



## JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

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# WITH OUR JUNIORS

By Michael Vrhovnik, Director of Vrtec and English Speaking Lodges

INDIANAPOLIS AND AMBRIDGE FIRST to enter Vrtec teams in national meet.

How time does fly! This time a year ago, we were up to our necks in work preparing to welcome Vrtec contestants to our 4th National Athletic Meet in Chicago. From the reports we had received, it appeared certain that we would be hosts to the softball team from Indianapolis and, possibly, one from Cleveland.

In our correspondence with "Uncle" Charlie, Administrator and spokesman for the Cleveland Vrtec groups, we were informed that every effort would be made to have a team or a few individual contestants, at least, represent one of their Vrtec groups. And from Indianapolis came other encouraging letters notifying us that a team would certainly be on hand to wage battle for the first S. S. P. Z. Vrtec Softball Championship.

In all appearances, it looked like the initial Vrtec National Softball Meet would be staged in Chicago in 1936... But it wasn't... First a letter came from brother Charlie admitting it just couldn't be done for some very good reasons he gave, and then, at the very last minute, our Indianapolis Vrtec decided they couldn't see their way clear, financially, and so this event had to be scratched... However, three ambitious boys, namely, Tony Kucic and Andy Shuble of Vrtec No. 101 of Burgettstown, Pa., and William Ozanich of Vrtec No. 169 of Bridgeville, Pa., participated actively in the track and field events for Vrtec members... But this year...

We have a different picture before us... With entries and fees already in from Indianapolis, Ind., and Ambridge, Pa., Cleveland's two Vrtec teams certainities, Bridgeville's on the way in and one or two others undecided as yet, we are more than positive that all our preparation and publicity will not be for naught, but will be climaxed with the most success-

ful Junior Softball Meet ever staged by a fraternal organization.

Since we will not have another opportunity to write about the Meet for the Vrtec Section before the big days are here, I wish to add in conclusion that we sincerely hope that every Vrtec contestant will come to Cleveland with one main purpose in mind, to give their best ON AND OFF THE FIELD OF SPORT in their effort to win the highest honors in the TRUE LIGHT OF FRATERNAL SPORTSMANSHIP... Let FAIR PLAY rule and may the best team come out on top! Good luck to you all

### FRAN MIVEC AND MARIE ERMENCE CONTEST WINNERS

Well, lads and lassies and all you grown-ups, here we are

once more bearing tidings of much joy and happiness for the winners in our JUNIOR LITERARY CONTEST for the month of July. We are proud to acknowledge that never before has our Vrtec Section contained so many outstanding contributions... Beginning with Frankie Mivec's "My Energetic Sister", about which everybody is still talking, and including each and everyone of the other individual entries, they were all very good; but due to the fact that space in today's issue is at a premium, we do not intend to discuss each winning contribution at length as has been the custom, sometimes, in the past. However, before submitting the list of winners, we extend our thanks and congratulations to all Vrtec members who helped to make July's Vrtec Section a most successful

one. Here are the names of the prize winners:

#### GROUP "A"

(Age 13 and over)

- 1st prize Frank Mivec, Vrtec No. 9; Indianapolis, Ind.  
2nd prize Tillie Mladenick, Vrtec No. 103; Export, Pa.  
3rd prize Valeria Artel, Vrtec No. 11; Cleveland, Ohio.  
Consolation Anne Gacnik, Vrtec No. 11; Cleveland, O.

#### GROUP "B"

(Ages under 13)

- 1st prize Marie Ermence, Vrtec No. 33; Milwaukee, Wis.  
2nd prize William Pevc, Vrtec No. 1; Forest City, Pa.

Today's issue of the Vrtec Section marks the close of our first JUNIOR LITERARY CONTEST. The judges will busy themselves at once and select the winners for the final month as well as the GRAND PRIZE winners for all six months. The final awards, as you have been informed a number of times, will be three trophies for each group and will be awarded to their respective winners at the conclusion of the National Athletic Meet... ALL GRAND PRIZE WINNERS will be notified by mail as soon as their choice is ascertained and will be requested to send one of their best pictures (a good snapshot will do) to the Director of the Juvenile Department... Those of the winners who cannot be present to receive their trophy during the presentation of awards at the National Athletic Meet banquet on the evening of September 6, will get it by mail a few days later... In the meantime, we're going to hold our breath and wonder, the same as you are, which boys and girls will be crowned the SSPZ JUNIOR LITERARY CHAMPIONS of 1937.

NOW THAT THE CONTEST IS OVER...

DON'T LEAVE US... We want all you boys and girls, who have worked so hard and faithfully to help fill the Vrtec Section these past six months, to be back with us next month.

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### JUNIOR WHEEL OF PROGRESS (Stadings as of August 1, 1937) TWELVE LEADERS

Group	Vrtec No.	Location	New Members
A	11	Cleveland, Ohio	15
A	72	Sygan, Pa.	15
B	140	Pierce, W. Va.	12
B	33	Milwaukee, Wis.	12
A	139	Chicago, Ill.	10
A	10	Strabane, Pa.	9
A	1	Forest City, Pa.	8
A	169	Bridgeville, Pa.	8
C	131	Coverdale, Pa.	8
A	5	Cleveland, Ohio	7
A	44	Ambridge, Pa.	6

There, in those few condensed figures above, you have the WHEEL OF PROGRESS campaign story for the month of July... Two are tied for 1st honors, two for 2nd and the others are bunched together so closely, that none can be sure who will lead for the GRAND PRIZE of \$100.00 and each GROUP PRIZE of \$25.00 in September, let alone on December 31 when the final totals will be had... The Vrtec gaining the highest number of new members by the end of this year, will receive \$125.00... What is your Vrtec doing to win this grand award... Where does it stand?... If it is not among the BIG TWELVE, take steps, immediately, to see that it will be there in September or the following month for sure... Remember, that the proposing member of each new member is entitled to an additional award of fifty cents and it costs the applicant nothing for the medical examination... ON WITH THE "WHEEL OF PROGRESS" CAMPAIGN!... LET'S MAKE THIS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN THE SOCIETY'S HISTORY.



# Letters From Our Vrtec Members

VRTEC NO. 33

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Junior Literary Contest judges for the prize I had received for my article in the "Napredok". The amount was received with great appreciation.

My belated report if it comes into print on our Vrtec 33 activities: Vrtec No. 33 had on July 28, 1937 an ice cream social. The members were like busy bees jumping here and there serving ice cream, cake and cookies. Japanese lanterns were hung on a clothes line in Stampfel's lawn. Tables were placed on the grass. It was very pretty. The cakes and cookies were donated by the Mothers of us Vrtec members and helped a great deal.

Three of our Vrtec members furnished music for the occasion. We are served refreshments after the meetings. But it takes money to buy such things, so we decided the above mentioned way was the best to fill our empty treasury. Thanks to our parents and all other friends who helped so generously to make it a success. We are also glad to report that our membership is growing also. Three more new members were initiated into our Vrtec at our August meeting. They are brothers Roland, Donald and Johnnie Zainer. Roland is a little wizard with his accordion. There was a suggestion made at this August meeting that when we get three more members we make another celebration because our membership then will be 33 and the Vrtec number is also 33.

Let's try hard brothers and sisters and get the three new members before the next meeting and we will have a celebration. What say the rest of you 33-ers. I would like to make a suggestion to our Vrtec Director br. Vrhovnik that he use his influence with the Supreme board and get an issue of the Juvenile Vrtec Section for every Vrtec member. I think that it would help to spread our propaganda for new members.

My report is spreading too so I think I will close for today.

Marie Ermenc (age 12),  
Recording sec'y Vrtec 33  
Milwaukee, Wis.

## A LETTER AND A POEM

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank you for my first prize in May, the dollar and a half which I was very happy to receive. I am also thankful to be a candidate for the three final awards in September. I am going to use the money I received for postal expenses to write in the Vrtec Section from now on.

We usually use our money

from the Treasury to entertain the members of the Vrtec, but at the June meeting Mr. and Mrs. Hvalica entertained us with ice cold Soda, which we are very thankful for.

I appeal to our membership to go out and try to get more new members. The balance of our Treasury is \$44.75 so don't be scared to ask new members to come in and join with us because we are doing fine. Let me assure you if we are going to pull together the spinning wheel will turn to good results.

I close my letter with a good wish to all membership of SSPZ and give you a few verses.

Vacation is now for three months,  
I hope that everyone enjoys.  
Let's watch ourselves from danger spots,  
I mean to all our members, girls and boys.

Vrtec No. 9 is active  
We organize our towns;  
I hope that be prospective,  
So that we all win.

We will see you in the month of September,  
In the beautiful city of Cleveland;  
That we will have something to remember,  
All our membership be proud.

In conclusion I may say,  
How strong and happy we will be,  
Rolling up our sleeves today,  
Getting plenty new members for S.S.P.Z.

Louis Znidersich (age 14)  
Treasurer of Vrtec No. 9  
Indianapolis, Ind.

## VRTEC NO. 11

Dear Editor:

This is my first letter to the Vrtec and I am going to tell you a little about the activity of our Vrtec No. 11. Our last meeting was very well attended. But it makes me happy to see so many members at our meetings, and especially with so many newcomers.

Our meetings are so joyful we even have a few minutes to spare in laughing. Now I'm going to tell you about our outing on August 8. We had a big truck to take us to Mr. Boha's farm. When we got there we went swimming about all morning then we had ice cream and candy, we ate our lunches too. The we played baseball in the hay field. Some were looking at the cows and walking in the cow pastures. On our way home Johnnie Kushar, Anne Gacnik, and myself were singing in one part of the truck. Others were cracking jokes and braiding each other's hair. We got home about 6:45 o'clock. I also hope that our Vrtec lodge No. 11

wins the first prize in the athletic meet September 4-5-6.

Be sure you are all at the next meeting September 3. We are going to have another initiation and also visitors from our Supreme board. One visitor that I hope will be there is Michael Vrhovnik. I hope this letter will not find itself in the editor's wastebasket.

Eleanor Ster, Vrtec 11  
Cleveland, Ohio

## A MEETING

I'm trying to think with all my might.

Trying to think what I should write.

Now let me see—

I.

In our Vrtec are forty-two,  
Little ones, big ones, and middle sized too.

"Let's start with the meeting,"  
the president hollers,  
"Sister Secretary take in their dollars.

II.

The roll call is taken and all are here

Everyone gives the Trailblazer Jrs. a cheer.

The minutes are read and everyone is quiet,

But pretty soon they will all start a riot

III.

Everyone is waiting for the President to say,

"Meeting adjourned, its time to play."

And so they go their different ways.

To meet again on our meeting days.

Katherine Zadnich  
Secretary Trailblazer Jrs.  
No 139, Chicago, Ill.

## BALL PARK

We love to travel that dusty road

That leads to the baseball Park  
Where children gather in fun and play

From noon till nearly dark.

We love to watch a baseball game

A sport of great delight  
The players show their mighty skill

Until that very night.

The pitcher throws his fancy twirl

The catcher eyes the ball  
But the batter swings his mighty stroke

And the ball is over the wall.

The fielder eyes the baseball game

And walks around his post  
But when he catches a long lost ball

Then he begins to boast.

When the sun begins to shed its colors

And the sky is covered by dark

Then the crowd begins to travel that road

That leads to the baseball park.

John Praprotnik, Sec'y  
Vrtec 9, Indianapolis

## VACATIONING IN PENN'A.

Cleveland-Collinwood, O.

This year I spent my vacation in Ambridge, Penna.

One thing I enjoyed the most was sliding down the hillside on cardboards. The steeper the hill, the better I liked it. Talk about fun! Gosh, if you happen to tumble off the cardboard and bump down the hill on your head, what about it. The more bumps, the more fun.

At night we have the most wonderful view of Ambridge from our back porch. I don't think that the people who live up high appreciate the scene enough.

The lights from the cars twinkle along the bridge, there is a patch of blue from a factory, the blast furnaces throw a variety of colors up into the sky, the coke ovens are a row of twinkling red and orange lights. One hill is covered with tiny lights in contrast with the other dark hills. It would be a beautiful picture to take.

The people treat visitors very nicely.

What got me was the continuous climb uphill after a delightful afternoon in town.

How did you spend your vacation? Please write to the Vrtec page and tell us about it. I'm sure we'd all like to know about it.

Everybody, don't forget the N. A. M. in Cleveland on the week-end of September 4-5-6.

Don't forget the Hobby Exhibit too.

Anne Gacnik,  
Secretary, Outlookers

## VRTEC NO. 1

Vandling, Pa.—Vrtec No. 1 held its monthly meeting on Sunday, Aug. 8, at Naprej Hall. The meeting was well attended. At the meeting we decided to have a Vrtec Party and a picnic at Mr. Jos. Konchar's Grove, on Sunday, Aug. 15.

What about the Wheel of Progress Campaign? We are not helping the work along as we should. We are far behind. Get busy now. We have just a few weeks then we must go back and take our school books. Then we will not have much spare time for anything else. Members, let us prepare now. Preparedness begins at home. The preparedness, which in his personal life is thrust upon every person, is to provide protection to those he loves. The Lodge or insurance protection brings a larger measure of preparedness than any other investment. So then a willing Vrtec member should often try to get more members to our Vrtec and to enlarge our organization, S.S.P.Z. Organization is of the utmost importance in most successful undertakings. Demand for human attention and help is constant. Our growing and continued acts with their rich fruits of love, kindness, charity and service are the result of

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the organized efforts of those brothers and sisters so well represented who carry on the plans.

Is everyone making preparations to go to the Meet?

William Peve,  
Vrtec, No. 1

### FROM ONE VRTEC FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

Cleveland, O.—In writing this article, I wish to impress upon two points that are necessary to be known to every true, loyal Vrtec member. These points should not only be known but also appreciated. They are: 1. the fact that you are fortunate enough to belong to such a priceless organization as the SSPZ which endeavors to make you a cultured and well-bred being and 2. its means of making you acquainted with the lodge's activities, namely the "Napredok."

Let us first discuss point one.

Some of us have probably been enrolled in the SSPZ since childhood, while others more recently. Yet many of us have never given a thought to this matter. The SSPZ should be part of you, your protection and guide in life. At the meetings the leaders try to open your eyes to the world and to prepare you for your place in social circles. They try to establish aims and high ideals to make you a better and more likeable character. You are taught self-confidence and assurance when you are called upon to express your opinion on a subject and you stand up and speak out clearly and to the point. You are able to stand on your own feet. "Leadership is another quality which the lodge strives to cultivate. We are greatly in need of it today especially among our own people. Here in the Vrtec lodge its first seeds are sown once cared for. Each and everyone should attempt to be elected to office in our own respective lodges. The idea of being elected is not merely a duty but an honor also. Another fundamental thing in our future life that is to be started now is punctuality. Strive to be on time for your monthly meeting. A person that is never on time is a very weak character. For the benefit of the officers and all present try to be attentive and things of importance will go far more faster and easier.

These qualities are only a few of the many this great fraternal organization the S.S.P.Z. aims to develop in its youth. These points are also given to you in school but in an organization such as this they are brought out more freely and embedded more firmly in your minds.

The second point is your "Napredok".

Lately I have noticed some wonderful articles in our paper but there is only one thing wrong, there are not enough of them. This should not be. The members appreciate the fact that we have our own official organ. Something interesting always happens in our midst, during our meetings, outings, baseball game. So let's all write in, perhaps about some funny incident that happened among us. Let's let the rest of the Vrtecs in on it. I'm sure all would appreciate a good laugh. Let's become more intimate with one another. "What'a you say we try to beat each other for the most articles?" Let's try to make our section the most interesting of all!

So long everybody

Wanda Cebon, (age 16)  
Spartan Jrs., Cleveland, O.

### SPARTAN JRS.

Well, members here is a report of your last meeting which I know almost all of you did not attend. It really is a disappointment when I come to our regular meeting to see only a few faithful members. What is the matter with the rest? Can't you give your time and attention for just one hour out of one day of every month to your Vrtec lodge? Members, it is up to you to come to the meetings and tell of your plans and selections, thereby cooperating with us to make our Vrtec a strong and leading lodge.

Now that I have explained the importance of your attendance at every meeting, I will tell you of the plans we have decided upon at the former meeting.

A very interesting idea was brought up by one of our members at one of our last meetings, and that was Bank Night. It was decided to place all the members names on slips of paper, put them into a box and then draw out one slip. If the person whose name is on the slip is present at the meeting he or she will receive a certain amount of money, and if not present the money will be doubled for the next drawing.

Also, as a treat for our baseball heroes who are almost certain of winning the championship this year, we have arranged to serve ice cream and cookies at our next meeting which will be held at National Home room 2 at 7:30 p.m. sharp on Friday September 10. So members don't forget to come to our next meeting and enjoy two big treats, BANK NIGHT and REFRESHMENTS.

Daniella Homovec,  
Secretary of Vrtec No. 5

### VRTETC NO. 160

Chicago, Ill.—All those present at the last Federation Picnic of SSPZ that was held July 5, 1937, at the Red Gate, Steziar's Grove, sure had a grand

and glorious time. So I've heard from many of my friends and as for myself, I had one of the best that I can remember yet. There were games of baseball, balina, and horseshoes that were enjoyed by the adults and racing for the Vrtec members which they enjoyed also. Bro. Skubic with his spin-wheel was another attraction that kept the crowd busy. I must not forget the marvelous dance music that was played by Gradisek's orchestra. The music was enjoyed by both, old and young, especially polkas for the older folks.

Another attraction was brother Vrhovnik with his camera. He was taking pictures of all the friends, brothers and sisters and all the events of the day. Why I call it the most exciting attraction, because we will be able to keep in memory the great day that we spent together at the Federation picnic of SSPZ.

Wilma T. Gratchner, (age 14)  
Vrtec 160

### THE UNFORGETTABLE 13th OF JUNE

White Valley, Pa.—The SSPZ Lodge and the juveniles of Vrtec 103 of White Valley held a dance, picnic and play in the Slovene Hall on Sunday, June 13.

The activities of the day were started by a meeting which began at 3:00 P.M. The Lodge held their meeting first, and following that was the meeting of the Vrtec. Brother Vrhovnik and a few other visitors attended the meeting as guests. At first we all seemed to be sitting on needles and pins, but after the friendly speech of Mr. Vrhovnik we all felt better, relaxed and proceeded with the meeting as usual.

You see we had been waiting for a visit from Brother Vrhovnik for such a long time that our imaginations must have ran away with us, because we all imagined Michael to be a stern, hard old man, but to our surprise he turned out to be a kind handsome, friendly young man. He really held our interest when he talked about all the contests going on for juveniles. He also explained them all so clearly that I am sure more of our members will take a greater interest in them in the future.

Following the meetings Mr. Vrhovnik took some pictures of the members and many others. He promised to bring them back some time and show them to us on the screen. Boy! Won't it be wonderful to see ourselves on the screen.

In the evening the Vrtec members presented a small play which everyone enjoyed. Following the play Brother Vrhovnik showed us some movie pictures which he himself had taken in Chicago and elsewhere. He expected to show us many more pictures but the time went so fast that before we knew it

the orchestra came and we had to end the pictures. We all had a grand time looking at the pictures and we thank Mr Vrhovnik from the bottom of our hearts, but words cannot express our appreciation.

The Dance music for the evening was furnished by Art De Frances and the boys. Everybody had a wonderful time dancing to the beautiful melodies played by the orchestra.

Mr. Vrhovnik made many friends at White Valley, but somehow or other the girls were a bit reserved about making close friends with him. Anyway he certainly did make the hearts of many a young girl beat double fast.— But it meant very little to him, I guess he's used to it, girls. Thanks to one of the Evening Stars, Brother Vrhovnik was entertained during the latter part of the dance and Mike really enjoyed it.

All in all, we had a very memorable occasion on that unforgettable June 13th.

Tillie Mladenick

### INSPIRATIONLESS POETRY

Inspiration is dead. Therefore, I, too, have nothing left to live for. I trusted to inspiration to produce a masterpiece such as had never been yet produced—well, it failed me. As a final contribution to the Literary Contest, I had hoped to send in an entry so terrific, unique, so ingenious, that it would completely foreshadow all my other literary attempts. Alas... Alas...

I prepared my writing materials with great expectation. I went out into the back yard, and looking up into the heavens, I began my gem, which I decided to call

#### CLOUDS

Upon the sea of heavenly blue  
The clouds of silver fleece sail by;  
With rims of shimmering gold, they seem  
Like shining dream-boats in the sky.

When I reached the second verse, I began to have my doubts as to the quality of the poem and decided to rest until I was in the right mood. I had a pleasant chat with a neighbor, and by the time the conversation was ended, the sun was going down, so I changed my "chef-d'oeuvre" to

#### THE SUNSET

The clouds changed their colors to bright rosy hues  
As the flaming red sun made its pompous descent.  
A light summer breeze came, whispering love-songs—  
An act which was rash, and she soon did repent.

I had meant only to take a stab at it, but it seemed that I had done a very thorough job of murdering it.

By this time, I was quite sure that I lacked inspiration. Even Nature itself was insufficient. So I crawled out from under the weeds (which had grown up around me while I had been writing) and made for the

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house. Finding the radio in a good mood, and willing to send forth something other than static, I tuned in to a jazz band, the result of which was that I found myself tap-dancing on an overturned dishpan (which gives forth the best sound effects). This didn't agree with the rest of the family, so I discovered a hick-town which still believed in symphony. I grew quite sentimental, and wrote, with a new zest for living:

## REMINISCENCES of an old sentimentalist

I met him first while at the park,  
My heart was pounding all that day;  
I never knew such happiness—  
I did not then brush tears away.

Years passed, and then we met again,  
My heart once more grew young and gay;  
But when he passed with just a nod,  
I smiled—and brushed the tears away.

Now, as I sit and dream again,  
My body withered, old and gray;  
His memory is all that's left,—  
I smile—and brush the tears away.

At this point the family became interested in my mumbling, and began to think that maybe I was a genius. But when they read the poem, they knew differently, and turned away with, "No wonder, she doesn't get any fan mail—writing that mushy stuff."

Well, that broke me down completely, and I turned for consolation to my dear friend, Walter O'Keefe. With a sudden burst of ambition, I renewed my attempts, only to be lulled to sleep by the soothing jokes of the comedian. Behold the work of my sub-conscious mind:

## THUNDERSTORM

The clouds up above lose their silvery sheen,  
They tarnish and blacken with the wrath of the gale  
That rips off the branches with such speed and such strength  
That the poor, trembling blossoms and butterflies pale.

The Great God, in anger with Earth's unbelievers  
Sends down, with wind, a great torrent of rain.  
The Earth is enshrouded with the terrors of darkness;  
The people, a-frighted, cry "Mercy!" in vain.

The turmoil inside of the soul of a man  
(Who, in searching for peace and for love, does not pray  
For the help of his God), quite resembles a storm,  
Which kills and destroys all which lies in its way.

At this I wakened, and was so shocked at finding 3 verses finished, that I was unable to continue writing consciously, nor could I return to the Land of Dreams, even with W. O'K., still on the air.

The moral, brothers and sisters is this: Never write without inspiration—you have read the results. And that is why I say—"Inspiration is dead."—Or is it just that I'm not using the right kind?

Valeria Artel,  
Vrtec 11, Colinwood, O.

## MY RAINDROP FRIENDS

The tiny, little raindrops,  
That fall from away up high,  
Tell me about little things they've seen,  
As they pass me by.

They tell of far off mountains,  
Of royal queens and kings,  
Of beautiful far-off countries,  
And many other things.

They once told of a beautiful lady  
With eyes of bright, bright blue;  
Her hair were really flaxen,  
And lips like cherries too.

They told me of a hillside  
Cover'd with trees, so big and green—  
Waiting, with leafy arms stretched out  
To welcome raindrops they've already seen.

They told me of a parched country-side  
Where they'd forgot to come;  
Everything was burned and brown  
With the heat of our mighty sun.

If our little raindrop friends  
Discontinued to fall;  
In just a little short time, my dears,  
We wouldn't be here at all.

Anne Gacnik

## SUNSET

The lake is a lace of shimmering gold  
Shot with threads of violet.  
Here and there is a pattern of blue,  
And there is a trace of orange, too.

Way out on the edge of a fleecy cloud,  
I see a touch of yellow.  
It's not of the shade that is common  
and loud,  
But a shade that is soft and mellow.

The sky turns scarlet as the sun sinks lower;  
The clouds become outlined against the sky;  
The world becomes a riot of color;  
No artist can paint it, tho' he may try  
and try.

The fiery ball seems poised on the rim—  
As if to view its attainment,  
Then almost at once it vanishes  
On its soft, downy bed to concealment.

Anne Gacnik

## PICK-UPS OF VRTEC 103

White Valley, Pa.—With this hot summer weather a person doesn't even feel like writing but here I go anyway.

First of all, we, too, must congratulate brother Anthony Sirca, who is a member of the Challengers, on his marriage. Well, Tony, we certainly wish you and the wife a very happy and successful marriage. Not only has Tony been married, but also one of our former members had the same idea. This member is Helen Kogosek of Export; she is the daughter of Mr Martinsek who is recording secretary of lodge No. 142. She is married to John Makar, a handsome fellow of her home town. The love bug is doing its share of biting around here too. Congratulations to you both.

At our last meeting, which was held July 18, we made plans for a lawn party which was to be held at the home of our Sec'y Julia Kosmach on August 1. A photographer was to be present. He came about 2:00 p. m. and took our pictures. All our Vrtec members were present except one, and it was impossible for her to be there. All seemed very happy, that is all except a few of the smaller ones, who didn't like the camera and got frightened. We have a few members that are just babies and was it hard to keep them still and quiet. I'll bet they were glad when that was over, but still they seemed to have cried more when the

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There won't be any awards for September's contributions, but this does not mean that we have finished with writing contests. There will be plenty more in the future, but first of all we are going to enlist your help in deciding what sort of contest you'd like to have for 1938. We want all you boys and girls to send in your suggestions to our EDITOR who will see that they are given their proper place in succeeding issues of the Vrtec Section. If you would rather not have them published, then send them to me and you can be sure that I'll give them my most serious consideration... Some of the questions you might try solving are:

What do you think of having an annual literary contest, similar in many respects to the one just concluded, but lasting through twelve months and the

final awards to be beautiful trophies with appropriate engraving?

Are you satisfied with the way members have been classified into two groups according to their ages or do you think there should be only one group, or are you of the opinion that if they are divided again, into two groups, that the age limit of group "B" be raised to age 14 or 15 years? We make this latter suggestion, because to date there have been only two contributors under the "age 13 or younger" group.

Do you favor cash monthly awards or material prizes? ... What do you think of the idea of having your subjects selected for you or would you rather have that left to your judgment?... etc... Let's have your ideas for our 1938 JUNIOR LITERARY CONTEST. Watch the Napredek for future surprises.

A numebr of requests have been received that the JUNIOR LITERARY CONTEST entry blank be published in our Official Organ once more. This we are doing, today, for the benefit of those who misplaced July's issue and those who have run short of entry blanks as is true of families receiving only one or two copies of the Napredek. Vrtec administrators and Secretaries are informed that

hobby entries such as Vrtec albums, scrapbooks, etc., which owe their contents and make-up to several or all members, shall be judged as a Vrtec entry and will be entitled to compete for the award of ten (10) points which shall be given to the Vrtec promoting the greatest interest in hobbies as evidenced by the number and quality of exhibits entered.

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### OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

Name.....Vrtec No.....Cert. No.....Age.....

Address .....  
(City or town) (Street or box No.) (State)  
(Check below the exhibits you have entered)

### Classifications and Collections

#### Collections

(a) Stamps .....☐  
(b) Curios .....☐  
(c) Buttons & Badges .....☐

#### Household Arts

(a) Sewing .....☐  
(b) Needlework .....☐  
(c) Knitting .....☐

#### Manual Work

(a) Woodwork .....☐  
(b) Metal work .....☐  
(c) Models (ships, planes, etc.) .....☐

#### Arts

(a) Cartoons & Posters .....☐  
(b) Drawing .....☐  
(c) Clay & Soap  
Sculpturing .....☐

Vrtec Secretary

Administrator-trix

NOTE: This entry blank, properly filled and signed, should be mailed or presented to Rudolph Lisch, 1393 E. 47th St., Cleveland, O., not later than August 25, 1937.

Michael Vrhovnik.

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picture taking was over than girls and boys took some snapshots that were of fun and interest.

While some of the girls passed out refreshments to both the Vrtec and Senior members and also to visiting friends, other The members of the Senior Lodge and a few of the Eve- (Cont. on 3d page of Napredek)