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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK A TRIBUTE TO MAE NOVOTNY

In our memories we hold the names of people who lived and died; especially the great who made their mark in history or left millions of dollars that their name not be forgotten. Then there are local names which the community will always remember.

Mae Novotny was one of them. Her life consisted of many achievements. Since Mae was of Czech descent, her activities were filled with positions to promote her heritage.

Some of her activities included : Western Fraternal Life Association in many capacities, as well as C.S.A., ZCBJ park board, Sokols, Czech Heritage Singers, board member for Czech Heritage Fd'n and Czech Fine Arts, Museum Guild and museum tour guide, and much much more.

Frank and Mae operated a flower shop from their rural farm home for 20 years. As neighbors my family had a close association with the Novotnys. Mae was a 4-H leader for 35 years and for our children. Mae and I often shared rides to our Friendship Circle Club as well as to serve as election officials. I had the privilege of working with Mae when we took the Czech Educational kit to schools to inform students about our Czech culture. Mae always helped with the labeling and mailing of our Naše České Dědictví.

Mae touched and talked to many, and her words of encouragement will be remembered and appreciated. We are happy for people like Mae, that we can hold dearly in our memory because we were privileged to share life together.

Mae died Sept. 1 in the U. of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. She is survived by her husband Frank, sons Russell and Roger, sister, brother and their families and grandchildren. She was laid to rest at Sulek Cemetery rural Shueyville.

Adeline L. Volesky

CZECH CARGO

In July, a Czech military cargo plane flew 11 tons of humanitarian aid, including water purification equipment to Entebbe, Uganda. The Czech Republic joined efforts of the international community to relieve the suffering of refugees fleeing from Rwanda.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again! As we finish our autumn in Iowa we can look back on some wonderful weather. We should remember for a moment the difficulties friends in Southwest Texas may be having from flooding. We wish you a speedy recovery!

I would like to publicly thank Wes and Olga Drahozal and Al Zindrick. As we went to press the Oloumoc Czech Republic Children's Choir was passing through Grinnell, Iowa then Cedar Rapids and on to an engagement further East. They got word that on short notice an engagement was cancelled (and also overnight homestay lodging). Wes and Olga found lodging in local homes as well as getting financial help from Czech Heritage Fdn. and a special rate from Al Zindrick for a meal at Zindrick's Czech Restaurant. I'm sure Zindrick's good Czech food made them feel right at home! Thanks folks!

We're looking forward to another step in the development of the Czech Village area in Cedar Rapids. On October 29 there was a dedication of the new Masaryk Park just across the Bridge of the Lions from the Museum. This is developing into a beautiful area in the Czech community. Masaryk will be commemorated with a engraved stone marker. Cedar Rapids Mayor Larry Serbousek participated. The new Czech Prince and Princess were crowned at the ceremony.

We're beginning to think toward the St. Joseph's Day Dance and thinking of the possibility that we might be able to hold it in the new Museum and Library building.

Something to remember; As next year may bring a large number of applicants to be student ambassadors in our homestay program we may find that financing needs will rise. When you send your dues in for next year consider whether you might put a little something in extra to help support the program.

Before closing I must take note of Wendy Booker's leaving the Czech Village Association to move with her family to Boston to take on new opportunities. Wendy's enthusiasm and her willingness to marshall the forces from any corner will really be missed but we wish her the very best! Thank you Wendy!

Na shledanou

Dave Faltis

Czech heritage Foundation

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(In the September issue, page 13, was a picture of Czech School children 1932-33, many unidentified.)

Nazdar,

On page 13 of Naše České Dědictví, there is a picture of Czech school children on Second St.

So many familiar faces, but unable to put names on them.

I can identify a few. The fellow in the first row from left sitting down #5 is Anton (Tony) Sykora. The girl in the third row #1 I believe is Mariam Stehlic Drahos. The fellow standing in front of Mrs. Zivny #2 is Joseph Sykora. I happen to know because they are my brothers. I also have another picture of another older group of the 2nd and 3rd grade same year. I have three pictures taken at summer school (Hays) 2 with Mr. Jindrich Jambor.

I enjoy the paper very much.

Mary Ann Sykora Alberty

Editor:

Enclosed is a copy of Czech School. Reading left to right:

- | | |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1st row | #2 Donald Suma |
| 2nd row | #1 Maxine Sprincl (I think) |
| | #4 Lillian Dusek |
| | #5 Henerietta Kubik (not sure) |
| | #6 Vera Peterka |
| 3rd row | #1 Velma Stehlik |
| | #7 Arlene Dvorak |
| | #10 Edward Kuba |
| | #11 Joseph Sykora |
| 5 th row | #6 Vera Peterka's brother |

Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Boehm

CORRECTION

Dear Editor,

In the last Newsletter on page 6 was an item about the Czech Cookbook from the Dayton Czech Club. I neglected to mention the shipping and handling charge. The Club president advised me that it costs \$2.00 for postage and padded envelope to mail the book.

Will you please add a correction in a forthcoming issue? I am sorry about the oversight.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Ann Kucera Niebes

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Czech Heritage Fd'n.

Dear Friends of Czech Heritage. Your Sept. newsletter arrived at our farmhome the day Don's cousins Gene and Elaine Konopasek left for their trip to the Czech Republic. We were feeling sad we were not able to travel, as the harvest of soybeans has begun and corn harvest will follow.

We traveled to the Czech Republic in 1993. Our nights were spent in Praha at the Adria Hotel and days spent traveling to villages and cemeteries where relatives are laid to rest.

What a surprise to see T. G. Masaryk's photo on the newsletter cover. We visited the graves of Tomas and Charlotte Garrigue Masaryk, by the guiding hand of an angel, our van driver Jerry. Jerry wanted us to visit the grave of the American Lady. We later learned who her husband was.

I would encourage a photo of Mr. and Mrs Masaryk be engraved in the block of black granite as the Czech residents of the Czech Republic recognize the influence of Charlotte for the country's independence. The follow-up history of their children and where the children are today would make an interesting story to add to the honor of their mother and father. As we learn more about the Masaryk family, we praise God for the opportunity to visit the village of Lány and the village cemetery. We are glad Jerry encouraged us to visit the grave of the American Lady and the grave of the First President of the first Czechoslovak Republic.

The article HOUBY WINNERS was interesting. We received photos from the Tahadlo family of Sáňy and one of the photos included their harvest of mushrooms.

We met Peter Latka of the Junior Achievement of the Czech Republic at the Krone Bakery. Very nice young man from Canada and we learned so much about the program and its growth since 1989.


The monks of the Lebeur Garden in the Castle of Praha will miss their home if the reconstruction of the garden takes away their privilege to live there

The Konopasek and Jerman families tell of the Button Man who helped them after they arrived in Chicago from Austria and Bohemia and the

train ride to Nebraska. Westpoint was their first village in America.

Very Grateful,

Donald & Sylvia Konopasek



A REQUEST FOR HELP

As a descendant of Romanian and Czech origin, this letter comes to you with an urgent request for help. I was born in the U.S.A. forty-four years ago, and in 1991 was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia.

A bone marrow is my only chance for life. Unfortunately, because I have a rare haplotype (tissue type), effort to find a successful bone marrow match has failed. Treatments at the Hope National Medical Center in California have proven unsuccessful, as have positive test matches from family members. Remission is not possible. The only cure is an unrelated bone marrow transplant.


Those with the same ethnic background have the best chance for a match. This is where I hope you can help. Encourage members of your organization to join the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Registry will increase the chances of finding a match and saving a life. All it takes to join the registry is a small sample of blood which is then "tissue typed", put in a computer and searched on behalf of bone marrow patients.

I will eagerly supply any additional information you may need. You can also obtain facts about my situation from my non-profit organization representative, the Organ Transplant Fund, Inc. at 1-800-489-3863.

My wife Penny, sons Matthew and Jordan, and I hope for any help your organization can offer to me.

Sincerely,

Gary Hojdila



GOODWILL STORE

Iowa business know-how will be the backbone of the Czech Republic's first Goodwill store. John Watson was in the Czech Republic laying the groundwork for the first store.

The shop is being helped by a cooperative with the help of Olga Havel, wife of the president.

Last summer, Věra Tomišková, was in the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids area for three months to study the framework. She was assigned Eastern Iowa because Goodwill offices have hosted international visitors and the Cedar Rapids Czech population and heritage.

During Watson's stay in the Czech Republic, he noticed a great deal of energy and creativity, building and reconstruction. A country on the move.

The store which was to have opened October 1, is in the city of Havírov. Havírov is in a depressed area of northern Moravia, between the city of Frydek-Místek and Ostrava.

Ostrava was once known for its coal mine and steel production. There are people who need work and services, job training and used goods.

The Havírov store will be smaller than Goodwill stores here and sell only clothing.

To get Goodwill started, Goodwill Industries of Iowa and Springfield, Mass. will ship enough clothing to last six months. After that they will rely on donations from residents to stock the store. Sales are not going to be a problem. There are used clothing shops run mostly by Germans.

Watson told store employees 3 rules for success: keep the store full, rotate merchandise, and keep quality high and prices low.

The shift from Communist one-customer production to multicustomer, multiple-markets has been difficult, but they are adjusting well.

Proceeds will be used by the co-op to employ people and provide services for the disabled.

(from Cedar Rapids Gazette)

How are men like a knedlik? (dumpling)

They are always in hot water. They lack taste, and they always need dough.

(from Posel)

SCOLA

SCOLA stands for Satellite Communications For Learning. Readers of Naše České Dědictví should be interested to know they can watch television news from the Czech Republic each week day at 3:00 a.m. central daylight time on SCOLA. SCOLA is a non-profit educational TV service that transmits the news and other programs from some 40 different countries. It is used by many schools as a tool to help students learn other languages and understand other cultures. Other people find it useful for keeping up with news in other parts of the world.

If you own your own satellite dish receiver, you can find SCOLA on Channel 22-H on Telstar 303 (T3). SCOLA is also carried by many TV cable networks so that those who have cable TV may be able to find it there. If their cable networks do not carry SCOLA, they can request that their cable operator put it on for them. Cable operators are often willing to put it on an educational access channel if they know that enough subscribers are interested.

MORE ABOUT SCOLA

- Channel 1 is the "national" news from around the world, from 40 countries available year around 24 hours a day. (including Czech)
- Channel 2 offers a wide variety of programs.
- Channel 3 offers courses in math, science and humanities from around the world in the language of the country of origin.
- Channel 4 offers classes in less commonly taught languages.
- For your system to be capable of receiving Scola now and in the future, Scola recommends that any dish be both c-band and KU-band capable and be a minimum of 2.4 meters in diameter. When SCOLA switches to KU digital format, you will need to purchase a special Integrated Receiver Decoder. Prior to the switch, you can use a regular analog receiver.
- For more information contact SCOLA, PO Box 619, McClelland Iowa 51548-0619 USA. Phone (712) 566-2202 Telex: 438119

AUTUMN FESTIVAL OF CHURCH MUSIC

Dear Friends,

I send you "Hello" from the Czech Republic. Can you help me please? Is it possible to print our prospectus in your publication and invite friends to visit the "Autumn Festival of Church Music" in Olomouc?

Pavel Mužný

OLOMOUC

The festival of church music in Olomouc wishes to introduce the ancient Moravian center, which is second only to Prague in its historical and spiritual significance, to visitors from abroad. The city itself is rich in musical history; the outstanding Renaissance polyphonist Jacobus Gallus and the glorious Gustav Mahler worked here, and Wolfgang Mozart was a guest in this city at age 11. Antonin Dvorak entertained numerous relations with Olomouc and Ludwig van Beethoven dedicated his famous Missa Solemnis to the Archbishop of Olomouc, Prince Rudolph J. J. Ranier.

The city of Olomouc is the seat of distinguished scientific and artistic institutions, a university, museum of art, theaters, and the Moravian Philharmonic. It is also the residence of the Archbishop of Olomouc, who is church administrator of Moravia. The city abounds in beautiful buildings, splendid churches which rank in architectural monuments. In the unique interiors of these churches, some famous works of spiritual music will be presented between mid-September and end of October.

Concerts will be given in the following churches:

ST. WENCESLAUS CATHEDRAL was first built in the Romanesque styling the 12th century and underwent successive rebuilding in the Gothic, Baroque and Neo-Gothic styles. Many celebrities, including Jacobus Gallus and Josef Nesvera, served a choir masters at the Cathedral.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH is an exquisite piece of Early Baroque architecture(1673-1699).

With three domes, it is the first structure of its kind in Moravia.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY IN THE SNOW is a rare example of Jesuit Baroque architecture from 1712-1743. Its interior is rich in paintings and sculptural decorations.

PILGRIMAGE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ON HOLY HILL (Svátý Kopeček) is a monumental Baroque building from 1669-1679, the work of local as well as Italians masters Tencalla and Martinelli.

(Editor-Sorry this letter and invitation with its picturesque description arrived too late for our September edition.)



CZECH VISITORS

"I never expected America to be like this, peace and quiet. When I see movies I see crime", said Marta Brokopova, who with Viktor Novotny visited Traer, Iowa this summer. They were also surprised to meet so many Czech people here.

Marta teaches school in the Czech Republic. About 24% of her paycheck goes for taxes and insurance. The classroom which Marta will use has been equipped with a video player TV, cassette recorder and a new round table. She thinks it is a good idea to be progressive.

Since 1989 the Czechs have been traveling because they are eager for contact with other people. Viktor likes the American busses because they are air conditioned.

The Czech visitors were surprised there is the friendliness and openness of the people. The potlucks, picnics, and buffet dinners made an impression on them. They were surprised at the groceries available here and the convenience foods. Food is reasonably cheap here.

They enjoyed the Mall of America, farm visit, Adventureland, ball game and music. Music is important to the Czech people. They sang Czech songs accompanied by Frank Lundak and his accordion.

BIOGRAPHY



MELVINA SVEC

Melvina Svec was the second daughter of John and Bessie Wolrab Svec. She was born at 3rd St. SW in Cedar Rapids. She had an older sister Georgianne. Their father built a grocery store in 1890 at 7th Ave. and 2nd St. SW. Her mother had two empty orange crates under the candy counter where she put Melvina down for a nap while her mother ran the store and her father was making home deliveries. The first store was sold to an immigrant family. Her father built a second store in the same area which he sold to his brother-in-law. He then built his third store around the corner and moved into this store in 1900 on 3rd Street SW. The building is still there but is not a grocery store.

Melvina attended Johnson and Madison Schools and graduated from old Washington High School in 1919. Upon graduation from high school, she was qualified to teach grade school. She and her sister accepted teaching positions in rural Siston, South Dakota. She was 17 years old and her oldest student was 15. She had 17 students from four families. Her sister married and remained in South Dakota but Melvina came back home. There was a teaching position at Jackson School which she accepted, but it was her desire to go to the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She enrolled in the fall but by February she exhausted her funds. She did house cleaning jobs but in her last two years she took out a loan, which she repaid. She received her BA in geography. In 1928, she attended a summer session at Madison when a professor encouraged her to get her masters degree and later was granted a "teaching fellowship". She received her masters in 1930. While Melvina was on "sabbatical" and attending the University of London, she had an

opportunity to enjoy geography by traveling. She visited 60 countries, some of which were Netherlands, France, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Germany and Austria. When she was in Russia and Ukraine during Stalin's rule, there were incidents when she became uneasy about her safety. She also visited Australia, but her favorite spot is Vienna because of its culture. Her tours were unescorted and some sea voyages were by freighter.

She taught 17 years at State Teachers College in Buffalo, N.Y., and 17 years at State Teachers College in Oswego, N.Y. When her mother became ill she moved to Oswego where Melvina was able to care for her.

During her 37 years of teaching, she had many students. She corresponds with many of them. This summer she had a pleasant surprise when a student who went on to become a teacher, came to Cedar Rapids and spent 3 days in the Cedar Rapids area and visited with Melvina.

Since her retirement from teaching, Melvina has been active in the Czech Heritage Fd'n., Czech Village and the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. It is a dream came true for Melvina. She is a great lover of books and had concerns about their future. The books will now have new and suitable accommodations in the new facility.

Melvina was the editor of *Naše České Dědictví* for twelve years while at the same time she wrote books. She is the author of: 1- *My Czech Word Book ABC's*, 2- *Fables from Czechoslovakia*, 3- *Meet The Czech Language*, 4 - *Pohadky (Fables)*, 5- *Album of Bohemian Songs*, 6 - *History of the Czechs in Cedar Rapids Vol. II*, 7 - *At je teplo, at je mraz (Months & Seasons)* and her last book 8 - *Zvěřátka (Little Animals)*. To date 29,150 copies have been printed and sold. A remarkable accomplishment. She has asked the Czech Heritage to use the profits for the promotion of our Czech Heritage and education from the sale of the books.

In 1967 Melvina received the Distinguished Service Award of the Nat'l Council of Geographic Education. In 1981 she was selected by the Czech Village Ass'n to receive one of two Iowa Governor's Leadership Awards on Iowa Community Betterment Day at Ames.

She credits her longevity to a simple life, modesty, good eating habits and life style. She is deeply concerned about modern behavior, mischief, dishonesty and violence.

SV MIKULÁŠ

(Village Ass'n News)

Christmas in Czech Village in Cedar Rapids will be observed on Saturday December 3. Sv. Mikuláš accompanied by the Devil and Angel take the names of boys and girls. Sv. Mikuláš asks the children if they have been bad or good the past year. At Christmas the well behaved children receive candy, fruits, and nuts. The mischievous one receive a lump of coal or spoiled fruit.

The Eulenspiegel Puppets will present a puppet show at 1 p.m. at Joens Bros. Interior Inc. at 59 16th Ave. SW for visitors in Czech Village on that Saturday. There is a minimum fee for the show.

The museum will be busy with activities. Demonstrations will show wheatstraw crafts, centerpieces, ornaments, and gingerbread cookies. The museum will be available for tours.

CZECH QUARTERS

(Fine Arts News)

The Nat'l. Czech & Slovak Museum & Library has again been invited to have a Christmas gift shop at Westdale Mall at 2600 Edgewood Rd. SW. They will be located on the Upper Level from November 1 to Dec. 31, 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. mall hours. They will have a large assortment of gifts to choose from. Many of the gifts have been imported from Czechoslovakia. The selection includes Modra pottery, bobbin lace ornaments, crystal, cornhusk dolls, embroidered dresser scarves and doilies, and woodshaving ornaments.

There will be a large selection, (over 100) imported Christmas tree ornaments. The ornaments have been made from molds for centuries, often by families with the help of children. The more popular ornaments are in the shape of a fish, bird, ear of corn, pickle, strawberry, grapes, church, and many sizes and shapes of Santa. Prices vary from \$1 dollar on up.

Start a family tradition by selecting an ornament each Christmas for family members or friends at the office. You will be remembered each Christmas as the ornament is being hung on the tree.

TATRA SHEPHERDS

Under the Tatra Mountains are plenty of interesting villages. In the first place, there are dairy cottages in the immediate neighborhood where shepherds, who are with the sheep in the mountains all summer, stay from Whitsuntide till Autumn. All day the sheep graze on the green mountain slopes, behind them waddle the shepherds singing their songs. At midday and in the evening they drive the sheep into the kosiary where they are milked and the shepherd works the milk up into cheese. In the dairy-cottages everybody can buy fresh white cheese in lumps or cheese molded and then smoked; (called Ostiepký) and drink the fresh or sour whey. The whey is the exclusive food of the shepherds, who drink it from old-fashioned wooden vessels. The vessel is carved in one piece, from the trunk of a small tree, to which a very decorative handle is added. The shepherds have wide girdles, satchels and also their hats decorated with metal fittings.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In 1994, Dámského Sboru Matice Školské (Ladies Educational Society) gave \$400 scholarships to ten first year college students. They are: Laurie Koss, Sherie Sedlacek, Mike Kopish, Amy Garvy, Loralie Wiebold, Michell Marie Quass, Cory Michael Matthiessen, Lisa Sevcik, Michael J Keen and Kathy Chmelick, all from the Cedar Rapids area.

These students may apply for a second year.

JUNIOR CZECH SINGERS

Graduates of summer Czech School and other students entertained the residents of Methwick Manor in September. This new group shows promise as a potential for promoting our Czech heritage through singing at other local organizations. Call 364-0540 for further information.

CZECH HERITAGE SINGERS

Singing at several private parties and two national conventions in Cedar Rapids this fall kept the Czech Heritage singers busy. They provide a nice balanced sound, and have a special program of Czech songs which have been translated into English for your enjoyment. Call 362-1687 for bookings for your lodge's Christmas party.

CROWNING OF CZECH PRINCE AND PRINCESS



Crowning of the new 94-95 Czech Prince and Princess took place Oct. 29 at the Masaryk Park dedication.

James Horak 15, of Cedar Rapids was crowned by '93 Prince Brad Dvorak. James is the son of Donald and Barbara Horak.

Holly Upah, 15 of Cedar Rapids was crowned by '93 Princess Amy Novotny. Holly is the daughter of Jeffery and Denise Upah.

They will preside over events in the Czech community locally and statewide throughout the year.

A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

In the spring of 1994, members of the P3 Retirees Club gave a very generous donation of \$5000 for the Masaryk Park project. The check was presented to David W. Kramer, Parks Commissioner for Cedar Rapids.

During the Masaryk Park dedication Oct. 29th the P3 Retirees Club presented a second check for \$5000 to Mr. Kramer.

The P3 Retirees Club is made up of Wilson and Farmstead Food retirees who once worked as meatcutters. The plant has been closed but the Union Hall is located at 116-14th Ave. and 2nd St. S.E. near the park. The hall and park compliment each other.

Generous gifts like this make things happen.

KARLA MASARYK CHORUS

The Karla Masaryk Chorus was formed in May 1937 in Cedar Rapids to enjoy singing Czech songs and share the chorus works with others.

The name Karla, or Charlotte, was the name of the wife of the first President of Czechoslovakia, T. G. Masaryk.

Esther Hronik Klersey, an accomplished musician, was chosen the director. She was familiar with Czech folk, classical and religious music.

MASARYK PARK DEDICATION

The dedication of Tomas Masaryk Park was held Oct. 29, 1994 at 3:00 pm. The new park is located at the east end of the Bridge of Lions in Czech Village. Mayor Larry Serbousek and Parks Commissioner Dave Kramer were guest speakers.

Rev. William Harnish and Rev. Karl Glovik blessed the flags representing the Americans, Czechs and Slovaks. Then the flags were raised as the Czech Plus Band played and the Heritage Singers sang the National Anthems. The American flag was raised by the Veterans of Foreign Wars #788. The Czech flag was raised by the U.S. Marine Reserves. The Slovak flag was raised by the Hanford Post #5 of the American Legion.

The welcome was given by Edward R. Kuba, President of the Federation of Czech Groups. Frank Novotny, Vice President of Czech Heritage Fd'n. and Tom Hruska, Pres. of the Nat'l. Czech & Slovak Museum & Library expressed appreciation to the City of Cedar Rapids for developing the newest park.

A black granite monument bearing the likeness of Tomas Masaryk, was unveiled by the Czech Prince and Princess of the Czech Heritage Fd'n. The birth and death dates, the Czech Lion and the American Eagle are all inscribed on the monument. The Monument is dedicated to the Czech, the Moravian and the Slovak Immigrants. Following the ceremony, the Czech Plus Band and the Czech Heritage Singers entertained.

Amy Novotny, 1994 Princess and Brad Dvorak 1994 Prince crowned the 1995 Prince and Princess, namely Holly Upah and James Horak. The Ceremony closed with the singing of "God Bless America."

Funds for purchase of the monument were raised by the Czech Heritage Fd'n. and Federation of Czech Groups. We remember Masaryk as the Liberator of the Czech Republic and as the first President of Czechoslovakia.

AN ANEKDOTA

Byla jednou stará babička. Šla domu z jarmarku. Nesla těžky pitlíček. Byl horký den. Viděla hospodu na kraji vesničky a řekla jsi; "zastavím se tam pro malé pivečko." Šla dovnitř, koupila jsi malé pivo a sedla si. Nedaleko od ní seděli dva staří muži. Hlídali jí, jak to chutná. Babička to vypila a oddechla jsi. Utřela pisky a zaplatila peníze. A pak povídala: Jak jsem se posílela! "Děkuji Vám! Ted můžu jít dál." A vyšla ven a šla domu. Starý muži na sebe koukali. A jeden povídá druhému; "Safraportel! Koukej, kamaráde. Tady stará babka vypiji jenom jedno pivo a koukej jak se sesílela. Já tady sedím dvě hodiny, a už jsem vypil šest pív, a jsem slabý jako malé kotě!"

AN ANECDOTE

There was once an old grandmother. She was going home from market. She carried a heavy sack. It was a hot day. She saw a pub at the edge of the village and she told herself, "I will stop there for a small beer." She went inside, bought herself a small beer and sat down. Not far from her sat two old men. They watched her, how it tasted good to her. Grandmother drank it all and sighed to herself. She wiped her lips and paid her money. And then she said; "How I have strengthened (refreshed) myself! Thank you! Now I can go further." And she went out and went home. The old men looked at each other, and one man said to the second. "Gol-darn! Look at that, comrade. Here the granny drinks only one beer and look how she strengthened herself! Here I sat for two hours and already drank six beers and I am weak like a small kitten"

(Courtesy of John Secl, Oran MO)

PROPER NAMES often can be translated

Rose Baker - Ružena Pekař
Frank Farmer - Franta Sedlák
George Shoemaker - Jiří Švec
Mae Singer - Květa Spěvák
Henry Black - Jindřich Černý
Peter Long - Petr Dlouhý
James Taylor - Václav Krejčí
Joseph King - Josef Král
Mary Hill - Maria Kopec
John Deere - Honza Jelen

NEW MUSEUM GUILD

(Fine Arts News)

The Museum Guild (of the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library) was organized April, 1994. The purpose is to serve as an educational, service and social organization, for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

There are currently 47 members. Membership qualifications include an interest in Czech/Moravian/Slovak culture, and a desire to give 20 hours to the guild per year. Business meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 am followed by refreshments and a program at Hamilton Business College, 1924 D St. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

We anticipate many service hours will be needed as the museum nears completion. New members are welcome

Officers of the Guild are: Pres. Sylvia Rohlena; V Pres. Maridee Dugger; Secy, Betty Hass; Treas., Terri Spahn. Committee Chair persons include: Barb Edmunds, Marilyn Tucker, Millie Ortner, Marge Stone, Delores Travnicek, Fern Fackler, Rose Miller, Karen Vlascek and Sheryl Nejd.

NEED ANY PUBLICATIONS ?

Just a few lines to keep you up-to-date on our publications. It seems there have been some changes made, but the orders have been coming in. If you want any information or want to order books, address your inquiries to: Frank Novotny,
or

call this number

At the present time they are stored in the building occupied by Richard Jones (accountant). I wish to express my gratitude for the space as I do not have space at home.

Let me hear from you when you need books.

Frank Novotny

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CARRIE CIHA'S HOMESTAY VISIT

(Czech Heritage Fd'n. News)



Left to Right: Anna, Zuzana and Vladimer

When I first heard that I got accepted to go to the Czech Republic, I was really excited and the days could not pass fast enough to the time I would leave. When the day to leave finally came, I started on a wonderful new adventure. After being on the plane 9 and 1/2 hours, sitting next to someone who didn't speak any English, I was really looking forward to meeting my host family. I got to meet my mom and dad that day, but I couldn't meet my sister Anna, until the next day because she was coming back from Italy.

The family that I stayed with was really nice and they all spoke good English. My host mom would always cook lots of dinner and always said I didn't eat enough. She would find out the kinds of food I liked and buy them for me. My host dad was a real joker. He made jokes about everything. Since he was a translator, he thought it would be fun to teach me some new Czech words and phrases. My sister Anna and I got along great. We liked the same things and had the same opinions on just about everything.

Every day Anna would take me to see Prague and something, or place in it. Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, and the Prague Zoo, were just a few of the many places I saw. A couple of days we just went to Old Town Square for awhile. We sat there and watched the different kinds of people that would pass by and just looked at the different types of buildings around the area. The buildings are all very pretty, ornate and each one is different from the others. At night we'd go to a movie or a walk around Prague. Or sometimes we'd go

and sit on the Charles Bridge or in the Old Town Square where there would always be someone singing and playing a guitar. The third week of my visit, Anna and I went to her family's cottage. We went to the beach every day to go swimming. We would stay the entire day and then at 6:00 we'd go back to the cottage and complain how burned we got. But the next day we'd be back on the beach. At night we'd go for walks along the beach, go to the disco, or go to the carnival. One night we went to an outdoor theater and watched a movie. There was always something to do.

I learned so much about the Czech Republic, Prague, the culture, the teenagers there, and I made a life-long friend. I would encourage anyone that wants to learn about another country and its culture to go. It's a trip of a lifetime. And lastly I'd like to thank the Czech Heritage Fd'n. Without you, my trip of a lifetime wouldn't have been possible.

JARMILA NOVOTNA

The most famous student of Emma Destinnova, is the title of an exhibition which opened in the District Museum of Jindrichuv Hradec, located south of Prague. The exhibition, open through January 5, 1995, traces Novotna's artistic journey and her sojourns in Bohemia. It mentions, among other things, a recording from 1942 for RCA company of Novotna's interpretations of Czech national songs with Jan Masaryk at the piano.



CZECH HOMES U.S.A. STYLE

Two U.S. companies discovered a market for prefab houses among the new rich in the Czech Republic. Neatly packaged in 40 fat containers, the American dream house has crossed the Atlantic and is quietly changing the way Czech homeowners think of their castles.

The Czech Republic's wealthiest new capitalists have snapped up more than 30 U.S. style ranch and two story homes imported by Maryland based U.S.A. Builders and Oregon Oncorp/America. Companies are confident there is a growing list of American lifestyle. U.S.A. Builders chairman Martin Sumichrast's father is a Czech emigrant and Oncorp president Gregg Opsahl's wife was born in Prague.

Most Czech homes are blocky Stalinist high-rises known as PANELAKS taken from the gigantic, ash color panels used in their construction. They took 10 to 15 years to build.

Against this backdrop, the Oncorp and U.S.A. Builders have wall to wall carpeting, microwave ovens and unimaginable high living. Fifty percent of the clients request garbage disposals in the kitchen from a catalog but few know what they are for.

Importers and entrepreneurs have open-house on weekends and more than 200 khaki-clad swarm through to touch the blinds and poke at the water dispenser on the refrigerator, cable television and whirlpool bath. The most attractive thing is that you buy everything at once and everything is made in America. One man didn't want a single Czech item in his house.

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(Czech Heritage News)

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HUMANITIES AWARDS

Three recipients received \$1000 and the 1994 Public Humanities Achievement Awards.

The Outstanding Project Award was given to Director Juanita Lovern for the 1993 Dvorak's Music Festival. She was appreciative of all the visitors who came to Spillville, Iowa from the U.S. and 16 other countries to take part in the 3 day celebration remembering Antonin Dvorak's stay in Spillville in the summer of 1893. The 1993 Dvorak Music Festival put Spillville back on the map. Spillville Historical Action Group (SHAG) planned and implemented an exemplary program of music and Czech culture. For a community of fewer than 400 people, it was truly a remarkable achievement. Dvorak's scholars, performers from the U.S., the Czech Republic, and around the world took part. Emphasis was on Dvorak, Billy Brothers Clock Museum and the region's Czech culture and history.

Receiving the Distinguished Service Award was won by Jeanne Trachta. When the mayor of Tobolsk, Russia and the mayor of Council Bluffs signed a charter of Friendship to become sister cities, Jeanne Trachta of Council Bluffs visited Tobolsk. She saw the interest of becoming close friends. She worked with the University of American Council of Teachers of Russia and our local administrators to bring about a co-ordinated teacher exchange program.

A native of Cedar Rapids, Jeanne saw many similarities between Russian and Czech. She supports the Czech Heritage Fd'n. back in Cedar Rapids. A sister city seemed like a way to do some of the same kind of culture sharing in her city of Council Bluffs.

The Lifetime Service Award went to Loren Horton, Senior Historian at the State Historical Society of Iowa on the subject of collecting oral histories.





HISTORIC HOUSE - IN NORTH CAROLINA

In the U.S. nestled in one of the South's-most progressive communities, Winston-Salem, NC. the restored Moravian Congregation Town of Old New Salem recalls in detail an unusual community during its vital years between 1766 and 1830. The Moravian Church is the common name given in England and America to the renewed UNITAS FRATRUM or Church of the Brethren, which developed out of an association of religious reformers organized in 1457 in Bohemia. Developing a system of primitive Christianity based on Scripture, the UNITAS FRATRUM FLOURISHED IN Bohemia, Moravia and Poland until the 17th century when the Counter-Reformation ended its existence. The subsequent missionary zeal of the group brought the first Moravians to the New World in 1734.

The group settled in North Carolina and named their community Salem, inspired by the Hebrew word for "Peace." Unlike other American towns at that time, it was a planned community, and the buildings were constructed flush to the walks and clustered around a central square. By 1830, Salem had fulfilled its promise, becoming not only an industrial center, but a cultural and educational oasis in the back country of southeast America.

The earliest major building still standing in the community is the Single Brothers House of 1768-1769. This house for unmarried men had as its first occupants 16 men and 4 boys who learned their trades there. Financially it was never a success.

After 1823, the house became a boy's school and then an apartment house. In 1961, it was restored to its late 18th century appearance and opened as a museum in November 1964.

The house now features the kitchen, dining room, chapel and nine craft shops. The shops are where trades were once learned, are today worked by a tinsmith, gunsmith, dyer, weaver, shoemak-

er, tailor, potter, joiner and cooper. In the dwellings half-timber construction, the upright timbers of the framing are spaced two to three feet apart with diagonal bracing where needed. The interstices are filled with brick nogging, parge-d and whitewashed on the inside.

Inside, the building has many of the characteristics of some of the other earlier homes: smooth whitewashed walls, homemade pavers and wide plank floors.

In the restoration of this building, its architectural potential has been realized to make it one of the most intriguing structures in America today—a segment of medieval Germanic Europe transferred to the Western Hemisphere.

If you are in the area, The Single Brothers House is open to visitors.

OBITUARY

Czechoslovakia

BORN: To central Europe on Oct. 18, 1918, from the union of Czechs and Slovaks, incorporating the lands of Bohemian, Moravian, and Slovak territories of the old Austro-Hungarian empire and the autonomous area of Carpathian Ruthenia.

GODFATHER: Woodrow Wilson.

CONFIRMED: By the Treaties of Versailles, St. Germain, Trianon, and finally by the Teschen conference of ambassadors in July, 1920.

DEVELOPED IN MATURITY: A peacetime army of 180,000 and 1,300,000 trained reservists, modernization of ancient Prague, great industrial development, and a democracy with universal, equal, secret and compulsory suffrage.

AILMENT: An undercurrent of interracial jealousies, accentuated in 1938 by the demands of 3,500,000 Sudeten Germans for "a home in the reich."

OPERATIONS: Surrender of territories to Germany, Poland, and Hungary in October and November of 1938.

ENTERED FATAL ILLNESS: March 14 when Slovakia province seceded with German support and Hungarian armies invaded Carpatho-Ukraine.

DIED: March 15 when German army occupied Prague and the remaining Czech areas of Moravia and Bohemia.

AGE: 21 years, four months, 25 days.

By United Press

Submitted by Harold Adams, Davenport, Iowa

WHERE THEY ARE NOW

(Czech Heritage Fd'n.)

In 1983, the Czech Heritage Fd'n. hoped our young people would carry on our heritage and traditions. It was decided to give a \$1000 scholarship to travel to Czechoslovakia and spend one month with a host family in Prague. In order to be eligible, students had to be of Czech ancestry, members of the Czech Heritage Fd'n. from the Cedar Rapids and surrounding area, 11th grade and be interviewed. Those selected were required to take a brief course in the Czech language. This trip became a reality for 36 boys and girls. When the program was started Czechoslovakia was dominated by Communist Russia.

Several of the students had a close relationship and paid a return visit. Since the Velvet Revolution Oct. 28, 1989 the Czechs are free to travel and some of the host students traveled to the United States and repaid the visit in Iowa.

1984 - Sara Joens is the daughter of George and Kay Joens. She graduated from Cedar Rapids Prairie H.S. She attended the U. of Iowa in Iowa City and received a B.A. degree in Liberal Arts. She married Scott Griffin and have a daughter Katlyn. She is presently employed by Great American Leasing in Cedar Rapids.

1983 - Lynn Marie Nejd is the daughter of Leonard and Sheryl Nejd. She graduated from Jefferson H.S. She attended Mt. Mercy College and graduated from the U. of Iowa with a business major. She married Paul Erger. She is the manager of B.U.M. Equipment in Williamsburg, Iowa. They reside in Swisher.

1984 - Julie Jilovec is the daughter of Robert and Maryann Jilovec. She graduated from Lisbon H.S. She graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. She is married to David Juhl. They live in Des Moines where she is a bank auditor.

1984 - Jeffery Rohlena is the son of Marvin and Bonnie Rohlena. He graduated from Benton Community H.S. He attended Miami U. at Coral Gables, FL and graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology in Kansas City with a degree in Electronic Engine Technology. He lives in Sioux Falls, S.D. and works for Raven Industries. He is also a trained pilot.

1985 - Angela Vlasek is the daughter of Ernest and Karen Vlasek. She graduated from Prairie H.S. She attended Iowa State U. in Ames and received a degree in Business and Marketing. She traveled to Germany with a school group. She is married to Joseph DuBois and has a son Evan. They are living in Columbus, OH where she works for Principal Financial Group.

1985 - Lisa Rose is the daughter of Marsha Jensen. She graduated from Washington H.S. She attended the U. of Iowa. She has a double major in Political Science and Russian. She has revisited Czechoslovakia. She is married to Mr. Goodfellow and lives in Coralville where she works for the University Hospital & Clinic.

1985- Janelle Rohlena is the daughter of Robert and Sylvia Rohlena. She graduated from Prairie H.S. In 1992, she graduated from Pace U. in White Plains, N.Y. with a B.S. degree in Marketing & International Business. Presently she is employed by I.B.M. in Sydney, Australia as a financial analyst for Asia Pacific South.

1986 - Lynette Stejskal is the daughter of Ken and Sally Stejskal. She graduated from Solon H.S. She attended Kirkwood Community College and relocated to Boston, MS as a nanny. She returned to Cedar Rapids to Mount Mercy College and became part of an exchange program and went to Czechoslovakia to teach English in Palacky U. in Olomouc. In 1992, she transferred to York U. in Toronto, Canada. She is married to Russell Cohen and living in Canada pursuing her degree in Education & Sociology. She visited Czechoslovakia the third time this summer.

1986 - Sandra Spina is the daughter of Gary and Linda Spina. She graduated from Washington H.S. She graduated from U. of Iowa with a degree in Economics. She is married to Robert Jasso and has a son. She works for Amoco Oil Co. in Chicago and was sent on a temporary assignment to Salt Lake City, UT where they now reside.

1987 - Brenda Buresh is the daughter of Dale and Betty Buresh. She graduated from Prairie H.S. She attended Kirkwood Community College. She graduated from U. of Northern Iowa with a degree in Interior Design. She married David Lindemann in May. She works for Saxton Inc. and lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

1987 - Douglas Krejci is the son of David and Diane Krejci. He graduated from Jefferson H.S. He graduated from Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa, and received a B.A. degree in a double major in Mass Communication and Technical Theater. He is working for Metro Video Productions and is a Jefferson H.S. percussion instructor. He lives in Cedar Rapids.

1987 - Martin Teply is the son of Donald and Judy Teply. He graduated from LaSalle H.S. He graduated from Iowa State U. and is a first year student in graduate school in Ames. His minor is Computer Science. He is also employed in the Computer Lab School.

1987 - Jennifer Frye is the daughter of Richard and Carol Frye. She graduated from Jefferson H.S. She graduated from the U. of Iowa in 1993 with a degree in Nuclear Medical Technology. She is living in St. Louis, MO. where she works at Barnes Hospital.

1981 - Danica Novotny is the daughter of Duane and Fran Novotny. She graduated from Linn-Mar H.S. She attended U. of Northern Iowa. In 1992 she returned to Czechoslovakia where she taught English in Karvina and Havírov in Moravia and traveled to Poland, England, Germany, Hungary, Austria, Slovakia and White Russia. She graduated from U. of Northern Iowa with a degree in Human Resources & Management & Psychology. She lives in St. Louis Park and works for E. W. Blanche Co. in Bloomington, MN.

1988 - Dan Chadima is the son of George and Joanne Chadima of Fairfax. He graduated from Prairie H.S.. He graduated from Iowa State U. with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Business. In January of 1994 he traveled alone backpacking to China, Thailand, Indonesia, and Vietnam. He was employed by Farmers Commodity Corp. until Oct. 17 when he left for Guatemala for 2-1/2 years in the Peace Corps as an Agricultural Specialist.

1988 - Edward Kopecky is the son of Ernest and Helen Kopecky. He graduated from Kennedy H.S. In 1989 he traveled to Germany, Bavaria, &

Austria. At Christmas 1990 he traveled to Paris and France. He is employed by Nash Finch as night manager and lives in Cedar Rapids.

1988 - Colleen Novak is the daughter of Richard and Norma Novak. She graduated from Solon H.S. She attended U. of Iowa and received a degree in Psychology & History. She is studying for her doctorate at Michigan State U. in Psychology. She lives in Lansing, Mich.

1988 - Darcie Novotny is the daughter of Duane and Fran Novotny. She graduated from Linn-Mar H.S. in Marion. She graduated from U. of Northern Iowa with a secondary degree in Spanish Ed. She won a Rotary Scholarship to study in San Jose, Costa Rica. In college she was in an exchange program and went to U. of Colima, Colima Mexico. She also spent 8 weeks in Spain and traveled to Portugal and Germany. In summer, she teaches at Concordia Language Camp in Minnesota. In January 1995, she will be an assistant Spanish Class teacher at U. of Northern Iowa while she studies for her Masters Degree.

1989 - Terri Bartacek is the daughter of Gary and Pam Bartacek. She graduated from Jefferson H.S. After graduation she traveled to 6 countries in Western Europe with a school group. She attended Iowa State U. in Ames in Chemical Engineering. She married Jason Essy. They have a son. The family lives in Ames.

1989 - Dawn Buresh is the daughter of Dale and Betty Buresh. She graduated from Prairie H.S. She graduated from Kirkwood Community College in Business. She is employed by Amana Refrigeration and lives at rural Ely.

1989 - Matt Faltis is the son of David and Chris Faltis. He graduated from Prairie H.S. He returned to Czechoslovakia for a return visit. He received his Associate of Arts from Northern Iowa Community College and is completing his education in Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

1989 - Darrick Chadima is the son of George and Joanne Chadima. He graduated from Prairie H.S. He attended Buena Vista College in Storm Lake 1 year and graduated from Kirkwood Community College with a degree in Agricultural Marketing. He is married and has a son. The family is living at rural Fairfax where he is farming at Broadmoor Farms Inc. which is the family farm. He also revisited Czechoslovakia since his Homestay.

1989 - Tim Pfeifer is the son of Rose and Leonard Pfeifer. He graduated from Jefferson H.S. He is currently working for Mumfort in Marshalltown. He plans to enroll in San Diego U., CA.

1990 - Kristin Machacek is the daughter of David and Marcie Machacek. She graduated from Alburnett H.S. She is a senior at Iowa State U. in Ames studying Marketing & Advertising.

1990 - Todd Slezak is the son of Judy and Wayne Slezak. He graduated from Prairie H.S. He is a senior at Iowa State U. studying Graphic Arts.

1991 - Erica Cichowski is the daughter of Ben and Karen Cichowski. She graduated from Washington H.S. She is a junior in Indiana U. in Bloomington, IN. majoring in chemistry and Biology with a minor in psychology. She plans to enter medical school. She has traveled to Jamaica.

1991 - Brian Faltis is the son of David and Chris Faltis of Swisher. He graduated from Prairie H.S. He revisited Czechoslovakia. He attended Kirkwood Community College and earned his Associate of Arts degree. He rented farm land for 1995 and lives in rural Swisher.

1991 - Heidi Krejci is the daughter of Diane and David Krejci. She graduated from Jefferson H.S. She is attending U. of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls and studying Community & Health Ed.

1992 - Dana Jacobs Dvorsky is the daughter of Joan Jacobs & Denver Dvorsky. She graduated from Linn-Mar H.S. She is studying Biology at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

1992 - Janet Kopecky is the daughter of Ernest and Helen Kopecky. She graduated from Kennedy H.S. She lived in Queens, N.Y. where she worked as a nanny. She returned in September to N.Y. for another year as a nanny.

1992 - Sarah Novotny is the daughter of Russell and Linda Novotny. She graduated from Washington H.S. She is enrolled at Iowa State U. and has been accepted in the architectural program. She revisited Czechoslovakia in 1993.

1992 - Stephanie Machacek is the daughter of David and Marcie Machacek. She graduated from Alburnett H.S. She is attending Iowa State U. and is studying Business.

1993 - Brian Dvorak is the son of Robert and Beulah Dvorak. He graduated from Mt. Vernon H.S. He is attending Luther College in Decorah,

IA and is studying pre-med and Biology.

1993 - Tamara Chadima is the daughter of George and Joanne Chadima rural Fairfax. She graduated from Prairie H.S. She is a freshman at San Jose U. in California majoring in music.

1993 - James Serbousek, Jr. is the son of James and Judy Serbousek. He graduated from Prairie H.S. He graduated from Kirkwood Community College in the Small Engines Technical Program and works on the family farm.

1994 - Carrie Ciha is the daughter of Dan and Kay Ciha. She is a senior at Linn-Mar H.S. She went to Czechoslovakia this summer. (story page 11)

VAVRA BROTHERS GROCERY

(From the Linn County Review of April 19, 1919)

Vavra Brothers, leading grocers have an enviable record of 24 years at the same location — at the familiar stand on 16th Ave. SW.

When they started in 1905, Theodore Roosevelt was president. Albert Cummins was Governor of Iowa. Population of Cedar Rapids was 28,759. There were no hunting licenses, no dog tags, no income tax, no paved highways, no interurban, no parking laws and no high taxes.

In 1905 men worked on Saturday and got a shave in the evening for 10¢. There were no colored comics in the Sunday paper that cost 5¢. Women wore long dresses that rattled and rustled when they walked and they wore no make-up.

Police carried a "billie club" and not a piece of chalk to mark overtime parking.

Contrast that now with a great array of select breakfast foods, enormous amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables, flour, salt, coffee, sugar etc. . . . advanced manner of wrapping packages, used and abused checking system.

Since they started in 1905, came the adding machine, autos, computing scale, beet sugar, paper carton, refrigerators, airplane, radios, and submarines. As grocers, they kept in step in stocking extra standard groceries, pure food products, and up-to-date articles. In 1905, there were no luxuries, only household items that were needed and public wanted. Now there are hundreds of new articles unknown in 1905.

MEET RAY SHUBINSKI

(Fine Arts News)

Ray Shubinski once visited the Field Museum of Natural History, Adler Planetarium and Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and became so captivated he made it his career.

Ray, 43, became the new executive director of the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids. His hometown is St. Joseph, Michigan. He has an undergraduate degree in the humanities and graduate degree in communications from Michigan State University where he had his first experience working behind the scene in a museum,

After graduation, Ray worked in Lafayette, LA, Memphis, TN and Tucson, AZ.

Arizona was a long way from family and friends so the family moved back to the Midwest to Quincy, Ill. where Ray was in charge of a small museum. Ray's family consists of his wife Carol and daughters Jennifer 16 and Julie 11.

Ray has a personal goal for his tenure at the new museum: to try to leave a constructive mark on the museum itself whether he stays a few years or his career. He would like to leave a part of himself behind works on a project like this.

Welcome to Cedar Rapids, Ray.

ROCAREK TO EUROPE

John Rocarek, our Development Director for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library made his first trip to Europe this summer. He had been asked by the Nadace Bohemian Foundation to participate in a gathering of representatives from around the world to discuss issues important to the redevelopment of the Czech Republic. The Foundation is a world wide organization for the betterment of Czech relationships abroad. The group met with Foreign Minister Josef Zieleniec and President Havel in Prague.

While meeting with the Slovak Republic's Foreign Minister Eduard and President M. Kovac, he presented a progress report on the museum and library in Cedar Rapids.

The museum is nearing completion and a grand dedication and celebration is planned for the spring. Watch for the announcement.



(taken in July)

MUSEUM UPDATE

(Fine Arts News)

October 28, 1993 was the date of the groundbreaking celebration for the new 2.6 million dollar National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The event was well attended with many notable guests from far away places.

The building has progressed nicely under the direction of Unzeitig Construction Co. The weather was favorable for building. Now it is almost complete and will become the home for the Fine Arts Foundation's 5,000 piece collection and the books will finally have a good home. There is a likelihood the collection will grow with the added space.

Cedar Rapids is a growing community with good schools and a healthy economy with a large population, including a lot of Czechs. The museum should be an attraction to travelers.

The new facility includes a social hall with a patio overlooking the Cedar River. It should add more to Eastern Iowa's cultural life and reputation.

We commend those who had the foresight and initiative to see the project through.

The completion date is in December, but that does not mean the new museum will be open for Christmas. In order to make the exhibits appropriate and attractive, time and careful planning is necessary. The grand opening and celebration is scheduled for early 1995.

CZECH COMMUNITIES IN TEXAS

(Here are some excerpts from a letter received from Louis J. Polansky, Chairman, Museum Committee, Fayetteville, Texas.)

A few years ago the Nat'l Geographic published an article about the Czechs in Texas and made Praha their centerpoint.

The Czech influence in Texas and especially in Fayette County, in Lavaca County, in Austin County and in Colorado County is very strong. I believe that there are some one million people of Czech descent in Texas and we are proud of it.

I am sending you a list of towns or villages in Fayette Co.

HOSTYN-MOROVAN

Hostyn was established by a group of Czech settlers and is located between U.S. Hwy 77 and FM Road 609. This community was centered around a large Catholic church built by the early Czechs. Hostyn was the site of the founding organization in 1889 by Father Chromcik and others. The K.J.T. is a Czech Catholic Organization Insurance Organization with over 104 societies and over 17,000 members statewide.

NECHANITZ

Nechanitz is located on F.M. Road 2145. The town was named by Wencil Matejowsky after his home town in Moravia. Mr. Matejowsky had a store and gin for many years. There was a post office established in 1873.

PISEK

Pisek was located near the Fayette and Colorado County lines and where the railroad ended and turned around. Mike Krenek had a store and the railroad had a hotel for its employees.

REK HILL

Rek Hill is located on Highway 159. Located near this community was the Bordovice School and the Kovar gin. Today Rek Hill has a store, antique shop and garage.

ROZNOV

Roznov is a community located on F.M. Road 1291. This community was named by John H.

Halamicek for his birthplace in Czechoslovakia. At one time, there were several stores, a saloon, blacksmith and a gin.

TRAVEL BOOK

Boydell & Brewer Inc. have the distribution rights to a series of travel books published by Pallas Athene in England. One of the travel books included in the series is CZECHOSLOVAKIA, an English translation by Erhard Gorys. (The reprint of this title will have the title changed to reflect the new countries' name.)

These books are unique in that they are cultural guides as opposed to the typical AAA travel guides that list and describe hotels, restaurants and local attractions of each destination. The Pallas Athene guide to Czechoslovakia is a beautiful four-color paperback with a sturdy fold-out map on the cover. The book covers the culture, art, architecture, landscape and history of Czechoslovakia; it is aimed for the intellectual traveler that wants to learn about frescos and altar paintings of the Baroque church St. James the Great instead of where the Hilton is in Prague.

Because of its cultural context, this book will also be of interest to the Czech community in the U.S. — it is a wonderful educational tool describing the history behind each town and community in Czechoslovakia. Chapters are divided among every region in the country and describe the churches, theaters, pavilions, squares and historical characters of each town.

I feel this book is worthy of review because of its comprehensive descriptions and beautiful photographs. Please feel free to call or fax

if you have questions.

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Cordially,

Susan Dykstra-Poel

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Why not consider a gift membership for someone special? Your dues and generous donations help to fund several worthwhile endeavors such as Czech Prince and Princess sponsorship, financial support for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, adult Czech language classes, the Homestay Program, along with publishing the quarterly *Naše České Dědictví*, and other numerous publications. The list of Czech Heritage projects goes on and on.

We appreciate your continued support. With your help we can carry on with projects, activities, and goals to preserve our heritage and culture. **THANK YOU! Na shledanou!**

Please renew today! A Bargain at \$3.00 per year

COMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 1-Dec. 31 | Westdale Mall
10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
see page 8 |
| Sat., Dec. 3 | Sv. Mikuláš Day
Czech Village |
| Tue., Dec. 13 | Board Meeting
Asbury Church
7:30 p.m. |
| Mon., Jan. 16, 1995 | Annual Meeting
Asbury Church
7:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 9-11, 1995 | Language Classes |
| Jan. 9 | Beginners Class |
| Jan. 11 | Advance Class |
| Tue., Feb. 13, 1995 | Czech Heritage Mtg. |
| Sat., Mar. 25, 1995 | St. Joseph's Day |
| Sat. & Sun.,
May 20-21 | Houby Days |
| Sat. & Sun.,
May 27-28 | Ethnic Fest |

CZECH HERITAGE FDN. BOARD MEETING

The Czech Heritage Fdn. board meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at Asbury Methodist Church at 336 - 27th Ave. S.W.

The By-Laws state the annual meeting will be held the third Monday in January, which will be Jan. 16, 1995. It is a combined meeting with the Fine Arts. Meeting is held at Asbury Church at 7 p.m.

Members and guests are asked to bring treats to share to both meetings. Meetings are open to people interested in our heritage and organization as well as for the members.

WANTED

Wanted — desperately! A pen pal, boy or girl in the United States to correspond with me in English so I can improve my English and learn about America first hand. Perhaps we can learn from each other.

Martin Kubes

Lukas Ryba

(age 16)

(age 12)

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**The Golden Clock of Praha,
Czechoslovakia**

WHERE DEATH TOLLS THE HOURS!

On the hour a cock crows, upper windows fly open, Christ and his apostles file solemnly past. Figures beside the dials become animated, Vanity looks at his mirror and Avarice clutches a money bag. Then Death, holding an hourglass, tolls the passing of another hour.

Prof. Hanus, the inventor of the clock, was blinded by order of the authorities so that he might not be tempted to make another clock like it anywhere!