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THOMAS G MASARYK.

In commeration of the 91st birthday of one of the great men of our time, Thomas G. Masaryk, Dr. Harry M. Gage, President of Coe College, and Mr. Joseph Martinek, Secy. of the Czech National Alliance, were speakers before the Cedar Rapids Rotary Club, March 10th, 1941.

Dr. Gage spoke as follows:

"As president of Coe College, I take great satisfaction in remembering that in 1923, it was my privalege to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Thomas G. Masaryk, who was represented on that occasion by his minister at Washington, Dr. F. Chvalkovsky. In that same year ho was honored by a Doctor's degree from Oxford University.

Thomas G. Masaryk was a great man. His was a great spirit. If we seek a word to describe that spirit, it is not hard to find. The word is liberal. Among all the men who have understood, accepted, developed, applied, and passed on the great liberal tradition of our human race Dr. Masaryk is a conspicuous figure. There are people who adore and people who detest liberalism, but none who will deny that Dr. Masaryk was brilliant and an effective liberal.

The word liberalism is a name applied to a certain marked way of viewing and dealing with human events, looking at things, feeling them, handling them, and judging the main actors in them. It is a summary term which has many applications: people are not always coreful to sort them out. There are many differences in liberalism in different ages and communities. Whatever the differences, liberalism has a distinguishable central characteristic. It goes back to the very beginning of our Western Christian civilization It is the belief that man was created in God's image and that every man without regard to race, color, social economic or political position is the barrer of that divine image It is the further belief that all mon are possible beneficiaries of grace, are redeemabl and improvable, and may be saved for a botter life here and hereafter. Here is the origin of the doctrine of equality: here the foundation of the democratic process in government and in the control of human affairs. Every man counts; no man is negligible. A man just because he is a man has worth of his own account and not morely because of the uses to which he may be put in doing the work of the world. Over the human soul is no earthly sovereign. Men's hearts and minds are kingdoms and queendoms; they that rule them are kings and queens. This is the liberal tradition. Respect for the dignity and worth of the individual is its root. Of that tradition Dr. Masaryk was possibly the most conspicuous exponent in recent years.

Dr. Maseryk was a great scolar and teacher; but he cannot be dismissed as a scolar who knew much but not anything that anyone cares to know; just another professor who put dramy ideas into the heads of irresponsible boys. If one cares to get some idea of the world's debt to scolars and teachers, one cannot do better than to study the life of Thomas Masaryk. He thought in terms of action and the management of the affairs of men. Doubtless his thinking was at times directed to the business of turning his

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THE PRESIDENT SAYS

How time does fly. Another month has rolled around and time for another article for the Echo--and with it we bury Old Man Winter and welcome Spring. The women's thoughts are on what to wear this spring and the man's minds will soon be on their gardens, and fishing etc, so happy are we that March 21st is past, the beginning of brighter days.

I regret that I was absent at the March meeting, due to the death of a cousin on that very day. Thanks Brother Leo for taking over at such short notice.

Our banquet this year was indeed a very successful and lovely affair. Every one had a marvelous time and from all indications all are looking forward to the next one. Thanks to the committees who had any part in this. The eats were delicious-tables beautiful-program grand music tops and best of all dancers divine. We have only one regret, that some of the old standbys were not with us. Doc, we missed you, and we know you missed us. Milo Mitvalsky, were were you? Ted, you too were among the missing and Dorothy, we know you're far away but we would have liked to have had you with us. Ma Hervert what happened to you, and all the rest of you Junior Americans, Where were you? We can only say you missed one grand time.

Our cerd party was also successful, the results the committee will reveal at this meeting. When the members promised

to get behind the wheel this year they really meant it, as every project we have attempted has been a success. Thanks and keep up the good work.

Next meeting the committee Sisters and Brothers F. Novotny and George Svec are planning an Easter party. Be sure to come and join in the fun.

Thanks to Bro. Ernest Kosek for your splendid entertainment last month. Although I was not present, it was rumored that everyone enjoyed it very much. Congratulations on your re-election on the School Board. We know you are capable and qualified because you are a Junior American Czech.

The Get-to-gether will be held at St. Louis this year and from the article in the Organ plans are in the making to show the English Speaking lodges of C.S.A. one big time. Start planing now to attend. We want a good representation from our lodge. We should fill several cars, so make plans to have your vacation in August so you can attend.

Don't forget to attend the April meeting, Monday, April 14th.

Your president, Henrietta Seabrooke.

HIGHLIGHTS BY CANDLELIGHT.

On March six, Nineteen Forty-one, They came from far and near To feast, to dance, to have some fun, To honor the Lodge's Sixth year!

The ladies came, dressed in their best, With manner so debonair-You'd think they'd come out of a storybook!
And some were a rose in their hair.

The triangular table was laden, With candlos all in a row---And flowers--to make it more festive, While we ate in the candleglow.

Then, Henrietta welcomed us, Then led in community singing, Had there been rafters--you can bet They surely would have been ringing!

Echo Notes.

Congratulations are in order. Doris Seabrooke and Clifford Edwards were married March 15th, 1941 at Hannibel, Missouri.

May we extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Frank Novotny on the death of his half brother Otto Lukas of Chicago, Ill. Brother and Sister Novotny attended the funeral in Chicago.

Sister Helen Zriedsky says she never had any trouble remembering the date of George Washington's birthday, as hers is on the same day.

Brother Ernie Rejsa celebrated his 32nd birthday on the 3rd of March. We understand that some of the boys on the drill team helped Ernie celebrate the occasion.

Brother Robert Downing had the pleasure of introducing Mai Mai Sye, guest speaker et a recent Town Hall meeting at Coe College. Veteran of the stage that he is, Bob admitted that he was quite fussed and torgot to announce the speakers subject.

Brother Rudy Schultzsick brought his bride to the spring banquet. Better learn to dance Rudy, so you and the Mrs. can enjoy some of our shindigs.

Brother Goorge Drahos attended the banquet alone, and then hurried home to the Mrs. who was home ill. Too bad they had to miss a good time.

Prother Morris Stoner was home ill for several days recently.

After watching spellbound at the pictures that Ernie Kosek showed at the last meeting, Brother Charles Polansky came down to earth in a hurry when he went to start his car. After much pushing and groaning two of the Lodge "boy scouts" helped Chuck along his way.

Word has just been received that Rudy Felter is up after a ton day illness. Here's wishing you a quick recovery, Rudy.

"Chunky", how about inviting us over to your house for some of that meat and vegetable pie? And Joe next time you have your picture taken, why don't you smile a little bit more?

Brother Vern Stolba was slightly bruised in an accident Monday, March 10th. Brother Stolba was treated at the hospital then dismissed.

The School Election returned Brother Ernest Kosek to a second 3 year term on the board of education. Congratulations!

Sister Henrietta Seabrooke missed last meeting on account of the death of a cousin. Brother Trachta conducted the meeting.

Brother Charles Rayman has returned home after spending two months in Dallas Texas on a research project for the Cherry-Burrell Corp.

We wish Sister Wilma Bristow's husband a speedy recovery from his illness. Mr. Bristow suffered a heart attack recently.

The Central Committee are sponsoring a card party at the Glow Room of the Gas Company the evening of April 28th. Lets get behind them and make it a whopping big success...

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mikulas. Baby Mikulas was a March baby.

We extend sympathy to Mr. Milo Heral on the death of his Uncle, Mr. Vorishek.

Your editor wishes to thank the lodge members for turning in so much news, and for the abundance of material in this issue. This month there was more news than could be printed in one issue---so there is a starter for next month. Your editors heart felt thanks.

Lillian Heral--How come you stopped singing in the choir, Henrietta?

Henrietta--I wasn't there one Sunday and several people asked if they'd fixed the organ.

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DAISY'S COLUMN.

Dear Daisy:

Do you consider today's young people smarter than they used to be Catherine Cerveny.

Doar Catherine:

Yes,-young people of today are so smart they need only skim through a few chapters of a new novel to know whether it is fit for their parents to read.

Daisy.

Dear Daisy:

Is it true that different women have different effect on different men?

Lillian Bukacek.

Dear Lillian:

Yes- Some women go to a man's head like wine, others are more like butter-milk - they may not make him dizzy, but they never give him a headache.

Daisy.

Dear Daisy:

Lately I have been so unlucky that it put me out of humor. Please what would you advise.

Rudy F.

Dear Rudy:

Brighten up - nobody can hope to be a lucky dog if he spends all his time growling.

Daisy.

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HIGHLIGHTS BY CANDLELIGHT.

Frank Sysel--financial secretary, Took over the reins from there---We all know Frank's a swell fellow, But, as "toastmaster"--beware!!

The first thing he did on his grogram Porhaps, its not well to say, What, with his jokes and his benter, 'Most frightened Bud and Rudy away!

Then--to let "Doc" know we missed him, Our organizer--Mr. Jiricek, Had us sign a letter Which he sent to Dr. Sedlacek.

Aside:

"I hope you've sent this, Louie, For, its plain as plain can be, That, if you haven't done so, You'll have made a liar out of me! "

What happened to our toastmaster??? This once he wasn't clowning When he introduced our member--new, The noted--Robert Downing!

Here and now--our thanks we give to Eddie S.--of Lodge Progressive, He wore a bright carnation--you see--He worked on our committee??????

As for the game of bridge--as played By Leo, Lumir, George and Bill Tho the actual playing was delayed, We're laughing at it--still!!

Did you not think their model hats Were simply more than gorgeous? Of them all—tho its hard to choose, I liked the style of George's!!

With his guitar, and catchy tunes, He did all but charm us— The program showed a question mark Now you'r informed—he's Wesley Amos!

When asked to sing a solo
We thought it such a pity
That he refused to honor us—
That McDonald guy—from Iowa City!

I could listen endlessly
To strains of that delightful trio,
Martha, Henrietta, Lillian,
With Lucille at the piano!

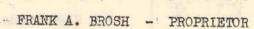
On this very gay occasion-There was no room for gloom--By the ochoes of "Sweet Violets" Emenating from the barroom!

Bill Klopach, I'm still wondering And maybe others are--to0, But did that orchestra finally play That "Fantasy" for you?

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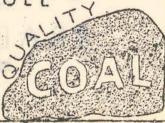
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Lucille and Leonard Filipy, Lumir and Libby Vishek For planning that music; that tasty menu Our heartfelt thanks we extend to you!

The banquet table decorations, Serving on that committee Was Wilma Eristow, chairlady, Given a helping hand--by me.

"'e thought we'd put over a novel idea,
"'e did our very best--I vow,
If there's a doubt--but you be the judge,
Now, shall we take a bow?

-----Lillian Cach.

KAMDID KALL A

This month our camera picks out two of our recent members, Mr. & Mrs Lumir Vishek. Tall, blonde and blue-eyed, Mrs Vishek began life as Libbie Rericka, Dec. 14, 1907. In the process of obtaining an education she attended Dairy Dale School, McKinley and Washington High from which she was graduated in 1926. She also studied piano and sang in the Glee Glub. She entered the business world as stenographer for Hall Mfg. Co. and later was bookkeeper and stenographer for the Goodrich Super Service Station.

During this time she went to stay with her aunt who lived in the same neighborhood as Lumir. So it happened that one Sunday afternoon Libbie and her girl friend were invited over to this neighborboy's house to play the piano and sing. Friendship budded into courtship and courtship into marriage.

Lumir was born Nov. 24, 1907. He attended Hayes and Van Buren Junior High. He started to earn his own way as clerk in Vavra Bros. grocery but being very ambitious he decided to learn a trade and apprenticed for a sheetmetal worker with Ilten & Taege. He has been employed here for sixteen years and is now shop foreman.

On May 16, 1931 Lumir and Libbie with another couple motored to Clinton where very solemnly and a little frightened they took their marriage vows. They continued on to Chicago for their honeymoon. The next year they built and moved into their own home, a lovely

Inglish bungalow located at 182 21st Ave S. '*. So far they only share their home with a black cockeral spaniel who lives up to her name of Duchess.

Lumir's favorite pastime is hunting and fishing. Therefore a good deal of his time is spent at his cottage on the Cedar Fiver near Falisades. As a hobby he studies the piano accordion which, to quote, "he plays for his own amazement." Lumir's favorite foods are pie and ice cream. Once a year, following an old femily custom his wife bakes him a green tomato pie. Incidently she is quite skilled in this culinary art.

Libbie sews very well, designing and making her own clothes. Blue is her favorite color. Her hobby is playing dance music on the piano which she does with quite a style of her own. She enjoys reading and keeping posted on world affairs. The most striking thing about her is her dimples which come and go as she talks and laughs.

Libbie and Lumir are a very congenial couple. Liking to dance and play cards, they are good sports and enjoy being with the "gang". They are good hosts and welcome all friends and acquaintances to their home.

IIrs Fatek--A tramp is at the back door.
 I'm going to give him a piece of
 the pie I just baked. I feel
 sorry for him.
Dick Patek--So do I.

Alma Sysel--"hy are those trees in the orchard all bent over?
Frank Sysel--You'd bend over too if you were full of green apples.

Bill Lana--I don't see how football players ever get clean.

Frank Novotny--What do you suppose the scrub teams are for?

Spring must not be here yet!

At lorst no one reported seeing the first robin.

Too late now.

By Mosey Mell

Hello everybody! Here I am again after taking a brief vacation. Hope you missed me -- or did ya?

Frist- I conder if Frank Movotny knows that his better half have been buying "Maid-Tites" for a certain bother. cuse me maybe I shouldn't have mentioned it.

Took a peek in at the banquet, my, my! what a layout. Decorations, eats, drinks, program and everything.

Wonder if the toastmaster can explain the joke that he didn't even get a chuckle out of. What's the matter Frank, are you slipping? Could be.

And the dance afterwords --- what a gay affair, didn't know people could get crazy like that -- "you don't have to be nuts but it helps."

The Simanek's had friends from Iowa City but I couldn't get close enough to hear

President Henrietta was all stiff next day from dancing, says 'never again'. She tried to rent a pair of crutches next day but couldn't find any that she could depend on.

Also nosed in at the last meeting.

Pretty good turn out, nice pictures 'movies' by brother Kosek.

There were parts some brothers would like to have studied a little longer. "hy not take the trip? Don't worry I'd be a stowaway.

"onder how some sisters knew just when to come to get certain partners when the committee was coupling them off. Wonder if that isn't what you call 'fixed' -this is also true of some brothers.

You'll be seeing me - you hope, in the mean time watch your step.

Oh yes - at the card party sister Biskup won a frozen rabbit, has been trying to trade it for a duck. To bad about Joe Fenner. Well maybe he didn't like rabbits anyway.

Swell turnout at said card party looks like the committee will have some shekels to turn over. Nice work gals. Goo-buy.

Ohyes once more - At the last minute I crashed the initiation and what a nice bunch of new members.

And the drill team - with their new drill it really was swell.

To bad I have to stay in hiding as I'd like to make goo-goo eyes at some of those handsome men, boy oh boy.

Due to the fact that our financial Secy. Frank Sysel was confined to his home and was unable to attend the meeting the following notice was not read at the last meeting:

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This committee takes pleasure in announcing that St. Louis has been officially designated as the seat of the 1941 Get-to-gether for English Speaking all the --- stories without being discovered Lodges of the C.S.A. The dates selected for this meeting are August 22, 23 and 24th, 1941.

> As you know, the purpose of these Getto-gethers is to promote the growth and progress of the Inglish Speaking Lodges of the C.S.A.

The success of a Get-to-gether depends on the maximum attendance and we, therefore, urge your lodge to get an early start in planning your representation.

St. Louis, being centrally located should promote a miximum attendance and its many points of interest should provide a very interesting visit.

"e expect to build enthusiasm for this meeting by articles in the Organ where we can keep the various lodges informed of our activities and we invite all correspondents to contribute any suggestions that might aid in the success of this meeting.

"e sincerely hope that early plans will be made by your lodge to have representation at this, the fifth C.S.A. Got-to-gether.

> Fraternally yours. The Committee Milton C. Kounorsky.

PICCULTIVE NOT 1.

Lodges of Cedar Rapids went into action

in a big way Harch 21st when they put on their first group initiation of this year. There were to be 57 in this group but a few were unable to be present. Initiation ceremony was performed by the newly organized Degree Team of Codar Rapids with new drills and personel: Frank Klepach-Pres., Wos Plazek-Vice Pres. Chas. Novak and Bob Konigsmark flag bearers, Lucille Filipy planist. Captain and team members were: Bill Lana, Gus Sulcik, Chas. Polansky, Dick Patek, Pudy Schultschik, Ed Soda, Goorge Svec, Lumir Visek, Leo Trachta, "es Tanper, Joe Stepanek, Fred Petrick, Lad Hamous, Lumir Konigsmark, Leonard Filipy, Albin Zrudsky and Ernest Rejsa. About 200 persons attended this initation. An excellent program of talks, music and other entertainment was greatly enjoyed by all. Bro. T. B. Hlubucek, District Trustee was the principal speaker. Other talks were made by Joe Shulista, chairman of C.R. Central Committee, L.J. Pochobradsky Jr., President of Lodge Progressive, Frank Sysel of Lodge Junior American Czechs and organizer Louie Jiricek who was responsible for this group of new members. Dancing concluded the evenings program.

Lodge Svatopluk Cech # 324 of Swisher, will have their Golden Anniversary Hay 17, 1941. I am afraid some lodge officers believe that because their lodges are small, their achievements are not worthy of mention. Some of the finest things done in Iowa during the past years were done by some of the smallest lodges. So, lets all give Lodge Svatopluk Cech a word of encouragement and congratulation by letter or telegram or better still, a visit would be appreciated on their 50th Anniversary. This calls for a celebration which this lodge is preparing. The C.R. DrillTeam are scheduled to initiate a number of new members. On the program there will be entertainment and dancing. Swisher C.S.A'ers always extend a hand of welcome to visiting members.

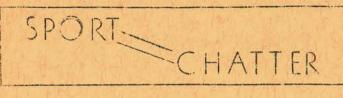
that the 1941 Get-to-gether of the English speaking lodges will be at St. Louis Aug. 22-23-24th. The have already called our Get-together working committees together and they are making plans to sponsor various entertainments to raise funds to send a large representation. The idea is to charter two buses for those not wishing to drive their own cars. So, be ready you St. Louis C.S.A'ers, the C. A. gang is on the march.

Nuch credit is due the Central Committee and their newly elected officers for what they have done and their ambitions to do this year. Joe Shulista, chairman, Frank Klepach, Vice-chairman, Laura Biskup, Secretary and Chas. Polansky, Treasurer. It is the hope and duties of this committee to arrange a calendar or year book of all their and other local lodges activities for the year to avoid confliction.

Acknowledging the notice from Lodge Prokop Velky regarding free rent of lodge room and annex and one rent free dance night each year. Thanks very much. The catch is that when our committee approached the hall trustees they made no provisions to that effect. For many years we were allowed the first Saturday night following lent. Adjustments are in the making.

The March meeting had the largest attendance of the year to witness the transaction of business of Lodge Progressive. The meeting was followed by a blitzkrieg on the bar and card rooms where bingo and pinochle was played with lunch and refreshments on the house. March bank night - names drewn, 1st. James Smith, 2nd. Viola Jiricek, winner of Jack-pot.

Cur Cemetery committee reported that the memorial services at the Bohemian National Cemetery will be held on the usual date, first sunday in June with Progressive taking part.



STRIKES AND SPARES.

Spring is here---. The weather may not seem like it but when the Bowling leagues are winding up their measons and soft ball meetings begin to pop up then spring is in the air for sure----.

The City Bowling tournament will be held at the Lincoln Alleys for consecutive week ends starting saturday March 29th thru sunday April 20th---Our own C.S.A. team rolls on.

A good many C.S.A. members will be rolling in the tournament---some of them are top notch bowlers in the city---C.S.A. is proud that they are members---namely, Fr. Stanek, Joe Movotny, Jerry Kroulik, Ernie Lisha.---lots of luck boys.

At a meeting of the Fraternal League of the Softball Ass'n held March 20th, Jerry Drahouzal of the Z.C.B.J. team was reelected president --- Harry Mullin of the Eagles was elected Sec'y----Prospects look good for another 12 team league -- the season will start on Monday May 5th .--- a good many of the teams will be handicapped this year by the loss of players in the army draft----C.S.A. may lose several playors --- Wes Dvorak is already in --- stationed at Seattle Wash. Wes will be a hard man to replace at 1st base --- Fred Peterson is due to go in April---John Lana has enlisted----he may also leave in April---Ed Horak is now working at LaPlante Choate Co and may play with the LaPlante team --- so the C.S.A. team will need some new ball players.

(continued from page 1) THOMAS G. MASARYK.

own particular part of the world upside down. Those who bitterly opposed him for so many years doubtless thought so. Stiff opposition and at times persecution only gave an added circulation to his message. However, Masaryk cannot be classed as either a conservative or a radical. He had risen above that essentially trivial opposition. His thought was that of the true liberal who cares little for the new or the old, but seeks always for the Eternal and diligently tries to apply eternal laws to the conduct of human affairs. Thus he stood for the good of the individual and

and for social good as against class or dynastic interest. He believed that all claims of eternal authority should be rejected; and differences submitted in orderly fashion to human judgement. In lawmaking he did not neglect the higher characteristics of human nature, but rather attended to them first. In executive administration he felt that the judge, the jailer and hangman were at times indispensible but that mercy must always be counted a wise supplement to terror.

The people of Cedar Rapids may well pause to honor Dr. Masaryk and to mourn his death. Here in this city many of the cultural and national aspirations of Bohemia have found expression. Our Amorice, has a long and intimate fellowship with Bohemia in promoting the liberal tradition to which I have referred. In 14 Constantinople fell, captured by the Mohammedans, and Christendom seemed about to b submerged. The light of liberalism held aloft by John Huss in Bohemia a hundred years before Martin Luther seemed definite. extinguished. But Columbus discovered America in 1492 and thereby strengthened the Christian nations of western Europe. In that way America saved Christendom. Again it should be remembered that in 1620 the battle of White Mountain was fought and lost by Bohomia which then became a subjec! state. But in that vory year, 1620, tho 'Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock thereby giving a new opportunity for life to the liberal spirit which met defeat at the battle of White Mountain. In 1920, 300 years later, the spirit of liberalism personified by Woodrow Wilson opened the way whereby subject Bohemia became independent Czecho-Slovakia under the presidency of Dr Thomas Masaryk. The hope of liboralism suppressed in Bohemia in 1620 took root in America in the same year and 300 years later in 1920 name to a full fruition under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson and Thomas Masaryk. Well may the Liberals of both countries pay tribute to these men today.

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