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The Story of Lincoln

Billy reads the life story of Lincoln. He's thrilled. Slavery — the war — democracy — Lincoln! All this in one and the same story. Billy's all excited. Why Lincoln's time was like the present! The war is on! His brother is in this war; his uncle is in it; millions of American young men, millions of men of the United Nations are on all fronts! The war is

on—the cry is on: Slavery of "New Order" against democracy!

Is history repeating itself? Then it was Lincoln. Who will be a Lincoln now? Who will repeat the glorious story? Billy is really thrilled. Something is telling him that there is a new Lincoln, and that democracy will win in this war as it won at the time of the immortal Lincoln. . .

Terezinkina naloga

Katka Zupančič

P e s e m

Pesem ali poezija je nekaj lepega in ima kitico. Nekateri so dolge ali kratke in se po njih lahko hodi in poje. Imamo narodne pesmi in klasične pesmi in take, ki so samo pesmi. Pesniki so imenitni umetniki. Včasih tudi stradajo in imajo pesniški duh. Rabijo same visoke besede, ampak jih globoko zložijo. To so potem klasične poezije. Imajo dolge lase in tudi brade, ali pa so brez las in brade kakor navadni ljudje. Takih pesmi le malokdo razume, ali pa nihče in so za na oder najboljše.

In če tečejo gladko na njem, ploska dvorana z rokami na koncu. Včasih pa si briše mokre solze in je tiho, da bi slišala šivanko. Ampak v nekateri glavi pesem ne ostane, ker ne more vanjo, je pretrda. V druge pa gre, ampak se ustraši in pade skozi. Potem pa je na odru velik križ z rdečim obrazom. In

je dvorana polna usmiljenja, pa dobi ploskanja dovolj vseeno.

Jaz tudi sem nekoliko pesniško udarjena. Saj večkrat gledam, kako "Polna luna sred neba—za zvezdami raca. . ." To je začetek moje pesmi, ki je še ni. Ampak imam drugo. In je cela, ki ji je naslov "Podgana". Tudi se lahko po nji koraka in poje po stari avstrijski cesarski:

Na polici kruha hlebec,
v njem podgana se masti.
Ali kmalu bo ujela
se v nastavljene pasti.
Na polici kruha hlebec,
iz njega gleda goli rep.

To je moja prva in pravi mama, da ni tečna, ampak točna. Ali meni se jako dopade. Zdaj zlagam "Stonogo pri čevljarju". In bo dolga, ali pa kratka. Oh, tako rada bi bila tudi jaz umetna imenitnica! — — —

"Zob za zob"

Katka Zupančič

Jakec je od jeze bled,
uhlji mu gorijo —
vidi se jim prstov sled,
Jakca kar morijo.

Strašno rad bi bil močan,
velik kakor gora,
da pajdaše bi krotil
vselej brez napora.

In bi svet strme dejal:
"Glejte velikana!
Ta Brdavska bi ugnal
bolje od Krpana.

Noge so mu stebraste,
prsa kakor skala,
roke pa lopataste,
pleča so ko tnala."

Tak bi on k vojakom šel,
v Afriki taboril.
Četo Nemcev bi ujel,
zvezdo si priboril.

In se vrnil bi, rekoč:
"Semkaj, pajdašija!
Ura lahko, ko nekoč,
z uhlji se navija. . ."

LUKEC IN NJEGOV ŠKOREC

Povest za mladino

France Bevk

(Nadaljevanje)

"Liro ti dam zanj," mu je ponujal Peter.
"Ne dam ga."

"Saj ga ne boš smel vzeti s seboj. Poginil ti bo. Na poti ti bo ušel."

Učiteljica je opazila šepet. Povedali so ji, da gre Lukec v Ameriko. Spomnila se je, da Lukčeve matere še ni bilo k nji. Ali ji ni povedal? Lukec je bil v zadregi. Stisnil je glavo in molčal. Strmel je na zemljevid.

Čez nekaj časa je dvignil roko: "Prosim, ali so v Argentiniji velika mesta?"

Imeli so računstvo. Učiteljica se je začudena ozrla po Lukcu. Njegove oči so gledale odkrito. Nič porednega bleska ni bilo v njih. Bilo je prvič, da se je Lukec zanimal za kako stvar. Gospodična je zaprla računico in stopila k zemljevidu. Lukec nikoli ni tako pazno poslušal kot tisto uro. Od vsega, kar mu je pripovedovala gospodična, je razumel le malo, skoraj nič. Vendar so mu zvenele besede ko prijetna godba na uho.

Velika, velika mesta. Večja nego Trst. V Argentiniji prebivajo Španci. Tudi drugi narodi so tam. Celo Indijanci. Levov, tigrov in slonov tam ni, a so druge čudovite živali...

Lukec je prišel domov in povedal materi: "Gospodična učiteljica pravi, da pridite v šolo."

Mati je sklenila roke: "Toliko skrbi imam, zdaj pride še to na mojo glavo. Si ji že zopet nagajal?"

"Da. Toda že predvčerajšnjim," je povedal po resnici.

Mati je bila ko zmešana. V enem mesecu je bilo treba vse urediti in iti... Učiteljica jo je prijazno sprejela. Lukca skoraj ni omenila. Dala ji je roko, želela ji je srečno pot. Marjeti je bilo lažje pri srcu.

V mestu je vprašala: "Ali bo vse nared v enem mesecu?"

Gospodje so skomizgnili z rameni.

Kovaško orodje je prodala novemu kovaču. Tudi ostale reči v hiši so dobile vsaka svojega gospodarja. Pod njenim vzglavjem je ležala lepa vsota denarja. Ni ji dala spati. Gledala je v strop in mislila: "Kakšno bo novo življenje?"

Gospodje v mestu so ji končno povedali: "Manjka še to in ono. Odpeljati se morate dva tedna pozneje..." Marjeta je sklenila roke. Pisala je možu pismo in mu to povedala.

Lukec je imel druge skrbi. Pomeril si je novo obleko. Tako gosposki še ni bil nikdar. Bilo ga je skoraj sram, iti z njo v cerkev. Mati je bila prinesla dva kovčega. Lukec je naložil svojega in ga zaprl.

"Da ne boš vlačil neumnosti s seboj," mu je dejala mati.

"Ne," je odgovoril. Dolgo je odlašal, tedaj jo je poprosil: "Mati, dajte mi pet lir. Nekaj si bom kupil."

Ni hotel povedati, kaj. V vaški krčmi je visel ob uri tičnik. Nekoč so imeli kanarčka, a jim je bil poginil. To je bilo pred leti. Od tedaj je bila kletka prazna. Lukec je poželjivo gledal vanjo. Ali mu jo prodajo? Dejali so mu, da je vredna pet lir.

Mati se je dolgo obotavljala, preden je dala Lukcu denar. Z njim je tekel Lukec naravnost v vas. Stopil je v krčmo in vrgel srebrnik pred krčmarja.

"Dajte mi tičnik!"

Dobil ga je. Premajhen je bil za škorca. Vratca bo treba razširiti. A bil je lep, ves iz rumene žice. Na vrhu je imel ročaj. Tako previdno kot deček v bajki, ki je našel zlato vodo za bolnega kralja, je prinesel Lukec kletko domov. Postavil jo je na mizo.

"Kaj pa je to?" ga je vprašala mati.

"Kletko sem kupil."

"Za pet lir?" se je zavzela Marjeta. "Zakaj ti bo?"

"Za škorca."

"Škorca poneseš s seboj? Ali nimava dovolj drugih reči? In Bog ve, če pustijo žival vzeti na ladjo?"

Lukcu je vzelo sapo. Da bi škorec ne smel v Ameriko? Na to Lukec ni bil pomislil. Skrb in žalost sta mu zadrgnila grlo.

Škorčev oče je bil tudi škorec in njegova mati škorica. Vsi njegovi sorodniki so bili škorci. Škorčev oče ni imel imena kot Klepec. Ta svojega očeta, ki se je rad družil z vranami in kavkami, še poznal ni.

To je pa najbrže res, da je stari škorec vsake jeseni odletel v laške dežele. Mraza ni

maral ne snega. Po volji mu je bilo solnce, črvi in polži.

Nekoč se je bil zaletel lovca v mrežo. To mu ni bilo nič po volji. Človeškega jezika ni znal, kot pozneje njegov sin. Od jeze in žalosti je zamijavkal ko mačka, zavreščal ko sraka in še druge grde glasove je dal od sebe.

Lah je to slišal in se je prestrašil. Mislil je morda, da je vraga ujel v past. Od strahu je spustil mrežo, škorec pa je odletel in odnesel zdravo perje.

Spomladi se je vrnil domov. Srečala sta se z lepo, mlado škoricico. Ker sta se imela rada, sta si izbrala za dom duplo blizu kovačije. Spletla sta gnezdo. Škorica je bila znesla vanj modrikasta jajčeca. Valila je. Škorec ji je pel in ji prinašal polžev in črvov. Tu in tam tudi sladkih vipavskih češenj, ki sta jih posebno rada zobala.

To zgodbo o škorcju je bil zvedel Lukec od očeta. Ta mu je bil prinesel nekega jutra mladega Klepeca domov. Klepec je bil najbrž prezgodaj skočil iz gnezda, padel v grmovje in tam obležal. Oče je slišal njegovo tožbo in ga je pobral.

Mladi škorec je bil nekaj dni žalosten in klavern. Privadil se je koče in ljudi, postal je zabaven in vesel.

"Ali bo moj?" je vprašal Lukec očeta.

"Pa naj bo," je dejal ta, "če boš skrbel zanj."

To se je bilo zgodilo tistega leta, preden je bil odšel oče v Ameriko.

Lukec je skrbel za škorca. Še sanjal je o njem. Ptič je postal domač in zvest ko pes. Stopical je po izbi, hodil okoli koče. Mačke ali psa se je bal. Če ju je zagledal, je letel v skrivališče in strašno vpil. Vse leto je plesal, uganjal norčije. Le v jeseni, ko so odleteli njegovi bratci na jug, je postal žalosten in nemiren.

Škorec je dobro poznal svojega gospodarja. Rad ga je imel. Zamijavkal mu je kot mačka, zacvilil kot psiček, zakrutil kot prašiček. Izgovoril je besedo, zažvižgal kot kos, kar si je Lukec želel. Če se ta ni zmenil zanj, mu je sedel na ramo, ga pocuknil za uho: "Luka! Luka!"

Deček je živali bolj stregel nego sebi. Pri-trgal si je, da je dal škorcju. Postala sta si neločljiva prijatelja. Če bi mu ga kdo vzel, bi postal njegov največji sovražnik. Tova-

rišem je bilo to znano, zato so ga venomer dražili: "Vzamemo ti škorca!"

"Poizkusite!"

Lukec je vedel, da je to le za šalo. Vendar se mu je že ob sami misli, da bi izgubil škorca, skrčilo srce. Stisnil je pesti.

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Mati je bila dejala Lukcu odločno: "Škorca ne vzameš s seboj!" Lukec bi bil najrajši zajokal. Kaj bo njemu Argentinijska brez škorca? Pretekla sta dva dneva. Odločil se je, da bo še enkrat govoril z materjo. Roko je držal na kletki, obraz se mu je čudno nategoval.

"Kam naj pa denem škorca?" je vprašal.

"Daj ga komu! Kdo bo po poti pazil na to žival?"

"Saj ga ponesem jaz! In če . . . bi ne pustili . . . ga bom zaprl v kovčeg . . ."

"Da se ti zamuži. Bedak! Poleg tega bomo imeli še kake sitnosti z njim."

"Bedak! Bedak!" mu je vpil škorec.

Lukec se je ozrl po njem. V tistem hipu mu je bil še ljubši.

"Kje si kupil tičnik?" je vprašala mati.

"Jutri ga ponesem nazaj, da mi vrnejo denar."

Mati ni bila še nikdar tako odločna. Lukec ji ni ugovarjal. Spoznal je, da bi bila vsaka beseda zaman.

Povečerjali so. Škorec je zadremal v svojem kotu. Mati je pomila posodo. Legla je v posteljo. Tudi Lukec je legel na klop. Vsak večer je naglo zaspal, tega večera mu ni bilo do spanca. Rad bi bil sanjal o Ameriki. Toda vsake sanje o Ameriki brez škorca bi bile nič . . . On bo hodil po tujih krajih, a škorec—kje bo škorec? Morda ga bo imel Peter . . . Smejali se mu bodo. Lahko, da bo škorec celo poginil.

Lukcu je stopila žalost v grlo, požrl jo je. Skozi okno je posijal mesec. Lukec je zaprl oči, a je videl škorca pred seboj. Zdelo se mu je, da mu sedi na ramenu in mu vpije v uho: "Potep! Potep!" Znova je odprl oči. Posluhnil je.

Mati je vzdihnila. Ni spala. Lukec se je ozrl. Tudi njen, od mesečine obsijan obraz je gledal v strop.

(Dalje prihodnjič)

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORLD

By R. McMillan

(Continued.)

But do not ever think that you have had things explained to you when you have been told the names! You have got to think things out for yourself, and find out as much as you can; and when you have learned everything possible, you will find you are as far away from the end of things as ever. We are too small to be able to comprehend the vastness of the universe, or the making of this plum-pudding of a world. But we can learn quite a lot about it, and so come to enjoy life and see things as they are. Then we can have more wonderful things to talk about than hats or frocks or sheep or wool. We shall be able to see the miracle of the world we live in, and the glory of existence in this beautiful world of shadows and dreams.

The air is composed of two gases. Everything was in that gas from which this world was developed. But how did the earth come from gas? It did. You can see that it must. Let me give you a little bit of philosophy. Herbert Spencer says that "the test of truth is the impossibility of conceiving of its negation." If you say that two and two are four, you realize that this is true, because you cannot think of two and two being five. If you say that the earth did not come from the nebular gas, then you have got to find the earth somewhere else, and you cannot do that. All the solid earth has crystalized out from gas. The water came from gas, and the air came from gas, and the rocks and trees came from gas that floated in the sky "once upon a time." How long since did the world consist of gas? Lord Kelvin used to say, as a great stretch, that the world must have taken thirty million years to grow to what it is; but other men said it must have taken a hundred million years. Then came the discovery of radium, and men say it must have taken a thousand million years; but what is the use of speculating with such a tiny measuring-rod as years?

As the sun and the worlds kept whirling through space, they were gradually cooling; and as the temperature changed, the character of the elements appeared to change, and all things grew solid. The land appeared,

and mountains rose in places, and deep seas developed, and stayed in one place for a while; but the tides were savage, and the rains were terrible, and the water carved the land, and frost and wind helped, and between them they gave us mountains and valleys, headlands and highlands, and all the diversities that to-day we think are "beautiful". The world grew hard and solid a long time ago, and it is almost fixed now; but if you watch the river on a rainy day, you will see that the high lands are being washed down into the valleys, and the world is wearing down all the time. Nothing is fixed. Nothing endures for ever. All is change, and all things have their little hour and pass away.

CHAPTER XI

The Beginning of Life

It is all very well to talk about the origin of the world, but I feel that it will take you



THE CHERRY TREE STORY

a long, long time to realize how small the world is. "Man is the measure of all things," said an ancient Greek; and we are apt to measure the size of the world by ourselves. That is why it seems so large.

But man is not the measure of all things. Man is no more the measure of things than is an ion or an electron. You know what an atom is, do you not? An atom used to be thought the very smallest possible speck of "matter," so small that it could not be divided, so small that it could not be seen even under the strongest microscope. An atom was looked upon as the very smallest speck in the world. But now, so great has been the advance of science, we know that an atom consists of electrons. Why may not an electron be accepted as the measure of all things? If you take an electron as the standard, a man is huge; a mountain is colossal; a world is incomprehensibly enormous. Words would be useless to try to explain how big the world is compared with an electron.

But if you use space as the measure of all things, or the Star Canopus, then you come to quite a different standpoint. Our world is one million and a-half times smaller than our sun, and our sun is, possibly, as much smaller than the Star Canopus; and yet the star Canopus is only a tiny bright speck in the "sky," in space. If Canopus is a "speck," what is our world? If you take a great big map of the world, and find a speck of fly-dirt on it, and imagine that to be Canopus, then how will you find our world, which is a million, million times smaller? You see, it all depends on your point of view! But you may take this from me, that our world is a tiny, tiny, tiny speck of "solid matter," whirling round a central blazing sun at the rate of a thousand miles a minute.

A little while ago I gave a lecture on "The Origin of the World." Some people objected to my point of view, but some of the scholars agreed with it; and one of the criticisms by a clever University man was that my propositions were the "commonplaces of science." He was quite right! The scientific world has known most of my facts for twenty, or thirty, or fifty years; but they are all new to you, and to your grandfather, and to most people. That is our trouble. Scientific knowledge is confined to a small class, but the great mass of the people still hold to the

ideas and beliefs of two thousand or more years ago.

I am only trying to explain to you the "commonplaces" of the scientific world. I am not inventing anything, or telling you what I have discovered myself; but I am just trying to tell you what men of science have discovered during recent years. Science is very young and very feeble as yet; but it is growing stronger and clearer, and more confident every day. Science is a very promising baby indeed, and when it grows up we will know what sort of a world we live in. And when we are wiser we will also be better, for knowledge means virtue. One of old said: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Science means truth.

Having said so much (and hoping that you understand in some small way what a little world this is), I now go back to where we left off, when the tiny world was cooling and hardening, and the "great" oceans of warm water were fairly still. You notice that I put the word *great* in quotation marks. I did that because I want you to understand that the world is not really great. If you take an orange in your hand and look at the skin, you will see that it is not quite smooth. There are tiny holes all over it. Those holes in the skin of the orange are deeper than our oceans, compared with the size of the earth. So you see we are discussing a very small world.

When the warm seas were fairly at rest all the gases and atoms and electrons entered into various combinations, and the oxygen and hydrogen, and nitrogen, and carbon, and phosphorus made weird and wonderful jellies, and slimy masses, which quivered and shone in the warm seas. It took ages and ages, and finally there arose from these gaseous unions a tiny spot of jelly, which grew from within instead of from without.

Crystals grow from without. The pyramids of Egypt grew by piling one cut stone on another. Men build things, but the jelly in the warm seas *grew*. You never thought about the miracle of growth, did you? When I put a bean into the earth, and leave it there for the sun to warm it, and the rain to moisten it, and the soil to nurse it, all through the dark nights and the sunny days, do you know

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ICE SKATING

EDITOR'S NOTE

Homedale, Idaho, F. C.:—While we insist on originality, we know that many pieces, particularly poetry, sent in are not original. The Editor reserves the right to accept, change or reject any contribution.

Word Square

Can you fill in all the spaces below? All of the words across will be the same as those going down, in the corresponding numbers.

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3			
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|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Small opening. | 3. A stalk. |
| 2. Part of a stove. | 4. Stops. |
- (Answers on back inside cover page)

Pick Your Country

- What country expresses anger?—Ireland.
 What country has a good appetite?—Hungary.
 What country is good for skaters?—Iceland.
 What country suggests a straw hat?—Panama.
 What country does the cook use?—Greece.

Did You Know That—

One robin can eat fourteen feet of worms a day?

Cantaloupe got its name from the town of Cantalupo in Italy where melons were first grown in Europe, the seed to have come from Armenia?

Many varieties of butterflies have a fragrance, usually a flower or pine odor?

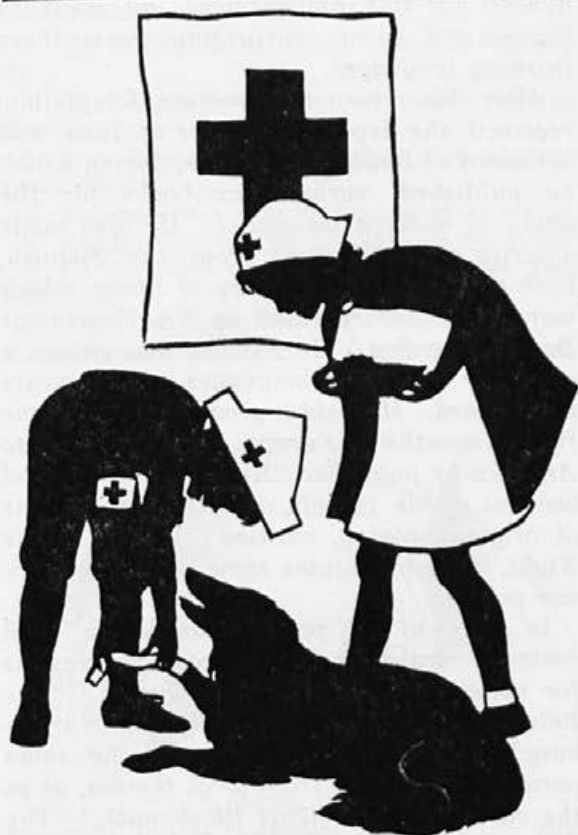
There are more than 75 hundred varieties of American apples?

Pigeons prefer pavements, sidewalks, building cornices and other flat surfaces, instead of trees, because they have walking feet, not perching feet and feel more comfortable on flat foundations?

"Fortunes"

A stunt which will interest and puzzle almost everyone is this one of telling "fortunes." The materials necessary are small slips of white paper, a candle, a small amount of milk and a pen.

Before the guests arrive, or in another room, write some "fortunes" on the slips of paper using the milk as ink. When the milk dries the papers look as though they are blank. The slips are then passed out by someone who says a few "magic" words over each piece. Taking each person's slip, the person holds the paper over the candle and the words previously written in milk appear. Those who do not know the "secret" will be quite amazed.



PLAYING RED CROSS

Birthdays of the Great Men

By Louis Beniger

Henry W. Longfellow

February 27 is the birthday of one of the foremost American poets—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He was born in 1807 at Portland, Maine, of distinguished New England parentage, his father being a lawyer and a United States congressman. Longfellow's boyhood was spent chiefly in his native town where he received his early education. He never ceased to love this town, its beautiful surroundings and quiet life which he later described in his poem "My Lost Youth."

At the age of fifteen Longfellow was sent to Bowdoin College of which his father was a trustee. As a student Longfellow showed early his interest in poetry and when he graduated at the age of eighteen he wrote the class poem. He also showed his skill as a student of the languages and was offered the professorship of modern languages at Bowdoin. In order the better to qualify himself for this appointment, he went to Europe and spent nearly four years there learning languages.

After his return to America, Longfellow received the degree of doctor of laws and remained at Bowdoin six years, during which he published various text-books for the study of modern languages. He also made a series of translations from the Spanish, with an essay on the poetry of Spain, which were later incorporated in "A Pilgrimage Beyond the Sea." In 1835 he was chosen a professor of modern languages and literature at Harvard. He paid a second visit of some fifteen months to Europe. On his return to America he published "Hyperion," a poetical account of his travels, and his first volume of original poetry, entitled "Voices of the Night," which contains some of his best minor poems.

In some of his poems Longfellow used material drawn from European sources, as for instance, "The Return of Spring," "The Beleaguered City," "Excelsior" and "Nuremberg." His American poems of the same period were drawn from local themes, as in the case of "The Village Blacksmith," "The Arsenal of Springfield," "The Bridge," "The

Light of Stars," "To a Child." After his third visit to Europe he wrote his "Poems of Slavery," which dealt with the great national wrong that was wiped out after the Civil War.

At the age of 50, in 1847, Longfellow published the greatest of all of his works—"Evangeline," which is one of the most affecting poems in the language and which immediately attained a wide and lasting popularity. "Hiawatha" was completed the following year; the "New England Tragedies" were written in 1857, and the following year "The Courtship of Miles Standish." He also published a huge collection of foreign poetry, and several songs and sonnets entitled "The Belfry of Bruges."

It is said that in his use of material Longfellow shows as broad a range as Tennyson, although, with the exception of "The Mask of Pandora," there is very little which harks back to the Middle Ages. Of the more modern subject-matter much is presented in ballad form, as in the "Tales of the Wayside Inn." The American subject-matter should not be dismissed without reference to the simple poems drawn from contemporary life, such as "The Day is Done," "The Old Clock," "Children's Hour" and "The Hanging of a Crane," which appeared immediately after the Civil War.

Longfellow's other poems include "The Slave's Dream," "Giles Corey," "Paul Revere's Ride," "Curfew," "A Psalm of Life," "The Building of the Ship," and "The Rainy Day." At this point it is interesting to know that several of Longfellow's poems have been translated into Slovene. In the *Ameriški Družinski Koledar* for 1941 appeared his "Excelsior" translated by Griša Koritnik and in the *Koledar* for 1943 his "Slave's Dream" by the same translator.

In 1873 Longfellow was elected a member of the Russian Academy of Science; a few years before Spain had honored him in the same manner. He also received honorary degrees from Oxford and Cambridge.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow died on March 24, 1882. A bust to his memory was erected in the Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey in London in 1884.

JUST FOR FUN

By Ernestine Jugg

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- February 3, 1924—Ex-President Wilson died.
 February 7, 1812—Charles Dickens, novelist, born.
 February 12, 1809—Lincoln's birthdate.
 February 19, 1878—First phonograph patented.
 February 22, 1732—Washington's birthdate.

GUESSING GAMES

Here you have several sentences, and the answers to all of them will be some word ending in "cate", as for instance: Jane always is spreading gossip. She never keeps anything to herself. The answer to that one would be "communicate". Now try your luck on the rest of them:

1. Jane develops herself both mentally and physically._____
2. Jane almost died because she did not have enough air._____
3. Jane sometimes gets others into trouble._____
4. When Jane goes out walking with you she shows the way._____

ALPHABET MIX-UPS

In the following sentences the first letter of every word is missing. If you supply the correct first letter, the first letter of the sentences will also spell out the name of one of our famous presidents:

1. ee ost ouise's ocket.
2. n celand t s nteresting.
3. ow ora eeds ew eedles.
4. ats an uriously all.
5. rville ften pened ysters.
6. ena earned anguages.
7. ed ever eared ebraska.

Lincoln believed that "This government, of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

VALENTINE'S DAY

Susie got—
 A lot of valentines
 With many different verses
 And many different rhymes.
 But the one she liked especially
 Really wasn't very fancy,
 And it wasn't very fine,
 But on it was written—
 "I'm yours—won't you be mine?"

SCHOOL DAZE

Annabelle lists here her favorite school studies. Are these also your favorites?

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|---------------|------------|
| 1. glneish | 4. gebrala |
| 2. phyoeagrag | 5. ytingp |
| 3. enceies | 6. iobygol |

RIDDLE-ME-REE

1. How does a healthy man resemble the United States?

2. When can you say that an Army is like change for a dollar?

3. Which animal is very generous with his money?

4. If you untwist the following words and arrange them correctly, you will find they mean what Lincoln believed:

enm lla tedaerc lauge rea

5. One week Ruth had a vacation and decided that she would walk a certain distance every day. She started on Monday morning and completed her walking on the Sunday evening following. Each day she walked one mile further than the day before, and the total miles she walked was 56. How many miles did she walk each day?

CATCALLS

Each word in the following questions below begins with **cat**. Can you solve the riddle?

- What cat is—(1) Sent out by a mail-order house? (2) You use as a sauce with meats? (3) Is a bird? (4) A fish? (5) An ancient military engine used for discharging missiles? (6) Domestic quadrupeds serving for labor or food for man? (7) An illness?

When you unjumble these sentences and put them in proper order, you should tell us if they're true or false:

1. The Springfield is Illinois of capital of name the.
2. At Valley Forge the automobile George Washington was by invented.
3. The Proclamation in 1863 Emancipation slaves freed.
4. For the 1800's women were fined in voting.
5. For Juveniles the M. L. best magazine is the.
6. No for victory our school there for 1943 contest is.

(Answers on inside back cover page.)



WINTER HOME

Drawn by Danica Gostovich, age 10, Raton, New Mexico. Lodge 297.

STAMP COLLECTING

VARIETY IN COLLECTING

In these days of stress and strife, of strangulation in red tape, the necessity of a hobby of some sort as help to one's sanity is more apparent than in normal times. A hobby paper is hardly the place to stress the value of any particular hobby—obviously its readers have already joined the forces of the elect—but it is, perhaps, a good place to indicate how that hobby can be more fully enjoyed by some of its adherents. The man who has collected over a period of years has worked out his own problems, probably has developed strong likes and dislikes, and usually is so perfectly satisfied with his particular form of collecting, that an offer to help or advice would be literally like carrying coal to Newcastle. On the other hand, many oldtime collectors, especially those who have specialised in a somewhat limited field, have become more or less satiated—there seems to be nothing new to be discovered, and no opportunity of adding anything new to the collection. So, what to do? Throw the whole thing up, sell out and start again, or what? We suggest a new field of endeavor as an antidote to such staleness, and this should be as different as possible from the line of collecting previously followed. For instance, if the collection has been confined exclusively to the stamps of one country, or perhaps only certain issues of a country, then a modified form of general collecting or specialism in some new small country might fill the bill. On the other hand, there is the man who always collected on general lines by filling the spaces in printed albums, and is so far along that the missing stamps seem impossible to locate or are too expensive. Here the solution would be some sort of specialism by taking up some cheap and plentiful stamp and really going to town on it. Many general collectors who have tried this have been surprised at the new zest it has given them, just as the specialist finds that a simple collection of designs so pleasurable he wonders why he never tried it before. In philately there is a place for any kind of collection, and the possibilities of variety are endless. No one can begin to tabulate all the possible ways of ac-



cumulating postage stamps. Wonderful collections confined to stamps with inverted centers have been made; others have been formed of errors of color only; we know of one man who collected only red stamps; another liked only those printed in black and one we know of would only look at a stamp if it had a red cancellation. On a previous occasion we mentioned a correspondent who collects only the common 3c Stuart stamp of the United States. A recent letter from this gentleman shows that he has worked up a wonderful collection of this one value in one design and still has boundless possibilities before him. Another collection we know of contains only stamps with colored cancellations. In some countries these are so unusual that the discovery of a very common stamp with red, blue, green or yellow cancellation provides quite a thrill. Another collector we know wants only stamps with definite town-dated cancellations; another, only those with parts of slogan postmarks; another asks for target cancellations, and so it goes—endless ramifications and possibilities from the postmark angle alone. One of the most interesting collections we ever saw was of United States cut-squares with odd or colored postmarks. So if your collecting habits have become so stereotyped or stilted that philately has temporarily lost its savor, try one entirely new form of collecting and find out how much fun it can be.

—B. W. H. Poole.



WE ALL HELP

LET'S PLAY GAMES

Submitted by Marge Jeric

February is noted for many birthdays of well-known figures in American History—Washington, Lincoln, Longfellow, and others—but the birthday that seems to most strike the fancy of the average boy and girl is that of Valentine, which falls on the 14th day of each February.

It is very likely that many of our active Juvenile Circles will celebrate this occasion with a Valentine meeting or party. Therefore, a little planning and arranging before hand of decorations for the meeting place will do much toward making the event a bigger success. Use festoons of red and white crepe paper. Strings of small red hearts cut from construction paper festooned about the walls or hung from the ceiling are very effective.

A week or so before the set date, valentine invitations, containing an appropriate verse announcing the time and place of the party, should be sent to the members. If the membership of the Circle is small, allow each one to bring along a prospective member.

To add gaiety to the occasion, be sure to have a valentine box to decide the Circle's valentine "king" and "queen." Encourage the members to make their own valentines. A short program of games, followed by serving of heart-shaped cookies and other goodies, should just about fill the evening or afternoon with ample enjoyment for everyone. Here are a few games you might try.

Cupid's Shooting Gallery

Secure a toy bow and some arrows. They can be obtained at a 5 and 10 cent store or any toy store. Make a large heart of composition board and mark smaller ones on it similar to the rings on a target. Those hitting the center are given twenty-five points, while the next circles count fifteen, ten, and five, respectively.

Heart Hunt

Candy or paper hearts are hidden throughout the room. Let the players look for them while someone plays the piano. The pianist should stop playing for short intervals, and those engaged in hunting the hearts should remain stationary in whatever position they are in when the music stops and must keep that position until the music starts again. If a piano is not available, a whistle may be used. The player collecting the most hearts may be given a prize.

Pulling Cupid's Heart Strings

Hang two cardboard hearts from a doorway or in the center of the room about two feet apart. Make a slit in each heart and run red ribbons through the slits with the ends hanging on either side so that there will be the same number of ends as there are guests. Attach small hearts numbered in duplicate to the ends of the ribbons, and place them so that the hearts hang from each end. At a signal, each player selects one end. Those with hearts of the same number are partners.

Broken Heart Puzzle

Give to each member or couple of members a cardboard heart which has been cut in small

pieces like a jig-saw puzzle. Be careful to cut all the hearts exactly alike. The first to put their hearts together may be given a small prize.

Shooting Hearts

A cord is stretched between two points in the room and on it are hung by strings five or more cardboard hearts, ranging from two to ten inches in diameter. Each heart is numbered, the smaller ones having larger number and the large ones having smaller numbers. Each player in turn must stand ten feet away from the row of hearts, and with a small, soft rubber ball (or bean bag) should try to hit the hearts and make them swing. Each person may have ten trials, the object being to get as high a score as possible by adding up the numbers on the hearts that are hit. More than one may play at the same time.

Tangled Knots

Place a number of lengths of knotted string in a basket. Couples sit in a circle with the basket in the middle, and working together on one string at a time, untie the tangled knots. When one is completely untied, they may start on another, and the couple who has the greatest number finished at a given time receives a small prize. Seven or eight knots to a length of string is enough.

Blind Bell

All the players except one are blind-folded and scatter in different directions. The one who is not blind-folded carries a bell around his neck so that it will ring with every step. The blind-folded players try to catch the one with the bell and whoever catches him is made the bell man.

Hold My Heart

The children all sit on the floor to play "Hold My Heart" which is something like the old game of "Button, Button." One is chosen to pass the heart while the others hold their hands together to receive it. The one who passes the heart places it between his hands and then draws them between the hands of each player saying, "Hold My Heart." He opens his hands enough to let the heart secretly into the hands of one of the players. When he has been all around, the other children guess who has the heart. The one who guesses correctly is the next to pass the heart.

You Can't Get Up

Here is a perfect illusion of hypnotism which can be tried on anyone. Sit a person in a chair and ask him (her) to fold his arms, extend his feet, and throw the head far backwards. The person should be relaxed. When in this position, touch his forehead lightly with your finger and whisper softly, "You can not rise, you can not rise, you are paralyzed." Keep your finger in the center of his forehead. Then tell him to try to rise, and sure enough, he will be unable to do so. He may strain and use every effort, but it will be in vain. All you need to do is remove your finger and tell him to get up, and he will be able to do so with the greatest ease. Oh, you think you could get up? Well, try it!

OUR SCHOOL

FOUR MORE "OUR SCHOOL" WINNERS

The names of four winners of the 1942 "Our School" contest awards were unintentionally left off the list published in the January issue of the Mladinski List by the Juvenile Director. Each received a \$1.00 United States war Stamp and a Junior SNPJ Victory pin. The four members, to each of whom congratulations are extended, are as follows:

Florence Lipar, R. D. 1, Hyndsville, N. Y., Lodge 393

Dorothy Yoger, R. D. 3, Box 1612, Girard, Kansas, Lodge 225

Andrew Rupnik, 2500 Maple St., Aliquippa, Pa., Lodge 122

Steffie Tauchar, Box 3, Power Point, Ohio, Lodge 358

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania was one of the original thirteen colonies, and was part of the territory granted to William Penn, who colonized it in 1681. Pennsylvania is named in his honor, and means Penn's Wood.

Philadelphia was the capital of the federated colonies during the Revolutionary War, and was the scene of many national events which made history.

Pennsylvania contains 45,126 square miles, is 315 miles at its greatest length and 158 miles at its greatest width. The Appalachian mountain system runs through it, rising to its greatest height in North Knob.

Pennsylvania has extensive and diversified manufactures and is first in the production of coal, coke, building stone, and other minerals. The

state stands high in agriculture, stock raising and dairying.

The natural deposits of Pennsylvania include—in addition to coal, iron, petroleum and natural gas—chromium, nickel, marble, red sandstone, slate, limestone, fireclay and salt in abundance.

The first Continental Congress was held at Philadelphia in 1774, and also the famous one of 1776, which issued on July 4 the Declaration of Independence.

As Pennsylvania is the seventh of the original thirteen states, with six states on each side, it has been called the "Keystone" state.

During the Civil War, Chambersburg was invaded by the Confederate forces and burned. And at Gettysburg, on July 1-3, 1863, was fought what has come to be recognized as the decisive battle of that conflict.

It was at Gettysburg, in November 1863, that President Lincoln delivered his immortal "Gettysburg Address"—

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. . . ."

LILLIAN BRITZ, 13, lodge 232,
Box 28, Export, Pennsylvania.

GALILEO GALILEI

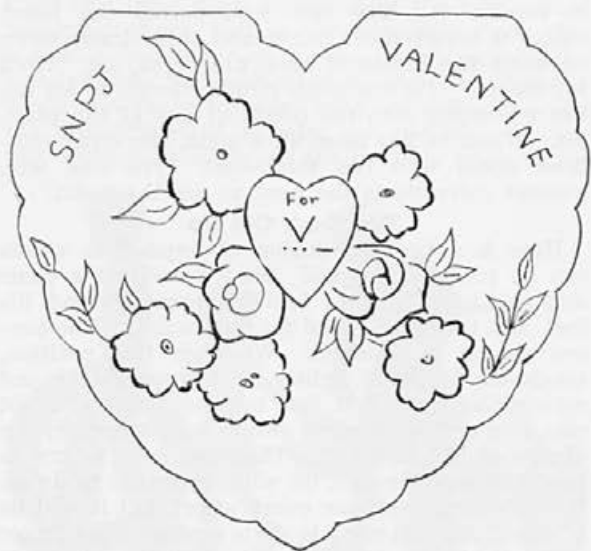
Galileo Galilei, Italian astronomer and experimental philosopher, was born on February 15, 1564, at Pisa, Italy. His father was an impoverished descendant of a well-to-do Florentine family, which had exchanged the surname of Bonajuti for that of Galilei.

From his earliest childhood Galileo, the eldest of the family, was remarkable for intellectual aptitude as well as mechanical invention. He was a keen observer and a straight thinker. The story of how, in the Cathedral of Pisa, he noticed that as the great lamp which hung from the arched roof swung back and forth it always took the same length of time for its journey, is well known. This gave him the idea to the discovery of the laws of the pendulum. He was the founder of experimental physics and astronomy.

Galileo adopted the theory of the solar system from Kopernik (Copernicus), the Polish astronomer (1473-1543). It is said that he made the first thermometer and learned many new facts about light, heat, and air pressure.

But we remember him best for his improvement of the telescope and his discoveries in astronomy. Galileo was not the original inventor of the telescope, he merely improved it. But he was one of the first to see that there were moons revolving around Jupiter, to discover the rings of Saturn, and to observe the rotation of the sun. The movement of sun spots across the sun's disk proved to him that the sun revolved.

It is interesting to know that because he proclaimed the Kopernik theory to be true—namely, that the earth moves around the sun, etc.—Galileo was prosecuted by the church as a heretic and condemned for his teachings. The legend tells us



Drawn by Zora Gostovich, age 14, Raton, New Mexico. Lodge 297.

that when he was forced by the church to recant his theory, he exclaimed, "Eppur si muove!" which means in English, "And yet it does move!"

Galileo did many things. He was one of the first men to make use of the scientific method and to supply the test of the experiment in order to learn new facts, and to prove the unchangeable relation between cause and effect.

ANNIE CRETNIK, 16, lodge 24,
R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

FANNY CROSBY

Fanny Crosby, the blind composer and social worker, was born in 1820 in Putnam, New York. Hopelessly blind almost from birth, she succeeded in composing more songs than perhaps any person living at that time; many of them are still known by millions.

It is said that when Fanny was six weeks old, a cold caused inflammation of the eyes. The family doctor being far away at that time, a substitute was called. He, apparently not qualified to act in such an emergency, prescribed certain medicine that proved too strong, and total blindness resulted. It was the first of many heart-breaking experiences, for later Fanny lost her father, her mother, her husband, and finally her own child.

At no time, however, did she ever weaken in her firm intention to bring comfort and sympathy to others. This she did by creating worthwhile thoughts. She began composing early. Fanny was only eight when she composed the following verses which crystalized her attitude toward life: "Oh! What a happy soul I am! Although I cannot see I am resolved that in this world contended I will be."

Fanny spent a great part of her childhood with her grandmother, and it was from her that she learned the names of common birds, flowers, and trees. She could recite many verses. Then she attended the New York Institute for the Blind, and it was then that she learned to "read" many famous books.

Some of her hymns were written for William B. Bradbury, a music publisher of Civil War times. Among her best known compositions are "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower" and "There's Music in My Heart."

One of Fanny Crosby's biographers wrote: "She could have been a rich woman had she cared to be, but she poured out the wealth of her heart and mind solely to make others happy and better."

Fanny Crosby died in 1915—at the age of 95.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States, was born on February 12, 1809, near Hodgenville, Kentucky, in a log cabin. From Kentucky the Lincoln family moved first to Indiana and then to Illinois.

The wilderness of Kentucky and Indiana provided only snatches of schooling for Lincoln, but

he read and reread the few books which he could get hold of. Lincoln's long wish to make the long trip down the Mississippi was realized after he moved to Indiana. In New Orleans he saw the slave market, and the impression he obtained there lead to his determined fight to abolish slavery.

At New Salem, Illinois, Lincoln clerked in a store, studied law, and took part in the political talk of the day. He also served in the Black Hawk War. Lincoln understood human nature, and he had a droll sense of humor which gave point to his arguments.

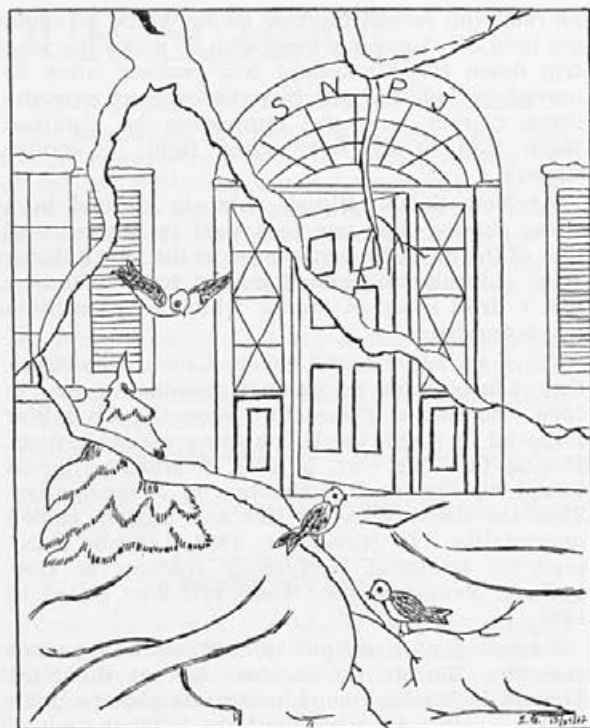
After an address at Coopers Union, New York City, Lincoln rose to national prominence, and in 1860 was elected President. Soon the Civil War followed in which the Union army was victorious. During the long war, in 1863, President Lincoln issued his famous Proclamation of Emancipation. Thus the slaves were set free and Lincoln gained immortality. In November, 1863, Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Civil War ended in 1865.

On the evening of April 14, 1865, while President and Mrs. Lincoln sat in their box at the Ford Theater in Washington, Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. After his death the following morning his Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton, paid



ROYAL GORGE IN COLORADO

Drawn by Olga Vidmar, age 16, Colorado Springs,
Colo., Lodge 94.



A SKETCH

Drawn by Zora Gostovich, age 14, Raton, New Mexico. Lodge 297.

Six years after his resignation as commander in chief he was unanimously chosen the first President of the United States.

It was indeed fortunate for the nation that these early years of the new government were under the able leadership of George Washington.

"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." These words, first written of Washington at the time of his death, describe the immortal place that he holds in history and in the affection of the American people.

George Washington died on December 14, 1799, at the age of 67.

ANNIE CRETNIK, 16, lodge 24,
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A TORNADO

We had a tornado in Arkansas last year. It was in Berryville. Some of the largest buildings that were destroyed were schools, houses, canneries, bakeries and railroad stations.

Refrigerators and furniture as well as many other things were also destroyed. In one house that was torn down, the only living creature left was a dog. He stayed by to guard the house.

It was reported that when the building back of the town was started, it could be completed in three weeks, that is, if enough workers were available. I hope another tornado never occurs in Arkansas again.

GEORGIE MOCIVNIK, 11, lodge 24,
P. O. Box 86, Jenny Lind, Ark.

WE ALL NEED AIR

What would we do without air? We couldn't live long. Air is made up of many things, mainly oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide and hydrogen. Rust is also caused by air. Oxidation is when a substance combines with air. We could not make fires without air. There are many things we couldn't do. So you see, we all need air in every way.

GEORGIE MOCIVNIK, 11, lodge 24,
P. O. Box 86, Jenny Lind, Ark.

SEEING EYE DOGS

A growing number of blind persons now have "eyes" in the form of dogs that lead them wherever they go. These dogs are usually powerful, intelligent German shepherds.

Of the U. S. training schools, the oldest and best known is The Seeing Eye, located in Morristown, N. Y. It takes two months to train a dog to do this, and another month for a blind person to get used to the dog's work. While training, the dog leads an instructor around until it learns never to let him stumble or bump against anything. A properly trained dog can lead its master through traffic, across crowded streets, over car tracks, around corners and up and down steps.

Once a blind person gets a Seeing Eye dog, they are never separated. At present, about 600 dogs are in use all over the U. S. They cost up to \$150—which includes board and lodging at the school while dog and owner are learning to know each other.

AGNES SALOUM, 15, lodge 89,
R. D. No. 1, Bulger, Pa.

Lincoln a lasting tribute in the words, "Now he belongs to the ages."

In his Gettysburg Address, Lincoln paid high tribute to those who gave their lives that the United States might live: "... The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished task which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. . ."

(SOURCE: Encyclopedia)

ANNIE CRETNIK, 16, lodge 24,
R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington, first President of the United States, was born on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. As a young man he established a reputation for truthfulness, honesty, and forthrightness. He worked hard and performed his tasks with great care and accuracy.

Washington preferred a life of service to his country, with all its responsibilities and hardships, to the life of comfort which his wealth and his station as the son of a prosperous planter assured him. In his first military engagements Washington showed courage, and sound judgement.

In civil life he attended many public assemblies, served in the Virginia House of Burgesses, and, while a member of the Second Continental Congress, was chosen commander in chief of the Continental Army.

SNOW

It was January and two boys decided to have a snowball fight. They made many snowballs and soaked them in water to make them harder. A blind man came along and they threw the balls at him. He tried to dodge and fell in a trap. They threw snow at him and an older man saw all this. He took the blind man to a warm house. The man later was taken to a hospital and was made to see. These boys, when he came out of the hospital, thought he was still blind and they again threw snowballs at him. He grabbed the boys and punished them severely.

GEORGIE MOCIVNIK, 11, lodge 24,
P. O. Box 86, Jenny Lind, Ark.

A RABBIT

Out in a laurel bush, one day,
I spied a rabbit with dismay.
I looked at him; he looked at me,
We were both surprised, and started to flee.

In a moment I broke a limb,
I didn't intend to hurt him then.
But I guess he knew what it meant to him,
He hopped away with a dashing spin.

MARGARET POLONCIC, 15, lodge 124,
R. F. D. 2, Union Dale, Pa.

THE BOY IN THE LOG CABIN

Once there was a little boy whose parents were very poor. They lived in a log cabin. It was in the forest. There were no neighbors for many miles around.

This boy's name was Abraham Lincoln. He was born on February 12, 1809, in Kentucky. He had to walk many miles to school and could study his lessons only by the light of a candle. He had no paper and pencil. He used instead a piece of charcoal from the fire and a smooth board.

When Lincoln grew up to be a young man, he

always tried to help others, and everyone respected him for his honesty and goodness.

After some years had passed, the people of our country elected Abraham Lincoln the President of the United States. He achieved this high position through his own efforts by working hard and studying as best he could.

Lincoln was President at the time of the Civil War. He guided the country wisely and served it well until the day of his death. In 1863 he issued the Emancipation Proclamation and set the slaves free.

Lincoln died on April 15, 1865.

HELEN PETROVIC, 11, lodge 166,
R. D. 5, Box 362, Crafton, Pa.

VALENTINE'S DAY

I love to give valentines out
To my dear little friends.
Some of the sayings may make
Some of my friends pout.
But to each one I am going to
Send a nice little valentine.

WILLIE CRETNIK, 12, lodge 24,
R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

A VALENTINE

I'm sending you a valentine,
I hope it brings you cheer.
It's just a little token
In that I love you, dear.

On it you'll see a little girl,
Just playing in the sand.
Reminds me of good old summer
And not this snowy land.

MARGARET POLONCIC, 15, lodge 124,
R. D. 5, Union Dale, Pa.

WINTER

This morning I awoke to see
That snow had come last night,
And fallen earthward silently
To cover all with white.

It made me think of yesterday
And how the world looked then;
A softness now covered all,
The earth looks glad and gay.

I have a feeling all is well,
All things are clear and bright.
The snow had cast a magic spell,
The earth is bathed in light.

VICTORIA AMBROZIC, 15, lodge 88,
R. F. D. 5, Box 424, Crafton, Pa.

MAKE YOUR OWN VALENTINES

On this Valentine's day, why not make your own valentines to send to those "special friends"?

All you need is some white drawing paper, paste, and some scraps of material. From the material, cut out large and small valentines. Paste them



"PAD-FOOT"

Drawn by Ed Benvin, age 16, McKeesport, Pa.
Lodge 347.

on the front of the folded paper in any design you might originate. If you have some flowered material, cut out a large flower and paste it on the inside.

Underneath you can write a small verse. This makes a very nice valentine, which anyone will be glad to receive.

VIOLET MACHEK, 16, lodge (?),
R. D. 4, McDonald, Pa.

FEBRUARY 14

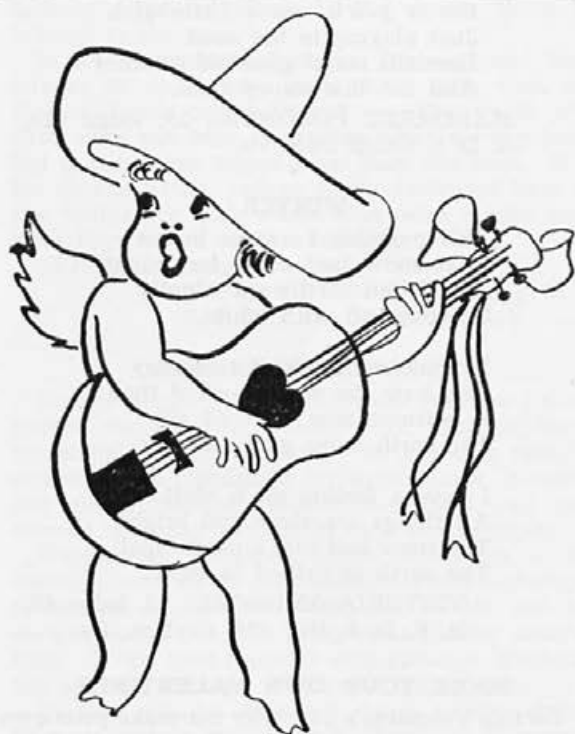
Fourteenth of February is
Valentine's Day,
A time for expressing our
Childhood love.

To all the little ones who
Are happy and gay,
And to show them whom you
Have been thinking of.

AMELIA CRETNIK, 9, lodge 24,
R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

Did You Ever

See a home run?
See a hat band?
See an ear drum?
See a door step?
See a bed spring?
See a brussel sprout?



THE MEXICAN ANGEL OF LOVE

Drawn by Zita Bozanic, age 15, Worcester, N. Y.
Lodge 393.

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORLD

(Continued from page 6)

what happens? It grows! The bean decays and turns black, and dies; but out from the heart of the dead bean comes a little white shoot. This forces its way through the soil, turns green at the sight of the sun, grows up and up towards the sky, and in time produces more beans for men and for horses to eat.

But what made it grow? How did sun and rain and soil unite to make that little bean grow into a whole lot of beans? I do not know, child. Nobody knows. It is all the "law of growth". Life and death, growth and reproduction, are all manifestations of the laws of nature, which are beyond human comprehension; but we are now learning the laws of growth, and we are getting better crops and more wonderful results all the time; and men like Luther Burbank are finding out more marvellous things every day, and—so the world grows wiser, as it comes to understand the laws of nature.

In the shallow pools of earth, in the deep oceans of the world, in the quiet warm waters of the dark, steamy, hot earth, these laws of growth were at work, always and for ever the same. They gave us jelly forms which grew; and that was the beginning of life on the globe. That was the origin of life. Just the same as the origin of the globe! All so simple as winding a watch, but quite as mysterious. We know what force and energy and electricity are only by what they do. We know life and matter and motion only by their manifestations. Yes, you say; but the origin of life is very mysterious. So it is, my child; but not more mysterious than the growth of a seed in your garden. Not more mysterious than the ray of sunshine that flickers across your room and shows the motes in the air as it gleams before your eyes.

(To be continued next issue)



Our Own Juvenile Circles of the S. N. P. J.



Send all your questions and requests for your Juvenile Circles to Bro. Michael Vrhovnik, Director of the SNPJ Juvenile Dept., 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. He has been elected the Director of Juvenile Circles and your Advisers should keep in touch with him.

Join the "Our School for Victory" Contest

By Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director

The name of the literary, drawing, and photography contest, currently conducted in the *Mladinski List* and the Juvenile Circle Section of the *Prosveta* and extending throughout the twelve months of 1942, is "Our School for Victory."

This name was chosen mainly for the reasons that all of the awards except one, totaling not more than \$500, will be distributed among the various winners in the form of United States War Savings Bonds and Stamps, the purchase of which will hasten the victory of America and her Allies over the Axis powers, and the winning and saving of which will, eventually, mean a fruitful victory for the Juvenile Circles and members to whom they will be awarded.

The gain of knowledge and experience from writing, drawing, and reading is expected to aid many of our boys and girls to achieve a greater victory in their life's chosen work, for both the *Prosveta* and the *Mladinski List* are valuable educational forces—schools for the publication and dissemination of progressive thought and information among the members of SNPJ and those not members who enjoy reading its news and features.

Success in the "Our School for Victory" contest is certainly not limited to individuals only, for the experience you will gain through participation, this measured by the sincerity and originality of your efforts, will prepare you to better combat and solve the problems with which you will come face to face in your later life. This is bound to benefit the Society and the nation as

whole, so do your very best to achieve a complete victory in this contest.

The rules of the contest are published for the second time in this issue. Be sure to read them over carefully. Learn how you and your Circle (if you are a member of one) can win our attractive Victory Achievement Awards of war bonds and stamps. Lose no time in joining!

Prizes, instead of being awarded only once during the year as was the case in 1942, will be distributed quarterly. War Stamps valued at \$75 will be divided among the winners at the close of each period of three months, and an additional \$200 in bonds and stamps will cheer the hearts of the contributors chosen as most outstanding in 1943. The four leading Juvenile Circles will also share in the year's final awards, the first of which will receive a \$50 bond and an attractive merit plaque, and three others each a \$25 bond and a Certificate of Award.

That isn't all you can win, for on top of the liberal prizes described in the foregoing paragraph, every juvenile member, contributing to three or more issues of the *ML* during the year, will be entitled to one of our beautiful Junior SNPJ Victory pins, the receipt of which will automatically qualify for membership in the *ML Victory Club*. There's a prize and an honor every juvenile member should set his heart on to win. If you already have one, then help someone else win one like it. Helping each other, you know, is the backbone of the real fraternal spirit.

The special topic chosen for writers of the *ML* in the first quarter is "One suggestion how to improve my own Juvenile Circle," and for the

second quarter, beginning with April's issue, the topic is "History of my own Juvenile Circle." Both are timely subjects which should provide you with much food for thought and writing. Limit these articles to not more than 200 words. Of course, you may choose any other subject to your liking, just as you have heretofore. However, since this year is the 30th Anniversary of the Juvenile Department and the 5th Anniversary of the Juvenile Circles, it would be very appropriate to write or draw something in relation to them. Poems, rhymes, and songs about the SNPJ and your own Circle are also welcome.

ORGANIZE A JUVENILE CIRCLE

Some of our boys and girls, who are not members of Juvenile Circles but have done a great deal of writing for the ML in the past and hope to continue doing so in the future, might feel that an injustice is being done in depriving them of the right to contest for the special Circle awards and Certificates of Merit. There is only one answer and solution to such a complaint and that is to get busy and organize a Juvenile Circle in your Community. You will then enjoy all the privileges of your membership in the SNPJ. One of the chief aims of this year's program, especially in commemoration of the 5th Anniversary of the organization of the Juvenile Circles, is to organize new Juvenile Circles in as many SNPJ strongholds as possible. If you are interested and know of several other juvenile members in your lodge who feel the same about the Circle movement as you do, I advise and urge you to see your Lodge Secretary at once, explaining what your desires are, and have him write to the Juvenile Director for information on how to organize a Juvenile Circle. If you have enough members to start a Circle and an adult member who is willing and capable of leading you, then it can be a matter of only a short time before you will be Juvenile Circle member.

FAMOUS MEN BORN IN FEBRUARY— VALENTINE DAY SUGGESTIONS

The month of February claims the birthdays of many well-known personages, among them Lincoln, Washington, Edison, Longfellow, Daniel Boone, and many others, each of whom devoted the greater part of his life to the improvement of the welfare of his country and fellowmen.

The man who is honored by the heart-shaped figures you see on greetings cards, in the newspapers and magazines, on gift boxes and decorations of all kinds, is none of these stronghearted, outstanding Americans who really achieved something to endear themselves in the hearts of our people, but one around whom only a legendary memory is attached, dating back many centuries—was a man named Valentine, whose birthday comes on February 14 of each year.

Now, if it were left up to you to choose the man in our own history most deserving of the highest place of honor on your Valentine, who would be your choice of the men born in February? Would it be Abraham Lincoln of whom

it has often been said and written, "He had a heart of gold—big, warm, and understanding enough to know and feel the needs of all the common people" . . . Would it be George Washington, our first president, or Thomas Edison, whose inventions have made life easier for millions of people, or Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the Sage of our American poets, or Daniel Boone, who blazed new trails to adventures and homesteads westward, or have you some other important person in mind?

Here's a suggestion or two you might use in case your Circle has a valentine box at the February meeting and party. Pay tribute to one of our own great men of February by tracing, drawing, or cutting out and pasting a picture of silhouette of his likeness on one of your nice, "home-made" valentines. A contest might even be staged to decide the most original and most artistic valentine made by the members, and a small prize or two given to the winners.

And for games you might try at your valentine meeting and party, see what Marge Jeric, Circle Manager of the Concordian Juniors (38), Cleveland, Ohio, has prepared for you in her "Let's Play Games" page, appearing for the first time in this issue. Complete the merrymaking by adding a few of your own origination, topping them off with refreshments appropriate for the occasion. . . And remember, members, this is our Juvenile Year, when we celebrate both the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of the Juvenile Department, and the 5th Anniversary of Juvenile Circles. Because of these important birthdays, nothing can be too good for 1943. Strive for higher achievements and honor all through the year, each month better than the one preceeding it.

CERTIFICATES OF AWARD ISSUED

Up to the time of this writing, sixty-seven boys and girls, all of them members of Juvenile Circles whose names were recommended to the Juvenile Director as deserving of special honors and recognition for outstanding achievement in 1942, were issued Certificates of Award by the Society. Each member, thus honored, also received a Junior SNPJ Victory pin . . . *Leadership ability, devotion to duty, faithful and efficient service, perfect attendance at meetings, enrollment of new members, cooperation, drawing and writing for the Mladinski list and Prosveta, musical entertainment and arrangement, and participation in patriotic campaigns*, were the most prominent achievements for which Certificates of Award were given. Congratulations and thanks are heartily extended to all sixty-seven members, and may their good work be continued throughout the years to come . . . And to you boys and girls, who failed to make the grade in 1942, try harder this year. You're bound to succeed with hard work.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

He makes no friends, who never made a foe.
—Tennyson.

Juvenile Circle No. 1 Section

Walsenburg, Colorado

Our Circle No. 1 held its regular monthly meeting on Dec. 20. Our meetings are interesting as well as educational. I wish all members would make a resolution to attend the meetings in the current year.

We received Christmas cards from Circle No. 25, Delagua, Colo.; Circle No. 20, Aguilar, Colo.; Circle No. 2, Cleveland, O., and Circle 21, Sharon, Pa.

At this meeting we elected officers for the coming year; they are: President, Verna Mae Duzenack; Vice-President, William Tomsic; Secretary, Elizabeth Duzenack; Treasurer, Joe Dernovshek; Manager, Mrs. Edward Tomsic; Assistant Manager, Ann Urban.

After the meeting was adjourned we played a game and during the game we had our Christmas treat. Mr. Stiglich furnished the pop and Mrs. Tomsic furnished the candy.

VERNA MAE DUZENACK, President
709 West 6th Street.

Circle No. 1 has completed a very successful year. During the year we have achieved a closer unity among the members and the Circle. All our active members look forward to the meetings and the attendance has had a great increase.

Every month we have a different form of activity. One month we play games, next month we have a quiz contest, and then a party or something else. Every month we have a jackpot drawing with a prize of 50c in war stamps. If the winner is not present we draw until a winner is present; we give away to them a 10c stamp. We have fun and we give prizes.

This year, due to rationing and shortages, Circle No. 1 has not visited its neighboring Circles but has confined itself to its own community.

At our annual December meeting, election of officers was held and we had a Christmas party. We hope to make 1943 more successful than 1942. We have 23 new members and we hope to secure more during the coming year.

On behalf of Circle No. 1 I want to take this opportunity to thank the SNPJ for the prizes. We are proud to have won second place in the Achievement Contest. This year we are going to endeavor to make more contributions to our magazine and make our Lodge and Circle something everyone will be proud to belong to.

WILLIAM TOMSIC, Vice President
823 West Seventh Street

Here is a brief review of the activities of Circle No. 1 in 1942. We feel that a review of this sort is essential.

On January 4, we had a theater party given by Manager Mrs. Ed. Tomsic, which was attended by 46 members. William Tomsic won the fifty-cent award and bought each member a bar of candy.

In February we had a Valentine party and a quiz program, the winners being Joe Dernovshek and Ann Urban; the winner of the jackpot

not being present, the 50c award was carried on for the next month. After the March meeting we played lotto, and Mrs. Edward Tomsic gave a talk on the SNPJ Victory Campaign, urging us to get new members. The winner of the lotto was Anthony Duzenack.

After the April meeting we had a quiz program, the winners being Wm. Tomsic and Elizabeth Duzenack. We enjoyed playing cards and Chinese checkers after the May meeting, as we also did after the June meeting. In June, the Colorado-New Mexico SNPJ Federation held its yearly picnic at Rye, Colo. After the meeting Mr. Stiglich bought each of us a bottle of pop and Mrs. Tomsic bought candy.

We held our July meeting in the morning and in the afternoon went on a hike to the Cameron Dike and had lots of fun. Betty Tomsic's motion was carried to give war stamps instead of money for awards. In August we had a wiener roast at the Huajatolla Park. After the September meeting was adjourned we played cards. The name drawn for the jackpot was Albert Duzenack and he received a 10c stamp. Lotto was played after the October meeting and refreshments were served by Mrs. Tomsic.

At the November meeting the name drawn for the jackpot was Wallace Marck who received one ten-cent war stamp, and a like award was won at the December meeting by Millie Zorman, while Anthony and Verna Mae Duzenack won the star game. Officers were elected at this meeting whose names appear in another writeup in this section.

ELIZABETH DUZENACK, Secretary.

I am not going to repeat what other members of our Circle have already stated in their letters printed above. I wish to add only this, that after we were through electing officers, we played games and then refreshments were served.

I am 13 years of age and am in the eighth grade. I have a brother; he and his twin sister are younger than I and both belong to the SNPJ. I enjoy the Circle meetings very much because we have fun playing games, and draw names for war stamps. I wish other boys and girls would join the Circle and see how much fun we have. Many times we have parties and other activities for enjoyment.

I had a two-week vacation for the holidays. We had plenty of fun during our vacation.

JOE DERNOVSHEK, Treasurer.
1004 West Seventh Street.

Our Circle meeting in December was a special one. We had a Christmas party, and we played games. Verna Duzenack and her younger brother won the prizes. Later we had refreshments. Everyone had a good time.

I have been a member of the SNPJ only a few months now, and I am proud to be a member of this great Society.

I am ten years old and am in the fifth grade. My favorite sport is football, but I enjoy all other games, too.

WALLACE MARCK, No. 1.

Jolly Juveniles' Section

Waukegan, Ill., Christine Stritar, Manager

This is my first letter to the M. L. I hope to write again to this grand magazine. We learned some new songs this month, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," and "We Must be Vigilant." We also learned a few short songs, and practiced a lot on our operetta, "Santa's Vacation." Our schedule for January and February calls for scrapbooks for the Red Cross, which we are now making.

BUDDY DOLENCE, age 10, lodge 14.

This is the second time I'm writing to the Mladinski List, and I hope it won't be the last time. Come on, let's all keep up writing articles, poems, etc., and make this a better and bigger magazine.

I received a letter from my uncle, Pvt. Vic Bellec, our former Assistant Adviser. He is now in Texas. It would have been nice to have had him with us for our Christmas program which was held at the SND on Dec. 25.

A funny thing happened to me while my Mother and Dad were bowling one Sunday night. I locked myself in the washroom and then couldn't open it, so I began to cry. I stayed locked in until my Mother got worried and came to see what was wrong. I learned my lesson never to lock myself in a room.

CAROLYN KOVACH, age 8, lodge 568.

This is my first article for the M. L. I have been a member of the "Jolly Juveniles" for a long time and always like to come to Circle meetings and the weekly summer events. I am a pupil in the fourth grade at the Lincoln School. I have two teachers, Miss McCann and Miss Nygard. Both of them are nice.

I like the ML so much that ever since I have received my first copy, I have saved each number, and now I have a big pile of them. I want to tell the rest of the members of Circle 24 to write to this fine magazine.

MARILYN PIERCE, age 9, lodge 568.

Our Circle had a lovely program at the Slovene National Home on Dec. 25. The main part of the program was "Santa's Vacation." The older boys and girls had the speaking and solo parts in singing, and the little tots were the SNPJ dolls. The audience liked the little ones a lot because they were so small, and because they sang the Slovene songs so well. Of course, we all did well, and the whole afternoon program was enjoyed by all. After the program, we held our party in the downstairs hall. We exchanged gifts, and then refreshments were served consisting of cookies, chocolate milk and fruits.

LOUISE DOLENCE, age 12, lodge 14.

The members of Circle 24 are happy and proud to have received the third place award, a beautiful trophy, in the ML Achievement Award contest. We wish to thank the SNPJ for making this contest possible, and for setting aside an amount of money for prizes and trophies.

We also want to thank the judges in the contest. We know their task was a hard one, as so many fine contributions were made to the ML this past year, both by individual members and by Circle groups. Congratulations and thanks to the editorial staff for their fine work. There's been a big job, and well done, and we can be proud of the results of this job—our Mladinski List. Also, to the Juvenile director go our best wishes for the coming year, and our biggest thanks for all his work in the Juvenile department.

With the best wishes for the coming year to all who make the ML possible; the editors, the supreme board and to all contributors.

CIRCLE NO. 24.

It has been quite a long time since our Circle has been organized, and we would like to look back on some of our past activities.

The first place that we went to was Milwaukee, Wis., on April 28, 1940. We were asked to participate in the spring concert of Circle No. 4, "Junior All Stars Chorus." The name of our presentation was "The Concert in the Park." After the concert was over, Dr. A. Furlan took moving pictures of our Circle. We enjoyed our trip to Milwaukee and back very much.

In the month of August, 1941, we went to the SNPJ Main Office in Chicago. There we saw many interesting things, the printing shop where the Prosveta and the Mladinski List are printed. In the lower hall we had our lunch. After we had gone through the entire building we started on the bus again and headed for the Brookfield Zoo. We were organized in groups so that no one would get lost. As it had been very hot that day, everyone spent all of his money on sodas and ice-cream. There we saw many interesting animals. After touring the large zoo we all went back to the bus and came back safely to Waukegan.

Our next Circle meeting will be on February 15 at 7 p. m. at the SNH. All members are urged to attend.

VIRGINIA NAGODE, age 13, lodge 14,
DOLORES ZURA, age 13, lodge 14.

Juvenile Circle No. 2

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Greetings from Circle No. 2 of Cleveland, Ohio. To all members we wish to express our appreciation for their presence at our various events. We are grateful for your help to carry on our Circle. We shall try to be worthy to carry one the good work.

While others are going into the Adult group, still others are taking their places.

Circle No. 2 held its regular annual Christmas party at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. A large group attended this affair. Music was furnished by a friend of the members. May I compliment him on his good work. I also would like to compliment Dorothy Svigel, who sang the "Kiss Waltz"; Stanley, our official bottle opener, who was busy all evening; and most of all, to Marion Adams and Alma Zagar who sponsored this program. To all who participated may I again say "Thank you."

Meetings are still held each third Friday of the month at 7 p. m. I hope you will be present at the meeting on February 19.

MARGIE KUPINA, Secretary
1383 E. 41st St., Cleveland, O.

Juvenile Circle No. 4

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—As there hasn't been much news lately from our Circle No. 4, I was appointed to write up the latest happenings.

At our December meeting we had a discussion on our Christmas program. This program was held on Dec. 19. The program and dance was well attended and the affair was a success. After the program Santa gave gifts to the younger generation.

At the meeting we had our annual election. Results are as follows: President, Leon Bizjak; Vice-President, Rudy Smole; Secretary, Elsie Ohoyak; Treasurer, John Chernelich.

Our singing group, the Junior All Stars Chorus, has its practice every Wednesday night. It has sung at various occasions in the last few months.

Our meeting has been changed from the first Monday to the first Wednesday of the month.

Our basketball team has practice every Thursday night at the Vieau Social Center.

MICHAEL RUPPER JR., Circle No. 4
728 W. Walker St., Milwaukee, Wis.

JOLLY KANSANS CIRCLE NO. 11

GIRARD, KANS.—The Circle held its fourth annual Christmas party Dec. 20, Sunday afternoon. The party was held at the Franklin Community Hall. It started at four in the afternoon. Each member present received a gift.

Members that attended at least some of the meetings received presents. Refreshments were served to all members. The Secretary read the names and then Santa gave the presents. Music was furnished by John Zibert with his accordion. A good time was had by everyone present. We wish to thank those of you who attended this affair.

Our regular meeting was held at Franklin SNPJ hall Dec. 6. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Shular. Discussion was held about the Christmas party. Some of the members offered their help to decorate the tree. Mr. Shular and Secretary bought the presents. The Secretary was asked to send cards to all members to attend the party. The President, Vice President and Secretary were paid for their work as per decision.

The following officers were elected for 1943: Carl Ulepich, President; John Zibert, Vice President; Jennie Lampe, Secretary; Frances Kumer, Treasurer. Publicity Committee: Jenny Lampe, Frances Kumer, Carl Ulepich. Social Committee: John Zibert, Betty Ales, Frances Slamsek. Representatives: John Zibert, Camp 50; Betty Ales, Franklin; Carl Ulepich, Breezy Hill; June Pecar, Yale; Irene Ballock, Arma.

The next meeting was held Jan. 3 at Franklin SNPJ hall, and the February meeting will take

place Feb. 7. Hoping to see more Kansas letters in the M. L. Wake up, Kansas!

JENNIE LAMPE, Secretary,
R. R. 3, Box 863, Girard, Kans.

FROM JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 22

McDONALD, PA.—On Dec. 18, our Circle No. 22 held its meeting in the SNPJ hall at Midway. Our meeting was moved up one week in order that we might have it before Christmas.

At this meeting each member received a gift. After that refreshments were served and we played games. Mrs. Janeshek, our Manager, and Mrs. Pike, Assistant Manager, are resigning. I know that all the members are very sorry to see them go. Mrs. Janeshek received a beautiful compact as a going-away gift, and Mrs. Pike received two beautiful pictures.

Our Circle meets each last Friday of the month at SNPJ Hall in Midway, Pa. All members are requested to attend the February 26 meeting.

VIRGINIA BARTON, Circle No. 22,
R. D. 4, McDonald, Pennsylvania.

CHICAGO JUVENILE CIRCLE NO. 26

CHICAGO, ILL.—Our Juvenile Circle No. 26 held its meeting on Dec. 26. The attendance wasn't big but we hope it will be bigger at our next session. After the roll call we elected new officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:

President, Edward Udovich; Vice-President, Josephine Slansek; Secretary, Sylvia Trojar; Treasurer, Frances Seneca; Sergeant-at-Arms, Rose Podbevsek.

Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director, gave certificates of awards to the following three officers of 1942: President Ruth Medic, Secretary Sylvia Trojar, and Treasurer Frances Seneca.

After the meeting was adjourned we had refreshments and a grab-bag, for which everyone bought a ten-cent gift.

Our next meeting was scheduled for January 9. All members are asked to attend the next meeting, February 13, at the SNPJ Hall.

JOSEPHINE SLANSEK, Circle No. 26,
4933 W. 24th St., Cicero, Ill.

DELAGUA REDSKINS CIRCLE NO. 25

DELAGUA, COLO.—The Delagua Redskins, Juvenile Circle No. 25, are broadcasting their latest news. Here goes:

Starting a new year, I am going to try to keep my promise of writing to the Mladinski List every month in 1943.

The Delagua Redskins held their regular and annual meeting at the usual place on December 13, second Sunday of the month. At this meeting the meeting time was changed. From now on we will have our meetings at 2 o'clock in the afternoon instead of 10 o'clock in the morning. Since this meeting was the last and main one of the year, officers were elected for the new year.

The following officers were elected: Ann Har-

vatin, president; Josephine Anselmo, vice-president; Frances Milita, secretary; Joe Slavec, treasurer; Margaret Milita, recording secretary; Charles Montera, sergeant-at-arms.

After the meeting, refreshments were served.

This will be all for this time. Best regards to one and all.

ANN HARVATIN, President,
Box 384, Delagua, Colorado.

JUNIOR HARMONIZERS CIRCLE NO. 28

ROUNDUP, MONT.—Our Juvenile Circle No. 28 held its regular monthly meeting on December 12. Since the recording secretary was not present, the minutes of the previous meeting were not read.

Circle No. 2, of Cleveland, Ohio, sent us a Christmas card. A motion was carried that we also send them a Yule card, which we did.

At this meeting, it being our annual meeting, the following officers were elected for the new year: Albina Finco, president; Frank Bedey, vice-president; Frank Lekse, secretary-recording secretary; Richard Lekse, treasurer; Delmer Finco, sergeant-at-arms; Joan Finco, chairman of sick committee; Gloria Wooten, chairman of auditing committee; Bobby Bedey and Rose Marie Loucas, trustees.

We decided to have a sleigh-riding party. It was scheduled for Friday, December 18, at 6:30 in the evening. Each member was permitted to bring a friend. Also, each member was asked to bring a game. For refreshments, cocoa, ice-cream, and hamburgers were to be served. (As this is written just before the date of the party, the outcome will be reported in future issues.)

We spent \$3.73 on Halloween. We now have \$28.21 in our Circle treasury.

A motion was carried that we initiate the new members at the next meeting. We have a charter sent to us by the Main Office, to show that we have an organization officially recognized.

We have the same Adviser—namely, Mrs. Lea Oset, who will lead us also during the coming year. Carl Kerzon will present the charter to the next meeting. Frank Lekse was appointed to read the report of the Circle at the meeting of the adult lodge.

Henceforth, our meetings will be held at the Moose Hall each second Sunday of the month. The February meeting will therefore take place at the new place on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14. All members are asked to attend.

FRANK LEKSE, Secretary,
Box 465, Roundup, Montana.

Nit: "What are you doing for that cold of yours?"

Wit: "Oh, I sneeze whenever it wants me to."

One: "Why does a sculptor die a horrible death?"

Two: "Because he makes faces and busts."

Important Dont's

Read Them Twice, Thrice

DON'T address your mail intended for publication in the ML to the Main Office of the SNPJ, to Slovene National Benefit Society, or to some person. The mail so addressed may be delayed and will be late for the intended issue. Address all such mail to Mladinski List, 2657-59 So. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

DON'T write with pencil; use pen or, still better, typewriter.

DON'T write on both sides of the sheet. Paper is cheap.

DON'T draw your picture with ordinary ink. We cannot use such drawings. Draw only with the India ink.

DON'T draw in colors! It's a waste of time because we cannot use it.

DON'T fold your drawings! Send them between two card-boards in a large envelope.

DON'T omit your name, address, age, and lodge No., together with the parent's signature on the back of every piece of drawing or beneath any writing.

And most important of all: **DON'T** copy any rhymes or pictures! Be honest with yourself and us! You can't get away with it very long! We are checking on that.



Our Pen Pals Write

(Naši čitateljski pišejo)

MY THREE GIRL FRIENDS

Dear Editor:—I decided to write again to the M. L. School is going along fine and we received our report cards. I am happy to say that I made the honorable mention. Since the weather is bad, we are usually late for school because we ride a bus.

We had a Juvenile Circle meeting on Nov. 27. Many attended and at that meeting we were given names to buy gifts for certain persons. Our Circle gives away money awards to members every three months for writing to this magazine. I received many awards and I want to keep it up through my best ability and effort.

My girl friends are Bertha Kavcic and Gladys Gehrke, but my best girl friend is Martha Kophazi. She doesn't live very near, but she goes to school with me. Gladys and Bertha are members of the SNPJ. We go to shows together in McDonald, Pa. We pay for busses to go, but we have a swell time. We usually attend the dances in the SNPJ hall. Gladys has red hair, green eyes and is a sophomore in Union High School. Bertha has brown hair, brown eyes and also is a sophomore in the same school as Gladys and I. I have black hair, green eyes, and am 5 feet 2 inches tall. We three have much in common to talk about. Martha has brown hair, blue eyes and is in the same grade. She doesn't belong to the SNPJ, but I wish she would, because I know she would enjoy it.

The holidays will be over by the time this is published, but Valentine's Day will be near, February 14. For my birthday I received a Bulova wrist watch from my parents. I was quite happy. I want to say hello to my pen pal, Evelyn, from Butte, Mont.

Well, that's all for this time, wishing more pen pals would write to me. I write to two boys in the army and it is very interesting. Best regards to all.—**Agnes Saloum** (15), R. D. 1, Bulger, Pa. (Lodge 89)

JOE'S DOING HIS SHARE

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. In it I enclose a picture of myself (a snapshot). By the picture you can see that I am aviation-minded. Yes, I would like to be a pilot when I get out of school. I would like to fight for my country in the air. (We are very sorry, Joseph, that your snapshot cannot be reproduced because it is too blurred. Send us a clear snapshot of yourself and we will gladly publish it in the M. L. By the way, we admire your aviation-mindedness and your fighting spirit.—Ed.)

In our school we had a scrap drive for old keys. Everyone in school did his or her part in the drive. The school collected about 50 pounds of old keys. Every Monday our school takes orders for war stamps; these are delivered on Tuesday

to those wanting them. I buy my share and hope others do their share.

My hobby is saving postal cards from all over the United States. I would also like to have some pen pals. Since a new year is here, I wish every one lots of happiness in 1943. Hoping to get some pen pals and also some postal cards, I close with best wishes to all.—**Joseph Bachani Jr.**, 606 Dolite Alley, Johnstown, Pa.

ON THE HONOR ROLL

Dear Editor:—The year 1942 will be over when this letter will be published in the Mladinski List, and 1943 will be well on its way.

I am happy to say that I made the Honor Roll this time in school. I "practically broke my arms off," carrying books home every night. I didn't think I would ever get any place without studying at home.

We had a big snowstorm for Thanksgiving. We were all thankful anyway, because when we picture Thanksgiving in countries across the sea, we realize that we have many things to be thankful for. If I were to put all the things I am thankful for down, I would fill eight sheets of typing paper.

I would like to hear from my former pen pals, Rose Dusak from Oglesby, Ill., Marge Svet, Akron, O., and Dolores Ersher, Willock, Pa. I have a new pen pal, Margaret Vienna, and does she answer letters promptly! I still have my Pen Pal Carolina Kramer. She was my first pen pal. We have corresponded for four years. I know the holidays will be over by the time this letter is published, but I wish each and every one good luck and happiness throughout 1943.—**Violet Jelich** (16), Box 124, Marenisco, Mich.

ENDS LONG VACATION

Dear Editor:—I was very glad to see my letter published in the December issue of the M. L. I promised that I would write again, and here I am.

In my last letter I didn't mention the Army war show I saw at the Cleveland Stadium. It was the most exciting and interesting show that I have ever seen. It was worthwhile seeing it. It is a show every American should see. I also forgot to mention that I went to see one of my



pen pals, Helen Zinesek, who lives in Bedford, O. She is very nice. I would like to say hello to her. I want to say hello also to Al Strukel's orchestra in Cleveland, consisting of Al, accordion player; Al Markic, guitar player; Sonny, saxophone, and Frankie, the drummer. At evenings when they practiced their music, I would go over

and listen to them swing out those good old Slovene polkas. They are very good and play at many dances and weddings. Keep up the good work, boys, and you'll get places.

I would like to say hello to my aunt, uncle and Cousin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mele and Dolly Boyton, and also to my other relatives and pen pals.—**Anna Mele** (16), Box 311, Moon Run, Pa. (Lodge 88)

FRANK HAS TWO WAR BONDS

Dear Editor:—After I got through reading this wonderful magazine, I decided to write. So here goes.

I will tell you about school. I am sixteen years old and I am a junior in high school. The subjects I am taking are: American History, Advanced Algebra, Shorthand, English, and Gym. I like school better this year than last.

I have two \$25 War Bonds and I am starting on my third. The miners are required to put at least 10% of their pay in war bonds. I think our country is worth it, so let us all try to put 10% of our pay in the freedom of our country.

We Wyoming people have been having some pretty cold weather lately.

I hope to have some pen pals. Come on, Wyoming! Wake up and write to this fine magazine once in a while.

Well, I guess I am running out of words, so I'll say Goodbye for this time.—**Frank Shray** (16), Box 154, Diamondville, Wyo.

LIKES PEN PAL SECTION

Dear Editor:—It has been such a long time since I wrote to the M. L. that I thought it was about time to write again. Although I haven't been writing, I read the ML from cover to cover every month. I especially like the Pen Pal Section.

I wish to say hello to the following pen pals: Mary Ann Matekel, Impi Kallia, Frances Urh, Julia Pentarek, Edith Rasperger, Mabel Meyak, Helen Urbas, Dorothy Springer, Mary Podnar, Edward Kraper, Joe Knaus, and Jennie Moze. (Keep up the swell letters, Jennie.) I will try to write to all of you soon.

The weather here in Montana is very cold and we had quite a bit of snow. I wish it would hurry up and get warm, for I hate cold weather.

We held our school carnival on Nev. 21. The carnival and dance were both successful and everyone had a swell time. By the time this letter is published, the holidays will be over. We had two weeks vacation this year. Best regards to all, hoping to see more letters in the ML from Montana.—**Agnes Spek**, Absher, Mont. (Lodge 114)

"MOST WONDERFUL MAGAZINE"

Dear Editor:—Here I am again writing to a most wonderful magazine, the Mladinski List. I was glad to see my last letter in the ML and I hope I'll have a letter in it every month. This way I'll have a clear record for one year. Then I can boast and say that I wrote to the ML every month.

Ice skating season is here, and am I glad; for

where there is an ice pond, that's where you will find me.

I just got a new pen pal by the name of Marie Swegel. I was glad to hear from her. I hope I will receive many more letters from other children from different states and cities. I promise to answer every letter promptly.

By now everyone is tired opening yule packages and eating too much candy. Back to school we go after such nice vacation. I am signing off as yours truly—**Mary Knafelc**, 13312 St. James Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

OUR MINUTE MAN FLAG

Dear Editor:—As I have a job after school, I have not had much time to write. By the time this letter will be printed, the holiday season will be well over. I have done most of my shopping early, knowing that during the last-minute rush every store is busy.

Our Science Class has started a Victory Garden. We plant seeds and then give the plants away, and some we sell. The money goes into War Bonds and Stamps. Every pupil should buy a stamp a week at our school. If we do this we will get a Minute Man Flag which will fly under the Flag of the United States on our flagpole every day. It is quite an honor, so our school is trying hard to get it. So, here's hoping we do!

I did not get very good grades in my report card, but I am trying hard to get better ones next time. That's all for this time, wishing everyone much happiness in 1943.—**Rose Chagenovich** (14), 984 Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, Calif. (Lodge 416)

VERONIANS' CLUBHOUSE

Dear Editor:—It has been a long time since I wrote to this fine and interesting magazine, and I am ashamed of it. Although I haven't written to the ML for a long time, I've been reading it every month. I'll write more often from now on, if I will not have too much school work to do.

I am 14 years of age and a freshman in high school. Our SNPJ lodge 680, the Veronians, have voted on putting Thursdays aside for the Juveniles to come out to our New Clubhouse for some fun, and the adults are welcome to come, also. So far there haven't been very many boys and girls out, but the ones that come find some fun in coming. There is a lot of fun dancing to the popular records of the juke-box, playing ping-pong and many other games.

There are many things that the boys and girls can make and do at the club. For example, the boys can make airplanes, small pieces of furniture, and they can play a hand of cards; the girls can bring their needle work, make cutouts, bring their school homework, first aid, etc.

I would like to say hello to all of my pen pals. I will answer their letters as soon as possible. Lots of luck to all readers and writers of the ML in the new year.—**Matilda Doles**, 213 Penn St., Verona, Pa.

THE 1942-43 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Editor:—I haven't written to the ML for about six months, and I am ashamed of myself for not doing so. I will try and answer my pen-pals' letters when I get more time.

The 1942-1943 school year is going fast for me, although we only had four months of it. I am in the eighth grade this year. I go to school at Smithfield, Ohio, which is four miles from Piney Fork. Many of the pupils will have to walk to schools the rest of the year because they live within two miles of the school. Our school did not draw names to buy Christmas presents this year. We were supposed to buy war stamps with our money, which was a very good idea.

I have an aunt, uncle, and a cousin in the U. S. Armed Forces. My uncle, whose home is in Broughton, Pa., is now in Flushing, N. Y.; my cousin is in Indiana, and my aunt is in the Waacs at Des Moines, Iowa.

I will close now with best regards to all.—**Dorothy Skerbetz** (13), Box 7, Piney Fork, Ohio. (Lodge 176)

KATHERINE'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I guess I was too lazy to write before. I am eleven years old and am in the sixth grade in school. My hobbies, or rather, sports, are—bowling and bicycle riding. I would like to have some pen pals. Best regards to all.—**Katherine Dubrosky**, R. D. 2, Bridgeville, Pa. (Lodge 6)

IS IN SHADYSIDE "HI"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the Mladinski List and I hope to have it published in the next issue.

I am 14 years of age and attend the Shadyside High School. I am 5 feet 5 inches tall, have brown hair and brown eyes. I have been a member of the SNPJ for twelve years and my lodge number is 258.

I have two older sisters. My oldest sister attends College at Ohio State, and my other sister works for the government in Washington, D. C.

My hobby is to write and receive letters, and it would please me greatly to have both girl and boy pen pals. I remain a proud member.—**Anne Lovrich**, 418 W. 43rd St., Shadyside, O. (Lodge 258)

GEORGE "BROKE THE ICE"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the Mladinski List. I always wanted to write to this fine magazine before, but I was always too busy and rather scared. Because I thought you wouldn't want to publish my letters in the M. L. If everybody were like I, there wouldn't be any letters in the magazine.

But now that I "broke the ice," I will introduce myself. I am 11 years old and am in the fifth grade. I like school very much. I have two teachers, their names are Miss Teske and Miss Holmes. They are both very nice teachers.

On Dec. 2 we had a big snowstorm here. We had a snowstorm here on Thanksgiving, too. Ev-

erybody was busy shoveling snow. By the time this letter is published, the holidays will be over. This year we didn't expect to have a good Christmas as last year on account of gas rationing. I want to say hello to my pen pals and hope that I will receive more letters. I promise to answer all letters promptly.

My best regards to all Juvenile members and to my pen pals.—**George Gerovac** (11), Box 83, Marenisco, Mich. (Lodge 323)

EVELYN LIKES SKATING

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I hope it will be published in this fine magazine. I am 13 years old, have brown hair, dark brown eyes, and am 5 feet 1½ in. tall. I wish it would hurry and snow, so I can go skating. I have one pen pal, Agnes Saloum, from Bulger, Pa. I wish more pen pals would write. Best regards to one and all.—**Evelyn Eltz**, 429 Watson Ave., Butte, Mont. (Lodge 249)

LUCILLE'S "FIRST"

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the Pen Pal Section of the ML since I have joined the SNPJ. I hope this letter will be published.

I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. I have dark brown hair and brown eyes. I play the piano and violin. My favorite movie stars are John Carrol, Linda Darnell, John Payne, and Penney Singleton.

I would like to have some pen pals. I will answer all letters promptly. My best regards to one and all.—**Lucille Jovanovich** (11), 1312 18th St., Sacramento, California. (Lodge 549)

COLLECTS POSTAL CARDS

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the Mladinski List. I am sorry that I didn't write sooner. I kept putting it off until now. I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade. I like school very much. My favorite hobby is collecting postal cards. I would like to have one from every state. I would also like to have many pen pals and I would answer all letters. Best regards to all.—**Jean Chufar**, 728 N. Main St., Midvale, Utah. (Lodge 12)

VALENTINE'S DAY'S HERE

Dear Editor:—By the time this letter is published it will be around Valentine's day. We will be sending valentines, also receiving them.

At the beginning of the school year I thought school was hard, but now I like it very much. It must be easy if I like it. I don't like anything that is hard. I mean in work.

I am writing this letter in Study Hall because I can't get my arithmetic. And my mother will get angry if I don't write to this wonderful magazine. I had intentions of writing yesterday, but it just slipped my mind. When my friend came over to my house and asked me to go to the show with her, I accepted the invitation.

In my New Year's resolution I made, I promised to write every month to this magazine. I am

going to try to keep it. Nothing ever happens in Aguilar, so there is not much to say. My teacher moved me in the back and then moved me in a seat right in front of the seat that I had before. So I am still friendly with all my neighbors; yet, when we get too friendly, she moves us.

Best regards to one and all.—**Josephine Kosernik**, Box 199, Aguilar, Colorado. (Lodge 381)

* **BARBARA SAVES M. L.**

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the Mladinski List. My birthday was on December 12. I was 9 years old. I like to write letters. I was in a play Nov. 20. I think the ML is a very good magazine. I am saving these magazines. I have a stack full of them. I read the ML every month. I am enclosing a picture of myself. I like Christmas stories best of all. I am now home sick with a cold. I will have to stop writing now. Best regards to all.—**Barbara Savor** (9), 333 Hazel St., Girard, O. (Lodge 643)

* **FOR A SPEEDY VICTORY**

Dear Editor:—Another year has rolled around. Seems as though 1942 passed by in an awful hurry. Let's hope 1943 will be a better and more prosperous year—a year which will bring us victory and peace.

Let's all try and double our part in helping our country win this war. We can bring about a speedy victory by doing everything in our power towards that end. We must buy bonds and stamps and many other things. When victory is won, all of Uncle Sam's boys will come home. If there is anything the boys want, it's to come home and be with their family once more. And they will be with their family again when the war is won.

The weather down here is rather warm now (Dec. 18). We have had snow twice this winter, but it melted right away. We are getting along pretty well in our basketball games; so far we have lost one game and won five.

I sure do hate to see Ernestine Mocivnik leave for West Virginia, because she was a good friend of mine. Her mother and the rest of the family are going to her father who is in W. Va. Good luck to you on your trip.

I would like to say hello to Freda Snoy, Esther Abramson, Violet Widgay, Mary Mohorovich, Kathleen Potocnik and Stella Mahne. I'll try to keep my last year's resolution, namely, to write to the ML regularly and answer all pen-pal letters promptly. Goodbye and good luck.—**Annie Cretnik** (16), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

* **IS MAKING GOOD GRADES**

Dear Editor:—I will try to write to this wonderful magazine every month of 1943. It is nice to see your own letters printed in the M. L.

I have two pen pals. They are Marion Widgay and Mildred Klepec. I wish to say hello to both of them. We had lots of fun awaiting the coming of the holidays. I have been going to school every day and have been making pretty good grades. My teacher, Miss Williams, is not going

to teach any more after Christmas. She is going to get another job.

I hope every one had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Best regards to one and all.—**Mildred Cretnik** (11), R. 2, Box 425, Ft. Smith, Ark.

* **"AM WRITING AGAIN"**

Dear Editor:—Well, I am again writing to this wonderful magazine, the Mladinski List. I enjoy reading it very much because it is so interesting.

I have written to this magazine many times and I have never described myself. I have light-brown hair and blue eyes. I am 58½ inches in height. My favorite movie stars are Ronald Reagan, Lana Turner, Clark Gable, Dorothy Lamour, and Errol Flynn.

I have been wondering why Margaret Urbas hasn't answered my letter. Also, I would like Laverne Alt of Colorado to please send me the address of Shirley Moran, also of Colorado.

I will write a letter for the next issue of the Mladinski List. My best regards to all.—**Frances Strozar** (13), R. D. 3, Box 245, Johnstown, Pa. (Lodge 82)

* **"ABOVE THE EYE"**

Dear Editor:—I want to thank the SNPJ for the prize I received for writing to the Mladinski List. I hope all the children were satisfied with their yule presents. I got a black-eye for the holidays. I fell down when I was skating and I couldn't tell you how in the world I hit myself above the eye. I would think I would put my hands out before I hit my head, but I didn't. All I know is that I saw stars.

The busses certainly are busy these days. They were especially busy during the Christmas shopping days. My regards to all readers and writers.—**Florence Alich** (15), Box 607, Aurora, Minn. (Lodge 111)

* **WINTER IS HERE**

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the M. L. I have enjoyed reading this fine magazine every month.

Well, winter is here, and boy! what fun winter has in store. We had two weeks vacation for the holidays and we were all glad to start back to school again. It was good to see all the children again and their happy faces after their many surprises.

My hobby is collecting picture post cards from all over the United States. Will you pen pals send me cards from all over the country? I promise I will answer all cards I receive immediately. My best regards to one and all.—**Frances Jerina** (15), R. D. 3, Box 124, Irwin, Pa. (Lodge 200)

* **SPONSORING A JEEP**

Dear Editor:—I am very grateful to the SNPJ for the lovely Victory pin which I received just in time for Christmas. I shall be very proud to wear it and it will serve as encouragement to write more articles and letters to the M. L.

Our school, by buying War Stamps and Bonds, was sponsoring a jeep. The room buying the most bonds and stamps would name the jeep. For one week everyone was buying stamps. By the end of the week, we had bought enough to pay for 5 jeeps.

One room joined the Junior Red Cross and we have made 35 bedside bags. We were going to make more but decided it would be better if we knitted another afghan.

I would like to receive post cards from you readers. I'll send you a card from Cleveland in return. In closing, I'd like to say hello to all my pen pals and post card exchangers.—**Sylvia Moccnik**, 495 Cleveland Rd., Cleveland, O. (Lodge 5)

"BY THE PACIFIC COAST"

Dear Editor:—I have been a member of the SNPJ for ten years, and I am ten years old, too. I have not been getting the Mladinski List, but I would like to get one each month. Will you send me one? (Of course we will, Jeanette, and gladly.—Ed.) My parents, my brother and I all belong to the SNPJ lodge No. 75. If you would send me one I would be very happy. I live in the West, by the Pacific Coast. My best regards to all.—**Jeanette Fera**, Box 90, Roslyn, Wash.

THE SNPJ VICTORY PIN

Dear Editor:—First of all, I want to thank the SNPJ for my Victory pin that I received in December. I am very proud to have one. I hope all of the members could receive one. So come on, boys and girls, how about writing each and every month? I hope that in 1943 I will write more often.

I hope everyone had a nice holiday vacation, and that Santa treated everyone good. We had eleven days off from school for Christmas vacation. It feels good to stay home for a while.

My pen pals have not been writing very often. What's the matter, pen pals? I would like it if they would write often. I will answer every letter promptly. I also want to wish each and everyone much happiness in 1943. Best regards to one and all.—**Julia Ann Hudomal** (15), R. R. 2, Clinton, Ind. (Lodge 213)

FROM A NEW SNPJer

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to the ML since I joined the SNPJ last summer. I have enjoyed reading this fine magazine very much. I am glad that I am a member of this organization.

I have had a lot of fun since I joined the SNPJ. I went to the Christmas party on Dec. 20. It was at the SNPJ hall in Chicago. I had a very good time. In the play they presented, some country people move into the city. Some thoughtful neighbors pack a lunch for their children to take to the new neighbors. When they arrive, they give them the lunch. The boy opened it and exclaimed, "Oh boy! kranjske klobase." I thought that part was very funny (comical). The following week, my mother made kranjske klobase. I was always saying it, and my mother just laughed.

I especially enjoyed the Hawaiian guitar music played by the Plut triplets. I read about them in the December issue of the M. L. but I never thought I would see them. I enjoyed their music so much that I often find myself singing some of the songs they played. I hope that some day I can hear them play again.

I also want to thank Mrs. Mary Udovich for enrolling me into the SNPJ. I wish I would have known about it sooner. I would like to encourage children who read the ML but do not belong to the SNPJ, to join the Juvenile Department of the SNPJ. I am sure they wouldn't be sorry. Best regards to all.—**Marion Cervenka** (14), 2126 W. 24th Place, Cicero, Ill. (Lodge 449)

"WHITE CHRISTMAS"

Dear Editor:—I wish to express my sincere thanks to the SNPJ for \$2 in war stamps and for my SNPJ Victory pin. One of my New Year's resolutions is, to enter the 1943 Our School for Victory contest.

We really had a white Christmas this year, and it was still snowing the day after. Even though people did not celebrate Christmas this year as they did in the past, the yulelog and Christmas tree were found in most of the homes. I was very happy when I opened my yule gifts this year because almost all of my gifts were U. S. war stamps. Our Circle had a yule party December 27.

I will close for this time, promising to write to each issue of the ML in 1943. Best regards to one and all.—**Josephine Kosernik**, Box 199, Aguilar, Colo. (Lodge 381)

"I WAS TICKLED"

Dear Editor:—I was quite surprised to receive the \$5 worth of war stamps on Christmas Day, but I was also "very tickled." I wish to thank the SNPJ for choosing me as a winner for writing to the M. L. I also received war stamps from my aunt.

This Christmas was a merry one as usual, and I hope the new year will bring us joy and happiness, also a real victory. Let us hope that peace will be restored in 1943 all over the world.

It is snowing real hard today, as a matter of fact, it's been snowing since Christmas eve. I sure hope it will clear up soon. On Dec. 27, our Circle had a party for all its members. Hoping to write soon again, I close with regards to all.—**Mitzi Kosernik** (16), Box 199, Aguilar, Colo. (Lodge 381)

GIFTS FROM HAWAII

Dear Editor:—Today I received the SNPJ Victory pin and I want to extend my thanks for it to our Society. I think it is very beautiful. I had a very nice Christmas and hope you all did, too. Despite rain and mud, we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

By the time this letter is published it will be February. My brother, who is in Hawaii, sent me a booklet of the Hula Dance in ten versions. He also sent me a little mail bag with different scenes

of Hawaii. I have a nice collection of things from Hawaii. My other brother is now a Sergeant of the Military Police, Division of U. S. Army, who is an instructor in judo, which is the art of self-defense with or without weapons.

I am writing this letter on my Christmas vacation. But we'll be back in school soon again. Two honor rolls in school have gone by, and I have made both. Best regards to all.—**Helen Mance** (15), 14 Grant St., Cokeburg, Pa. (Lodge 386)—(Ed. note: Please write on ONE side of the paper ONLY. Thank you.)

THEY LIKE THE M. L.

Dear Editor:—We are now having twelve days of holiday vacation, and I have more time to write a letter to the M. L. Before Christmas we had nice weather, but to make it seem more real, a blizzard struck this section of the country.

All of us children like the ML very much. Every month when the ML comes, my brother Ray, sister Sophie, and I argue over who will draw the dizzie dot drawing puzzles on the back inside cover page. Still everything turns out all right, but what will we do when my little sister and brother who have just joined the SNPJ, want to draw them too?

I have a small brother named Milan who was born on March 29, 1942. He was born with a V on his forehead. I think this means that the SNPJ and also Uncle Sam will have victory. Some nice day we will take a picture of him and send it to the M. L.

I am in the fifth grade and enjoy school very much. Now I wish to thank my brother Dan who helped me write this letter.—**Danica Gostovich** (10), Box 531, Raton, New Mexico. (Lodge 297)

"WAS I THRILLED!"

Dear Editor:—I want to thank the SNPJ for my War Stamps and Victory pin. It is really nice. My mother is treasurer of SNPJ lodge 24 and when I received the letter I thought it was for Mrs. Ernestine Mocivnik. But then I looked again and it read Miss Ernestine Mocivnik.

All I can say is that I was never so surprised in all my life. I sat down and opened it. Was I thrilled when I saw its contents. It was wonderful.

Once again we are in full swing playing basketball. I play and enjoy it a lot. Believe it or not, it was so warm here in Jenny Lind on Christmas Day that we went about outside without jackets. It was like a day in July. The next day we had rain.

I'll close now wishing everyone luck and happiness in the coming year.—**Ernestine Mocivnik** (15), P. O. Box 86, Jenny Lind, Ark.

MY VICTORY PIN

Dear Editor:—First of all I want to say thanks to our grand SNPJ for the nice Victory pin I received. It was really a nice gift.

My uncle, Albin Grile, came home for Christmas and he really does look nice in his uniform. My

other uncle, Louis Grile Jr., came home for a day; he, too, looks good in Uncle Sam's uniform.

We had a two-week vacation. We will have a new teacher. I hope she's as good as the other one was. Mother made a skirt for me, also other things, and I have a new sweater. I received other presents, but those are the ones I like most.

So long until next month.—**Georgie Mocivnik** (11), P. O. Box 86, Jenny Lind, Ark.

"A SWELL PIN"

Dear Editor:—I have been writing to the M. L. for about six months and hope to keep it up. I want to thank the SNPJ for the swell pin I got for writing to the M. L. My sister had me guessing at first. I was really glad when she showed me the pin. On Christmas day it was really warm, the next day it was raining, lightning and thundering. The creek behind our house overflowed its banks, but we were not afraid, because we live away from it. I will close now, hoping everyone will have lots of fun and enjoyment in 1943.—**Johnnie Mocivnik** (13), P. O. Box 86, Jenny Lind, Ark.

APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:—I would like to thank the Juvenile Department of SNPJ for the gold-filled SNPJ Victory pin and the \$1 war stamps which were given me by Secretary Anton Flisek of lodge 472. I am now 14 years old and am a freshman at Oakmont High School.

Our Christmas vacation started Dec. 23rd and ended January 4. For about two weeks before Christmas we had plenty of snow and the weather was cold, but a day or two before Christmas it became warmer and the snow began to melt. So instead of snow we had a bit of slush.

During the coming year I hope to contribute more to the Mladinski List than I have so far. I am sending in a few jokes and drawings which I hope to see published in the M. L. I must close now. Best regards to all ML readers.—**Dorothy Flis** (14), 409 Virginia Ave., Oakmont, Pa. (Lodge 472)

MY JUNIOR SNPJ PIN

Dear Editor:—I wish to thank the SNPJ for the Junior Pin and War Stamps. The pins are very lovely and I am proud to own one of them. I was very much surprised when I received the award, because I never thought my contributions to the ML would be good enough to win a prize. The award has encouraged me to write to this wonderful magazine.

Since I wrote to the ML I have one pen pal. She is Rita Mae Vidmar. She writes very interesting letters. I would like to have more pen pals.

I wonder why the juveniles from Lodge 223 don't write. Surely they don't have that much school work. Come on, juveniles, wake up and write to the M. L. A proud member.—**Frances R. M. Zitko** (15), P. O. Box 562, Greensburg, Pa. (Lodge 223)

MY VICTORY SNPJ PIN

Dear Editor:—Again I am writing to this fine magazine. I was pleasantly surprised the day before Christmas when I received a golden Victory SNPJ Pin. I want to thank very much the SNPJ for the award. It is very pretty and I will take good care of it. I will try my best to contribute to the ML more often in 1943. That is one of my new year's resolutions.

We didn't have any snow for Christmas so we didn't have a white Christmas. But we had a long vacation. I will pass to 8B at the beginning of the second semester. We had initiation of the new teachers and students who had just entered Junior High School. My brother was an initiator of the teachers. Boy! did we have fun. Some of the costumes the teachers wore were school girl, baby girl and her mother, etc. They all acted their parts very well.

The different clubs at school are Book Binding, Mathematics, Aeroplane Modeling, Photography and Dramatics. I am in the Dramatic Club and we have one and two act plays. I have been in two of the plays and I think it's lots of fun. Best regards to all.—**Rosemary Marinsek** (12), Box 1042, Gallup, New Mexico. (Lodge 120)

BACK IN PENNSY AGAIN

Dear Editor:—I am now at home and I sure do miss Cleveland. I must say I had a wonderful time in Cleveland. Now I am back in Pennsylvania, in Moon Run, my home town.

One day as I was coming home from the Post Office, there in my hand was a letter for me from the SNPJ. I opened it and to my surprise there was a beautiful SNPJ Victory Pin. I am very proud of it and you can bet that I'll always wear it. Thanks a million.

I would like to say hello to the following people in Cleveland: the A. Male, Dolly Boyton, the M. Tursics, Iia Milavic, Al Markic, Al Strukel, Steve Valencic, the R. Tursics, Audrey Tursic, Helen, Emma, Millie and Cecilia Tursic and to my pen pals.

This will be all for this time. I remain a proud member—**Anna Mele** (16), Box 311, Moon Run, Pa. (Lodge 88)

THE ATTRACTIVE SNPJ PIN

Dear Editor:—Writing to the ML has almost formed a habit. First of all I want to thank the SNPJ for the attractive Victory Pin I received for writing to the M. L. It really has made me want to contribute more to this popular magazine.

My brother Rudy who has been with the A.E.F. in Northern Ireland, is in a hospital in the U. S. He expects to get a furlough soon and writes that he is glad to be back in America.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the boys and girls who have sent me cards and letters. I have secured many cards to add to my post-card collection. I would also like to say hello to you all. I remain a proud SNPJ member—**Kathleen Potocnik**, Box 133, Cherokee, Kans. (Lodge 19)

"THANK YOU, SNPJ"

Dear Editor:—First of all I want to thank the SNPJ for the \$3 in War Stamps I received and for the Victory Pin. I never dreamed of receiving any prizes at all. I have one \$25 War Bond and am started on another one. The \$3 I received from the SNPJ boosted me a little higher.

I would also like to say hello to all my pen pals and would like them to write. I am contributing to this issue two poems and some jokes. I would appreciate it very much if they were published either in this or next issue.

Closing this letter, I remain a proud member—**Rose Lipar** (14), R. D. 1, Hyndsville, New York. (Lodge 393)

LOOKING FORWARD

Dear Editor:—I am writing just a few words of thanks for selecting my contributions for deserving an award. I am looking forward to the Victory contest and I am going to try my best.

Christmas at our house was enjoyed by all. We were very fortunate to have another Christmas in peace and we were very grateful.

My two older sisters, Josephine and Frances, have joined the Volunteer Nurses Aid. They graduated Dec. 27, 1942, from St. Marys Hospital. As you see they wish to do their share for the cause and I am quite proud of them. In the future I hope to be able to follow them in their wonderful work. Valentine greetings to all.—**Caroline Tavzelj** (13), 1425 McKinstry St., Detroit, Mich. (Lodge 518)

"HOW ANY OF US CAN RESIST"

Dear Editor:—I am 13 years old, and I am the recording secretary of Circle 43. It has been such a long time since I have written to the M. L. The Mladinski List is such a fine magazine that I don't see how any of us can resist from writing, although this is just my second letter.

I had a very merry Christmas and also a happy New Year. I got a fountain pen and pencil set, two games, and some other things. I hope everyone had a nice time over the holidays. Best regards to all.—**Josephine Powell**, 937 N. Holmes Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana. (Circle 43)

WILL CONTRIBUTE MORE

Dear Editor:—Now that the Christmas excitement is over, and school vacation is still in effect, I have a little time to write to the M. L.

I sincerely thank the SNPJ for the dollar war stamps, and for the pin. I was surprised in receiving the award, and am hoping to contribute more in the current year.

We dreamed of a white Christmas but had to take a sunny one. Christmas this year was different than other years. In many homes chairs were empty at the table for the sons or daughters who were in the service, and gifts weren't as plentiful as other years, but everyone enjoyed himself. Let's remember, "Save now and be happy later." Best regards to all.—**Mary Strimlan** (16), Box 24, Library, Pa. (Lodge 386)

"THANKS FOR THE PIN"

Dear Editor:—First of all I want to thank the SNPJ for the beautiful pin which was awarded to me for the contributions that I sent to the M. L.

I wish to thank my pen pals for the Christmas cards and gifts they sent to me. By the way, since my last letter to the ML I have received cards from the following states: Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kansas, Arkansas, Wyoming, and Idaho.

Best regards to one and all.—*Mary Alice Paling* (15), Box 15, Pierce, W. Va. (Circle 16)

WILL MAKE AN ATTEMPT

Dear Editor:—Today is December 31, the day to be making resolutions. The one on top of my list will be to (at least I'll make an attempt) to write to this wonderful magazine every month.

Well, the Chisholm Bluestreaks defeated the Buhl Bulldogs in a basketball game and ended Buhl's undefeated three year season in which they won 39 straight games. They were looking for the

Bluestreaks wouldn't let them have it. The score was 33-23.

I am enclosing a picture of myself. I am 12 years old, 5 ft. 1 in. in height, and am a student of the Junior High School in the seventh grade. Since this letter will be published after New Year's I cannot wish you a happy New Year, but I hope that you all have success and luck in future. Best wishes to all.—*Mary Nenadich* (12), 214 First St., Chisholm, Minn. (Lodge 322)

HAS TWO BROTHERS IN THE ARMY

Dear Editor:—I haven't written to the ML for quite some time. I decided to begin the new year right by trying to contribute something to the ML each month. First of all, I wish to thank the SNPJ for the lovely Victory Pin and also the War Stamps.

I had a very nice Christmas and hope all you ML readers and the Editor had as nice one as I had. My oldest brother Paul is 21 years old. He has been in the Enlisted Reserve Signal Corps for four months. He graduated from the Signal Corps Training School in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and is now attending Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kans. The school he is now attending is one of the best radio engineering schools in the country.

My brother Charles, who is 20 years of age, has enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps, as a Radio Operator and Mechanic. He is now stationed at Kelly Field, Texas. Both of my brothers hold a Radio Amateur license.

I am sending a drawing which I hope is good enough to be published. I remain a proud ML reader.—*Olga Vidmar* (16), 2225 Bott Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. (Lodge 94)

DECEMBER FLOOD

Dear Editor:—Although this is my first letter to the Pen Pal Page, I have enjoyed contributing articles to other parts of the M. L. It was through the ML that I came in contact with a very interesting pen pal from Wyoming.

I belong to Circle 22 of Midway, Pa. Since so many of the members live a good distance from our meeting place and because of gasoline rationing, our Circle has been rather inactive this winter. As soon as summer comes, however, we shall resume our usual busy schedule.

On Dec. 30 we had a terrible flood around Pittsburgh. It was said to be the worst December flood in this area in 100 years.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the SNPJ for the War Stamps which I received for my contributions to the M. L. It certainly was a surprise that I didn't expect. Thanks also for the Victory Pin. I am very proud to wear it.—*Violet Machek* (16), R. D. 4, McDonald, Pa.

DOROTHY'S "SECOND"

Dear Editor:—This is my second letter to the M. L. I want to thank you very much for publishing my first letter.

I have four pen pals, whom I am very glad to have and I wish to have many more. During the holidays we didn't have any snow here in Homer City, but we did have some rain.

By the way, I received a card from a boy by the name of Rudolph. I do wish he would write to me, and please give me your address. I also wish that more boys would write to the M. L. I will close now, hoping to hear from some more pen pals.—*Dorothy Ann Zevnick* (14), Homer City, Pa.

"THANK YOU, SNPJ!"

Dear Editor:—Another month has "rolled around" and I owe a letter to the M. L. First of all I want to say "Thank you" to the SNPJ for the lovely Victory Pin I received with the other award. Both came in time for the holidays and were really a nice yule present.

We had a week off for Christmas including New Year's Day. We were pleasantly surprised when my uncle, who is in the U. S. Army came home on furlough in November. And of course, we had a "Merry Christmas," but it wasn't white. I suppose we've all made some sort of New Year's resolutions, but will we stick to them? I hope I stick to mine. I'd like to thank all my pen pals for their cards and letters I received lately, although they've surely received mine this time.

The Illinois and Vermillion rivers near here, overflowed their banks during December. As a result, we had to use a different, out-of-the-way route, to school. (This may be rather personal, but I wish Josephine Strell of Cleveland, Ohio, would see this. If you do, Josie, won't you please answer me? I received your letter in the fall that you moved to another hospital in South Euclid, but I never received an answer to my return letter. Please write to me.)

I am closing now with best wishes and regards

to all.—*Dolores Udovic* (13), Route 1, Box 90, La Salle, Ill. (Lodge 573).—Ed. note: Please write on ONE side of the paper ONLY. Thank you.)

VIRGINIA IS GRATEFUL

Dear Editor:—I received my \$12 worth of War Stamps from the SNPJ just in time for Christmas. I want to thank the SNPJ very much for it. I

will continue to contribute to the ML in the future. I think all members of the SNPJ should contribute to it. Enclosed are my two poems which I hope will be published. To all my pen pals I want to say, "I will answer your letters as soon as I can. Best regards to all.—*Virginia Barton* (14), R. D. No. 4, McDonald, Pa. (Lodge 231)

ROSTER OF JUVENILE CIRCLES AND OFFICERS

Circle No. 1—Walsenburg, Colo. (299)—William Tomsic, President; Verna M. Duznak, Vice-President; Edward Tomsic, Jr., Secretary; Ann Urban, Treasurer; Edward Tomsic, Sr., Manager, 823 W. 7th Street; Mary Tomsic, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 3rd Sunday at Kapusin's Hall.

Circle No. 2—Cleveland, Ohio (137)—Anna Surina, President; Marge Kupina, Vice-President; Antoinette Mezarsic, Secretary, 6213 Glass Ave.; Wilma Severina, Treasurer; Marion Adams, Manager, 14614 Aspinwall Avenue; Ann Cebul, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 3rd Friday at SNH.

Circle No. 3—Cleveland, Ohio (53)—Dora Terbizan, President; Eugene Terbizan, Vice-President; Genevieve Herman, Secretary; Ruth Ogrinc, Treasurer; Frank Barbach, Manager. Meetings every 4th Friday of the month at SDD on Waterloo Road.

Circle No. 4—Milwaukee, Wis. (16-584-255)—Matthew Smole, Jr., President; Stanley Stanich, Vice-President; Elsie Ohajak, Secretary, 1608 S. 57th Street; William Kodrich, Treasurer; Sophie Stampfel, Manager, 1120-A Washington. Meetings every 1st Friday at 7 P. M. at Ripple's Hall.

Circle No. 5—Luzerne, Pa. (204)—Rose Ofack, President; Carolyn Revisan, Secretary, 815 Welord Street; Helen Petkovsek, Rec. Secretary; Stefania Vratovic, Manager, 315 Tener Street. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at 280 Main Street.

Circle No. 7—Girard, Ohio (643)—Joseph Leskovec, President; Pauline Bahn, Vice-President; Elizabeth Rezek, Secretary; Herminia Perechlin, Rec. Secretary; Dorothy Selak, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Macek, R. D. 1, Avon Park, Manager; Mary Selak, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 4th Sunday at 2 P. M. at Nagode's Hall, Avon Park.

Circle No. 9—Crested Butte, Colo. (397)—Joe Tezak, Jr., President; Julia Rozman, Vice-President; Evelyn Pogorelec, Secretary; Frank Russ, Rec. Secretary; Joe Russ, Treasurer; Joe Tezak, Sr., Manager, Box No. 421. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at the Croatian Hall.

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Circle No. 12 and 13 merged with No. 2.

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Circle No. 17—Chicago, Ill. (631)—Raymond Poteracki, President; James W. Feirabend, Vice-President; Beverly Rae, Secretary, 1638 N. Fairfield Avenue; Xenia Novak, Rec. Secretary; Mildred Novak, Treasurer; Michael R. Fleischhacker, Manager, 1642 N. Fairfield Avenue; Catherine Roycht, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 4th Monday of the month at the Manager's home.

Circle No. 18—Milwaukee, Wis. (747)—Louis Jesowshek, President; Mary Potisek, Vice-President; Lois Babcock, Secretary, 2750 N. 30th Street; Norman Hollander, Treasurer; Helen Ambrozich, Manager, 2802 N. 33rd Street. Meetings last Sunday of the month at the home of the Circle Manager.

Circle No. 19—Strabane, Pa. (138-589)—Veronica Barbish, President; Virginia Chesnic, Vice-President; Dorothy Helay, Secretary; Betty J. Vercek, Rec. Secretary; Frances Zele, Treasurer; Mary A. Oklesson, Manager; Mildred Chesnic, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 1st Friday at 7 P. M.

Circle No. 20—Aguilar, Colo. (381)—Joseph Arnonc, President; Ralph Fousone, Vice-President; Mitzi Kosernik, Secretary, Box No. 199; Mike Biggio, Treasurer; Frances Kosernik, Manager, Box No. 199; Joseph Kolenc, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at 10:30 A. M. at the City Hall.

Circle No. 21—Sharon, Pa. (31-262-755)—Edward Okorn, President; Joseph Glavan, Vice-President; Emma Cvelbar, Secretary, 500 Wilson Street; Frances Stambal, Rec. Secretary; Frank Zaggar, Treasurer; Frances Novak, Manager, 1017 Cedar Avenue. Meetings every 3rd Sunday at 3:30 P. M. at the Slovene Hall.

Circle No. 22—Midway, Pa. (89-231)—Steve Turkaly, President; Ann Saloum, Vice-President; Margaret Prebeg, Secretary, Bulger, Pa.; Donna Nagode, Rec. Secretary; Bertha Kavcic, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Janeshek, Manager, Box No. 56. Meetings every last Friday of the month at the month at SNPJ Hall, Midway, Pa.

Circle No. 23—Universal, Pa. (715)—Richard Berg, President; Verna Demshar, Vice-President; Phyllis Bergent, Secretary, Box 184; Phyllis Demshar, Treasurer, 49 Reiter Road; Mrs. Jennie Previc, Manager, Box 1564, R. D. No. 1, Wilkinsburg, Pa. Meetings 2nd Sunday of the month at 8 P. M. at the Slovene Hall.

Circle No. 24—Waukegan, Ill. (14-119-568)—Dorothy Gabrovsek, President; Daniel Ark, Vice-President; Virginia Nagode, Secretary, 913 McAlister Avenue; Beverly Brannan, Rec. Secretary; John Simcik, Treasurer; Christine Strickland, Manager, 914 Adams Street; Martin Judnich and Victor Jelc, Assist. Managers. Meetings every 1st and 3rd Monday at S. N. H.

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man, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the SNPJ Hall, 2659 S. Lawndale Avenue.

Circle No. 28—Roundup, Montana (700)—Robert Zupan, President; Albina Finco, Vice-President; Carl Kerzan, Secretary, Box No. 14; Charles Mezmarich, Rec. Secretary; Joan Finco, Treasurer; Lea Oset, Manager, Box No. 124. Meetings every 3rd Sunday at the home of the Circle Manager.

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Circle No. 31—Warren, Ohio (321)—Albert Stanich, President; Edward Smuke, Vice-President; Frances Smuke, Secretary, 2204 Milton Street; Dorothy Tomazin, Rec. Secretary; Jerry Banovich, Treasurer; Josephine Smuke, Manager, 2204 Milton Street; Josephine Tomazin, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd Monday in various homes.

Circle No. 33—Pittsburgh, Pa. (665)—Joseph Ujcich, President; Margaret Levstik, Vice-President; Dorothy Kobal, Secretary-Treasurer, R. D. No. 2, Hartz Run Rd., Allison Park; Rosemarie Brozic, Rec. Secretary; John Ujcich, Manager, 5410 Carnegie Street. Meetings every 1st Sunday of the month at the Slovenian Hall, 57th Street.

Circle No. 34—Donora, Pa. (76)—Mary Bandelo, President; Frances Bucic, Vice-President; Louis Kulusic, Secretary, Box No. 956; Zorica Burazer, Rec. Secretary; Katherine Bucic, Treasurer; Anton Bucic, Manager, General Delivery. Meetings every 2nd Sunday of the month.

Circle No. 35—Pallade, Colo. (162)—Leon Kladock, President; Frank Mesojedec, Vice-President; Mary Mautz, Secretary; Frank Laush, Rec. Secretary; John Laush, Treasurer; Frank Mautz, Manager, R. D. No. 1; Mary Mautz, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 1st Sunday of the month at 1:30 P. M.

Circle No. 36—Sygan, Pa.—Dick Chappel, President; George Usnick, Vice-President; David Wirant, Secretary, Box No. 283, Bridgeville, Pa.; Joan Wirant, Treasurer; Paul Wirant, Manager, Box No. 213, Bridgeville; Fred Okoren, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 1st Sunday at 6:30 P. M.

Circle No. 37—Massillon, Ohio (178)—Albin Osredkar, Jr., President; Edward Kostelic, Vice-President; William Hovecar, Secretary-Treasurer, 757—15th Street, S. E.; Albin Osredkar, 1304—1st Street, N. E. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at 1:00 P. M. at 757—15th Street, S. E.

Circle No. 38—Cleveland, Ohio (185)—Helen Krivacic, President; Vera Somrak, Vice-President; Agnes Lesar, 10009 E. 61. Street; Frances Skrab, Treasurer; Marge Jeric, Manager, 6925 Hecker Avenue. Meetings every 4th Friday at the Slovene National Home.

Circle No. 39—Bon Air, Pa. (254)—Edmund Korber, President; Louis Bozic, Vice-President; Francis Bukovec, Secretary-Treasurer, R. D. 2, Box No. 115, Johnstown, Pa.; Irene Martincic, Rec. Secretary; Sylvia F. Skedel, Manager, R. D. 2, Box No. 182, Johnstown, Pa.; Theresa Foust, Assist. Manager. Meetings every 2nd Sunday at the Slovene Hall, Bon Air, Pa.

Circle No. 40—Gowanda, New York (325)—Phillip Sever, President; Henry Skrabec, Vice-President; Frances Smrke, Rec. Secretary; Anne Stibil, Treasurer; Rose Matkovich, Manager, 145 Miller Street. Meetings every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 P. M. at the Slovenian Hall.

Circle No. 41—Cleveland, Ohio (576)—William Wapotic, President, 892 East 73rd Street; Frank Popotnik, Vice-President, 6219 Carl Avenue; Anthony Sterle, Secretary, 1130 E. 67th Street; Matthew Debevec, Manager, 1218 E. 169th Street. Meetings 2nd Friday of the month at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Avenue.

Circle No. 42—Cleveland, Ohio (26)—Mrs. Mary Zaman, Manager, 486 E. 149th Street.

Circle No. 43—Indianapolis, Indiana (105)—Mary Lampert, President, 752 N. Haugh Street; Clara Canalas, Vice-President, 717 N. Holmes Street; Josephine Lampert, Secretary, 752 N. Haugh Street; Josephine Powell, Rec. Secretary, 937 N. Holmes Street; Clara Shelly, Treasurer, 3001 W. 10th Street; Mary Kronoshek, Manager, 1016 N. Holmes Street. Meetings every 1st Sunday of the month at the Slovenian National Home.

Circle No. 45—Power Point, Ohio (358)—Frank Tuseck, Box No. 45; Sam Ronshak, Vice-President, Box No. 41; Thomas Mercina, Secretary, Box No. 16; Stephanina Taucher, Rec. Secretary, Box No. 3; Frances Taucher, Treasurer, Box No. 3; Frances Mercina, Manager, Box No. 16; Mrs. Mary Bogataj, Box No. 12, RD No. 2. Meetings every 3rd Sunday of the month at Power Point.

Circle No. 46—Library, Pa. (386-682)—Joseph Wattik, President; William Yakopin, R. D. No. 1; Violet Oeepek, Secretary; Harry Podlesnik, Treasurer; Frances Dermotta, Manager, Box No. 262; Louise Furno, Assistant-Manager. Meetings every Monday night at 7 P. M. at the Slovene Hall.

Circle No. 47—Johnstown, Pa. (82-600-684-712)—Dorothy Dubrecht, President, R. D. No. 3, Box No. 209; James Lees, Vice-President, 213 Oakland Avenue; Dorothy Sudonick, Secretary, R. D. No. 3, Box 207; Louise Ukmar, Treasurer, 702 Forest Avenue; Olivia Chuchek, Manager, 442 Ohio Street. Meetings every Monday at 7 P. M. at the Slovene Hall in Moxham.

Circle No. 48—Eveleth, Minn. (69-130-650)—Mary Stibil, President, 518 Hayes Street; Jacob Kokaly, Vice-President, 715 No. Court; Kathryn Kokaly, Secretary, Monroe Street; Marcella Rozinka, Rec. Secretary, 622½ Lincoln Avenue; William Franter, Treasurer, Box 336 (Old Town); Eleanor Beutz, Manager, 429½ Fayal Road; Rose M. Strudel, Assist. Manager, 202 Fayal Road. Meetings held every 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 P. M.

NOTE: If your Circle is not included in the roster, the reason is that no report of officers has been received by the Juvenile Director.

Tongue Twisters

Three gray geese on three green hills. Gray were the geese and green were the hills.

Theophilus Thistle thrust three thousand thistles through the thick of his thumb.

A crop of poppies in a copper coffee pot.

Miracle of Winter

Beautiful winter, robed in white;
Brilliant winter, sparkling at night.
Glorious winter, vigorous, bright;
Magical winter, transmuting dullness,
Wizard of light and of timeliness.

Mother: "What did you learn in your cooking class today?"

Daughter: "Nothing. Teacher stayed home because she had indigestion."

Old Man: Young man, you can put it in your paper that my secret of health and long life is to eat garlic every day."

Reporter: "Why do you refer to it as a secret?"

Welcome, New Juveniles

Every month there are new Juveniles coming into the Slovene National Benefit Society, and who are now readers of the Mladinski List. We wish to welcome you into our big family.

We hope that you will enjoy the stories, the articles, and the jokes in the Mladinski List. We want you to join in the contests, and send us pictures of yourself, and drawings that you make, and stories about your thrills. There are many subjects on which you can write.

If there is anything that you would like to see in the Mladinski List, write us about it. We want to make the Mladinski List as interesting as possible and helpful all the year long.

Be a Busy Bee

It takes a lot of workers in the beehive to make enough money to last through a long, cold winter. Everyone learns to work out for the good of all in order that the swarm of bees may not starve to death.

So it is with our fraternal society—the Slovene National Benefit Society. Every member is needed in order to make it a success. The old members die, and it is necessary to bring in younger people to keep the organization alive; also, the juveniles, when they attain age of sixteen, are eligible for the adult class, and it is necessary that new juveniles take their place.

So, we appeal to each and every Juvenile to bring in a new member during the year 1943, which, by the way, is the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Juvenile Department and the Fifth Anniversary of the establishment of our Juvenile Circles. Then we shall have one of the busiest fraternal beehives in the country. Remember the busy bee!

Try These Riddles

To what man in town do all the other men take off their hats?—The barber.

What is the best material for kites?—Flypaper.

Under what circumstances is it all right to lie?—When in bed.

What is the hardest key to turn?—Dunkey.

Why do sailors wear white hats?—To cover their heads.

When does a man weigh most?—When he is the heaviest.

What has a bed but never sleeps in it?—A river.

Pick Your Country

What country mourns?—Wales.

What country is popular on Thanksgiving day?—Turkey.

What country is useful at mealtime?—China.

What country makes you shiver?—Chile.

QUOTATIONS OF

Abraham Lincoln

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have.

The smallest things are often the most difficult to deal with.

Teach hope to all, despair to none.

Success does not so much depend upon external help as self-reliance.

You may fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time; but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.

The strongest bond of human sympathy outside of the family relation should be one uniting all working people, of all nations, and tongues and kindreds.

Inasmuch as most good things are produced by Labor, it follows that all such things of right belong to those whose labor has produced them.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON JUST FOR FUN PAGE

Guessing Game: (1) Educate; (2) Suffocate; (3) Implicate; (4) Indicate.

Alphabet Mix-Ups: Lincoln

School Daze: (1) English; (2) Geography; (3) Science; (4) Algebra; (5) Typing; (6) Biology.

Riddle-Me-Ree: (1) Because he has a strong constitution. (2) When it's in quarters. (3) The skunk who gives away scents. (4) All men are created equal. (5) 5-6-7-8-9-10-11 miles.

Catcalls: (1) Catalog; (2) Catsup; (3) Catbird; (4) Catfish; (5) Catapult; (6) Cattle; (7) Catarrh.

Jumbled Sentences: (1) True; (2) False; (3) True; (4) True; (5) True; (6) False.

ANSWERS TO WORD SQUARE ON PAGE 7

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| 1. Pore | 3. Reed |
| 2. Oven | 4. Ends |

Kick the Bucket

"Kick the bucket."—This phrase originated during the eighteenth century when prisoners stood on buckets to hang themselves. They would kick the bucket from under their feet.

Help in the Victory Campaign!

ENROLL A NEW MEMBER IN THE "SNPJ VICTORY CAMPAIGN"--TODAY!



- The success of the SNPJ VICTORY CAMPAIGN depends on you—the members on our local fronts.

- We urge all members to join the active ranks of this great patriotic and fraternal drive to defend America and the SNPJ by enrolling new members.

- The SNPJ offers attractive SPECIAL PRIZES, ranging from \$25 to \$100, to state, district, and national winners—also, REGULAR PRIZES of \$1 for each juvenile member and \$1 to \$4 for each new adult member enrolled.

- The war against the AXIS powers must be won! We shall help achieve this goal quicker by awarding thousands of dollars in UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS and STAMPS as prizes for new members!

- The number of new members gained in the SNPJ Victory Campaign will be reflected in the amount of dollars spent for bonds and stamps—for planes, ships, tanks, and guns. Let's not forget that!

- A special award of \$25 will be given to the Juvenile Circle gaining the highest number of new members in this campaign.

- Members! Compare our benefits and rates with those of other insurance organizations. Convince yourselves that the SNPJ OFFERS THE BEST BARGAINS!

- In conclusion, we say to you—Don't forget the children. Give them all the advantages of membership in the SNPJ by organizing a Juvenile Circle in your community. That will insure a great victory for the future!

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,
the SNPJ Campaign Director.