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# YEAR

# HAPPY NEW

## NEW YEAR

Hello there! Nineteen thirty eight,  
You stranger with the human fate,  
Please let us take a look at you,  
And itemize the things you'll do.

Your taunting lips foretell of death,  
Your gentle gaze of babies' breath,  
Your stealthy stride of war and hate --  
Your azure cloak of joys inmate.

But what'er you have in store for me,  
This prayer I'll pray unceasingly,  
That all the friends I've made so far,  
May stand undaunted as a star.

That I may lend a helping hand,  
To those who need a firmer stand,  
That I not turn away from tears,  
But wait the night till dawn appears.

That I may be a better wife,  
And thru the realms of daily strife,  
A better mother I may be,  
And serve my loved ones faithfully.

And so New Year you may come in,  
With all your packs of joys and sin,  
And with the help of God and friend,  
I hope I see you reach the end.

-- By Martha Felter



# EDITORIAL PAGE

## A LETTER TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. Frank Sysel,  
City.

Dear Brother:

It grieves us very much to write this letter, but we want to ask you on paper what we cannot ask you face to face. The time has come when we must ask your judgement, on a very serious question of contemplation which has caused many nights of restlessness, and corresponding days of anxiety. You will understand our writing regarding a matter of so much importance, when we tell you that many homes and even lives have been upset by similar troubles. Still we feel that you should know the worst, at once, for in all sincerity it may mean life or death for us. We dare not communicate the state of our minds to any of our friends but you, for they are not always to be trusted. So in the distress of our minds we can only go to you. But your friendship will warrant this and in deciding this, lay aside your friendship and tell us from the fullness of your heart. Do you think we should wear our extra heavy undies this winter?

Sincerely yours,  
J. A. C. Members

"WE NEED FICTION WRITERS, WE NEED FEATURE WRITERS, AND WE NEED MORE REPORTERS!" That was the most important part of our banquet speech, but was forgotten and almost caused a catastrophe. However it still holds good! - The Editor

## TRY THIS! IT WORKS!

Take your age -  
Multiply by 2 -  
Add 5 -  
Multiply by 50 -  
Subtract 365  
Add the loose change in your pocket under a dollar -  
Add 115 -  
And the first two figures in the answer are your age and the last two are the change in your pocket.

Godfrey Novak: "How many drinks does it take to make you dizzy?"  
Chas. Raymon: "Two, and don't call me Dizzy."

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With the advent of a new policy adopted by the J.A.C. lodge in the final months of the year 1937, the financial secretary will be relieved of the heavy burden of deciding who is to be held on our rolls, even the delinquent and who is to be dropped.

Here-to-fore the financial secretary paid the executive office for the entire membership, regardless of the delinquents, but UNDER THE NEW POLICY, RETURNS WILL BE MADE TO THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE ORDER, ONLY OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ACTUALLY PAID FOR THAT PERIOD. UNDER THE OLD SET-UP THE LODGE LOST MONEY ON ALL MEMBERS THAT WERE DELINQUENT MORE THAN THREE MONTHS AND DID NOT PAY UP.

Of course, we will continue to mix pleasure with business on our meeting nights, but the primary purpose of our order is insurance, and insurance is a business. Business in order to succeed must have a firm foundation, and a firm foundation in our way of speaking, is a membership of paid up members. In order that we may reach that goal to which we strive, Bigger and Better J.A.C., do every thing in your power to keep your dues paid up, and the goal will be reached.

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H. R. Sindelar  
Financial Secretary.

# SOCIETY NEWS



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H MEETING E

It looks as though ties will be in vogue this season. We even had two ties at our election of officers. Svec and Lippert, and, Fottral and Eckert.

We believe that Doc and Lillian were the two happiest candidates that ever were defeated.

Elmer Stanek takes quite a bit of razzing from Bro. Sysel in regards to the easy life of a fireman till Joe Mach comes to the rescue. (You're O.K. Elmer we like to get warm ourselves)

Doc, apparently, was so worried about the election that he ordered beer twice. (That's O.K. by us Doc.)

Pep Stepanek doesn't let success go to his head. Even though he was elected an officer he still gives plenty of foam with each stein.

Too bad that Frank Stanek wasn't there to meet Santa Claus. We think they would have had a good time together.

We won't go into Christmas gifts as we think everyone got what they needed or deserved.

"Uncle" Charley Leksa was all set to go to the last meeting until he heard that there would be an election, then he didn't show up.

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HHHHHHHHylites of the Initiationnnnn

The usual hustle and hurry that precedes all initiations.

"Papa" Jiricek rounding up his candidates like an old mother hen with her brood.

Secretaries handing out plicies.

Candidates huddled together like sheep before a storm.

## What is your PROBLEM?

DAISY'S COLUMN

Dear Daisy:

My sweetie is always complaining of being cold. Would it be proper to buy her a wrap or shawl to put around her, or could you suggest something else?

Emil Mikulas

Dear Mick:

Why don't you just put your arm around her? Its cheaper and Lots more fun.

Dear Daisy:

Is it true that the old-fashioned girl told her mother everything?

Lillian Vecerka

Dear Lillian:

No, she couldn't, she didn't know everything.

Dear Daisy:

Is it true that kissing shortens ones life?

Elsie Tefr

Dear Elsie:

Yes, .....Single life.

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Old ladies sitting in the balcony whispering and pointing. (Evidently somebody getting raked over the coals).

All this time the men have been wondering about the cute young ladies with the white shirts, (or whatever you call them things)

Come to find out it was the Vining drill team, and do they know their stuff when it comes to drilling. (Ask Lad. Hamous)

Milo Sedlacek didn't seem to mind it either.  
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SOCIETY PAGE (Continued)

MY DEBT TO A CHILD

Christmas party.....Originally planned for the juveniles of the C.S.A. but having a larger adult attendance than any other affair.

For instance.....Lil. Heral had to take care of the children, Grandma took care of the candy and Papa Milo, well, .....he played Cvik.

When we were young, our parents had to hunt for us to get us ready for home.... Dickie and LaVonne Felter have it just opposite, they had to hunt Rudy.

Its too bad that we couldn't have Milo Sedlaceks daughter sing for us like she did at Killians store one Saturday night (Tillie evidently didn't know Santa was standing right behind her).

Jeanette Stepanek looked so motherly with her Nephew and Pep threw out his chest and said "Thats MY wife".

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\* MEMBERS FORUM \*  
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Letters like the one received from Dorothy Kriz are a great inspiration to the membership. It shows that although Dorothy is miles away her heart is always with the Junior American Czech lodge.

Let's start the New Year right by being orderly and business like at our regular meetings. By doing so the business session will be shorter and everyone can have his fun.

When is the Junior American Czech lodge going to have that bob party talked about for the last two years?

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The Junior Echo cannot prosper unless the members contribute their share of the news. Any article of interest concerning the members will be welcomed by the editor. Mail your news to the editor or drop it in the mail box at the lodge room. Your articles must be signed but your names will be held in strictest confidence by the editor. Please contribute if only a complaint, or, one H - Heck of a good joke. - The editor.

"Are you a doctor?" asked a young lady stepping into the drug store.  
Dan Novak: "Naw," "I'm just a fizzician."

Last night you were cuddled up sleeping with your head cushioned on your two chubby little hands and your soft yellow hair a towseled mass above a rosy little cheek.

Your mouth was smiling. I don't know why. For the first thing after breakfast, your big blue eyes snapping with fun and your four year old enthusiasm, you came running up to me with "Daddy, let's go and play bat and ball. Come on, Daddy, Come on, just for a little while."

And I impatiently told you to run along and play by yourself.

Your little face fell. Your eyes dulled. But you said "Alright, Daddy," and walked aimlessly out of the house.

And then when a little later you came running in again and begged me to play marbles with you and I ignored the eager pleadings of your eyes and stuffily told you not to bother me any more, you were again a good little soldier when you tried to hide your disappointment in, "Alright, Daddy, but won't you please call me pretty soon when you can play with me?"

That was yesterday.

Today you are lying still and quiet on the couch. Listlessness has dulled the spark in those snapping eyes of yours. Pallor has faded the roses on your cheeks. Your chubby hands seem thin as your little fingers grope for mine.

And as I roughly stroke the tangle of hair back from your forehead, you give me the faintest smile and say "I'm Alright, Daddy, just hold my hand for a while."

And then all the rude blows I have dealt that happy spirit of yours sear themselves into my memory -- and your pathetic little schemes to share a little of your time with me.


And now, all I can do is just to hope that it isn't too late for you to forgive me and let me share all of my time with you.


-- Anonymous.

Milvoy Nepras: "Give me an example of slow torture."

Joe Janeba: "A ride with an old fashioned girl in a second hand Chevy."

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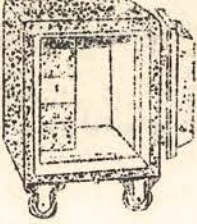


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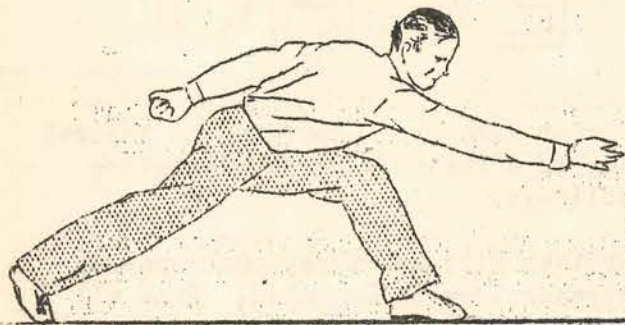
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# SPORT CHATTER

## SCHEDULE

### CSA Bowling League, Jan. & Feb.

Week of	Mon.	Tues.	Thur.
Jan. 3	5 vs 5	1 vs 6	2 vs 4
" 10	4 vs 6	2 vs 5	1 vs 5
" 17	1 vs 5	5 vs 4	2 vs 6
" 24	2 vs 5	3 vs 6	1 vs 4
" 31	1 vs 2	5 vs 4	5 vs 6
Feb. 7	5 vs 5	1 vs 6	2 vs 4
" 14	4 vs 6	2 vs 3	1 vs 5
" 21	1 vs 3	5 vs 4	2 vs 6
" 28	2 vs 5	3 vs 6	1 vs 4

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### Standings Monday Jan. 3, 1937.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Prokop #1	12	6	.667
Prokop #2	11	7	.611
J.A.C. #2	9	9	.500
Progressive	9	9	.500
J.A.C. #1	7	11	.389
J.A.C. #3	6	12	.333

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### Individual Standings

Name	Games	Total	Average
1. Stroleny	12	1870	156
2. Sulcik G.	15	2286	152
3. Vomacka	15	2197	146
4. Chalupnik	12	1737	145
5. Polansky	15	2151	143
6. Novotny	8	1139	142
7. Sysel	18	2532	141
8. Lebeda	15	2112	141
9. Blahnik C.	18	2514	140
10. Van Cura	18	2507	139
11. Shulista	13	1783	137
12. Lana	15	2046	136
13. Kopecek	3	403	134
14. Fottral	18	2401	133
15. Biderman	15	1994	133
16. Stepanek	14	1820	130
17. Chyba	12	1557	130
18. Sedenka	14	1807	129
19. Novak	15	1903	127
20. Kroulik	15	1889	126
21. Sulcik R.	18	2231	124
22. Hajny	12	1484	124
23. Blahnik L.	6	729	122
24. Sindelar	14	1694	121
25. Soukup	18	2149	119

## Individual Standings (Cont.)

Name	Games	Total	Average
26. Stanek J.	9	1073	119
27. Stanek E.	18	2132	118
28. Poula	15	1719	114
29. Heral	12	1251	104
30. Zrudsky	9	936	104
31. Sedlacek, Dr.	10	995	100
High Individual 1 Game - Stroleny		225	
" " 3 " "	3	549	
High Team 1 Game - Prokop #2		823	
" " 3 " "	3	2266	

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With the CSA Bowling League schedule about two-thirds complete the Prokop Velky team #1 still remains in first place with 12 wins and 6 losses. Prokop Velky #2 is a close second with 11 victories and 7 losses while Junior American Czech #2 and Progressive are tied for third place with a .500 average by winning 9 and losing 9.

Among individual high scores, Chas. Polansky has been replaced in first place by Joe Stroleny who came up from third place by rolling a high 3 game score of 549. Gus Sulcik, Lad Vomacka and J. Chalupnik have advanced to second, third, and fourth place respectively. With C. Polansky dropping to fifth place, Joe Stroleny holds individual high score with 225 as well as individual high for three games with 549.

Stroleny's score of 225 is somewhat of a record in the CSA Alleys and gives the CSA bowlers something to shoot at.

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No answer has been received from Chicago or Cleveland to the local CSA challenge for a telegraphic bowling meet.

This idea would be great fun for the contestants as well as the spectators and should be worked on by all interested. (Come on Chicago and Cleveland let us hear from you). Send all communications to Chas. Polansky, 1033 G Ave. N.W. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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## CURRENT NEWS

-- By Lillian Heral

### Deaths

We offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to

John Elias whose grandmother recently passed away.

Elmer Rompot upon the loss of his grandfather.

Jeanette Stepanek and John and Dominic Stastny whose uncle passed away.

### Births

What's this we hear about Milo Mitvalsky growing a beard until the birth of his son? What's the reason? Was it to appear more paternal? Little John Frederick made his appearance on December 20th, and what a wonderful Christmas present for the Mitvalsky's!

However, our Junior American Czech stork isn't the least bit partial for he visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Raymon and presents them with a son on December 4th. I'll bet his Sister Lois was pleased with the real doll Santa brought.

Matt Macek is one of our new members and on the heels of his initiation into the CSA Lodge Mr. Stork brought Brother and Mrs. Macek a baby daughter.

And that's not all - on December 9th he called at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Sirowy and left them a baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Baldwin were blessed with a baby son on January 10th, 1938. Is he to become a talented musician like his mother?

Congratulations Babies - Mothers and Dads!

### Marriage

A belated marriage announcement is that of Sister Irene Navratil to William Nash which took place September 4th at the Jan Hus Church. Best wishes for their Happiness.

### Illness

We are glad to see Sister Alma Stanek feeling quite well again. How could she stay sick long with such a comedian as Frank around?

Sister Alma Sysel suffered an injured hip in a fall during the Christmas holidays.

Brother Milo Mitvalsky underwent an appendectomy in December. From all reports he is getting along very well and is able to go down to his office each day.

Gordon Sedlacek, one of our Junior members, is on the road to complete recovery after a delicate and unusual operation performed by Dr. Steindler of Iowa City. The Tendon of Achilles of one foot was lengthened to meet the measurements of the other foot.

Sister Bernese Lana is quite ill with the Flu since the Installation Banquet.

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- G E N E R A L -

Brother Jiricek here with a flash.

Brother Frank Sysel, ambitious and enterprising new president of the Junior American Czechs, decided not to wait until the first meeting of the year to appeal to his members for help in a membership campaign. Instead he, himself signed up Richard and Neva Patek on January 1st., thus getting the jump on all C. S. A. lodges of Cedar Rapids.

Being imbued with the spirit of the Junior Americans, our juvenile members are forging ahead and in at least one instance have made the head lines in the newspapers. Our Richard Sedlacek won the Highest award in the Pioneer Clubs. He is the youngest boy in Cedar Rapids to receive the gold award and the first in Cedar Rapids to receive this award since 1935. Richard passed the intellectual, physical, spiritual and service tests in the shortest possible time. His perfect attendance in his club and Sunday School, his activities in sports and music were also deciding factors in the Medal Award.

A laugh is just like sunshine,  
It freshens all the day;  
It tips the peak of life with light,  
And drives the clouds away;  
The soul grows glad that hears it,  
And feels its courage strong --  
A laugh is just like music,  
For cheering folks along.

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## THE OBVIOUS ONE

The parade went on, depicting all the horror and suffering of automobile accidents, showing the dead --- the dying. Illustrating for the masses what a faulty brake -- a worn tire or even a dirty windshield can do to both man and machine.

It wasn't a pretty sight -- only the morbid could enjoy it, yet at the request of the mayor, everyone had turned out. Women grew hysterical, some fainted. Men stood grimly watching as the alcohol victim and the drunken driver passed by in the March of Death.

Mary Ellis, very young, very full of life and very much in love with her speed demon husband, stood in the midst of the thickly packed square, tiptoeing her diminutive figure in an effort to see over the many heads and shoulders before her. Finding her efforts fruitless, she settled back into her own thoughts.

She loved Tom --- loved the way he tossed his head --- the way he laughed when she confided her fear for his safety --- what was it he said?

"Every job is dangerous -- just being alive is dangerous nowadays. In auto racing the danger is out in the open --- it's where you can put your finger on it and know what not to do. Death is like a near-sighted person -- he never notices folks right under his nose."

He'd kissed her then --- and told her he wasn't worth worrying over. Wasn't worth it? Why didn't he know --

The announcer cut in on her thoughts "and if you folks here today, would remember one thing -- speeding, no matter what or when the occasion, is dangerous. When you press your foot down on the gas you save five, ten or maybe even fifteen minutes, but you endanger the lives of everyone you pass. And so I urge you folks, think before you speed and for the sake of the lives you save by carefulness, urge your friends, and family to be careful drivers as well as careful pedestrians."

The announcer had given Mary an idea. She'd go home and beg Tom not to race this afternoon, she'd tell him all the announcer had said and she'd get on her knees to him if necessary. Suddenly she was afraid -- It was two-thirty now---he'd leave in fifteen minutes. She'd have to hurry --

Calling car 42 -- calling car 42 -- go to eleventh and Cherry -- a car crashed into a telephone pole ---

The long black car slid to a stop beside the mangled remains of a green coupe ---. In it was the body of a woman.

McCassy's face blanched as he looked at the remains --- Then he whistled --

"Lord Joe, life sure deals funny hands sometimes --- Tom Ellis sets a new high for speeds at 4:15 without a scratch, and at 4:20 his wife kills herself doing 45---. Like I always say, Joe, life's like a near sighted man -- he never notices the folks right under his nose.

(The above story was written by the Editor's sixteen year old niece, Claudia Lopata of Seattle, Washington. It is a sample of short story that we would turn handsprings over -- should some J. A. C. member decide to show his or her ability--Ed.)

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## CANDID CAMERA

For the second time, the Candid Camera casts its critical eye upon a J.A.C. member who can boast of Czechoslovakia as a birthplace.

VLASTA LISKOVSKY HAMOUS, the elder of two daughters, was born in Prague, on November 27th, 1909, to Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Liskovsky. The family came to America and directly to Cedar Rapids when Vlasta was only 5 months old.

In her search for an education Vlasta attended several grade schools, Benjamin Franklin Junior High and graduated from Washington Sr. High in 1927.

Vlasta began early in life to help defray family expenses. She worked as housemaid during school vacations, then after graduation obtained employment at the Bell Telephone Co., first as local operator then long distance operator. From here she was promoted to desk clerk and finally to local switchboard supervisor.

Her romance with Ladislav Hamous, like Topsy, "jes growed up" with no apparent beginning. The parents of each were good friends of long standing and Jimmie had his eyes on Vlasta all through school. Romance burst into full bloom after Vlasta began working for the Telephone Company and culminated in their marriage by Justice Lightner on January 18th, 1930.

"Lottie and Jimmie" live in a cozy little bungalow overlooking Cedar Lake where they are enjoying life as quietly and peacefully as their two healthy youngsters Donnie 7 and Joanne 13 months old permit them to.

When time allows, Vlasta loves to read, leaning strongly towards Phillip Oppenheim type of fiction. She is very fond of good music, prefers light opera and any worth while music that doesn't squeak".

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# JUNIOR ECHO

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She thrills over Jeanette MacDonald and her style of acting. She enjoys the heavier thought - provoking type of movie such as "Good Earth" - nothing that is light and fluffy - and she admires acting talent that is correspondingly characterful.

Vlasta likes to take an active part in dancing, skating, ping-pong games and tennis, but prefers to take her soft ball and basket ball second-handed.

Her food preferences are average and normal with extra heavy emphasis on POPCORN. She stirs up a goulash of such super excellence that it holds Jimmie" her abject slave (?).

Vlasta has served the J.A.C. lodge as its able Treasurer since 1935 and her popularity is attested to by the vote given her on election day.

Her pet peeves are unnecessary arguing and poor sportsmanship.

Vlasta's ambition is to travel some day, on her postponed honeymoon, to far away Czechoslovakia.

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THE TRUTH! - SO HELP US!

It was the USUAL morning after the UNUSUAL New Year's Eve celebration. Evan Poula stepped out of the back door of his home, paused to take a deep breath of fresh air and to glance around at the familiar surroundings. Something unfamiliar in the vicinity of his garage caught his eye - fear gripped his throat - he swallowed, looked again and raced to the scene. Frantically he ran into the garage, searched everywhere, behind the stacked screen windows, inside all the paint cans - even leafed through the old magazines - to no avail. His car was gone - simply nowhere around - his darling Lincoln "Zipper".

Breathlessly, he dashed into the house, leaped to the phone when Irene all agog intervened. "Evan! what in heaven's name has happened? Have you lost your mind?"

"N-N-N-No, but I'd rather lose that than what I did. My baby, my darling, my "Zipper" - I'm calling the police!" wailed Evan.

In the mean time Irene, who, in her effort to alleviate Evan's distressed state of mind had been pacing back and forth, paused to stare momentarily out the front window.

As Evan's last words registered in her mind, Irene wheeled suddenly to stare at her husband.

"Why - why - why - you - you - dope! (loving name for an absent minded husband) look out that front window. Your car is just where you left it last night!"

MY PRICELESS POSSESSION

During the past few years many a person has changed his opinion as to just what his most valuable possession is. Many had always felt that their financial security was most valuable. But, with the depression security faded away.

Others value most their popularity and power. But there comes a time when even these fail. Adverses come and as a result power wanes and popularity is gone.

Many value their health above all else. But health, too, is an unstable thing just a simple cold may develop into pneumonia and ill health often results.

A man once asked me, "If a man cannot count on money, popularity and power, nor even on his health, what can he call his most priceless possession?"

To me there is only one thing that will never fail and that is what I consider my most priceless possession - A True Friend.

By a true friend I mean one who enjoys your successes, one who is sad when you are sad, one who remains at your side even when you have done wrong, one who pats you on the back when you have done well -- a friend who will remain a friend through thick and thin, one who loves you -- that is my priceless possession.

That is the greatest treasure I have gleaned from my association with Junior American Czechs -- many true friends.

That is what I want to be to you -- A True Friend.

Dr. Leo B. Sedlacek.

(Well and Nobly expressed, brother. May we add, that a true friend, also dares to differ with you, dares to oppose you, dares to quarrel with you; then graciously and whole heartedly forgives and forgets, welding the bond of friendship closer and tighter. That, to us, is the acid test of TRUE friendship. ---The Editor.)

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Nurse: "I think Don Hinshaw is regaining consciousness, Doctor.

Doc. Sedlacek: Yup! He just tried to blow the foam off his medicine."

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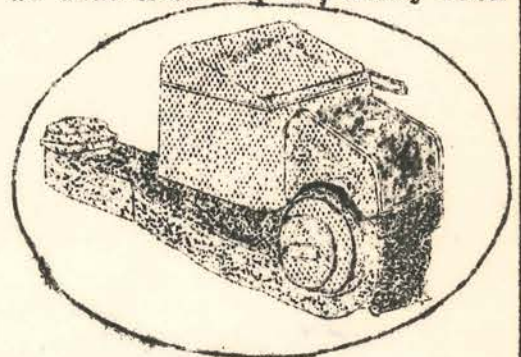
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