



JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

CLEVELAND, OHIO, JANUARY 19th, 1938

Progressor Jrs. Enroll Highest Number of Members in Drive

Outlookers Second — Vrtec No. 140 Third

In what proved to be the most surprising campaign spurt in years enabled the Progressor Juniors, Vrtec No. 169, of Bridgeville, Pa., the hometown of our Supreme President, to come from far behind in the final month of the WHEEL OF PROGRESS membership campaign and take over sole possession and, no doubt, the eventual receipt of the GRAND NATIONAL and GROUP "A" prizes, totaling in all, \$125.00.

Entering the final stage of the campaign still lacking 12 members of having a tie with the OUTLOOKERS, Vrtec No. 11, of Cleveland, the Progressor Juniors, headed by brother John Kvartich, our Supreme President, and his daughter Christine, who is the Administratrix of the Vrtec, shot the WHEEL OF PROGRESS in this small progressive community into high gear and rolled through, around and over Bridgeville until every worthy prospect was enrolled. The result was 36 new members for the month of December, giving them a campaign total of 66 against 49 for their nearest competitors. It was a grand finish and one that will long be remembered, particularly, by those who made an honest effort to win the National and Group honors . . . But—

The campaign activity did not center around Bridgeville and Cleveland only, for splendid gains were made elsewhere, especially in Pierce, W. Va., and Indianapolis, Ind. A few months ago, while talking with brother Frank Polantz, Administrator of Vrtec No. 140 of Pierce, I was informed that there was little opportunity for expansion in membership down there for all the Slovene boys and girls in his town and the surrounding vicinity were already members of the Vrtec. When urged to enroll prospective members of other nationalities, he answered, "We are going to do our best to enroll as many of them as possible. Of course, we don't expect to win the campaign honors, but we're at least going to let the other Vrtec campaigners know we're still kicking." And judging by the 27 new members gained in December, the second larg-

With Our Juniors

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"JUNIOR WHEEL OF PROGRESS" MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

GRAND NATIONAL PRIZE—\$100.00
(Standing as of December 31, 1937)

Position—Vrtec No.	Location	Position—Lodge No.	Location
1 169	BRIDGEVILLE, PA.	7 139	CHICAGO, ILL.
2 11	CLEVELAND, OHIO	8 44	AMBRIDGE, PA.
3 140	PIERCE, W. VA.	9 5	CLEVELAND, OHIO
4 9	INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	10 1	FOREST CITY, PA.
5 33	MILWAUKEE, WIS.	11 121	RUSSELLTON, PA.
6 72	SYGAN, PA.	12 10	STRABANE, PA.

GROUP STANDINGS
(Winner in Each Group to Receive \$25.00)

GROUP "A"		GROUP "C"	
1 169	BRIDGEVILLE, PA.	1 167	NORTH BRADDOCK, PA.
2 11	CLEVELAND, OHIO	131	COVERDALE, PA.
3 9	INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	96	PITTSBURGH, PA.
GROUP "B"		GROUP "D"	
1 140	PIERCE, W. VA.	1 173	CHEAT HAVEN, PA.
2 33	MILWAUKEE, WIS.	2 23	STAUNTON, ILL.
3 121	RUSSELLTON, PA.	3 138	HARMARVILLE, PA.

NOTE:—National and Group prizes shall be awarded to their respective winners six (6) months after the close of the campaign. New members, lapsed before the expiration of six (6) months' membership in the Society, shall not be counted in the final tabulations.

More campaign news may be found in the ESL section of the "NapredeK."

est gain of the month, leaves no doubt in anyone's mind that they're very much "alive" down there in Pierce. Incidentally, of the 45 members gained by Vrtec No. 140, nearly two-thirds of them were signed up by that very active young man, brother Louis Royce, the secretary of the Vrtec. Louis has proven beyond question that he has the "go-getter" spirit and is, easily, the outstanding Vrtec campaigner of 1937. Largely on account of his determination and work, Vrtec No. 140 stands to receive the Group "B" prize of \$25.00.

Down in Indianapolis, where, for a number of years, activity has been more or less at a standstill, the Hvalica's, Znidarsich's, Praprotnik's, Pushner's, Skorjanc's, Turk's, Semenick's and a host of others joined hands in bringing about an increase of 26 new members for Vrtec No. 9. But, had they not waited until the last two months of the campaign before beginning activity on an organized scale, it is, altogether, possible and probable that Vrtec No. 9 would be much

closer than fourth place to the coveted honors. Nevertheless, they finished up in wonderful style, one that any Vrtec would be mighty proud to have.

The National and Group "A" prizes will, as you were previously informed, eventually, be awarded to the Progressor Juniors, who enjoy a lead of 17 members over the Outlookers. Group "B" honors, also, are safely "first mortgaged" by Vrtec No. 140 of Pierce, W. Va., having a margin lead over Vrtec No. 33 of Milwaukee, where sister Sophie Stampfel, brother John Maren and others gave a splendid account of themselves, of 16 members . . . But, while there is no question of supremacy in the first two groups, a peculiar situation prevails in Group "C," where there now exists a three-way tie between the North Braddock, Pittsburgh and Coverdale units. It means that their battle for the group award of \$25.00 will continue to July 1, 1938, if the tie still exists, the prize will be equally divided. Group "D" honors were won by

Vrtec No. 173 of Cheat Haven, Pa. This I'm sure will be a big surprise and a very welcome one, too.

I would like to go on and report more of the details of the campaign, giving credit where credit is due, but that would take pages and pages of space and more time than I can afford to devote to it at this writing . . . I realize only too well how difficult it must have been for most of you to increase your memberships, considering working conditions, number of prospects and competition from various outside sources . . . All of you, who took an active interest in the membership campaign, must have worked hard; some, of course, harder than others—and, if you failed to win high honors and prizes, as most of you did, you at least can say, "We did our best"—and that's as much as any one can do.

In conclusion, I congratulate the campaign leaders on their success and hope that the money they will receive as prizes will be put to some useful purpose which will benefit their Vrtec and the SSPZ. — THANKS ever so much for your loyal co-operation.

Letters From Our Vrtec Members

VRTEC NO. 9
Indianapolis, Ind. — Flash! Slam! Bang! Ouch! Vrtec No. 9 certainly started the year off right. The first meeting was held on Sunday, Jan. 2. The most important order of business was the election of officers. Our illustrious president was re-elected, as was John Prapotnik for secretary. Others elected were Dolores Ivancic, vice-president and publicity director, Louis Znidersich, Jr., treasurer, Frank Zakrajsek, recording secretary; Martin Dragon and Bruno Canalas, reporters. Most of our ball players were absentminded, but we had a fairly large attendance.

Mr. Znidersich gave an inspiring talk on our showing in the "Wheel of Progress Membership Campaign." He also welcomed Hoosier Pals Vrtec to our own Vrtec. This boosted our membership to over one hundred.

The "Bang" really came when the new members were announced. Among our new members is Algert Armen, age 14; height 6 ft., weight 175. Is weight still increasing? Yes!!!

An interesting program is being planned by the entertainment committee, so all you members new and old attend our next meeting, Sunday, February 6. Plans for our next play, and an organization of our athletic activities will take place.

Odd: Frank Mivec was not saying sweet nothings to his vice-president at the last meeting. Has she gone for someone else?

The Slovene National Home is still in one piece.

Johnny Prapotnik staggering down Holmes avenue hanging to someone beside him at 2:30 a. m. January 1st.

Tony Bajt not trying to make every girl he meets, and still odder if he doesn't make her.

Martin Dragan not turning every conversation to basketball and his Washington High School reserve aggregation.

Frank Mivec getting a new member. Sammy Stanich and Anthony Boyt at a meeting.

Dorothy Turk making a basket when she plays basketball at the school hall.

Frank "Crackerjack" Zakrajsek having the right minutes of the previous meeting.

Louis Znidersich giving money from treasury without asking a hundred questions. (Keep it up Louis.)

Bruno Canalas going out with a girl.

Frank Cerne reading anything but first and last chapters of any book.

Adolph Flajs not buying a quarter's worth of candy every day at lunch.

Rudolph Milharcic on a dance floor.

Charles "Rusty" Homlavc

making a 50 yd. dash in six seconds flat. (Use Stikums grease not glue "Rusty.")

Dorothy Semenick without her mother. (Let's see you at the meeting "Dot.")

Clara Maumsek not on the high honor roll.

Anyone from Vrtec 9, putting something in the "Napredok." Let's see your name in print.

Flash, Slam, Bang & Ouch

Milwaukee, Wis. — Time marches on! Here we are in the beginning of a new year, ready to start our work of scribbling on a new leaf, begin with new experiences, new ideas, renewed zest and vigor, to attain our goal and fulfillment of our plans for the year of 1938. We hope that this year, we will have as much if not more luck in increasing the membership of our Vrtec No. 33 and also our social activities than the last one. The bigger our Vrtec grows the more fun we have, more thrilling new ideas spring up amongst the members, always thinking and planning something that would attract other youngsters, and bring them into our circle and increase our Vrtec prestige. We want our Vrtec to be the best active junior Slovene lodge in this town. With united efforts we can do it.

The following officers of Vrtec No. 33 were elected for 1938: Herman Jerkich, president; Virginia Reigel, vice-president; Norma Stampfel, secretary; Edward Ermenc, treasurer; Marie Ermenc, recording secretary.

Three of our Vrtec members, J. Jerkich, Ed Ermenc, John Marn, had their birthdays last month. Our members honored them with a few songs, birthday cake and refreshments.

The officers of Vrtec No. 33 were given a little surprise by being invited to the senior lodge meeting to learn their ways of conducting a lodge meeting. It was very interesting and educational for us junior members. We were introduced to the senior lodge members by our administratrix sis. Sophie Stampfel.

The senior lodge No. 24 is making preparations for a 30-year jubilee. The lodge was started in 1908 as an independent lodge but a year later joined our SSPZ. So they intend to celebrate that historical birthday event, and from what we heard they will let us juniors participate in a play given at that time.

As a coming attraction for us, one of the senior members has promised to teach us girls and boys how to design and build miniature aeroplanes with motors and pilots in them. He says he will also take us on a tour this summer to different airports.

Speaking of aeroplanes and high flying makes me think of an interesting story I saw in the newspaper recently. An Indian

papoose was kidnapped by a giant bald-headed eagle while lying on a seashore Indian encampment. A white man came on the scene with his rifle. While the eagle circled and flew higher and higher flying over the water towards an island. The white man ordered the Indians to follow the eagle and taking care not to hurt the papoose. The eagle dropped the baby into the sea, whereupon the Indians saved the baby, who is still alive. The eagle, which was shot was stuffed and put into a museum.

I wish to correct my statement I made in my previous article about our Christmas celebration. I said we went in debt. But it really should read that we made a few dollars.

Well I think I had better come to a close. I wish all Vrtec members a lot of luck and success, hoping to see your interesting articles every month in the Vrtec section, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Marie Ermenc, recording secretary Vrtec No. 33.

VRTEC NO. 140

Pierce, W. Va. — The year of 1938 is with us—new ideas, new hopes and we will look toward 1938 to be another successful year. Let's get together and make a year that we can boast about. A good beginning usually makes a happy ending.

At our last meeting we elected the following officers: Jennie Klevisher, president; John Pinosky, vice-president; Herman Michelitch, secretary; Helen Bulick, recording secretary and Mary Klevisher, treasurer. Our new administratrix is sister Lovie Panther. I think she will enjoy being with us. We thank brother Frank Polantz, our administrator for the last two years, for helping us so much. I know he enjoyed being with us and so we express our heartiest gratitude to him.

If the members and officers cooperate I know we will have another fine year.

The name we have selected for our Vrtec is "Mountaineers." The flower we have chosen is the "red rose" and our colors are blue and white. Our slogan is "united we stand".

Now about the meetings. The meetings will be held at brother Klevicher's home every first Sunday of the month at three o'clock. I know of no better way of knowing the affairs of our Vrtec than attending the meetings. I want to see a 100 per cent attendance at the next meeting.

Mary Klevisher, Treas.

OUR SKIING PARTY

Cleveland, O. — I know that many of you have made a number of resolutions which you are intending to keep faithfully for the year of 1938.

But according to the number of members that attended our last meeting it seemed that you forgot to make the most im-

portant resolution, and that is coming to our regular meetings which are held every second Friday of the month. I am certain that when you find out the exciting events that are awaiting you by attending the meetings, will be one resolution on your list that won't be difficult to keep.

The election of officers was held at the December meeting. The following officers were elected: John Obar, president; Frank Ljubic, vice-president; Daniella Homovec, secretary; Helen Poklicky, recording secretary. Since our dear Uncle Charlie will no longer be able to take care of our Vrtec, Stan Zorc an active senior Spartan was chosen as our new administrator.

At the January Board meeting of the new officers a most exciting and entertaining program has been planned for the coming months. Refreshments will be served after every meeting. A Taffy Pull in which I know all would like to take part, has been scheduled for the March meeting.

Here it is at last the event that will stand out among all others that we ever had. No, it isn't a dance; it's a SSPZ Skating Party sponsored by the Spartan Jrs. held at Skateland on Thursday, February 3rd, admission will be 35 cents. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary or Administrator. No tickets will be sold at the door. Don't let the reason that you don't know how to skate stop you. Come down and have the merriest time of your life.

Since Valentine's Day is coming around the corner the Spartan Jrs. have planned a Valentine Party which will be held on Friday February 11. A short meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the party will follow. As a special attraction for the evening a one act comedy play entitled "It Pays To Be A Poggie" will be present under the direction of Ken Williams. The characters are as follows: Mr. Henry Poggie — Frank Ljubi; Mrs. Henry Poggie — Helen Marie Poklicky; Emma — Daniella Homovec; Dan — John Obat.

All parents, relatives and friends are cordially invited. Admission will be free. There will also be refreshments, music and community singing.

Daniella Homovec,
Secretary of Vrtec No. 5.

VRTEC NO. 5

Cleveland, O. — "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride."

I have a slight suspicion that that ancient adage was written to discourage day dreamers; but who knows, perhaps I'll be astounded when I view the large attendance, which I hope will be present at our February 11 combined meeting and Valentine Party. As a further inducement for you being present there will be community singing which
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will be most ably directed by our one and only Ken Williams.

A one act play, "It pays to be a Poogle", will strive to keep your attention for a few minutes. This will be the first presentation by the Jr. Spartans Dramatic Group and you are cordially invited to attend their premiere.

A Valentine box with Dan Cupid Komin passing out the valentines will also be the source of some hilarity for I've yet to see a valentine box that does not contain comic valentines that quite frequently hit the nail on the head. We also hope to have some music to please you dancing bound lads and lassies, refreshments will be served and now for the best news of all. It's free!! No strings attached, unless you consider attending the meeting which preceeds the party a string. Meeting begins at 7:00 sharp in Room 2.

All Spartans, Seniors and Juniors, Outlookers, Utopians and non-members are cordially invited to be present.

In preparation for the Valentine box a gathering for the express purpose of making comic valentines will meet Wed. February 9 at 7:30 in the hall of the adjoining old building of the Slov. Nat'l Home. A nominal fee of 2 cents will be collected to purchase the necessary materials. Here's hoping for a grand turnout.

Hear ye! Hear ye! This is your town crier announcing the SSPZ Skating Party sponsored by the Spartan Jrs.

Place: Skateland, E. 92 and Euclid.

Date: February 3, 1938.

Time: 8:00 to 10:30 p. m.

Skates furnished. Tickets may be secured from Chas. Koman, Stanley Sorc, Daniella Homovec or any Spartan member.

Here's the chance many of you have been waiting for to have the gang go somewhere and have an evening of fun. It's no use saying I can't skate because that won't be accepted as an excuse. Just picture some of the Spartan Seniors on skates and that ought to give you courage enough to try it.

Please don't disappoint the Spartan Jrs. for this is the first time we have tried to put anything quite so big across, so you will help won't you.

Helen Marie Poklicky,
Recording secretary.

P.S. Outlookers and Collinwoodites may secure tickets from Anne Gacnik.

POWER POINT VRTEC NO. 126

Power Point, O. — The first thing I want to say is that we are thanking everybody from Palestine, Girard and Johnnie from Georgia for attending our party December 25, 1937. We hope you all had a good time

and from the looks of things you did. The music was just what we wanted, it was very good. Both the old and the young went around just as fast as they could go. There were refreshments of all kinds, and best of all, Santa sure did come with a pack so big he could hardly carry it. He brought every good boy and girl a big sack of candy and a nice gift. Mrs. Santa didn't want Santa to come because the weather was awful but Santa said, "Most of the girls and boys were good so I'm going to visit them." So Santa really brought a big and heavy load.

We also want to thank lodge No. 181 for helping us so much. If you missed this party you missed a lot. You don't want to miss our dance and parties in the future because they are parties!

Clara Chuck, Sec'y.
January 1, 1938.

VRTEC NO. 11

Cleveland-Collinwood, Ohio — To those of you who were not present at last month's meeting, I just want to say that you certainly missed a grand time.

This meeting was the last one conducted by our last year's officers. We held our elections with both Frankie and Anne Gacnik resigning from their positions. Anne, as you probably know, is now going to join the Utopians, where I am sure she will be as great a success as she was here — and greater, if that be possible. Our new officers are Eddie Slejko, pres., Josephine Kovic, vice-president and myself, sec'y. I know that all of us are going to try to equal the standards set up by previous officers. Mr. Zaman has been reelected our administrator.

But enough about our meeting. After adjourning, we had refreshments — ice cream, pop and cookies. The Vadnal bros. — Frankie and Johnnie — with our ex-president and Rudy Bratina furnished music for dancing for the remainder of the evening. That ended our evening of fun, and so it will also end my article — except for my congratulations to our previous officers and best wishes to Anne for her future success.

Valeria Artel,
Vrtec 11.

VRTEC NO. 1

Vandling, Pa. — Vrtec No. 1 held a Christmas program on December 19 which proved to be a great success. Our stage was decorated in green and red background with a fireplace, and the Xmas tree all very nicely trimmed. Around the tree were the goodies and gifts.

Each member received a package of goodies and a gift. A gift

was donated to the Vrtec and was given to Dotsy Hynes.

At our January meeting not many members were in attendance. However, we decided to have a Valentine Party at our next meeting, February 13. Valentines will be exchanged and refreshments will be served. A surprise package will be received by one of the members.

Do not neglect the meetings, and pay the dues regularly. Also bring in new members. Officers for 1938 are: President, William Pevc, reelected; vice-president, Fannie Gerstel, reelected; secretary-treasurer, Angy Pevc, reelected; recording secretary, Angeline Plahuta, newly elected. Our meetings are held every second Sunday of the month at 2:00 o'clock at the Naprej Hall, Forest City.

In behalf of the Vrtec, I want to thank the secretary and president of the senior lodge for their speeches at our program. Also the members who took part in the program for it was well done, and a fine crowd was had. Kindly thanking all those that had sold tickets and helped in any other way for better success.

Wm. Pevc, Vrtec No. 1

"KINGSTERS" BIG DAY

White Valley, Pa.—On Sunday, Jan. 16, the Kingsters (Vrtec 103) held their first meeting of the year 1938, which was very well attended.

The newly elected officers for the year are as follows: Helen Previc, President; Julia Kosmach, Secretary; Helen Sabec, Vice President; Mary Lavrich, Treasurer; Theresa Kostelic, Rec. Sec.; our Administrator iz Mr. Kostelic.

More new members were accepted, and they are: Stanley Gerlosky, Frank DeBiase, and Edward Dezelan.

In 1937 we didn't get many new members, so come on, members, and see if we can't do better in 1938.

The first meeting of the year being over and everyone set for the evehing, along comes 6:30 and time to start the program. The program was announced by our Secretary, Julia Kosmach, who did very fine work.

The program came in the following order:

1. Welcoming speech, by Helen Previc.
2. (Song) "Hej Slovenci", by the Vrtec, followed by the audience.
3. Harmonica solo, by Frank DeBiase.
4. (Song) "Ko sem jaz še mlada bila" by Helen and Teanie Previc and Dorothy Korche.
5. "Give My Love to Nellie" by Mary Lavrich and Pauline Koyašek.
6. (Song) "Zvedel sem nekaj novega" by Teanie, Helen and Dot.
7. The play ANGELINE BAKES A CAKE.
Characters:
Angeline Stockly, daughter,
Thresa Kostelic

To Spartan Jrs.

Cleveland, O. — The SSPZ is a very progressive society. It is the duty of every Spartan Jr. to see to it that his Vrtec progresses with the rest of the organization, and even try to make his Vrtec a leader for the rest of the junior lodges to follow. It is also the duty of every parent of members of the Vrtec to see to it that their children attend the regular meetings each month. In this way they will be helping their children to attain a social attitude toward, not only this lodge, but toward every organization to which they belong or in which they will have to be in later years.

The Spartan Jrs. could and should become one of the most active groups of youngsters in the organization. You have as your officers, four ambitious, active, and intelligent young people who will lead the Juniors to the top if they have the support of each and everyone of you. You can give them your support by attending each meeting faithfully. Besides enjoying refreshments after each meeting, you will become acquainted with new boys and girls and consequently make new friends.

With the new year hardly begun, the Spartan Jrs. are already becoming active. A roller skating party and a Valentine's Day Party have been planned. Also plans for other activities for the next six months have been made. Whether or not these plans will become successful realities depends on you, the Vrtec members. So come to the next meeting and meet the other Spartan Jrs. Bring your friends and try to get them to join our Vrtec. We'll all have a good time and the Spartan Jrs. will progress.

Administrator

Mrs. Stockly, mother, Helen Previc

Mrs. Graham, grandmother, Hilda Homce

The twins: Slim, Edwin Sabec; Jim, Jerry Haveranek

Ben Harrum, the uncle, Helen Mladenick

Richard Harrum, the uncle's son, Frank DeBiase

The Tramp, Helen Sabec

8. (Song) "Narodne pesmi" by Teanie, Dot and Helen.

9. Noise-makers Orchestra.
Leader, Frank DeBiase

1. Joe and Jerry Haveranek

2. Edwin Sabec

3. Stanley Gerlosky

4. Hilda Homce and Domo-nick LaCaria

10. Dialogue, Suds and Duds Characters:
Mandy, the old wash woman,

Tillie Mladenick

Sam, the lazy coon, Mary Mladenick

11. (Song) "Be Nobody's Darling" by Hilda Homce

12. (Song) "Sladke spomine" by Teanie, Dot and Helen

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13. Closing of program, Helen Previc.

We also appreciaed Mr. Kvar-tich's talk, and also Christine Kvar-tich who were from Bridge-ville. A fellow from Ambridge, Clem Kosila, also had a few words to say. A representative from Claridge was Mr. Louis Sarla. We thank these people very much. We were sorry that we couldn't get any representa-tives from other towns.

We were very glad to see that same bunch of fellows from Bridgeville attend an-other one of our dances. (Er-nie, Lefty, Eddie, Enoch and Joe) and to our surprise, we saw Mrs. Kvar-tich and daugh-ters with them.

Ambridge!!! They certainly brought a happy bunch of boys; we were glad to see them even though we do not know their names, I'll say "thanks boys for coming around and I hope to see you again."

We mustn't forget the cars that came from Braddock. Mr. Karish, and one of the Hudal boys, and many more that came with them we also invite to come again.

We were never more sur-prised in our life than we were when we saw a group arrive from Center. They didn't for-get us but we will say that a few members from Strabane did forget. We were really disap-pointed in them. Maybe the next time, what do you say Strabane?

From one of our local lodges, Claridge, there were quite a few members.

All that I can now say is that I hope that everybody en-joyed themselves, which I be-lieve they did. They must have enjoyed those "kranjske klo-base" because they were all gone in about 2 hours. Well that's why we had them, to eat and not look at.

About 11:00 p. m. we had a drawing for a few prizes and our home town boys got them.

If you didn't attend our af-fair this time, I'll bet you are sorry, you don't know what a good time we all had. Why not promise yourself to attend the next dance we have and see for yourself the time we all had. We promised a good time to all and they got it, besides some of our girls, which we didn't promise.

I am running short of words so I think I'll close this letter and once again I thank every one for making our celebration a success.

To John — This goes in our little gift book, do you remem-ber.

As Pellegrini would say "Au Revoir".

Helen Previc, Pres.
Export, Pa., Box 458.
'ANGELINE BAKES A CAKE'
The scene is a sitting room.

Angeline bakes a cake for the first time and is admiring it. Uncle Ben makes fun of the cake. Angeline and her uncle go out in the yard to clean up so that everything is in order when Richard (who is in col-lege) arrives. Mother goes up-stairs to look for some linament for a neighbor and Grand-mother goes to pack a lunch also for the neighbors, while every one is out a Tramp en-ters and washes his hands, ma-nicures his nails and takes a sip from the bottle he carrys. He then finds the cake and takes it with him.

Angeline enters with flowers for the cake and to her sur-prise finds it gone. She thinks that her mother had put it away and she starts to scold her mother, but mother didn't even see the cake. Uncle Ben blames the twins for stealing it and Angeline blames her grand-mother. The twins and grand-mother enter and grandmother tells them all of the sad sights she had seen at the neighbors.

Richard rushes in and tells them of a mad man chasing him up the road. The tramp peeps in the door, dropping his bags. Richard with the help of the twins run and grab the tramp. Angeline sees her cake and starts to cry. Uncle Ben takes the cake away from the tramp. Richard chases the tramp out of the house and

out of the yard.
After Mother welcomes Rich-ard home she and grandmother go to prepare supper. Uncle Ben and the boys go out in the yard to finish their work leaving Richard and Angeline alone. Richard tries to cheer her and she thanks him for chasing the tramp away, she then goes and cuts him the biggest piece of cake and he eats it with a down cast look.
Curtain.
Helen Previc, Pres. Vrtec 103.

Junior Emblem
Winners

The following are the names of Vrtec members who contri-buted articles to at least TWO of the three issues of the Vrtec Section in 1937 and are, there-fore, entitled to receive the new Junior Star emblem.
William Pevc, Vrtec No. 1; Forest City, Pa.
Frank Vadnal, Vrtec No. 11; Cleveland, O.
Agnes Tekstar, Vrtec No. 44; Ambridge, Pa.
Julia Kosmach, Vrtec No. 103; White Valley, Pa.
Helen Previc, Vrtec No. 103; White Valley, Pa.
Tillie Mladenick, Vrtec No. 103; White Valley, Pa.
Mary Klevisher, Vrtec No. 140; Pierce, W. Va.
(Note:—The emblems will be mailed at an early future date.)

Frank Mivec Comes
Through

Do you recall my telling you last October what a time I had trying to get Frank Mivec, who won the highest Vrtec Literary Achievement award in his age group in 1937, to send in his au-tobiography and picture so that they would appear in the Vrtec Section together with those sent in by other winners? . . . Well, Frank, finally, came through with both his autobiography and picture, but we're sorry to state that his picture can't be used for reproduction since its quality will not permit a clear impres-sion . . . And this is what Frank wrote:
Indianapolis, Ind.
December 16, 1937

Dear brother Vrhovnik:—
At last I am able to fill your request that I send you my auto-biography and picture. I'm sorry I didn't send them in sooner, but when you wrote me the first time I didn't have a single pic-ture of myself; and when you wrote the second time I still wasn't able to fill your order, and now that I have, look what I've had done to myself—I'm afraid you'll never be able to use the picture. Perhaps, some oter time, I'll send you a better one.

I was born on September 25, 1920 in Dolenjovas, Jugoslavia. I lived there until I was nine years old and attended school the last three years.

In 1929, my mother and I sail-ed for America and came to In-dianapolis to live with my fath-er. I entered school a short time later and soon adjusted myself to the new surroundings. I am now a junior in Arsenal Techni-cal High School and am taking a vocational course as I intend to be only a common machinist.

Acting in Slovene plays and playing football are my chief hobbies, although I do spend a great deal of time reading and writing.

In 1934, I was elected Presi-dent of Vrtec No. 9 and have had the pleasure of holding the office ever since. I've enjoyed every minute of my work in con-nection with the Vrtec and cer-tainly hope to continue it after I graduate to the Senior ranks.

Traveling has been one of my ambitions ever since I can re-member, but outside of crossing the ocean where I saw nothing but water on all sides, and catching a glimpse of the towns and cities as we sped through them on our way to Indianapo-lis from the east, and two visits to Cleveland and one to Chicago (in recent years), I haven't been anywhere . . . But, I hope to see more and when I do, there will be another chapter added to my autobiography.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Mivec

S. S. P. Z. JUNIOR LITERARY
CONTEST — 1938
RULES
1. The S. S. P. Z. JUNIOR LITERARY CONTEST of 1938 shall continue through ten (10) consecutive months, beginning with February's and ending with November's is-sue of the Vrtec Section.
2. Any Vrtec member in goodstanding is eligible to en-ter this contest.
3. Contestants may contribute as many ORIGINAL short stories, news articles, essays, poems, letters, etc., as they wish. Each contribution must be signed by the con-testant with his right name, stating, also, the present age and the Vrtec number.
4. Five ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) cash prizes shall be awarded monthly. Each month the Director of the Juvenile Department shall announce the kind of contributions and the conditions for/under which prizes shall be awarded the following month.
5. Beautiful achievement trophies or plaques shall be awarded at the end of the contest for the year's outstand-ing poem, short story, essay, news article or any other type of literary production designated by the Director. There shall be in addition to the above mentioned prizes, one, em-blematic of the highest literary achievement of the year, which shall be awarded to the contestant showing, through his contributions, the greatest amount of knowledge and ability in writing.
6. Contestants shall be required to contribute to not less than four different issues of the Vrtec Section during the period of contest in order to be eligible for final achieve-ment awards. All contributions shall be judged for origi-nality, choice and treatment of subject, and composition.
7. Mail all contributions direct to Vatro Grill, Editor of Napredek, 6231 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, O.
PRIZES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
Best Poem (all ages)\$1.00
Best News Article (14 years and older)\$1.00
Best News Article (under 14 years)\$1.00
Best Short Story (all ages)\$1.00
Best Article on "Hobbies I Enjoy" (all ages)\$1.00
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