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## CALENDAR 1984 KALENDÁŘ

**JUNE 8, 9, 10 St. Ludmila KOLACH FESTIVAL**  
Country Store, Booths, Games, all the Kolaches you can eat, Carnival, and more Cedar Rapids.

**15, 16 "HEY DAYS"** Fairfax, Ia., Fun, Carnival, Dancing, Games. Parade is 11 a.m. Saturday.

**30 Swisher FUN DAY.** Events all day long. Parade at noon.

**30 - July 7 ALL IOWA FAIR, HAWKEYE DOWNS,** Cedar Rapids.

**JULY 4 ELY, Ia.** Breakfast 6:20 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m. Legion Hall. Bingo, Flea Market, Contests, Parade 6 p.m. Fireworks!

**6-7 KOLACH DAY,** Mt. Vernon, Ia. Starts 9 a.m. to midnight! See Parade, booths, games, dancing.

**13, 14, 15 "CHRISTMAS IN JULY",** the Czechoslovak-American Festival, Wyandotte, Mich., sponsored by Detroit Sokols. Yack Arena. Details about bus trip, p.9

**20-21 BEEF DAYS,** Solon, Ia., Sat. at 11 a.m. Parade, Carnival, more.

**20-21 CZECH FOLK FAIR,** Traer. Something going on all the time!

**AUG. 3, 4, 5 CZECH FESTIVAL,** Wilber, Neb.

**16 Annual Picnic of Czech Fdns.** Heritage and Fine Arts, friends as well as members. Cedar Rapids.

**SEPT. 7, 8, 9 CZECH VILLAGE FESTIVAL,** 16th Ave. S.W., Cedar Rapids, Ia. See page 3 for details.

Same days as Durant Polka Fest.

**OCT. 5, 6, 7 CZECH FESTIVAL,** Yukon, Okla. Parade, Dancing, Market etc.

**VITAM VÁS! GREETINGS!** June is here and half of 1984 is behind us and a busy summer ahead of us.

Just a few notes on our participation in the Czech Philharmonic Concert in Ames in April. Cedar Rapids Czechs were represented by about 100 people and the response was terrific. The Ames people were most enthusiastic about our help and it was a wonderful evening.

The 110 musicians provided an excellent performance. A reception followed the concert at which time the kolaches made by the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church at Ely, Ia. were well received. It will long be an evening to be remembered.

**HOUBY DAYS** were another venture in which the Foundation took part. Because of the rain on Saturday we did not set up the Food Booth on the Avenue but did have one in the Roundhouse. Sunday we had both booths set up. We had a very good turn-out -- thanks to the many of you who helped. Two new items were offered: Czech Caps and the Polka Buttons which were designed by Chuck Jungman.

**PARADES AND MORE.** We hope to participate in the Parades in Fairfax, Swisher and Ely in the next few weeks. In September we will be active in Czech Village Festival.

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June 12 is our regular monthly meeting at Mae and Frank Novotnys. Weiner roast and pot luck. Bring your own table needs. EAT? 6:30 p.m.

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HANDWEAVERS GUILD honored a former member, Eva Slapnicka KOUBA, during the month of April by dedicating their exhibit in her memory. A variety of techniques were on exhibit such as clothing items, non-woven pieces and objects of art. The displays were at the Cedar Rapids Art Museum. Eva had been President of the Handweavers Guild of New York when the Koubas resided at Coopers town, New York. Eva was a member of the Board of Directors of our Czech Heritage Fdn. and took part in projects and activities.

KOMENSKY SOCIETY originated at Coe College in 1912 but was phased out in the 1930's. In 1955 a group of alumni reactivated the society, inviting any one interested in their goal to advance aid in education to students of Czech ancestry. The recipients of the 1984 awards were: Jamie Sill, LaSalle H.S., James Hodina, Washington H.S., Robert Pavlicek, Prairie H.S. This year an award has been named in honor of the Sbor Českê Vlastenky which recently disbanded and made a donation of \$3000 to Komensky Society. The recipient of that scholarship was Chris-Ann Hikiji, Jefferson H.S. The awards amounted to \$600 per student. All will attend colleges in the State of Iowa.

Komensky President, Frances Chalupsky Brown, said that the Society is most appreciative of the generous gift which will be added to invested funds, the interest on which provides the scholarship awards.

JIM ZALESKY, senior at University of Iowa, Iowa City, is Iowa's **THREE TIME CHAMPION** in NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Assoc.) tournament competitions. The official "count" of 89 successive wins is the 2nd longest in the history of college wrestling. Who is first? Dan Gable, coach of the U of I wrestling team! Brother Leonard is also on the university team.

- a. Jen jedna řada zubů, a přece tuze kousá.  
Has one row of teeth but has a hard bite.  
(Ans. (a) p. 9 )

- 2 - NÁRODNÍ DIVADLO-National Theater-- in Praha observes its 100th Anniversary. Since 1978 scaffolding and board fence



have enclosed the structure. Extensive renovation, rebuilding, restoring art works have taken 6 years. The seating capacity has been enlarged. What a treat for all the tourists to attend opera or concerts.

Said to be "the finest work of 19th century architecture, the theater was built by public subscription. On Aug. 12, 1881, not quite completed, it burned. New public collections were made and it opened again in 1883. The building is ornate -- both the exterior and interior. The evening I attended the opera, it was the *Prodaná Nevěsta*.

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**KARL BAEDEKER**, 1801-1859, founded the well-known guide-books which before World War II were

the "bible" of travel information about much of the world. It was once remarked that the reasons the Germans were so well informed about places was because of the volumes of information collected by Baedeker. The publishing business was in Koblenz and later moved to Leipsig. The information was translated into many languages. The maps had a wealth of details. During World War II the files were destroyed. In 1950 a great-grandson of Baedeker revived the business. Today's Baedekers are automotive tour guide books.





A CZECH OF A  
GOOD TIME

That's what is in store for all visitors to the 11th Annual Czech Village Festival, Fri., Sat., Sun., Sept. 7, 8, 9 in Czech Village in near downtown Cedar Rapids.

Co-sponsored by the Czech Village Association with Czech Heritage and Fine Arts Foundations, the celebration will feature a Polka Fest and Beer Garden, a Village Flea Market, a 3-day Czech Embroidery Workshop, 2 performances of the Capital City Czech Choraliers from Lincoln, Nebr., continuous music and dancing, demonstrations of Czech folk and fine arts, crowning of a Czech Princess and Prince, a Czech Heritage Parade and lots of contests and old-fashioned fun and gaiety.

Czech Village Festival is a community-wide event. A variety of organizations join the celebration with their volunteer efforts. Helping the Village Sykora Bakery prepare kolaches to serve thousands of festival-goers will be bakers from Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Ludmila Catholic Church and Sokols.

Contests are important: Saturday's events include a Kolache-Eating Contest, a Czech Bake-Off a tribute to Czech baked delicacies. On Sunday a Carp Fishing Contest, a prize of \$100 to the fisherman landing the largest carp, will be held in the vicinity of the 16th Avenue Bridge in Czech Village.

The Czech Museum with its beautiful collection of national costumes, glassware, dolls and antiques will be open extra hours those 3 days. Continuous entertainment will be provided by Shorter's Gala Midway, a Village Flea Market featuring antiques, arts, collectibles and more will be staged. The

Czech Heritage Parade, highlighting Czechoslovak ethnic history, will delight visitors on Sunday morning.

Featured bands include The Czech Artists, Jerry Schuft's Band, the Jolly Bohemians, The Czech Plus Polka Band, Accordion Aces, Accordionaires, the Czech Showcase from Boddicker School of Music in Czech Village. The Czech Heritage Band will entertain the festival-goers as well.

Complete schedule of events for the Festival are available after July 1. Phone the Czech Village Coordinator (1-319) 366-7348 during business hours or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Czech Village Festival, 59-16th Avenue S.W., Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52404, requesting the schedule.

Pat Martin,  
Czech Village Coordinator,  
Home: ;  
Office: 366/7348

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CZECHOSLOVAK WIT and WISDOM, just off the press, 40 pages, \$2.95 plus mailing. Sayings in both Czech and English. Music and words of the two national anthems are in English: in Czech, "Kde Domov Můj? -- Where is My Home?" and in Slovak and English, "Nad Tatrou sa Blýská -- On Tatra (Mts.) it is Lightning", and the popular "Švestková Alej -- Prune Song". Twenty participants contributed materials. Compiled by Pat Martin who authored item #7 on the Price List. Handling and postage for one or 2 books add 85¢. (p.11)

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FIVE THOUSAND METER RACE. Tim Klein with a time of 16:03 was the fastest runner in the Sunday Houby Day races. The fastest female was Holly Henshaw with a time of 19:28.

There were 194 runners finishing the race. Winners in the 14 and under age category, placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively were: male--Jody Engledow, Jason Mason,

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METER RACE. Jay Anderson; females--Mimi Costello, Colleen Novak, Nicole Nelson. In the age 15-17: males--Mike Kabelá, Wade Grantham, David Mustain; females--Holly Henshaw, Jill Kadera, April Menzel. In the 18-24 age group: Tim Klein, Doug Wenzel, T. J. Murphy; females--Shelly Cronbough, Debi Dostal, Lori Schneiders. The 25-34 age group: males--Jerry Zumbunner, Mark McConeghey, Stephen McCoy; females--Margie Stangl, Deb Moeller, Patricia Oliver. In 35-45: males--Ray Johnston, Joe Dalihaij, William Roudabush; females--Marva Grantham, Jean Todd, Nancy Miller. Age 46 and over: male--John Cunningham, Robert Kabelá, David Evans; females--Alice Polomis, Beth Blakeslee.

P.S. If you wonder the distance of 5000 m., it is 3.1 miles.

CONTEST WINNERS on HOUBY DAYS.

HOUBY CONTEST. Nine categories were judged: best houba in the contest, DuWayne Harnes, Ely; largest houba, Tom McMurrin, Toddville; tallest houba, Delbert Krug, Ely; most oddly shaped small houba, Sandy Smith, Marion; most oddly shaped large houba, Patty Konecny, Ely; smallest houba and best display of small houby, Eddie Woods, Walker; best large display, Emma Novak, Ely; most original display, Mary Tichy, Ely.

At the 4th Annual ETHNIC CELEBRATION June 2, 3 in Cedar Rapids at the Riverside Roundhouse (Farmers Market), visitors sampled a variety of foods, viewed arts, crafts, displays and enjoyed music and dancing. Members of participating groups in traditional costumes were: Blackwomen's Civic Organization, Czech Heritage and Fine Arts Foundations, Danish Brotherhood, St. John The Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, SaPaDaPaSo (St. Patrick's Day Parade Society), Los Amigos Sons of Norway--all non-profit organizations. The "Americans" are a group with a variety of cultural backgrounds, sponsored by the Ambroz Arts Advisory Board of the C. R. Recreation Commission. Traditional food and crafts were on sale.

FLAG POLES and a CLOCK and CHIMES in CZECH VILLAGE are SPECIAL MEMORIALS.

The Flag of our Country--the Stars and Stripes--fly from the first POLE erected by the Bandstand on the Mall. Inscribed on the bronze plaque on the base: "IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANN SVOBODA EGGER AND FRANK JOSEPH SVOBODA 1981". The three daughters, Angela, Ann and Mildred are the donors. Also in 1981 the CLOCK--an anonymous donor--with CHIMES added by Mrs. Frances Wagner, "IN MEMORY OF FRANTIŠEK and FRANČIŠKÁ PRŮŠEK", Mrs. Wagner's parents. In 1983 a second FLAG POLE was dedicated. The bronze plaque reads: "A GIFT TO THE VILLAGE FROM CZECH HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC. MEMORIAL FUND 1983". This pole flies the Czech flag and is located to the south of the first pole. It is of interest to note that the poles are the same height with anodized "gold" balls capping.

These three MEMORIALS add so much to the setting and atmosphere of the Village. Our grateful THANK YOU to those who have made these living memorials possible.

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DR. FRANK JOSEPH JIRKA, JR., now President of AMA (American Medical Ass'n.) was born in Chicago in 1922. He has been a medical doctor in Illinois since 1950. He is on active and/or consultant staff in several hospitals in the Chicago Metropolitan area and an Assoc. Prof. at Loyola University. Our best wishes to Dr. Jirka.

- c. Smaží se to, vaří se to, peče se to a nejí se to? Fry it, boil it, bake it and is not eaten? (Ans. (c) p. 9)
- d. Nemá to huby, ale tři zuby, u jídla slouží a po něm netouží. Has no mouth, but 3 teeth. At eating serves you and after (that) does not complain. (Ans. (d) p. 9)



## CZECH FINE ARTS FOUNDATION

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GENEOLOGICAL RESEARCH: Tracing Czech, Moravian and Slovak Ancestry. Just off the press. 60 pages, 8 1/2" x 11". Topics are: Preparation for the task, Documentation, U.S. Sources, Immigrants, History and Geography (Maps), Language, Documentation from Czechoslovakia, Appendix and Bibliography. Author is Jana Fast of Czech Fine Arts Fdn. Inc. and curator of the Czech Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids. \$8.00 postpaid. All proceeds go to the Fine Arts Fdn., Inc. Send order to the Foundation at 10 - 16th Avenue S.W., Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52404

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REMEMBERING. Altho we remember those who were in various branches of our nation's Service, this past week has been one of special significance -- the first National Memorial Service in Washington to remember those who served in Vietnam.

In sorting over items in the file, the editor came across a copy of an article dated Nov. 16, 1975. A few items will be of interest.

In 1861 President Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 volunteers. Seventeen young Czech immigrants enlisted. This was remarkable dedication to the new homeland since the families had left "Bohemia" to avoid their sons having to serve in Emperor Franz Josef's Austrian Army! Those enlisted were: Frank Dolezal, Frank Woitisek, Wentzel Dolezal, Frank Renchin, Enos Votroubek, John Votroubek, Wentzel Benes, Jacob Cerny, Frantisek Horak, Joseph Lipsky, Joseph Podhasky, John Ratzek, Anthony Sulek, Frank Premsky, John Vydra, Wenzie Votroubek and Joseph Bednar. In a camp near Vicksburg, Frank Woitisek died. The others served from 1861-1865. Anthony Sulek was born in 1841 and died in 1922. A nephew of Sulek's, Aldrich Sulek, died this year, 1984.

SPECIALIZING IN ERRORS. We do seem to continue making errors--so here is another correction--spelling of jaternice or jitrnice...No "e" after the "t". However, it is easier for non-Czech to pronounce Jit-er-nice! Maybe it is not too bad to have some errors then we know you read word for word! Keep writing to us. Did you know that some publishers make errors on purpose? One such example is in map making. A church was placed on the wrong corner. When another map maker used that base map the original designers knew their map had been used. The case was settled out of court -- the owners received not only a handsome sum but the competitor had to pay a royalty on all maps sold with that pattern and any more to be sold.

Here is another example of errors in printing. Not long ago I bought a book and opened it at random and the first thing I saw as I read a few lines was a misspelling. I looked for a list of "errata" and following the Index found 2 pages of errata, listing more than 50 items to be corrected. The humorous part of it all was that I looked at the printing date to find the 1st edition was 1974, a 2nd printing 1977 "with corrections". Then the paperback 1980 continued to have the errata. Some mistakes were misspelled words, others--wrong word and a few corrections ran to 2 to 3 sentences! Join the Club!

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Janelle Rohlena, PRINCESS OF CZECH VILLAGE, is active in 4H, at school -- in choir, chorus and band, president of the Honor Society and winner of State Fair ribbons every year. KOLACHES are her favorite entry, with the prized blue ribbons! Congratulations, Janelle. Her flower exhibits at the local All Iowa Fair are winners, too. Twin brother, John, Czech Village Prince, and Janelle will attend Prairie Senior H.S. this fall, 1984.

- b. Kdo vždy nosí hřeben a nikdy se nečesá? Who always carries a comb but never combs? (Ans. (b) p. 9)



JOE COUFAL arrived in 1850 from the Province of Bohemia, Austro-Hungarian Empire and settled on the rich river-bottom-land exactly half-way between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. He was 23 years of age and already a pioneer entrepreneur - a promoter of land development and settlement. He donated land for stock yards and built an elevator and later a stately brick house. The settlement of Cou Falls (pronounced Tsoh-fahls) was really the family name, Coufals. There were no waterfalls in the vicinity.

Business was good. A grocery store, post-office and a large pavilion were on the grounds. It was 1905 and the Crandic Railway was under construction along the east edge of the settlement. The interurban supplied passenger as well as freight service between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. A well travelled highway 2 miles to the east spanned the Iowa River at the Curtis Bridge crossing. Many travelers along that highway had no idea of the settlement to the west.

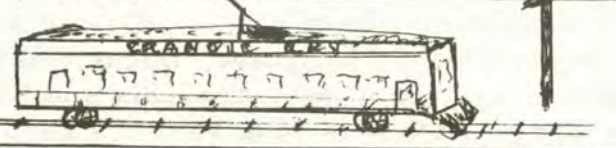
By 1905, Joe Coufal was 77 years of age and died soon after his birthday. He never saw the completion of the rail line. Times were changing and Joe's flourishing settlement began to decline. People would shop in Cedar Rapids or Iowa City or elsewhere as transportation improved. The grocery store was no longer needed. The post office was relocated in Swisher, the elevator and stockyards were torn down. Later the brick house met the same fate.

The construction of the Coralville Dam resulted in considerable flooding of the Iowa River bottom-lands. Control of the land and operation of the reservoir was taken over by the U.S. Army Engineers.

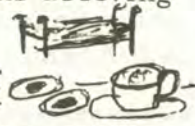
The pavilion continued to be a popular place for dances, week-end events, picnics and reunions. Later the building was enclosed and is now used as a warehouse.

Today travellers on Highway US 218 from Cedar Rapids to Iowa City drive down a long hill with the Coralville Reservoir plainly visible to the south. Scars of dead trees loom over the still water. Near the bottom

of the hill is a black-top road, County Highway "F20" so turn right, follow the road to the first right turn into the driveway of "The Ranch Supperclub" owned and operated by the Schlesselman Family. Joe Coufal is the great grandfather of Lillian Coufal, the present Mrs. Charles H. Vyskocil.



BED and BREAKFAST requests have come from folks arriving by plane for Czech Days on Sept. 7, 8, 9. We are seeking places near Czech Village within walking distance of a few blocks. Send us your name, address, phone number and an idea of your accommodations you have to offer. Send letter to Czech Heritage Fdn., PO Box 761, Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52406 and mark envelope "Lodging".



a MUSHROOM is a MUSHROOM? NOT AT ALL !

The spring variety "morel" is a HOUBA (hoe-bah) or SMRŽE (smrr-žeh). The word houba means spongy fungus, hence the name for morel in Čech. In the fall season, the coolie-hat mushroom is a VACLAVKA (Vahts-lahv-kah.) St. Vaclav (Wenceslaus) Day is on Sept. 28th so likely makes the association with the fall mushroom. A general word for mushroom is ŽAMPION (zzahm-pih-on) no doubt from the French CHAMPIGNON which appears in English language dictionaries.





The CROWN JEWELS of the CZECH \*KINGS

The symbols of royal authority are the crown, the scepter (staff) and orb (globe) of gold, jeweled and very ornate. The crown dates back to 1090, the reign of King Vratislav. Later, Charles IV, (Karel IV) who was Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire which included Čechy and Germany, added more precious gems and pearls to enhance the symbol of supremacy of the Čech State.

Of special value are the sapphires. It is said that there are only 9 large sapphires in the world and 6 are in the Čech crown along with other gems and 111 pearls. The weight of the crown is approx. 6 1/2 pounds. The design of the crown includes two religious symbols-- a thorn (Christ's crown) guarded by the Papal bull. These royal emblems are in the Chapel of St. Wenceslaus at St. Vitus Cathedral adjacent to the 1000 room palace atop the hill of Hradčany overlooking the Vltava River in Praha.

During the reign of Karel IV, a walled-fortress-castle was built (1348-57) some 20 miles southwest of Praha, the well known Karlštejn. During the Hussite Wars (1422) Karlštejn was besieged but the coronation jewels were safely stored in the fortress-castle.

During the Thirty Years War (1618-48) the coronation jewels were taken to Vienna by the Hapsburgs. However, in 1791 the crown jewels were returned to Praha amid pomp and celebration. Placed in the original vault behind steel doors which required 7 keys to gain entrance. The keepers of the keys were the most reknown and highest church and state dignitaries. This device required that all must be present at the same time.

Following the occupation of Čechy by the Nazis, there was a renewed interest in the jewels. In mid November 1941, twelve high-ranking Nazis came to the St. Wenceslaus Chapel at St. Vitus Cathedral. Among the visitors was the "Protector of Czechoslovakia" Heydrich. He demanded the 7 keys. After the



group had surveyed the jewels, only 3 keys were returned, the other 4 he kept. The treasures were safe in the underground vault until 1975 when they again were placed in the Chapel of St. Wenceslaus at St. Vitus Cathedral in Praha. The jewels have been on display only 4 times!

\* This information is a re-write of an article sent to Libby Fikejs Caldwell from a cousin in Čechy. Since the word Bohemia does not appear in the original copy, words Čech and Čechy are correctly used. . . . . Marie Wokoun contributed to the translation and re-write.

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PEACOCK BUTTERFLIES WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM CEDAR RAPIDS authored by

Chris Stephens is the title of an article which appeared in "INDUSTRIAL DIAMOND REVIEW", Feb. 1984 and also in "GLASS INTERNATIONAL", March 1984. Both publications are distributed from London, England. It is doubtful that the reader would ever guess HOW it happens Cedar Rapids made the story.

In 1968, Dr. Oldrich Misa, originally from Znojmo, Moravia, left Czechy to move to England. He is a "creative artist" making designs inspired by flowers and more than 20 insects, for example-butterflies, beetles, grasshoppers! He has used mediums of copper, pewter, canvas and other materials. Over the years his creative designs on glass number more than 1000 pieces!

In recent years Dr. Misa searched for better tools with which to produce the quality and fine designs on cut glass. Happily, he learned about the Industrial Diamond Tool Company of Cedar Rapids - a business operated by George J. Svec and son, Gary A. Svec, distinguished members of Czech Heritage Fdn. Dr. Misa has a





tool less than 1/2" diameter size handle and total weight of about 1/4 ounces which enabled him to engrave fine and very fine lines smoothly and with little effort." One of the show-



pieces took continuous work for a month and a half, depicting the "Four Seasons".

The I. D. T. Company uses real diamonds selected and graded by DeBeers Consolidated Mining, operators of THE well-known mines in Kimberly, South Africa.

And then the surprise conclusion to the article, Dr. Misa refers to the Common Heritage and Czech influence in Cedar Rapids of its own with Czech Village in near downtown area of the city. Also mentioned are Czech Heritage and Fine Arts Foundations. It was a complete surprise to Gary and his Dad when the article arrived. We are very happy to share this brief summary of the news item.

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GRANDMOTHER'S APRON. Grandmother's clothes made little impression on me as a child--except her apron. Its uses were unlimited. The apron made a basket when she gathered eggs and if there were fluffy chicks to be carried to the back porch during a cold spell, they made the trip peeping contentedly in Grandma's apron. When these chicks grew to henhood and pecked and scratched in Grandma's flower garden, she merely flapped her apron at them and they ran squawking to the chicken yard. I can see her yet tossing cracked corn from her apron to the hungry flock.

The chips and kindling needed to start fires in the big-black-iron range were carried in Grandma's apron. Peas, string beans, lettuce, radishes, carrots, apples and peaches all found their way to the kitchen in Grandma's "carry-all".

To men working in the fields, the apron waved aloft was the signal to "Come to dinner". At threshing time, Grandma hovered about the long table passing aromatic dishes and flipping the big apron at pesky flies.

When children came to visit, the apron was

ready to dry childish tears. If the little ones were shy, the apron made a good hiding place if a stranger appeared unexpectedly.

The apron was used countless times to stroke a perspiring brow as Grandma bent over the hot wood stove or hoed the garden under a blistering sun. In chilly weather, Grandma wrapped the friendly apron around her arms when she hurried on an outside errand or lingered at the door with a departing guest.

Hastily and a bit slyly, the apron dusted tables and chairs when company was seen coming down the lane. And in the evening when the day's work was done--Grandma shed her garment of many uses and dropped it over the canary's cage.

from TRUMAN TROJAN-news-letter to parents of pupils at Truman Elementary School, Cedar Rapids.

This is the first in our series of "I REMEMBER" Mama, Papa, Grandparents or other family members. Let us have your story.

Chicagoland Czechoslovak PHILATELIC SOCIETY and First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America had a joint stamp exhibition last October (1983) to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia. The Chicagoland group are launching a publication, CZECHOSLOVAK HERITAGE. Subscription is \$5.00 for 4 journals issued quarterly. Some subjects to be in the journal are history, fine arts, Czechoslovakia in the world of sports, a chronical of new topics and catalog of Czechoslovak stamps.

New format, loose-leaf, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2", with 3 holes for ring binder. Contents arranged so separate subjects can be placed together in another series. Write Czechoslovak Heritage, PO Box 159, Berwyn, Ill. 60402.



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LOOKING INTO A BUS TRIP. We are checking on a trip to Berwyn and on to the Wyandotte Festival south of Detroit July 13, 14, 15. Tentative plan is to depart C.R. by bus Friday a.m., spend the day in the Berwyn area, touring the Czech Museum and other attractions, have a meal at a Czech restaurant, and travel out of the Chicago area to a motel around the Benton Harbor, Mich. area. Depart on Saturday morning to get to Wyandotte. Depart Sunday afternoon, arriving in C.R. late Sunday evening. As yet costs have not been pinpointed but if you are interested, please phone the Novotnys,

Thanks for your wonderful help and we'll be seeing you here and there.

Frank W. Novotny

President, Czech Heritage Fdn. Inc.

CONCERT at AMES.  
IOWA's Governor  
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April 8 as CZECH

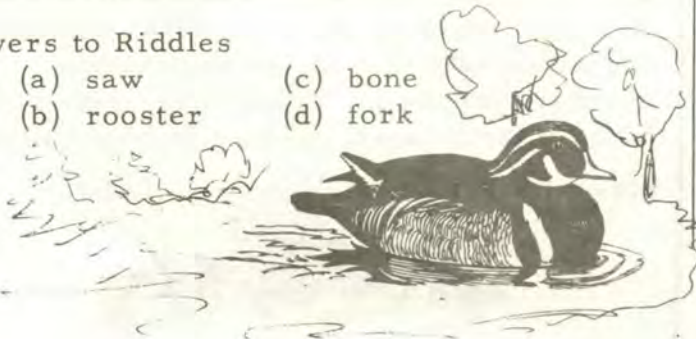
All IOWA  
CZECH WEEK  
April 8-14, '84.

WEEK. The highlight of the week was the first visit of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra from Prague. Besides the evening concerts, there were daytime workshops in embroidery, wordworking and demonstrations of kolach making and baking.

The orchestra is rated among the best in the world. The musicians had been on the road for 35 days, presenting 30 concerts. The standing ovations at the conclusion of the concert resulted in an almost unheard of encore. It was not the classical but more on modern style which showed the versatility of the musicians. Some of the men remarked that they were looking forward to a return visit in 3 years!

Answers to Riddles

- (a) saw
- (b) rooster
- (c) bone
- (d) fork



"BOHEMIAN" DINING IN BERWYN, CICERO

Here is the list which appeared in the Chicago Tribune:

In CICERO: Olympic Restaurant, 6139 West Cermak Rd., Pelikan Restaurant, 5639 W. Cermak Rd., Cafe Europe, 5710 Cermak Rd., Klas Restaurant, 5734 Cermak Rd. and The Old Prague, 5928 W. Cermak Rd. Some are special in soups, dumplings of different varieties, duck, roast pork and beers. In BERWYN are listed: Pilsner Restaurant, 6725 West Cermak Rd., Plaza Restaurant, 7016 W. Cermak Rd., and in BROOKFIELD: Moldau Restaurant, 9310 Ogden Ave. These also have special features, such as potato pancakes, seafoods, continental dishes and dumplings.

The decor varies from unpretentious to Old World Castle, or Alpine, "boxy", quaint. Prices vary but on the whole are reported as reasonable. Many interesting shops between these eating places, as well as Pancner Imports at 6514 W. Cermak Rd. well known to many Cedar Rapidians. Visit the Czechoslovak Heritage Museum and Library and Archives in Berwyn. October 1984 will be the 15th Annual Houby Days with Polka Bands, Contests, Flea Markets, Parades, Band Concerts, Arts, Crafts and many other events. Usually a 3 day event--Fri., Sat., Sun.... The prize fall mushroom was 41 inches in circumference.

(Measure your waist line for size and compare!)

CHRISTMAS in JULY is the theme of the 7th Annual Czechoslovak-American Festival, July 13, 14, 15, Yack Arena, Wyandotte, Michigan. Events sponsored by Sokol Detroit Ladies Auxiliary. Four great bands, food, exhibits, dancing, gymnastics, bazaar booths. ALL PROFITS TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND ELLIS ISLAND FOUNDATION RENOVATION FUND. Sokol Detroit was founded in 1875.



THE TRUE STORY OF A TRAGEDY

revealed in a search for family history. Franz Josef, Emperor of Austria 1848-1916) had an affair with a peasant girl to whom was born a baby girl named Marie. The Emperor asked Baron John Vetsera (also Vecera) to raise Marie, so her name became Marie Vetsera. The royal family had a son, Prince Rudolf, also called Archduke Rudolf, heir to the throne. Rudolf fell in love with Marie Vecera not knowing she was his half-sister. He was at the same time having an affair with Mitzi Kasper. The story and movie related that at the hunting lodge, he shot Marie and himself. Actually it was Mitzi who was killed. Both the Kasper and Vetsera families kept this secret.

At the collapse of the Empire in World War I, Baron John Vecera, his wife, the girl Marie and her daughter, Julie, came to America and settled in Texas. Marie became friendly with a rancher, Jim Stancik. They had five children who carried the name of Vecera: Emilie, Mary, Karolina, Joe and Frank. It was Emilie's daughter, Irene, who searched the family story which has appeared in Texas newspapers. Marie's son, Frank, had a son, Edwin, who lives with his wife, the former Evelyn Rainosek, in suburban Houston. Evelyn is a member of Czech Heritage Fdn. Julie, whose father was Rudolf, is in her 90's and lives in Texas.

A scholarly HISTORY of the HAPSBURG EMPIRE, 1526-1918, University of California Press, states "...the suicide of Crown Prince Rudolf, probably as a consequence of an illicit love affair...". Rudolf is described as "shifty, tense and in the last years of his life (had) neurotic features of character" (which) would have not held much future for Austria.

Sokol Minnesota SLOVO, 10 issues a year, has been telling the story of Czechs in Cedar Rapids in its last several issues. Two full pages are all about us -- Thank You! The material first appeared in the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, a publication of the Iowa State Historical Society, April and July 1944. Originally the research and writing

years a teacher at Van Buren and Wilson Junior High School in Cedar Rapids. The project was her Master's Thesis at the University of Wyoming. The "History of Czechs in Cedar Rapids, 1852-1942" is Volume I published by this Foundation. Volume II up-dates the history 1942-1982. Both volumes available from Czech Heritage Fdn., Vol. I \$2.00, Vol. II, \$3.50. Both volumes on one order \$5.00 plus 85¢ postage.

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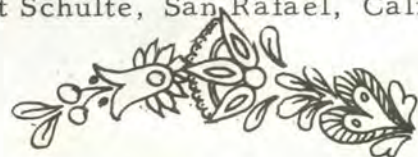
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The mother of KURT HERBERT ADLER, General Director Emeritus of the San Francisco Opera, was a Čech altho he was born in Vienna? He says, "... she brought me up to be ambitious. My father had Hungarian blood... a terribly kind man who owned textile factories. He was an amateur composer."

At age 6, Kurt played the piano and studied piano at the Univ. of Vienna and State Academy of Music. At age 8 he attended the opera with his parents. His experiences include: an assistant to Arturo Toscanini at Salzburg Festivals, conducting the Vienna Volksopera and on its tours of Germany, Italy and Czechoslovakia. It was in Czechy, 1936-38, that he saw events heading toward war. He had an offer from the Chicago Opera so in 1938 he came to Chicago and in 1943 went on to San Francisco. Adler is 79 years of age. He recalls his "unforgettable experience" with Max Reinhardt in 1925 during a rehearsal for "King Lear".

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Margaret Schulte, San Rafael, Calif.





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EDITOR'S HEADACHE.

Getting out this publication is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't, they say we are too serious. If we stick close to the office all day, we ought to be out hunting material. If we get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate genius. And if we do print them, the paper is full of junk! If we edit the other fellow's stuff, we are too critical. If we don't, we're asleep. If we clip things from other magazines, we are too lazy to write them ourselves. Now, like as not, some guy will say we copied this from some magazine. We did. (and so did the publication from which the editor took this).

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