

## JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

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#### Twilight of the Year

There is a gentle twilight of the year,

Between the summer's heat and winter's chill,

A mellow, kindly time of peace and cheer,

A friendly time of gladness and good will.

And in this autumn quiet, when each field

Lies shorn of all its wealth of shining grain,

Man lifts his heart, rejoicing for the yield,

And celebrates Thanksgiving Day again.

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## HALLOWE'EN AND THANKSGIVING DAY

No time of the year, unless it is vacation time, gives our boys and girls more cause for rejoicing than October, November and December. Each month has an important holiday; first comes Hallowe'en, then Thanksgiving Day and, finally, the happiest occasion of them all, Chirstmas. All three are fixed characteristics of the American way of life and each deserving

of celebration. If your Vrtec intends to have a Hallowe'en Party, no doubt plans are in the making and invitations are or soon will be on their way to members and friends . . . And hardly will the echoes of Hallowe'en fun and laughter cease rebounding in your memories when the second of the three holidays will burst into your young lives-Thanksgiving Day. Some will celebrate it on the 21st of November, some on the 28th, and some on both days, but whichever date you choose, be sure to make it an occasion of thankfulness and much gladness, for really we have a great deal to be thankful for. Be thankful for small things, for from small beginnings all great things grow. The blessings which we enjoy in this modern day would never have been ours were it not for our fathers and mothers, and those before them, who, with naught but courage, determination, and faith in themselves set sail for



# With Our Juniors?

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Director of Vrtec and English Speaking Lodges

this great country of ours.

Perhaps, it would be asking too much of our Administrators to plan a party for Thanksgiving Day, especially so, if one was held for Hallowe'en, but it would not be expecting too much if a program of games were arranged and, also ,a few songs, including "God Bless America," "America," and a few others known to most of you . . . Then, too, will be a good time to bring out your ideas for a Chirstmas program and party comprising of a short play, recitations, music and dance, Santa Claus' visit and bag of gifts and, if possible, a Christmas tree all ablaze and glittering in brilliance. There is so much you can do and the time is short. Don't waste time, for before you know it, the big days will be here and then things will have to hum if you want them done.

## LITERARY AWARDS

Congratulations to the boys and girls who achieved a measure of success as contributors to the Vrtec Section during the July-August-September quarter and who, also, were rewarded with a prize for their exceptional ability. Missing from this group for the first time in many months is JULIA KRAMZER, formerly a member of Vrtec No. 72, Sygan, Pa., who transferred to the Adult Department last July. Her articles, always interesting, are going to be missed very much by the readers of the Vrtec Section. However, in losing one good writer, we have been very fortunate to gain several very promising ones, among them being Julia's brother, Rudolph, Elsie Prosen, Dorothy Grebenc, Vera Somrak. Lillian Helay, and others whose names are honored in the prize winners' list below . . .

Marie Ermence ...... Balkan Jrs. Dorothy Helay .... Challenger Jrs. Jane Gaspersic ..... Comets Irene Rovan ...... Budgets Mary Klevisher .... Mountaineers Agnes Tekstar ..... Comets Edward Ermence ...... Balkan Jrs. Samuel Zampan .. Challenger Jrs. Dorothy Grebenc .. Concord. Jrs. Lillian Helay ...... Challenger Jrs. Rudolph Kramzer ...... Sygan Jrs. Vera Somrak ..... Concordian Jrs. Martin Leskosek ...... Balkan Jrs. Florence Turk ..... Outlookers Mary Menich .... Concordian Jrs.

tec members that special literagain, be awarded to the two Vrtec' units having the outstand-VALERIA ARTEL and FRED-ERICK BASHEL were honored It is said that EVERY PEOas the outstanding individual PLE HAVE THE KIND OF contributors. Who will be the winners this year remains to be seen for much can happen in is more than ever your duty, November and December to turn and mine, and every other citithe tide one way or another, so zen of our country, to study and all you ambitious boys and girls work for the kind of government keep right on with your writing for your personal benefit as well as the Vrtec you represent.

## OUR QUESTION BOX

We are still in the very thick of the campaign for president of the United States, but before the November issue of the Vrtec Section goes to press, we will know who is going to head our government for the next four years, beginning January 1, 1941. I know you're too young to vote in the coming election or, perhaps, even to venture a personal opinion on the merits of one candidate over another, but many of you are not too young to know and to learn more about our past presidents and those who are seeking that honor in the present campaign, and so I've prepared another list of questions pertaining to this subject. If you have tried to follow political conversations around the house and community, on the air and in the daily newspapers, particularly, if you like American History, these questions will be as easy as rolling off a log. But, before we come to our second presidential quiz, here is something else . . .

So far, the extent of your voting has been limited to elections of Vrtec officers, class officers in school and, perhaps, if you live in an active neighborhood, officers in other juvenile groups. All this can the taken as an important step in your

Attention is called to all Vr- training as citizens of the United States, for some day in the not ary achievement trophies shall, too distant future, you will be urged to go to the polls and make your choice of men and ing record for the year. Last women candidates best fitted to year, if you recall, the OUT- run our government. You too, LOOKERS of Cleveland and might run for a government ofthe BALKAN JUNIORS of Mil- fice, and for that reason it is waukee won first and second well that you begin to take an place honors, respectively, while interest in such affairs as soon

as possible.

GOVERNMENT THEY DE-SERVE, and if that is true, it best suited to our needs; the kind of government we can be proud of and willing to serve, honor, and uphold without too much force and sacrifice. I believe you will understand when I say that the kind of government you and I should strive for is one that is HONEST, EF-FICIENT, PROTECTIVE and BENEVOLENT; that draws no lines because of RACE, RELI-GION, or POLITICAL BE-LIEF; and that guarantees FREEDOM of SPEECH and

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#### TRAIL BLAZERS TO CELEBRATE HALLO-WE'EN

All members of the TRAIL BLAZER VRTEC are reminded that the date of the next regular monthly meeting has been changed from OCTOBER 19th to OCTOBER 24th. This meeting is of special importance because it will be combined with a HAL-LOWE'EN PARTY for which a program of GAMES, CONTESTS, MOVIES and REFRESH-MENTS will be arranged. There will be fun galore for everyone, so be sure to attend. Parents are welcome. The TIME and PLACE is Thursday, OC-TOBER 24th, at 6:30 p. m., STANCIK'S HALL, 205 E. 115th St.

I might as well start off and write a little about the events that have happened during my absence from the paper. In July Lodge 211 SSPZ had a picnic and everyone had an enjoyable time. (How about having a dance during the winter, gang, and sort of bring the people together and all have an enjoyable time? How about it at the next meeting?) Also, during the summer the members were surprised to hear that Sister Rose Matekovich resigned her position as administratrix. We were all sorry to hear that Rosie had left. Her position has been taken over into the capable hands of Sister Olga Leonard and I'm sure we will all have just as much fun with Sister Olga as we had with Sister Rose. How about it, gang? We'll all try to cooperate with her and things will just go fine.

Now that school has started and everything has settled down and colder weather is coming on, why don't a few of you members sit down and write to the paper? It doesn't take much to write a little of something. There's always something to write about. Come on more of you Dawn Patrol members, write and let's have a page filled every month with articles from Gowanda. There's plenty of you and if you need help, ask your older brothers or sisters, or parents, and if there is no one else I would gladly help you. Don't forget now, members, and let's surprise everyone.

Talking about the cold weather coming, I think it would be nice if all members would try to pay their dues at the meeting as it would save Olga and myself plenty of trouble, time, etc. During the winter months, if you think it over, it is difficult running around after dues. I don't think that's asking too much, so please try to pay your dues at the meeting. Maybe there was a little difficulty as to whom you were to pay dues this last month, but now things are all straightened and you may pay your dues to Sister Olga Leonard or to me.

Now for a little of this and that about members.

Our good old pal "Stub" is now on the football team and a swell player. We have quite a few members who are musically inclined and I should think we would have a Dawn Patrol Band. Those who play musical instruments and like music, are "Nesty," "Our Roving Reporter," "Shorty," "Dickie," Hippo," "Anne Stibil," and our beautiful little singer Bobbie Vehar, and I believe there's more but I just

## COMETS' NEWS

GOOD NEWS

Marsha was in the room she shared with Elaine, her older sister. It was here that she struggled with every day problems; it was here that she had shed many disappointed tears during the last few days. At this moment she was lying across her bed and gazing thru the window with unseeing eyes.

The root of all this trouble, and the cause of the disappointed tears was the Annual Harvest Festival. The Festival was to be held on Saturday and today was Thursday. Just two days ahead, and as yet, Marsha didn't have any escort. Do you blame Marsha for being worried?

Elaine was going with Paul, son of well-to-do parents. All of Marsha's friends were going with someone or another. Marsha had been sure that Tom would ask her; that is until she had that quarrel with him last Saturday. Marsha was thinking about the quarrel as she lay on the bed.

"What a fool I was!" she mumbled. "If I had only explained why I was late for the movie! Well, he didn't give me a chance to anyway. But still, I could have tried."

Marsha swung her legs over the side of the bed, and put her elbows on her knees. With her chin cupped in her hand, she stared straight ahead.

"No boy will ask me because Tom usually dates me for all the big dances. If Tom doesn't ask me, no one else will. What a set up!"

'At this moment Elaine walked in. She took one look at Marsha and said:

"Why the long face? The world isn't coming to an end. Nor have you lost your last friend."

"Don't ask me why I've a long face; ask Tom." Marsha rushed

can't think of them at the pres-

Brother George Samson has recently purchased a new accordion at Cleveland. Why not come to one of our meetings and play a couple Slovenian polkas, Chief of Police?... What happened to our roving reporter? Did she go to sleep for the winter? . . . Don't forget to bring Elaine along to the next meeting, Frances! . . . Elaine is our newest member and we would all like to see her at the meeting.

Although the meeting will be over when this letter is in print, I hope you all attended it and had plenty of cider and doughnuts and plenty of fun. While I'm writing I might as well mention that our next meeting will be on November 10, 1940. Until then, I'll be saying so long.

Violet Widgay, Treas. Dawn Patrol, 148 SSPZ

across the room, and slammed the door behind her. She went out on the front porch just in time to see a florist's truck pull up at the curb.

"Who can be getting flowers?" wondered Marsha.

The driver held a huge box out to her and asked :"Miss Tyson?"

"W-why yes, I'm she," stammered Marsha.

"Then this is for you," said the driver, tipped his hat and walked back to his truck.

Marsha's knees turned weak all of a sudden, so she sat down on the nearest chair. With shaking fingers and flushed cheecks, she tore the box open.

"Oh!" was all she could gasp when she looked at the mass of roses that lay on a background of lacey green ferns. She buried her nose deep in their midst to get the most of their sweet fragrance. How sweet of Tom to send roses, thought Marsha! How dear of him! Marsha looked for a card, and after reading it, buried her nose in the roses once again. After a moment, she reread the note in a soft voice. "'Don't forget you are going to the dance with me , and no one else. Be ready at 8:30."

All of her worries were over! She was going to the Festival! Unable to keep the good news to herself, Marsha dashed up to Elaine.

"Look, Elaine! Tom sent me roses and he wants me to go to the dance with him!" cried Marsha breathlessly.

"How nice," said Elaine looking at them. Did you get a card? Let me see it." Elaine read it, then asked for the envelope.

"Look at this envelope, Marsha—it says Miss Elaine Tyson. They're from Paul, darling. Come now, don't look so crestfallen. I've good news for you.

"No news can be good after this," sobbed Marsha.

"You just wait and see," replied Elaine. "Tom spoke to me about you. He seemed to have something on his mind, so I asked him to come up tonight and have it out with you. I've a feeling he's going to ask you to go with him to the Festival."

The last part of Elaine's "good news" was drowned by the din of Marsha's "Whoop" as she threw her arms around Elaine's and whirlled her around the room.

Jane Gaspersic Vrtec 44





## With Our Juniors

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PRESS. You will find that our Vrtec meetings and affairs are places where you are given an opportunity to learn and practice self-government along pretty much those lines. You can't go wrong if you make a habit of attending them.

And now for the presidential quiz . . . Here's how to grade yourself: If you get 8 questions right, your grade is AVERAGE; 10 is FAIR; 12 is GOOD; and all over 12 is EXCELLENT. (Turn to page 3 for the answers.)

#### QUESTIONS

- 1. Who is the Democratic
- Party's candidate for president?

  2. Who is the Republican
- nominee for the presidency?

  3. Which two are considered the major political parties in
- our country?

  4. Of which party is Norman

Thomas a candidate?

- 5. Name the party of the following vice-presidential candidates: McNary Wallace Krueger.
- 6. In what-city was Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated for a third term?
- 7. What president ran for president three times and was elected twice?
- 8. Thanksgiving Day has been proclaimed since the term of what president?
- 9. What president declared war in 1917?
- 10. Where is George Washington buried?
- 11. In what state did Abraham Lincoln deliver his famous Gettysburg address?
- 12. Who was the first president of the 48 states?
- 13. What president of the United States was sworn into office by his father?
- 14. Who was the only president elected from a state west of the Mississippi river?
- 15. Who was the first president to address the American public over the radio?

## COMETS

Ambride, Pa. — I wish to express my gratitude to the contest judges responsible for my recent award. When it was given to me, I spent a blissful ten minutes of planning ways and means of spending it. However, I couldn't come to a decision, so I dropped it into my greedy piggy-bank. There it shall remain as the the first contribution to my "Christmas Presents Savings Fund." I had been wondering how I could scrape up some money for this purpose, so the award came at just the right time.

Once again ,thank you.

Jane Gaspersic Vrtec 44

One night as I sat in the theatre I was rather impatient for the movie, "The Great Waltz." As I was a little early I chatted with a friend about the affairs of the world.

The lights in the theatre went out and some news reels were flashed on the screen—horror, destruction, mass murdereverything that makes it seem that there is no hope for mankind. He will destroy everything he has made which will lead to his own destruction.

I was glad when the news reels and other features were Vienna years ago, and years later I thrill to the same music. It was here that I found escape -escape from the world filled with tragedy for there was only space for the more beautiful in life. The problems of youth, horrors of war, and the future have all escaped my mind. I was in a different world where nothing was heavy upon the mind. It was beautiful—the Danube River, the gay city of Vienna, and the scenery—all background for the beautiful world into which I escaped. This was my escape from this world.

I still long for such moments of escape as I experienced in the theatre when the beautiful music and life of Johann Strauss was heard and seen.

Mary Klevisher

## A LETTER FROM PITTSBURGH

Dear fellow members and Vrtec friends:

As I sit here writing, I am thinking of you fellow Vrtec members out in Pierce, W. Va. I have heard nothing about the Vrtec-whether it is progressing or not. I read the Vrtec page every month but nothing about our Mountaineer Vrtec ever appears in the Vrtec page. Now that a few of the older members have started another step in life, it is the duty of you younger members to take the responsibility upon your shoulders and say "I will continue to work and keep this unit an active branch of the SSPZ." Yes, you can keep the Mountaineer Vr- These are the things I think tec active if you get down to real business and let the other Vrtec friends know what you are doing.

I want to thank the contest judges for the awards that I have received in the past few months. It really gives me pleasure to write for our Vrtec page.

Don't forget Mountaineerslet the other Vrtec members know what you are doing thru our monthly Vrtec page.

Mary Klevisher

## Madison Vrtec 13

Madison, Ill. — Here in Madison, writing in with a gust, is an inside story. We're all out of breath, but we'll say what we have to say. We're a long ways from the Convention, but we thought we'd give everybody time to read the other accounts first, and read ours last, so as to attract more attention.

We appreciate the hospitality that the people of Cleveland showed to the group who represented Madison. I, for one, hereby thank from the very bottom of my heart each and everyone of you for the splendid opportunity of you Clevelanders gave to our beautiful blond over for I was eager to see "The Shirley Joy Uzunoff. I am sure Great Waltz." The picture be- from what I have seen and gan and then I heard the beau- heard from other people about tiful waltzes-music that has her, that she gave a magnififirst thrilled the gay crowds of cent performance to the audience.

> I am writing these thanks for the other members of the party who were: Mrs. John Uzunoff, Shirley Joy's mother, Shirley Joy herself, Bro. George J. Tirpak Jr., Bro. Anton Paynick Sr. and others who were in-

Again I wish to express the appreciation from each and everyone of us here in Madison to you Clevelanders who made it possible for our members to visit Cleveland and represent our little Madison Vrtec.

Our hats are off to you. Thank you and so-long till we meet again on the Pen and Paper Avenue of Writing.

Fraternally yours,

Olga Yambrovich Secretary-Treasurer Vrtec 13

THE NIGHT HAS COME

Night has come and day is done We'll dress in our suits so fun-And darkness covers the earth,

'Tis now that I think of the day that passed,

The day is done and now I think When they see me in my out-Of kind words some friend fit and gun, has spoken.

The words that have brought joy to me

Of a devoted friends they are a token.

And what have I done to cheer a sad heart

Has what I said given someone courage and strength?

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When light vanishes from the world and darkness is sent.

And oh, my dreams will be so sweet,

Dreams of things that to me are dear,

Of friends and love, of bird and song

Sweet memories of the day that's gone.

Mary Klevisher Vrtec 140

## Challenger Juniors

REPORT OF MEETING

Strabane, Pa. — The October meeting of our Vrtec was held at our administratrix's home.

The Literary awards were given out. One was given to Samuel Zampan, our president, and the other to myself. I also received a beautiful Star Emblem for writing poems. I know I can't write poems as well as others, but I'm learning. Receiving the money and now the pin means a lot and builds my hopes higher. We decided on Tuesday, October 29, for our Halloween Party. It will be held at the SNPJ Hall at 6:30 o'clock. We're going to have a lot of fun playing games, dancing and such. There is going to be a prize for each of the following: (1) loveliest, (2) ugliest, (3) funniest, (4) most different. You'd better start thinking now what you're going to wear. I am hoping to see you all there.

Five new members were entered for the month of October, - Vincent Paris, Carl and Mary Cigana, Dorothy Skowuran and Lorraine Sciabica.

cluded in the party. We are very happy to have them and hope they will be happy with us.

> Dorothy Helay, Sec'y Vrtec 10

#### HALLOWEEN

Hallowe'en has come again On October thirty-first is when The goblins and witches will come

Down from above and scare you dumb.

cheery light

That makes windows in homes so bright.

ny And go around making the day

sunny.

Sweet memories for a dream. Mother and Father both will

I'll march thru all the streets in town

And coming home late on the door I'll pound.

Dorothy Helay

## Question Box Answers

- 1. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
  - 2. Wendell L. Willkie.
- 3. Democratic Party and Republican Party.
  - 4. Socialist Party.
- 5. Republican, Democratic, Socialist.
  - 6. Chicago, Illinois. 7. Grover Cleveland.
  - 8. Abraham Lincoln.
  - 9. Woodrow Wilson.
  - 10. Mount Vernon, Va.

  - 11. Pennsylvania. 12. William H. Taft.
  - 13. Calvin Coolidge.
- 14. Herbert Hoover —
- California. 15. Warren G. Harding.

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## Roznik Juniors

Chicago, Ill. — As October is well on its way, it also brings along with it the celebration of Hallowe'en. As in other years, Roznik Jrs. will again hold a Hallowe'en Party on November 2, 1940 at 7:30 p. m., at 2421 S. Lawndale Avenue. Games, refreshments, contests and dancing are set as the program for the evening.

Parents as well as friends of members are invited. Come in costume and mask so that we may have a time identifying you. Come as a ghost, goblin, Shirley Temple, or anything that may suit your fancy, but please come in costume to have more fun while enjoying the games, and bobbing for apples or anything else of that sort.

A reminder to those who may forget—our monthly meeting will be held next Friday, October 18, 1940 at 7:30 p. m. at 2421 S. Lawndale Ave. Don't forget there is an attendance award given at each meeting. If you haven't won as yet, it may be due to not attending the meetings. Why not plan to attend next Friday?

Well, I guess I'll sign off now and I'll be waiting to see all of you next Friday and at our Hallowe'en Party also. So until then, adios . . .

Wilma Gratchner, Sec'y

Natural Inference

Teacher: "What kind of fish did the Lord divide among His disciples?"

Tommy Kriss: "Please, We'll see Jack - o - Lantern's -teacher, it must have been holy mackerel."

## HALLOWE'EN AND WITCHES



Hallowe'en is a day we all fear Cause on that day we all shall hear

Witches that are riding up and down

When fields of corn have all turned brown.

To look in windows where we are

And carry us to dreamland far.

When dreamland is reached we'll ride on

Not expecting to come back till way after dawn.

And when you wake up from a dream you had,

You'll find yourself a sorry lad. Frank Fazzolare, Vrtec 10 The Strabane Clown and Glamor Boy

## THE OUTLOOKERS' CORNER

"Outlookers' Corner", published as a section of the Napredek's Vrtec page. The Junior Editors are:

> Co-Editors: ELEANOR STER OLGA ZAUBI

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

HEADLINE FLASHES

By Olga Zaubi

At last, the Outlookers have decided to have some excite-November after our meeting, a Halloween Party will be in session. Cider and doughnuts will be served for refreshments. The highlight of the evening will be the awarding of the best custumes. Three prizes will be awarded to the people who wish to participate. So get busy and think of something comical.



Each member has the privilege of bringing one of his friends to the party. We will also have music for the older members and games for the younger.

A contest is in the air, or should we call it homework for the members. The idea is to see what member can get the most words out of the word "Hallowe'en". Mr. Zaman will choose the judges.

I wonder how many of the Vrtec members remember our little Freddy Hribar. Remember the song he sang at the Vrtec Festival in Cleveland this year. Well, anyway, he had a sudden attack of appendicitis and was rushed to the hospital. The last time I saw him he was complaining about a crabby nurse but not at all of his operation, so I guess he will be well enough by November to attend our Hallowe'en Party.

I want to remind all the dance lovers that our fellow-members. the Utopians are holding a Sweetest Day Dance on Saturday October 19. The music will be furnished by Lou Trebar and his boys. All the folks that have attended the former dances, sponsored by the Utopians, know what a swell time can be expected; so why not come and see for yourself.

On this beautiful month of October we have the great pleasure of celebrating the birthday of a girl who is wellknown to many people. Yes, I mean Valeria Artel, the former secretary of the Outlookers. Happy Birthday Val, and I hope you have many, many, more yet to come.

EXPERIENCES IN FOOT-BALL

Bobby Zaman

At the beginning of the semester there was a call for Junior Football players, Bill Glicker (another Vrtec member) and I decided to go out for the team. The coach after looking us over told me to go out for tackle and Bill to go out for Half-back. Bill and I thought that going out for football merely required to go out on the ment. On the first Friday of field for our first game and play. We received our full uniforms on a Monday; Tuesday a gang of 50 boys were eagerly awaiting the coach so that they could start playing football.

> Then came the coaches first order, "Line up in eight rows about four feet apart." And then came the most grueling exercise we ever had. Bend downs, push ups, duck walking, and many other exercises. We did this for about a half an hour and we thought we were finished. But that was only the beginning. The coach then told us to run two laps around the field which in all is about 3/4 of a mile. After this we were glad to sit down while the coach talked to us. Then we got into groups of three's and he showed us how to block. After we did this for a half an hour, we lined up again. The coach then sent the back field men through us to see if we could tackle. At about six o'clock he said we could go home.

> Our muscles aching, we went home saying "So that's football." But after being successful in our first two games, we are not sorry and are looking forward to another three years of football.

## Sygan Vrtec

SURPRISE!

Sygan Hill, Pa. — Yes, I've a surprise for you youngsters of Vrtec 72, and if you'll promise to co-operate in every way, I'll spill the beans. You are promise? Fine!

If you all will mask and dress in funny costumes, as sure as your house?" the voice inquired. my name is Rudy, you'll have a nice time at our Masquerade Party on Oct. 24 at 7:30 p. m. To top the party, we've planned. a number of games and a lovely lunch. Dancing will also be plentiful. Every member is urged to bring with him a nonmember. We'll do our best to show our guests a good time.

Only those masked will be permitted to attend.

Be seeing you all on Oct. 24 at 7 p. m. in the Sygan Club.

Rudy Kramzer



## Concordians

THAT BROTHER OF MINE!

Sometimes I wonder if "brothers" exist on this earth for any other purpose than being constant tormentors to their sisters. With their clever tricks and countless jokes, they are forever playing pranks on their poor unsuspecting sisters.

Do you have such a brother? Well, I have and if you are one of my number, I deeply sympathize with you.

I shall relate a few of my experiences, so that you brotherless girls will at least partially realize my troubles.

It all started one day when I was getting ready to go swimming with a group of girls, who were waiting for me on the corner. I was hurrying down the street when all of a sudden I observed that everybody was staring and laughing at me. What on earth could be wrong? Then as I reached the girls, one of them looked at my back and laughed until the tears came to her eyes. Well, to my chagrin and embarrassment, a big sign was pinned to my back, which read, "I AM A FOOL."

But that is only one of the incidents.

On another occasion, I was sitting in the living room, when all of a sudden, my brother came into the room with two pieces of apple pie, and offered me one. "Something's fishy," I said to myself. This was very unusual. Well, maybe he was sorry, and was trying to mend his ways. I sunk my teeth into a generous portion, "Ooh!" my tongue burned like fire. Somebody had put red hot pepper in my piece of pie. With great whoops of laughter the scoundrel dashed out of the house, as I tearfully wailed after him, "I'll p-p-pay y-y-you b-back y-y-you-!"

But may I tell you just one other painful experience.

I had just stepped into the house when the sharp ringing of the phone sounded, I said, "Hello." "Hello," said the voice at the other end of the line, "this is the Electric Company." "What can I do for you?" I asked. "Is there a street light in front of "Yes," I replied. "Would you please see if the light in burning?" "Just a minute," I said as

## BEAUTIES OF FALL

There's something about the fall that gets me. A good brisk walk in the cool, crisp air is so refreshing in our Penn'a hills.

I shan't try to describe the beauty of the fall, but I will praise the opportunities to view nature when it is at its most beautiful. Maybe it's because of the chances to hike and hunt that I choose fall as my favorite season.

And, ah! the aroma of pumpkin pie—it hits me smack in the face. Fall godies and games are favorites also.

Rudy Kramzer

## Balkan Juniors

## ANOTHER HAYRIDE PARTY

Milwaukee, Wis. — Hello! all you dear young Gardeners:

Gosh, you'll say, here's that girl again. Yes, in the garden the fall weather had turned the leaves, which are falling fast, and all other vegetation from green to multitudes of pretty colors. The season's greetings before Jack Frost comes and wipes out the last of the lovely flowers, and stops all growth, puts things to sleep till spring.

In the Garden, or Vrtec, to which we belong, we youngsters, boys and girls, we come together once a month at the monthly meeting and we enjoy ourselves. We are of all ages and sizes from babes in Kindergarten to high school kids. Sometimes we don't see someone for a whole month, but we are sure to meet and see each other at the Vrtec meeting again. Then we've got a whole lot to talk and tell each other about different things in our daily life, about friends, shows, trips, school, home and many other things that we are interested in. It is a sort of private meeting, before and after the Vrtec meeting. It makes one sort of long for another meeting date.

At our September Vrtec meeting we decided that for Hallowe'en, October 26, we will have another Hayride Party. We will go to the same farmer that took us for a hayride before. We will have lots of fun there. Pumpkins will be turned into skulls, we will roast marshmallows, ride around in haywagon, have music and many other things. Yes, all you Vrtec members are invited to surely come to that Hallowe'en party. The cost will be only 25c for members. Please notify Administratrix Sophie and try to come and join us on October 26.

With fraternal greetings,

Marie Ermence, Vrtec 33-Continued on page 3 of regular section

I put the receiver down and went to see. I came back in a few seconds and said, "Yes, the light is burning." "Well," said the voice with the familiar snicker, "would you kindly climb up and blow it out?"

Ah me, won't this ever end? Dorothy Grebenc, Vrtec 171

ATTEND YOUR MEETING!

Members of Concordian Jrs., Vrtec 171, please remember that we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month. Our meeting will be on October 24th in Room No. 3, Slovene National Home at 7:30 sharp. After the meeting we'll have a Hallowe'en Party. Refreshments will be served, games will be played, and don't forget to wear a costume!

> Marge Jeric, Admx. Vrtec 171