



## JUVENILE SECTION OF "NAPREDEK"

CLEVELAND, OHIO, MARCH 16th, 1938

### OUR SSPZ GARDEN

In a garden full of flowers,  
Once a month we spend  
A couple of happy hours.  
The flowers, boys and girls are we,  
And the garden is our Vrtec,  
Number thirty-three.

We boys and girls from Milwaukee  
this day,  
Wish to present a lovely bouquet,  
To our Mother Lodge SSPZ,  
To be known as Vrtec number  
thirty-three.

We are proud to belong to so fine a  
Society,  
That offers a helping hand to you  
and me—  
Three cheers for her members here  
present,  
Or wherever they may be—  
Long live our SSPZ!

— Marie Ermence.

It has been customary for  
sometime in the past to begin  
this page of the Vrtec Section  
with an appropriate poem by  
our ever faithful friend, "Anon-  
ymous" — but this month, I  
am breaking away from that  
rule by giving you a poem pro-  
duced from the pen of one of  
our Junior poets, namely, Marie  
Ermence, member of Vrtec No.  
33 of Milwaukee. She contribut-  
ed this poem to the 1937 liter-  
ary contest and won a first  
prize. Judging by her latest  
production, which saw print in  
the February issue of the Vrtec  
Section and won for her another  
prize, it appears very much as  
though Marie is preparing to  
cut more niches in the SSPZ  
poet's hall of fame. More power  
to you Marie, and here's hoping  
many other members will join  
in with all the zest they can  
muster and make a real contest  
of it.

### THE SUPREME BOARD RULES

Something that will no doubt  
make all of our junior writers  
sit up and take note is a recent  
ruling of the Supreme Board,  
which gives the Director of the  
Juvenile Department permission  
to select the best contributions  
to the 1938 Junior Literary  
Contest and have them put up  
in booklet form. This does not,  
necessarily, mean that only the  
winning poems, letters, stories,  
etc., will be picked; in fact, it  
is altogether possible that some  
of the winners will be left out  
entirely. How does this sound  
to you? Let's have your answer  
in the form of contributions to  
all future issues of the Vrtec  
Section. Here's an opportunity  
to have your writings bound up,  
permanently, in book form.  
Don't miss it! . . . Still another  
favorable decision of the Su-  
preme Board provides for a  
larger Vrtec Section, on a finer

## With Our Juniors

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,  
Director of Vrtec and English Speaking Lodges



quality of paper, in the months  
of June (our Juvenile Month)  
and December. Be sure to keep  
these two "special" rulings in  
mind when preparing your fu-  
ture articles.

### FEBRUARY'S CONTEST WINNERS

Our 1938 Junior Literary  
Contest started out true to  
form; that is, there were very  
few contributions from our Vr-

tec members, few of which were  
outstanding in any way. . .  
But, perhaps, a poor beginning  
means a good ending, who  
knows. It was surprising, too,  
to find that not one article was  
written on the subject, "Hob-  
bies I Enjoy" — and here, all  
along, I thought it was a "na-  
tural," a subject that every  
boy and girl could and would  
write about. I was fooled that

time, but not entirely disap-  
pointed, as I intend to use the  
same subject once more in  
some later issue of the Vrtec  
Section. The PRIZE WINNERS  
in February were as follows:

Marie Ermence, Vrtec No.  
33, Milwaukee, Wis.

Ivan Pevc, Vrtec No. 1,  
Forest City, Pa.

Frank Zakrajsek, Vrtec  
No. 9, Indianapolis, Ind.

Andy Elersich, Vrtec No.  
5, Cleveland, Ohio

Helen Previc, Vrtec No.  
103, White Valley, Pa.

ANNA P. KRASNA:

## SLOVENSKI OTROCI

(Vtisi).

I

*Petsto jasno-sijočih obrazov,  
petsto srebrnih akordov mladih glasov —  
po etru tisoč in tisoč skrivnostnih poti  
v tisoče domov.*

*V nas vseh občutja, kakor v maju,  
ko drobni pevci vigred slave —  
saj, sejali smo bili našo besedo,  
zdaj ko roža v pesmi teh malih cvete!—*

II

*Nad naselbino luna sije,  
izsekan gozd molči,  
kot bi poslušal melodijo,  
ki v tiho noč drhti.*

*Zamišljeni v premog slonijo  
očetje ob plotih...  
Nekoč, nekdanj so oni peli te pesmi  
v mladih dneh!*

*A med vse je leglo morje,  
premog in tuji svet —  
od vsega samo ti glasovi—  
besede materine cvet —.*

III

*Gugalnica škriplje, mrak plete  
teman pajčolan,  
mladina obuja k življenju mnog  
pozabljen dan:*

*Ledene zime in žareče peči,  
vriskajoče vasovalce,  
in pripovedi o deželi  
mičnih vasi.*

*In se čudi mladina, kako je to,  
da je vse tisto davno in lepo  
tako hitro zašlo. —*

*Kakor da bi nikdar ne bilo,  
in nikdar več ne bo — — —  
mladina se spominja,  
mrak plete temo....*

There will be no special sub-  
ject for April's issue of the Vr-  
tec Section. Everything will be  
left to your own choice, so  
write about whatever interests  
you most whenever you feel  
the urge to go "literary." Five  
\$1.00 prizes will be awarded  
for the five best contributions,  
and remember THIS, when the  
contest is closed and the final  
awards are made, the best ori-  
ginal stories, essays, poems,  
letters, etc., will be bound to-  
gether in booklet form and a  
copy given free to every con-  
testant. Let's hear what you  
have to say about the SSPZ  
and your Vrtec doings, inter-  
esting people you've met, school  
incidents, etc.

### CHICAGO'S BIG DAY

May 29th from all indica-  
tions promises to be one of the  
most celebrated occasions in  
the history of the Chicago Fed-  
eration of SSPZ Lodges. Plans  
are fast taking head to have six  
Vrtec units represented in the  
first inter-sectional cultural  
program and dance. When all  
invitations have been accepted,  
four widely scattered sections  
of the country, Indianapolis,  
Cleveland, Milwaukee and Chi-  
cago, will have an important  
role to play. To date, Vrtec No.  
5 (Spartan Juniors) of Clevel-  
and, Vrtec No. 9 (Jugoslavs)  
of Indianapolis, and the Chica-  
go Trail Blazer and Roznik  
Juniors are definitely billed,  
while Vrtec No. 33 of Milwaukee

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No. 1, "Pioneers" Forest City, Pa.: Administratrix, Mrs. Angela Pevc, P. O. Box 232, Vandling, Pa.; president, William Pevc, sec'y-treas., Angy Pevc, P. O. Box 232, Vandling, Pa.—Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2 p. m.

No. 2, Butte, Mont.: Administrator, John Petritz, 2216 Willow St.; president, George J. Petritz, 2118 Cottonwood St.; secretary, Mary E. Kranitz, 300 Cherry Street; treasurer, Anton Fajon, 2301 Cottonwood St. — Meeting every 1st Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. at the National Home, 300 Cherry St.

No. 3, Slovan, Pa.: Administratrix, Mrs. Anna Baich, P. O. Box 55; president, Josephine Papesch, Box 55; sec'y-treas., Kate Zurich, P. O. Box 441. — Meeting every 1st Sunday of the month at the home of Mike Dubich.

No. 4, Alliance, O.: Administrator, Frank Racki, R. F. D. 4; sec'y-treas., Amelia Racki, R. F. D. 4.—Meeting every 4th Sunday of the month.

No. 5, "Spartan Juniors," Cleveland, Ohio: Administrator Stanley Zorc, 6400 Varian Ave.; president, John Obat, 1119 E. 76 St.; sec'y-treas., Daniella Homovec, 1052 E. 72nd St. — Meeting every 2nd Saturday of the month at the S. N. H.

No. 6, Donora, Pa.: Administrator, Anton Bucic, Gen. Del.; president, Nick Bunardzija, 15 Allen Plan. — Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month.

No. 7, Herminie, Pa.: Administrator, Mike Pavsek, R. F. D. 3, P. O. Box 74, Irwin, Pa.; sec'y-treas., Steve Pavsek, R. F. D. 3, P. O. Box 74, Irwin, Pa.

No. 8, Nokomis, Ill.: Administrator Frank Strazar, 500 Lincoln St.; president, Florence Kmet, R. R. 2; secretary, Ann Strazar, 500 Lincoln St.; treasurer, Justine Hauptman, R. R. 2. — Meeting every 4th Sunday of the month at the Nenonah City Hall.

No. 9, "Jugoslavs," Indianapolis, Ind.: Administratrix, Mary Hvalica, 929 N. Holmes Ave.; president, Frank Mivc, 939 N. Warman Ave.; sec'y-treas., John Praprotnik, 915 N. Warman Ave.; treas., Louis Znidarsich, 938 Kerlan St.—Meeting every 1st Sunday of the month at S. N. H.

No. 10, "Challenger Juniors," Strabane, Pa.: Administrator, Marion Peligrini, Johnston St., Houston, Pa.; Admx., Frances Vrhovnik, Box 272, Houston, Pa.; president, Vincent Batista, Box 126; sec'y-treas., Lillian Kosmach, P. O. Box 172. — Meeting every 1st Friday of the month at the S. N. P. J. Hall.

No. 11, "Outlookers," Cleveland, O.: Administrator, John Zaman, 797 E. 156th St.; president, Edward Slejko, 16203 Arcade Ave.; sec'y, Valeria Artel, 16006 Parkgrove Ave.; treas., Josephine Kovic, 15700 Parkgrove Ave. Meeting every 1st Friday of the month at 15335 Waterloo Road.

No. 12, Palisade, Colo.: Administrator, Frank Mautz, R. 1, Palisade, Colo.; president, Albert Marolt, Box 655; sec'y, Annie Sims; treas., Leon Kladdock, R. 1.—Meeting every 1st Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. at Frank Marolt's Hall.

No. 13, Madison, Ill.: Administratrix, Rose Tirpak, 1221 Madison Ave.; president, Olga Yambrovic, 1133 Greenwood Ave.; sec'y-treas., Steve Paynich, 15 So. 6th St.—Meeting every 1st Saturday of the month at 1221 Madison Ave.

No. 16, De Pue, Ill.: Administratrix, Genevieve Kopina, P. O. Box 378; president, Leona Zickar, Box 252; sec'y treas., Daniel Kopina, P. O. Box 378. — Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at S. N. H.

No. 33, Milwaukee, Wis.: Administratrix, Sophie Stampfel, 1120-A W. Washington St.; president, Herman Yerkich, 1109 S. 1st St.; secretary, Norma Stampfel, 1120 A West Washington St.; treasurer, Edward Ermence, 1022 W. Pierce St. Meeting every 2nd Saturday of month at Frank Peritz's Home, 1239 W. Mineral St. at 2 p. m.

No. 34, "Red Knights," Reading, Pa.: Administrator, John Pezdirc, Jr., 715 Gordon St.; pres., John Filak, 407 Tulpehocken St.; sec'y-treas., Catherine Suklje, 460 Tulpehocken St.; treas., Pauline Filak, 407 Tulpehocken St. — Meeting every 1st Tuesday of the month at administrator's home.

No. 43, Aguilar, Colo.: Administrator, Carl Palowski, P. O. Box 153; president, Walter Lipinski; sec'y-treas., Anne Palowski, P. O. Box 153. — Meeting every 1st Sunday of the

month at 10 a. m. at home of the administrator.

No. 44, "Comets," Ambridge, Pa.: Administrator, Frank Rosenberger, 140 Park Rd.; president, John L. Uhernik, 105 Beaver Rd.; sec'y, Charles L. Kerzan, 128 Maplewood Ave.; treas., Rudolph Rosenberger, 145 Maplewood Ave.—Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2 p. m. at Slovene Home.

No. 60, Johnston City, Ill.: Administratrix, Mrs. Mary Burja, 708 W. 10th St.; president, Albin Vatovec, 805 W. 11th St.; sec'y-treas., Mary Burja, 910 Noah St.—Meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month at Slovene Hall.

No. 61, Brewster, O.: Administrator, Joseph Samsa, Jr., P. O. Box 216; president, Tony Samsa; sec'y-treas., Mildred Samsa, Box 215. — Meeting every 1st Sunday of the month at home of John Virant, Sr.

No. 67, Herminie, Pa.: Administrator, Frank Gercher, P. O. Box 22; president, William Boltes; sec'y, Tony Gercher, P. O. Box 22; treas., Matt Rumshock. — Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Slovene Hall.

No. 72, Sygan, Pa.: Administrator, Leopold Mur, P. O. Box 104, Presto, Pa.; president, Frank Dolinar, Morgan, Pa.; sec'y, Julia Kramzar, P. O. Box 411, Morgan, Pa.; treas., Margaret Erzen, Box 567, Morgan, Pa.—Meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p. m. at SNPJ Hall.

No. 76, Denver, Colo.: Administrator, Steve Mauser, 4439 Washington St.; president, Albert Raitz, 3958 Brighton Blvd.; sec'y, Edward Pozerl, 1739 Boulder St.; treas., Frank Tomasic, Lyden, Colo. — Meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1739 Boulder St.

No. 77, Center, Pa.: Administratrix, Mrs. Elizabeth Knafelc, R. F. D. 1, P. O. Box 223, Turtle Creek, Pa.; president, Charles Horvat, R. D. 1, Turtle Creek, Pa.; sec'y, Helen Knafelc, R. F. D. 1, P. O. Box 223, Turtle Creek; treas., Rose Subic, R. F. D. 1, Turtle Creek.—Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Slovenian Hall.

No. 101, Burgettstown, Pa.: Administrator, Frank Laurich, Sr., 10 Linn Ave.; president, Andrew Laurich, 10 Linn Ave.; sec'y-treas., Eddie Lounder, 8 Linn ave. — Meeting every 1st Sunday of the month at the Slovenian Hall.

No. 103, "Kingsters," White Valley, Pa.: Administrator, Michael Kastelic, Box 185, Delmont, Pa.; president, Helen Previc, Box 458, Export, Pa.; sec'y, Julia Kosmach, P. O. Box 641, Export; treas., Mary Lavrich, P. O. Box 633, Export, Pa. — Meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month at the Slovenian Hall, White Valley.

No. 108, South Fork, Pa.: Administrator, John Prince, Sr., 200 Maple St.; president, Mary Glavan, 608 B. Court; sec'y Michael Glavan, Jr., 608 B. Court; treas., John Prince, Jr. — Meeting every 16th day of the month at the Slovene Educational Home.

No. 110, "Cadets," Massillon, Ohio: Administrator, Albin Osredkar, 1304 First St., N. E.; president, Joseph Kastelic, 327 Highland Ave.; secretary, Josephine Selan, 928—13th St., S. E.; treasurer, Mary Hovevar, 757—15th St., S. E.—Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Anton Hovevar.

No. 118, "Go-getters," Library, Pa.: Administratrix, Helen Dermotta, P. O. Box 262; president, Violet Polga, Box 57; secretary, Marcic; treasurer, Edward Rupnik.—Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 p. m.

No. 121, Russelton, Pa.: Administratrix, Mrs. Theresa Gruden, P. O. Box 702; president, Andy Federinka, Box 40; sec'y, Stanley Stock, P. O. Box 102; treas., Frank Gruden, Jr., P. O. Box 102. — Meeting every 1st Sunday of the month at the home of Frank Gruden.

No. 123, Avella, Pa.: Administrator, Charles Ograyensek, P. O. Box 312; president, Edward Debelak, Box 556; sec'y, Rudy Ograyensek, P. O. Box 312; treas., Robert Cokel.—Meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Slovenian Hall.

No. 126, Power Point, O.: Administrator, Charles Bogataj, P. O. Box 12; president, Virginia Chuck; sec'y, Clara Chuck; treas., Frances Tauchar. — Meeting every 4th Sunday of the month at the Slovenian Hall.

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has accepted the invitation, tentatively. An answer is being awaited to an invitation extended to Vrtec No. 11 (Outlookers) Orchestra of Cleveland to participate in the program as well as furnish the music for the main dance. Their acceptance will round out a program that can, truthfully, be said will be the most complete and diversified ever sponsored by Chicago's SSPZ Lodges and Vrtec units. It will be a show worthwhile traveling miles and miles to see... More about this later.

#### NEWSY BITS

Five years ago this month, the establishment of our first active Vrtec unit took place in Forest City, Pa., under the guidance of brother Anton Zaitz, Supreme Assistant-Secretary... Angy Pevc, who was elected Secretary at that time, is still Secretary of the PIONEERS having served in that capacity and faithfully fulfilled the duties of her office ever since... Her brother, William, whose articles may be read in this Section nearly every month, has been President all but the first year when his brother, Ivan, wielded the gavel... The present membership of Vrtec No. 1 ranges between 50 and 60, and at one time it had an enrollment of 80 members... Vrtec units in the "100 Class" are: Spartan Juniors with 161 members, Progressor Juniors with 119 and Outlookers numbering 116. — Next closest to the 100 mark are the Jugoslavs of Indianapolis, having at this writing, 92 members... "Roznik Juniors" of Chicago have started a literary contest all of their own — Each month, while the contest lasts, bro. Victor Zupancic, their administrator, will donate \$1.00 as a prize for the best contribution — Now, watch "Roznik Juniors" promote publicity through the medium of our Vrtec Section... The big event

of the week is the National Bowling Tournament at Milwaukee where our Senior members will meet for the championship of the Society... Next summer, our Junior athletes will be given an opportunity to compete in the National Athletic Meet for the Vrtec softball championship — This event will be staged at Bridgeville, Pennsylvania... The present title holder is Vrtec No. 44 (Comets) of Ambridge.

#### INITIATION STUNTS

STUNTS FOR TWO BLIND-FOLDED MEMBERS — 1 Give the members bowls of soft ice cream and order them to stand on opposite sides of a narrow table and feed each other. Supply them with table spoons for this stunt.

2. Lead the members to opposite corners of the room and order them to walk forward and shake hands with each other.

3. Give each member several cloths or bits of clothing and plenty of clothes pins. Have a clothes line, on which the middle is marked, stretched across the room. Then start each member from an end, having him hang his clothes as fast as possible, one piece at a time. The person who first gets his all up or reaches the center of the line, wins and is allowed to rest while the loser is started on some other stunt.

STUNTS WITHOUT BLIND-FOLD — 1. Have the member, being initiated, yawn until some one else yawns.

2. Tell the member to go about the room on all fours, stopping before four persons and imitating any animal, as ordered.

3. Order him to answer "no" to any four questions asked.

4. Tell the member to imitate an jack-in-the-box.

5. Give the member dry crackers to eat and then have him sing a song and whistle.

Michael Vrhovnik.

#### KAJ PRAVI URA.

Ura pravi: "Tike - taka, zlata je minuta vsaka, dragocen trenutek vsak, tike - take, tike - tak!

Tega, otrok, ne pozabi, čas mladosti prav porabi, da ne boš kdaj siromak, tike - take, tike - tak!"

#### NAUK

Samo lepo oblačilo te ne bo častilo; pridnost, modra glava, to je prava slava.

#### SLOVENE PROVERBS

A cow may be black, but her milk is white.

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Laziness is the devil's net.

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He who readily lies readily steals.

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No grass remains where an army passes.

Women are in the world to talk, men to work.



# Letters From Our Vrtec Members

VRTEC NO. 9, INDIANAPOLIS  
Indianapolis, Ind. — Flash! Another monthly meeting came off on March 6. The president called the meeting to order and several formalities followed. It was decided definitely to give a play before our visit to Chicago. This entertainment will be given on April 23, right after Easter.

It was dreary weather and this seemed to affect our large attendance. No one had anything to say. So about all that could be done would be for the president to adjourn the meeting.

Entertainment then followed, which was presented by the entertainment committee. Frank Mivec gave a Slovene monologue. We don't know whether they laughed at what he was saying or whether at how he said it. If there ever was a Ribenčan he is one. Dragon and Zakrajsek put over a colored revue. Their hokum and good humor pleased the audience immensely.

After this the members dispersed and scattered over the hall consuming to their hearts' content Lucids' delicious nutritious ice cream.

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## Familiar Views:

Dolores Ivancic powdering herself between classes.

Frosty 'coach' Hvalitza, engaging in conversation with the passers-by in front of Lucid's Drug Store.

Frank "Crackerjack" Zakrajsek and his bond on the trolley (overcome the bashfulness Frankie). Mutt Dragon boasting over his green cap with which he never parts.

John Propotnik evading his many feminine followers. (Don't let them get you, John).

Bruno Covalus trying to learn the Big Apple (Keep it up Bruno, you'll learn sometime).

Where were Dorothy Semnick and Alma Klemens last Sunday?

*Flash, Slam, Bang and Ouch.*

## KINGSTER'S REPORT

White Valley, Pa. — This year there has been a little change in the election of officers; although they are keeping up the same spirit as those of the past. They succeed in everything and anything they attempt to do.

Within the past two months we, Kingsters, have received the total of five new members to our Vrtec. With the increasing membership we have become more active. For instance, January 16, 1938 our Vrtec group celebrated the 2nd anniversary with a well-planned program followed by a dance. It was a huge success. Representatives from Ambridge, Bridgeville, Braddock and surrounding vicinities enjoyed an evening of

pleasure with us. We all had a wonderful time.

February 5, 1938 the Kingsters, attended a celebration in honor of the Progressors of Bridgeville with whom we spent an enjoyable evening.

As time draws nearer, Sunday March 20, 1938 at 11:00 a. m. the Kingsters will again assemble at the hall to discuss matters of fact. Members, all, do attend to make this monthly meeting a greater attendance than that of the past months.

Julia Kosmach, Sec'y  
of Kingsters, Vrtec 103

## A LETTER FROM MT. OLIVE, ILL.

Dear Vrtec Members:

Since I'm a new member, I want first of all to tell you how interested I am in reading your articles in the Vrtec Section. In February's issue, I, particularly, liked Marie Ermence's "Valentine" poem. I hope I can interest you as much with my little collection of jokes, and be a friend to all you boosters of the SSPZ.—

### Some Fun

Sis — I bought a hula costume and practiced after mom went to bed.

Jack — Yeah? And how about pop?

Sis — Oh, the old meanie! He got mad and hit the hay.

### Fall Guy

"According to instruments in the plane, Mike fell exactly 6,000 feet."

"No, 6,006 feet."

"Say, how do you figure that?"

"Well, he's six feet under."

### Definition

Teacher — Tom tell us; what is a commentator.

Tom — A common-tater? Why it's jest a plain, old, every day spud.

### Looks Are Deceiving

Junkman — Any old beer bottles you'd like to sell, lady?

Old Maid — Do I look as though I drank beer?

Junkman — Well then — any old vinegar bottles you'd like to sell?

### Time To Eat

The guy — Kissing is my meat, baby.

The gal — It's my bread and butter, big boy.

The guy — You don't say — well let's make a sandwich.

Fraternally yours,

Helen Marn, Age 15  
Vrtec No. 23.

## MADISON JUNIORS REPORT

Madison, Ill. — The Junior members of Vrtec No. 13 held their first meeting of the year, under the supervision of their new Administratrix, on Saturday, February 5th, at her home.

During the business session, the members discussed a Valentine Party, which was held at Bruncic's Hall on Valentine's Day at which everyone had a

ing, plans were laid for a short play entitled, "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs", and a dance shortly after Easter. Following the adjournment of the meeting by the President, Olga Yambrovich, a delightful program of games was played and a very delicious lunch was served to all. Prizes were awarded to winners of contests.

Rose Tirpek, Admx.

## ATTENTION OUTLOOKERS

Collinwood-Cleveland, Ohio — Friday, March 18 the "Outlookers" are going to hold a skating party at Skateland on 90th and Euclid. If you wish to go with a group meet us in front of the Slovenian Workmen's Home in Waterloo Rd. about 7:00 p.m. Friday March 18. There is no objection to meeting the Vrtec 11 Outlooker's crowd at Skateland but be prompt so that the fun will last longer. The skating starts at 8:00 p. m. and ends at 10:30 p. m. You do not need your own skates as you get them there for the same price. All you need is a pair of feet and 35c for skates, checking and some fun. Vrtec No. 5 as well as any other SSPZ members who care to join us are invited. So come one and all to watch the "Outlookers" skate by.

Josephine (Jo) Kovie.

## THE PRODIGAL SON

From the main highway was a cinder road that led up to the farmhouse. Inside the neat kitchen were Dave and his wife Martha. Both in their fifties were the two kind people. Dave, a rather quiet fellow, was sleeping soundly on the couch. Martha was a busy and good housekeeper. After finishing her supper dishes she began sweeping. When this was finished she gathered up her patch work quietly, so she wouldn't disturb Dave who was snoring loudly. While sewing for a while she started to worry about her only child Ross, a boy of 20 years. He hadn't been home to see his folks for a year and had never written where he was. Even though she felt forgotten by Ross, she loved him just the same. Some day, she thought, he will come home.

The next morning, after spending a sleepless night thinking of Ross, she told Dave how worried she was. Dave angrily replied, "Martha you're foolish for worrying your head off for him. Because once I felt the same way and I thought why should I, when Ross seems to have forgotten us. Martha, we both love him although we never hear from him. Someday he'll realize he's been doing wrong."

Martha liked the way Dave said it and could tell from his eyes he meant every word. But she and Dave didn't know that in a far away city Ross was thinking of them. Ross had just come home from work one

picture of his dear folks hanging on the wall. The picture didn't seem so nice before and as he gazed at it tears came to his eyes. He said to himself, "Oh, how good the folks were to me. How foolish I was not to write to them." Hastily he sat down and wrote them a letter. "If they only can forgive me I'll never do what I did again. I'll send them this 50 dollars I have saved. Then if they forgive me I'll tell them I'll be coming home to see them soon."

He did what he had planned. Martha and Dave received the money and the letter asking forgiveness. The money didn't interest them as much as the letter. With tearful eyes Martha read it over and over. Finding that her tears blinded her eyes she happily said, "He's coming home to see us". Dave got up from his chair and came over to Martha patting her on the shoulder, his face beaming.

The day came when Martha and Dave were waiting to see a familiar figure coming along the road. A few minutes passed and there was Ross safely home and telling the folks how wrong he had been and asking for forgiveness. Of course the folks forgave him and that day there were no happier people in the world than the old couple and their son.

Helen Maren, Age 15  
Vrtec 23 Mt. Olive, Ill.

## SPARTAN JRS. DRAMATIC GUILD

"The world is a stage and we are the Actors."

Shakespeare

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Yes, indeed the Spartan Jrs. Dramatic Guild is in progress again, striving to show you that there is such a thing as presenting a good play. Under the direction of the talented and famous Ken Williams, they are preparing to set the theatre world ablaze, with another of their super-colossal productions. If you are interested in joining this dramatic club, attend our next meeting, April 8, at the National Home, room 2 at 7:30 p. m.

As a special event of the evening a "Taffy Pull" will be held, to which all the senior Spartans are cordially invited.

Attend the next meeting for it is probable that you will be the recipient of an award.

Daniella Homovec,  
Sec'y, Vrtec 5

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Bingo parties? Hikes? Beach parties? Camping trips? No? Well, maybe dramatics will be the factor inducing you to attend our April 8 meeting to find out the where and when and how.

To further warrant a presentable turnout a good old-fashioned program is planned in the form of a "Taffy Pull." Come down and get sticky with the rest and I guarantee plenty of

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## Looking Forward and Backward

Marie Ermenc

Vrtec 33, Milwaukee, Wis.

### Song of Spring

The song of Spring is in the air. Mother Nature is shaking out of her winter rest. The March winds mixed with snowflakes to day and bright and warm sunshine next day is just a fight between the forces of cold slumber and the oncoming of warmth of new life.

The robin, the crocus and the skunk cabbage may engage in a race to reveal the earliest news of Spring, the infallible signs of the season appeared, daffodills, tulips, narcissus all the bulbous plants of the onion family show signs of life, the beautiful melody of the Song of Spring.

In history we read about rejoicing and celebrations amongst the different races in honor of the deity of Spring. To our Slavic ancestors Vesna was the the goddess of Spring, and Kurent the god of frivolity and fun. I have been told that the gaiety and dances at the beginning of the Spring season are a left-over from the pagan worship, a dedication and welcoming of Spring.

### Topics of the Times

In our midst here in Milwaukee there will be celebrating too, of an important historical event that had its beginning 30 years ago, the birth of our lodge "Balkan" No. 24 SSPZ. When our forefathers crossed the wide ocean, and landed in this country of ours, indeed to them it was a very strange land, strange language, people with different customs than their own. Being an ambitious, fearless people, always willing and eager to observe and to learn, they tried their best to conquer the tremendous difficulties that lay in their way to success and to show gratitude to the country of their adoption as a progressive people our forbears saw the need of Protective Organizations in case of sickness or death, advancement of cultural life and development of political ideas. And that was the beginning of different Slovene organizations and thus our lodge "Balkan" No. 24 started at first as an independent organization in 1908 but a year later it joined the SSPZ.

Only two of the original charter members are living yet.

We juniors or Vrtec members, a branch of the adult lodge, naturally are interested in everything that goes on among the adult members. We should participate and be given a chance to show our joy and appreciation especially now at this time of the 30-year celebration. The memory of it will linger in our minds for the rest of our natural lives.

The honor of the 1st National Bowling Tournament of the SSPZ to take place here in Mil-

waukee, makes us all feel very proud too, for we know it is a very enviable and distinctive honor to be given to a lodge.

In conclusion of my writing, coming from my heart is a humble wish for this 30-year celebration of lodge "Balkan", to two still living charter members and all you other celebrants of this great event, it brings to mind the old Scotch song: For Old Time's Sake, or Auld Lang Syne.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?

And here's a hand my trusty frien', and gives a hand o' thine

We'll take a cup of kindness yet; for auld lang syne,  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
for auld lang syne.

### SLOVENE PROVERBS

God does not pay every Saturday.

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One should cease praying to a saint who does not help.

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Great rivers owe their power to little brooks.

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Without health there is no wealth.

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You should not bark if you cannot bite.

## Lukec in nje-gov škorec

France Bevč

Lukec je sledil kapitanu. No-ge so se mu opotekale. Vendar ga je navdajalo trdno upanje.

Kapitan ga je vodil po vseh prostorih. Pogledala sta v vse shrambe, preiskala vse kote. Mornarji so jima pomagali.

"Klepec! Klepec!"

Vse zaman. Že sta se hotela vrniti, ko sta zaslišala izza nekih vrat:

"Potep! Potep!"

Lukcu je zaigralo srce. Od radosti je vzkriknil. Kapitan je odprl vrata. Iz teme je poskočil škorec. Spoznal je Lukca.

"Dobro jutro!" Sedel mu je na ramo. Iz razposajenega veselja ga je vlekel za uho in za lase. "Luka! Luka!"

"To je torej tvoj škorec?" se je kapitan dobrovoljno smehljal. "Kdo ti ga je le skril? Še dobro, da mu ni zavil vratu..."

Lukec je prišel na krov. Stopil je mimo dolgina. Škorec se je nenadoma vznemiril in se zagnal s kljunom proti tujcu.

"Potep! Bedak!"

Deček je postal. Dolgo in ostro je pogledal dolgina v oči. Zdaj je vedel, kdo mu je skril škorca. Za čudo, da mu ga ni zadavil. Ali ga je hotel obdržati on? Brontolona je bil obdolžil po krivem...

## Letters From Our Vrtec Members

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enjoyment accompanied by sonorous laughter.

This evening of fun is offered free to all Junior Spartans but with a small fee of ten cents charged all non-members (which includes senior Spartans!).

Now here is some sage advice:

Get out your horseshoes and rabbit feet. Why? To receive an award at our next meeting which is set to the pretty tune of \$1.00.

Hoping I've enumerated enough points to show you that it is worth your while to make your appearance, take off your shoes and stay awhile at the Vrtec 5 meeting, April 8, 7:30 o'clock, room 2, National Home.

Helen Marie Poklicky,  
Recording Secretary

### OUTLOOKERS SKATING PARTY

Cleveland-Collinwood, O. — First of all, the most important news of Vrtec 11 is our skating party which is to be held Friday, March 18 at Skateland. All the members are to meet in front of the Slovene Workmen's Home between 6:30 and 7:00. Even if you can't skate very well—come along anyhow—the more the merrier. Admission is 35c (including the skates).

And now for a brief glimpse at our last meeting:—

Mr. Zaman announced our picnic which is to be held on Stušek's farm on the 17th of July. An entertainment committee was appointed for the picnic, and is composed of the following members: Miss Alice Bashel, Andy Artel, Edward Slejko, Josephine Kovic, Rudy Bratina, Olga Zaubi and John Vadnal.

After the meeting we played Bingo until everyone of the members received a prize.

I hope that Mary Cesnik and Violet Mihalenic, who attended their first meeting last month, will come to enjoy Vrtec and feel it a part of them as I have.

Well, guess that's all for this month—so au revoir until Friday, when we hope to see all our members and those of our brother lodges whirling away.

Valeria Artel,  
Sec'y, Vrtec 11

### SPARTAN JUNIORS

Cleveland, O. — The sharp rap of a hammer on the table! Another meeting was called to order by John Obat, our president. The members waited impatiently for the name to be drawn for our monthly prize. Finally up popped an eager member to make the motion to adjourn the meeting. Of course, this motion was seconded immediately. The meeting was then adjourned and one of the boys graciously lent us his hat. A girl shut her eyes and plunged her hand into the hat while the members sat on the edges of their chairs. Out came a stub bearing the name Frank Maurer Jr. He wasn't present so his fifty cents goes back into the treasury to be redoubled for our meeting on April 8. If no one claims the dollar on the eventful eighth, the amount will increase meeting by meeting till it reaches four dollars. If it still is unclaimed at the drawing by then it will drop to one dollar. We played bingo and all sat forward tense as number after number was called. Daniela Homovec was calling. Then suddenly a shrill voice yells, "bingo" and a prize is awarded. There were nine prizes selected by Mrs. Candon. At our next meeting a taffy pull will act as an added inducement to our members. We want all you champion wrestlers, boys and girls, to attend and pull some taffy.

Andy Elersich, 15  
Spartan Jr., Vrtec 5.

### ROZNICK JRS. VRTEC 160

The next regular meeting of Rosnick Jrs. No. 160 will take place on March 20, 1938 at 2334 So. Ridgeway Ave. at 2 p.m. A drawing will be held for all members present of Vrtec 160. A prize will be given but you must be present. Please come and enjoy an afternoon with us.

Wilma Gratchner, Sec'y.

(Dalje sledi.)