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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Dear Sisters + Brothers:-

When I was installed as a financial secretary I promised to perform my duties as outlined by the By-Laws. - The By-Laws definitely state that a member should be suspended when three months behind with his or her dues.

The Chicago office agrees to give a lodge credit for three months of a members delinquent dues. If the lodge carries him or her any longer they do so at their own risk, - resulting eventually with a financial loss to the Lodge.

Any member suspended can be reinstated in thirty days without a doctors examination upon paying all back dues.

To you members who may be over those months in arrears I want to say that I want to cooperate with you to get those delinquent dues caught up!

Frank Dyzel



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LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

"If you can find a better place than this United States you had better go there," should be your answer to all who are dissatisfied. We will admit that many changes might be made to the betterment of all but when we stop and think of what we have and what other people have, we boil when we hear individuals attempting to undermine this democracy or advocate that it should be changed for some thing else.

We as American people have a Heritage which is not shared by any other nation in this whole world. We are free and have the right to LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

By virtue of this greatest of all gifts, one hundred thirty million Americans have more than twice as many automobiles as are owned by the other two thousand million humans beings that inhabit the earth.

By virtue of it a child born into the home of an average family will live years longer than will a child born into a similar home in any other great nation in the world.

Though the U.S. is only 150 years old (a mere child in comparison to the ages of other great powers) this virtue has brought to the American people 45% of all the tangible wealth of the entire world.

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achieve goals without curtailment, such discoveries as Bessemer made, girded the continent with tens of thousand of miles of railways; it has made possible every suspension bridge, every ocean liner and every great battleship.

The initiative of the American engineer has made it possible to know electricity, to harness it and to utilize it as light and power in such a manner as to make it available to almost everyone.

Our farmers have the motor, the reaper and the steel plow which with the farm tractor creates an agriculture industry figured in terms of billions of bushels and tens of billions bales. This industry produces billions of dollars worth of material from farm products that add to the convenience and comfort of men.

Countless centuries have passed and all of these accomplishments were unimagined 150 years ago. In that short space of time, the United States, with its free people have brought to man all his comforts. Has anyone a right to try and undermine that which no other people has accomplished?

Let us be Americans in Thought, Words and Deeds.

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THE PRESIDENT SAYS -

What a grand feeling it would be to have an attendance at each meeting as we had in January. I am hoping that all who were present at that meeting will come and bring another member with them and more than double our attendance as we have arranged a pleasant evening for you.

Seventeen of our good Sisters are presenting a musical burlesque "Rummage to Rhythm" that I assure you will be very entertaining. Those taking part are Sisters Marie Smith, Martha Felter, Anna Zvacek, Lillian Cach, Laura Biskup, Bessie Novotny, Bernice Lana, Jeanette Stastny, Mary Seda, Agnes Konigsmark, Laura Horsky, Irene Poula, Beatrice Janeba, Alma Leksa and Yours Truly, accompanied by Sister Lucille Filipy and Lillian Heral. Brothers come and see how lucky you were that Hollywood didn't see your better halves before you met them. (or are you)

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# SOCIETY NEWS

## THE PRESIDENT SAYS Con'd. -

Sisters Julia Stefan and Mildred Kaplan will have charge of refreshments. Don't fail to come.

Also plan to attend our annual Banquet in March.

C.S.A. is also celebrating its 86th anniversary and plans are in progress for a large class of candidates to be initiated in March. If you have any prospects notify your officers to help you sign them up. Junior American Czechs should do their part by having a large class ready. Let us see how many of our good members can add a member. Let our slogan this year be "Every Member Sign a Member."

Hats off to the Echo Staff for their splendid January issue. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it more than the staff realizes. How about it Pa Janda?

Let us help them by sending in contributions that will be of interest.

Bye- until our next meeting.

Your President,  
Henrietta Seabrooke.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Nash on the birth of a son, Jan. 11th at Mercy Hospital. Mrs. Nash is the former Irene Navratil, one of our J.A.C. members.

Several of our members have been ill this past month with the flu, namely Wilma Bristow, Lucille Hester, Bob Smith, Neva Patek, Esther Lippert, Bill Lana and Joe Klinger. However, all have fully recovered and have taken up their daily grind.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Milo Simanek and Leonard Filipy. Their father Mr. Joseph F. Filipy past away on Jan. 18th after a long illness.

Richard Patek celebrated his 29th birthday on the 31st of January.

Jerry Fottral celebrated his birthday

Feb. 3rd. He and Dot drove to Chicago to spend the week-end.

Mrs. Joseph Janeba went to a bridge party one afternoon wearing bedroom slippers. When asked if she was starting a new fad, she insisted that she was not, but that a sore toe made it necessary for her to wear them.

Miss Helen Shulista became the bride of Louis J. Sojka of Cedar Rapids, Saturday Jan. 20th. CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to the Happy couple.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zahradnik were pleasantly surprised on their 20th Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, Jan. 27th. A picnic supper was served and a gift was presented to the honored couple by their relatives and friends.

We are in receipt of a letter from our Brother Charles Vyskocil of Monticello, Iowa, complimenting us on our "Echo" and he hopes he receives it regularly. Bro. Vyskocil is in the jewelry business in Monticello. Good Luck to you Chuck!

## ECHO PANTRY

....Pistachio cheese salad.

- 2 3 ounce packages cream cheese.
- 1 small package roquefort cheese.
- 3/4 c milk
- 1 tbsp. gelatin
- 3 tbs. cold water
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chopped pistachio nuts.
- 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped.
- Green food coloring.

Blend cheese together until soft. Add milk and mix well. Soften gelatin in cold water and melt over hot water. Add to cheese mixture. Add salt, lemon juice, & nuts. Fold in whipped cream. Turn into molds & chill until firm. Serve on lettuce. Garnish with radish roses or cucumber slices, if desired. Serves 6.



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## KANDID KAMERA ..

On May 1st 1911 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Trachta. Thirty days later a lovely daughter was born to Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Chadima destined to be the wife of this month old boy!

My camera today focuses on these two, now happily married couple. No introduction is needed to help you recognize Leona and Leo Trachta.

Leona and Leo's romance began when Leona who was acting in a dramatic play given by a young peoples club, glanced down into the orchestra pit and into the eyes of her prince charming.

He took her home that night and then and there their romance began. One year later on May 23rd, 1933 these lovebirds were married.

On Sept. 16th, 1937 a bundle of heaven in the form of a son Raymond was born to bless the happy home of Leo and Leona.

Leona when asked her favorite food admitted she liked to eat and any thing pleased her. Her favorite actors are James Stewart and Claudette Colbert. The red carnation heads her list of flowers. Dancing is her favorite diversion.

Her pet peeve is Leo's "stag parties" (but she really doesn't object very much)

Although Leo likes every thing to eat he favors Waldorf Salad especially. His favorite actors are Ginger Rogers (because she's got what it takes he said) and William Powell.

Football is his favorite sport.

Leo remarked he had no pet peeve concerning Leona. "I guess she's a "perfect wife", he said. But he gets provoked when feed salesmen bother him on a busy day.

Leo and Leona reside on a farm four miles south of Cedar Rapids.

They belong to only the C.S.A. where Leo will take over the duties of Vice-president next meeting. Their farm life keeps them too busy for much lodge recreation. All in all Leo and Leona are a perfect C.S.A. couple and I hope my snapshots will help acquaint you with these two happy people.

D.S.

In what respect is matrimony a game of cards? - A woman has a heart. A man takes it with a diamond & after that her hand is his.

## HANDY ANDY.

Q. How can I stuff pillows without down or feathers?

A. Cotton batting, cut into small squares and heated in the oven will swell to twice its size and be fluffy for stuffing pillows as down or feathers.

Q. How can I prevent the spreading and separating of eggs when poaching them?

A. Pour a little vinegar into the water when poaching the eggs and they will not separate.

Q. How can I make putty?

A. Putty can be made by mixing linseed oil with sifted whiting, to the proper consistency.

Q. How can I handle plaster of Paris that is used for filling cracks in plaster to prevent it from harding so quickly?

A. Mix the plaster of Paris with vinegar instead of water. It can be used for more successfully because it will not harden for about an hour. Push the plaster into the cracks and smooth with a putty or table knife.

Q. How can I clean brass lighting fixtures?

A. Sponge the fixtures with hot vinegar and salt, rinsing with soapsuds and then polishing with a lightly oiled cloth. They can be made to look like new.

Q. How can I cool hot food quickly?

A. Any dish of hot food can be cooled quickly by placing it in a pan of salt water.

Q. How can I keep a can of paint that has been partly used, and it is not wished to cover the can securely?

A. Stir the paint thoroughly, then fill to the top with water. When needed pour off the water carefully.

Q. How can I make use of the pods after shelling peas?

A. Wash the pods thoroughly and cook with an onion and some parsley. Then drain, mix with milk thicken with a little flour and season with salt, pepper and one tsp. of butter. The result is a delicious soup.

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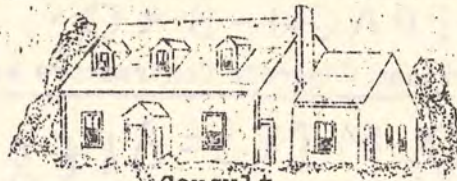
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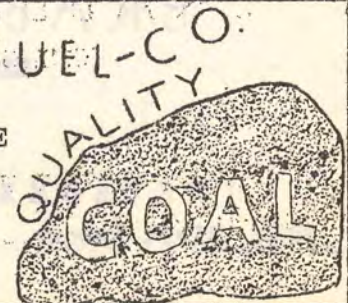
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The Central Committee wishes to thank all those who took part in the installation of new officers. Though the turnout was not as large as we would have liked yet all in all the program was well planned. The work of the ladies of Karla-Masaryk as speakers was something new and they did their work with great credit to not only themselves, their lodge, but also to the Central Committee.

The English speaking parts were taken by members of the other lodges and they too did a fine piece of work. The response for the newly elected officers was given by L. Pochobradsky. The installation of all new officers in the future will be carried out as of this year and it is hoped that next year will see a greater attendance.

The work on the activities is progressing satisfactorily. Many things are already under way so that by another month more concrete plans will be given.

Another project that should meet with the approval of all C.S.A. members is that the sick benefits will be open to all of the four lodges instead of only Prokop Velky. This, of course, will have to be worked through the Central Committee. More details later.

The big event of the coming month is the 86th Anniversary of C.S.A. Plans are under way now for a big class, so every one who has any prospects, let's get him signed up at once. If you need any help call on Bros. L. Jiricek or Jerry Chalupnik who will be glad to help you out. This event should be the biggest in 1940 and one that will be long remembered.

The installing team went to Vining and installed the officers of both lodges Karel Jonas and Corn Belt. A grand feed was all ready for the team when they got there so that when 8 o'clock came around everyone was pretty peppy. After the installation, the girls drill team of Vining put on a floor drill which was a beautiful sight to behold. Vining may well be proud of their team. It is hoped that next year the Central Committee will again have the privilege of installing the officers again.

On March 10th, in the C.S.P.S. Hall, the birthday of T. G. Masaryk will be observed. On this date Dr. J. B. Kozal will speak. Every C.S.A. member should make it a point to be present and hear him. There will be no admission.

Please watch the newspaper for additional information.

#### DRILL STAFF NOTES.....

With all the work and worry Bro. Drill Captain Ed. Seda drilled the team to a degree. Nice going Ed. and with a little cooperation you could really "go to town".

The installing officers will be in Vining, Iowa to install the officers of the lodges there.

On Jan. 14th, at 8 P.M. the officers of the Lodges Junior American Czecks, Prokop Velky, Progressive, Karla Masaryk, and the lodges of Swisher and Iowa City, Iowa were installed at the C.S.P.S. Hall. (Plans were made to install on Jan. 17th, but due to the weather and impassable roads it was postponed.)

Bro. L. Jiricek gave a short talk in Czech and English. Also Bro. Ted. Hlubucek gave a short talk in Czech and Bro. Doc. Sedlacek spoke in English. A chorus directed by Mrs. Esther Hronik Klersey sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Bro. Jerry Nemecek served as Marshal. The charges were given to the incoming officers, first in Czech by members from Lodges Karla Masaryk and second in English by members from the Degree Staff.

After the installation, the drill team did their new floor drill. The boys clicked and the drill was performed in tip-top shape.

The decks were cleared for an old time "shin dig" with music played by the "Happy Go Lucky Orchestra."

Was sure glad to meet our old friends from Iowa City, Mr. & Mrs. Novy, Mr. & Mrs. Novotny and Mr. & Mrs. Kanak.

Fraternally yours,

"Scribbler"



C. S. A. BOWLING LEAGUE  
Week Ending 2/3/40

Standing		W	L	%
Team #1	Schultschik	20	16	513
Team #3	Lana	20	16	513
Team #4	Tisl	19	20	487
Team #2	Novak	16	23	410
1.	G. Kroupa #2	35	5827	166
2.	Jos. Stanek #4	19	3075	162
3.	J. Chalupnik #4	20	3199	160
4.	L. Vomacka #3	29	4548	157
5.	F. Novotny #3	19	2875	151
6.	E. Rejsa #3	10	1483	148
7.	J. V. Stodola #4	36	5276	147
8.	A. Sulcik #2	36	5218	145
9.	G. Stejskal #2	30	4291	143
10.	C. Kopecek #2	38	5441	143
11.	Al. Nelson #3	12	1716	143
12.	Wm. Lana "C" #3	23	3214	140
13.	M. Heral #1	35	4912	140
14.	L. Hamous #3	17	2362	139
15.	Jos. Strolery #3	14	1932	138
16.	Jos. Kroulik #4	39	5335	137
17.	R. Schultschik #1	36	4918	137
18.	Jos. Stepanek #1	31	4134	133
19.	L. Tisl "C" #3	28	3688	132
20.	L. Konigsmark #4	36	4579	127
21.	Wm. Vorel #3	23	2840	123
22.	T. Stastny #1	30	3651	122
Team high single	#4	819		
Team high three	#2	2305		
Individual high single	Kroupa)			
	Stejskal)		215	
Individual high three	Kroupa #2	552		
	Nelson #3	538		

STRIKES & SPARES

After thirteen weeks of Bowling, Rudy Schultschik's team and Bill Lana's team are tied for 1st place with 20 wins and 16 losses. However, the two teams have a postponed game to roll off which will leave either one or the other in undisputed 1st place.

Gus Kroupa rolled a 552 series to pass his old record of 525. Al Nelson rolled into 2nd high when he compiled games of 209 - 163 - 166 for a total of 538. So much for local Bowling.

SPORT CHATTER

American Bowling Congress tournament, opens in Detroit, Michigan on March 7th. The entries closed on Feb. 1st. Harold Allen, Pres. of the Detroit Tournament Co., predicts that close to 7000 teams will enter the "Big Show". An anticipated prize fund of \$250,000.00 will be divided among the winning teams and individuals.

The A.B.C. Tournament is unique in the world of sports in that it brings thousands of participants from coast to coast and the Hawaiian Islands under the same roof. There are no divisional or qualifying rounds and all that is necessary to compete in the world championship is the entry fee of \$5.00. This is the 40th tournament. Doubles, singles and all events champions have never successfully defended their title.

In 1915 the Commodore Barrys, a Chicago team, won the team title with a 2907 total and repeated the following year as the Barryhettlers.

Ninety days more and the air will be filled with the familiar "play ball". The C.R. Soft Ball Ass'n. met Thurs., Feb. 1st. All teams were represented. A committee consisting of Geo. Hollenbeck, Keith Tow and Chuck McKim are to investigate the possibilities of the city installing additional bleachers at diamond #4.

All leagues are to have election of officers for 1940. Another meeting will be held the first part of March. The Association hopes to increase the Open League to 8 teams. The Open League last year consisted of only 4 teams. The Industrial "A" will be increased from 6 to 8 teams. The Industrial "B" and "C" Leagues will remain 8 team leagues. The Fraternal League will remain a 10 team league/

Efforts will also be made to have two 8 team church leagues. The Association is planning on a banner year for 1940 hoping to exceed the 1939 year of approximately 50 teams and 500 players.



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## THE HIRED MAN

LODGE PROGRESSIVE NO. 343  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

## Echo "Hired Man"

Now that you have a space called the "Hired Man's" column and I one of Bro. Janda's old time correspondents for Lodge Progressive, allow me this space to introduce Progressive's officers for 1940:

L. J. Pochobradsky	-----	President.
Wes. Blazek	-----	V. Pres.
F. J. Stastny	-----	Fin. Sec'y.
Ed. Ashenbrenner	-----	Rec. "
Ed Stanek	-----	Serg. at-arms
Bessie Hruby	-----	Guard
Frank Klepach	-----	Master of Ceremonials
Edw. Sapousek	-----	Entertainment Chairman.

Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month, next meeting Feb. 20th.

We would be tickled pink to have you drop in on one of our meetings. Visiting members are always welcome and need have no fear of being called upon for a speech. I believe that keeps visitors away, 'or does it'. But, of course, with all the serious business, there is always ample time for pleasure. "Come and swap yarns."

Now that the Echo Staff has invited an outside correspondent and with the Central Comm. page, the Echo should be interesting to all C.S.A. members, regardless of lodge number.

Fraternal yours,  
Ed. Ashenbrenner.

## J.A.C. Doings - - - -

Hello everybody! The new Echo is a wow! More power to you! There were many interesting articles and enjoyable reading for everyone.

Gee, with all this zero weather and snow we sure could go to town with our long lost bob or skating party, or do you

think it would be better to be where it is warm?

Regular meeting held Jan. 8th, president Frank Sysel presiding. Our new president, Mrs. Henrietta Seabrooke was not as yet installed.

A very nice turn out for our first meeting of the year. Keep coming for our new President has many surprises for you if you will all cooperate. We were happy to see some visitors at our meeting. Bro. Ed Sapousek from Lodge Progressive and Bro. Wes Tampir from Lodge Prokop Velky.

New Members elected to our lodge were William Vorel, Robert Nemeec and Robert Lana.

A brief report of the Czech School doings was given by Hubert Kaplan.

Bill Lana gave a report of the C.S.A. Hall Trustees and came home with a couple of dance dates April 27th and Nov. 11th. Also dates for the Get-Together Aug. 29-30-31 and March 4th for our annual banquet.

Bro. Ed Sapousek of Progressive suggested that we (J.A.C. & Progressive) get together here at home and create more harmony and fellowship by having dances or parties together and also suggested that we have committees get together and plan something for the future. Bro. Sapousek's idea is very good and I am sure we will be together soon.

A tribute of honor was paid to Bro. Walter Donnan who was the second J.A.C. to pass the Great Divide by a tragic accident. We the officers of Lodge Junior American Czechs extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, parents and relatives.

After the meeting we kicked up our heels and shagged around to a wee bit of music coming from a radio kindly donated by Bro. Frank Brush. Doc Sedlacek was in charge and with his wife served chili, sandwiches and pickles. (Doc sez if it looks like we might run short of chili dump in a gallon of water) anyhow it was delicious and an enjoyable evening was had by all present.

Well so long, see you next month,

Fraternally yours, as ever  
"The Scribbler"

EDITOR'S NOTE. - We have just received a letter from the Hired Man. He states



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(Hired Man, Con'd)

that he has been ill with the flu. We, therefore, shall pinch hit for him. It is hard to do that because he has "it" and all we have if "if". Nevertheless, we wish to say that all his friends hope that by the next issue of the Echo he will be his old self again.

To us at least the Hired Man and C.S.A. seem to be synonymous term and it is difficult to separate the two. We are looking forward to the time when this column will be as active as it was in the old Organ.

If you need a rest Bro. Janda, we do not know of any place where you can get it in better surroundings than in good old Cedar Rapids. The Echo will see to it that you will not only be taken care of but will be given the best that C.S.A. can give.

We are glad to welcome to the Hired Man's Column, Ed. Ashenbrenner of Lodge Progressive. We wish to assure you that anything you see fit to write shall be printed. We hope to be up and visit you at the next meeting and talk things over. The Echo can mean a lot to your Lodge if you will only use it. -----Editor.

We are happy to say that we have received favorable comment from many sources. We have already been assured that many more of the English speaking lodges are going to use this column. Any C.S.A. member who wishes to use this column may do so if he will write his letter and send it to the editor of the Echo.

"Brethren, we must do somethin' to remedy da Status Quo," said a Negro preacher to his congregation.

Brother White: "What am the Status Quo?"

Negro Preacher: "Dat, my brudder am Latin fo de mess we's in."

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The winner makes his own breaks!

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"IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU"

ACT 1.

John: Didn't you pay those C.S.A. dues?"

Mary: "I forgot all about it, so let it go until next month."

John: "I know but this is the fourth month that we haven't paid and you know the lodge has made a new ruling that you are dropped after failing to pay for three months."

Mary: "I will pay it at the next month's meeting."

ACT 2

John: "Mary what did I tell you. I just got a notice from the Secretary saying that I have been dropped."

Mary: "I keep forgetting to pay. I'll take care of it tomorrow."

ACT 3

Doctor: "I am sorry Mary, but John will never be well again. His heart is very bad. I hope you have everything in good shape, because you can expect anything at any time."

Mary: "I must confess doctor, but I have neglected to take care of John's lodge insurance in the C.S.A. Now he can't be reinstated."

ACT 4

John: "I guess we have no one to blame Mary, because the Junior American Czechs warned us that we were behind in our insurance and now I can't be reinstated."

MORAL: NEVER LET YOUR DUES BECOME DELINQUENT ALTHOUGH YOU CAN BE REINSTATED AFTER BEING DROPPED BUT ONLY AFTER AN EXAMINATION WHICH YOU MUST PAY FOR YOURSELF. MAYBE SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN AS IT DID TO JOHN.

A rooster by perseverance, rolled an ostrich egg into the chicken yard. He called all the hens and said, "Now, I'm not casting any insinuations or reproaching any of you hens, but I just want you to see what is being done in other places."



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