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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This issue of Naše České Dědictví is our biggest and best ever! From our feature stories, to photos and reprints of advertisements from the past, there's something for everybody. Make sure you take time to fill out the newsletter survey on page 23 and return it to us. Let us know how we're doing.

The subject of dues is being addressed this year. Your Board of Directors represents you, the member. Read our Financial Secretary's article on the subject and when returning the newsletter survey, share with us your feelings about raising the dues in 1993.

Out of state members don't often have the opportunity to participate in our foundation's fundraising activities—that is until now. To raise money for our youth related programs we are conducting a raffle. Greg Arbuckle, a local businessman, built and completely furnished a beautiful miniature doll house. Send a five dollar donation and the foundation will send you ten chances to win. Your kids or grandkids will love it. Grandmas might like it too! Plus, we'll ship it anywhere in the United States to the winner. Tell your friends and neighbors. You don't have to be a member to participate. Details on page 14. Thank you for your support.

Na shledanou.

John Rocarek

ETHNIC FEST '92 May 23rd & 24th Saturday 2 - 10 Sunday 12 - 10

Each year the Czech Heritage Foundation is proud to be a co-sponsor of the Cedar Rapids Ethnic Festival. Again, the Riverside Roundhouse, located just two blocks west of Czech Village, will host the event. This year's Ethnic Fest promises to be the premier Ethnic celebration of Eastern Iowa.

Costumed exhibitors will be serving ethnic delicacies at their decorated booths. Represented will be Afro-Americans, Native Americans, Czechoslovaks, Danes, Filipinos, Greeks, Indians, Mexicans, Norwegians, and Vietnamese.

Saturday —

- 2:00 Iowa Scottish Heritage Pipe & Drum
- 2:10 Pella Dutchesses
- 2:35 Ballet Folklorico Quetzalcoatl
- 2:45 ECF Square and Round Dancers
- 3:10 McKinley Unity Choir
- 3:20 Pella Dutchesses
- 3:50 Iowa Scottish Heritage Pipe & Drum
- 4:00 Sound Doctrine Voices of Hope Choir
- 4:30 Harmony Hawks
- 4:40 Aegeans
- 5:25 Die Tiefen Keller Kinder Band
- 5:40 Ballet Folklorico Quetzalcoatl
- 6:40 Eastern Iowa Brass Band
- 7:45 Five Guys Named Moe
- 8:00 Danny Tyler Band

Sunday —

- 12:30 Mexican Dancers/Latin Singers
- 12:45 Vietnamese
- 1:25 Opa Dancers
- 1:35 Del Bucknell
- 1:40 Aegeans
- 2:15 Dixie Landers
- 2:20 Cemar Cloggers
- 3:00 Cedar Rapids Jazz Ensemble
- 3:30 Alma Iowana
- 3:45 Harvest Homes
- 4:45 Danish Dancers
- 5:15 Marc Frana Band
- 5:30 Pete Turner
- 7:30 Los Muchachos de Norberto
- 8:00 Sugar Daddys

Two stage areas will provide continuous entertainment. Enjoy authentically prepared ethnic cuisine while experiencing entertainment representative of lands far away. Most of all, come, have fun, and join us as we CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE.



letters

to the editor

May 1, 1992

Dear John:

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me yesterday concerning the plight of Milan Urbansky. He is visiting the Neurosurgery Department here at the University of Iowa Hospitals. He is a practicing neurosurgeon from Czechoslovakia.

He has been here for about a week now, but earlier this week, shortly after arriving, every dime he had was stolen from the staff surgeons dressing room while he was in surgery. He had not had a chance to put his money in the bank yet, and someone stole it out of a locked locker. I don't think I have ever seen anyone look so sick. All of our hearts went out to him. The money that was stolen was what he had saved to make this trip, pay for his lodging, food, and souvenirs. Therefore, he now has nothing.

The doctors and residents here have given him money from their own pockets, and the hospital has now agreed to pay for his lodging and give him some meal tickets to hold him through these hard times.

I would like to request two things from your group on behalf of Milan. First of all, if you have any social gatherings that you think he would enjoy, either as a group or as individuals, we would like to see him get involved with other people of Czech descent, which would help him to enjoy his time here in the United States. Secondly, any donations for Milan would be more than appreciated. He lost approximately \$1700, which is close to one year's wages for a doctor from Czechoslovakia. Any help you can provide would not only help him financially, but emotionally as well.

Thank you once again for your consideration. Please let me know if you can help.

Sincerely,

Dr. Loren and Dawn R. Mouw

Editor's note: As a testament to the generosity of Iowans I wish to report that in less than two weeks time the University community dug deep and has raised over \$1,500 for Dr. Urbansky. While his return home is now secured and he must surely be glad he came to The University of Iowa to study, our members could still offer assistance, both financially and morally. Donations may be sent to the doctor by way of the Mouws. Also, give Dr. Urbansky a call and welcome him to the United States. Let's show him some real Czech Heritage hospitality!

Czech Heritage Foundation:

I am an American teaching English in Czechoslovakia. Since the revolution the demand for English language courses has been tremendous and there are not enough schools and teachers to meet that demand. There is also a huge shortage of English language books. I am hoping that some of your members could send us a book (maybe one that they've read and no longer need). It can be anything: new, used, hardcover, paperback, fiction, non-fiction, history, biography, etc. Anything and everything would be greatly appreciated. My students range in age from eighteen to fifty. I am sure that it can't cost more than a few dollars to send a book (airmail) and yet the enjoyment and educational value are priceless. For anyone who wants to help us the address is: Thank you.

Bobbie Random, c/o 2002 Language School
Kroftova 45, 61600 Brno, Czechoslovakia

Dear Czech Heritage Fdn.

We are an educational research group conducting a global survey of food rituals, prayers and sayings. What we seek are utterances, incantations, songs, blessings, or prayers said before partaking of food.

We would appreciate any help you could extend us. Would you be kind enough to put us in touch with someone whose knowledge of folklore might encompass this aspect of culture, past or present?

Our group, the Cultural Education Fdn., is interested in any type of prayer, etc. that plays a role in a culture's myths and beliefs associated with food. In this regard, we would welcome both informal offerings as well as those which would accompany a social event or religious function. Our aim is to present prayer in its cultural context so as to show the variety of ways in which one expresses thanksgiving or appreciation for food.

We will be happy to forward to you a complimentary copy of the global survey when it is completed.

Sincerely, yours,

Adrian Butash for CEF

Editor's note: If one of our members respond to this survey, they could donate the complimentary copy of the global survey to the Czech & Slovak Museum and Library. It would make a welcome addition to the collection.

CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES GLOBAL CEDAR RAPIDS

Cedar Rapids was recently visited by a very special guest: Czechoslovakia's Ambassador to the U.S., Rita Klímová.

Ambassador Klímová delivered the opening address at the Global Cedar Rapids Conference, March 7, at Kirkwood College. As well, she accepted the Global Cedar Rapids International Citizens Award on behalf of President Václav Havel. Her hour-long address touched on many aspects of the contemporary political realities in Czechoslovakia.



Ambassador Klímová came to Cedar Rapids to accept the Global Cedar Rapids International Award on behalf of President Vaclav Havel.

Since the end of Communist rule in 1989, Czechoslovakia has had its share of challenges. Presently, the country is plagued with economic difficulties, a devastated environment, and a strong Slovak separatist movement. Despite the problems, Klímová remains optimistic.

There is, however, little agreement within the country on how change should proceed, Klímová admits. The "left-wingers want to go slowly," and the rest favor radical reform. "Without radical change the process will go on for generations," Klímová says.

Elections are scheduled for this summer and there are 111 political parties in the country. Answers to the question of how fast reform will take place will have to wait until the votes are counted.



The Czech Heritage Singers and Czech School Children, under the direction of Olga Drahozal, perform at the Global Cedar Rapids Conference opening ceremony.



Olga Drahozal welcomes our distinguished visitor in the Czech language, careful not to miss a word, while Ann Rocarek waits to present a corsage.



Ambassador Klímová cheerfully accepts a traditional loaf of rye bread from Czech School representatives (left to right) Holly Upah, Ann Rocarek, and Lydia Drahozal.

After the opening address, including a performance by the Czech Heritage Singers, conference participants separated into small groups for more intimate and interactive discussions of a variety of topics. Experts led sessions on the environment, the emerging democracies of the Commonwealth of Independent States, political reform in Eastern Europe, and overpopulation.

Interested individuals attended a brief lecture on a topic of their choice, followed by a question

and answer discussion. I attended a presentation by the Iowa Peace Institute, examining current conditions in Bulgaria. A young Bulgarian student discussed a volunteer group he had formed to foster election reform.

The conference, truly global in its scope, offered local citizens a chance to learn more about the world environment and its increasing influence on our daily lives.

—Russell Cohen



At a reception held in her honor at the Czech & Slovak Museum and Library, Ambassador Klímová (left) addresses the guests. She was truly amazed to find, in her words, "such a magnificent Czech and Slovak Museum."



(L to R) John Rocarek, the Ambassador's guide during her two day stay in Cedar Rapids, Ambassador Rita Klímová, Leo C. Peiffer, and Dennis Miller, Global Cedar Rapids President.



Accepting the Rhea egg decorated by Master Artist Marj Nejd. Also pictured is Global C.R. Conference Chairman, Bob Taylor.



Touring the immigrant home with Patricia Hikiji, Executive Director of the Museum and Library.



After touring the museum, the Ambassador reviews plans for the new museum and library with Czech Fine Arts President Tom Hruska and project architect, Leo C. Peiffer.

Cedar Rapids was indeed fortunate to have as its guest, Czechoslovakia's Ambassador to the United States, Her Excellency Ambassador Rita Klímová. The Ambassador is an eloquent spokeswoman for her country, and in her capacity as President Havel's messenger, conveys beautifully the hopes and dreams of her new democratic country. Ambassador Klímová took every opportunity to discuss Czechoslovakia's effort to rebuild after decades of communist control. A special press conference was held,



The Czech Heritage Fdn. commissioned a special decorated Rhea egg for the Ambassador as a memento of her first visit to Cedar Rapids



a national radio interview was conducted by the Stanley Foundation, and speeches were made at every turn. Even with a very hectic schedule, the Ambassador took time out to speak with high school students who were anxious to discuss world issues and politics. Her visit will be fondly remembered by all who participated in the Global Cedar Rapids Conference. Czech Heritage Foundation members can be proud that their organization co-sponsored Ambassador Klímová's visit.

CZECH IT OUT...

Klink, Rekow take trip to Czechoslovakia

Les Klink, Elkader, and Leigh Rekow, Postville, local VOCA volunteers, recently returned from the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

Klink and Rekow were sent there as a management team to review organizational and management structures and provide recommendations for improvement. Also, to propose necessary changes in crop and livestock production to help producers achieve higher efficiencies.

They found a great need for more protein in their livestock rations and also suggested conservation practices to conserve their soil. The suggestions were well received by the people in Kromeriz Coop. Kromeriz is about 150 miles east of Prague.

While in Kromeriz, an honorary membership to the Clayton County Farm Bureau was presented to Chief Jan Vana and his family. They felt very honored to receive this membership.

The VOCA is volunteers in overseas cooperative assignments dedicated to helping Third World countries improve their standard of living by sharing the expertise of their volunteers. All VOCA volunteers have agricultural backgrounds.

To learn more about how you can help with this project to rebuild the community of Kromeriz, Czechoslovakia, write: Les Klink,

Article reprinted from the Clayton County Farm Bureau Spokesman.



PHILLIPS CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL June 20th & 21st

Enjoy two full days of food, festivities, and cheer. Music and dance, arts and crafts fair, carnival, bake sale, demonstrations, polka service and more!! Call _____ for details or write: Kathryn (Fiala) Schilling.

ARE YOU QUEEN MATERIAL?

On August 2, the 6th annual Miss Czechoslovak USA Queen Pageant will be held at Wilbur, Nebraska during the 31st annual Nebraska Czech Festival Days. The festival, July 31-August 2, brings visitors from all over the United States to share in the fun. For more information write: John Fiala,

CZECH IT OUT...



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se na kilowattové hodiny, shle-
dáte nejlepším a též úsporným
služebním.

Také nové elektrické stroje
a potřeby, jež bude možno již
brzy koupiti, budou se vyzna-
čovat nejen velkou výkonností
ale i úsporou, takže použitím
jich na farmách či v továrnách
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Thursday and Friday
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v druhém odboji, 1945 Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
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prove to be more efficient but also more
economical with their use on farms and n
factories, with greater gains.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17 - Sept. 27 Feature exhibit "Goosetown: A Bohemian and German
Neighborhood" at Johnson Co. Historical Society Heritage
Museum, Coralville, Iowa.

May 23-24 Ethnic Fest '92 Cedar Rapids, (page 2).

Sept. 13 Radiothon Fundraising event at the Czech & Slovak
Museum and Library. Also native date for the
Czechoslovak Fall Fest in Cedar Rapids.

IOWA MASONS DONATE KOMENSKÝ COLLECTION

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the birth of Jan Amos Komenský, and attesting to his reputation as a "citizen of the world," a commemoration recently took place in Cedar Rapids.

On the afternoon of March 3rd, a special reception took place at the Iowa Masonic Library. Local educators, civic leaders, and other honored guests joined together to recognize Komenský and his achievements. To mark the occasion, the Masonic Library donated its Komenský collection to the Czech & Slovak Museum and Library. The gift includes over one hundred fifty volumes by and about the great Moravian.

John Rocarek, president of the Czech Heritage Foundation and director of the Czech & Slovak Library and Archives, welcomed guests on behalf of the Czech community. Paul Wieck, Grand Secretary of the Masons in Iowa, spoke briefly about the relationship between Freemasonry and Komenský. "Jan Amos Komenský is seen as a Masonic patriarch," Wieck said. In fact, Anderson's Constitution, the charter of Freemasonry written in 1723, contains many phrases lifted directly from Komenský. This document now forms the introduction to the present text of the constitution, continuing Komenský's influence upon Freemasonry.

Week also gave a brief history of Freemasonry in Czechoslovakia, noting that the first lodge formed by the Masonic Brethren after World War II was known as the Jan Amos Komenský Lodge. Presently a Masonic revival is taking place in Czechoslovakia.

Keith Arrington, the Chief Librarian of the Iowa Masons, received a commemorative plaque from Patricia Hikiji of the Czech & Slovak Museum and Library, celebrating the transfer of the Komenský collection. "I'm pleased to transfer these books from a foreign country back to their home: The Czech and Slovak Museum and Library," Arrington said with a smile.



Patricia Hikiji

Keith Arrington

Robert Stone, president of the Komenský Society treated the guests to a brief history of Komenský, perhaps Czechoslovakia's best known cultural ambassador. More often known by his Latin name, Comenius, he has influenced the his-

tory of Czechoslovakia long after his death. Stone mentioned two instances: The Czech Declaration of Independence of 1918 mentions only one Czechoslovak: Komenský. And Charter '77, the landmark human rights document partially drafted by Václav Havel, contains only one quotation: Komenský's. Komenský's words: "Let all things happen freely and without violence," may have contributed to change in his country, peaceful as it took place.



Born in Moravia in 1592, Komenský was a reformer far ahead of his time. He pioneered modern methods of education. He helped spread the gospel of Bacon, stressing the importance of scientific method and inductive reasoning, while never failing to reconcile it with religion. He urged the creation of a world council of churches, a world court, and a united nations. Unfortunately, as Stone said, "the world wasn't ready for his international ideas."

Most of his life was spent in exile, spreading his methods throughout Europe. His educational ideas, radical for the time, can still be seen influencing our methods of learning. He was the first to propose a national education policy, urging universal education for men and women, the very young, the poor, and the less adept. He tried to make education fun, not punishment, in a move away from rote memorization. *The Visible World of Pictures*, published in 1656, was the first illustrated textbook. It was still being published and used in U.S. schools as recently as 1887.

Throughout history much of his work was suppressed and therefore not well known outside Czechoslovakia. Frantisek Palacky, his first biographer, helped spread his reputation to the world in the 19th century. His reputation in Cedar Rapids is well established, thanks to Anna Heyberger, a lecturer of Czech and French at Coe College early in this century. In 1928 Heyberger published a biography of Komenský, further celebrating his accomplishments.

Komenský has made a lasting contribution that we continue to benefit from today. And as we recall his words, it's easy to forget that he wrote them almost four centuries ago: "We are all citizens of one world. . . . Let us have but one aim in view, namely the welfare of humanity."

— Russell Cohen

Melvina's Corner

M. Melvina Svec is a nationally known author and expert on Czechoslovak history and culture.

JAN AMOS KOMENSKÝ

As you know, this year marks the 400th anniversary of Komenský's birth. But did you know he:

- encouraged caring for the environment.
- believed in the use of the language of the region rather than Latin which was chiefly used in his era.
- and locally . . . just under the overhang of the former Carnegie Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are the names of literary giants, such as Shakespeare, Irving, Dante, Goethe, and KOMENSKÝ!



**1862 - 1992
SOKOL
140th
Anniversary**

In Praha, capital of the Province of Bohemia, the Sokols were founded. The Czech word "sokol" is falcon, a family of strong birds, swift in flight. Birds in the same family are eagles, hawks, osprey, and

vultures. The three falcon families are Perrigrine, Prairie, and American Kestrel, once called Sparrow Hawk.

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1907) one of the beloved Czech composers, learned his father's trade: Butcher. At age twelve he took music lessons and at the age of sixteen an uncle made possible Antonín's enrollment in the Prague Organ School. He graduated in 1858.

By age twenty-one he played violin and viola in an orchestra. Then, for five years Dvořák was in a group with Smetana as conductor.

Dvořák was not a widely read person. His hobby was locomotives, and he often said, he wished he had "invented the monsters." He enjoyed visiting with train engineers at rail stations.

In 1892 Dvořák came to New York City to head the National Conservatory. His salary was a fortune—\$15,000! (In Prague his salary was \$1,000 a year). Dvořák spent the summer of 1893 in Spillville, Iowa. Why there? Josef Kovařík was a graduate of the Prague Conservatory and his folks were early settlers in Iowa.

Visitors to Spillville are sure to visit the Bily Clock Museum where many momentos of Dvořák's summer are on display. A city park has a flower garden and memorial stone honoring the great composer.

In 1895 the Dvořák family returned to their home in Czechoslovakia.

References: Dvořák by Neil Butterworth, Lives of Great Composers by H.C. Schonberg, They Came to Spillville, C. Klimes

The 100th anniversary of Antonín Dvořák's summer in Spillville will be next year. Special events are being planned statewide. Watch for more news in upcoming issues.

A YEAR IN PICTURES

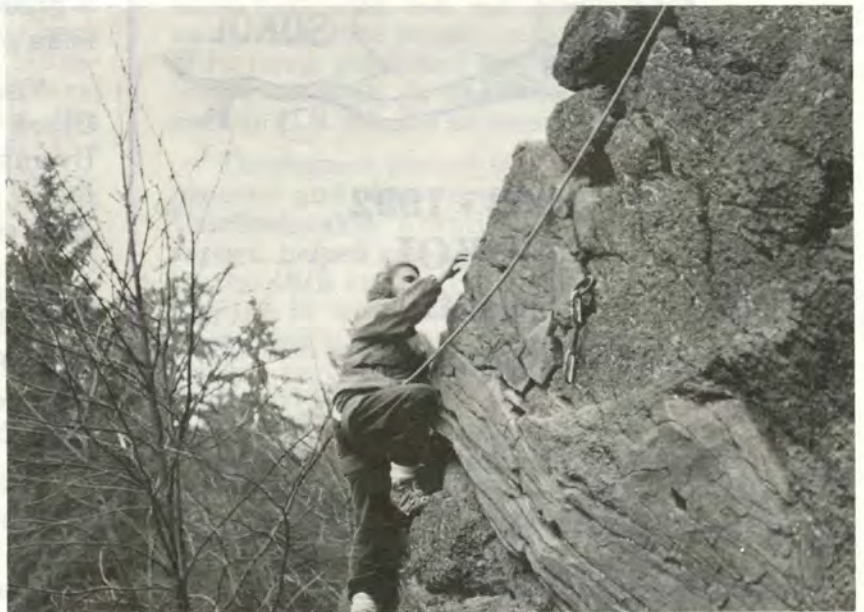
In December 1991, I returned from a year stay in Olomouc, Czechoslovakia. As part of an exchange program through Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, I had a chance to learn Czech and teach English at Palacky University.



*St. Wenceslas Cathedral in Olomouc
(Chram Svaty Vaclav).*

April 1991:

Everyone in Olomouc is so active. In winter, many of the students ski or play hockey, and in summer there isn't a sport that they don't do. For the first time in my life (and definitely not the last) I went rock climbing. Though scary at times, the feeling of reaching the top was very rewarding.



Rock climbing in Moravia.

During my year in Czechoslovakia I did so many things, visited many places, and met many people. It's impossible to describe the experiences I had. Perhaps the best way to share my trip with others is through pictures — to try and present even the smallest trace of what I saw.

February 1991:

I arrived in Olomouc, about three hours east of Prague, and was immediately awed by its beauty. The city is filled with cathedrals and cobblestone, and though crumbling a little around the edges, it's nevertheless breathtaking.

I taught five English classes a week at Palacky University. As well, I taught a number of young children on a volunteer basis. When I wasn't teaching I was learning Czech, reading Czech literature, and meeting the many interesting people who live in Olomouc: Czechs and other international teachers.



St. Martin's Cathedral in Old Town District of Bratislava.

September 1991:

Back to classes. After a wonderful summer, I returned to Olomouc and resumed my teaching and studies. As the weather began to cool off, I realized that I'd soon be returning. But before I went back to the U.S. I took another trip to Prague. It was my seventh visit during the year, but one can never spend too much time in Prague.

Everything about the city is magical. The old town (staromesto), Charles' Bridge, Mala Strana, Staromestka Namesti, The Astronomical Clock, The Castle — everything!



The Statue of Jan Hus at the center of Old Town Square. A popular meeting place for Czechs and foreigners alike.

December 1991:

Sadly, I returned home. But I'll visit again. For now, I'll carry my Czechoslovak memories with me wherever I go.

It's odd: given the pace of change, Czechoslovakia will be a very different place in only a few years. But the ancient beauty of the architecture — the buildings of old Prague — are in many ways untouched by time. They have endured unchanged, and will hopefully remain that way.

— Lynette Stejskal

June 1991:

When I wasn't teaching I was travelling extensively throughout Czechoslovakia and the neighboring countries. I was in Vienna, Budapest, (and in Czechoslovakia), the Tatry mountains, North Moravia, South Moravia, Prague, and Bratislava. During the summer I travelled to Spain (Czechoslovakia has everything but the ocean).

Originally I came to Czechoslovakia for four months. I enjoyed myself so much that I couldn't leave, so I decided to stay for a full year.



The Astronomical Clock and Tower in Prague's Old Town Square.



Do you recognize this establishment? It's Turechek's Grocery on the corner of C St. and 16th Ave. S.W. Pictured are unknown, Mike(?) Charipar, and Charles Turechek, owner.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

It was generally known that the ideals of the Sokols in America will be carried out with the arrival of its instructor, a member of the Prague instructor team, Charles Štulík, whose photograph appears . . .



KAREL ŠTULÍK.

The Prague Sokol considers him to be among the foremost members and value his untiring efforts in the Czech countryside. He is a pupil of the immortal Mir. Tyrš and understands the Sokol thinking and propagates its ideals with all his enthusiasm. His main objective was to travel overseas in order to revive and bring the national Sokol ideas to our youth. As was to be expected, he was surrounded by his overseas brothers and was welcomed with firm hand clasp as their instructor.

Sokol Charles Štulík was born June 5, 1860 in Libušín, Czechoslovakia. He attended school in Rakovník and then in Prague at the Czech Polytech, where he spent most of his time studying Chemistry. He accepted the position of chemist in a sugar factory in Kralup. He became interested in gymnastics as a boy and worked at it until he became well known and made a member of the Prague gymnastic team. We wish him well in his endeavors to carry out his mission and to call out in our Sokol group: "Strive!"

From Omaha's KVĚTY AMERICKÉ Vol.2, Num.13, March 31, 1886. Translated by Charles Vyskocil.

Can you help! The Czech & Slovak Museum and Library is looking for a man's Sokol uniform~similar to the one worn by Mr. Štulík. Is there one hiding in your attic? Call

ONE VERY SPECIAL LADY

It is always a pleasure to meet someone who has endured the more unfortunate obstacles of life and can look back on the hardships with a smile. One such lady is Cedar Rapids resident, Anna Osborn.



Anna Cerveny at fifteen.

She was born Anna Cervený in Putnam Township, about six miles south of Cedar Rapids in 1899. She lived on a farm near ZCJB Park with her parents until she married. As a youngster, Anna went to the Praha Theatre on 14th Avenue with friends for a night out. Usually, they took the horses, but if the road was flooded by spring rains, walking was the only mode of transportation.

Anna's first husband was Frank Trpkosh. They owned a farm near ZCJB Park and grew peanuts, tobacco, cotton, and of course, corn. Two children were born, Alma and George. When Alma was six and George about eight months, Frank developed a brain tumor and died. Anna had to auction her farm and most of her possessions, and moved back in with her parents. Alma passed away at age twenty-eight, and George passed away about a year ago, both of cancer.

While living on her parent's farm, Anna was introduced to a veteran who was also a widower, Emil Chmelicek. The two were married and had one son, Leonard. When their son was only twelve years old, Emil passed away. Leonard, sixty-nine, is Anna's only living child.

Anna's third husband was also a veteran, Lee Osborn. Lee and Anna were both very active in the Cedar Rapids parks system. Lee was instrumental in promoting the first outdoor concerts of the Cedar Rapids Symphony and today there is a street and a park named in his honor. Before his passing, Lee and Anna enjoyed twenty-five years of marriage.

Anna tells us that her mother was an expert on home remedies. When Anna was about ten years old she had chicken pox. Her face was covered with them and she was left with a dark scar on her eyeball. The doctor told her that he might be able to make it smaller, but he could not make it go away completely. A Czech neighbor told Anna's mother that if she pierced her daughter's ears, and put honey in her eyes, the spot would go away. Today only an optometrist can see any trace of the scar.

Another childhood memory of Anna's was the chewing of "sweet wood." She found it by pulling off the bark of certain twigs. Sometimes sweet wood was used as sticks for lollipops. Her mother also created a homemade cough syrup by boiling sweet wood, licorice, and rock candy.

To keep her family healthy, Anna remembers that her mother would spread sulfur on top of the cookstove then ignite it. The fumes from the blue

flame spread throughout the house and took all the germs out of the air. Her mother's home remedies must have worked because today at ninety-two, Anna still lives in her own home.

Anna is a hearty woman full of stories, and remembers practically everything about her life. She maintains many photo albums and can remember the name and relationship of every single person pictured.



Anna with great-granddaughter Joanna Koffron and son, Derek.

Many photos are of her twenty-five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. Being a Babi to all these youngsters is a big job, but Anna still finds time to read *Reader's Digest* or watch a little television. She is a very strong woman and well respected by her friends and family. We thank her for taking the time to talk to us and for sharing a little bit about herself with our members.

Special thanks to Leonard Pfeifer for all his help with this interview.

— Lisa M. Rose

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Miniature DOLL HOUSE

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WHERE THE FESTIVALS ARE

A partial listing. Dates subject to changes; it's well to check.

Florida

Lake Worth, Florida—Slovak Day at Slovak Gardens, first Sunday in March.

Masaryktown, Florida—First Sunday in March, Tomáš Masaryk's birthday; Last Sunday in October, Czechoslovakian Independence Day is celebrated with Czechoslovak foods and entertainment.

Illinois

Countryside-Berwyn, Illinois—Annual Moravian Day, end of September. (in 1989, the 50th annual).

Cicero-Berwyn, Illinois—Houby Days, first weekend in October. The Cermak Road Business Association sponsors a Houby Parade; President Bush rode in the parade during his 1988 campaign.

Iowa

Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Five annual celebrations: St. Joseph Day, March 19; Houby Days (Mushroom Days), the Saturday and Sunday after Mother's Day in May; Ethnic Festival, last weekend in May; Czech Village Festival, the Saturday and Sunday after Labor Day in September; St. Nicholas Day, celebrated in the Czech Village the Saturday preceding December 6, which is the feast day of the Czechoslovak Santa Claus.

Ely, Iowa—Czech Day, July 4.

Protivin, Iowa—Protivin Czech Days, August.

Traer, Iowa—Czech Folk Fest, mid-July.

Kansas

Caldwell, Kansas—Czechoslovak days at Sumner County Fair, first Saturday in September.

Cuba, Kansas—Early in April.

Wilson, Kansas—Czech festival in "the Czech Capital of Kansas," last Saturday in July.

Louisiana

Deville, Louisiana—Czech Heritage Days, early March.

Michigan

Wyandotte, Michigan (just south of Detroit)—Czechoslovak-American Festival.

Minnesota

Montgomery, Minnesota—"Kolacky Kapital of the World," Kolacky Days, last weekend of July.

Missouri

Sugar Creek, Missouri—Annual Slavic Festival.

Nebraska

Clarkson Nebraska—Czech Festival June.

David City, Nebraska—Butler County Czech Heritage Days, last week in June or first week in July.

Fremont, Nebraska—Polka Party, February.

Lodgepole, Nebraska—Czech Heritage Day, October.

Omaha, Nebraska—Sokol South Festival, June.

Utica, Nebraska—Polka Days, April.

Verdigre, Nebraska—Kolache Days, June.

Wilber, Nebraska—"The Czech capital of Nebraska," Czech Festival, first full weekend in August.

New Jersey

Holm, New Jersey—Slovak Heritage Festival, Garden State Arts Center, September.

New York

Astoria, New York—Annual Czechoslovak Festival Memorial Day weekend.

Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio—Annual Slovak Heritage Festival, Labor Day weekend, sponsored by Slovak Dramatic Club. In June there is an annual Memorial Service for the people of Lidice, Czechoslovakia. St. Joseph Day, March, Karlin Hall. Cesky Den (Czech Day), second Sunday of June (68th in 1990), DTJ farm, Auburn Corners, Ohio. Annual Czech Catholic Day, third Sunday in July (72nd in 1990). Harvest Festival at DTJ farm, Auburn Corners, Ohio, August. St. Wenceslaus Day is celebrated the last Sunday in September, the feast day sponsorship rotating among the Czech Catholic churches in Cleveland. Holiday Fair, Bohemian National Hall, November. **Metamora-Seward, Ohio**—The first weekend in August is the Czech Polka Fest, sponsored by the celebrated Czech Dancers Polka Club, Inc.

Annual Duck Dinner in November. Annual Jiternice Dance in late winter. This area is near the Michigan border, about 12 miles west of Toledo, or some 120 miles west of Cleveland.
Parma, Ohio—Slovak Heritage Festival, Labor Day weekend.

Oklahoma

Prague, Oklahoma—Annual Kolache Festival, first Saturday in May.

Yukon, Oklahoma—Czech Festival in "The Czech Capital of Oklahoma," first Saturday in October.

Pennsylvania

Erie, Pennsylvania—Polka Festival September 1, 2, 3, & 4.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—The Pittsburgh Folk Festival for 24 ethnic groups, including Slovak-Americans, is held annually the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before Memorial Day.

University Park, Pennsylvania—Slavic Folk Festival, Penn State University, April 4, 8, & 9.

South Dakota

Tabor, South Dakota—Czech Days, third Monday and Tuesday in June.

Texas

Caldwell, Texas—Caldwell Kolache Festival, second Saturday in September.

Corpus Christi, Texas—Czech Heritage Society Festival, spring.

Ennis, Texas—Polka Festival: Czech meals and street dancing, first weekend in May.

Rosenberg, Texas—Fort Bend County Czech Fest, first full weekend in May.

Victoria, Texas—Fall Festival.

West, Texas—Westfest, Labor Day weekend.

Wisconsin

Hillsboro and Yuba, Wisconsin—Cesky Den, second Saturday in June.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Holiday Folk Fair.

Phillips, Wisconsin—Czechoslovakian Community Festival, third weekend in June.

From *Czechoslovak Culture* by Pat Martin. The book is published by the Penfield Press and available through the Czech Heritage Fdn.

To the Reader: If you know of Czech, Moravian, or Slovak Festivals or Fairs not listed, please send us the information. Also send us any changes in the present listings. Thank you. Write us at Czech Heritage Foundation, P.O.Box 761, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406.



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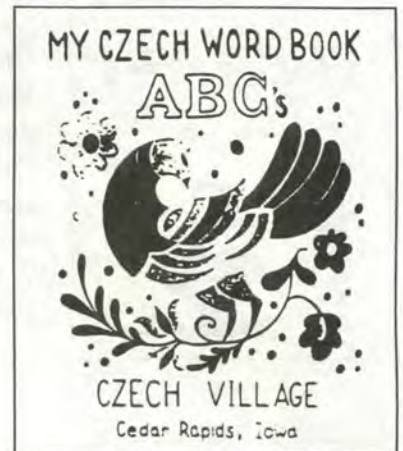
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Volume I
1852 - 1942

THE CZECH HERITAGE FOUNDATION
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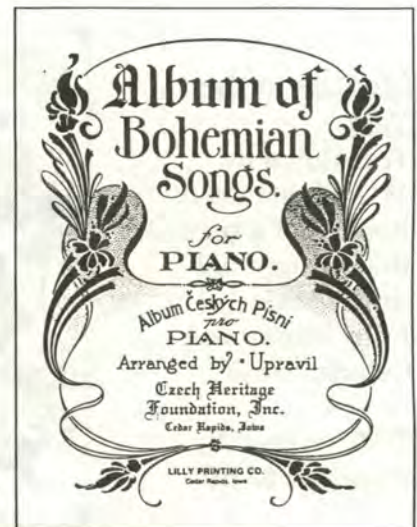
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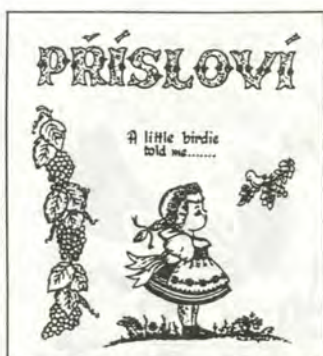
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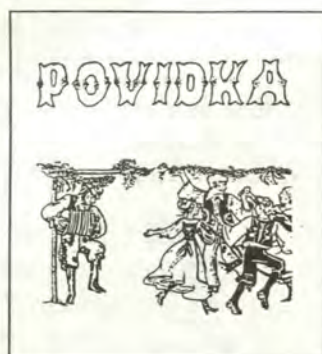
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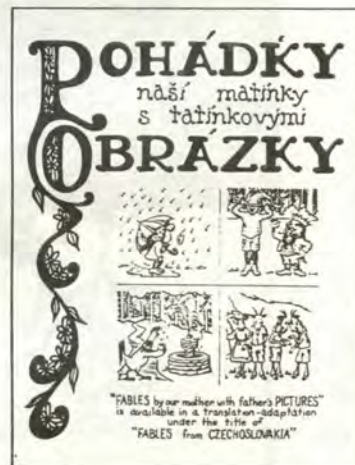


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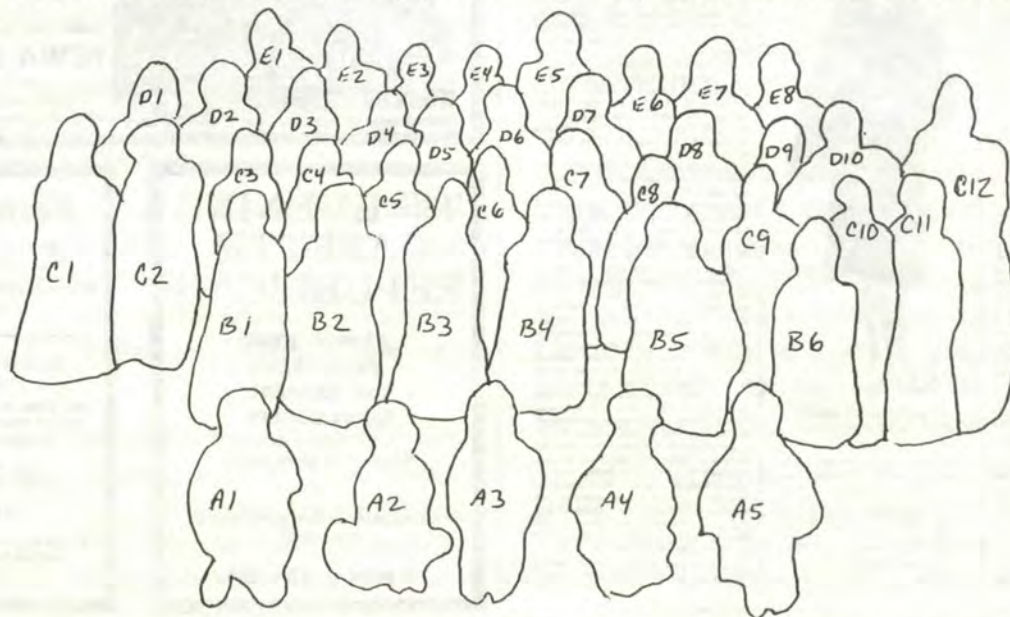
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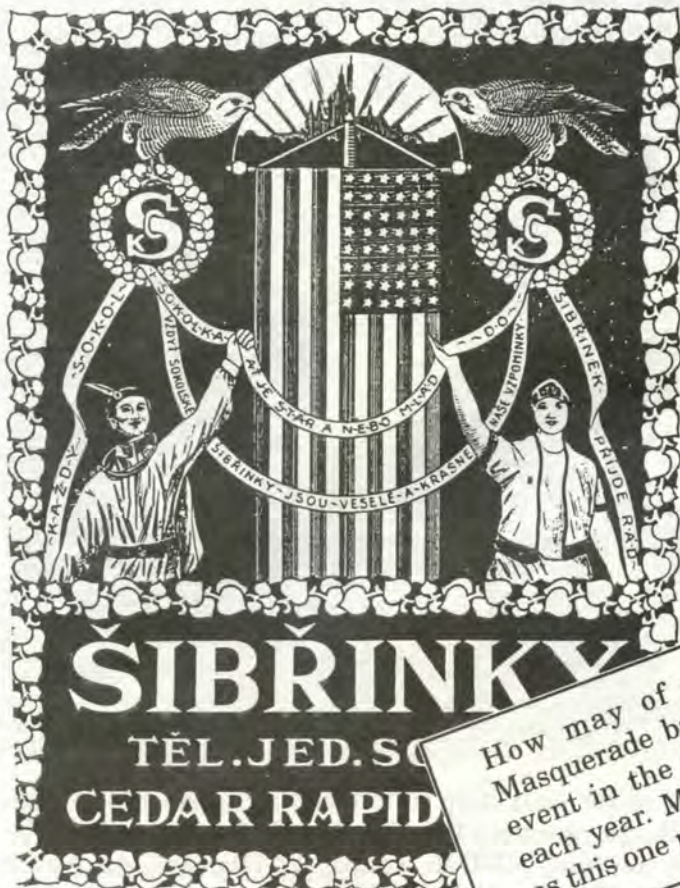
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In our Fall issue last year we ran this photo and asked for your help in identifying these 1933 Czech School students. Many were identified, and we wish to thank numbers C9, D9, and E4 for their help. The names these students of Mrs. Zivney sent us are: A1-Joe Vos, A2-Don Suma, A3-Grubic?, A5-Anton Sykora, B4-Vera Peterka? or Dusek?, B5-Henrietta Kubic, C1- Stehlik?, C2-Esther Spryncl?, C7-Arlene Dvorak, C8-Mary Ann Suma?, C9-Charles Jungman, C10-Edward Kloubec, C11-Joseph Sykora, C12-Marie Zivney (teacher), D1-Georgeanne Kopecky?, D5-Marie Vokolek, D7-Mildred Mrkvichka?, D8-Robert Barta?, D9-Frank Podzimek, D10- Newmeister?, E4-Steve Pisha, E6-John Peterka, E7-Joe Podzimek.

We may have found a partial class list and thought the names might jog a few memories. Let us know if it worked! Karel Landergott, Milada Landergott, Karel Havlik, Helena Sykora, Helena Melsa, Libuse Machacek, Marie Klumpar, Marie Mahring, Kveta Maly, Marie Zumer, Marie Bohac, Alois Zaspal, Joseph Dalecky, Frantisek Zaspal, Anna Kveta Machacek, Evelyn Hruska, Margie Machacek, Jarma Lauka, Lucile Dvorak, Edward Hruska, Milada Mahring, Marie Vokolek, Lenora Stepanek, Karen Karlik, Joseph Maly, Lilian Dusek, Edward Kloubec, Jan Peterka, Vera Peterka, Irene Dvorak, Charley Jungman, Rose M. Machacek, Vlasta Zaspal, Libusa Fikejs, Stephan Pisa, Marie Ann Sumova, Emil Hubert...list incomplete.





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"Vie on, pane, když se to takové, tak my vám to ušlápne za \$500." Br. Naxera se dá do smíchu a povídá: "Na cestě k vám jsem se staval na lesku v Huntera a ten to chce ušlápne zadarmo." "Ale, při tom se už nedovolal a vzal za klau a zmluvl a obdržel."
Do příti schůze přišel ode všech železnic v Rapidsch nabídnout a každá mu chtěla vypravu dva vlaky za \$500.
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"Jak předpovídal, tak se také stalo, ale všechno jelo do Chicaga, jen se nám zůstal tady v Rapidsch."
Nepovedenosti vypravu, slet v parku. Nevim se-li se všechny umělosti, ale lepší parta se nemohla nalézt. Hledí na ulici samé pěšiny pohledy a tím krmit bládné Sokoly. "Ale, on si poptal na ty kráslí, za to" ale samé dráhy. Za to ty celou dobu do Chicaga jeli povídat tak asi pět. Br. Šipka se tak smál až z toho ušláp. Až se v ču ku letu uctí se v se dráhy, udělu vypravom o jeden vlak můj nebo vice, povídá Br. Naxera s klidem Anala-na."
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WILL THERE BE AN INCREASE IN ANNUAL DUES?

The Czech Heritage Foundation was organized in 1973 when it became obvious something had to be done to preserve our Czech heritage and culture. As the number of older Czechs decreased, so did the activities in Czech societies and events. If these traditions were to be kept alive, the second and third generations would have to take the leadership.

From a small dedicated group, Czech Heritage Fdn. grew to an influential organization which is now involved in numerous activities. This includes Houby Days and Fall Festival in Czech Village, the Ethnic Fest, St. Nicholas Day, St. Joseph's Day, Educational Kit and speakers to public schools, students Homestay program in Czechoslovakia, conversational Czech classes for adults, Czech Heritage Singers—the list goes on and on. We are now considering starting a Scholarship Fund to help students of Czech descent with college expenses.

The three dollars annual membership dues of almost twenty years ago were adequate at the beginning. But as Czech Heritage grew and became more involved over the years, the \$3.00 dues were no longer meeting the expenses. In the past 20 years, the cost of everything has increased considerably. More and more the Czech Heritage Fdn. became dependent on other sources of income.

One of the most expensive projects is the newsletter, *Naše České Dědictví*. The \$3.00 dues are no longer sufficient to pay for the printing and mailing of the "Dědictví." The newsletter is one of our projects we do not intend to discontinue. Additional funds must be raised in order to continue all the present activities.

On numerous occasions the Board of Directors has discussed the necessity of raising the annual dues. It is an action we would prefer not to take if there is some other way to increase the income. What is the other alternative? There is one—an increase in donations.

At present some members make regular contributions when paying their annual dues. Other members send donations at various times during the year. Our sincere thanks to these members who have helped us. It is these tax-exempt contri-

butions from some of our generous members that have enabled us to continue operating at the present level. A sizable increase in donations could postpone the need for raising the annual dues and still help us to continue with our various projects.

Will there be an increase in annual dues? To put it bluntly—the answer is entirely up to you, the members. Do we raise the dues or may we depend on more donations to carry on the work of preserving our culture and history? What is your answer?

Lovell L. Dvorak
Financial Secretary

MORE ABOUT TAILORS IN EARLY CEDAR RAPIDS

Some Czechoslovaks went to Vienna to learn the trade, others went to Germany, since Bohemia was one of the Provinces of Austria and it was German.

Stephan (Stepan) Bezdecny, born Dec. 1878 in Podebratsky, Bohemia, came to Cedar Rapids in the early 1990's. He continued his trade as a tailor and once had a shop in present Czech Village. His work included tailoring for Canfield Cleaners and several clothing stores. His wife was a seamstress and helped him with sewing. Sometimes a customer would bring in a soiled pair of pants (spelled "panc") and the tailor would send it to a dry cleaner and charge 25¢ to the customer.

Adolf Fajmon, born in the village of Krasni, Moravia, learned to be a tailor at home. One of his duties in the Army, which was under Austrian rule, was to sew uniforms. He did escape—came to his relatives, the Josef Michaleks, in 1904, in Iowa.

He married and the couple bought a small home. They had a son and later a daughter. He started tailoring out of his home and later had a shop close to the ZCBJ Bldg. on 12th Ave. and 3rd St. S.E. He did custom tailoring for Severa Clothing nearby and for customers who brought men's clothing for repairs, cleaning and pressing. He also worked for Canfield Cleaners.

John Troyak, born Sept. 1848, came from Bohemia with his family. One son was here in Cedar Rapids. In later years he worked for a very good friend, Jerry Popelka, who came with family

in 1881. They were brothers in their faith, being active in Hus Memorial Church where services were in the Czech Language.

The oldest son, Joseph Popelka, born March 1867, started learning the tailoring trade at age 13 in Vienna. At age 18 in Cedar Rapids, Joseph was an apprentice at John Vosmek's. Later he had his own shop with Bill Walter as partner. After 15 years, he was employed by Chris Tichy Tailor Shop until he retired.

Frank Brojer with a partner had a Tailor Shop on South 3rd Street. He also worked for Dempsey

Cleaners. Brojer died at age 58 leaving a wife and four daughters.

John Cimburek came to Cedar Rapids in 1912. His older sister had paid a visit "back home" and he returned with her! He married Agnes Sirovy, a niece of Dr. Oldrich Krejsa — well-known Czech family doctor. Mr. Cimburek had a shop and later was employed by the Syndicate Clothing and by Killians. He took part in Czech plays which were called "Divadlo."

There were other tailors, no doubt, in the early 1900's but these were the ones I knew.

—Vlasta Bezdecny Fajmon



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This is your newsletter! Shouldn't you have the opportunity to give suggestions and offer criticism? We always welcome your letters, but understand that many find it difficult to write. In the hope that we'll have an outpouring of great ideas, and so more members will share with us their feelings regarding the newsletter, we have enclosed a member survey. Please take a moment to answer the questions and feel free to add more paper if necessary for other comments. We will publish the results in our next issue and hopefully gain from the knowledge of our many members.

Let us hear from you! We'd like to hear the bad, as well as the good. Thank you.

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Yes No Undecided

8. I find the "To The Editor" page interesting.

Yes No Undecided

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On St. Patrick's Day, everyone is a little bit Irish, even the Czechs. Cedar Rapids' 17th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade drew about 5,000 people to the streets to watch a procession of local celebrities, musicians, and floats, pass up 2nd Avenue in the downtown core. For the first time in a number of years, sunny skies and warm spring temperatures kept Irish eyes a smilin'.

The Czech Heritage float, a reproduction of the Bridge of Lions, was once again a winner in the eyes of both spectators and judges. Leonard Pfeifer's creation won first place in the private group category, showing that the Czech community is an active part of many Cedar Rapids' events. The parade provides an opportunity for many groups to join together and affirm the importance of preserving one's heritage, be it Irish or otherwise. And Czech Heritage has again shown their commitment.

—Russell Cohen

