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CALENDAR

KALENDÁŘ

- Sept. 28, 30) Thursdays. Beseda Folk
Oct. 7, 14) Dance Lessons. p. 1.
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1983 Jan. 17., Monday. Annual Meeting of
Czech Heritage and Fine Arts
Foundations. Information in
December newsletter.

ANNOUNCING HISTORY OF CZECHS IN
CEDAR RAPIDS, 1942-1982, Vol. II. which
carries on the organization of ideas and con-
tent in Volume I, 1852-1942 authored by Miss
Martha Griffith plus additional up-dated infor-
mation.

The Index for Vol. I. appears in Vol. II. on
the 99 pages in Vol. I. are 186 names, 20
churches, 17 fraternal organizations and 19
musical groups; Vol. II. 1942-1982, of 112
pages lists 220 names, 22 fraternal groups,
11 churches, and 20 musical groups.

More than 45 contributors wrote articles plus
many others who supplied some information
for us - then this material was compiled by the
committee.

Some omissions, some additions, and some
corrections are certain to be made by readers.
Please let us have such information so that IF
another printing of Vol. II is made later on,
the needed changes can be made.

Vol. II at \$3.50, Vol. I. at \$2.00. Together
special price \$5.00. Available at the Museum,
Sykora Bakery or mail order from us, cost
plus 80¢ handling and mailing.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD TO CZECH HERITAGE FOUNDATION

On June 19, 1982, members of our Czech
Heritage Fdn. attended the annual banquet
of the State Historical Society of Iowa which
marked the 125th Anniversary of the found-
ing of the Society at Iowa City. Represent-
ing the Fdn. at the Des Moines event were:
Evelyn and Emil Lamparek, Blanche and Ed
Trachta, Mae and Frank Novotny wearing
their Czech costumes. At the conclusion of
the banquet the Foundation received a "Cer-
tificate of Merit" for the programs we have
developed and a book, "Time Like a Furrow"
by James Hearst of Cedar Falls. It was an
honor to be recognized by the Iowa Historical
Society and makes us aware that our Czech
group is being recognized for our efforts.



F. W. Novotny

COME DANCE WITH ME! DANCE TO THE "SOUSEDSKÁ"



The "BESEDA" COMES TO TOWN!

A class for those interested in the
Czech national folk dance, "BESEDA"
Sousedská, are in action. The
group meet at Asbury United Meth-
odist Church, 336 - 27th Ave., S.W., C.R. at
7:00 p.m. Dates are Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14.
Sessions are 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

Max Naxera, assisted by Mrs. Pat Moehlmann
are instructors. You will enjoy an evening of
fun and fellowship. A donation of \$2.50 per
person for the entire session is indicated. For
more information and reservation, phone Mrs.
Adeline Volesky, or Frank Novotny,
. Altho this information comes too
late for the start of class, phone either number
above for other possible arrangements.

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FLAG NEEDS A POLE!



After the Svoboda Family donated funds to purchase an American Flag and flag pole in memory of their parents, the Czech Heritage Foundation purchased a Czech flag and presented it to the Czech Village Association. Regulations require that a flag of another country must have its own pole. So, we have a flag and need a pole to fly the Czechoslovak Flag at all of the festivities which take place in Czech Village. The cost of a pole ranges from \$600 to \$800 and more, depending on the height of the pole, diameter, thickness, metal, and style of pole. We are seeking any and all donations to help us complete the project. All donations will be appreciated and may be given as a memorial if you so desire. Donations may be mailed to our P.O. Box 761, Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52406, or if you prefer may be given to any of the directors who will send it to the proper place.

C. E. Krejci

ATTENTION! Speakers and Programs activists - now that schools and other activities have resumed, be sure to keep a record of topics, numbers in audiences for the Annual Reports for President Novotny.

The University of North Dakota at Grand Forks is offering fall adult non-credit courses called CZECHOSLOVAKIAN STUDIES. Each series of 4 meetings runs from Sept. into Nov. The topics are: Language and Literature, the 2nd is Culture and History and the last in the series is Music. Classes are conducted by Dr. Vera McKenna of Crookston, Minn. who is from Czechoslovakia. It is indeed heartening to know a growing interest in our Czech heritage spreads.

Some folks have trouble looking into their mouths to discover what they are saying.

The empty barrel sounds the loudest.

Black are the farmer's hands and white his bread.



The LYRA CHORUS



appears on Sunday, Oct. 24th, at 2:00 P.M. at

the Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids, presenting a program in the finest Czech tradition. A total of 75 persons is in the group - singers and musicians. The LYRA CHORUS has toured countries in Europe, appeared in numerous events from coast to coast, with Jan Kubelik the famous Czech violin virtuoso and his son, Rafael, with pianist Rudolf Firkušný who was the soloist with our C.R. Symphony last year, with Jarmila Novotná of the Metropolitan Opera, the Don Cossack Chorus and other distinguished groups and artists. Of course they have been active in the Chicago area for over 100 years. It will be a treat to hear and see the group on October 24th at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$6.00, general seating. Doors open at 1:00 P.M. Orders may be mailed with check paid to order of Federation of Czech Groups along with self-addressed stamped envelope for return mailing. Send to Mrs. Bette Trefny,

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phone orders to Mr. Edward R. Kuba and pick up the tickets at the theater upon arrival. Tickets will also be available at the box office at the Theatre, Oct. 24th.

E. R. Kuba, President
Federation of Czech Groups

BUS TRIPS TO COMING EVENTS

The IOWA BETTERMENT DAY at Ames, Nov. 5. is an all day trip. Czech Heritage Fdn. has entered the EDUCATIONAL KIT in competition in the Community Improvement project - cost of trip approx. \$25 which includes buse fare, luncheon and banquet. HOLIDAY ETHNIC FAIR, 1982, Milwaukee, Wi. Nov. 19, 20, 21. Enjoy music, folk crafts, cultural exhibits and stage shows sponsored by 50 Ethnic Groups and Pabst Brewing Co. Our plans are to depart early Sat. A.M. return Sunday P.M. Travel fare about \$18-\$20. Lodging and admission fees yet to be determined.

IF INTERESTED IN EITHER OR BOTH OF ABOVE EVENTS, write or phone Czech Heritage Fdn., P.O. Box 761, Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52406 or call Novotny

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GIFTS to the MUSEUM and LIBRARY. The changed displays at the Museum that opened for the Fall Festival included some recent donations.

Some rare items given in memory of Mary Hlubucek by her husband Ted included an antique solid copper mortar and pestle, an antique coffee grinder, an etched copper tea pot; two excellent charcoal sketches, a beautiful oil painting by a Czech artist, an earthenware vase with hand-burned wheat design originally from a folk museum in Bratislava.

Given by the Lampe family, Manchester, Iowa, in memory of her father were a fine collection of his books, a pipe, an antique doll in costume and an unusual handmade silk bobbin lace cloth. Given in memory of Edward and Rosie Kilberger by their children was a beautiful pew from the Moravian Church in Ely (in late 1800's). Placed on the balcony, the pew makes a nice place for visitors to sit and rest while they view the classical prints on display.

A special attraction now is the old piano player complete with 56 rolls of Czech music given by George Kuba.

Jana Fast

Museum visitors during the Festival almost 600 people toured the museum on our 4th Anniversary. This brings the total number of visitors since September 1978 to over 13,000. They have come from all states, D. C. and foreign countries.

Jana Fast, Curator

CHARLOTTE KOTIK is the great granddaughter of Thomas G. Masaryk. She and her husband, Petr Kotik, and two small sons live in Buffalo, N. Y. Both are so talented and accomplished in their own special interests. Mrs. Kotik is an art historian with two advanced degrees from Charles University (Prague) and finds her skills and abilities of

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MUSEUMS, MUSEUMS, MUSEUMS-TWENTY

Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia, has TWENTY MUSEUMS housing unique collections and exhibits in the National Museum which overlooks Václavské Náměstí. A petrographical and mineralogical collection of some 150,000 specimens and precious stones is the third largest most complete in Europe after the British Museum and Geological Museum in London.

The collection of insects numbers 3 million specimens. Unusual brightly colored moths from Madagascar (now Malagasy Republic) and from Brazil have wing spans of more than 10 inches!

The Military Museum houses 80 planes, 12 of which are regarded as unique. There is also a 17th century leather cannon made in Italy, ancient ammunition, types of bayonets, army uniforms and military order decorations.

A treasure trove found in 1771 - a large bronze kettle contained 5000 gold Celtic coins 986/1000 fine, weighing 40 kg. (88 lbs.)

A world famous collection of musical instruments, some 2,300, are on exhibit.

Charles E. Krejci

ERA OF GOLDEN OPERA PASSES with the death of MARIE JERITZA (Jedlistka) at age 94 in Orange, N. J. last July. She was born in Brno, Moravia, 1887., made her operatic debut in "Lohengrin" in Olomouc! From 1912-35 she was a member of the Vienna State opera. At the Metropolitan in New York she appeared in leading roles in Italian opera, at Chicago and Covent Garden in London. She is described as the "golden haired diva of opera's golden age... a quintessential prima dona, adored by her public." She belongs to the era of Schuman-Heink (who was born in Praha 1861.d.1936). Homer, Gluck, Melba, and others remembered by some of us from Victor records played in grade school classes in Music Appreciation in Cedar Rapids years ago when Miss Alice Inskip was in the "driver's" seat.. Memories, Memories!!!!

use at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. Mr. Kotik is a musician, composer, flutist and teacher. He is a Creative Associate in Music and organizer of the "S. E. M. ENSEMBLE" which appears in various states and Europe. The Kotiks left Czechoslovakia in 1969 and he remarked that the family would like to visit Prague "but we would probably not be allowed to leave to come back to the U.S."

Buffalo has many opportunities in art and music so the Kotiks find the city suits their talents and interests. Mr. Kotik's father is a well known artist living in Berlin and Petr's grandfather Pravoslav Kotik, was also an important Czech artist.

EVERYONE LOVES PARADES

Czech Heritage Fdn. took part in FOUR PARADES this summer! June 19th at "Fairfax Hey-Days", July 3rd at the Swisher Fun Days, and July 4th Ely Celebration. Again wearing their Czech costumes the group took part in the Czech Village Parade on Sept. 12. Our Thanks to Emil Lampareks for the use of their hay rack, to John Anderson (grandson of Lampareks) for driving his tractor at Fairfax, and to John Voleskys for use of their tractor in the other three parades. The float was decorated with a white skirting, red ribbons, flags and signs. Emil Lamparek and Frank Netolicky played their accordions while the other participants tossed candy and gum to the spectators. At Fairfax, our reward was a free drink ticket, at Swisher free drink and lunch tickets, and at Ely a trophy! Our sincere "thanks" for the wonderful cooperation from all of you who helped make a parade float a fond memory.

Our Congratulations to Frank Koutny and daughter, (Mrs.) Betty K. Benesh, for 1st place in the parade in Czech Village. Astride the two beautiful palomino horses, with flags waving in the breeze they led the parade. Czech Heritage placed 2nd and Joe Vondracek in his 1939 convertible Ford was 3rd place.

F. W. Novotny



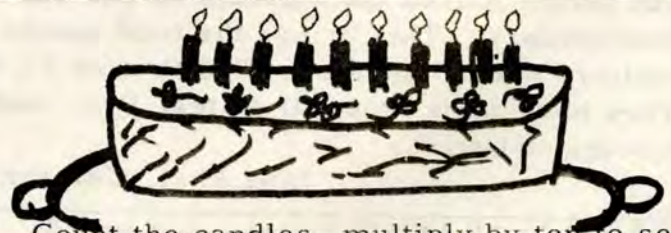
WHAT GAMES DID CHILDREN PLAY in the days of Emperor Franz Josef when "Bohemia" and Moravia were Provinces in the Austro-Hungarian Empire? ? Did youngsters in rural villages really have time to play? Or were they working in the fields at an early age? tending geese at age 5?

We are seeking people who KNOW, first-hand, from experiences to share with us their recollections. Were holidays and festivals a time for fun and games? We will give credit to those whose reports we can use. Write us P.O. Box 761, C.R., Ia. 52406. People are wanting to know about these things in Czech culture and heritage.

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SEARCHING FOR CZECH -- favorite sayings, witticisms, proverbs or mottoes. It is difficult to locate such sayings as so many of the older generation are gone and the younger folks are not familiar with these sayings. If you have favorite sayings that you could share with us, we would appreciate hearing from you. Some have come to us from time to time and we do have them. We are not interested in jokes or stories but only clever sayings of the Czech variety. Mail to our P.O. box listed above.

C. E. Krejci



Count the candles, multiply by ten to send Happy Birthday Greetings to Mr. Charles Bezdečný on November 24th. That is a real Centennial!

Mr. Bezdečný is Vlasta Fajmon's father.



ROYALTY at the CZECH FESTIVAL.



NEWS OF 1982 FESTIVAL
 IX/ 10, 11, 12 the 9th such
 Festival was the best and

biggest ever in Czech Village. Some 15,000 visitors joined in events co-sponsored by Czech Village Association, Czech Heritage and Fine Arts Foundations. Some 10 busloads of visitors from Iowa and Minnesota were included in the throngs who enjoyed the music, dancing, a variety of contests, Czech art demonstrations and displays and the Czech Heritage Parade.

CONTESTS

The CARP FISHING Contest, sponsored by Novak's Bait Shop, "lured" 58 entries. Bud Novak awarded first prize, \$50 to Doug Nejd1 for the 18 1/2 lb. winning carp. Doug's father, Leonard Nejd1, won 2nd place prize of a custom rod from Dave's Custom Rod for a 10 lb. carp. Both winning entries were on ice on display in front of Joens Bros. Interiors on Sunday and attracted a lot of interest.

SKILLET THROW Contest, under the direction of the Recreation Commission had following winners: 10 yrs. and under: Frank Martin, Jim Martin; 11-15 yrs. Dan Costello, Mark Maxwell, Aaron Steadman; 16-24 yrs. Todd Williams; 25-35 yrs. Dave Tessier and Ronald McDonald; 36 yrs. and over: Jack Powell, longest toss of the day 68' 11", Leo Lamparek and Marshall Lesser.

Female Skillet Throw winners: 11-15 yrs. Tracy Lane; 25-35 yrs. Peg Tessier, Linda Lumsden; 36 and over, Sheryl Nejd1 with winning female toss of 50' 4", Lucille Powell, Virginia Lumsden, Helen Moore. All winners received ribbons with cash prizes of \$1 each going to first place winners in all age categories.

KOLACH EATING Contest Champ was 11 year-old Brian Smith, . He downed 11 kolaches from Sykora Bakery in two minutes to win the trophy.

Pat Martin, Village Coordinator.

This 1982 marked the second year that Czech Heritage Fdn. sponsored the Czech PRINCE AND PRINCESS Contest in conjunction with the Festival in Czech Village. Twelve entries were received, ten girls and two boys. The contestants were: Jackie Donoghue, Angie Driscoll, Diana Fiala, Dynanna Quillen, Janelle Rohlena, Lisa Rose, Lynette Stejskal, Darrie Usar, Angie Vlasek and Jolynne Zaruba in the Princess Contest, Doug Nejd1 and Mark Quillen in the Prince category. The judges were Mary Ann Kucera, Rollie Raim, and Ken Smykil who met and interviewed the contestants Friday evening. Judged were (1) written entry form--20 points, (2) general poise, appearance and personality--40 points, (3) interview on activities, background etc. -40 points. Winners were announced at the Bandstand on the Mall Sunday. Angela (Angie) Vlasek was crowned Princess (1982-83) with Janelle Rohlena as runner-up. Doug Nejd1 was crowned Prince with Mark Quillen as runner-up. The new royalty were crowned by the 1981-82 Princess, Lynn Marie Nejd1, and Prince Jeff Donoghue. The crowns were donated by Dr. Robb and Dr. Travnicsek, both with offices on the Avenue. The Royal Highnesses will receive a Czech costume (made-to-order) from Czech Village Association. Virginia Wilts and Dennis Hrabak presented the Prince and Princess with a certificate for \$25.00 from the United State Bank and the First Trust Bank respectively. A gift from the Czech Heritage Fdn. was a copy of the new book, History of Czechs in Cedar Rapids, 1942-1982, Vol.II. A single red rose was given to each participant and a bouquet to the Princess from Mae and Frank Novotny. A heartfelt "Thank You" to Lynn Marie Nejd1 and Jeff Donoghue for their efforts in representing us at many events during the past year. May they have many rewarding memories of their 1981-82 reign as Prince and Princess as the first such "royalty" in Czech Village.

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Where there is nothing but feasting, hunger is hard-by.



GW. General GEORGE WASHINGTON

visited the Moravian Brethren Church in Bethlehem, Pa., July 25, 1782. Accompanied by two aides-de-camp, he was dined, inspected the choir house, and other objects of interest, attended the evening service and heard fine music.

He seemed to be pleased with the visit. The next day, General Washington and his men left for Easton.

"Moravia" identifies that this historical church had its origins in ancient Bohemia and Moravia whose people were converted to Christianity in the 9th century by the missionary work of Cyril and Methodius.

Later the foremost reformers in this area were Jan Hus and Jan Amos Comenius. Jan Hus (1369-1415), professor of philosophy and rector of the University of Prague, was burned at the stake July 6, 1415. Out of his ashes rose the Moravian Church. The Prime Leader of the Unity of Brethren (Unitas Fratrum) was Bishop Jan Amos (Komensky) Comenius, world-renowned for his progressive views on education. The 18th century saw a renewal in the Moravian Church.

Information secured from documents and xeroxed material supplied by the Dept. of Publications, Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

Marie Wokoun

"DESTINATION AMERICA" by Maldwyn A. Jones has very little about Czechs but the following about Anton Čermák is interesting.

Some of you remember "Big Bill" Thompson, three times mayor of Chicago. In the 1931 campaign, Čermák was the opponent. Thompson ridiculed Čermák's foreign origins (Prague) to which Čermák replied, "It's true I didn't come over on the Mayflower but I came over as soon as I could." (p. 154).

Čermák's term as mayor (1931-33) was brought to an abrupt end, Feb. 1933, by a bullet intended for President F. D. Roosevelt at a gathering in Miami. Čermák died early in March; the assassin was electrocuted, March 30.

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On p. 241 this: "When one considers that most of America's immigrants have come from a continent divided for centuries by national rivalries, one is astonished not that there has been much ethnic discord, but that there has been so little. To have made a nation out of so many disparate elements is an accomplishment which has no historical parallel."

HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE THAT OUR FORE-FATHERS HAD THE COURAGE TO PIONEER IN A NEW AND STRANGE ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE. (Editor)

YOU! WHO? WHOO? WHERE ARE YOU??

Membership in Czech Heritage Fdn. is open to all people interested in Czechoslovakian heritage. You do not need to be INVITED, just COME and JOIN UP! We are NOT a fraternal group or private club. Just send annual dues of \$3.00 per person to us at PO Box 761, C.R., Ia. 52406. You will receive the 4 issues of our newsletter, Naše České Dědictví, (Our Czech Heritage) and a membership card. The 3rd Monday in January is the Annual Meeting; in August the Annual Picnic and many other events throughout the year.

If you are not familiar with our several publications, ask for the price list.

RiRiN BULGARIAN NATIONAL FOLK DANCE

ENSEMBLE plus soloists and orchestra, Ames, Iowa, at C. Y. Stephans Auditorium, Monday, October 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$8 and \$6 with discount for groups of 20 or more. All seats reserved. Bus departs at 5:30 p.m. from parking lot of United State Bank, southwest corner of 16th Av., Hamilton St. S.W. Cost of bus and ticket approx. \$18.00 per person. If you wish to go, must know AT ONCE, no LATER THAN OCT. 7~~th~~. Make check payable to Czech Heritage Fdn., PO Box 761, C.R., Ia. 52406. If individuals wish tickets, phone order to Iowa State Ticket Center, 1-505-294-2436. If not enough reservations are made, your check will be returned, so be sure your address comes with the check. This year observes the 1300 year of Bulgaria!

THOMAS F. DUDA REMEMBERS -

Thomas F. Duda, the father of Mrs. Raphael Snilil (Dorothy) wrote a brief history of his life's experiences. We are pleased to share it with you.

THOMAS F. DUDA was born August 2, 1888 in Kalinky, some 70 km. (45 miles) east of Brno, Moravia. In 1892 the family moved to Častkov where they bought about 5 acres of land and a flour mill. It operated by water wheel power and had two sets of stones to grind wheat and barley into flour and wheat was ground fine for porridge. When Thomas was 9 years old, he could run the mill. On the farm were a house, barn, small out buildings and a special one to dry fruit from their orchard and the filbert nuts. There was a small still to make liquor from prunes.

When Thomas was age 9 (1897) his mother died. He graduated at age 14 from the local school which enrolled 83 pupils and had one teacher. He then worked in the flour mill, learned the carpenter trade and farmed. His father was superintendent of building at the mineral springs resort at Luhočovice. A cousin went into the Army so Thomas did the field work on that farm. The pay was 2 shirts, 2 pair of trousers made of very coarse homespun, a white shirt for Sunday and \$18.00 per year. At age 18 he would have been drafted into the Austrian Army to serve 3 yrs. This did not appeal to him. So at age 17 he started his journey to America to New York City where two brothers, Frank and Joe, were living. Brother Frank sent Thomas a 3rd class ticket for passage on a ship and he left on April 22, 1907, from Uherské Hradiště by train to Bremen, Germany. He was told that there was no space on the ship. He was determined to be on that ship so gave the man almost all of his money and was then allowed to board the 3 deck "Princess Alice" on May 4, 1907. The 3rd class passengers slept in bunks stacked 3 high in two large rooms - the women in one and the men in the other. The passengers spent the rest of the time and ate their meals on the open deck, sitting on the floor or leaning over the rail. The food was everything mixed together and not fit to eat. Most of it was thrown overboard. Thomas tells that he was better off than most of the others because

a rich man in first class cabin hired him to shine his shoes, bring his meals and do little jobs. There was always more food on the tray than the man could eat so he shared it with Thomas.

On May 15, 1907 Thomas arrived at Ellis Island. The United States required every immigrant to have at least \$20.00 to live on until he was settled or had a job. Alas! Thomas had about 35¢ so he was detained for 3 days until brother Frank came for him with the \$20.00.

He stayed with Frank and got a job as carpenter with Enteman & Co. in Brooklyn, N. Y. He worked 60 hours/week for 15¢ per hour. The work day was 11 hours for 5 days and 5 hours on Saturday. He was later put on piece work making window frames for brick houses. He used 17 pieces of wood, 2 braces, 8 (3/4") screws in the pulleys and 4 in the weight pockets. Then he would take the frame to a painter a block away. For all of this work he was paid 10¢ each. He said that he had to swing the hammer pretty fast to make a living. His next job was with the Lauter Piano Factory. Living expenses were \$4.50 a week for room and board and 20¢ daily for transportation.

The 3 brothers were carpenters until 1910 when work became scarce. Joe saw an ad in the paper stating that Frank Benda of Chelsea, Iowa, needed a man for farm work. Joe left for Chelsea to be a farmer.

Then Thomas had a chance to work for a man in California who was making ice boxes. So in August, 1911, he bought a train ticket to Belle Plaine to visit brother Joe on his way West. The ticket cost \$23.75 plus \$6.00 for the 130# trunk full of tools.

Joe wanted Thomas to wait until March when his contract with Benda would expire and they would go to California together. So Thomas got a job in Belle Plaine with Park Bros., Building Contractors. In the spring they both decided to stay where they were because work was plentiful and wages were good. Thomas was working on the high school building 60 hours per week for \$18.00, twice what he was paid in New York! Thomas made Belle Plaine his home working for the

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Park Bros. until the late 1920's when he went into business for himself. He retired in his 70's when arthritis slowed him down. Of interest is the careers of his brothers: Joe farmed in different places in Chelsea area, Frank continued at the piano factory, and Thomas related this story. Three brothers remained in Moravia which is now a part of Czechy. Alois studied to be a priest and was a Russian war casualty. Karel, a harness maker, carried the mail which included reading and writing letters for people. He was a teacher and spoke several languages. He, too, was a war casualty. Brother John stayed on the home place and ran the flour mill. Sister Frances spent a year in a convent, left it and later married.

Thomas F. Duda, age 94, has an apartment in South Amana where he is near his daughter, Adeline Zuber. Thomas married Elsie Kokesh of Clutier in 1917. She passed away in 1973. For a time he and Charlie Chess owned and operated the East End Grocery in Belle Plaine. As Mr. Duda reflects on the past years he speaks of his hard life because he lacked an American education. He knows he has had a long and good life compared to what it would have been had he stayed in the "Old Country". His hobbies have been cabinet work, furniture upholstery, making novelties, refinishing furniture, hunting and fishing.

OUR THANKS TO THOMAS F. DUDA FOR ALL OF THE PRECIOUS DETAILS WHICH HE HAD RECORDED IN THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK HE TREASURES.

NOTICE
ma'kers of toys.

Surely there are skilled carvers of wood among our members, their relatives or neighbors who could make copies of Čech toys. Please give us information so we can follow through by getting in touch with those folks

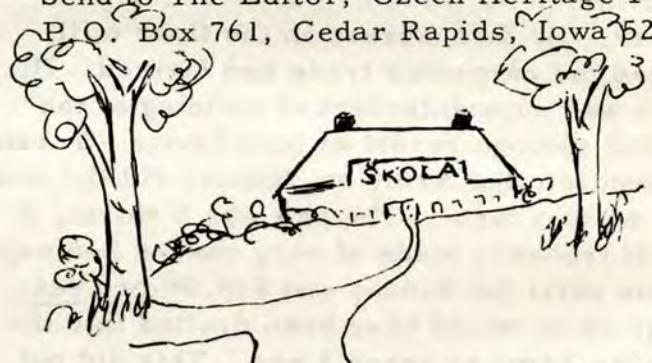


NOW LET'S HAVE YOUR STORIES!

You have read the many experiences Mr. Duda had in his lifetime. Some of you know other folks in your family or neighbors who would have similar yet different stories to tell of the early years.

WE ARE MOST INTERESTED in making more of such memories available to our members and most of all to learn about life in the "old country". We know there will be a variety of unusual conditions which would be informative, interesting and for many almost unbelievable. What to talk about? family, size, home life, travel by what means, how long, to where, events in school days, church holidays, work and so on.

Send us a brief write up or let us know whom to visit or phone for more details. Send to The Editor, Czech Heritage Fdn., P. O. Box 761, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406.



SCHOOL DAYS in MORAVIA, 1894-1903.

A pupil age 6 to 14 would have the following subjects on the "report card" or graduation certificate upon completion of his grade school education: religion, language skills in reading, speaking, correct writing and grammar, knowledge of numbers and measures, natural history, the vocabulary of natural history, geography, history, penmanship, drawing, singing and athletic skills. "Success" was reported not by grades or letters but by words. Thomas Duda's report had all subjects listed as "dobrý" (good) except language skills item for speaking and that was stated as "velmi dobrý" (very good). Altho he completed his studies in July 1902, he was not presented his certificate until "graduation" on January 3, 1903.



sv mikulas

SV MIKULAS will be in
Czech Village
 SATURDAY DEC 4th
 1 to 4 p.m.

SV. MIKULÁŠ (St. Nicholas) will be greeting children and adults in Czech Village. Come visit with him and the ANGEL and DEVIL who accompany him. The Angel has a record book to write down names of good children while the Devil rattles the chains for naughty children. The Prince and Princess of Czech Village will also be there. The group will visit the Museum to view the Christmas tree with all of the special sparkling decorations.

COME VISIT THE AVENUE, VISIT THE SHOPS AND STORES AND VISIT WITH FOLKS, SV. MIKULÁŠ AND HIS GROUP, GREET THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS ON DECEMBER 4th.

 MAKE RESERVATIONS AT ONCE, NOW, FOR THE BUS TRIPS YOU WISH TO TAKE WITH OUR GROUPS. Information about the 3 trips is on pages 2 and 6. Those going to Ames on Nov. 5th are asked to wear Czech costumes if they have such clothing. All ethnic groups are urged to come in costume if convenient and available. (P.S. You can attend in "civilian" clothes!)



TEREZIN ? some 35 mi. NNE of Prague was one of the Nazi concentration camps. Most of the prisoners were Czech Jews and often sent to Buchenwald or Auschwitz. Many were talented and educated. One group of artists made sketches of camp conditions. Some drawings were smuggled out so people would know about the agony of the prisoners. Guards would burn drawings they found and the guilty were moved to the death camps. During the time Terezin was used, some 5000 children under the age of 14 were held there. One child wrote: "A little garden, fragrant and full of roses. The path is narrow and a little boy walks along it."

The "BAKE OFF" CONTEST on Saturday had two age categories of "bakers": under age 18 and the adult group. Four classes of foods were Kolaches, Desserts, Yeast Breads and Sweet Breads.

Winners in the YOUTH GROUP were: Kolaches-1st Jackie Donoghue (Fairfax) 2nd Angie Vlasek (Ely); Desserts--1st D. Tesar (CR), 2nd Julie Vlasek; Yeast Breads--1st Angie Vlasek, 2nd Julie Vlasek; Sweet Breads--1st Jackie Donoghue, 2nd Julie Vlasek, 3rd Heidi Krejci (CR). ADULT GROUP winners were: Kolaches-1st Emma Buresh (CR), 2nd Bea Trachta (CR); Desserts--1st Emma Buresh, 2nd Angie Rohlena; Yeast Breads -- 1st Emma Buresh, 2nd Richard Lewis (CR); 3rd Terezie Jakubcik (CR); Sweet Breads -- Pravomila Geregova (Bettendorf)... On the Mall at the Bandstand in the early afternoon, the "Bake-Off" items were sold at an auction for a total of \$54.25. More of you good "cooks" out there should join us in 1983!

A little boy, a sweet boy, like the growing blossoms. When the blossom comes to bloom, the little boy will be no more."

Franta Bass

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