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CZECH HERITAGE PICNIC



You have no idea what good food, good visiting, and pleasant evening you missed if you did not come to the picnic, August 20th, at the ZCJB Park down river from the REC power plant south of the city! That Park has a country club atmosphere - neat mowed lawns, shade trees, picnic tables, ample parking, large enclosed pavilion. The Czech Heritage Band gave a concert and played for pleasure of those who danced. We missed those of you who were not able to attend. Many THANKS to those who did the jobs around the place and entertained us.

CZECH FESTIVAL DAYS ON THE AVENUE

On September 8-9-10 Czech Days were bigger and better than on the 4 other times. KOLACHES! KOLACHES!! You were promised THOUSANDS of them and they were there!



The 11,382 kolaches totaled 948½ dozen and all sold out in a few hours in 3 days. Placed side-by-side they would have stretched out more than a half mile!

Here were the bakers: women at Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church (109½ doz.); St.Ludmilas R.C. Church (260 doz.): United Methodist Church at Shueyville (150 doz.) and the Sokolice (181 doz.) also Delores Kloubec donated 20 dozen! All were made on Friday and Saturday and sold. On Sunday in the wee hours, Sykora Bakery turned out 228 dozen which were gone before noon!



It is estimated that some 15,000 folks were on The Avenue in those 3 days.

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OUR LIBRARY



The Library is being organized. Announcement of its opening will come later on. The use of the library collection will be available to those doing research and by appointment. The task of cataloging and shelving more than 700 volumes will take us some time. We know that more books will be donated now that we have a place to work.



COME to the MUSEUM !

The Fine Arts Foundation DID it ! The grey house back of the former bank building has a handsome sign showing you the place. The floors

have been sanded, walls painted, lace curtains at windows, flood lights spot the exhibits.

Our collection of costumes is very special. Nowadays it is difficult and expensive to import them from Czechoslovakia. Each costume is typical of a region or district. Such elegance was worn only for a special event, perhaps to church, or at time of festivals.

The white walls provide contrast for the colorful displays.



Attendance at the MUSEUM during Czech Days on the Avenue was estimated at 1,400 for the three days. Near the registry book was a "Treasure Chest" into which many visitors dropped donations. There were hundreds of dollar bills and some \$5.00 greenbacks. These funds

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MUSEUM...will be used to expand and improve the total collection of exhibits and displays.

The Museum staff and Fine Arts Fdn. are most grateful for this response. It shows that the community IS truly interested and is showing its real participation in this generous way. Thank you all for the personal "investment" you have made.

Some items are on loan but all of the costumes(except one) belong to the Museum as well as many other of the items.

 To those of you who have items for short term loans or possible outright gifts, please let us know about the possibilities. 

For the present the MUSUEM will be opening on October 5th :

Thursdays 12;30 to 5:00 PM.

Saturdays 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Conducted tours may be arranged at times other than when the Museum is open. Groups of 8 or more can plan a tour. Three tours were made in the last two weeks. To arrange for tours, phone Pat Martin who is Village Coordinator, or call Bob Schaffer who is President of Fine Arts Fdn.

The exhibits will be changed from time to time.

CZECH DAYS... A list of events that took place at one time or another on those 3 days included these:

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| Kolach breakfasts | Bingo |
| Antique sales | Concessions |
| Children's Parade | Sokol tumblers |
| Egg painting | Beseda Dancers |
| Midway rides | Polka Dots |
| Accordian Aires | Accordian Aces |
| Jolly Bohemians | Bake-Off |
| Street Dancing | Hay bale toss |
| Arm wrestling | Dunk the merchant |
| Carp Fishing contest | and many more... |

Raffles, prizes for lucky numbers of buttons; mini-concerts in Bandstand; strolling accordian players. Piped music on the Avenue goes on every day!



Czech Village

The Czech Village Association has weekly meetings to make plans for changes and improvements on local traffic, architectural designs of some buildings, plans for Czech Days in 1979, parking areas at the rear of buildings and many other projects.



The BARTERED BRIDE- the comic masterpiece opera by Bedřich Smetana will be presented in NINE performances at the Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, New York City.

This is a NEW production, in English. It is the FIRST TIME in 35 years that the opera has returned to the stage!

Costumes, choreography (dances) and stage sets designed & directed by Jan Skalicky, Paul Smok, and Josef Svoboda.

TELEVISED BROADCAST, LIVE from the stage, Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 8 PM. Mark your calendar and TUNE IN.

If you happen to be in New York City or plan to be there, tickets available for evenings of Nov. 3, 6, 11, 16, 18, 21, 25. One matinee is Dec. 2nd and will be a RADIO BROADCAST. Mark it on calendars! Two dates of Oct. 25 and 30 are sold out. Mail orders at Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, New York, N.Y. 10023. Prices range from \$18. to \$50. per person, depending upon location of seats.

TV production: Tues., Nov. 21, 8 PM

Radio broadcast: Sat., Dec 2. most likely in early afternoon.....

...Check local station programs..

MEMBERSHIP IS 522. .

LET'S ADD ANOTHER 500 NOW!

CZECHOSLOVAKIA



The pace of the modern age is constantly and ever more rapidly forging ahead. There are, however, values which remain forever: beauty, simplicity and tradition. The beauty of a national costume, the simplicity of life and the tradition of customs.

It was from these sources that many Czech artists drew inspiration: Smetana in music and Bozena Nemcova in literature. We would like to share with you the traditional and now very rare folk costumes of Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia.

Czechoslovakia is composed of three distinct regions: Cechy (Bohemia), Moravia and Slovakia as illustrated in the map at the top.

Cechy

Costumes from this region are characterized by white blouses with white embroidery, which provide a sharp contrast to the colors of the bodice, skirt, apron and deaddress. The bodice can be quite elaborate with gold, garnets or pearls on velvet or brocade. Unmarried girls can wear flowers or bands in their hair, while married women wear caps or scarves. The man's costume is usually simple with a white shirt with white embroidery, a vest with brass buttons and simple wool pants worn with boots.

Moravia

In this region, the blouses show a contrast of black silk embroidery on white, with colors in the apron and skirt. The girls wear a miniatuure version of the adult costume. At her wedding, a bride wears a white satin apron with a matching cap. The embroidery in this is done with gold and silver thread. The man's costume reflects the same use of colored embroidery on the shirt and pants. The belt is worn looped around the waist several times. A colorful handkerchief and shiny black boots complete the costume.

Slovakia

Colored embroidery appears on the sleeves, collar and matching cap. These costumes are unique in that the skirt and the apron are identical. Silk ribbons add another touch of color; each ribbon is from a distinct region which can be identified by the pattern of the woven flowers in it.

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