

OB TEDNU RUSI SO SE POGNALI V ZAPADNI DEL MADJARSKE PRESTOLNICE, BUDO

Nekaj glav pri naši poizvedo-
lni službi bo moralo vzeti "do-
st" in si poiskati kruha dru-
je. Ta urad bi moral namreč
stančno vedeti, kaj počne nem-
a armada. Tako se pa ni vede-
za nemške priprave, dokler ni
del von Rundstedt ofenzive.

Rooseveltova admistracija
pravlja za kongres predlog,
bi se vrtnišim vojakom štel v
bro za starostno pokojnino ves
ki so ga prebili v uniformi.

Predsednik Roosevelt bo od-
dil, da dobe prednost za službe
pošti, kot pismošose in kler-
odpušeni vojaki.

Vojaki, ki so že dlje časa na
efičnih otokih, so postali ta-
spretni v pletanju kril iz sla-
kot jih nosijo domačinke,
jih prodajajo novo došlim vo-
tom in mornarjem kot izdelk
mačinov in si služijo s tem le-
denarje. Nekateri znajo pa
sopretno napraviti iz raznih
in meče, da jih prodajajo za
stno japonsko blago.

Maks Auschitt, romunski je-
ski in municijski magnat, ki
sopladi ušel Nemcem in bil
tega v odsotnosti obsojen na
rt, je zopet nazaj v Romuni-
kjer v polnem sodeluje z Ru-

Arško prebivalstvo na otoku
ru je nedavno demonstriralo.
se vrne otok Grčiji. Angleži,
posedejuje zdaj ta otok, so
povedali vse javne shode in
onstracije.

Vojni tajnik Stimson ni kazal
nega razburjenja radi sla-
novic z evropskega bojišča.
namreč, da ima general Ei-
hower dovolj četr in dovolj
zja, da bo začel močno proti-
nizivo.

Vojaske strokovnjaki so mne-
da bo sedanja nemška ofen-
na na zapadni fronti podaljša-
vojno najmanj za šest mese-
Urad za vojno produkcijo
se postavlja na stališče z vo-
la naročili, kot da bo vojna
evropi trajala do konca leta
45.

panija je nakupila v Zed, dr-
ah za več milijonov razne
eme, ki je mi ne potrebujemo
na 18700 Mohawk Ave. se želi
zahvaliti vsem sorodnikom in
prijateljem, ki so bili tako pri-
jazni ž njo, ko se je nahajala
v bolnišnici na operaciji. Pri-
jateljice jo zdaj lahko obišče-
jo na gornjem naslovu.

Maša za vojake
KSKJ je naročilo za jutri
sedmih v cerkvi sv. Kristine
za srečno vrnitev članov
akov in sinovih društvenih
nov.

K molitvi
ponedeljek zvečer ob osmih
se zberejo k molitvi za po-
no sestro Mary Sajovec v
stovem pogrebnem zavodu
nice podružnice št. 41 SZZ.

omagajte Ameriki, kupujte
ne bonde in znamke.

Kdaj bo padla Budimpešta v roke Rusom je vpra-
šanje par dni, morda samo par ur. Nemci ne
smejo pod smrtno kaznijo zapustiti pozicij.

London, 29. dec. — Ruske čete so vdrle danes v zapad-
ni del Budimpešte. Tako poroča nočjo depeša iz Moskve.
Ruska armada pa, ki prodira proti Dunaju ob obeh straneh
Donave, ima še 85 milj do avstrijske prestolnice in 53 milj
do Bratislave na Slovaškem.

Slučaj Ward Co. pride
pred sodnijo 8. jan.

Chicago. — Federalni sodnik
Sullivan je določil dan 8. janu-
arja, ko bo odločil, če je imela
vlada Zed, držav po ukazu pred-
sednika Roosevelta, pravico za-
seči z vojaštvom prodajalne
Montgomery Ward Co. Pred-
sednik družbe, Sewell Avery tr-
di, da je okupacija z vladnimi
četami neustavna.

Ward Co. ima 600 trgovin po
Zed, državah in 12,000 uslužben-
cev, ki so zdaj nastavljeni v la-
de Zed, držav.

Družba ne izdeluje nobenih
stvari, ki bi direktno pomagale
vojnemu naporu, zato vodstvo
trdi, da predsednik nima pravi-
ce zapleniti tako podjetje, am-
pak le tako, ki izdeluje vojna na-
ročila, če se ne pokore ukazom
vlade. Vlada je zasegla z voja-
štvom podjetje, ker je bila pri
podjetju stavka radi zaostale iz-
boljšane plače in pa ker se dru-
žba ni pokorila ukazu vladnega
delavskega odbora, da mora na-
jemati samo unijske uslužbenice.

Zamuda s koledarji
Firma A. Grdina in Sinovi
naznanja, da ima letos zopet za-
mudo s koledarji. Koledarji so
bili naročeni še februarja, toda
radi pomanjkanja delavcev in
radi posebne barve koledarjev,
se je delo zakasnilo. Obljubljeni
so bili še 15. decembra. Kole-
darji bodo posebno lepi in vsaka
družina ga bo vesela. Kakorhi-
tro jih firma dobi, jih bo razne-
sla po trgovinah, kjer jih bodo
ljudje lahko dobili. V oknih bodo
napisi, da se tam koledarji dobe.
Naročenih je 8,000 koledarjev.

Vrnitev iz bolnišnice
Mrs. Frances Buchar prej iz
Carry Ave. in sedaj stanujoča
na 18700 Mohawk Ave. se želi
zahvaliti vsem sorodnikom in
prijateljem, ki so bili tako pri-
jazni ž njo, ko se je nahajala
v bolnišnici na operaciji. Pri-
jateljice jo zdaj lahko obišče-
jo na gornjem naslovu.

Teta štorklja je pozabila zavojček v snegu
Zameti v Clevelandu niso v
veliko oviro samo motoristom,
ampak, kot je videti tudi zelo na-
robe hodijo teta štorklja, ki je
včeraj izgubila v zametih lušt-
kan zavojček z novorojeno
dečko.

Kaj takega pa še ne, odkar
smo klali, bi rekel kak naš oča-
neec, in res se stvar bere kot ne-
zaslišan roman.

Včeraj zjutraj je Mrs. Ruth
Zelman, ki stanuje na 6318 Edna
Ave., zbudila svojega moža ter
mu naravnost in brez ovinkov
povedala, da se "mudi," zelo mu-
di, ker ji je tako zaupala teta
štorklja, ki ne pozna v tem ozi-
ru nobene šale.

Mr. Zelman je poskušal dobiti
taksij, je klical policijsko ambu-

Rusi so vrgli v boj vse razpo-
ložljive čete, da osvojijo Budim-
pešto, ki je velikega strateškega
pomena. Kot stoji stvari
zdaj je vprašanje nekaj dni, ali
pa celo nekaj ur in madžarska
prestolnica bo v ruskih rokah.
Boji se vrše že po ulicah od hi-
še do hiše. Umikajoči Nemci so
danes dinamitali mestno hišo
v Budimpešti.

Okrog notranje Pešte so naci-
ji zgradili tri obrambne linije.
Prvo so Rusi že predrl, ostali
dve pa zdaj razbijajo s topniškim
ognjem.

Naciji se krčevito drže vsa-
ke razvaline. Nemški poveljniki
pripovedujejo vojakom, da je s
padcem Budimpešte v nevarno-
sti Rajh, zato je pod smrtno ka-
znijo prepovedano vsakemu vo-
jaku zapustiti pozicijo, dokler
ne dobi povelja za to.

Ameriški vojaki priznajo,
da so kradli cigarete

Pariz, 29. dec. — 200 ameri-
ških vojakov in dva častnika je
ateriranih, ki so že priznali, da
so kradli cigarete, poslani iz
Amerike v Francijo. Za prodane
cigarete so prejeli nad \$200,-
000.

Ta tatvina cigaret na debelo
je imele za posledico, da voja-
ki na fronti niso imeli cigaret,
dočim jih je bilo dovolj v fran-
coskih gostilnah in hotelih. Ci-
garete so prodajali francoski
črni borzi po \$2 paket.

Te vojake bo sodila vojaška
sodnija in bodo najbrže obču-
tno kaznovani. Cigarete so je-
mali iz železniških voz na potu
proti fronti. Vso stvar so vodi-
li bivši čikaški raketerji, ki so
dobili na svojo stran male in
neizkušene vojake, ki so se dali
zapeljati vsled obljube po le-
pem in lahkem zaslužku.

Ne bo lista
Ker bo v ponedeljek novo leto,
torej velik praznik, Ameriška
Domovina ne bo izšla in urad bo
ves dan zaprt.

Srečno sta pripeljala do bolni-
šnice. Ustavita in hočeta Mrs.
Zelman pomagati iz avta. Pri-
tem jima omahne vsa onemogla
v sneg. Brez oklevanja jo po-
grabita in odneseta v bolnišnico.
Tam so bolničarke takoj spozna-
le, koliko je ura in so naglo ure-
dile vse potrebno za porod.

Mr. Zelman se je ves utrujen
vsedel na stol in si brisal potno
čelo. Tedaj pa plane v bolnišni-
co nek motorist in zavpije: "Zu-

Amerikanci so vrgli nacije 10 milj nazaj



AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA
ZELI VSEM SKUPAJ
ZDRAVO
ZADOVOLJNO
IN
ZMAGOSLAVNO
NOVO
LETO

NOVA PERIODA ZA
ZGANJE BO 4 TEDNE
IN NE VEČ TRI

Columbus, O. — Državni di-
rektor Don Fisher naznanja,
da bo nova perioda za nakup
žganja v državnih prodajalnah
štiri tedne in ne več tri. Nova
perioda se prične 2. januarja in
bo trajala do 27. januarja.
Ljudje s kartami bodo pa še
vedno lahko kupili po dve ste-
klenici železne vode.

Vzrok za daljšo periodo je,
ker so slabe ceste za dovoz in
pa ker bodo distilerije v janu-
arju zmanjšale kvoto za Ohio
20 odstotkov.

Podružnica 14 SZZ
Podružnica je izvolila za leto
1945 sledeči odbor: Predsednica
Frances Rupert, podpredsednica
Antonija Svetek, tajnica Fran-
ces Klein, 19407 Muskoka Ave.
tel. IV 4820, blagajničarka Pau-
line Sajovec, zapisničarka Ma-
ry Japel, nadzornice Frances
Globokar, Frances Grčman,
Frances Stupica. Seje so vsak
prvi torek v mesecu v SDD na
Recher Ave.

Šesta obletnica
V ponedeljek ob sedmih bo v
cerkvi sv. Kristine maša za po-
kojno Mary Gerl ob priliki šeste
obletnice njene smrti.

Vabilo na sejo
V torek 2. januarja bo imela
sejo podružnica 14 SZZ v navd-
nih prostorih in ob navadnem
času. Prosi se velike udeležbe.

Najboljše
Jutri bo praznovan svoj, 57.
rojstni dan poznani prekmurski
Slovenec in naš zvesti naročnik
Matija Kavaz, 1388 E. 41. St.
želimo mu, da bi mu novo leto
prineslo srečo in zdravja in da
bi zdrav dočakal še mnogo let.

Sovražnik se je zakopal za obrambami, da zbere nove
moči za ponovno ofenzivo. Amerikanci skušajo
zajeti v past nacije v Belgiji.

Pariz, 29. dec. — Ameriške oklepne divizije so vrgle
nemške kolone v Belgiji 10 milj nazaj in dosegle pred-
mestje Rocheforta. Nazaj so bile vržene tiste nemške kolo-
ne, ki so prodrle najdlje v Belgijo skozi ameriške pozicije.

Nemške divizije so se umakni-
le pred navalom 3. ameriške ar-
made, ki je pritisnila v nacije od
juga. General Patton, ki pove-
ljuje 3. armadi, je danes napre-
doval 3 milje. Depeše s fronte
poročajo, da feldmaršal von
Rundstedt pripravlja svojo silo
za ponovno ofenzivo.

Prva in tretja armada zdaj za-
pirata vrata za nemško armado,
ki je prodrla v Belgijo nad Ba-
stogmem. Prva armada prodira
od severa, tretja od juga. Med
njima je samo še 13 milj ozek
pas in kadar se bosta ti dve ar-
madi strnili skupaj, bodo zajeti
v past vsi nacisti, ki so v Belgiji.

Več kot 1,500 bombnikov in
bojnih letal je danes vsipalo
bombe na nemške pozicije med
fronto in reko Reno. Danes je že
sedmi dan, da ameriška in an-
gleška zračna armada brez pre-
stanka mečeta bombe nacijem
za vrat.

Ofenziva feldmaršala von
Rundstedta jo je zdaj očividno
dobila po nosu. Od treh strani
so planili na nemške divizije
Amerikanci, da zmlejejo zagoz-
do, ki so jo vsekali Nemci v ame-
riške pozicije. General Patton,
ki je s svojo 3. armado zasakal
fronto od vzhoda proti severu ter
vdaril nacijem v južni bok, je
prodril v Nemce že 20 milj daleč
v šestih dneh.

Za izvedbo tega je moral pa
Patton svojo fronto v Saarskem
bazenu opustiti.

Najljutejši boji so bili za me-
sto Celles, kjer so naciji najdje
prodrli v Belgijo. Tukaj so ame-
riški fantje dobesedno posekali
nemško gnezdo. Dobili so v ro-
ke 1,200 nemških vojakov, razbi-
li 63 tankov, 49 topov in 177 vo-
jaških truckov.

Nemške prednje kolone, ki so
tvorile južno konico nemške
ofenzive, so izolirane in Ameri-

Po pisma naj pridejo
Od Slovenske reliefne komisi-
je je pošta vrnila radi nezadost-
nih naslovov sledeča pisma: Ma-
ry, John, Frank in Ana Pucelj,
Andy Maztin, Josephine Kotnik,
Mary Lesjak, Josephine Vidmar.
Za pisma naj se zgledajo v naš-
em uradu.

Silvestrovo na Jutrovem
Gospodinski klub in direkto-
rij Slovenske delavske dvorane
na Prince Ave. priredijo v nede-
ljo večer Silvestrovo veselico.
Začetek ob osmih. Vsi ste prija-
zno vabljeni.

Mr. in Mrs. Charles Levec,
1073 Addison Rd. sta bila s pi-
smom obveščena od brigadnega
generala Witsella iz Washing-
tona, da je dobil njun sin Sgt.
Robert C. Levec po ukazu pred-
sednika Roosevelta odklovanje
po smrti in sicer bronasto zvez-
dnato medaljo za izredno hrab-
rstvo čin 12. junija 1944. Njega-
va stotinja je bila takrat v neki
poziciji tako močno obstreljeva-
na od sovražnega ognja, da se ni
mogla premakniti in je bila že
drug dan brez vode. Tedaj se je
Sgt. Levec na svojo lastno inici-
ativo splazil 100 jardov daleč po
odprtem terenu in pod točo so-
vražnih krogel ter prinesel fan-
tom tako potrebne vode. Meda-
lja je bila poslana na komando
5. okrožja v Fort Hayes, Colum-
bus, O., ki jo bo izročila očetu
lahko pišejo na naslov: Lt. (j.)
pokojnega junaka Leveca na slo-
vesen način.

T/5 Frank Bizil, sin Mrs.
Margaret Bizil iz 7219 Hecker
Ave. je prišel domov na dopust
iz Aleutijskih otokov. Doma bo
ostal 21 dni. Po dopustu bo pre-
meščen v Kansas.

Petty Officer Walter R. Zale-
tel, E. M. 2/C, sin Mr. in Mrs.
Joseph Zaletel, 1367 E. 52. St.
je prišel domov na dopust za 30
dni s Pacifika. Nazaj se vrne 6.
januarja.

Te dni je bil povišan pri mor-
narici John Kuhar, ki ima se-
daj čin nadporočnika (j.g.).
Njegova soproga Edith, je hči
poznane družine Mr. in Mrs.
Joseph Modic, ki vodi grocerij-
sko trgovino na 315 E. 156 St.,
ter se nahaja ž njim v Corpus
Christi, Texas. Prijatelj mu
bus, O., ki jo bo izročila očetu
lahko pišejo na naslov: Lt. (j.)
John Kuhar I.R.D., Rodd
Field, Corpus Christi, Texas.



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Ob zatonu starega leta

Z današnjo številko zaključujemo leto 1944. Ako pomislimo nazaj na začetek tega leta pravimo, da je bila to dolga doba. Toda vzpriči raznih dogodkov, ki so se bliskovito vrstili pred našimi očmi priznamo, da je leto hitro minilo, vse prehitro.

Kakšno bilanco delamo danes ob zatonu leta? Tisti, ki smo pri zdravju in ki smo bili stalno zaposleni, se lahko pohvalimo, ker naši prihranki kažejo lep preostanek.

V mnogih družinah, pri katerih je bilo pred letom dni še vse srečno in veselo, je danes žalost in praznота. Izgubili so dragega očeta, ljubljeno mater, brata, sestro. Najhujše so prizadeti pa oni, ki so izgubili svojca na bojnem polju, daleč od doma... v tuji zemlji, v džungli, na morju. Hudo jim je, tako hudo, da njih boli ni mogoče popisati, niti je ne povedati. Sami morajo nositi srčno bol, ker jim svet tolažbe dati ne more.

Ob zatonu letošnjega leta ni na obzorju še nobenega izgleda za mir. Tukaj v Ameriki smo mnogi razočarani radi tega. Vse leto se nam je obljubljalo, da bo konec vojne v Evropi še pred zatonom leta. Mesto zmage ob tem času nam zdaj pripovedujejo, da se bo vojna v Evropi vlekla še v drugo leto in morda še dlje. Zmagovita nemška ofenziva je podaljšala vojno vsaj za pol leta, če ne dlje. Preveč smo bili že gotovi zmage, preveč smo podcenjevali sovražnika. To nam dokazuje, da ni dobro piti na medvedovo kožo pre zgodaj.

Pa tudi, če pogledamo naprej od zmage, ki bo gotovo prišla, ne vidimo nič svetlobe. Nad osvobodeno Evropo se zbirajo temni oblaki. V mnogih osvobojenih deželah je že izbruhnila civilna vojna za nadoblast. Stare vlade hočejo nazaj k moči, a nekateri hočejo nov red v deželi. Vseposod dviga komunizem glavo in skuša priti do veljave, kakor se je pričakovalo da se bo zgodilo. Boj za svobodo in demokracijo je postal boj za politični vpliv, boj za politično moč v Evropi. Na bojni fronti še grme topovi in ragljajo strojnice, a diplomati se že pulijo za zemljo, ki je še v rokah sovražnika. Geslo: najprej zmago, potem šele meje — je bila navadna fraza za — mase.

Na naši strani štejemo tri glavne zaveznike: Zed, države, Anglijo in Rusijo. Ob tem času se nam zdi, da se faktično bori proti sovražniku samo ameriška armada, dočim Anglija in Rusija pridno delata načrte za povojno oblast v Evropi. Saj se ameriška bojna sila samcata bori z Japoncem, na zapadni fronti v Evropi je od vsakega 100 vojakov 70 ameriških in na vzhodni fronti ruska armada pobira okleščke po Balkanu, mesto da bi marširala po najbližji poti v Berlin. Kaj briga Stalina! Z ameriškim orožjem je pahnili nacije z ruske zemlje, zdaj naj pa Amerikanci gledajo, kako bodo prišli v Berlin. Po kaj? Da, po kaj? Ko bomo enkrat pograbili Berlin, se bomo oddahnili, si obrisali potne srage s čela ter odšli domov, pustivši Evropo — Angliji in Rusiji. Tako je bilo po prvi svetovni vojni, tako bo po tej. Čez dvajset let nas bodo za zopet klicali na pomoč, o tem ni dvoma, ker Anglija in Rusija že zdaj pridno sejata seme za tretjo svetovno vojno. Mali narodi, katere smo šli reševati, bodo zahtevali svobodo, ki je zdaj, kot je videti, ne bodo dobili. Rešili jih bomo nacizma ter jih ročno izročili komunizmu.

Pravimo, da se borimo za svobodo in demokracijo. Tako nam prepevajo dan za dnem, da nam ta lepa fraza že priušesih ven gleda. Toda z zmago našega orožja ne bo dobljena svoboda. Mnogim narodom bo naše orožje prineslo mesto svobode veliko krivico, ker bomo dovolili velesilam, da jih pobašejo v svoje malhe. Tako bodo postali močni še močnejši in slabi še slabjši.

Ko smo šli v vojno smo vpili: naprej, v boj za svobodo zatiranih in teptanih! V tem pravcu so nesli naši fantje svoje glave v boj. Pa so šli v resnici v boj za politične sfere močnjakov. Šli smo v boj s frazami, pa pozabili pri tem na fakta.

Vse to je delo naši državniki. Vse to je delo sedanje generacije, ki se pa, hvala Bogu, že stara v svojih napakah. Videti je, da narod tega ne bo popravil. Mogočni politiki mu tega ne puste. Narod mora požrti, kar si je zabasal v usta. Naše upanje so samo naši mladi borci, ki se bodo nekega dne vrnili domov in vzeli vajeti države v roke. Ti bodo popravili naše napake, ker prišli bodo nazaj zreli možje, kajljeni v krvi in trpljenju boja.

Mi vemo, da bodo naši fantje zmagali, ker naše orožje mora zmagati, kadar je že enkrat začelo bojni ples. Nazaj ne smemo, ampak samo naprej. Naša zastava mora vihrati v Berlinu, mora! Tudi če je naša zunanja politika zavožena, in zavožena je strašansko, mi moramo samo naprej do zmage našega orožja. Šli smo v boj in ta boj mora prinesiti zmago, ako hočemo ostati to, kar smo — Amerika. Po končani vojni in dobljeni zmagi se pa zanesemo na naše borce, da bodo popravili napake sedanjih naših voditeljev, da ne bo treba čez dvajset let pošiljati njih sinov zopet v boj. Upamo, da bodo z njimi enakih misli tudi borci drugih dežel in vsi skupaj naj bi znali voditi državne posle tako, da bo za vse prav, za vse pravično in pošteno. Bodočnost sveta leži na onih, ki danes prelivajo kri na krvavih poljanah.

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Da se torej vidimo v torek, dne 2. januarja na seji društva! Maria Hochevar, taj.

Božična poslanica s
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Hubbard Rd. — Božič je minil. Lansko leto ob tem času je bilo upanje in trošt, da bodo fantje po zmagovitih vojski za ta božič doma. Pogledajte, kaj je pa danes. Doma bi bili skoro prej po porazu kot pa po zmagi. Danes je zaznamovanih že nad 500.000 fantov in mož, za katerimi matere in očetije ter soproge žalujejo, ker jih od nikoder ni in jih tudi ne bo. Niti za premišljevanje ni, preveč je grozota.

O, kako resnično je govoril Dewey. Ljudstvo se mu je rogallo, seveda nekateri, mnogi pa so trdili, da on ni zmogel vojske nadaljevati, ker je obljubljal, da se mora končati kar najprej mogoče. Ploskali so pa tistemu, ki bo zmogel vojsko še nadaljevati za interese drugih, kakopak. Saj bomo vsak dan, kaj se godi in popadali bodo še nadaljni stotisoči fantov za evropske narode in spletke; potem pa še nekateri pravijo: padel je ta in ta za domovino...

Veliki trije barantajo, barantajo za narode, kdo jih bo podjarmil. Barantajo kot tisti mešetarji v starem kraju za živino. Potem pa še nekateri jamrajo, češ, škoda, da nismo zmagali na celi črti, ker so republikanci pobasali v svoj žep državo Ohio.

Torej božič je minil in s tem je nastala še večja tišina in neizmerna žalost v maternih srcih, ker še vse kaj hujšega pričakujejo v letu 1945 kot pa je bilo prošlo leto. Seveda na stotisoče mater je to grozota že prestalo, posebno tiste matere, ki so imele morda edinega sina in še tistega so jim umorili, toda ne za domovino, ker je kri prelil daleč proč na tuji zemlji, daleč proč od svoje rojstne domovine za diktatorje in enega moža vladanje.

Lučice na božičnih drevescih so kaj žalostno brlele, kjer sploh so, kajti sina ali sinov ni bilo doma, da bi se z njimi radovali kot prejšnja leta. Bili so na ta večer daleč proč od doma v raznih kempah, čakali na odhod v tuje dežele, odkoder se ne vrnejo morda nikdar več... A njih srca in misli pa so bile gotovo doma pri svojih dragih, katere bi tako neizmerno radi videli in na sveti večer kramljali z njimi. Zopet milijone drugih je bilo na raznih bojnih poljih in divjem bojnem metehu in ljutih borbah s sovražnikom... Kakšen njihov sovražnik pa je to, ko jim pa ni nič žalega storil poprej,

a vendar so morali z orožjem v roki iti nadenj v daljne tuje kraje, pa ne za svojo korist in tudi ne za svoje domače, ampak za tiste, ki bodo po tej vojni male narode podjarmili...

Matere doma pa so žalostno gledale pri oknih in v globoki žalosti zatopljene premišljevale, kdaj se vrnejo moj in moj sin. Skozi okno so v tistem pričakovanju zrla, da mogoče v mraku zagledajo prihajajočega sina... a ni ga bilo, kajti on je na vojski daleč tam na tuji zemlji. Mati je zastoj prelivala grenke solze, na onih vise plave zvezde v znamenje, da sinov ni več doma. Vselej, kadar se peljem mimo take hiše, mi solze stopijo v oči, ker vem, kaj se tam notri godi.

Pognali so mlade fante, ki so komaj izšli iz višjih šol v tujino — v temno noč, tja, kjer imajo puške svojo moč... O preluba tako opevana demokracija, kje si? Saj je nekoč, to je bilo ob vstopu v vojno, nek ugleden človek rekel, da si moramo demokracijo zbrat.

Sveta noč in mir ljudem na zemlji... za uboge fante na bojnem polju ni imela nobenega pomena, za nje ni bilo miru, ko so v mokrih in mrzlih jarkih prezebali in namerstali, da bi poslušali božične pesmi, so krogile nad njimi prepevale svojo smrtno pesem. Kakor pa nam časopisje pripoveduje, so jih še celo postavili pred sovražnika še brez krogel, kako pa naj se potem reveži bore. Prav nič ni čudnega, da jih je sovražnik vrgel nazaj tako daleč in vojsko podaljšal še za eno leto. Tam je zopet dalo na tisoče mladih fantov svoje mlado življenje za ta špas. Ali se res igrajo s človeškim življenjem? Na domači fronti so pa štrajki na dnevnem redu, ker so ljudje vsega presit in se ne brigajo za milijone fantov na bojnem polju. Prvi gospodar je bil v preteklem letu odsoten 25 tednov in kako naj bo potem red.

Tudi pri nas smo bili letos prvič brez božičnega drevesca odkar smo tukaj, kajti tudi našega Eddita ni bilo doma, da bi ga kincal, bil je tudi on stotine milj daleč od doma. Tudi njegovo veselje je bilo v farmarstvu in napredek za človeštvo, a pozvali so ga in tudi on je moral oditi sam Bog ve kam. To so pač žalostni božični spomini, a žal da so tako resnični.

Te dni je bil na dopustu Lt. John Babič in soproga pri svojih starših na Hubbard Rd. za nekaj dni. Odšel je zopet na svoje mesto v Fort George Meade, Md.

Tudi Sgt. John Prijatelj in soproga sta obiskala mater Mrs. Prijatelj in sestre v Madisonu. John ima že precej zaslug pri raznih invazijah in bojih z Japonci, kjer se je nahajal 29 mesecev.

Ker je ta božični dopis samo žalosti namenjen, ne pričakujemo tudi v prihodnjem letu nič boljšega, ampak zdi se mi, da ta velika žalost se pride, ko bo v tisočere domove prihajalo vedno več žalostnih novic, ko bodo prihajala poročila: vaš ali vaš je bil ubit. Vpraševali se bodo: Zakaj je moral biti ravno naš ubit, zakaj vse to?

V prvi vrsti so ljudje sami krivi, ker so pač hoteli tako. Pripovedoval sem našim ljudem že pred štirimi leti, kaj se plete, pa mi niso verjeli, smejali so se mi. Danes pa lahko vidijo, kakšna mizerija je in še trdijo nekateri, da mora ali da je moralo tako biti. To je torej moja poslanica s Hubbard Road. Pozdravljeni, Frank Leskovic.

Pismo z dežele

Geneva, O. — Cenjeni urednik: Priloženo prejmite deset dolarjev za pogorele za božične praznike. Malo je že pozno, bo pa dlje trajalo. Poleg tega pa vam pošiljam tudi pet dolarjev za kritje stroškov Lauschetove kampanje, če ni že prepoznano, če pa je, dajte pa za pogorele.

Za Lauscheta vam pošiljam zato, ker mi živimo sedaj že enajst let na farmi, pa nismo imeli še nikdar tako slabe potrebe kot ravno sedaj, a ne vem zakaj. Ljudje pridejo k nam in pravijo, da je to samo politika, a jaz tega ne verjamem. Povem pa vam, da so jako jezni, ker je Frank izvoljen. Ker pa sedaj ne morejo drugega, mi pa pravijo, da jaz lahko Franku kar po slovensko pišem, če mislim, da bo kaj pomagalo.

Povedal pa sem jim tudi že, da mu bom že pisal in naj nikar ne mislijo, da naš France ne zna slovensko. Upam in pričakujem, da bo kaj uspeha.

Vam želimo srečno novo leto
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Kljub dežju in blatu so se alaj zastopstva departmen na prostoru, kjer je pred m stala Bastija, in sem jaz s svojimi rojaki v smrtni arnosti. Od tu se je začel evod ter šel čez Boulevard, estah Saint Martin in Saint ore na Trg Ludovika XV. se je pridružila Narodna nica, in potem je šlo na ob Seini in čez most na lah v amfiteater.

Marillier mi je bil dobil pnicco za na veliki slavalok, ar vrh je nudil prostora za stotin odličnih gledavcev. od je bilo najbolje mogoče gledati sprevoz in celi si ni prizor. Kakor Parižanov ni ustavil, tako tudi mene hitel sem po bližnji ter hitel sprevoz. S težavo sem riboril svoj prostor na sla-

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ST. MARY'S NEWS

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OUR SLIP UP

In our last issue, we omitted a name of one of our helpers to Uncle Sam in the list of mailmen. We can't account for our omission, but we must say Merle Supanick is also doing a fine job as mail soter. If you recall, Merle was in the hospital for several months with a broken hip, now he intends to aid Uncle Sam till the next semester begins. Fine work, Merle, keep it up!

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

The Kocin family of E. 160 St. was pleasantly surprised on Christmas Eve. Their son and brother, Frank, who is a coastguardman, walked in on them and announced he was going to spend the holidays with them. During your stay, may you enjoy the comforts of home and take along with you many pleasant memories of your short stay.

Shortly after the Midnight Mass, Pvt. Hank Grosel was seen bidding farewell to his loved ones and friends. Parting from us, must have been hard but we are always thinking of you, Hank. Do you do the same of us? 'Twas the night before Christmas, that we saw Bob Verhotz at the bowling alleys. He took leave from his training center in Great Lakes, Ill., so that he might spend the holidays with his Mom and Pop. We hope you enjoyed your short stay in Cleveland again!

Indeed, it was a surprise to us who have been anxiously awaiting for, Matty Dolenc's F 2/C arrival during the Christmas time when he failed to appear. Well, life is like that! He was recently transferred to Texas. That was a bit too far to travel on a few hours leave, eh, Matty?

Rumor has it that Ben Mauser will be home from Great Lakes, Ill., for the New Year celebration this year. Welcome home again, Ben!

THE CHURCH MUST

BE KEPT WARM

Although our faithful and lovable janitor, Mr. Leskovec, has taken ill, the work must go on. In the space of two weeks, we received help from several boys. Richard Mooney, who for one week faithfully arrived at 5:00 a. m. to start firing, gave up after a week. Too strenuous work for you, Dick? Then, we had Bob Osredkar helping along, but Christmas must be vacation time for you. Right, Bob? Now, Ray Fidel takes up where the other two left off and he does deserve credit. You held out for one full week already, Ray. How about holding out for another?

OUR SNOW SHOVELERS

Shoveling snow from our side-walk was Frank Mozinga, a real powerhouse worker. Oh, yes, Frank Paik can do a great amount of work for his size, too. Mail carrier, Whitey Kaporec, helped along after working hours. Who would have thought you had all that energy to spare after a hard, busy day in carrying mail!

Coach Stan Pekol, was up early the morning after Christmas. He offered his services, so that he might keep in shape, he says. We did put him to work, and how!

Really, the services of these boys is appreciated greatly, we don't know what we would do without them.

A TREE IN THE

STUDY CLUB ROOM

What a homelike place our Study Club Room is these days! All compliments are due to Frank Mozinga and Tony Rotar who did all the decorating of the tree. Mrs. Novak of Lucknow donated four sets of tree lights. Thanks to you, Mrs. Novak! Many of the decorations were given, for use by the Sisters of our School. Sister Irma, gave us the tree that was in her classroom. Thanks for all, Sisters!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT

THE BOWLING ALLEYS

One of the gang sat down at intervals and wrote a few lines of what we consider poetry.

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the bowling alleys, Not a pin dropped as the ball went down the alleys.

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ENGLISH NEWS

And the way he bowled it was very tragic. Frankie Fortuna, the get-in-shape kid, A 148 was his best bid. On No. 4 we have Fr. Celesnik According to him there's not a man he can't lick. This is as far as the poet got. Too bad he couldn't go further.

BEADS

There is one harp that any hand can play.

And from its strings what harmonies arise;

There is one song that any mouth can say—

A song that lingers when all singing dies.

When on their beads our Mother's children pray

Immortal music charms the grateful skies.

—Written by the great Catholic poet-hero of the last world war, Joyce Kilmer.

Maybe the above verse will instill a greater love for the beautiful prayer, the Rosary. What about saying the Rosary at more frequent intervals during the year 1945?

A Happy and Victorious 1945 to all.

Slovenian War Casualties

Sgt. Rudolph Nosse, crew chief and armorer at a B-24 Liberator bomber base in Italy, was killed December 4, the War Department has notified his wife, Anna, 531 E. 245 St., Euclid.

Sgt. Nosse, 33, son of Mrs. Frances Nosse, 6508 Bonna Ave., is the foster father of two children, James, 15, and Thomas, 10. A former motorman with the Cleveland Transit System, he enlisted Nov. 13, 1942, trained in Texas, and had been overseas since Dec. 30, 1943.

A military high mass was held December 28 at 10 a. m. in St. Vitus Church, E. 61st St. and Glass Ave. Besides his wife, mother, and foster children, the sergeant is survived by two brothers: Frank, medical ldschized from the Army and Anthony; and a sister, Mrs. Frances Barone.

Pfc. Walter C. Gercevic, who was wounded in Germany, Nov. 23, died in Holland four days later, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gercevic, 6311 St. Clair Ave., said.

A graduate of East Technical High School, Pfc. Gercevic studied at Ohio State University with the ASTP until he was sent to Camp Swift, Texas, for infantry training. Inducted in January, 1943 he had been overseas for two months.

He is survived by three brothers, two of whom are in the service, Pfc. Robert and Sgt. John.

Pfc. Joseph P. Jankovic, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jankovic, 1384 E. 34 St., and two officers were killed when their plane exploded Christmas Eve on a farm near Mt. Orab, O., the War Department reported.

The soldier was stationed at Marianna, Fla., when last heard from by his family. He attended Wilson Junior High School and worked at the Johnson-Jennings Co.

Pfc. Jankovic was expected to be home about Jan. 13 at which time he was to be married to Miss Lillian Petsche of 1593 E. 45th St.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradac, 19620 Crimston Ave., Euclid, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pfc. William A. Bradac, was slightly wounded in the arms and legs during infantry action in France Nov. 23.

Pfc. Bradac, 22, entered the Army in January, and was sent overseas five months ago. He attended Euclid Central High School, and was employed by the Thompson Aircraft Corp. until his induction.

Two brothers are in the service: Sgt. Rudolph in Belgium, and Tech. Sgt. John at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vene, 21271 Nicholas Ave., Euclid, were notified by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Albert Vene, was wounded during infantry action in Germany on Nov. 23. He is now in a hospital in England.

He was employed by the Linderme Tube Co. before entering the Army in November, 1942, and went overseas last January. His three brothers in the service are Corporal Charles in Italy and Pfc. Otto and Pvt. Victor with the Army in England.

Pfc. Wencel A. Frank, father of two children, is listed by the War Department as a German prisoner, his wife, Helen, 6322 Carl Ave., said.

Pfc. Frank, father of Robert, 5, and Helen, Marie, 2, is a Cathedral Latin High School graduate and worked here for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. He had been listed as missing in Italy since Sept. 14. He entered service in October, 1943.

After recovering from wounds suffered on October 10, Pvt. Victor Hraster is home on furlough, visiting his wife, Helen and three daughters, Patricia, 7, Victoria, 4, and Helen, 3, at 773 E. 154th St.

Prior to his induction in March, 1943, Pvt. Hraster worked at the Eaton Axle Co. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hraster, 779 E. 154th St.

Fred Merhar of 1138 Norwood Rd. has been notified that his brother, Pvt. Joseph J. Merhar, was wounded in France in October and is now recuperating in a hospital in England.

He is 22 years old and was called into service in March, landing overseas in September. A graduate of East Technical High School, he was formerly employed at the National Acme Co.

James City, Pa. — Jacob Debevc and his wife have been officially notified that their son, Pfc. Frank J. Debevc, 27, was killed in Germany on November 23. In service since December, 1942, he was sent overseas in September of last year. Besides his parents, he leaves three brothers in service in Europe, one in Cleveland, two sisters, wife and three-year-old daughter.

Johnstown, Pa. — The Frank Slabe family has been notified that their son Carl has been dangerously wounded, but he, himself, wrote that it was not so bad.



"Well, Aunt Mandy, I suppose you're mighty glad the war is nearly over." "Well, I jest don't know about dat," answered Mandy. "Cose I'se glad to have Bill back home and all dat, but I jest know I ain't gwine to get money frum him so regular as I did when he wuz in de army and de government was handlin' his financial affairs."

Wife: "I had to marry you to find out how stupid you were." Husband: "You should have known that when I asked you."

"Ah, my friend," said a gentleman to a newly married acquaintance, "so you are married at last. Allow me to congratulate you, for I hear you have an excellent and accomplished wife." "Accomplished! She is indeed," was the enthusiastic reply. "Why, my friend, she is perfectly at home in literature, at home in music, at home in art, at home in science—in short, at home everywhere except—"

"Except what?"

"Except at home."

An Aberdeen minister engaged in visiting some members of his flock came to a house where he heard sounds of a fearful commotion. He knocked at the door, but the din of crashing furniture and the cries of angry warriors drowned out the sound of his summons.

At length he opened the door and walked in, saying authoritatively, "I should like to know who is the head of this house?"

"Weel, sir," replied the husband and father, breathing heavily, "if ye sit down a wee, we'll maybe be able to tell ye, for it so happens, dominie, that's just what we are trying to settle a noo."

And then there's the story about the three bears.

Papa bear opened the door of his cupboard and said in a deep gruff voice, "Who drank my beer?"

Mama bear said in her high squeaky voice, "Who drank my beer?"

Little baby bear went, "Hic!"

In the early days of Phoenix—about the turn of the century—an old-timer was elected justice of the peace. As was usual—he knew no law. When cases were brought before him, he had a fine-looking binder inside of which he had fastened a Sears-Roebuck catalog and

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NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN THE ARMY

Dear Editor:

I have received my permanent assignment and I wish to assure you that I like it very well in spite of the fact that we are constantly on the go, 24 hours a day.

There are ten Chaplains on this Post; three Catholics and the others either Jewish or Protestant. A large hospital, an Ordnance School, Stockades (Guard House), and the 1st Regiment have to be taken care of spiritually and morally.

Will you kindly send me the "Ameriška Domovina" for a period of one year. I miss the news from the Slovene metropolis of America. A check is enclosed. If it is insufficient, please let me know.

My permanent address (for a few months at least) is:

Chaplain Louis B. Baznik,
0927881
Central Chapel
Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Aleutian Islands
December 13, 1944

Dear Editor:

My hearty apology for not writing sooner. For I have been receiving the American Home for almost a year. I really don't know how to express my thanks in receiving such a splendid paper. I really enjoy reading this paper and do hope you keep up the good work. The paper gets here about two weeks late, but I really don't mind that at all.

Well, I already spent a whole year on this Island and expect to stay here another. I'm still at my old job, taking care of the sick. I'm getting quite a bit of experience in my line of work. Even though I won't make it a practice when I get out. But I'll always say it did me some good at least.

I read about the fire in Cleveland. It really was a shock to me to hear of such a great tragedy. I, also as a Slovene, say that those who perished, may they rest in peace! For those who were left homeless, I only hope

that soon they may have a home of their own to go to. Enclosed you will find a small contribution for the people who were left homeless in that great tragedy.

So, I'll close for now and give my regards to Good Old Newburgh. I remain with best regards.

A fellow Slovene,
Cpl. Jerry Gliha.

P. S. — I forgot to mention — my sincere wishes for the holidays.

THE MACCABEES HOP

Get groovy and kick up your heels to live to the music of Pete Sznick and his orchestra. Polkas, mellow music, and a number of fast pieces will supply plenty of dance entertainment.

This dance sponsored by The Maccabees Red Jacket Drill Team will be held at Slovenian Auditorium, 6417 St. Clair, at 8:00 p. m., Saturday, December 30.

No need to dig down deep for admission money, the price is only fifty cents, federal tax included. Tickets will be sold at the door.

TO BRING THEM SAFELY HOME

Sunday, December 31, at 7 o'clock, a Mass will be offered at St. Christine Church for the safe return of soldier members and the sons of the members of SS. Cyrilus and Methodius lodge, No. 191 KSKJ.

WEDDING BELLS

Today at 10:00 a. m. at St. Paul's Church on E. 40 St. and St. Clair Ave., Miss Margaret Hozjan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hozjan, 18203 Rosecliff Rd., will be married to Cpl. Joseph Matty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matty of Mentor, O. The groom came from Hawaii and will return there after the wedding. The bride will live with her parents. Friends and relatives are invited to attend the Mass.

SLOVENE ACTOR GEORGE DOLENZ
CLIMBED HOLLYWOOD LADDER
DESPITE DETOURS

by

Marine Corporal Frederick A. Orehek



George Dolenz, now appearing in Universal's Technicolor Production, "Climax."

With a personal background more colorful than any of his film portrayals, George Dolenz, a native Yugoslav, has finally realized his long ambition after traveling half the world and running the gamut of human experience.

Scorning success as a prosperous promoter of swank night clubs in Hollywood, Mexico City and Cuba, Dolenz tenaciously clung to a burning desire for a movie career—bouncing studios, perfecting his English and playing in little theater stage productions.

"Although bad breaks tempted me to abandon the urge, I always felt that a chance would have to come my way sooner or later," intimated the suave looking Slav, who now holds a long term contract with Universal Studios.

In a recent Hollywood interview, he told of his transition from birth to Trieste to a featured role in the current Technicolor picture "Climax."

TROUBLED CHILDHOOD

One of fourteen children, George Dolenz was born of Slovene parents in the border city of Trieste, Italy which has been an international football for ages. His interesting life began during the first World War. When his father, an exporter and importer, was interned by the enemy, young Dolenz, then ten, toiled the family fortune of jewels and gold coins to Gorizia in Austria where he buried the coins and forgot them.

Until the age of sixteen he elusively escaped death several times in war-torn Europe. A steamship carrying him was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. When a stage coach he was riding on crashed down a Sardinia mountain, he again cheated death, two other passengers, however, were killed.

With peace, Dolenz returned to Yugoslavia where he organized a traveling dramatic company, directing and acting in plays up and down the Balkan countries.

Leaving Europe he went to Cuba, continuing his theatrical career and opening night clubs there. Again his seemingly charmed life was saved during a perennial Cuban revolution,

a bullet entered his arm. "Those Latins were too hot to handle," he admitted, explaining his next move to Mexico City via America. There he established the first New York style night club and enjoyed financial success. But movies were still his main aim in life.

INVADES HOLLYWOOD THROUGH NIGHT CLUBS

In 1935 the fluent speaking Slovene, who has mastered French, Italian, Spanish and English, tried to crack Hollywood but was forced to resume his night club profession again when filmdom countered his attempts with a cold shoulder.

His sparkling personality and well-groomed appearance attracted the attention of movie studios when he played the role of a psychiatrist in the "Astounded Heart" at the Max Reinhardt workshop. After a few minor roles with M. G. M. his hopes at last materialized with a Universal contract.

Versatile as a character actor, Dolenz was featured in "The Strange Death of Adolf Hitler." Good parts in "Fired Wife," "She's For Me," and "Bowery to Broadway" followed.

The lean, six-foot star utilized his singing background acquired in Italy when he landed a prominent spot in "Climax" with Susanna Foster. "Climax" was recently released.

"Enter Arsene Lupin," another Dolenz picture to be seen soon, is his best role to date. Playing a supporting role with Ella Raines, he should attain great popularity.

Owner of a modest California ranch, Dolenz putters about his homestead between films, raising chickens, grapes for "vino" and callouses which he proudly displays on his hands. "I still remember the old Slav adage, 'don't buy what you can make yourself,' so I build my own rustic furniture and knock-knocks for relaxation."

Incidentally, if you're wondering what happened to that buried pot of gold in Europe, Dolenz revealed that he intends to visit Yugoslavia after the war not so much to dig for the coins as to re-live "flashes of youth."

NEWS of
MEN AND WOMEN
IN UNIFORM

Mr. and Mrs. John Vatovec of 10801 Prince Ave., report that their son, John F. Vatovec, has been promoted to First Class Aviation Machinist Mate on November 1. He sends holiday greetings from England and thanks for all the gifts he has received.

Lieutenant Robert M. Debevec of the Air Corps arrived from Arizona Saturday on special leave to visit his sick mother. On the same day, his brother, Petty Officer 1/c Ralph, also arrived in Cleveland, having been sent home on a 30-day furlough from England, not knowing that their mother's in the hospital. The boys, sons of our Editor, had not seen each other for more than two years.

Mrs. Mary Tekaucic, 1331 E. 65th St., has subscribed to the Saturday edition of the American Home for her daughter, whose address is: Pvt. Mary J. Tekaucic, A 5073277, Sec. C—4100 A.A.F. Base Unit (Base AD) WAC, Patterson Field, O.

Home for the first time in three years is Marine Corporal William Bonnar, son of Mrs. Caroline Bonnar of 3579 E. 81 St. He will be home for 30 days. Corporal Bonnar took part in battles on Guadalcanal and New Georgia, spending two years overseas.

Coxswain Joseph J. Grdina sends holiday greetings from Newport, R. I.,

to all his friends in Cleveland.

A. J. Kastelic, M.M. 2/c, serving on a battleship somewhere on the Pacific, sends holiday greetings to all. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kastelic, 720 E. 159 St., ordered the Saturday edition of the American Home for him, to keep him posted on Cleveland doings.

Mrs. Sustarsic of 673 E. 160 St., ordered the Saturday edition of the American Home for her two sons, as follows: AMM 3/c Stanley, serving with the Navy somewhere on the Pacific, and F 1/c Albert, stationed with the Navy at San Diego, California. Both send wishes for happy holidays to all their friends.

Home for the holidays is Joseph R. Continued on Page 3

Cows Contended? Huh!

Denver—A drug store customer sipped his malted milk speculatively. Then he gulped, raised his eyebrows and asked hopefully for "another one, just like the first."

Presently he left the store, returned with a friend. Trade ballooned.

Too late a sad proprietor found that his dairyman had left a Christmas jug of egg-nog—generously laced with rum—and that a clerk had poured it into the milk dispenser.

ST. VITUS HOLY NAME

Weekly Review



To our servicemen and service-women, fighting for us in all parts of the globe, and to our readers and contributors, we wish a Happy New Year, with hopes of peace in the very near future.

REMEMBER TO ATTEND OUR VARIETY REVUE

Many of you got, at least, a peek at our show. After that, how can you pass up this gala evening. In our last huddle I requested that you should only reserve that night. Now the Variety Revue is but eight days away. If you don't help this show to go over the top, you're failure is parallel to the man who fumbles the ball on the one-yard line. So one and all, let's attend this festival and rip the roof off St. Vitus' School Hall at 8 p. m. on Sunday, January 7 in the New Year.

WHAT LIES IN STORE

A Naval Dance, which will add a military touch to the show. This includes Vern Labuda, Clarence Tomsic, Joe Haze, Tony Stanich, Clarence Tomsic, Joe Avsec, Ray Golobich, and Stan Arko.

Our specialty numbers include:

A tune song and danced by Joe Avsec, Fred Merhar, and Al Orehek. (Wait 'till you see their make-up!)

Fern Wiegand (who can really melt



the ice) will sing and tap-dance favorite melody.

Ed Avsec will probably steal the show singing, "They Go Wild." (Am can he croon!)

And our Johnny Stupka will be Master of Ceremonies. He's the fellow who will keep you laughing between acts.

OUR HATS OFF . . . Ray Ogrinc won a varsity football monogram at right end on the Ignatius line.

Clarence Tomsic obtained his major band letter by means of his trumpet playing. Also Ed Perpar gained his minor letter. Both are members of Latin's band.

WE'RE PROUD TO SAY . . . Clarence Tomsic obtained the distinction of having his doleful story printed in the Latiner. Also his picture accompanied his short story of 100 words. The theme of the story was the reminiscence of a mother about her son on Christmas Eve.

—THE ECHO.

St. Mary's Weekly Flashes

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the coming year be filled with God's choicest favors for you. We Catholics, of all people, should certainly consider ourselves fortunate. We have Christ with us in our Tabernacles. We have the Sacraments at our disposal. God's grace can be had to the asking. More, we have Mary as our Divine Loving Mother.

With these possessions at our disposal, will we do our best to make 1945 a most successful year. Spiritually.

God Bless you and keep you always, as His own Beloved Children.

STOP! THINK! THANK!

At the end of one year and at the beginning of another, we ought to stop and look back. A backward glance reveals the many graces we received during the past year. Also, the faults we have committed and the graces we neglected can be noticed.

Let us tell God a hearty "thank you," a humble "pardon me," a sincere "I'll do my best." We failed again and again. Let's be frank with ourselves and admit our faults. But do not stop there. Remember a wise man learns by his mistakes.

TOO BUSY, EH, SANTA?

Some people in our parish found gifts from Santa under the tree at the Parish House. Santa told those who were there that he was very busy this year, that one of his best reindeer had broken a leg and one had a cold. He also remarked that his jeep was a little out of commission and he only has an "A" card. Well, we don't mind, Santa!

THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS TIME
St. Mary's really outdid themselves on decorating the Church for Christ-

mas. Thanks to the Sisters and everyone else who had any part in it, also, to the ladies who did such a wonderful job of waxing the floor, was beautiful.

On the main altar was a blooming mass of poinsettias. On each side of the altar was a tall, stately fir tree trimmed with long strands of tinsel rain.

Behind the crib, on the side altar, were more deep green fir trees. These, too, were trimmed with tinsel rain which hung in long graceful icicles from the branches.

To those who noticed, some of the statues received a new coat of paint. They were arranged according to customary order with Mary, Joseph and the Baby in the center, the shepherds around. The Three Kings had reached there, yet.

The Church was all scrubbed and shone like a new pin. To the ladies who cleaned and the Sisters who decorated we say again, "Thank a lot."

At the Midnight Mass, which was packed, all went along smoothly. The choir did a magnificent job in singing the Mass and the beautiful age Christmas Carols. This all had to do with the beauty of the ceremony. Thanks for your wonderful spirit of co-operation, choir!

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ANTON GRDINA, President

Ameriška Domovina
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CONDENSED NEWS FROM OUR HOME FRONT

Cleveland, Ohio

Saturday, December 30, 1944

Senator Vinson has brought forth a resolution to raise the president's salary from \$75,000 to \$100,000, the vice president's \$20,000 and the cabinet members to receive the same.

Gov. Bricker will have to find himself a used car if he doesn't want to walk after Jan. 8 when the new governor, Frank J. Lausche, takes over. Bricker's ration board approved his application for a new car, but the chief of OPA decided that he is not entitled to a new one just because he is going into private law practice.

An inquiry among the servicemen by the War Department revealed that 500,000 want to go back to finish college. Some 300,000 said that they would like to go back to school but have not quite decided. Some 1,200,000 stated that they will go to night school.

American industry has built five times as many B-24's in November as in January, but up to March 1945, once more as many will be built as in November.

John E. Lokar, secretary to Lausche, has announced that plans for Lausche's inauguration are complete. On Jan. 8, he will take the oath of office on a platform in front of the State Capitol and will give his first speech from there. If the weather is bad, the ceremony will take place inside.

Fank M. Jaksic, owner of Grdina's Hall, 60th and St. Clair Ave., which was damaged in the gas explosion Oct. 20, is building a modern two-story, which will house Grdina's Furniture Store on the ground floor and 12 modern bowling alleys on the second. The contractor is Jos. Demshar.

Winter has officially arrived in Cleveland on the 21st, and although the weather man promised very cold weather, it was colder on Youngstown—20 below.

After Dec. 26, domestic gin will be taken off rationing, leaving only whiskey on the list. So to you health!

Joseph J. Jerick, 24, bartender at the Sncate Cafe, 638 E. 152 St., was shot Thursday night by a prowler. Hearing a noise in the living quarters above, he stepped out and called Patrolman Diskowski, who was on his way home from work. Jerick led the way up stairs and as he opened the door, shots were fired by the prowler, fatally wounding him. Diskowski chased after the killer, who leaped thru a window to the roof of an adjoining building alley and escaped.

The supreme office of SDZ has been completely renovated. The quarters now include the former Cerne's Store, the wall between the two having been removed. Joseph Demshar was the contractor.

Government Postal authorities request people not to use any stamps marked: V-for-Victory, when they send letters to German prisoners, as the Nazis detest this—which is understandable.

Suffering from some time with eye trouble is the well known singer, Irene Jarbec of E. 222 St., Euclid. She is feeling a bit better and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Canned vegetables are back on the rationed list and practically all meat will be rationed beginning Sunday. There will be about 85% of all meat on the ration list compared to the 37% under rationing now. This also means that after Jan. 1 there will be about 15 per cent less meat for civilians during the first three months of 1945. It will come to about 127 pounds per person per year.

The Swiss government reports that 1,500 U. S. airmen are interned in Switzerland. They were forced down over Switzerland while on bombing missions to Germany.

Mayor Frank J. Lausche gave the taxpayers of Cleveland a real Christmas present when he announced that, since he entered office, the municipal debt has been lowered for \$11,000,000. The debt is the lowest in the last twenty years, in spite of the fact that \$17,500,000 was spent to

purchase the Cleveland Railway and \$10,000,000 on improvements.

Cleveland and the northern part of Ohio were covered with snow again on Christmas Day, up to 7 inches deep. It began with rain and icy streets and changed to snow with a cold wave from Canada. Because of the holiday, the city and state highway crews were not on the job in full force.

A real Santa Claus showed up the other day in the Italian village of Loloano, dressed up in a red coat and with a long white beard. Across his shoulders was a bag, and it wasn't long before the children realized that it was Santa. They surrounded him as he handed each some candy and gum. Santa returned to the nearby American barracks, took off his costume, and there, it was an American, Sgt. Vincent Post of Clarksburg, Va.

Marine Cpl. Frederick A. Orehek writes from San Diego Cal., that on Jan. 6 they will hold a real Slovenian dance for the benefit of the Yugoslav War Relief. This was arranged with the help of Eddie Simms, who will take care of the polkas and waltzes. A good attendance is promised by Yugoslav servicemen and civilians. Good luck! We're sorry that we can't attend.

Tuesday was the coldest Dec. 26 since 1879, the mercury going down to 4 below at midnight. Roads in Ohio and other states still are not clear for much traffic.

It is reported from Phoenix, Ariz., that FBI and local police are hunting 19 German war prisoners over the wide Arizona desert, who escaped Saturday from Camp Papago. Altogether 25 escaped, but six were captured.

The sports world received its first blow when Director of Mobilization, James Byrnes, ordered the closing of horse and dog race tracks and all professional athletes, who were deferred, will be re-examined, including those deferred because of physical disabilities.