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Slovene Schools Increasing

That the idea of Slovene school at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair avenue was not an idea to be sneered at or even an idea that was futile is attested to more, day by day, as the seasons roll by.

The start was small indeed but encouraging enough to make it worth the while of other centers of Slovene people to begin Slovene schools.

Whatever may be the opinion of sceptics and people who are always ready to throw the wet blanket whenever a new idea is begun, they must certainly get their rebuff in the information that Slovene youth is interested enough in the Slovene to enlist in schools for Slovene and in many cases assess themselves in time and money to get the information that is given there.

It is noteworthy that the students in classes are American sons and daughters of immigrants who have come here from the old country some time ago.

With new schools beginning the Cleveland Journal hopes that they will have great success in the undertaking and, that, each new school may be an additional encouragement for others to get in line with the idea.

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Buck, Pearl S.

The Good Earth

"There is no final passage to India—no charm, no magic incantation which can open up to even the most sympathetic mind the heart and soul of an alien race."

Such a novelist Miss Buck seems clearly to be. She has for many years lived in China, taught there, and associated on terms of familiarity with the natives.

Earth," however, she goes far beyond mere sympathetic journalism. A novel of major appeal is the result.

"The Good Earth" as far as its central theme is concerned, is not cast in a particularly original mold. It belongs with those novels which, like "Growth of Soil," and "Giants in the Earth" celebrate, in a style so elemental as to be dateless, the most fundamental of men's attachments.

The Letter Opener

WHAT WE THINK ABOUT IT

The suggestion in the last issue of the Journal directed at the Slovene Junior Orchestra to reorganize is a splendid one, but not altogether original.

We are inclined to believe, however, that it would prove folly to attempt to resurrect the Junior Orchestra during the warm days when both mind and will generally are lax and unattentive along cultural channels of life.

It is very gratifying to note that others than members of the Junior Orchestra are taking interest in our success.

—Louis Hodnik, Pres.

MRS. MARIE PRISLAND HERE ON VISIT

Mrs. Marie Prislant of Sheboygan, Wis., the supreme president of the Slovene Ladies Union will honor our city with her visit sometime in September.

She is coming to present branch 47 of Garfield Heights the "golden book of merit," an award which was attained by making the best gain in membership during the recent campaign.

Branch No. 47 is the baby branch of the Union. It was instituted in June with 104 members on its list thereby leading all other branches throughout the jurisdiction.

These same ladies and four others will receive gold emblem pins for their splendid efforts.

The three leading branches will be presented with artistic hand engraved charters. Other prizes, such as emblem pins and books will also be presented to those

growth which founded the family fortunes.

But "The Good Earth" strikes us with the force of novelty because this most venerable and universal of themes is now applied to a race commonly thought of as inscrutable and remote from the preoccupations of the European consciousness.

If the book has any fault, it is that of an occasional monotony of tone, a certain over-gravity, as if the slow rhythms of the earth had entered into the style.

(Taken from Scribner's—May issue)

who were active in the campaign.

All these presentations will make Mrs. Prislant quite important in our city for the members have really secured about half of the entire gain in this last drive which totalled close to 750 new members.

The Slovene Ladies Union has reached a general fund of \$20,000.00 with a membership of 4000 which is indeed remarkable for only its five years of existence.

The organization has its own monthly official organ and very alert and capable supreme officers.

Cleveland has better than a third of the entire membership and the supreme president, Mrs. Prislant, is at all times ready to comment the members on all their undertakings.

Without a doubt Cleveland branches will feel highly honored with her presence and will favor her with quite a reception in extending her a warm welcome.

—Albina Novak

ST. VITUS GIRLS ATTENTION!

What became of the Young Ladies Sodality? Is it still alive? Who and what about it? Yes, it's still going and here's a tip—listen—it will be bigger and better than ever before.

Here's the news! The Rev. B. J. Ponikvar, pastor of St. Vitus church sensing the need of a spiritual moderator for the Sodality, appointed his assistant, the Rev. Andrew A. Andrey to the post of moderator.

A letter announcing the reorganization meeting for Thursday evening, July 30, 1931, has been sent to all the old members, but since the list is incomplete, all who are interested are hereby invited to attend.

Father Andrey is loved and respected by the young people of the parish. He has the ability and perseverance to put the Sodality on a firmer base. All he needs is your help and your cooperation to spell success.

—Committee

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PICNIC held by the Cleveland Co-operative Societies in connection with the Co-operative School at the D. T. J. Farm SUNDAY, JULY 26th 1931 at 10. A. M. 10 prizes will be given away. There will be singing by different choruses and several speeches will also be delivered. Czech music will be furnished for the dancing. DIRECTIONS TO FARM:—Take Route 422, seven miles from Chagrin Falls, O., to Brown Rd. and direct to the farm. Look for the D. T. J. signs.

Lodge Notices!

COLLINWOOD SOKOLS

Collinwood Sokols are requested to attend their classes in full numbers every Monday and Thursday to prepare for the annual picnic on August 2, 1931. —Louis Zele, Walter Lampe, Mike Urac, Anna Vadnal.

SLOVENE OPERA DAY

(Continued from page one)

the performance of "Aida," opera's grandest spectacle, and will continue for one week closing on Sunday, August 2nd with a repetition of "Aida." Unheard of opera prices will prevail during this season, ranging from 25c to \$2.00.

Since The Press has honored the Slovenes by having the opening night dedicated to them, the Slovenes should co-operate and attend this festival and if possible sit in a body.

Just to remind you — keep August 23rd open for the Inter-lodge picnic at Spelko's Gardens and August 27th for the Annual Comrade Lake Ride!

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Dramatic Incidents of SLOVENE HISTORY

By John Pristov and Frank Sodnikar

THE BLACK DEATH

"I certainly would not admit any stranger into my home at such a time."

"You are right, neither would I, with this cholera raging around us, now already for 2 years, since 1503."

"How this woman looked. She was an old lady, I imagine around ninety, hunchbacked, frail and scarcely able to walk; if she had not had a cane to support herself on, she would have keeled over, I pity her, but it is too big a risk to take strangers in at this time."

"Are you talking about that strange old woman who has been going around asking for lodgings?" questioned another woman who had also come to fetch water at the village well of Gosdorf. "I would have taken her in myself, but you know how it is with all this cholera raging around here."

"We are fortunate that we have been spared from this calamity thus far, may the Lord preserve us still further."

"A teamster, who travels around, told me," said a lady who had just arrived, "that village after village had been struck, and where before they were full of life and gaiety now they are nothing but empty shacks—villages where every house is its own tombstone."

"It is coming to such a point that inhabitants of whole cities are nothing but dead corpses."

"Why so many people die that they have scarcely any place to be buried in, they just burn the bodies!"

"Somebody told me, that men willing to sacrifice themselves are employed to pull out the dead bodies from houses and bring them to the village limits where they pile them up and burn them."

"What is this coming to, by the looks of things God has determined to wipe out the entire Slovene race," lamented another.

"Well, all we have to do is to watch ourselves. We should not leave any strangers into our homes where they could spread their germs. If we are careful we will yet pass over this crisis. But if it touches one home of our village it will swiftly spread to the other homes," cautioned someone else.

While this gossiping was going on in the square of the village, in the far side of the town the lady of the discussion was slowly working her way to the last hut in the higher part of the town. It was her last possible place of refuge in the village—Gracar's cabin.

Approaching she could hear the laughing and joyous shouts of mirthful children. This place had an aspect altogether different than the others. It was a small home, built with snow-white limestone and covered with a roof of straw. The outside walls were adorned with pictures of saints and events. In the arch over the doorway was a representation of St. Florian sprinkling water on a burning house, this no doubt, put there to invoke the protection of St. Florian against fire.

The door opened cautiously, and there appeared a man of a jovial personality. He seemed neither rich nor poor. His dress was typical of a Slovene peasant; boots, short knee pants with white linen protruding at the knees, velvet vest and a ruffled shirt made up his attire.

As Gracar opened the door and looked at the woman, he saw a thin, hunchbacked old woman in a black dress; her gray head was covered with a black scarf which cast a shade over her face; she had a stick in her hand and to all appearances was a weak old lady.

"What do you wish, mother?" he asked with joyous query.

"Just a bed for the night, to shelter me; please be charitable to a helpless and homeless thing like myself."

"Well, let's see, we are slightly overcrowded as it is, but I always have a place for a destitute lady. My neighbors may ridicule me as a beggar but still I have as warm a heart as any of them."

Hesitating not in the least, Gracar invited her within.

The furnishings of the room were plain. Chairs and table were made of unpolished wood. The walls were white and bare, save for a crucifix and an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In one corner was a woman spinning flax on the spinning wheel. In another corner were a few children grouped around their grandfather who was telling them tales of how the Slovenes fought the Turks.

"I was not expecting such hospitality, (but bear in mind that the Lord will repay you for this kindness," were the only words that the old lady uttered before she fell asleep.

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# JOURNAL SPORT PAGE

BY JOSEPH A. JARC

## E. ZALETEL SHUTS OUT LOYALITES

### Comrades Crash 13 Safeties

#### KRAINZ'S FIELDING SCINTILLATES

Eddie Zaletel registered his second victory over the former champs as he hurled and batted two of his mates. Secolic scored two more as he singled to center. The Comrades scored twice more in the fifth and once in the eighth.

While E. Zaletel pitched masterful ball, his mates led by Novak, who clouted three hits made the going rather easy. Secolic and Zalokar connected safely twice. Gaski and M. Sodja were the only Loyalties who hit safely.

Zaletel struck out four and walked three. Jarkewicz whiffed two and passed one.

labeled won his own game as he sent a single into right, scoring two of his mates. Secolic scored two more as he singled to center. The Comrades scored twice more in the fifth and once in the eighth.

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## Betsy Ross Surprise In 9 - 2 Win Over Progressives

### Boosters Edge Clairwoods 4 - 2

The Betsy Ross team pulled a surprise by drubbing the Progressives, 9 to 2 for their first victory of the season. The Flag-makers have occupied the cellar position for the first round, but are now really playing fast ball. Holowenkor, their pitching ace, has seemed to struck his stride, and is now showing plenty of zip. He set down the S.N.P.J. outfit with 5 hits, while his mates pounded Kulwin and Cvetic for 12. Holowenkor struck out two but his players clicked nicely and stopped whatever threats were made by the losers. Holwenko also starred at the plate getting two out of four. E. Starman and C. Starman each got two bingles, as also did Riddle. Kulwin breezed two and passed three. Wick was the only Progressive to connect safely, doing so twice.

## COLLINWOOD BOOSTERS 4, CLAIRWOODS 2

With Gulic pitching superbly in the pinches, the Collinwood Boosters nipped the Clairwoods in a fast moving tussle. Gulic whiffed nine but his wildness let six get on the path via the free route, only to be stranded there. Nagy, with a double and single led the Boosters' attack. Krall connected safely twice.

Zust on the mound for the losers breezed seven and walked four.

## S. Y. M. C. WIN, 8 - 6

The S. Y. M. C. defeated the 23rd Ward Democrats in the feature tussle, in this week's schedule in the East Madison Playground League. Other results were Nick Sports 7—Miheleic Grocers 0, Friedl Sports 3—G. W.'s 0.

and 12 of them were strike-out victims before Merhar's slants. Zak with two slashing doubles was the outstanding hitter for the Brazis.

Bobby Connors limited the Central Typewriters to 2 hits and the 23rd Ward Democrats won by a shut-out, 5 to 0 in a class A indoor game. Betson continued his heavy hitting for the Democrats by crashing out a triple and single and Maggie connected for a circuit drive.

The Farah Sports scored two runs in the ninth to take over the Cleveland Transfers, 2 to 0. T. Kubilus getting two hits for the Sports.

Sheller and Marks each drove out two hits to help the Emmett Walsh for Council defeat the Corlett Catholic Club, 5 to 2.

The Gabel Bills scored a 9 to 6 upset over the strong Comella Sports. They crossed the plate 5 times in the last inning to win.

Lefty Merhar hurled the Brazis Bros to a 8 to 5 victory over the Connolly Sports. The Sports were able to get only three bingles

## SCHEDULE

Week of July 27

### GROUP A

Monday, White City ORELS vs LOYALITES  
Tuesday, Gordon Park S. Y. M. C. vs COMRADES  
Wednesday, Gordon Park G. W.'s vs PIONEERS  
Friday, Gordon Park S. Y. M. C. vs ORELS

### GROUP B

Clairwoods vs Progress.—9:00  
Betsy Ross vs Col Boost.—10:30  
First game Sunday morning must begin promptly at 9:00 a. m.—Not later.

## DOLJACK DAY COMMITTEE COMPLETES PLANS

Sunday August 9th, League Park Definite

The Committee and friends interested in boosting Doljack Day completed their plans for August 9 the date set aside for the honoring of Frank Doljack, local Slovene member of the Detroit ball club.

Mr. Frank Mervar, chairman of the entertainment committee and donor of the hall where the evening festivities are to be held, reports everything in readiness. His chief kitchen maid is to be Miss Jennie Prusnick. The price for the evening affair is thirty-five cents. The reserved seats for the ball game sell at one dollar and forty cents.

It is hoped that the others who attended the earlier meetings will be on hand at the final meeting, Monday, August 3, at the St. Clair Bath House at 8:15.

## Interlodge Picnic!

Don't forget the Interlodge Baseball Picnic to be held at Spello's, Sunday AUGUST 23, With ten clubs represented in the league, the committee expects everyone to attend and are so preparing to fulfill your every desire. Don't forget, reserve Sunday, August 23 for one of the best picnics ever had.

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## Orels Drub G. W.'s, 10 - 4

### Zabukovec Allows 6 Hits

The Orels found the G. W.'s in a terrible playing mood and took advantage of eight errors to run up a big score. While Zabukovec limited the losers to six hits, his mates pounded Kubilus hard, connecting for 13 markers. The Cherry Tree Choppers gave one of the worst exhibitions of playing, erring at critical moments, on the other hand, the Orels played heads up and fielded sensationally.

The Orels went on a rampage in the first two innings, chalking up seven runs, a result of four hits and four errors.

The Gymnasts hit safely in every frame but the third. Twelve men were stranded on the bags for the Orels.

Zabukovec also starred at the plate getting three out of five. Kostansek also hit safely three times. Marinko clouted a homer and a single and handled for hard chances nicely. F. Brancelj got on base four out of five, on two hits and two errors.

Scheller was the only one to connect more than once for the G. W.'s getting two out of four. Hocoever, a pinch hitter, hit safely. Kubilus struck out four and walked five. Zabukovec whiffed eight and passed three.

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## MAKOVIC HURLS PIONEERS TO WIN

### Allows S. Y. M. C. Only Two Hits

#### YERSE HAS BAD INNING AS PIONEERS SCORE 3 IN THE FIRST

The Pioneers hopped on to F. Yerse in the initial inning and before the fireworks were over, three men scampered across the plate. With such an early lead, Makovic was never in danger being scored on in the seventh on the S.Y.M.C.'s only two hits. Getting back to the first inning, Habian first up was safe on Preble's error, Anslow grounded out, L. Yerse to Leskovic, Habian advancing to second. Sprtenak grounded out, Prebles to Leskovic. Barbic sent a single to right, and as Udovic let the ball get away both runners tallied. Pavlovic singled to center. Meehan sent a two bagger scoring for the losers.

Pavlovic, Beljan popped out to Milavec.

F. Yerse then tightened up allowing but three scattered hits for the remainder of the game, but the damage was done as Makovic permitted nary a hit until the seventh when hits by Toots Milavec and Simonis scored the S.Y.M.C.'s lone tally. The while the S.Y.M.C.'s erred twice.

Makovic whiffed nine and F. Yerse struck out four and walked one.

Meehan got two out of three to lead the winners, while Milavec and Simonis got one apiece for the losers.

## PIONEER-SPIRIT GAME TO BE FEATURE OF CROATIAN HOME PICNIC

On Sunday afternoon, July 26, at 3 p. m. the Pioneers will meet the "Spirit of Croatian Youth" lodge of McKees Rocks, Pa., in an indoor baseball game to be played at Pintar's Farm.

The game will be played as a feature of the Croatian National Home's Annual Picnic.

The Pioneers won the first game which was played in McKees Rocks, Pa., several weeks ago but not until after a hard battle was fought. The Pioneers should be heavy favorites in this game inasmuch as they played the previous game in accordance with the Pittsburgh rules which permits bunting and forbids base-stealing.

In the past two weeks the Pioneers with the help of the CNH directors have been out at Pintar's with picks, shovels, rakes and what have you. The infield has taken shape beautifully and the whole crew is working on the outfield which should be in very good condition for the game.

Many out-of-town visitors are expected to attend this game and the Croatian Home directorate has made plans to accommodate a record crowd.

Joe Jarc, popular manager of the local Comrade team will be behind the plate calling the balls and strikes.

## MR. FRANK J. KRESS VISITS CLEVELAND

Mr. Frank J. Kress of Pittsburgh, Penna., has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cetina, 624 E. 140 St., during the past two weeks. He will return to Pittsburgh, Sunday, July 26.

Mr. Kress is a very well-known and popular young man in the Pittsburgh circles. Besides possessing the qualifications of holding the position of a successful assistant purchasing agent for the large firm of Joseph Home Co., Pittsburgh, he is chairman of the National S. S. C. U. Athletic Board, an active member of the Pittsburgher No. 186, S. S. C. U. and treasurer of the Morning Star, No. 665 S.N.P.J.

We are sorry you had to leave Cleveland so soon. Come again some time!

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