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VITÁM VÁS ! GREETINGS ! The year is past and we plan to have 1981 just as rewarding as last year. It was with some apprehension that we started in 1980. The wonderful cooperation of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, and the last but not the least, you members, that so much important progress has been made in our organization.

We continue to assist the Czech Fine Arts Fdn.in their efforts to bring a larger and better museum to our area. Our association with Czech Village continues to be most rewarding.

Some of the highlights of the past years include:

- a never-to-be-forgotten program and reception for Gene and Zdenka DEITCH of Prague,Czechoslovakia . . .
- the film about Jan Hus shown with the cooperation of the Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church,was interesting and well received . . .
- the participation of our members with Czech Village Assn.in Houby Days and the Fall Festival on The Avenue . . .
- the Annual Picnic in August at ZCBJ Park was well attended and enjoyed by all who came
- our delegation to Recognition Day of the Annual Betterment Commission in Des Moines reported that the event was informative and educational

Through the untiring efforts of our treasurer, Charles E.Krejci, we have finally received tax-exempt status from the IRS. He also reported that the CHFdn.has a bulk rate postage permit.

We all, you members, Mae and I are looking forward to the exciting and fulfilling 1981 -with more accomplishments by the Foundation.

Frank W.Novotny
President, C.H.Fdn.

CALENDAR KALENDAR

March 17 Czech Village Assn.participates in St.Patrick's Day Parade.

19 St.Joseph's Day Caravan.
details for both events, page 7.

APRIL 5 W.F.L.A.Iowa State meeting at Sheraton Inn, C.R. 10 am.

12 SOKOL Akademie, LaSalle High School Gym, 2 pm.

MAY 1 & 3 Czech opera, The Little Cunning Vixen,Hancher Aud. p 6.

9 & 10 Rudolph Firkušny,pianist, C.R.-Symphony concert

16 & 17 HOUBY DAYS . pages 7-8

29-31 C.R.Ethnic Festival,Riverside Roundhouse. page 7

JUNE ? Visit to C.R. of Czech youths in the Netherlands Youth Orchestra of Amsterdam. Concert in Iowa City.

24 Sokol Roundup, XV National Slet, Dallas,Texas . .

JULY ? Czech Days in Treer, Iowa

AUGUST 1,2, Czech Days,Wilber,Neb.

20 Annual Picnic. Details in summer issue of newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 11,12,13 Annual Czech Festival, Czech Village C.R.

October 3-4 Czech Days, Yukon,Okla.

Another PUBLICATION will soon be added to our offerings on our heritage - an album of 50 folk and patriotic songs of the Czechs and Slovaks. The album has long been out of print. Some songs will be familiar and others somewhat new. We are pleased that both clefs of the score appear on the pages. If you know words of some songs and have not the music, then you must have the melody in your head ever since Czech school days of some 100 years ago! Are you still with us? ? !! !



MARCH IS BIRTHDAY MONTH !
 On March 28th, we should remember the birthday of JAN AMOS KOMENSKY who was born in Moravia in 1592.

He became an internationally famous educator, scholar, author, philosopher and theologian. He was a Cech patriot who lived most of his adult life in exile having left the homeland of Bohemia in the early years of the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). He once wrote, " I love my country and its language and my great wish is that it should be cultivated."

He wrote more than 200 books on a wide variety of subjects and was a true renaissance man. His best remembered books are:

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"Gate of Languages Unlocked" and "The Visible World in Pictures." The first book introduced a modern approach to language study and compared the Cech and Latin languages side by side. The second book was the first illustrated textbook and was popular throughout Europe for over 200 years. Komensky spread educational reforms throughout Europe. He urged universal education, teaching in the local language, methods including illustrations and examples, physical education, health education, vocational training and the use of drama in the schools.

A little known fact about Komensky is that he once was invited to accept the presidency of our own Harvard College, but declined. He had made a commitment to establish a new educational system for Sweden. This famous Cech very nearly became an American!

If you stand on the 5th Street side of the City Library near the Gazette building, you will see, just under the roof overhang, the name of KOMENSKY along with other world famous authors. We all should be very proud that this famous Cech is a part of our own heritage.

Robert J. Stone

At a meeting of the newsletter committee it was decided that the cover-page color would reflect the season:



And we salute THOMAS G. MASARYK, first president of the Republic of Czechoslovakia. He, too, was born in Moravia, March 7, 1850, at the village of Hodonin, some 50 km. (30 mi) southeast of Brno. He attended the gymnasium at Stražnice 15 km. northeast of his village and graduated from the University of Vienna. At age 32 he was a professor at the University in Praha.

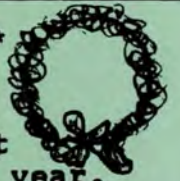
TGM as Thomas Garrigue Masaryk is often affectionately named is well known by us as the one who forged the Republic of Czechoslovakia, 1918-1938, a mere 20 years of freedom and selfrule. His accomplishments, his leadership in Central Europe, statesmanship, philosophy, scholarship and devotion to bettering the lot of all people is a record yet to be matched.

He was President of the Republic 1918-1935 when he resigned at the age of 85. Eduard Beneš was his successor. Soon after the Nazi steam roller moved into the nation.

TGM died in 1937. He is buried at Lany, not far from Praha.

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 * With regret we note
 * the passing of several
 * of our members the past
 year and thus far this year. Our deepest sympathy to the families for the loss of a loved one. The inevitable comes to us all-though they live in our
 * precious memories as long as we
 * can remember .



green for spring, pink for summer, goldenrod yellow for fall, and red for winter . The Calendar of Events will carry announcements well in advance so that you can plan all your activities accordingly and WRITE THE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR in the kitchen or is it by the phone ? or your desk?

Heritage Foundation

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REPORT FROM ANNUAL MEETING.

Officers for 1981: President - Frank W. Novotny, V. Pres. Robert J. Kubik, Secretary-Bette Trefny, Fin. Secretary-Charles Vyskocil, and Treasurer-Charles E. Krejci. Members of Board of Directors: James Cada, Denver Dvorsky, Dennis Hrabak, Chas. Jungman, Jr., Eva & Robert Kouba, Max Naxera, Emil Lamparek, Wencil Lippert, Mae Novotny, Donald Smith, Betty Petrzalek, Raphael Snitil, Robert & Marjorie Stone, Melvina Svec, Blanche Trachta, Adeline Vol- esky, Mana Zlatchlavec.

TAX EXEMPT RATING. It will be of interest to you to learn that after almost two years of correspondence and telephone calls with the Internal Revenue Service, **I** we have received a determination **R** from them that Czech Heritage **S** Fdn., Inc. is exempt from federal income tax.

Donors may deduct their contributions to the Foundation in preparing income tax. Bequests, legacies, devices, transfers of gifts to our organization are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes.

C.E. Krejci, Treasurer



CONGRATULATIONS to: Susan Marie Dvorak of Elberon, the new Benton County "Pork Queen". She is a senior at the Benton Community High School . . . and to

Larry Kasparek of North Liberty -- won the Johnson County corn yield record of 185.77 bu./acre

ANNIVERSARIES.. It is always a real pleasure to read in the local papers of the wedding anniversaries of our members and many friends as well as those who reach birthdays well beyond the "average span" of others. To them and to those of you in other parts of our state and the nation, our heartiest BEST WISHES for continued good health, activity, and happiness !

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In a recent issue of the Parade magazine, was a report on "QUALITY of LIFE" - a project evaluating this quality in 50 countries in regard to "social, economic, health education, environment, national vitality, and security." In these conditions the United States ranked first...then followed by Canada, Australia,.... Czechoslovakia ranked 11th, then followed by Japan and Great Britain. One wonders who the folks were in Czechoslovakia that were asked for their ideas.

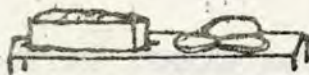
SHARING CZECH HERITAGE & CULTURE

Our Speakers Bureau continues to supply programs, talks and/or demonstrations to thousands of people each year. In 1980 a record of reported audiences numbered 3693 by those who sent in annual reports. Groups which invited our speakers were schools, lodges, clubs, church circles, conventions, senior citizen gatherings. Our museum guides and those who demonstrated arts and some special food preparations met with thousands of people who were at the local Festivals we have in Cedar Rapids. We like to share our skills and enjoy meeting people interested in our culture and heritage. . . .

HERITAGE GROUPS throughout the entire nation have been increasing and that is good news. Recently the Fort Dodge Czech organization had its "First" Czech dinner. The available tickets grew from 200 to 240. Next year the event will be "bigger and better" ! In the states of Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Minnesota, South Dakota, Ohio and many others, groups have long been organized and very active. CARRY ON!

Did you know that the Beer Barrel Folke has other words in first edition? Look for the words elsewhere in newsletter. .





PODPLAMINKÝ ? The mystery has been solved ! Six people sent in replies so we say "pretty smart" just as we said we would !

All respondents agreed that "IT" is baked in ashes, or on the hearth or in the oven. The bread dough may be a part of the dough taken before the loaves are shaped or some "leftover" dough. Then biscuits are made such as "bolhánky" or "vdolky" or even "placky". VDOLKY had the most votes. Some folks bake them in the oven after the bread is done to make use of the heat. Others reported that baking of vdolky took place before the oven was hot enough for the bread baking ! At any rate, the vdolky were cooled off before the bread so the family had fresh bakery .

There were differences as to the hot ashes, or hot coals (from wood) to do the actual baking or use of ovens. Two suggested that cakes were baked - but bread dough was the basic item. Some dictionaries do use "cake" but it might be a matter of translation rather than "dort" which is cake.

The "answers" came from Col. Matt Konop (Wisc.), Mrs. Geregova (Bettendorf) Libbie Fikejs Cladwell (Illinois) and from our area were Vlasta Fajmon, Bette Trefny, Esther & Joe Cervený. THANKS to you who participated in our little contest!

P.S. Once I bought a package of English muffins to surprise Mother. When she saw them she exclaimed, "Why I haven't seen vdolky since I was a little girl on the farm." She didn't like those English Muffins! mms

P.S. Some folks analyzed the word: "pod" meaning under, beneath, below.. and "plamen" for flame or heat, fire. concluding it had to do with baking or cooking in ashes. "Peeling" words apart is indeed interesting .

WHEN RYE BREAD WAS BLACK BREAD

In the "old country" even as late as 1920 rye bread was 100% rye as it had been for hundreds of years. Wheat was a luxury flour. Money was set aside thruout the year for the purchase of white flour to make the special "goodies" at the Christmas season. Vanočka - Christmas bread, kolaches, hoska, and Boží milosti were special.

Grandmother made 12 loaves of rye bread at a baking for the family of five children. "Rye bread was really poisonous when fresh and had to be cooled to let the gases escape before eating." So loaves were placed in a pantry where an open window permitted ventilation. Then the bread was stored in a large pine chest. However, with a family of seven or more, and with little variety in the diet, the bread was soon gone.

Grandmother's oven was some sort underground hearth heated by burning wood to get the hot ashes. It would take a large oven to hold twelve loaves of bread. VBF

"HERB" MEDICATION

Imagine having a clove of garlic under your tongue to ward off the "germs" ! The relatives left their village at night to attend ailing families at a nearby village where a typhoid epidemic was raging. AND the relatives who went to help did not get typhoid!

An elderly pioneer locally drinks a morning potion of garlic in hot water rather than drinking coffee. He says the garlic water makes him feel better. VBF

Some folks believe that garlic in the diet helps relieve arthritis. (Sh..Sh..I'd rather have pains of arthritis than the odor of garlic!)

RBP VBF mms

This issue has grown to ten pages - a record in the five years of our existence. Thanks to contributions from you members whose items are in this issue. The editor welcomes suggestions and materials. See top of first page for our address.

Czech Fine Arts⁵ Foundation, Inc.

MUSEUM REPORT . It will be of interest to members to know that the building to be the new Museum was a warehouse. The Fine Arts Fdn. has a long-term lease from the City of Cedar Rapids at a nominal rental fee. So, the Foundation has the responsibility to repair and remodel the building.. This plan costs less money than if a building were to be rented over a period of years at a higher rental fee and likely not too well suited to meet the needs of a museum. Read more about the needs in the form below. Those who send in donations will be proud to have had a part in making this project a living memorial of our heritage . .



Officers of the Fine Arts Foundation for 1981 are :
President-Robert Schaffer, V. Pres.- John Kuba, Secretaries-Marie Trachta, Rose Kopecky, Treasurer- Elsie Jelinek.

Board Members for 1981 are:
Arlene Boddicker, Georgiann Brejcha, Mildred Drahovzal, Lovell Dvorak, Jana & Milam Fast, Joan Havran, Dorothy Gilmore, Charles Krejci, Milton Langer, Esther & Wencil Lippert, Harriet Nowadsky, Mildred Ortner, Annie & Gus Pesek, Barbara Skogman, Alma Turechek, Fern Fackler, Emil & Evelyn Lamparek.

The BARTERED BRIDE opera which was to have been presented in January was cancelled to our dismay and disappointment. We did want our many members locally as well as thruout the state and other states to understand why no review of the event appears in this issue of the newsletter. The action was taken by the Board of Directors of the Cedar Rapids Symphony because of financial problems.

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MUSEUM and LIBRARY FUND DRIVE

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YES! You can count on my donation to the building fund for the Museum. Your contribution will help us reach the goal of \$50,000 to be used in the renovation of the building for our new home and help in maintenance expenses. The building expenses include: plumbing, heating, painting, air-conditioning, roofing, carpentry work, insulation, carpeting, and various other features needed in a museum. Members are busy bringing order to the place for its earliest opening.

Suggested contributions:

Friends	up to \$ 50.	Donors	\$100 and over
Contributors . . .	\$50 to \$100.	Special Gifts . . .	\$500 and over

Please fill the blank with the amount you choose to give: \$ _____

We assure you that all gifts of any amount will be appreciated.

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. _____ Date _____

Address _____ zip _____

Please make the check payable to the Czech Fine Arts Foundation, and mail to the treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Jelinek, _____

You will be rewarded with that good feeling of having helped to make the project a special part of Czech Village and the Czech Community.

We do "Thank you" very much. Your donation is tax-deductible.

MUSIC . . . OPERA . . .



The CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN (Přihody lišky Bystroušky) also called "Adventures of Fox Sharpers", an opera in three acts, will be at Hancher Auditorium, Iowa City, May 1 and 3. What a treat that will be!

The opera has been popular for many years in the British and German theaters. The New York City Opera will present the opera in April. Later in the season the Vixen will be in San Francisco and Philadelphia.

The cast includes 17 children, adult dancers and singers, the vixen and a fox, dog, badger, screech owl, squirrels, rabbits, birds and insects. The opera is a hymn to nature and the eternal renewal of life.

The setting is a village tavern and the nearby forest. The opera has adventure, comedy romance and even some tragedy but ends on a happy note. The opera is for adults but is very appealing to children. The highlight of the opera is the opening scene with the forest coming to life.

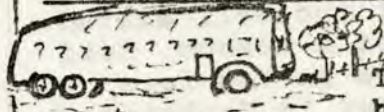
The opera was written by LEOS JANÁČEK who was born July 3, 1854 in the District of Ostrava, village of Hukvaldy, Moravia. His father was the schoolmaster who started reading and singing clubs. At age 11, Leoš was sent to the Brno Monastery Foundation to study music. He played the organ, piano, took lessons in singing and on special instruments.

Janáček admired Dvořák more than he admired Smetana. At age 23 he made recognized progress as a composer, performer, conductor, and critic. He was the first teacher in the new Slavonic Teachers' Institute in Brno, and remained there until 1904, a period of 23 years.

Janáček's musical creativity lies in his harmonic combinations of chords and in melodies based on the rhythmic curves of speech. He was totally interested in Moravian folk and dance music.

Janáček's death in 1928 places him with "one foot in the 19th century and the other in the 20th century" as one critic wrote.

It was not until after his death that his works as a composer received the recognition and acclaim they deserved. His numerous published works, both vocal and instrumental include 9 operas. Last spring the opera JENUFA was well received at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. - ŠARKA - also well known in most musical circles is another of Janáček's operas.



GOING TO THE OPERA?

The Heritage Fdn. has reserved a bus for the Sunday, May 3rd, trip to the opera at Iowa City.. Special rates for groups makes it possible for us to offer an opera ticket for a good seat and the bus fare for \$8.00 for senior citizens and young adults under 18 years of age. All others will be charged \$10.00 for the opera and bus ride.

The opera starts at 3 pm. and lasts about 2½ hours. Board the bus at United State Bank parking area at 16th Ave., "D" Street, SW. at 2 pm. Return should be about 6:30 pm.

Order opera ticket and bus ride: send check made out to Czech Heritage Fdn., and mail to Mr. Charles E. Krejci.

Reservations MUST be paid before March 27th. . Please list your phone number on your order. Tickets will be given to you at boarding of bus. If you go by bus, you will have no parking problem and possible weather troubles!

If you prefer to drive, then purchase tickets directly from the Hancher Ticket Office, Iowa City, Iowa 52440. Tickets are \$8, \$7, \$6. Tickets sale opens March 30th.

Rudolf FIRKUŠNY, Czech pianist, will be guest soloist, May 9, 10 at The Paramount with the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra. He is said to exhibit "dazzling technique and sensitive interpretation" in his approach to music.



**WE LOVE
PARADES!**



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St. Patrick's Day, March 17
St. Joseph's Day, March 19
Czech Village Association
will have an entry in the St.
Patrick's Day Parade, down-
town Cedar Rapids, 12 noon,
March 17th. For this annual
SAPADAPASO (St. Patrick's Day
Parade Society) event, Czech
Village merchants will have
a float entry complete with
Czech music and "the wearin'
of the green and the red" !

On St. Joseph's Day, March 19,
Czech Village will host a St.
Joseph's Day Caravan - in
which participants will cele-
brate the Czech Holiday.
Merchants will be distrib-
uting "I Love a Czech"
badges to visitors to the
Village. There will be many
specials, Village-wide; red
beer, red bread, and good old-
fashioned fun for all.

The Caravan is set for 4 pm
so that children may attend
with parents after school,
according to Ernie Hlas,
Czech Village Assn., president.



HOUBY DAYS-Another
annual event, week-
end after Mother's
Day, May 16 and 17.

The festival which is
co-sponsored by Czech Fine
Arts Fdn. will again feature
Czech fine and folk arts and
customs, Czech music, dancing,
5000 meter race, mushroom
contests and delicious mush-
room food. The focus of this
celebration is always a
heritage of Czech people.

Come to the
Village and
match pictures
with the shops!



Czech Village



CZECH VILLAGE BUSINESS

Officers of Czech Village for
coming year are: President-
Ernie Hlas, V. pres.-Lester
Sykora, Secretary-Bob Schaffer,
Treasurer-Patty Konecny, Assnt.
treasurer-Jerry Boddicker.
Directors of the Association
are: Rollie Pierson, George
Barta, Dick McDonald, Paul
Novak, Ray Snitil, Lumir Von-
dracek, George Joens, Rick
Bartunek, Dick Holden, Ernest
Kosek, Kris Jones.

The Village **WELCOMES** three new
partners : **DR. ALAN ROBB**, who
opened his Family Practice
Clinic in November 1980. This
month of March, **Dr. RICHARD
TRAVNICEK** will begin his den-
tistry practice. **SZABO'S Pet
Shop** is another addition..
Czech Friends, please stop in
and greet these new doctors
and our new merchant.

ETHNIC FESTIVAL



A festival to celebrate
the ethnic origins of the area
will be held for the first
time this spring! **THE EVENT** :
May 29, 30, 31 at Riverside Round-
house (Farmer's Market) just
south of the 12th Ave. Bridge
in near downtown Cedar Rapids.
The Czech ethnic group, will,
of course, be represented. The
event will be in Czech Village.
Other groups expressing an in-
terest this far are the Irish,
Danish, Norwegians, Germans,
and Syrians. More later!

"The **CZECHBOOK**", a cookbook that
will also be a book of heritage,
art and design of Czech people,
will be published in April by
Penfield Press.

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This page of news
by Pat Martin,
Czech Village
Coordinator . . .

The CZECHBOOK . . Many delightful recipes, ALL of them Czech, are included along with many interesting items from Czech people from all over the Midwest - - recipes from Cleveland and Metamora, Ohio, Chicago, Texas areas, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa. WE will love it !

THOSE GOOD OLD HOUBY DAYS..bring on the mushrooms!# Houby hunting has always been popular with Czechs. It is a sport. There are houby jokes, certain "grubbies" to be worn while out houby hunting, secret places to seek these delicacies, houby stories which are something like "fish" stories and many wonderful recipes to use in the preparation of a houby feast.

In May, houby hunters from eastern Iowa and often from other states, enter their prize houby in the contest. Trophies are awarded for the largest, smallest, tallest, most odd shaped large or small, best display, and best houba in the contest. Our expert houby hunters serve as the judges.

The most common spring mushroom in eastern Iowa is the Common Morel. There are other popular varieties. Mushrooms are high in minerals and vitamins. One word of advice : Be sure you KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT IS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR AND IF EATING IS WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND !

Pat Martin

BOHEMIAN GLASS and PORCELAIN



Is there a home where a family of Czech ancestry does not have even ONE piece of Czech cut glass, some porcelain or ceramics?

The magazine, CERAMICS INDUSTRY, the International Issue, Dec. 1979, features such products. The issue is a gift from our member, Dr. Gary A. Svec and will be in our Museum Library. The Editor-in-chief of the magazine is a Mr. Jerry J. Svec.

Although the articles are quite technical (for this writer) several items of interest were:

1. Traditionally hand-made Bohemian cutglass (now highly mechanized) was made in Bohemia in the 12th century.
2. At Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad) and some 14 other factories porcelain dinnerware is manufactured.
3. Automated machines apply the "decals" on flatware.
4. The oldest porcelain plant was built 101 years ago.
5. Some porcelain transistors for electrical works are taller than a person.
6. Special porcelain products for industry may contain special minerals depending upon their uses.
7. Porcelain enameling dates back to late 1600 and early 1700. Names such as Vollrath, Kohler, Vodicek and Hodek may be familiar to some folks.

That issue of the magazine features Czechoslovakia products and works.

What interest do George Svec and his son, Gary, have in glass and ceramics? They own and operate the IDT Corporation, Inc., Industrial Diamond Tool Co. Such tools are used in cut glass work and a variety of industrial processes. mms

ROOTS IN CZECH LODGES

When one of the first lodges of the Czechoslovak Protective Society, better known as the C.S.P.S., called the Prokop Velky after Prokop the Great, was formed in Cedar Rapids, its members built their home, the C.S.P.S Hall (1891). At once it was the hub of Czech social and cultural activities. Its spacious ballroom with a capacity of 1000 witnessed presentations of hundreds of stage dramatic plays, countless dances featuring outstanding bands and orchestras and including the famous Sokol masquerade balls. Concerts, union and political meetings, were held here. Outstanding personalities such as Dr. Eduard Beneš, 2nd President of Czechoslovakia, and his brother, Vojta Beneš, were introduced from the stage.

During World War II, the Hall became an arsenal for the unique Czech Guard
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ROOTS IN CZECH LODGES..... serving Civil Defense. On the ground floor, the local Czech weekly "Cedar Rapidske Listy" was published. When the building housing the Czech School was sold to Andrew Pelehna, a spacious room on the ground floor of the CSFS Hall became the new home of the Czech Reading Society, called the "father of all Czech groups in town."

Chicago professional players "The Ludvikovci" and the male singing society, "The Lyra" appeared on the stage. The third floor was used for lodge meetings. The second floor had a well equipped kitchen and a bar.

This "Club Room" area was popular as were the Czech dinners served in the main ballroom.

T.D.Hlubucek

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Valentine Saturday had a special treat for tennis fans at Five Seasons Center in Cedar Rapids! Čech tennis champion, MANA MANDILKOVA, age 18, had poise, confidence, sportsmanship plus fast foot work and backhand stroke. BILLIE JEAN KING was special as well. Hana defeated Bille Jean in the singles. The mixed doubles paired Hana with Eliot Teltscher who had lost to Butch Watts in men's singles; Bille Jean was paired with Butch W. It was a fast and hilarious match at times. The players often made side remarks to the audience - if you were lucky enough to be nearby to hear the comment.



MORE SPORTS. . IVAN LENDL defeated BJORN BORG of Sweden to win \$75,000 in recent Swiss Indoor Tennis Tournament. The Čech team of Tomáš Šmíd and Ivan Lendl won THE Davis Cup in Praha. Czechoslovakia is the first East European nation to ever win the cup. . outstanding award in 80 years. First Davis Cup 1900 . . HANA MANDILKOVA won \$100,000 prize in recent Atlanta Women's Tennis Classic by taking last 5 games. . .

TRAVEL Ever so many of our members have enjoyed the annual charter plane flight to Czechoslovakia in the last few years. Group departure from Chicago on June 12, \$ 842.00. Stay 16, Or 22 or 32 days. Travel ONLY to Czechoslovakia or there and other countries. Write to James V. Cada, at Western Fraternal Life Assn., at 1900 First Ave..NE., Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52402

CONDUCTED TOUR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA The Univ. of Chicago, Extension offers a 17 day tour by luxury coach including: Prague, Plzen, Karlovy Vary, Liberec, Olomouc, Ružomberk, Zilina, Tatranska Lomnic, Zvoleň, Bratislava, Brno, Pisek, and back to Prague. Swiss Air. Depart June 17, return to Chicago June 23. \$1,895 per person, share basis. The tour cost includes fees, tips, breakfasts and most meals enroute. Excluded are beverages, liquors, airport taxes. Limited to 25 persons. Reservations must be made at once. Write Georgia Gronner,

or Univ. of Chicago, Ex., 1307 60th St. and ask for Joyce Feucht-Haviar. Chicago Ill., 60637-

SOKOLS The SOKOLS organized in the Province of Bohemia in 1862. Only three years later the AMERICAN SOKOL unit was organized in St. Louis! The present world membership is more than 250,000. . Units are in . . Austria, Brazil, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, England, France, Sweden, Morocco, Poland, South Africa, Switzerland, United States. (American SOKOL Magazine)

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. John C. Volesky (Adeline) recent recipient of Wallace's Farmer, MASTER HOMEMAKER AWARD for 1980. Volesky's are members of C.H. Fdn. Adeline is a Board member, too.



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Melody for the following lines is known to you as the Beer Barrel Polka!

Škoda lasky-kerou ty jsi mi dala
 Ty mé oče dnes bjch si vyplakala
 Moje mládí uprchlo, tak jako sen
 na všechno mí zbyla jenom
 v srdce mém vzpomínka jen.

Too bad, the love you have given me
 today, I could cry my eyes out -
 My youth is gone - like a dream
 from everything - the only thing
 left in my heart are memories . . .

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