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In a solemn ritual in the Capitol Plaza, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Earl Warren (right) administers the oath of office to Lyndon Baines Johnson as the 36th President of the United States. Looking on are Lady Bird Johnson and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. God bless our leaders and grant them success in bringing about the Great Society they envision.

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JUNIORS OF FOREST CITY JOIN IN HOLIDAY PARTY



Geraldine Monasky



Carol, Patricia & Marie Polesnak



James Kameen

No. 7, Forest City, Pa. — After our yearly meeting of Dec. 13, the adult members of the Union held their annual Christmas party. The VFW hall was filled to capacity and the food, goodies and drinks were oh! so much. These were made and all donated by our good members. When the tables were set and we saw the potica and krofe and the rest, we all said in a loud voice: "God Bless America!" not only once but over and over again. Members present remarked that this was one of the best parties we ever had and they just sang and sang and were in no hurry to go home. Of course the weather was fine with no snow or ice and Santa came in a home-made matchstick wheelbarrow which was our table centerpiece.

Entertainment for the party was presented by a few of our Junior members. Geraldine Monasky who is an 8th grade student played the piano. She is an accomplished pianist and the daughter of Mrs. Clare Monasky and the late Joann Monasky. Her little 4 years old sister Karen was her guest. Geraldine also assisted as a very capable hostess. Geraldine and Karen are nieces of our secretary Josephine Gostisha. James Kameen, a first grade student, also sang a Slo-

venian song taught him by his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Kameen.

Christmas carols and Slovenian folk songs were well sung by 3 little sisters, our junior members who are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Polesnak. They are Carol, Patricia, and Marie Polesnak. These lovely little girls are the granddaughters of Mrs. Mary Tomazic, one of our very good adult members. Mrs. Tomazic has been

confined to her home for a number of years due to illness but yet she has found the time and willingness to teach her granddaughters all those lovely Slovenian songs. These little girls are a great joy and comfort to their nice Grandma Tomazic.

Thank you children and everyone else who help make our party so nice. Happy New Year to All!

Mary J. Kameen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY

Supreme Officers:

Feb. 5 — Rose Kraemer, State President, Cudahy, Wis.
Feb. 12 — Vicki Faletic, Supreme Auditor, Clevel., Ohio

Branch Presidents:

Feb. 8 — Mary Kuzma, Br. 88, Johnston, Pa.
Feb. 19 — Sophie Sorcan, Br. 90, Presto, Pa.
Feb. 28 — Katherine Slogar, Br. 23, Ely, Minn.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

Feb. 11 — Bake Sale, Slov. Home, Br. 42, Maple Hgts., O.
Mar. 6 — Card Party, 8 p.m., Br. 55, Girard, Ohio
Mar. 1 — Usinger Sausage Demonstration, Br. 43, Milwaukee, Wis.
April 25 — Anniversary Mass, St. Jude's Church, 9:45 a.m., Br. 73, Warrensville Hgts., Ohio
May 3 — Mother's Day Pot-luck, Br. 73, Warrensville Hgts.
June 27 — Wisconsin State Convention and 35th Anniversary of Br. 43, Milwaukee, Wis.



MINNESOTA & OHIO HOST BOWLING TOURNEYS!

Midwest Bowlers Meet April 10-11, 1965!

We're on our way to Minnesota — to visit our Biwabik members who have traveled to Illinois and Wisconsin in past years! The first S.W.U. Tournament to be held in Minnesota will be April 10-11th at

Plaza Lanes, Virginia, Minn.

Hostesses will be the **Bowling League of Br. 39, Biwabik**. For overnight accommodations, write Coates Hotel, Virginia, Minn.

Liz Zefran, Sports Dir.

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. Bowling News — Northwest Recreation Club, yielding under pressure, has relinquished a 6½ game lead to a slim 1½. Making their bids are Bluth's Sausage in second, and Papesh Funeral Home in third, American Slovenian Home, Kraus Radio and TV, Shep's DX Service Station, Ellena Builders and Merchka's Restaurant follow respectively. Bluth's Sausage holds the spotlight for high team series (1827) and high team game (668) for season.

Jo Mlkar's average is soaring to new heights. A 568 (high individual series) has helped to make Jo's 159 average stand out on top. Marge Wajchert holds a nice 155 average, followed by Ann Savol with a respectable 152.

Decorations gaily strung made the setting for the Bowler's Annual Christmas Party. A centerpiece of a poinsettia and candle at each table added to the atmosphere of the holiday festivity. Chicken and trimmings were on the menu for the night. Among the guests that were present were: Emma Planinsek, Fran Gaspich, Mary Lou Bluth and Bary Beth. Mrs. Planinsek, President of Branch No. 20, complimented the group with a few words. Airplane "B" was played and some of the lucky winners were Ann Kobe, Ann Stefanich and Mary Rezich. Some of the other prizes were won by Mary Rudman, Emma Planinsek and Gert Padovich. The holiday celebration was a grand success and a special mention to the Captains who made this possible.

Marge Wajchert must have been in a hurry one night. There stranded in the middle of Rivals' Parking Lot is her bowling ball. Thought for a moment she was trying to get rid of it, but found out later she rolled a 468 that night. That's pretty good Marge; hang onto it for awhile.

A welcome back to Mary Lou Bluth who has joined us in mid-season.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Jo Sumic who has undergone surgery. We all miss you and hope that 1965 will bring you the best of health and happiness.

Marilyn Nemanich,
Publicity Chairman

8th Annual Eastern Get-Together Tourney, Mar. 7th!

The annual Eastern Division S. W. U. Bowling will be held on Sunday, March 7, 1965 at the Euclid & Green Lanes, 18310 Euclid Ave., Cleveland (Euclid), Ohio, beginning at 3 p. m. An 80% Handicap will be given as usual and entry fee is \$3.00 per person.

Three games will be bowled and after completed, a luncheon will be served and awards presented.

In previous years, this Get-Together Tournament has been enjoyed very much by all who participated and this year we are looking forward to the same fine spirit. Any members who wish to bowl in the tourney and are not affiliated with an S.W.U. Team, please contact me and you shall be placed on a team for this event. We welcome all bowlers! Deadline for entries is February 23, 1965. Mail all entries to:

S. W. U. Bowling Tournament
Antonia Turek — 19170 Monterey Avenue
Euclid, Ohio 44119, Telephone: KE. 1-0230

Supreme President's Message

JANUARY "FOUNDERS CAMPAIGN" REPORT SHOWS GAIN IN FIRST 3 MONTHS!

The race is off with 27 branches in the running and leading the group is Br. 23, Ely, Minn. with 13 new members! Close behind is Br. 2, Chicago with 7 and third place there is a tie between Br. 33, Duluth, Minn. and Br. 91, Oakmont, Pa., each with 5 new members. Coming in close to the top are Fairport Harbor, Ohio (Br. 68); So. Chicago, Ill. (Br. 95) and West Allis, Wisc. (Br. 17) with 4 new members each. Before June 1st, the deadline for this Campaign, I hope to see many more branches in the contest. Watching the results as they appear in Zarja should be an inspiration to all of you to work for this campaign and get your branch to really show their spirit. We are very happy to see that there are a number of small branches who have responded beautifully in getting new members in their small localities. This should make it a MUST for big city branches to get to work!

This month I am again appealing to all Officers and Members to take part in this Campaign and write in some new members. It will show your love and respect to our wonderful lady and founder, Mrs. Marie Prislend for whom the Campaign was named and all our pioneer officers and members.

State Presidents have performed duties the past year to the best of their ability and I am sure they are continually working, with the co-operation of all branches in their territories, to carry out successfully the state conventions and meetings in their respective states.

Again we are looking forward to a busy year. The 26th annual Lemont Zveza Day will be held at Lemont, Ill. on Sunday, July 18, 1965. It is sponsored by Br. 2, Chicago. I have promised them that this year I will try my best to get a group from Cleveland to make the trip. I am sure that if we attend to celebrate Zveza Day in Lemont, the Chicago ladies will do their best to make everything as enjoyable as possible. Overnight lodging and meals at the Retreat House of the Shrine will be available for a nominal cost. All who wish to be included in these plans to go to Lemont in a group should contact your secretary or call or write me. I will be happy to give you all the information and also, I hope to have the prices on the bus fare for the next issue. If you are interested, don't wait until the last minute as we will have limited reservations. This is a perfect weekend trip for our mothers, grandmothers and families.

COOKBOOKS

Secretaries, if your supply of cookbooks is getting low, please do not hesitate to order more as I now have a brand new supply. This cookbook is one of the best and every housewife should have one in her kitchen! Zveza has distributed over 20,000 of these famous cookbooks since they were first published.

State President, Anna Pachak of Pueblo, Colorado has sold the largest amount to date, a total of 420 books. Nice work, Anna!

A speedy recovery is wished to our ailing and Happy Valentine's Day to all. We have a number of birthday celebrants this month and to them, also, another happy and healthy year!

Antonia Turek

PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance is a virtue and an important one. I am positive you have heard many sayings that point out the importance of perseverance. For instance, "a saint is a sinner who kept on trying," or "the man who removed the mountain began by carrying away small stones," or "diamond is a hunk of coal that stuck to its job."

As for anything else, perseverance in prayer is a must. Why does God make us turn to Him again and again? Why should he be so silent or stubborn when St. Augustine says, "God is more eager to give than we are to receive!"

The answer is that here again as in so many other things, God wants to test our faith. He wants to see us trust in His power to help. Remember the examples of perseverance in the new testament? Remember the perseverance of the paralytic man at the pool who had no one to lower him into the water when an angel touched the water and the first person to enter the pool would be cured. Jesus cured him because of the man's perseverance. He had prayed for 38 years to be cured.

Take also the blind man of Jericho, who was begging along the road when he heard that Jesus was coming. He shouted, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me." St. Mark writes, "And many angrily tried to silence him."

But he shouted more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me." And Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Oh Lord, that I may see." And Jesus said, "Go your way, your faith has saved you." And the blind man was cured and followed Jesus.

There is also the account of the Canaanite woman. St. Matthew tells us the story: Jesus retired to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold a Canaanite woman came out of that territory and cried to Him, saying, "Have pity on me, O Lord, son of David, my daughter is sorely beset by a devil." He answered her not a word. And his disciples came up and besought him saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." But he answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and worshipped him, saying: "Lord, help me." He said in answer, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and to cast it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord; for even the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the master's table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman; great is your faith. Let it be done to you as you will." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

God rewards perseverance in prayer. We know that perseverance proves our faith and sharpens our desire. Also we appreciate help much more when we have waited for it, begged for it. It's all for our own good. One little prayer won't make all things fair; you have got to keep on praying.

ACTIVITIES

No. 1, Sheboygan, Wis. — As we enter the year 1965, the officers wish to all our members a Happy and Blessed New Year.

I am presenting the following six months report of the progress of our branch. Our total membership now is 226; we gained six new members since July 1, who are: Mary Stermec, Marija Dragan, Jean Gercz, Pauline Bushner, all in Class B, and two juniors, Lisa Vertacic and Christine Gercz. We welcome them to our organization.

During the last five years 64 new members were enrolled. Let us also try this year to get new members for the Founders' Campaign.

The card party held last September was a huge success. The sum of \$133.14 was realized as a net profit. Prize books netted \$112.50. Thanks to all officers and members who with their efforts made this possible.

The annual meeting was well attended. The officers elected for 1965 are: Olga Saye, president, Mary Souchack, vice-president; Margaret Fischer, secretary; Mary Vertacic, treasurer; Anna Modiz, recording secretary. Auditors: Amelia Zunter, Mary Krainz, Christine Sterk and Sentinel Mary Brezonik. Our new Spiritual Advisor, Father Schlaffer gave us a inspiring Christmas message.

Reporters are again the faithful Mary Godez and Mary Vertacic.

Our card party this year will be held the first Wednesday in September. Anna Modiz will serve as chairman, assisted by Mary Turk.

Mother's Day Program will be held on our meeting date the third Sunday in May. Mrs. Priland and Mrs. Saye will be in charge of this program.

The new kitchen committee is as follows: Dorothy Brezonik, Chairman; Mary Godez, Co-Chairman assisted by Dorothy Kregel, Christine Sterk, Johanna Zore, Emma Kotnik.

The telephone committee volunteered to serve again. They are: Mary Godez, Ruth Sheck, Anna Modiz, Mary Vertacic, Christine Rupnik, Frances Ribich, Johanna Suscha, Mary Gustavson and Margaret Fischer. We appreciate good will.

Our sincere thanks to Mary Godez, our past vice-president for her diligent work she so well performed for so many years. Frances Melanz our kitchen chairman also stepped out of office as auditor for many years, likewise Olga Hlade who served as auditor for one year. We thank them for their contribution to our branch. We will miss them and hope they will continue to be interested in our future activities.

Important: The date of our meeting has been changed from second Sunday in the month to the third Sunday. There will be no meetings in January, July and August.

Stay well and happy! Will be seeing you at our next meeting on the third Sunday of February, the 21st.

Margaret Fischer, Sec'y

No. 2, Chicago, Ill. — In January, we think back on the past holidays with fond memories of our juvenile Christmas Party, held on Dec. 20th in the afternoon. The adult members who were there with their children and grandchildren said it was the nicest party ever and so much more meaningful than many Christmas parties when the children merely receive a gift, play a few games and go home.

The list of workers for this party

shows how interested everyone was to make it nice. We used Mrs. Tomazin's hall for rehearsals, Mrs. Troha sewed the 3 Gingerbread men's costumes, and Mrs. Bogolin helped with the backstage work as did Mrs. Stefanik. To make the beautiful setting that included a Gingerbread house all decorated with little hearts, flowers, cookies and candy canes and a huge tree that had little twinkling lights among the branches our secretary called upon her son-in-law, Ray Nusko and the son of another member, Dick Rakovec. They also made the setting complete with colored spot lights and gay Christmas Tree.

The decorations of tables and preparation of goodies was in the hands of Mrs. Zeleznikar, Mrs. Zorko, Mrs. Zibert and a special thanks to Liz Zefran for all her hours of work in selecting, wrapping and preparing the gifts for over 70 youngsters who attended. Stephanie Osterman also pitched in with her clever hands and made a bowl full of candy balls that were sold with prizes to those who picked lucky colors. All our committee deserves a lot of credit for the ingenious way they carried on to make a beautiful party that our junior members will always remember. Oh yes, Santa arrived all bedecked in finery and distributed the presents, too. Thanks to him.

In conclusion, a word of good cheer to our ailing members, Mary Tomazin, Josephine Meden, Irene Grill and Jean Krizman. We pray God will give you comfort and good health. And, best wishes to our Mother of the Year, Mrs. Frances Kozel, selected at the January meeting when we had a belated adult Christmas party.

Corinne Leskovar

No. 10, Cleveland, Ohio. — In February we have Valentine's Day. Hope everyone has a happy day. If you are coming to our meeting, which is Feb. 9th, bring a lot of Valentines with you. We will have a mail carrier and a good time, too.

In the near future, we will probably have an eastern division Bowling Tournament for Zveza bowlers. So, you good bowlers, get yourselves ready to do your best for the S.W.U. Last year one of our teams came in first place. Hope we can do it again for Br. 10. More on this later.

Our December meeting was a very merry one. We had a Santa Claus surprise us all, and you guessed it, it was me! The ladies got quite a kick out of it. We had a gift exchange and a lot of goodies to go with it. We also celebrated the birthdays of sisters Salmich and Phyllis Cermelj. One of our members made a motion to hold some kind of social doing in 1965. We finally decided to hold a bake sale, so all you gals who bake so well, we'll be looking for your cakes, pies, poticas, strudels and cookies. This will be held around Eastertime.

For the treasury, Mrs. Izanc donated generously.

The month of December was a sad one too. We lost three members, namely, Mrs. Jennie Pike, Mrs. Anne Suhadolnik and Mrs. Mary Mihle. Our deepest sympathy to the families of our departed members and may they rest in peace. During the year 1964, we lost a total of 8 members. Hope each member signs up a new member this year!

We also had elections and everyone remained in office. President is Anne Markovic; vice-president, Phyllis Cer-

melj; secretary-treasurer, Mary Camloh; recording sec'y, Sophie Magayna; auditors, Millie Novak, Stefka Koncila and seargent at arms, Jennie Koren.

We were happy to welcome back the vice-president, Phyllis, after a brief illness. She thanked everyone for all the lovely cards. We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Urbas and Louise Cebular. To all ailing members, wishes for good health and a Happy Birthday to all celebrating.

Sophie Magayna

No. 13, San Francisco, Calif. — San Francisco is certainly pleased with their officers, for once again the entire group was unanimously voted into office. Our President received a two to one vote winning her office against our Delegate Margaret Fager. So once again, President is Jerry Adami. Vice-President is Anne Stark, Secretary: Betty Doherty, Financial Sec'y: Ann Stich, Marshall (for her 25th or so year) our beloved Mary Plut, Door Sentinel: Katie Cepernich, Auditors: Tillie Kambic, Katie Plut, Fran Chiodo, Reporter: Fran Chiodo. So we will once again take the helm and give you one more successful year. We will have a substitute officer who will take over any office of an absentee officer on request of the President.

My trip to Europe was a very happy and rewarding experience. My husband, Joe and I, along with his Aunt, toured nine countries and 3 principalities making 8,000 miles on the Volkswagen we purchased in Heidelberg, Germany. The most surprising thing to me was the number of people in business who spoke English. Travel

is excellent by car as the roads are Freeways called Autobahns, Autostrada, or the likes but what it means is you will travel on roads that equal or surpass our very own.

The antiquity of Europe is unbelievable. An arch 2000 years old still stands in complete beauty and perfect preservation. Germany is indeed a country of great interest and much of the country is simply beautiful. Great advancements have been made in Europe during the past 20 years.

We took a tour of the Battlefronts and visited the Cemeteries of our war dead. It is so gratifying to see the grounds so well-kept. The area becomes a National Shrine and one can feel these boys are not forgotten by the beauty that surrounds them.

The principalities visited were San Marino, Monaco, and Luxembourg. It seems so strange to have these countries within the confines of a larger country but still having their independence. These principalities are self-supporting mainly through tourism.

Yugoslavia is indeed a place to remember. The countryside is so green and lovely and the cities passed my expectations. To go to a town the size of Metlika and find a modern hotel seems impossible but we had excellent accommodations with bath etc. in each room. The food was excellent and needless to say the cost was nominal. As you know an American Dollar will buy 750 Dinars so you can imagine the distance your dollar will go. Many people from Italy spend their vacations in Yugoslavia because of the nominal costs.

Greeting to all and best wishes for a Happy and Fruitful year 1965.

Fran Chiodo, Reporter

SLOVENIAN WOMEN'S UNION is giving the opportunity to all its members and their immediate families to save over \$200.00 per person on their trip by a most modern JET plane to Ljubljana. The members will travel in a friendly and care free atmosphere in the company of their friends, relaxing on a well-planned and organized trip.

COST OF THE ROUND TRIP BY JET FROM NEW YORK TO ZAGREB (OR LJUBLJANA AIRPORT) is \$424.00 per person.

Departures are scheduled as follows:

1. DEPARTURE OF THE PILGRIMAGE GROUP:

Leaving New York by JET Boeing 707 on June 10, returning on August 2nd.

The group will visit Paris, Lourdes, Rome and continue on to Slovenia. Arrangements will be made for an Audience with the Holy Father in Rome and to attend Masses offered by a Slovenian priest. Cost of this 6 day pilgrimage, including hotel accommodations, 3 meals a day and sightseeing is \$89.00 per person.

2. DIRECT DEPARTURE FOR LJUBLJANA:

Leaving New York by JET on June 16. You have a choice of two return dates: July 15 or August 16. The leader of this group will be Mrs. Albina

Novak, Supreme Secretary of Slovenian Women's Union.

Members must travel together to Slovenia and return, but, during their stay abroad, can spend the time as they wish. Varied, well-organized excursions by motorcoaches with a starting point in Ljubljana have been organized for those who wish to join them.

**For information and reservation write to: Slovenian Women's Union, 1937
W. Cermak Road, Chicago 8, Illinois.**

FORMER S.W.U. LEGAL ADVISOR IS CANDIDATE



County Judge Joseph W. Wilkus of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, former legal advisor for the Slovenian Women's Union of America, declared his candidacy for the Wisconsin State Supreme Court.

Mrs. Marie Prislant, our former Supreme president, has confirmed her continuing support for Judge Joseph W. Wilkus during his candidacy for the Wisconsin Supreme Court in the 1965 Spring Elections. Judge Wilkus was Mrs. Prislant's counsellor from 1942 to 1952, when he was retained as attorney for the S.W.U.

Many of the delegates will remember the judge's participation in the 1946 Indianapolis Convention and his negotiations with the Illinois Insurance Commission on our insurance contract revisions.

No. 14, Euclid, Ohio. — As the new year of 1965 begins, a new campaign has been started for new members. You might say we are reaching for the moon if every member of Branch No. 14 would bring in an additional member, but we must have a starting point, so let us try and exert every effort to this end.

It is very apparent that the members of this branch are not aware of the change in monthly dues, which covers an increase of 5¢ per monthly dues in every class. The new amounts are as follows: Class "A" — 50¢ per month; Class "B" — 75¢ per month; Members over 75 years of age 25¢ per month. The previous charge of 25¢ per year for Zarja has been eliminated.

Members who have appeared on the sick list during the past month are as follows: Anna Vihtelic; Frances Modic who is now in Euclid Glenville hospital with a broken hip; Amelia Lourin is now recuperating at home after eye surgery; and Mary O'Kicki who spent some time in Euclid Glenville Hospital. A quick recovery is

Born of Lithuanian parentage in Little Chute, Wisconsin, on November 20, 1912, Judge Wilkus is a graduate of the St. Peter Claver and Central High Schools in Sheboygan. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree (Magna Cum Laude) from Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, and his law degree (Coi) from the University of Wisconsin.

Since 1953, he has been judge of the Sheboygan County and Juvenile Courts and is presently chairman of the Wisconsin Board of County Judges. Formerly the chairman of the State Board of Juvenile Court Judges and of the City Attorney Section of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, he is currently a judicial representative on the Wisconsin Comprehensive Mental Health and Mental Retardation Planning Committee, chairman of the State Bar Section on Real Property, Trusts and Probate, chairman of the Section Research Committee on Probate, occasional lecturer at the University of Wisconsin Law School and a member of the Marquette University Civic Committee.

A member of the Immaculate Conception Parish of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; he also belongs to the Sheboygan Chapter of the Knights of Columbus as a 4th Degree member. He is an outstanding lawyer and a distinguished citizen.

We appeal to all our members and their families living in the State of Wisconsin to vote for Joseph W. Wilkus, at the primary election held March 9, 1965.

For Slovenian Women's Union Br. 1,
Sheboygan, Wisconsin:

Margaret Fischer, secretary
Olga Saye, president

hoped for all of these members.

Congratulations to Jean Gainer who became a grandma for the first time. A boy was born to her daughter.

Condolences are extended to Mary Gerl and Julia Novak, mother and sister respectively of Michael Gerl, who passed away recently.

Thanks to Josephine Strnad for a donation. Molly Sodja, Secretary

No. 17, West Allis, Wis. — Our annual meeting and Christmas party was a success. It was nice to see so many attend this affair. Pres., Marion Marolt (Santa Claus) distributed the gifts for the children. We had exchange of Christmas gifts among the adult members and after the business session, cake, strudel, potica and coffee was served. Many thanks to those who donated the food and to the workers in the kitchen.

The meeting dates on the 3rd Sunday of each month with the exception of June, July and August. Two card parties are scheduled for 1965, one for the new church and one for our treasury.

As in the past, \$1 must be contributed into the treasury by each member yearly and 10¢ for every deceased member. A \$3 gift will be given to a member when she is hospitalized and the same for the first born child of a member.

The officers elected for 1965 are the same with the exception of the recording secretary, Mrs. Fanny Stroj who after 21 years in this office resigned due to other commitments which make it difficult for her to attend some of the meetings. She has been a loyal and diligent worker thru all the years and we surely will miss her. We hope, Fanny, that whenever you are able to attend, you will come to see us and not desert us completely.

Our new recording secretary is Rose Schubert. Welcome to the fold!

We remembered our shut-ins with a lovely hanky and Christmas card. We hope you all had very nice holidays.

Mrs. Mary Grascch was nominated unanimously for the Mother of the Year for 1965. Mary is a very deserving person as she always is ready to help us whenever needed. Congratulations, we are so proud to have you as our Mother of the Year!

A speedy recovery to sick members and condolences to the family of Julia Horvath who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

Deepest sympathy also to the Schimenz family who lost their beloved mother, Mary Schimenz, devoted secretary of Br. 12 for many, many years. She was very well-liked by all, not only by her members, but also the surrounding branches. Mrs. Schimenz was a loyal, faithful, diligent worker in all the years she performed her duties well. She will be sadly missed by her family, her branch, friends and the organization. May Mrs. Schimenz' soul rest in peace.

Hope to see you at our next meeting. May you all enjoy good health and God be with you.

Marie A. Floryan, Sec'y

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. — At our annual meeting which was the close of the year we noted that seven of our members have passed into eternity during the year: Christine Mauzer, Mary Laurich, Anna Korevec, Pauline Stefanich, Agnes Korelc, Anna Vranich and our social member, Frances Horvat. The president mentioned since the campaign is now in progress it would be fitting to replace these members with new ones.

At our annual meeting our treasurer, Josephine Sumic was not present since she was confined in the hospital. We all missed her and wished her a speedy recovery by sending her a "Get-well" card signed by all members. Others who were sent cards from our secretary during their illness were

Amalia Plese, Agnes Minarich, Cath. Lamuth, Barb. Gregorash and our trustee, Jennie Sprengel. We heard that Antonia Struna, and Mary Jerman are at the Pleasant Nursing Home, and it was reported that Anna Pluth, who was our first secretary in the branch, has been moved from the Johnston Nursing Home in Joliet, to the Beacon Hill Nursing Home, 4530 N. Beacon St., Chicago, Ill. It would be nice if the members would remember our sick ones with a card at least.

Our secretary, Frances, mentioned that for this year 1965 she will collect additional dues of 5¢ per month, passed by the convention.

Congratulations were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Suske and Mr. and Mrs. Math Verbischer on their silver wedding anniversaries. The ladies are both our bowlers.

With best wishes to all our members,
Josephine Erjavec

No. 21, Cleveland, Ohio. — On Dec. 2nd, our annual Christmas Party and meeting was held with lots of eats and of course, good things to drink. We also exchanged gifts and many door prizes were awarded to lucky number holders. The tables were nicely decorated with Christmas spirit in abundance. Many thanks to the ladies who served on the Christmas committee and did an excellent job as hostesses, also, to those who brought cookies and prizes.

The entire present committee was re-elected. The officers are the following: President, Theresa Lach; Vice-president, Cecelia Brodnik; Secretary, Stella Dancull; Treasurer, Josephine Weiss; Rec. Secretary, Anna Pelcic; Auditors, Ann Pelcic, Theresa Kozuh and Anna Kosak. Reporter in English, Stella Dancull and in Slovenian, Frances Kavc.

Get-well cards will be sent to members on the sick list — handkerchief enclosed if she is hospitalized. As you know, in case of death, we give a Mass donation, floral piece and pay for one funeral car. There will not be any meetings for the months of July and August. The first Wednesday of each month continues to be our meeting date, the time, 7:30 p.m.; place, West Park Slovene Nat'l Home.

We have selected Theresa Zupancic as our chosen Mother of the Year. Congratulations.

During the past year, we lost four members. They were: Julia Oblak, Anna Zaman, Anna Susteric and Mary Rahne. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the grieving families and may they rest in peace.

Vacation notes: Greetings to all the members were sent by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Widmar, enjoying the balmy weather of sunny Florida. Lucky you, Ann, have a nice time!

Congratulations to Frances Cimperman who became grandmother for the 10th time! On the sick list are report-

ed, Sophia Borek and Agnes Zakrajsek — drop them a card, I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you.

Our cookbooks are still in good supply and for your copy, just ask the secretary.

With the new year, the new assessment begins. Everyone will pay 5¢ more a month.

And, to our birthday and anniversary celebrants, may God grant you the best of luck, good health and happiness. Happy and Healthy Year to all members and friends.

Stella Dancull, Sec'y

No. 22, Bradley, Ill. — Christmas meeting December 13, 2 P.M. at the home of Mary Rittmanic was ushered in with the gaily of holiday carols. Vice-president Elizabeth Kinder presided in the absence of pres. Ann Richards who we regret was ill with a severe cold. All officers were re-elected including treas. Anna Lamontagne, Sec. Helen Sebastiani, auditors Mary Rittmanic, Molly Metschul-eit and Molly Starasinich and reporter Gabrielle Lustig. As our regular Christmas remembrance an offering for a Mass to be said for the repose of our dear departed members and their families was sent to Father Leonard Lenc in Bensonville, Ill.

Reported ill was Emma Lustig, confined with heart ailment at St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Ill., her place of employment. Greetings of this joyous Season were sent to her and to a member of Branch No. 2, Chicago, Mrs. Pauline Ozbolt at Burr-Oak Nursing Home in Blue Island, Ill. She is a dear aunt to the Lustigs' and a friend to all. Meeting opened and closed with prayer.

Guests Margaret Planton, Mayme Drassler and Frances Lustig joined in the games, and laughter spirited on by refreshments served by the very capable host, husband Leo Rittmanic. With the tinkling of bells and a jolly Ho-Ho-Ho old Santa arrived to distribute the gifts. A most delightful lunch was indeed enjoyed, with strains of Christmas music and songs by Slovenian Choral Club of Chicago. Thanks to Mary and to her committee, Agnes Zajc, Anna Jamnik, Ann Richards and Toni Lustig for a happy afternoon!

Mrs. Anna Jamnik will entertain in her home on Sunday February 21 at 2 P.M. with Ann Richards assisting.

We are most sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Anna Yakofcich. To her our prayer for a speedy recovery and to all best wishes for good health and God's choicest blessings for this year of '65.

Gabrielle Lustig, Reporter

No. 32, Euclid, Ohio. — May the year 1965 bring health and happiness to all and may our Lord bless all the good deeds and hard work of this past year as indeed it was a busy one for us. May we all carry on!

Our Dec. meeting and Christmas party had a good attendance. As this was our yearly meeting, our rules were discussed and remain the same; election of officers was also held. Officers re-elected are: Spiritual Director: Rev. J. Celesnik; Pres. Theresa Potokar, Vice-pres. Josephine Comenshek, Sec'y Lillian Vehovec (Tel. KE 1-0571), Treas. Molly Gregorc, Rec. Sec'y Anna Tekavec, Slovenian Reporter Frances Perme, English Reporter Anna Tekavec, Auditors: Anna Godlar and Ann Chinchar. Our meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month, except July and August vacation months.

Following the meeting, we had a "mouth-watering" party, it seems that it's better every year. We have very generous and good-hearted members and this blends in well with the spirit of Christmas. Then, we exchanged gifts. Goodies were donated by Annie (Anton) Tekavec, Anna Tekavec, Molly Gregorc, Mary Vodichar, Frances Klune, Josephine Comenshek, Mary Dribnich, Annie Pozar, Genevieve Calta, Pauline Merick, Edith Tegel, Barbara Strumbly, Frances Gulich, Frances Perme, Theresa Potokar. We thank all of you for your time and effort and generosity. May God reward you.

Molly Gregorc, our treasurer, became grandma for the 2nd time in November. Congratulations to parents and grandma!

Our sick members are: Mary Archul and Mary Creek. We pray that good health comes back to them and may our Blessed Mother help you and all our shut-ins.

Dec. 20th we lost Julia Popovic. We sympathize with her family, sons and daughters. May she rest in peace.

We remind our members this new year, 1965, the new assessment begins in Class A and B — paying a nickel more a month. Juveniles stay the same. Members at the age of 75 pay 20 cents monthly and for those who reached the age of 80 before July 1, 1964, they are free. So, let us help our secretary keep her books in good order now that the year is young. There are some members we never have met and we invite them to come to the meetings, as we appreciate it. May the Infant Child bless you and yours.
Anna Tekavec, Rec. Sec.

No. 40, Lorain, Ohio. — As we enter 1965 I wish a happy healthy and blessed New Year to all members of the S.W.U. everywhere.

Our December meeting, together with a Christmas party, had a very large attendance and a great time was had by all present. The high point of the party was the opening of the exchange gifts. A delightful lunch of beef roast, salad, potica, strudel, cakes, cookies and coffee, was served by Rose Kragely, Frances Russ, Mary Kurjan, Mary Jere, Louise Mahnic

and Agnes Jancar. Thanks goes to the ladies who brought so many good-ies.

An unanimous motion was made to retain the present officers who are Frances Bresak, President; Agnes Jancar, Vice-president; Angela Kozjan, Secretary; Mary Pavlovic, treasurer; Louise Mahnic, recorder; Mary Kurjan, Rose Kragely, Agnes Celik, auditors; Mary Jere, sentinel. Reporters are Frances Bresak in Slovenian and Angela Kozjan in English. Our meetings are every second Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at Slovenian Home.

Our member Antonia Skerjanc was at Cleveland Clinic for eye surgery; now she is convalescing at home and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Slovenian Home gave a birthday party for Agnes Celik on Jan. 3 and planned one for Mary Pavlovic on Feb. 21. It was for each their 65th birthday and were presented with group gifts and also purses of money. We wish you both many more happy and healthy birthdays.

We thank Frances Dougan and Theresa Culig for the donation they gave towards our treasury.

Thanks to the members who helped to sell the books that we had from the combined branches. We got \$117 that went into our treasury. We donated \$10.00 to our church for Christmas.

Cynthia Kozjan was entered in Bowling Green College where she will study to become an Elementary School Teacher. Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kozjan and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kozjan. Linda Sekular is at Ohio State Univ. in Columbus, where she is also studying to become an Elementary teacher. She is in her third quarter now. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sekular and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tomazic. We wish them both success and good studying. They and their families are all members of the S.W. Union Branch 40.

Sincerely, **Angela Kozjan, Sec'y**

No. 42, Maple Hgts., Ohio. — Our Dec. meeting and Christmas Party was well attended. It is nice to see so many smiling faces at least once a year. It would be a lot nicer if we had such an attendance at our meetings which are held only once a month.

I know it is already late in the year for talk about our Christmas Party, but we did have a lovely dinner, cooked by one of our faithful members, Mrs. Theresa Simoncic. The tables were set very nicely with Christmas in mind.

Instead of the usual gift exchange, each member who came to the party gave \$1 in cash and we made a check to the Holy Family Cancer Home which was a very nice gesture. I took

it there personally and they were very pleased to receive it.

We are going to have a Bake Sale on Feb. 14th at the Slovenian National Home, 5050 Stanley Ave., Maple Hgts. It is on a Sunday and will be held from 9:30 to 12:00 in the forenoon. Each member is asked to bake something and either bring it to my home, 5141 Miller Ave., on Saturday or to the Bake Sale from 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. We would like to have the goods in plenty of time to arrange it properly. We are asking each member to bake something and not only the 24 or 30 ladies that are always willing to give their time and money. Let's make it 100%!

One of our more recent members, Mrs. Louis Kastelec, Jr. (Betty Ann) has a new baby boy at their house. Congratulations to the proud parents and to the grandparents. Grandmother is one of our faithful members, and I'm sure a charter member, too — she's our vice-pres. Antonia Kastelic.

A reminder to our members who might be in arrears with their dues to please pay up as it makes the auditing difficult.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 24th at 7:30 p.m. Please attend and take care of this. As your secretary and reporter for this year, I hope you'll keep me informed when there's a wedding, new baby, anniversaries or sick members to report. Let me know.

Louise Phrue, Sec.

No. 43, Milwaukee, Wis. — Our December meeting was well represented. The officers remain, as for 1964 with the exception of our Vice-President who passed away on December 29th. The Special and death assessments still remain. The meeting place and date are the same for 1965.

Our branch has taken a great loss in losing five of its good members this year, and they are: Angeline Valte, Mary Safosnik, Frances Novak, Florence Ureda and Mary Krosil.

On Monday March 1st, our branch is sponsoring a Usinger Sausage Demonstration and card party combined, which will begin promptly at 7 P.M. Tickets are available from members and the secretary. All friends and members are cordially invited. Let's have a full hall.

On Sunday June 27th Wisconsin will celebrate its State Convention with the 35th Anniversary of our branch No. 43. Further details will be published later.

On December 31st 1964 one of our charter members, Christine Rebernik retired from the Allen Bradley Co. after being employed for 25 years. A surprise retirement party was held in her home by her friends and relatives at the Moose Club. Loads of good luck and congratulations, Tina.

Mary Tratnik is out working hard on new members. From all hearsay,

she must be doing a good job, and believe me she can really sign them up. Our congratulations and best wishes to her husband Albert who recently retired from his position as President of Security Savings and Loan Co.

Welcome 2 newcomers, Stefanie and Rose Mary Bajric into our branch.

Our condolences to the Krosil Family for the recent loss of their mother, and to our President Josephine Kolar, who was so very close to her sister. She will be missed by all.

To all our sick and shut-in members, a very special prayer, "God keep you in His loving care, God grant that you'll improve each day — Until good health returns to stay."

Check your dues. Also circle your March 1st date for the Usinger Sausage Demonstration and Card Party. A Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Rose Kraemer, Sec.

THANK YOU

No. 46, St. Louis, Mo. — My sincere thanks and appreciation to all the members of Br. 46 for the masses and sympathy cards and kindness extended me at the time of the death of my husband, Joseph Dolenc.

Margaret Dolenz

No. 46, St. Louis, Mo. — A special meeting will be held in February. All members are requested to be present.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to our Vice-President, Margaret Dolenz on the death of her husband, Mary Gregory on the death of her husband and Mary Hribernik on the death of her daughter.

Wishes for a speedy recovery are also extended to Theresa Grabian's sister-in-law, Rose Lucas.

Happy Holidays Wishes are extended to all members from the Officers, Josephine Prebil, Margaret Dolenz, Helen Skoff and Mary Moenigmann.

See you in February. **Reporter**

No. 52, Kitzville, Minn. — The first meeting of the new year was held Jan. 6th. As you all know, we have been saddened by the passing of one of our dearly beloved members, Mary Russo. We all wish to take this time to offer deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

On our sick list is Mary Musech who is undergoing surgery at Hibbing General Hospital. And, Mrs. Lena Strazishar is also in the hospital. We wish them God speed to rapid recovery and to all our other sick members as well.

Meeting was held and installation of officers proceeded. The same officers were re-elected and it was a nice ceremony. They are: Josephine Oswald, Pres., Rose Chiodi, Sec. and Treas., Rose Zidarich, Rec. Sec., Mary Musech, Vice-Pres., Gertrude Koche-

POTS & PANS and PASTIME

One of our very good members from Branch 95 of South Chicago, Mrs. Ann Kompore, recently served a delicious and nutritious dish at a luncheon. The guests: Albina Novak, Corinne Leskovar, Liz Zefran and Pauline Klobucar immediately asked for the recipe. Corinne was kind enough to forward the recipe to me that we might all try "Beef Rolls." Mrs. Kompore's husband is mortician in South Chicago, and they have two sons: one, a doctor, and the other, a student at Notre Dame University.

BEEF ROLLS

(Rinderrouladen — in German)

- 1 round steak, cut 1/2 inch thick (about 2 pounds)
- Salt and pepper
- Prepared mustard
- 3 slices bacon, chopped fine
- 1 medium onion, chopped fine
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Water
- 3 or 4 carrots
- Drippings or butter for browning.

Trim fat from steak, render for browning. Pound beef until 1/4 inch thick. Cut into six pieces, sprinkle meat with salt and pepper. Spread one side of each piece with mustard, then with bacon and onion mixed together. Roll each slice and secure with small wooden pick or string. Dip roll into flour and brown on all sides in hot fat. Add water 1/4 inch depth in skillet. Cover and simmer for about 45 minutes. Scrape and slice 3 or 4 carrots. Place on top of rolls baste with liquid and cover. Simmer about 1/2 hour long or until meat is well done. Remove meat to hot platter.

var, Reporter and Auditors are Angelina Russ, Angeline Hrovat and Margaret Kochevar. Phoning Committee: Betty Strazishar, Margaret Andrican and Carmella Bonazza.

Nominations were opened for our Mother of the Year and selected was Alice Baratto to do us honor this year. The choice was unanimous for her and we are proud as she is a very active member and interested in many sports such as volleyball and bowling. Besides this, she takes care of her family and is always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. We all know that she will represent us with flying colors. Congratulations, Mother of the Year, Alice Baratto.

We also have a new member, sister Frances Russ. We hope she will

Thicken the pan liquid with flour for gravy, if you wish. Pour gravy over rolls and reserve extra as accompaniment for mashed potatoes. **Added suggestions:** a small bay leaf can be placed in the liquid. 2 tablespoons of cream and beef stock can be added to the gravy; or, 1 cup of sour cream and parsley added to very last few minutes — just to heat through (so cream does not curdle).

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Red tart cherries — ideal for celebrating George Washington's birthday — will be featured on the February List of Plentiful Foods of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Shoppers will find many special promotions of cherries. Not only will retail grocers feature cans of cherries and cherry pie fillings, but frozen food bins will be filled with cherry tarts and pies.

NATIONAL CHAMPION

CHERRY PIE

- 2 (20 oz.) cans frozen cherries, thawed and drained, or 4 cups drained cherries
- 1 cup sugar (if water-packed canned cherries are used, increase sugar to 1 1/2 cups)
- 3 tablespoons tapioca
- 1/4 teaspoon red coloring
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 2 tablespoons cream.

Combine all ingredients and pour into a 9 inch pastry-lined pie pan, distributing the cherries evenly. Wet the edge of the bottom crust, arrange the top crust or lattice strips in place and press. Trim off the overhanging edges of dough. Flute the edge with fingers. To give the pie a golden brown glaze, brush the top of pastry with cream. To prevent the edge of the crust from over-browning, place a strip of aluminum foil around the edge of the dish. Bake in a preheated oven at 375 degrees for 55 minutes.

enjoy being a member and we are happy to have her with us.

Social of the evening took place with the hostesses being our officers Jos. Oswald, Rose Chiodi, Rose Zidarich and Josephine Palitano. A delicious lunch was served and games were played. Honor prizes went to the following: Evanna Prelesnik, Angeline Russ, Frances Russ, Celia Palitano, Genevieve Zidarich, Alice Baratto, Margaret Kochevar and Florence Techar. Door prize was also awarded to sister Baratto. This concluded a wonderful evening.

Our next meeting is Feb. 3rd at the Little Grove and we hope to see you all there. Until then, keep well and safe. May God bless you all.

Gertrude Kochevar, Reporter

Crust

- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup lard
- 1/4 cup milk.

Sift the flour and salt together. To this add about half of the lard and cut with pie blender or two knives until the texture of cornmeal. Add the remaining lard and blend to the size of small or medium peas. Add the milk a few drops at a time and mix. Continue this procedure until all the particles are damp enough to stick together. Press together, divide and shape into two balls. Flour pastry cloth and rolling pin lightly. Roll the bottom crust 3 inches larger than the pie dish. Fit the dough into the dish being sure not to stretch it. Roll remaining dough; make a design in it to allow the steam to escape, or cut into strips one-half inch wide for lattice top.

Thank you, Mrs. Kompore, for your "Beef Rolls" recipe. Best wishes to all of you. — Hermine

No. 54, Warren, Ohio. — Happy New Year to all members with the hope that you will all stay well during the year. Perhaps you've made some sound resolutions: (1) Attend our meetings, (2) Pay your dues regularly! These are important to our branch.

The officers for 1965 are the same as before: Pres. Rose Racher, Vice-Pres. Mary Waltko, Sec.-Treas., Joanne Ponikvar, Rec. Sec'y, Jean Ponikvar, Auditors: Mary Ponikvar, Elsie Persin and Anne Simpkins, Sargent-at-Arms, Josephine Kassan.

No meetings during July and August and now the meetings will be at the homes of the members. February meeting will be at Millie Habich's home, on Milton St., S.E. on the third Tuesday of the month, the 16th.

Home for the holidays with their parents were members, Carole Persin, Joyce Makar, Leonard Zuga, Valentina Gladd and Ricky Knezevich, all college students.

A speedy recovery to all ailing members.

In April, will we hold a card party as a fund-raising project and Josephine Kassan will be the chairman. She is an energetic worker for the branch and I know she will help increase our treasury with her good work.

Joanne Ponikvar, Sec.

No. 55, Girard, Ohio. — The December meeting was opened with Grace led by Mrs. Matilda Cigolle. A large number of members enjoyed a Covered-Dish Dinner. Everything was so delicious! We started out with Mrs. Anna Kalan's home made chicken noodle soup; then came Breaded Chicken, Baked ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Hot Rolls and many, many good salads and desserts. At this point there was a little business meeting. Mrs. Cath-

rine Russ was chosen Mother-of-the-Year. It was also announced that there will be a Card Party on March 6, 1965 at 8 P.M. in the Slovenian Hall in Girard, Ohio.

The officers for 1965 are as follows: Pres. Barbara Umeck; Vice-Pres. Matilda Cigolle; Sec. and Treas. Mary Ann Mehalco; Recording Sec. Matilda Cigolle; Auditors: Sophie Kren and Amelia Robsel; Reported Mary Ann Mehalco.

Prayer was recited by Mary Ann Mehalco at the close of this meeting. A gift exchange then took place. Christmas carols were sung then games were played with many prizes being awarded to the members. Rose Juvancic took home the door prize.

Among all the Christmas cheer and happiness we were saddened by the news of the death of Julia Novosel. She passed away December 14. Deepest Sympathy was sent to her daughter, Helen Krizancic. We are sorry to report Mary Rostan also was taken to the hospital on Dec. 22. Get-well wishes were sent to her for a speedy recovery and to all our members and their families we sincerely hope you are Blessed with a New Year of good health and happiness.

Mary Ann Mehalco

No. 56, Hibbing, Minn. — Branch No. 56 held its December meeting at the Assumption Hall clubrooms on Dec. 9, at which time all officers were re-elected. Those being — Anne Sato-vich, Pres., Agnes Barkis, Vice-Pres., Mary Meadows, Secretary, Amelia Domen, Recording Secretary and Mary Drobnik, Treasurer.

Mrs. Anna Brklich was voted mother of the year. More will be written about this in a latter issue. — Mrs. John Chacich, Mrs. Victor Matosich and Mrs. Dominic Siver are reported on the sick list. We wish a speedy recovery.

After our regular meeting a Christmas party was held chairmen being Mary Massich, Fran Puhek and Mim Puhek. A delightful lunch was served on tables decorated with Christmas greenery.

Gifts were also exchanged and songs sung, after which games were played.

A wonderful time was had by all.

Liz Draskovich, reporter

No. 62, Conneaut, Ohio. — Our old year ended with a Christmas dinner and gift exchange being held at Pape's restaurant. All members were thrilled at eating out and opening their gifts.

Our new year started with the first meeting being held at the home of Miss Florence Capela. The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The minutes of the previous meeting were also read and approved.

A general discussion was held on building up the treasury for the com-

ing year. Meeting places for the following few months were named. All members will have a turn at being hostess for a monthly meeting. Their month is being selected by alphabetical order.

A letter was read pertaining to the new officers for the coming year. It was decided that the present officers remain in office another year. They are: Mrs. Theresa Colangelo, Pres.; Mrs. Tony White, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Leonard Dello, Jr., Sec'y; Mrs. Frank Mundi, Treas.

Recipient of the door prize was Mrs. Nick Vignal. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Stella Anderson on Feb. 6, 7:00.

Meeting was closed with the Hail Mary. Refreshments were then served by the hostess and a Social evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Leonard Dello Jr., Sec'y

No. 68, Painesville, Ohio. — First of all, the members of No. 68 wish to thank all the members who attended and helped at our Dinner-Dance on Dec. 5th at Fairport Harbor. Thanks also to Antonia Turek, our Supreme President and the grand group of ladies who came down on the bus from Newburg, Cleveland area. Thanks again to Louis Bajc who played so well during the evening. It will be an event long remembered and may we some day return your friendship.

Our meeting of Dec. 17th was well-attended. This was held in the form of a Christmas party with gift exchange and lots of goodies to eat. We have a wonderful group of members and everyone enjoyed herself.

This was followed by election of officers for the year 1965: Pres. Mrs. Mohorcic, Vice-Pres. Mrs. Hrvatin, Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Grzely, Rec. Sec. Mrs. Mahne, English Reporter Mrs. Grabelsek, Slovenian Reporter Mrs. Bajc, Auditors: Frances Uile, Molly Juzna and Carol Satej. Sentinel is Mrs. Troha and Sunshine, Mrs. Pillar.

Donations were made to the Crippled Children, Retarded and Scholarship Fund. A thank you note was read from Mrs. Jopko who has been on the sick list. May you soon be back with us, Mrs. Jopko.

It was decided to buy a coffee urn and sausage machine as one of our yearly projects.

A very happy new year to all.

Mrs. Julia Grabelsek

No. 73, Warrensville Hgts., Ohio — This by way of correcting last month's article: it was Rose Repasky's mother-in-law who passed away. We all send our deepest sympathy and may she rest in peace.

Our Christmas party was a huge success. It was an ember day and we had no meat, but the meal was delicious anyway. Thanks to everyone for the fine pot-luck. We all received lovely head scarves from Santa Claus.

Election of officers for 1965 followed and everyone was in favor of our present officers being re-elected. Congratulations and may God help us to have another wonderful year as was 1964. Good Luck!

Also, our afghan prize was held and Helen Kunka was the lucky lady. She was present at the meeting and was both surprised and happy to be called. Hope you have many warm hours with it, Helen.

We received our bazaar money and it totaled \$114 a goodly sum. Thanks to everyone who helped with this money-making venture.

Happy Birthday to our members this month. Any of our members on the sick list? May they feel fine soon. Our good weather should help that.

Just heard that one of our sick members is Louise Majersic's mother-in-law. Hope she is feeling better and that Louise and her sister had no ill effects from the car accident they had.

We gave \$25 to the Little Sisters of the Poor for Christmas.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Frances Kainec on the death of her husband Paul, and to Rosemary Mauer, daughter. The ladies are both our members. Betty Bayus, Reporter

No. 79, Enumclaw, Wash. — For our Dec. meeting and Christmas party, we met at the home of Helen Chacata. She had a beautiful decorated large spruce tree which made the living-room look very Christmassy.

At our regular meeting most of the same officers were re-elected as follows: Pres., Mary Mihelich; Vice-Pres., Mary Bratovich; Sec'y, Fannie Ramshak; Rec. Sec'y, Mary Lokovsek; Treas., Jennie Beaver; Auditors: Rosalie Lobe, Mary Sader and Helen Chacata; Sarg.-at-Arms, Mary Potocnik.

Sorry to report the death of Josephine Trillip who was a charter member. She passed away Dec. 6, in a rest home at Tacoma, aged 80 years. Surviving are two sons, John and Stanley, the latter serving in the Armed Forces in Viet-Nam. She was buried in the Krain Cemetery from the Sacred Heart Church.

After the close of meeting, Santa Claus appeared with gifts and sacks of candy for the children which was followed by exchange of gifts by members. Later we all enjoyed a pot-luck lunch. Many thanks to Helen for her hospitality.

Our next meeting will be held on March 14th at the home of Dorothy Sleigh. Hope to see you all there and don't forget there is an increase of 5 cents per month for dues.

Fannie Ramshak, Sec'y

No. 83, Crosby, Minn. — Our Dec. meeting and Christmas party was held Dec. 8 at Sister Vukelich's home. A pot-luck supper was served at 7:00 o'clock with 20 members present. The

table was nicely decorated. Everything was delicious and did we enjoy the food! \$1 gifts were also exchanged. Thank you, Mary, for letting us use your home. We all had a very enjoyable evening.

Meeting was opened with a prayer; after the Minutes, reports were read. Election then took place and officers for 1965 are as follows: Pres., Frances Vidmar; Vice-Pres., Louise Puchrieter; Sec'y, Mary T. Deblock; Treas., Mary J. Deblock; Recorder, Ann Widmar; Auditors: Hattie Stinert and Antoinette Deblock. Everything else is set as has been in the past years. Our first meeting in 1965 will be April 5 held at Sister L. Deblock's home. Best Wishes to all, will see you at the next meeting.

Molly Domin, Reporter

No. 85, DePue, Ill. — Our regular monthly meeting was on Dec. 20th at 5 p.m. with 11 members present at the Dom.

After the regular business was taken care of, we had election of officers with the same officers taking their posts (some for 25 years or more) with the exception of secretary, as yours truly was elected to that office.

When the meeting was over, the men held their meeting after which we all enjoyed the annual Christmas pot-luck with klobase, shunka, potica, krofe, chicken and other goodies. This year I couldn't go home with a plate full of goodies for my husband Vince as he's on a salt free reducing diet. It was a big sacrifice, believe me, to pass up all those good things to eat.

Games were played with small prizes awarded to winners. A good time was had by all. God bless all our ill members and may the new year find them in improved health.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mary Kerntz of Oglesby (Br. 89) on the death of her father and condolences to her family as well. May he rest in peace.

See you all next month, God willing.

Frances Machek, Reporter

No. 95, Chicago, Ill. — MERRY CHRISTMAS! The traditional greeting rang out on all sides as our members gathered for fun, frolic, and feasting around the festive table of goodies. Therefore, it is my pleasure at this time of the year to openly compliment the following members who gave of themselves and their goods in choosing a variety of foods that complimented each other; they are: Rose Boerner, Mary Barcevac, Rose Mary Cacich, Eva Cora, Amelia Cuzella, Manda and Rose Dosen, Evelyn Driscoll, Mary Duich, Helen Golich, Ann Hlacar, Mildred James, Mary Jurko, Mary Kahn, Ann Kompare, Rose Krneta, Anna Loncar, Agatha Mesin, Stephanie Magnavite, Eva Milmarich, Anna Nagoda, Ann Pearson, Mary Perkovich (96th Muskegon), Mildred Poropat, Mary Possedi, Jean Ross,

Ann Sertich, Frances Seabloom, Mary Sambol, Caroline Vukasovich, Marge and Olga Krmpotich. The following are the generous contributors to our treasury: Mary Andretich, Polonia Ashenbrenner, Mary Duich, Shirley and Marge Innis, Mary Mundger, Katherine Jackovich, Frances Perpich, Mary Perkovich (96th Houston), Anna Jovanovich, Anna Tumpich, Anna Velcich, and Matilda Cacich.

Our stand-up lady, Mary Possedi, came up with a rarity in entertainment and of course the show couldn't work properly without the support of Veda Yamich, Mary Nicksic, and yours truly. Nevertheless, we got a big kick out of entertaining our members with our zany antics. Last but not least, many thanks to Anna Jovanovich who has been just great as Santa Claus and to Stephen Possedi who provided us with his accordian selections. It certainly was a gala evening.

Get-well wishes are extended to Kate Alfievich (and hubby too, who certainly has had his share of illness), Matilda Jovica (I certainly appreciate your little notes sent to me) and Mary Prebeg on her recent operation; a speedy recovery to all of our members who are ill.

We extend a very warm welcome to Shirley Innis and Mary Mundger, newcomers to our group.

Congratulations and many happy returns to the following who are celebrating birthdays in February: Polonia Ashenbrenner, Mary Brozynski, Ljuba Brunski, Louise Dolan, Ann Hlacar, Anna Lisac, Benedicto Marino, Sylvia Mitchell, Mary Provich, Antonia Svorcina, Anna Velcich, and Agatha Mesin. Mildred James, Pres.

No. 96, Universal, Pa. — We finished the year 1964 in grand style with a good final meeting. It was very well attended. Election of officers was held and all of the past officers were re-elected for another year. We decided to have our meetings in March, June, August, October and December at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The first one will be March 14th at Mary Oblock's home. Then we will decide who will be hostess next time. We will have games after the meeting as usual, so please attend.

A speedy recovery to all sick and a Happy New Year to all.

Paula Kokal, Pres.

No. 101, Bedford Heights, O. — Our December meeting was our annual Christmas pot-luck party. A one-dollar gift exchange and the revealing of secret pals was held. The city hall was beautifully decorated by the officers and a few of the junior members. Each member present at the meeting received a Christmas corsage. Beautiful plaques were presented to the past president and treasurer, as they are out-going officers.

Reverend Father John Paulin installed our new officers for 1965. They

are: President, Anna Gyurcik; Vice-president, Ann Swaney; Recording secretary, Ethel Rittwage; Treasurer, Lucille Picone; Financial Secretary, Dorothy Kastelic, and Auditors Elizabeth Mertel and Marie Pollock. Our new President appointed Pauline Svetle as Sunshine Chairman and Mara DuBay as Program Chairman.

A reminder, gals: Please pay up your dues. Your Financial Secretary has had to pay them out of her own pocket and is not fair to her to have to be paying for you.

We are all happy to hear that one of our members, Anna Strekal, is coming along fine after a long and serious illness. Also, to all the sick members a speedy recovery.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all those members who came to pay their respects and offered spiritual and floral gifts for my brother, John Mertle, who passed away suddenly. Also, thank you for the many sympathy cards.

May you all have a happy, healthy, and successful New Year! May God Bless All Of You!

Your new reporter, Betty Matjasic

No. 105, Detroit, Mich. — Now that the holidays are over, we can resume our regular routine. I had a very nice and quiet holiday season and do hope every member had the same.

Our last meeting on Dec. 20th was held at Ann McGee's home. We opened our meeting with a prayer. There were sixteen adult members present and one junior member, also, a guest of Ann's. Our junior was Alice Kocjan's granddaughter, a very engaging young lady. She is a student council member and participates in extra curricular activities at school. So much one can write about the younger generation coming up. Very brilliant, I must say.

Ann Korun also has a very talented granddaughter, Cheryl Bernick who performs well in ballet and tap dancing. Ann says that she is going to be a member of our organization soon. Good luck to both of the young ladies!

Happy Birthday to Julia Panzica, who will be celebrating in February.

I wish to thank Pauline Adamic, Anna Plazar, Rose Jannick and Gail Simon for the lovely birthday cards. Also, for all the Christmas cards I received from the ladies of Br. 105.

Our sincere good wishes to Mrs. Kocvar who is ill at a Nursing Home and Mrs. Nezbeda who is also ill and residing at Mt. Clemens Nursing Home. We hope and pray that the new year will be more encouraging than the past with hopes for better health.

Our next meeting will be here at my home. Let us start this new year with a good attendance at future meetings. Wishing you all a healthy and happy new year, 1965. God bless you.

Stephanie Hometz, Reporter



Marie Prislant:

OH, TA SVET...

Zgodovina slovenske naselbine v Sheboyganu.

(Nadaljevanje.)

Trgovina in obrti.

Z ustanovitvijo slovenske fare, na katero je bil njen ustanovitelj Father Černe silno ponosen — cerkev, šola, Zelena dolina — se je pričelo novo narodno življenje. Podporna društva so se ustanavljala; rastla so pevska in dramska društva. Tiste čase smo imeli tudi svojo Čitalnico in par let celo Narodni dom. Slovensko življenje je cvetelo, da je bilo veselje. Vse to je dalo pogum nekaterim, da so pričeli misliti na lastno trgovino.

Naši naseljenci so prihajali večinoma iz dežele. Rokodelcov je bilo med njimi malo. Ker so bili fantje brihtni, so se oprijeli dela ter se v raznih strokah izučili. Izmed trgovin jim je najbolj ugajala gostilniška obrt, ki se jim je že v starem kraju zdela imenitna. Svoj čas smo v Sheboyganu imeli 37 slovenskih gostiln; zdaj jih je precej manj. Prvo gostilno je odprl Anton Starič leta 1902. Prvo grocerijo je prišel Jože Zore leta 1905, prvo mesarijo pa Anton Suša leta 1909. — Točasno imamo slovensko trgovino z zlatino, trgovino za moške obleke, trgovino s pisalnimi potrebščinami, grocerije, eno mesnico in več restavracij. Imamo samostojne gradbenike, barvarje, zidarje, čevljarje, izdelovalca mehkih pijač, kontraktorja za izravnavo zemljišč, več garaž za prodajo avtomobilov in gasolinskih postaj.

Naj omenim bivšo največjo slovensko trgovino—SOUTH SIDE WOOD SUPPLY CO. Leta 1917 so štirje rojaki — Rok Juriček, Anton Suša, Jože Zore in Mihael Skok — kupili cel mestni blok, kjer so pričeli trgovino z drvami na debelo. V severnem delu države Wisconsin so kupili velike parcele gozdov, kjer so sekali drva, jih pošiljali v Sheboygan, pa tudi drugam. Trgovina je več let lepo uspevala — 8 let sem jo vodila jaz — a po 18-ih letih obstoja je morala prenehati, ker so plinske peči izpodrinile kurjavo z drvami.

Spomladi leta 1920 smo se sheboyganski Slovenci z velikanskim navdušenjem organizirali v delniško družbo ter pričeli grocerijsko trgovino pod imenom NATIONAL STORE. S tem podvzetjem nismo imeli sreče. Radi neizkušnosti in iz raznih drugih vzrokov je po dveh letih trgovina ukinila poslovanje.

Edina slovenska delniška družba, ki neprestano obstoja od leta 1909 do danes in to z uspehom, je mesnica SUSCHA MEAT MARKET. (Ravnatelj Ludovik Suscha). Družba je znana mnogim rojakom po Ameriki, ki pri njej naročajo izvrstne domače mesne izdelke. Družbo je ustanovil pokojni Anton Suša, ki je bil dober trgovec in velik narodnjak. Rojen je bil v Trebelnem na Dolejnskem. V Sheboyganu je prišel leta 1899, gostilniško obrt je pričel leta 1905. Bil je ves čas velik prijatelj slovenskih naseljenecv. Dobil jim je delo, dal hrano in stanovanje, posredoval zanje, če so bili v zagati. Za našo faro ima velike zasluge. Bil je član stavbinskega odbora, ko je bilo treba zbirati denar za nakup zemljišča in zgradbo nove cerkve. Ko je fara kupila Zeleno Dolino in je bila v poljeju treba zemljišče namakati, je Tone od svojih ameriških prijateljev zbral nekaj denarja ostalo pa daroval sam, da se je v Zeleni Dolini postavila naprava za namakanje, ki je stala okrog tisoč dolarjev. Anton Suša je umrl 22. aprila 1922.

Prvi posestniki.

Ob ustanovitvi naše fare je naselbina štela kakih 70 družin. Izmed teh je komaj deset lastovalo svoj dom. Sta-

ri in mladi slovenski rod v Sheboyganu točasno šteje okrog 4.000 oseb, a je prav malo slovenskih družin, ki bi ne imele svojega lastnega doma. In vsi Slovenci, ki so prišli iz starega kraja, so postali ameriški državljani.

Ljubezen do lastne zemlje je napotila prve naseljenecv, da so kupili zemljišča, kjer so pozneje postavili svoj dom.

Frank Švartz je 18. marca 1901 kupil 3 lote na Wisconsin Ave.

Frank Strupek je 30. oktobra 1902 kupil loto na Wisconsin Ave.

Janez Godec je 19. februarja 1904 kupil hišo na 520 North Water cesti ter postal prvi lastnik slovenskega doma v Sheboyganu. Rojen je bil v Trebelnem na Dolejnskem. V Sheboyganu je došel leta 1898. Leto pozneje mu je z družino sledila soproga Francka, po poklicu babica. Od družine živita dva sinova: Jože v Sheboyganu in Tone v državi Ohio. Okrog hiše je takrat bilo nekaj parcel zemlje, ki je dajala pašo eni kravi in enemu konju. Z konjem so se gospodar in njegovi borderji vozili na delo na RIVERSIDE, ki je zdaj lepa vas z velikansko industrijo — THE KOHLER COMPANY.

Mladi rod.

Naša mlada generacija lepo uspeva in je svojim staršem v ponos. Mnogo naših mladih ljudi ima v mestu dobre in odlične službe. Imamo tudi lepo število profesionalcev, naprimer: 3 zdravnike, 3 odvetnike, enega bankirja, več učiteljev, kemiste, inženirje, žurnaliste, drugiste, bolničarke, zdravniške tehnike in druge. Naj omenim organizacijo Stanko Skok Frančič, ki cerkveno petje poučuje nad 25 let. Šolala se je v glasbeni šoli Alverno kolegija v Milwaukee. Olga Plesetz Saye je učiteljica glasbe — klavir in harmonika. Točasno poučuje 71 učencev. Več let smo imeli slovenskega aldermana pri mestni upravi. (Carol Mohar). V politiki se točasno udeležujeta Stanley Botochnik in Mary Sauchek.

Naša naselbina je za časa zadnje vojne štela kakih 2400 Slovencev. Izmed teh je služilo strica Sama 251 fantov in deklet, ali 10 odstotkov vse naselbine. V zadnji vojni je padlo 8 slovenskih fantov, namreč: William Fale, Joseph Bregar, Frank Remšak, Frank Zavri, Joseph Serketič, Toni Smerke, Frank Zlodit, Jimmy Saye. — V vojni v Koreji je padel Anton Vranič.

Mnogi naši mladi Slovenci so v zadnji vojni bili odlikovani za hrabrost in povišani v službi. Poleg korporalov in saržentov smo imeli kar deset oficirjev. Michael Progar, točasni ravnatelj lokalnega časopisa THE SHEBOYGAN PRESS, ima čin majorja pri topništvu. Dr. John Urabec je bil kapetan v zračnem koru, Teodor Prislant pa kapetan v inženirskem oddelku. Robert Mohar in Albin Supančič sta bila poročnika in armađna pilota. Frank Ribič in Viktor Weiss sta bila časnika pri mornarici. Progarjeva družina je imela kar tri armađne oficirje. Od Frank Zavrlove družine je bilo pet sinov v armađi, od družine Jožeta Kregel tudi 5 sinov, od Antona Šercl družine je strica Sama služilo šest sinov, kar je bil rekord za našo mesto.

Naše žene in dekleta so se takoj ob pričetku vojne organizirale v samostojno postojanko Rdečega križa (100 oseb), kjer so pletle, šivale in delale zdravniške obveze. S tem delom smo prednjačile drugim narodnostim v mestu. Kri za vojake so nekateri Slovenci darovali po pet in šestkrat. Naši rojaki so se navdušeno odzvali vsakemu apelu za vojno posojilo. Amerikanci so to videli, zato nam je bilo večkrat povedano, da smo Slovenci — po svojem značaju — najuglednejša narodnost v mestu. Naši ljudje priznanje v resnici zaslužijo. So pošteni trgovci, dobri delavci, zavedni državljani, imajo lepo urejene in čiste domove in svoj rod so vzorno vzgojili. V ponos smejo biti samim sebi in svoji narodnosti!

To skončuje popis slovenske naselbine v Sheboyganu. Podrobnejši opis je nemogoč, ker bi se preveč zavleklo. Žajala sem le važnejše podatke, ki naj bodo poklonjeni spominu in v priznanje onim našim pogumnim in vstrajnim rojakom, ki so z resno voljo in pridno roko dali pričetek in obstanek slovenski naselbini v Sheboyganu.



Rev. James Černe, ustanovitelj slovenske fare v Sheboyganu.



Ana Rojšček Švartz, prvo slovensko dekle, ki je prišlo iz starega kraja v Sheboygan. (Slika z leta 1875)



Viktorija Švartz Supančič, hčerka pionirske družine in Zvezina članica.

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DOPISI

Št. 1, Sheboygan, Wis. — Glavna seja naše podružnice je bila prav dobro obiskana. Članice se zavedajo važnosti letne seje. In kako so bile radodarne! Napolnile so mize z dobrotami, da so bile obložene kot za banket. Dobre članice imamo! Lepa jim hvala!

Po ureditvi programa za to leto so se vršile volitve odbora. Tri spremembe imamo v odboru; novo podpredsednico in dve nadzornici. Ker se iz odbora poslavlja naša agilna, za Zvezico vsa leta vneta ustanovna članica in prva predsednica Mary Godez, naj se s temi besedami v imenu podružnice od nje poslovim.

Mary Godez je bila predsednica 10 let in podpredsednica 10 let. Bila je članica prvega gl. odbora in glavna podpredsednica od leta 1946 do 1949. Podružnico je imela vedno pri srcu in je za njo veliko storila, zakar smo ji zelo hvaležne. Žal nam je, da iz odbora odhaja, a zagotovila nas je, da z izstopom iz urada njena deljavnost ne bo pojenjala, temveč, da bo sodelovala tudi zanaprej, le na odbor ne želi biti navezana.

Iz nadzornega odbora izstopa Frances Melanz, ki je to mesto zavzemala 12 let. Kot načelnica kuhinje ima velike zasluge. Vedno smo se zanesle, da bo vse prav skuhan, spečeno in servirano, kadar je ona imela kuhinjo v oskrbi. Najlepša zahvala tudi njej za delo tekom let. — Olga Hlade je bila v odboru le eno leto. Ker na seji ni bila navzoča, je nismo mogle izvoliti ponovno.

Na letni seji navadno izberemo častno mater podr. To mesto bo letos zavzemala Mary Brezonik, ustanovna članica, rediteljica podružnice in zavedna Zvezina članica. Od njene družine je pri naši podružnici vpisanih 7 članic.

V maju bomo imele po seji program za Matere, prvo sredo v septembru pa

običajno letno kartno zabavo. Načelnica za Materin program je predsednica Olga Saye, za kartno zabavo pa zapisničarka Anna Modiz.

Važno: Iz gotovih vzrokov so mesečne seje naše podružnice premeščene na tretjo nedeljo in ne bodo več drugo nedeljo kot dosedaj. Meseca januarja, julija in avgusta seje odpadejo. Prihodnja seja bo 21. februarja. Pridite!

Odbor za leto 1965 je sledeči: Olga Saye, predsednica; Mary Sauchek, podpredsednica; Margaret Fischer, tajnica; Mary Vertacic, blagajničarka; Anna Modiz, zapisničarka. Nadzornice: Molly Zunter, Bary Krahnz, Christine Sterk. Rediteljica: Mary Brezonik.

Odbor za kuhinjo: Dorothy Brezonik, načelnica; Mary Godez, podnačelnica; Dorothy Kregel, Christine Sterk, Johanna Zore, Emma Kotnik.

Odbor za obveščanje članic po telefonu je isti kot dosedaj, namreč: Mary Godez, Margaret Fischer, Marlon Gustaveson, Anna Modiz, Christine Rupnik, Frances Ribich, Johanna Suscha, Mary Vertacic, Ruth Sheck.

Poročevalki: Mary Godez, Mary Vertacic.

V decembru so bile sprejete 4 nove članice. Podružnica točasno šteje 226 članic v vseh oddelkih. Zadnjih 5 let je pristopilo 64 novih članic. Od teh sta umrli dve; odstopila ni nobena.

Odbornicam in članicam želim prav srečno in predvsem zdravo Novo leto, podružnici pa lepega napredka.

Marie Prisland

Št. 3. Pueblo, Colo. — Bog daj da bo leto 1965 prineslo vsem kar največ božjega blagoslova, srečo in zdravje.

Letne seje se je udeležilo bolj skromno število članic. Mladinski oddelk je bil dobro zastopan in smo vedno veseli, da pridejo na dec. sejo, da se

ALI JE VERA POTREBNA?

Danes slišimo neprestano ugovore proti veri. Mnogi pikro pripominjajo: Ali si ti tudi še tako neumen. Človek je pod vplivom modernega napredka in iznajdb zavrgel vero v starega Boga kot nepotrebno šaro. Tako je lepo biti svoboden in brez vsakih obveznosti, ki nam jih vera nalaga. Moderni človek misli, da se čuti sproščenega, ko ne sliši več o katekizmu. Veliko lepše je predati se mladostnemu razpoloženju, športu in vsemu temu, kar nudi življenje. Vprašanje je le, ali je s tem vera odpravljena? Prav gotovo ne. Ali so s tem ljudje dosegli svobodo in mir, ki so si ga želeli. Ne.

Nemški pesnik Lenau nam sam opisuje, kaj je doživljal brez vere. Takole pravi: "Hotel sem kupiti srečo s tem, da sem odpadel od vere. Ali ravno to mi je prineslo nesrečo. Prepotoval sem daljne dežele, taval po pragozdovih, a pokoja nisem našel. Dokler sem bil še veren, sem živel kakor v raju. Vsak vetrič mi je govoril o Bogu. Vsaka cvetlica se mi je zdela poslanka božja. Hrepenenje po nebesih mi je napolnjevalo dušo in iz srca so mi kipele vesele molitve. Ko sem pa krenil na pot nevere, me je zapustilo vse veselje. Ko sem zavrgel križ Kristusov, se je temen obup polastil moje duše.

Kako je to žalostno a vendar tako resnično. Tako se godi vsem današnjim beguncem pred Bogom. Seveda so ti ljudje, ko so izgubili oporo v veri iskali takoj nadomestila.

skupno poveselimo. Izvolile smo tudi ves prejšnji odbor, razen nove podpreds., ki je Mary Zdravje. Zelo obžalujem, da nas je Tončka Klun zapustila. Bila je naša zapisničarica več let. Škoda, da dobre uradnice izstopijo brez vzroka iz odbora.

Upam, da boste vse članice redno hodile na seje, da ne bomo samo odbornice navzoče. Ena drugo se sprašujejo kaj je vzrok, da jih več ne pride na seje. Nekatere članice imajo slabo navado, da ne plačajo celo leto in še v dec. mora tajnica sama do njih, toda to je težko, ker ne ve kedar jih bo dobila doma. Naslov naše taj. F. Simonich, 1113 Mahren St. Na letni seji so bili z nami tudi duh. vodja č. g. Daniel Gnidica ter podali zanimiv govor za vse navzoče v prid naše SZZ. — Sklenjeno je bilo, da se bodo seje vršile vsako prvo sredo v mesecu, v cerkveni dvorani. Nadalje bomo zopet pošiljali Get-Well kartice bolnim članicam. — Vse se tudi pozivajo, da nam pridobijo nove članice. — Leto dni je že poteklo od kar spi večno spanje nepozabna Josephine Erjavec. 27. febr. bo prva obletnica smrti Bare Kramer in 7. marca bo poteklo leto dni odkar nas je zapustila naša teta Theresa Centa. Spomin na nje je neizbrisni.

Iskrene čestitke in želje k uspehu v javnemu življenju in delovanju želimo Slovencema, ki sta pri november-skih volitvah bila izvoljena v važne urade. Robert Horvat je bil izvoljen za okrajnega šerifa in Edward Jaklic je postal okrajni sodnik. Slovenci v Pueblu smo ponosni na njih in naj ju spremlja božji blagoslov.

Zelo obžalujem, da je več dobrih članic bolanih. V bolnišnici so se zdravile: Mary Kambich, Theresa Rear, Jennie Jarc, Agnes Roitz, ki si je pri

padcu na ledu poškodovala hrbet. Frances Gačnik si je na poti v cerkev zlomila roko. Tudi Anna Novak se nič ne pohvali, še vedno jo muči bolezen. Vsem bolnim želimo, da jim Bog nakloni ljubo zdravje. Čestitke Helen Skrabec, ki je dobila za božično darilo hčerkico.

Mr. John Germ bivši gl. preds. KS KJ je zelo bolan, kar nič ne gre iz postelje. Želimo, da bi mu ljubi Bog naklonil zdravje.

Iskreno sožalje izrekamo ses. Frances Grebenc in Mary Datz ob izgubi sorodnika Frank Striglar.

Mamie Pugel je s soprogom prepotovala za počitnice preko več držav, toda pravi ob vrnitvi, da je najbolj privlačna točka "Home, sweet home".

Prisrčne čestitke ses. Mary Lenich za njeno bogato darilo v obliki oglasov za našo dec. Zarjo. Res posnemajna vredno delo.

Najlepša hvala vsem dragim soses. za lepa božična in novoletna voščila. Obilo sreče in zdravja vsem skupaj želi, Vaša, Anna Pachak, preds.

Št. 7, Forest City, Pa. — Ko so prišle na vrsto volitve na naši dec. seji, so vse rekle, da naj ostane po starem. toda našo tajnico, Josephine Gostisho smo morale kar čakati, da je pristala, ker v teh časih je res težko biti tajnica. Lepo se ji moramo zahvaliti za njeno delo, ker tako lepo urejuje tajniške posle, da gre pri podružnici kar dobro naprej.

Seje se vršijo vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu v VFW Hall, Dundaff St. ob 2 uri popoldne. Odbor za tekoče leto je naslednji: Anna Kameen, predsednica, Mary J. Kameen, podpreds., tajnica in blag., Josephine Gostisha,

Poiskali so svojega boga, ki ga častijo. Različno imenujejo ti moderni idolopoklonci svojega Boga kakor denar, čast, trgovina, šport, oseba. Iz svobodnih otrok božjih so postali sužnji samega sebe.

Vendar tudi tako stanje človeka kaže, da je v njem nenehno in če že ne zavestno pa vsaj podzavestno iskanje Boga. Ako človek ne najde resničnega Boga, ali pa se od njega oddalji, ni zadovoljen. V trenutku največje sreče takih ljudi, plane dvom v dušo in jih mori. V uri nesreče jim njihovi bogovi ne dajo odgovora in tolažbe. V življenjskih prevarah morda celo v svojem življenjskem drugu so brez moči in jih to vodi v obup. V prestanih krivicah ne znajo reči; potrpi. Iz jeze padajo v jezo in maščevalnost. Konec tega je še večji nemir.

Ruski pisatelj Tolstoj je v svojem delu Moja izpoved zapisal: "Samo tedaj moreš živeti, če veruješ v Boga." Kar velja za posameznika velja tudi za narode. Samo tedaj more človeška družba živeti, če veruje v Boga. Brez vere v Boga, brez strahu božjega bodo narodom in človeštvu sploh vse iznajdbe, vsa odkritja, vsa kemija, vsa tehnika služile le v propast. Moderni čas je s svojim socialnim vprašanjem, z revolucijami, z vojno, z grozovitostmi to dovolj potrdil. Vsem narodom kakor posameznikom velja božji opomin: Ako se je vse to zgodilo, si vzemi k srcu, spreobrne se s tvojimi otroci iz vsega srca in iz vse svoje duše k Gospodu Tvojemu Bogu in ga v vsem poslušaj. Potem bo Gospod Tvoj Bog spremenil tvojo usodo in se te zopet usmili.

N. Main St. in nadzornice sta: Mary Kotar in Mary J. Kameen.

Želeti bi bilo, da bi za novo leto napravile sklep, da bi se vse v večjem številu udeleževale sej in tako napravile sebi in drugim članicam nekaj veselih ur razvedrila. Z dobrim nasvetom bi pa tudi pomagale k napredku naše SZZ.

Po seji smo imele malo Božičnico in praznovali smo rojstni dan Lucille Pantzer. Zapele smo ji "Happy Birthday, Lucille." Imele smo se tako dobro, da se nam ni prav nič mudilo domov in želimo, da bi še večkrat imele take vesele seje. Pogrešale smo sestre Mildred Dutchman in Fannie Kaušek, ki se nista dobro počutili takrat, pa upamo, da bosta prišle na prih. sejo. Tudi smo pogrešale ses. Jennie Shamro iz Herrick Center. Upamo, da Bog nakloni v letu 1965 vsem ljubo zdravje.

Vso srečo v tem letu želim vsem članicam podružnice, č.g. duh. vodjem Father Krusinski in Father Okorn ter vsem članicam Zveze in gl. odbornicam.

Anna Kameen, preds.

Št. 10, Cleveland, O. — Ko boste čitale ta dopis, bomo že v mesecu februarju. Vse članice vljudno vabim, da pridejo na Valentinov dan, ki ga bomo praznovali 9. febr. v navadnih prostorih. Pa prinesite kakšen prigrizek, pa bo lušno. Imele bomo tudi poštarja in pismonošo, za Valentinovo razvedrilo.

Na dec. seji smo imele lepo zabavo in prišel nas je obiskati tudi sv. Miklavž. Imele smo izmenjavo daril in praznovanje godov ses. Salmich in ses. Čermelj, ki so nas kar lepo postregle. Predlagano je bilo, da bi v l. 1965 imele kako zabavo, ali prirediti, naker je bilo sklenjeno, da bomo

imele pred Veliko nočjo "bake sale." Opozarjam, da se ženske še sedaj pripravite, da boste kaj dobrega spekle, kak cake, štrudel ali pa potico. Saj vemo, da imamo odlične kuharice med nami. O tem bomo še poročale pozneje.

V dec. smo izgubile kar tri članice: Mary Pike, Anne Suhadolnik in Mary Mehle. Pokojnim sestram želimo večni mir in pokoj in vse žalujočim preostanim izrekamo globoko sožalje. V zadnjem letu smo izgubile 8 članic.

Upamo, da bo vsaka članica v tem letu vpisala eno novo članico in da bomo tako dobro napredovale.

Več naših članic je bolanih, med njimi ses. Urbas in ses. Čebular. Upamo, da bodo hitro ozdravele, da bodo zopet med nami na sejah. Vsem bolnim želimo ljubelega zdravlja.

Pri volitvah so prejšnje odbornice, bile zopet izvoljene: preds. Anne Markovič, podpreds. Phyllis Čermelj, taj. Mary Camloh, zapis. Sophie Magayna, nadzornice: Millie Novak, Štefka Koncilja, vratarica Jennie Koren. Vse drugo tudi ostane po starem.

V blagajno je darovala ses. Ižanc. Srčna ji hvala!

Vsem slavljenkam rojstnih dnevo, vse najboljše in vse iskreno pozdravljam.

Sophie Magayna

Št. 14, Euclid, Ohio. — Ko pišem te vrstice, je god Sv. Treh Kraljev. Zunanaj je vreme sončno in toplo kakor pomladi. Če bo še nekaj časa tako lepo vreme, pa bomo zimo kar lahko prestali. Božični prazniki so za nami in v novem letu želimo vsem, da bi ga preživeli v zdravju in zadovoljstvu.

Na jan. seji smo sprejele kar dve novi članici k našemu društvu. Mrs. Paula Adams je prestopila od št. 10 k nam in smo jo z veseljem sprejele, druga pa nova čl. Mrs. Milena Ferkulj. Obe so dobrodošle med nami. Pri naši podr. je vedno mnogo veselega razpoloženja, posebno še kadar zapojemo naše lepe narodne pesmi.

Ses. Mary Okički je zbolela in šla za 2 tedna v bolnišnico, sedaj se zdravi na domu. Njej in vsem bolnim sestram želimo, da bi hitro ozdravele.

Zadnji mesec je praznovala svoj visoki 85 letni rojstni dan naša dolgoletna čl. Frances Gorše iz 207 St. Vse članice ji želimo še mnogo zdravih in zadovoljnih let v krogu njene drage družine. Na dan njenega jubileja je prejela izredno veliko čestitk, daril in rož od njene družine in številnih prijateljev.

Na seji je bilo tudi poročano, da se bo vršila drž. konvencija skupnih društev dne 15. maja na Waterloo v Slov. domu.

Na dec. seji smo zbrale med članicami 48 dol. za revne otroke. Mesto izmenjave daril in Miklavževanja, kakor druga leta, smo vse namenile za revne otroke.

Na tej seji so naslednje sestre darovale v "good time" blagajno: Pinčulič, Ivančič, Vidovič, Vichich, Leksan, Mickovič, Adams, Okočki, Ozano-

DOLGOLETNA TAJNICA MARY SCHIMENZ UMRLA

Št. 12, Milwaukee, Wis. — Najprej voščim vsem članicam Slov. ženske Zveze srečo in blagoslov v tem letu. Posebno še sestram pri naši podr.

Naznanjam žalostno vest, da smo izgubile našo dolgoletno tajnico, Mary Schimenz, ki je preminula 10. dec. v lepi starosti 80 let. Naša podružnica jo bo zelo pogrešala. Bog ji daj večni mir in pokoj.

V imenu podr. izrekam prisrčno zahvalo naši gl. tajnici, Albini Novak, ki se je udeležila pogreba za pokojno sestro Shimenz. Prišla je tudi na našo glavno sejo za kar smo ji iz srca hvaležne.

Pri volitvah je bil izvoljen naslednji odbor za leto 1965: Preds. Frances Plesko, podpreds. Frances Tratnik, tajn., Theresa Sukys, 1311 So. Layton, zapis. Mary Ekanich; nadzornice: Genevieve Sagadin in Agnes Ganick.

Na seji smo tudi sklenile, da naj članice pridejo na sejo in tam plačujejo asessment; posebno pa se priporoča, da bi jih čimveč plačalo za celo leto naprej, ker s tem bo olajšano delo tajnice.

Vabljeni ste, da pridite v čim večjem številu na sejo, ki se vršilo vsak tretji četrtek v mesecu v cerkveni dvorani, 1028 So. 9th St. ob 1 uri pop. — Po seji imamo vedno malo razvedrila.

Vsem bolnim sestram želim ljubelega zdravlja in vsem kličem, da se vidimo na prihodnji seji.

Frances Plesko, preds.

vič, Bobnič, Fakult, Čebulj, Sodja in Šuštar. Vsem se v imenu podr. najlepše zahvaljujem. Naj Vam Bog bogato poplača na Vašem zdravju. Vse iskreno pozdravljam.

Antonia Šuštar, poroč.

Št. 15, Newburgh, Ohio. — Decembarska seja je bila lepo obiskana. Imele smo božičnico in izmenjavo daril. 2 članice sta prinesla gramofon in plošče, da so igrale božične pesmi in smo vse prepevale. Peciwo so prinesle kot darilo Helen Mirtel, sirov cake, Jean Resnik, cake in Jennie Zupančič, birthday cake, ker je obhajala svoj rojstni dan. Drugo pa smo plačale iz blagajne, da smo imele vsega dovolj za jesti in piti. Božičnica je bila za stare in mlade članice.

V denarju so darovale sestre: Helen Mirtel, Ana Jakič, Theresa Jerič in Mary Čekada. Srčna hvala vsem!

Naše seje se bodo vršile letos ob sredah ob pol osmih zvečer v navadnih prostorih. Izvoljen je bil ves stari odbor in društvena pravila so bila potrjena po starem.

Vabim članice na prihodnjo sejo, da se pomenimo kako bi lepše napredovale v tem letu 1965.

Vsem bolnim članicam, katerih imamo veliko, želimo ljubelega zdravlja. Iskreno pozdrav vsem,

Francis Lindič, preds.

Št. 20, Joliet, Ill. — Nastopili smo novo leto, katero želim, da bi vse do konca dočakale zdrave in srečne. Leto kar hitro mine in ko pogledamo nazaj, ugotovimo, da so se v preteklem letu naše vrste skrčile za sedem članic, ki so odšle po večno plačilo: Christina Mauzer, Mary Laurich, Anna Korevec, Pauline Stefanich, Agnes Korelec, Anna Vranic in družabna članica, Frances Horvat. Vse omenjene so rade prihajale na seje, dokler so bile zdrave in tudi darovale dobitke. Zelo jih bomo proglašale. Naj jim bo Bog usmiljen!

Preds. Emma Planinsek je na seji poudarila, da bi se morale potruditi ter nadomestiti omenjene članice z novimi, posebno sedaj ko je v teku članska kampanja.

Na naši letni seji ni bila navzoča blagajničarka, Josephine Sumic, ker se je takrat nahajala v bolnišnici Sv. Josefa zaradi operacije. Vse navzoče smo ji želele hitro okrevanje in ji poslale voščilno kartico, katero smo podpisale vse navzoče. Tajnica tudi poroča, da so bolne na domu, Amalija Pleshe, ki je že več let na postelji, dalje Agnes Minarich, Cath. Lamuth, Barb. Gregorash in nadzornica Jennie Sprengel, Antonia Struna in več drugih.

Zapisničarka poroča, da se naša prva tajnica podr., Anna Pluth ne nahaja več v Johnston Nursing Home, temveč so jo premestili v Chicago. Njen novi naslov je Beacon Nursing Home, 4530 N. Beacon St. Lepo bi bilo, da bi se je članice spomnile s kako kartico, ker obiskati jo bo odslej bolj težko. Ses. Mary Jerman se pa nahaja v Pleasant Center Nursing H. v Jolietu.

Tajnica poroča, da bo za leto 1965 v skladu s sklepi zadnje konvencije, pobirala za 5¢ mesečno višji asessment.

Tajnica je tudi poslala čestitke jubilatantom srebrne poroke, Mr. in Mrs. Francis Suski ter Mr. in Mrs. Math Verbisher. Obe članice sta naši dobri kegljačici.

Preds. se zahvali kegljačicam za lep Božični večer, katerega so, kakor vsako leto priredile kegljačice v Rivals Parku pred Božičem. Večerja in celotni program je bil lepo in prijetno izpeljan. Navzoče so bile naslednje odbornice: E. Planinsek, Frances Gas-pich, Josephine Muster in Theresa Muhich. Ob tej priliki je preds. tudi povabila kegljačice, da bi se redno udeleževale sej, da bodo vsaj vedele kaj se dogaja na sejah v njihovo korist. Nato je res prišlo nekaj kegljačic na sejo, kar je bilo veselo vzeto na znanje.

Na seji je bilo sklenjeno, da bomo imele piknik na prostorih Mrs. Mary Kunstek v Yorkville, tretjo nedeljo v juniju. Vse članice so naprošene, da si zapomnijo ta datum.

Vse skupaj lepo pozdravlja,

Josephine Erjavec

Št. 21, Cleveland, O. — Drage sestre naše SŽZ: Najprej želim vsem, da bi to leto bilo zdravo in srečno in da bi v miru božjem vodile naše Zveze.

Z žalostnim srcem moram poročati, da smo zopet izgubile eno sestro, Mary Rahne, ki je podlegla po daljšem bolehanju. Tako smo izgubile kar štiri dobre matere, ki so vse imele velike družine in vse so bile vdove, ki so veliko pretrpele v življenju, zato pa naj jim bo Bog bogati plačnik v večnosti. Zalujočim sorodnikom izrekamo iskreno sožalje. Božji volji se moramo ukloniti, pa tolaži nas zavest, da vidimo se nad zvezdami.

Najlepše pozdrave vsem,

Frances Kavc, poroč.

Št. 23, Ely, Minn. — Na naši letni seji v dec. je bila lepa udeležba. Pred sejo smo imele "pot luck" večerjo. Vse članice so nanesele skupaj vse sorte dobrot, da je bilo na izbiri in vse je bilo res okusno pripravljeno, tako da nam je izborna teknilo. Hvala vsem darovalkam in tistim, ki so miže tako lepo božično okrasile. Upam, da se bodo prihodnjič udeležile tudi tiste, ki so takrat zamudile in videle bodo, da jim ne bo žal.

Na seji se preds. zahvali vsem navzočim za udeležbo in jim v imenu odbora izreče praznična in novoletna voščila. Po prebranih računih tajnica poroča, da ima tezave za blagajno, ker vsaka članica plača v blagajno samo 5¢ mesečno, toda stroški se večajo. Zadnje leto je smrt pobrala iz naše srede 5 članic. Razmotrivalo se je o več predlogih v prid blagajne. Sprejet je bil predlog, da priredimo kartno igro prvo nedeljo v marcu in da daruje vsaka članica en dolar in s tem se bodo kupili dobrotki. Vsaka bo prejela tudi par tiketov, da jih bo prodala med prijatelji. Gre za cel večer priljubljenih iger in vemo, da se bo vsaka rada udeležila. Vabljeni so moški in ženske.

Pri volitvah je bil soglasno zopet izvoljen ves dosedanji odbor. Po seji smo zopet posedle mize in igrale karte. Nekatere so prejele lepe dobrotke. — Prosim, da bi se v večjem številu udeleževale sej v tem letu, posebno prosim članice Dawn Cluba, da se nam pridružijo na sejah.

V zadnjem letu umrle članice sem omenila v zadnjem dopisu, a zatem so umrle še sestre Frances Majerle in Johana Belaj. Naj počivajo v miru. Sorodnikom naše sožalje.

Operacijo so srečno prestale: Mary Gornik in Angela Miklačić. Če je še katera čla. bolna, a ne vem njenega imena, želim vsem hitrega zdravlja.

Iskrena hvala direktoricam SŽZ za izrečeno sožalje ob smrti mojega soproga. Enako se zahvaljujeta tudi Barbara Rosandich in Mary Shikonja.

Prisrčno pozdravljene odbornice in članice naše Zveze.

Katherine Slogar, poroč.

CLEVELAND, O. — To poročilo bo bolj kratko in bo krilo razne novice naše podružnice št. 25. Torej — začela bom z najvažnejšim:

Najlepša hvala za prijetno božičnico, katere smo bile vesele, ker se je udeležilo lepe število članic. Mislim, da se je sleherni, ki je bila navzoča, prav dobro zabavala in bila zadovoljna.

Sestra Mary Otoničar je s pomočjo sester Mary Kolegar, Jennie Femec in Molly Deželan pripravila in servirala slastno in okusno pripravljene dobrote. Bila sem zelo vesela in hvala, ker so članice prinesle in darovale toliko dobrega peciva in drugih dobrot. Žal mi je le, da ni dovolj prostora za omeniti vse radodarne članice; ne bi bilo pravično omeniti nekatere in izpustiti druge — torej, naj izrečem vam vsem prisrčna hvala za vašo dobroto. Enako hvala tudi sestram Frances Nemanich, Barbara Byers in Millie Blankenship za okraske na mizi in jaslice.

Imele smo letno sejo, in ostale bodo vse dosedanje uradnice: Pauline Stampfel, predsednica; Mary Kolegar, podpredsednica; Mary Otoničar, naša najbolj zanesljiva in vestna blagajničarka; Dorothy Strniša, zapisničarka; Molly Deželan, vratarica; Jennie Femec in Antonia Mihevc, nadzornici. Edina sprememba je, da jaz nisem sprejela za tajnico, bom pa od časa do časa poročala novice naše podružnice v Zarji.

S posebno radostjo sporočamo, da smo imenovali našo "najmlajšo" članico, katera vestno poseča naše seje,

Št. 26, Pittsburgh, Pa. — Čas res zelo naglo beži. Leto 1964 je za nami, smo že v novem letu in vedno si želimo, da bi nam kaj boljšega prineslo. Tako gre eno leto za drugim. Tudi z društvenimi volitvami je tako. Ene imajo spremembo, a pri drugih vse ostane po starem. Pri naši podr. je vse ostalo po starem. Članice so se odločile, da nočejo spremembe, da so popolnoma zadovoljne z nami. Tudi me ne moremo ugovarjati posebno še, ker jih na vsako sejo pride toliko, da napolnimo prostore ter nas vedno s čim iznenadijo.

Naša Slovenska ura na radiju za Božične praznike je bila zelo lepa, in je bila eno uro daljša, kakor navadno, ker je toliko slov. oglasov od naših ljudi, ki vzdržujejo ta program. Za boljši uspeh je želeli, da tudi v bodoče pošiljate svoje prispevke, komu je le mogoče. Radijska oznanjevalka je naša čla. Mary Sherlong in Joe Belch. Ona je aktivna na vseh prireditvah z njenim soprogom. Tudi je večletna čla. pevskega društva Prešeren in je poučevala mladinski zbor, ki je prirejal koncerte in igre pod njenim vodstvom. Njen soprog zna tudi lepo igrati harmoniko in jo ob raznih prilikah prav rad potegne.

za "Častno mater leta 1965," in sicer je to — Mrs. Julija Bokar, ki ta mesec praznuje svoj 81. rojstni dan. Čestitamo!

Imamo več članic, ki se v februarju veselijo svojega "birthday," med temi so tudi Dorothy Strniša, ki bo 76 let "mlada," Mary Otoničar bo imela svojega 75. tega, Vickie Faletich in Molly Deželan boste pa zopet "21." Alenka Hren z E. 63 St., ena naših novejših članic, je tudi zagledala luč sveta v februarju. Koliko jih bo našela, pa ne vemo.

Že 35 let je sestra Anna Laurich z 1177 E. 58 St. članica podr. št. 25 in ta mesec bo praznovala 86. rojstni dan. Nam je žal, da zadnjih par mesecev ni pri najboljšem zdravju, upamo pa, da ji bo Bog dal dobrega zdravlja in se bo lahko povesečila s svojo številno družino. Enako čestitamo vsem našim februarjskim slavljenkam in jim želimo obilo dobrega zdravlja in zadovoljstva!

Pravijo, da je boljše pozno, kot pa nikoli, torej naj veljajo naše čestitke tudi zakoncem Frank in Helen Swegal z E. 77 St., ki sta pred kratkim obhajala obletnico njiju skupnega življenja. Bog vaju živi še na mnoga leta!

Predno zaključim, želim opozoriti članice, da ne pozabite povišek mesečnega asesmenta za pet centov. Tiste, ki ste v "A" razredu, boste poslej plačevale po 50 centov na mesec, tiste v razredu "B" pa po 75 centov na mesec.

Naj bo z vami božji blagoslov in oslanite zdrave — do prihodnjic, ko se oglasim, pa vas sestrsko pozdravljam!

Josephine Golinski, poročevalka

Naše iskreno sožalje tajnici Anna Frankovic, kateri je 22. dec. nagloma umrl brat njenega moža, Marko Frankovic. Bil je samec in je dolga leta živel pri njih. Zelo bo pogrešan.

Upamo, da bomo pridobile kaj novih članic v tem letu, saj se naše starejše članice izmikajo in z njimi gre tudi naše društvo nekoliko navzdol, zato je potrebno, da jih nadomestimo z novimi. Torej drage sestre, potrudite se in pripeljate kaj novih članic na sejo. — Sedaj v zimskem času, prosim, da bi obiskovale bolne sestre, ker vas bodo zelo vesele, saj so dnevi zelo dolgi, predvsem bolnikom, ki ne morejo ven. Posebno je hudo za tiste članice, ki so mesece priklenjene na bolniško posteljo.

Želim vsem srečno in uspehov polno leto 1965, bolnim sestram pa kar najhitrejše okrevanje. Mary Babor, blag.

Št. 29, Browndale, Pa. — Vsem članicam naše podr. in sestram po širni Ameriki želim mnogo sreče in zdravlja v tem letu.

Zelo mi je bilo hudo, ko sem izvedela, da je naša članica, Mrs. Grdin izgubila še drugo nogo, toda pri vsem trpljenju, je prav korajžna in sem slišala, da je za praznike prepevala v bolnišnici božične pesmi.

Naj sedaj zapišem staro slov. pesem o Sv. Treh Kraljih:

"Na kamelah jezdi jo sv. Trije
Kralji,
in darila nosijo v svoji zlati halji.
Zvezda kraljem kaže pot,
kjer Gospod prebiva, kaže Kralja
vseh dobrot;
Nanj vsa luč razliva, kralji se
razvesele,
ko zazrejo Dete, tovor svoj mu
podare, —
in še duše svete."

Ob zaključku naj se še enkrat zahvalim vsem, ki so se me spomnile za god. Ker ne morem pisati, naj te vrstice veljajo v zahvalo vsem in vsaki posebej.

Najlepše pozdravljam vse moje prijateljice s katerimi sem prepevala. Z Bogom.
Mary Pristavec

Št. 47, Garfield Hts., Ohio. — Glavna letna seja se je vršila 12. dec. ob zadovoljivi udeležbi. Odobreno je bilo vse po starem, razen novega časa za seje, ki bodo mesto ob 2 uri pop., bo ob 3:30 pop. vsaki drugi mesec, drugo nedeljo v mesecu v S.D.D. na 10814 Prince Ave. — Celotni odbor je bil soglasno zopet izvoljen za to leto. — Za častno mater je bila izvoljena ses. Mary Rusjan, ki si je to mesto res zaslužila. Sejo smo hitro zaključile, ker so nas čakale krasno okrašene miže, da je bilo lepo kot sam Božični večer. Imele smo okusno večerjo, si voščile vse najboljše za praznike in končale s tisto lepo pesmico "Sveta noč . . ."

Na tem mestu se lepo zahvalimo ses. Mary Vlcek, ki je napravila rože za na mizo in šopek (corsage) kot darilo podr. Dale smo na listke in srečna je bila naša zapisničarica, Jennie Praznik. Šopek je dobila Carolina Šustersič. Perfum je darovala Jennie Gerk in dobila ga je preds., Roselyn Shuster. Izmenjava daril je bila zelo zabavna. Vsem, ki so na kakršnikoli način pripomogle k tako lepi božičnici, iskrena zahvala. Imena darovalk bodo prečitana na seji 14. febr., ki se prične ob 3:30 pop.

Ses. Vatovec je vpisala novo članico, Anna Čekada, katero smo z veseljem sprejele in ji kličemo iskreno Dobrodošlico med nami.

Lepo se zahvalimo podr. št. 68 iz Fairport Harbor, ki so nas dobro pogostile 5. dec. Obljuba dela dolg in končno so se nam izpolnile želje, da smo uživale pristne domače krvavice in prekrasne klobase. Iz Clevelanda nas je bilo za en bus, tudi nekaj moških se nam je pridružilo. G. Želodec nam je igral harmoniko, da je vse prepevalo. Gl. preds. Tončka Turek je organizirala ta izlet in odzvale so se od vsake podr. iz Clevelanda, Euclida, Newburgha, Garfielda in Warrensvila. Lepa hvala vsem, ki ste se nam pridružile in še enkrat prisrčna zahvala gostiteljicam, ki so nam pridno stregle.

Slišimo, da članice št. 68 niso samo odlične kuharice, ampak tudi so zelo izurjene v balincanju. Tudi pri naši podružnici imamo strokovnjakinje v tem športu, zato bi mogoče bilo dobro, da bi si v poletnem času napovedali tekmo. Upamo, da ne bo šla ta ideja v koš.

Ob zaključku želim vsem bolnim sestram ljubega zdravja in vsem vso srečo v tem letu, da bi Bog blagoslovil z ljubim zdravjem vse članice, gl. odbornice, duh. svetovalca Rev. Okorna in Msgr. Omana, ki so bili naš svetovalec nad 30 let.

Pozdravlja,

Jennie Pugely

Št. 71, Strabane, Pa. — V novem letu lepo pozdravljene gl. odbornice, duh. vodja in vse članice SZZ. Naj vam to leto 1965 prinese obilo sreče in zdravja.

Na letni seji 9. dec. je bila velika udeležba. Zelo lepo je voditi seje in ukrepati za prihodnje leto če je lepa udeležba.

Za to leto je bil izvoljen ves stari odbor z izjemo nadzornice, Antonia Šenkinc. — Seje se vršilo vsako drugo sredo v mesecu in vsake 2 mesece. Za umrlo članico darujemo za sv. mašo in cvetlice. Umrli sestri gremo moliti večer pred pogrebkom, udeležimo se pogreba z gorečimi svečami.

Po seji smo imele Božičnico in smo se prav lepo zabavale.

Lepe čestitke gl. taj. A. Novak, ki je tretjič postala stara mamica. Urednici Corinne Leskovar lepo priznanje za izbornu urejeno Zarjo in iskrena hvala za družinski koledar.

Našim bolnim sestram Mary Chesnik, Kathy Kogovšek in Frances Batista, želim ljubega zdravja.

Na rokah imam Kuharske knjige, ako katera želi, naj me pokliče in bom vam rada prinesla.

Vsem najlepši pozdrav.

Mary Tomšič

Št. 88, Johnstown, Pa. — Na pragu novega leta, želim vsem, da bi v tem letu bili zdravi in srečni. Ob preteklih božičnih praznikih je bila božična okrasitev res izredno lepa. Kar kosali so se kdo bo imel lepše, posebno ob večerih je bil prelep pogled na jaslice in drevesčke na čast novorojenemu Zveličarju.

Na sv. večer ob pol enajstih nas je za vedno zapustila naša zvesta članica, Mary Lovshe. Dosegla je častljivo starost 87 let. Bila je več kot 25 let tajnica naše podr. Pokopana je bila 28. dec. iz cerkve Sv. Anne, kjer je tudi bila zvesta faranka in se redno udeleževala dnevnih sv. maš dokler je mogla, toda zadnje leto in pol ni več mogla. Bog ji bodi dober plačnik in naj v miru počiva.

Kakor je pisala, se je nahajala v bolnišnici ses. Mary Ulle. Prosim, da nam oprostite, ker nismo vedele, da je bila v bolnišnici. Želimo ji ljubega zdravja.

Kakor veste, je asessment povečan za 5¢ tudi za čl. 80 leta starosti. Katere ste prej plačevale 65¢, boste odsej 70¢ in katere ste doslej plačevale 40¢, boste od sedaj naprej 45¢, zraven pa kolektamo 10¢ podr. stroške poslovanja. Katere ste oddaljene, lahko pošljete asessment po pošti knjižico in denar in bom vse poslala po pošti nazaj. Tiste, ki ste prekoračile 75 let, boste plačevale 20¢ mesečno. — Najlepša hvala tistim, ki redno plačujete asessment za v naprej.

Pozdravlja,

Jennie Stusek, tajnica

Št. 99, Elmhurst, Illinois. — Naša decemberska in letna seja se je vršila pri sestri Mary Podgornik in je bila dobro obiskana, kljub mrazu in snegu, se nas je zbralo kar lepo število, ker smo raztresene okoli.

Odbor za to leto je ostal pri starem, razen male spremembe.

Sestra Mollie Remec si je v jeseni pokvarila nogo, a sedaj je že dobra in lepo hodi.

Ko pridejo te vrstice v našo Zarjo, bomo že v drugem mesecu leta 1965, zato pozdravljam vse gl. odbornice in članice Zveze in vam želim ljubega zdravja, ki je največje bogastvo na svetu. Vse najlepše pozdravlja,

Theresa Krkoc

Št. 100, Fontana, Calif. — Najprej se želim zahvaliti vsem sestram za božične pozdrave, posebno še Albinu Novak in Anni Pachak.

V dec. smo imele letno sejo in volitev odbora za leto 1965. Z malo spremembo je vse ostalo po starem. Odbor je naslednji: preds. Jennie Kurlich, podpreds. Mary Videgar, taj. blag. Dorothy Petrich in zapis. Antoinette Kovach. Bolniški odbor: Mary Majzak in Rose Ustar. Nadzorni odbor: Gertrude Rupert, Mary Majzek. Poročevalka v slovenščini Frances Lukanič in v angleščini Antoinette Kovach.

Na tej seji smo sprejele novo članico Maria Arneson, kateri kličemo Dobrodošlico. — Seje se vršijo vsaki prvi četrtek v mesecu ob 7 uri zvečer v KSKJ dvorani. — Po seji pa bomo igrane priljubljene igre, zato ste vabljeni vse članice, da se udeležite prihodnje seje v velikem številu.

Naj še poročam, da naše mesto naglo raste. Časopis Herald poroča, da je mesto dalo lansko leto dovoljenje za gradnjo novih poslopij v vrednosti blizu 6 milijonov dol. Tudi novi poštni urad (Post Office) bo odprt v febr. — V Fontano prihajajo Slovenci na obiske in nekateri za stalno iz vseh krajev in naša slovenska naselbina ima dva Slovenska domova. Zabave nam nikoli ne manjka.

Pozdrav vsem članicam, posebno urednici, ki tako lepo urejuje našo Zarjo.

Frances Lukanič, poroč.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1964 FINANČNO POROČILO ZA OKTOBER, 1964

No.	Total	Adult	Junior
1.	82.40	165	46
2.	185.10	344	159
3.	142.15	286	162
4.	4.45	18	—
5.	45.62	109	36
6.	46.65	117	14
7.	61.90	94	128
8.	—	62	1
9.	—	34	3
10.	144.25	363	44
12.	—	212	70 *
13.	50.10	114	20
14.	137.00	314	28
15.	113.85	245	27
16.	69.40	138	83
17.	78.40	160	61
19.	57.40	132	39
20.	174.65	424	127
21.	42.15	90	53
22.	23.00	21	— ÷
23.	107.00	243	62
24.	78.05	174	77
25.	349.15	725	198
26.	45.15	110	12
27.	32.00	65	4 †
28.	38.55	81	10
29.	12.60	32	7
30.	15.40	18	— ÷
31.	48.20	104	38
32.	—	115	22
33.	79.45	146	89
34.	18.05	35	7
35.	34.10	67	40
37.	8.35	25	4
38.	56.30	146	1
39.	23.25	67	24
40.	42.45	98	5
41.	100.25	259	37
42.	22.45	49	—
43.	58.35	119	73
45.	50.90	52	7 #
46.	13.25	30	5
47.	52.85	117	25
48.	3.70	9	3
49.	—	33	5 *
50.	94.10	162	89 %
51.	7.65	16	—
52.	26.45	54	15
53.	50.10	26	7 &
54.	37.90	73	66
55.	30.65	69	7
56.	46.55	109	18
57.	40.00	75	37
59.	—	33	4
61.	58.80	11	— @
62.	16.70	34	1
63.	60.15	116	55 *
64.	—	57	2
65.	26.50	63	24
66.	26.50	52	20
67.	—	73	27 *
68.	26.55	45	8
70.	19.95	14	3 &
71.	49.25	109	21
72.	11.65	31	4
73.	50.90	107	57
74.	23.25	44	4
77.	24.75	55	32
78.	—	25	9 *
79.	18.90	34	21
80.	—	19	—
81.	8.45	25	—
83.	17.90	23	3

84.	—	69	6
85.	11.55	29	5
86.	9.95	20	—
88.	22.15	42	13
89.	41.95	95	6
90.	22.85	53	25
91.	32.85	57	14
92.	13.15	23	2
93.	—	64	—
94.	31.20	18	1
95.	99.60	168	38
96.	23.55	52	2
97.	11.50	21	6
99.	8.75	21	—
100.	20.80	42	9
101.	27.80	42	20
102.	—	18	4 *
104.	8.55	23	—
105.	11.32	21	5
106.	—	19	1
\$3,919.49		8823	2527

* Assess. pd. for Sept., ÷ Assess. pd. for Oct. & Nov., † Assess. pd. for June, # Assess. pd. for Sept. & Oct., % Assess. pd. for Aug., & Assess. pd. for Oct. Nov. Dec., / Assess. pd. for Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec., @ Assess. pd. for the year 1964.

INCOME — DOHODKI:	
Assessment from members	\$2,919.49
Rental income in October	155.00
Interest on investments	634.94
Total — skupaj	\$4,709.43

DISBURSEMENTS — STROŠKI:	
M. Janezic, br. 7, Forest City	\$ 100.00
J. Pezdirtz, br. 10, Cleve.	100.00
A. Novinz, br. 10, Cleve.	100.00
M. Vrecko, br. 10, Cleve.	100.00
A. Novak, br. 16, So. Chgo	100.00
A. Wyrembek, br. 19, Eveleth	100.00
A. Starasnic, br. 22, Bradley	100.00
P. Kastelic, br. 23, Ely	100.00
F. Tomsic, br. 23, Ely	100.00
F. Oblak, br. 25, Cleve.	100.00
M. Simoncic, br. 25, Cleve.	100.00
R. Bertson, br. 33, Duluth	
(1 year)	25.00
A. Sulentic, br. 33, Duluth	100.00
M. Mrak, br. 33, Duluth	100.00
T. Vidrich, br. 40, Lorain	100.00
F. Novak, br. 43, Milwaukee	100.00
J. Kmet, br. 47, Cleve.	100.00
M. Rozanc, br. 47, Cleve.	100.00
J. Cvar, br. 48, Buhl	100.00
M. Kolanc, br. 52, Cleve.	100.00
A. Popeg, br. 77, N.S. Pittsb.	100.00
J. Virant, br. 81, Keewatin	100.00
Zarja — The Dawn,	
Oct. issue, 16 pages	1,114.94
Salaries and administration	1,015.00
Traveling and per diem	407.21
Dir. of Inter. Revenue	517.72
Repairs on house (water tank)	75.00
Rental of Home office	75.00
Printing, postage, sundries	267.00
Total — skupaj	\$5,596.87
Balance Sept. 1964	\$494,091.62
Income in October, 1964	4,709.43
	\$498,801.05
Disbursements in October	5,596.87
Balance Oct. 1964	\$493,204.18

Albina Novak, Sec'y

Junior's Page

HI BOYS AND GIRLS

A year ago this issue, REGINA made her first appearance with a special dedication to our dear, little girl. As she, this month, celebrates her last pre-school birthday, we pray God will bless her many little footsteps and guide her through happy, care-free days!

Do you know why throats are blessed on the third of February? While being taken back to prison by the Emperor's hunters, Bishop Blaise miraculously cured a child who was choking to death on a fishbone. Persons suffering from throat trouble often invoke St. Blaise, who lived in the fourth century and died a martyr.

Doing our best in our daily lives with the talents God gave us is our duty as good Catholics and citizens of our great land. Since Abraham Lincoln's birthday is commemorated this month, here are his thoughts on DUTY:

"If I were trying to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me this shop might well be closed for any other business. I do the best I can, the very best I know how and mean to keep on doing it to the end.

"If the end brings me out right, what is said against me will not amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

All set for a Valentine story? Here's one written by S. J. Jorjorian titled

"THE VALENTINE MYSTERY."

Benny counted his valentines again. "Twenty-nine," he said. "That's all—one from each class mate and one from Miss Williams." But then he heard Miss Williams say, "Benny Bernard — another one for you."

"How could it be?" Benny thought. I've already received one from everybody!"

He walked slowly to the front, trying to figure if he had counted wrong. He looked to see who the valentine was from. It was a plain red hand-made one. In large awkward print, it read "Be My Valentine—Guess Who?"

"I wonder whom it's from. Could it be one of the girls? Maybe it's that chubby little Ann who's always staring at me. No, that couldn't be. She gave me one with her name on it. And who would want to give me two valentines? Oh, it must be a joke one of the fellows is playing on me."

Benny examined the printing for clues. All the N's were printed backwards. Whoever it was either couldn't print well, or part of the joke was to print the N's backwards to mislead him.

Just then Benny heard his name a-

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Chicago (Br. 2) Juniors presented "Hansel and Gretel" at their Christmas Party this year. First picture shows Joyce Matkovich as a Bird with Luddie Leskovar as Hansel. Center is the group of actors before the Gingerbread House. Right is Santa Claus with Kim Johnston, Joyce Matkovich, Diane Schultz, Sylvana Zuodar and Loretta Bogolin, all participants in the show which was delightful for all the spectators.

The playlet, Hansel and Gretel, was scripted by C. Leskovar, narrated by our talented Margie Leff and the following juniors took part: Josephine Bogolin (Gretel), Luddie Leskovar (Hansel), Debbie Zefran (Stepmother), Frankie Bence (Father), Margie Matkovich (Witch), Mimi Leskovar and Diane Schultz (Toy Soldiers tap dancers), Sylvana Zuodar (Sugar Plum Fairy ballet), Kim Johnston, Maria Gustin and Loretta Bogolin (Gingerbread Men dancers) and Joyce Matkovich (Bird). Those who recited and sang were too numerous to mention but we were especially delighted by the Slovenian songs of Paula and Angie Petek and Little Drummer Boy sung by Paula Strupeck. Everyone joined in singing Silent Night in Slovenian and English led by Maria Gustin.

gain, Miss Williams called him to the front. "Benny," she smiled, "there are only four valentines left in the box, and it seems they're all for you."

He hurried to the front, more puzzled than ever. He returned to his desk and stared at the valentines. They all had the backwards N's and were signed "Guess Who" like the first one. "This is going to take detective work," thought Benny, "but I'm going to find out who Guess Who is."

Days went by and Benny had no more clues than he started with just the backwards N's. "If I could get everyone to print my name, maybe that would tell who gave me the valentines. But how could I get everyone in the class to print my name without the guilty one knowing why I was doing it? Oh, I've got an idea—an autograph book!"

Next day Benny had all his classmates write in his autograph book,

making sure they printed "To Benny" so he could check to see how each one made the N's. He studied them carefully during lunch. No one printed the N's backwards.

"Well, I guess I'll have to start all over, looking for some other clue," he thought. "Wish I had someone to help me, but I don't dare say anything about it to anyone. I might be telling the very one who gave me the valentines."

Just then Benny looked around. There was no one else in the lunchroom. "Oh my, I must have been thinking so hard I didn't hear the bell. I'm late for arithmetic class, and I have to get my books from the locker."

He rushed to the locker, grabbed a stack of books, and ran to the arithmetic class. He sat down and flipped open his book. Then he realized he'd grabbed his little brother's third grade arithmetic book instead of his own. He and Chuck shared the same locker. He stared at the name printed in large and awkward letters—Chuck Bernard. And the N in Bernard was printed backwards! It was the same printing that was on his valentines.

"But why?" thought Benny. "Why would Chuck want to give me five valentines?"

When school was out, Benny hurried to meet Chuck to walk home with him.

"Hi, Chuck. I want to ask you something. Did you put five valentines signed 'Guess Who' in my home-room box on Valentine Day?" questioned Benny.

"Well, yes," stammered Chuck, a little frightened.

"But why, Chuck? I don't understand," said Benny.

"Well, just before Valentine Day, I had a terrible dream that you didn't



get any valentines at all and that all the kids laughed at you. I wanted to make sure you got some. Then I didn't dare say anything because I was afraid it would look like I thought you didn't have any friends." Chuck still looked a little scared of what his big brother might do.

"Chuck," said Benny happily, "you are a swell brother and the best friend I have. After all, the other kids just gave me one valentine and you gave me FIVE."

Your friend,
REGINA

CLEVELAND JUNIORS CELEBRATE

Our Bazaar of last October was profitable for our Junior division because we worked hard and did our best to make a success of our booth. Because of this success, the girls were treated to a day at the Rollerdrome. They enjoyed the music and had a wonderful time skating. Over the loud speaker was announced that we were all present. In the near future, we plan to have another such skating party!

Our Christmas Party was Dec. 19th and the girls all brought their favorite cakes and cookies. The tables were beautiful with the attractively prepared bakery, ice cream, candy and pop were all on hand.

We had gifts and surprises for everyone, including me. I mean, the girls brought me a beautiful 4 piece salad set. Thank you again!

It is wonderful to work with such a nice group. Just keep it up, cadets! I have to thank Bernie Vidmar and Mrs. Margaret Rebol for all their help. God bless you all.

Mrs. Ernestine Jevce

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