (Wis.). Pozdravile so zastopnice raznih podr.: Christina Konte št. 66), Antonia Kostelic (64), Ellen Stefanski (63), Carol McDaniel (92), Agnes Poglne (66), Christine Corgararelli, Sec. of Royal George circle 46, Canon City, Colo. Od Rev. Leopold Mihelich smo prejeli pismo iz Denverja s prisrčnimi voščili zastopnicam in občinstvu, kar je bilo hvaležno sprejeto.

Globoka zahvala velja vsem skupaj za udeležbo našega dneva, posebno tudi zunanjim gostom, med njimi Mrs. Mary Grande, Mrs. Martha Popovich iz Denverje, Mr. in

DOPISI

Št. 3, Pubelo, Colo. — Zdi se mi, da ni nič prezgodaj, da povabim vse članice in prijatelje na pokrivanje števil v nedeljo dne 23. novembra ob uri pop. v cerkveni dvorani. Srečni bodo dobili purane (turkey) in druge lepe dobitke. V prodaji bodo tudi ročna dela. Že v naprej se vsem zahvaljujemo za obilno udeležbo. Pripeljite s seboj vaše prijatelje in sosede.

V dec. se vrši glavna seja in volitve odbora za prihodnje leto. Imele bomo tudi božičnico s prigrizkom.

Matere pripeljite svoje otroke na seja. Je pravilno, da se mlade deklice priučijo običajev vodstva za seja, da bodo sčasoma prevzele naše delo za Zvezo.

Naša dobra čl. Frances Gornik je 17. sept. bila 91 let stara. Žal je zadnjih 5 let stalno v postelji, ker ji zaradi boleznih noge ne dajo, da bi hodila. Mučijo jo tudi druge bolezni. Dne 29. avg. ji je umrl sin Frank, ki zapušča mlado ženo (hčerka Johane Pauchek) in 4 nedorasle otroke. Pred leti je umrl tudi sin v Milwaukee. Ona je verna in skrbna mati, ki težko prenaša kruto usodo.

Umrl je Nick Babich, ki zapušča mnogo sorodnic, ki so naše članice. Bog mu daj večni mir in veselo snidenje s prijatelji, ki so šli pred njim v večnost.

V času tega pisanja leži v bolnišnici v resnem stanju, Mary Rupar iz Santa Fe. Vsi ji želimo, da jo ljubi Bog še obrani pri življenju, ker jo otroci zelo ljubijo.

Frances Babich iz Pine St. je prestala operacijo. Anna Butkovich je doma iz bolnišnice, pri padcu si je zlomila roko v rami. Edith Moody se počasi zdravi.

Imam pa tudi vesele novice. Veselo rojstno presenečenje so pripravili 22. avg. za Mary Kočevar. Njeni otroci ji izkazujejo veliko ljubezen, katero tudi zaslužijo zaradi njene delavnosti v društvih in cerkvi. Je tudi odlična gospodinja, da je njena hiša za vzgled drugim. Hčerkica Shirley Scot iz Wash., D. C., je sedaj pri njej na obisku. Želimo ji vse najboljše tudi v bodočnosti. Veselo sem se počutila omenjenega večera z vami.

Družina Pechaver naj mi oprost, da je pomotoma bilo izpuščeno ime Therese Kalinger ob času pogrebni obredov za Emila P. M. T. K. je krásno zapela slovenske žalostinke. Vsi smo ponosni na našo slovensko umetnico petja. Vedno ima vabila ra razne Klube in društva.

Upam, da ste se vse zdrave vrnile s počitnic. Vse nestrpnost pričakujemo poročila iz naše rojstne domovine Slovenije.

Našim slaviljenkam Iskrene čestitke: urednica Corinne Leskovar na 9. okt., gl. preds. T. Turek 8. okt. in gl. taj. A. Novak 5. nov. Vsi

jim želimo še dolgo življenje, da bodo vaši dnevi obrnjeni v sončno stran. Bog Vas vse blagoslovi, da boste modro vodile našo SŽZ.

Smo sredi jesenskega časa in v kratkem bo potrkala zima na naša vrata. Moji pokojni materi je bil najljubši jesenski čas, posebno ker so bili na kmetiji vedno z delom preobloženi. Še vedno mi je svež spomin na njo, ki je toliko pretrpela v njenem življenju. Ker smo ravno v času vseh mrtvih, je prav, da obiščemo grobove dragih in se istočasno spomimo tudi pozabljenih grobov. Večna jim slava in blag spomin.

Ne pozabite naše kartne zabave 23. novembra ob 2 pop. in decemberske seja. Vas vse pozdravlja,

Anna Pachak

Št. 14, Euclid, O. — Poročilo oktoberske seja. Ker tega dne še ni bilo mrzlo, zato se je seja udeležilo še kar precej članic. Zaradi Card Party, 12. okt., se je seja pričela že četrdo sedmih. Za vsako prireditelje je potrebno mnogo dela in priprav, zato smo tudi me skrbele, da bomo vse kar najlepše pripravile v zadovoljstvo vseh. Ko boste čitale te vrstice, bo party že za nami.

Prav nocoj je prispela iz Slovenije, družina Krničar za stalno sem. V družini so 4 člani, oče, mati in 2 sinova. Začasno se bodo nastanili pri bratu Stanleyu v Willoviku, O.

Bolane so Mrs. Vidovic, Mrs. Prijatelj, Mrs. Slabe in Mrs. Sadar. Vse te je obiskala Mrs. F. Globokar in vsem želimo, da bi čimprej ozdravele, kar jim Bog pomaga.

Mr. in Mrs. Simenc bosta praznovala 50 letnico zakonskega življenja. Želimo jima še mnogo srečnih in zadovoljnih let. Ona je naša dobra članica.

Pričela se je kampanja za nove članice, zato vabim vse, da se potrudimo in da pridobimo kaj novih članic, saj me se staramo, zato bo treba novih moči, da se bo društvo nadaljevalo. Tiste, ki bodo dobile nove članice, bodo deležni lepih nagrad.

Ker gre leto proti koncu, vas prosim, da poravnate članarino do novega leta. S tem prihranite mnogo dela in pota naši tajnici Mrs. Simenc, ki bo jutri dne 8. oktobra z možem praznovala 50 letnico na tej seji. Vse članice bo potretala in prinesla prav dobre cukies. V good tajm blagajno je darovala ses. Rozl Mauric \$1.

Seje je bila zaključena ob 8:20 z molitvijo za vse pokojne članice.

Pozdrav vsem. Antonija Šuštar

Št. 15, Newburgh, Ohio. — Na seji dne 9. sept. smo imele več važnih reči za ukreniti. Tajnica nas je posebno vabila, da se udeležimo proslave 40 letnice podr. št. 32, ki se je vršila 14. sept. na Reher Ave.

Te seja se je udeležila tudi naša zvesta čl. Jennie Barle. Vse smo jo bile vesele. Zahvalila se je vsem za voščilne karte, obiske in molitve.

Preds. Ant. Stoker, priporoča in vabi, da pridete v kar največjem številu na decembersko seja, ki je letna seja. Vsaka naj po možnosti tudi pripelje novo članico v mladinski ali pa odrasli oddelek. Letna seja bo zelo važna in kakor po navadi bomo imele tudi božičnico, da si voščimo vesele praznike in zdravja v prihodnjem letu. To pisanje bo prišlo v Zarjo v novembru, zato Vas res lepo vabim na dec. letno seja.

Bolne so G. Cesek, Al. Cerne, T. Yančar, M. Novak, 81 st. Vsem bolnim želimo ljubega zdravja in potrpljenje. Naj vam vsem Marjla pomaga in članice tudi molimo za Vas.

Dne 14. sept. sem bila na božji poti pri Žalostni Materi Božji v Frank, O. Slovenci smo imeli svoj letni shod za ubite vojake v Sloveniji. Ob 11 uri je bila slovenska sv. maša, popoldne pete litanije. Res samo Slovenec ve, kako so lepe slovenske melodije. Bilo je res veličastno v vseh ozirih. Na takih shodih se tudi srečaš s tistimi, katere ne vidiš več let. Srečala sem se z našo dolgoletno članico, Josephine Gustinčič. Prav lepa ji hvala za dar v blaginjo. Bog plačaj! Povedala mi je, da bo koncem septembra dosegla starost 80 let. Vam lepo čestitam, kakor tudi vse ostale članice naše podr.

Sedaj pa še enkrat želim vsem bolnim, zdravja in vsem članicam lepe uspehe. Sestre, hodite na seja. Bog Vas blagoslovi v vsem Vašem delu. Pozdrav, Mary Filipovič

Št. 17, West Allis, Wis. — Dne 14. septembra smo se članice SŽZ zbrale zjutraj in se s posebnim busom odpeljale na državno konvencijo v lepo slovensko naselbino v Willard, Wis. Vreme je bilo precej prijazno, toda po kakih uri vožnje je pričelo deževati kakor za stavo in ko smo prišli tja pa je zopet sonce prijazno posijalo in sijalo cel dan.

Čestitam članicam podr. iz Willarda, ki so nas lepo sprejele in nam podarile šopke cvetlic. Potem smo odšle v novo krasno cerkev in prisostvovali slovenski sveti maši, katero so darovali Fr. Klavdij iz Milwaukee.

Dana nam je bila izredna prilika slišati slovensko petje v cerkvi, ki je bilo zelo lepo. Po maši smo se vrnile v moderno novo dvorano, kjer smo bili deležni okusnega domačega kosila. Vse je bilo prvovrstno urejeno.

Po kosilu smo slišale poročila od podružnic kako delujejo in kaj koristnega so ukrenile v zadnjih letih. Slišale smo tudi, da je podr. št. 17 v W. A. odnesla nagrado. Vidl se, da imamo napredno tajnico Mrs. Marie Florjan in predsednico Marian Marolt, hčerka tajnice.

Rečeno je bilo, da se bomo vrnile

USTANOVNE ČLANICE ŠT. 33



Od šestih še živečih ustanoviteljic podružnice št. 33, so se štiri udeležile proslave 40 letnice in gornja slika je bila posneta med banketom. Od leve sedijo: Mary Schubitz in Mary Rot in stojita Ann Podgoršek in Mary Jakša. Zaradi slabega zdravja se slavnosti nista mogele udeležiti Agnes Jerina in Mary Blatnik, katere so se spomnili s cveticami.

ružnice in nato podpredsednica. Lansko leto, ko smo praznovali 40 letnico, je ona spekla lahke flancate za vso dvorano. Bila je tudi bivša častna mati podr. ter ena izmed 40 letnih članic. Njene hčerke so tudi naše članice. Vedno je rekla: "Can I do something for this cause?"

Pokojna Jennie je bila rojena v Škofji Loki na Gorenskem tam je živela v Jolietu preko 70 let. V podr. je pristopila pred 40 leti, priporočena po Josephine Erjavec. Bila je tudi članica Oltarnega društva. Za njo žaluje mož Luke, pet hčera in dva sinova, en sin ji je umrl pred nekaj leti. Zapušča tudi 12 vnukov in 5 pravnukov ter sestro Zihlerle v Sloveniji. (Slika v ang. delu.)

Pok. Frances Pkush je bila rojena v Loškem Potoku ter bila naša 41-letna članica, priporočena po pok. Antonia Struna. Za njo žaluje 4 hčere, vse poročene ter več vnukov. Bila je vesele narave in je rada prišla na seje. Mož ji je umrl pred 15 leti. Spominjam se je, da me je ona prva obiskala po rojstvu moje prve hčerke Olge Ancel. Prišla je takrat namreč iz stare domovine.

domov ob 4 uri popoldne, toda je bilo preveč veselo, posebno še ker se je prikazal muzikant iz Sheboygna, to je bila Ivanka Zakrajšek, zato se nismo mogli ločiti od njih, bilo je zopet mnogo lepega slovenskega petja in plesanja.

Ko smo se končno poslovile je bilo že ob petih popoldne in ko smo zapustil Willard, je zopet pričelo ževati, a ko smo se pripeljali nazaj v West Allis ob 10 uri zvečer, je vreme zopet bilo lepo.

Lepo pozdravljena vsa wilardska dekleta in žene. Hvala lepa vsem za Vas trud in postrežbo.

Josephine Stariha

Št. 20, Joliet, Ill. — Nekaj dni po vrnitvi iz našega obiska Evrope, sva se s soprogom oglasila pri dobri prijateljci, Frances Pikush, da se ji zahvaliva za potice, katere je spekla za poroko mojega sina RONALDA in za shower. V času moje odsotnosti so se moje hčerke obrnile na njo in je prošnji rada ustregla. Pogovarjamo se, kako je v Sloveniji sedaj in kako je bilo pred sedmimi leti, ko je ona bila tam na obisku. Toda samo nekaj dni potem, me pokliče Mrs. Jennie Benedik in mi žalostna pove, da se je Mrs. Pikush zgrudila mrtva, ko je pripravljala kosilo za rojstni dan hčerka. Ta novica me je hudo prizadela, saj nisem niti malo slutila, da sem takrat zadnjič govorila z njo.

Toda kakšen teden potem sva z možem obiskala Mr. Benedika, ki že dlje časa boleha in mu je žena Jennie lepo stregla. Tudi mi smo se pogovarjali kako je bilo v stari domovini leta 1961, ko smo se Jolietški Amerikanci srečali na domačem pikniku pri mojih sorodnikih Trontelj na Dolenskem. Mr. Benedik je še povdaril, da bi šel takoj še jutri na obisk domovine in njegova žena je pritrčila, da ima isto željo.

Minil je samo dober teden po tem obisku in dva tedna na nedeljo po smrti Mrs. Pikush (vse tri smo bile velike prijateljice), ko me pokliče Mrs. Frances Walszak, hčerka Mrs. Pikush ter reče "ali veš, da je Mrs. Benedick umrla danes — in se zgrudila mrtva v kuhinji pri mizi, kakor je moja mama." Nisem mogla priti do besede in ne morem verjeti, da ne bom več videla dobrih prijateljic. To je bilo v nedeljo ko sva z možem šla v Lemont, da počastimo škofa Leniča iz Ljubljane.

Mnogo bi se dalo pisati o dobrih lastnostih pokojne Benedik. Bila je dobrih rok, iskrena in vedno pripravljena pomagati, svetovati in skrbeti, da je vse šlo dobro naprej. Razumljivo, da so jo klicali "mama", ne samo njeni lastni otroci, ampak tudi mnogi drugi. Njen pogreb je živo pričal o njeni priljubljenosti. Ko je bil Zvezin urad še v Jolietu, so bile gl. odbornice večkrat povabljene na njen dom, kjer je rada postregla. Bila je tudi več let nadzornica pod-

Umrla je tudi članica Theresa Gosak v lepi starosti 84 let. Tudi ona je v prejšnjih letih rada hodila na seje. Zapušča 3 hčere in 5 sinov. Njen pokojni mož je bil building contractor, ali stavebnik, kakor je sedaj njen sin. Zapušča 28 vnukov.

Podr. bo pogrešala vse tri dobre članice, ki nas vse prehitro zapuščajo. Naj jim sveti večna luč in Bog naj jim povrne za njihova dobra dela. Naslednje članice so molile ob krsti in jih pospremile na zadnji poti: Olga Ancel, Josephine Muster, Frances Hubert, Theresa Marentich, Frances Bottari, Emma Planinsek in podpisana.

Po daljši boleznici nas je zapustil dobro poznani rojak, zaveden Slovenec in pionir naše fare Sv. Jožefa, Mr. John Jevitz, st., ki je dosegal visoke starost 92 let. Bil je dalje časa bolan v Silver Cross bolnišnici in je potrpežljivo prenašal trpljenje. Njegov sin John Jevitz, ml. je poznani javni delavec, sedaj County Clerk. Pok. je bil odbornik in delegat raznih organizacij ter je imel mnogo prijateljev vsepovsod. Vedno se je zanimal za napredek naselbine in fare. Čeprav je bil že v visoki starosti, vendar se mu leta niso poznala ter je dostojanstveno hodil in se udeleževal raznih prireditev. O njegovem dobrem delu, bi se lahko napisalo več strani. Poleg sina zapušča tudi 3 hčerke, a žena mu je umrla pred več leti.

Zapustil nas je tudi John Malesich, star 84 let. Bil je član naše cerkve, kamor spadajo vsi njegovi otroci. Njegova žalujoča žena je naša dolgoletna članica in za njim žaluje tudi dva sinova (eden je dr. John) in dve hčerki. Bil je mirnega značaja in priljubljen med prijatelji. Naj bo večni mir vsem pokojnim. Njihov spomin ne bo pozabljen med nami.

V bolnišnici se nahaja čla. Mary Bostjancich iz N. Hickory St. Bolne so tudi bile Tillie Buldak (naša nekdanja kegljačica) in Anna Mahkovec. Vsem želimo čimprejšnjega zdravja.

Sedaj se nahajamo v jesenski sezoni, zato želimo, da bi vse članice bolj redno prihajale na seje, ker po daljšem času je za nas vse priporočljivo, da se snidemo na seji. Na svidenje,
Josephine Erjavec

Št. 25, Cleveland, O. — Poletje je za nami in nastopilo je jesensko vreme. Poletni nismo imele sej tri mesece, zato bomo pa sedaj bolj pridne.

Vabim vse sestre, da pridete na sejo v nedeljo popoldne ob 1:30 in po sejah imamo tudi domačo zabavo in prigrizek. Dne 1. oktobra se je pričela kampanja, zato prosim, da bi se vsaka nekoliko potrudila. Vpišite svoje hčerke, saj Zveza je edina ženska organizacija. Potrudimo se, da bo tudi naša podr. napredovala.

Enako lepo prosim tiste sestre, ki ste zaostale s plačilom, da poravnate, da vas ne bo potrebno posebej opo-

minjati. saj veste, da moram vsak mesec poslati asesment na glavni urad.

Smrt pride nepričakovano in tako se je zgodilo tudi pri nas. Miss Dorothy Komin je šla kot delegatinja na konvencijo v Ely, Minnesota in tam jo je doletela nagla smrt. Vidite, ne vemo ne ure, ne dneva, ko se smrt oglasi in nas pobere. Bodite točne s plačilom in tako tudi meni olajšate delo.

Vse drage članice lepo vabim, da pridete na novembersko sejo, ker se imamo za pogovoriti o več važnih zadevah.

Vsem bolnim članicam želim ljube ga zdravja, da bi se kmalu pozdravile in prišle med nas.

Na svidenje na seji dne 9. nov. in vas vse lepo pozdravljam,

Mary Otoničar

Št. 41, Cleveland, O. — Po dolgi težki boleznii je preminula ses. Margaret Rožance. Pokojna Margaret je bila pred leti aktivna pri podr. in je bila več let odbornica. Vsem žalujočim izrekamo naše iskreno sožalje, pokojna sestra pa naj sladko sniva in ohranjen naj ji bo lep spomin.

V tem mesecu se še prav posebej spomnimo vseh umrlih.

Sept. meseca smo se udeležili drž. konvencije in proslave 40 letnice podr. 32. Vsem odb. in članicam podr. iskreno čestitamo in želimo jim še mnogo uspeha.

Vesele smo bile imeti med nami naši gl. odbornici, ge. Albina Novak in Corinne Leskovar. Le kmalu zopet pridita.

Tukaj je bila na obisku sina in hčerka, ses. Alice Kokalj iz Kalifornije. Želimo, da bo odnesla lepe spomine in ad bo imelu srečno potovanje nazaj v lepo Kalifornijo.

V blag. so darovale ses. Mary Germ. Anastazija Husta, Jennie Strumbel, Mary Čebulj in Urška Janežič. Vsaki posebej pristrčna hvala.

Prihodnji mesec bo že zadnji v tem letu. Pridite vse na sejo 2. decembra popoldne ob 2 uri v navadnem prostoru.

Najiskrenejše čestitke naši sestri Katie Plemel ob 90 rojstni obletnici. Ses. Plemel, Bog Vas ohrani pri dobrem zdravju vsaj še deset let. Ses. Plemel vsako leto za rojstno obletnico daruje izdaten dar v našo blagajno. Bog Vam povrni z vsem najboljšim.

V teku je predkonvenčna kampanja. Kakor vam je znano se bo konvencija vršila v našem Euclid, O., zato bi bilo lepo, da bi se resno potrudile pridobiti nove članice. Prosim, potrudimo se po svojih najboljših močeh. Iskrene pozdrave vsem,

Ella Starin

Št. 47, Garfield Hgts., O. Bližajo se nam časi, ko bo treba delati načrte za prihodnje leto. Da bo vsem ustrezno, smo pri podr. odločile, da bomo imele letno sejo že prvo ne-

deljo v decembru, to bo dne 7. dec. ob eni uri popoldne, na 10814 Prince Ave., S. D. D. Treba bo urediti vse potrebno za leto 1970. Zato vas drage sestre, vabim že sedaj, da se polnoštevilno udeležite te letne seje. Po seji bomo proslavile božičnico, za kar bo odbor pripravil, da se bomo dobro imele izmenjavo božičnih daril. Božičnico bomo imele skupno z gospodinjstvom klubom S. D. D., potem veste, da bo prijetno popoldne. Ker imamo članice, ki znajo lepo zapeti, bi rekla, da bomo imele poleg dobrot še koncert.

Sestri Katherini Juriček želimo še mnogo rojstnih dni, ki je 16. sept. dopolnila 75 let, pa še dobro izgleda. Še vedno žaluje, ker ji je pred par leti umrla hčerka. Po dežju sonce pride; za žalostjo pa veselje, zato upam, da bo tudi za njo še veselje.

V oktobru pa so praznovale rojstne dneve naše ustanovne članice: Jennie Bizjak, Theresa Bizjak, Louise Zidanič in Mary Richard. Vam vsem želimo še mnogo srečnih let. Hvala za darilo ses. Mary Sims.

Želim vsem bolnim članicam ljube ga zdravja, da bi prišle vse na glavno letno sejo. Bog daj!

Državna konvencija in praznovanje 40 letnice podr. št. 32, je lepo uspelo. udeležba je bila lepa in tudi dobro so postregle. Pevski zbor The Dawn, nam je napravil lep koncert. Hvala Vam vsem!

Pozdrav vsem članicam,

J. Pugely, tajnica

Št. 68, Fairport, O. Čas kar prehitro teče naprej. Zopet je nastopila jesenska doba, ki ima po svoje tudi svojo lepoto. Listi na drevesih se spreminjajo v lepo rumeno in rdečo barvo. Ustavim se pod drevejem, ker listje že odpada in nekam potrta mislim, kaj res že zima zopet prihaja. Tudi poletni izleti in pikniki so za nami. Prekinile smo tudi naše priljubljene seje v poletnih mesecih in sedaj bomo zopet nadaljevale.

Članice, pridimo skupaj v istih prostorih vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne. Naša predsednica Jennie je dobra govornica in nam vedno kaj zanimivega pove in nam da priliko, da vsaka pove kaj ima na mislih. Naša tajnica tudi dobro nadaljuje svoje delo, zato jih ne pustimo, da bi izstopile iz svojega dela in odbora.

Tudi od naše podr. smo se udeležile konvencije za države Ohio-Mich., ki se je vršila v Euclid, O., dne 14. sept. Zborovanje je bilo prav zanimivo. Mrs. Mary Bostjan je v lepih besedah pozdravila vse navzoče in urednica Zarje, Mrs. Corinne Leskovar je imela daljši govor ter nam v lepih besedah razložila pomen naše organizacije. Tudi Mrs. Albina

Novak je spregovorila in smo jo z zanimanjem poslušale, čeprav smo videle, da ni pri najboljšem zdravju. Želimo je vse dobro in vse najlepše pozdravljene.

Angela Godec, poročevalka

Št. 71, Strabane, Pa. — Letošnja jesen je še kar prijetna. Doslej nismo imeli posebnega mraza in ne slane, tako da naše rože lepo cvetijo. Septemberska seja je bila dobro obiskana in po seji smo se lepo imele. Ker se naše seje sedaj vršijo vsake tri mesece, se lahko pozabi kedaj je seja, zato Vas želim opozoriti, da ne pozabite važne seje dne 10. dec.

Imamo članice, ki so bolne že več let; njim in vsem bolnim sestram, želim, da jim ljubi Bog vrne ljubo zdravje. Tudi sestra A. Strle se počuti boljše, samo noga ji nagaja.

Dne 5. novembra je rojstni dan naše priljubljene glavne tajnice, Mrs. Albina Novak. Želimo ji še mnogo zdravih in srečnih obletnic. Vse najboljše tudi vsem drugim, ki v novembru obhajate svoje rojstne dneve.

Vas vse lepo pozdravljam,

Mary Tomšič, preds.

Št. 84, New York, N. Y. — Poletje je za nami in jesen je tukaj. Kako lepo je na deželi ko listje na drevju spreminja barvo. Res krasno je občudovati vsakovrstne barve jesenske narave.

Dne 10. sept. smo članice naše podružnice ter podr. št. 93 imele priliko pozdraviti našo glavno predsednico, Antonijo Turek, ki se je vračala iz Slovenije in drugih dežel Evrope skupno z njenim soprogom Frankom. Imeli smo prav zabaven in vesel večer v lepi dvorani Wintergarden. Večerja je bila prav okusna. Večer je prav hitro minil in vse smo z zanimanjem poslušale kako nam je preds. Turek opisovala potovanje in kako napredujejo v naši domovini Sloveniji. Gradijo mnogo novih hiš, ceste so se izboljšale in imajo mnogo novih lepih avtomobilov. Hvala preds. Toni Turek za govor in obisk naših 2 podružnic.

Imamo več članic bolanih. Nekatere na nogah, obeh in druge ne vsečnosti, katerih smo se nalezle ko smo 50 ali več let delale v mrzlih tovarnah in šivale mokre kite za slamnike.

Knjiga Mrs. Priland FROM SLOVENIA TO AMERICA je zelo zanimiva in bi jo morala imeti vsaka hiša. Vsa čast Mrs. Priland!

Naša tajnica je na dopustu in v oktobru ni bilo seje, toda si vse dobro zapomnite datum naše prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila dne 10. decembra. To bo važna zadnja seja v letu in volitve novega odbora za leto 1970, zato ne pozabiti seje 10. dec.

Pozdrav vsem članicam naše podružnice, glavnim odbornicam in vsem članicam naše dične organizacije SŽZ.

Angela Voje, preds.



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Thanksgiving brings to mind our country's first Thanksgiving of 1621, especially its participants known as the colonists.

During the 1600's English kings tried to force the people to believe in the Church of England. Many did not obey and were unhappy in their country. Their great desire was to worship God in their own way. And so they sailed to this new land across the sea called America.

"Other people came to America to try to make a better living. In many European countries wealthy landowners drove the poor farmers out and people could not find work. Thousands more came seeking political freedom. Some came for the adventure and some came because they were forced to, like the Negroes who were brought from Africa as slaves, and convicts taken from over-crowded English jails."

Wilderness awaited the newcomers and so they had to clear forests, build houses, cut firewood, fight Indians and learn how to survive extremely cold winters. Each settlement was known as a colony, keeping a tie with their mother country.

"At first the Indians were friendly to the colonies. They taught these strangers how to raise corn and tobacco, to hunt and fish, to blaze trails through the forests and build canoes. As more and more settlers came to America and took more land, it became harder and harder for the Indians to hunt and fish. Finally the Indians grew angry and began to attack the new Americans. To protect themselves and their families, the colonists built log stockades around the settlements. The upper ends of the logs were sharpened to prevent Indians from climbing over the walls."

If a family settled in a New England colony — New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut or Rhode Island — the father would probably make his living as a shipbuilder, fisherman, sailor or merchant. If your home was in one of the middle colonies — New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania or Delaware — then the family would likely be farmers because these colonies had rich, fertile soil. Colonists in the Southern colonies of Maryland, Virginia, North or South Carolina and Georgia lived on plantations which were huge compared to farms in the North and the work was done by slaves.

The homes were built of log cabins with cracks filled with mud to keep out the wintry winds. The furniture was made of logs. There would be no closets, so clothing was hung on pegs or stored in a chest.



In the New England and middle colonies the fireplace was the center of family life. It furnished the heat and most of the light for the house. At nighttime the family would gather near the fire. The pleasant hum of the spinning wheel and the click of the loom would fill the room.

It was also a time to repair tools or carve plates and spoons out of wood. Before bedtime a warming pan filled with hot coals was placed in each bed.

Colonists raised their own food, but keeping it fresh was always a problem.

The colonial children played games like tag, hop-scotch, leap-frog and blindman's buff. They flew kites, spun tops, played ring-around-a-rosy and London Bridges. Most toys were made at home including dolls and doll furniture.

The very early settlers had no schools and so the children received some home-education. Later schools were formed in small buildings with little equipment. In the North, a school would have a huge fireplace and part of a student's fee was paid in wood. If parents didn't pay their share, a pupil sat in the coldest part of the room. "Teachers did not spare the rod. Naughty children were fre-

quently punished with birch switches.

If a pupil talked too much, the teacher put a 'whispering stick into his mouth. This made him look like a horse with a bit between his teeth. Other bad children sometimes had yokes put over their heads and were forced to stand in front of the class. If a pupil failed in his lesson, he had to sit on a high stool and wear a cone-shaped dunce cap, with the word **Dunce** on it in large letters."

When our country was very young the people had very few newspapers. And so they depended on the Town Crier to keep them informed, walking up and down the streets, ringing his bell and calling out the latest news beginning with "Hear ye, hear ye" . . .

A Pilgrim father by the name of Edward Winslow, wrote to his friend in England, December 1621:

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