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## PATting OURSELVES ON THE BACK

Nobody can say that the Junior American Czechs aren't a bunch of good sports, especially about working at Bazaars, particularly the Jarmark. Credit is certainly due to Joe Stepanek and George Svec and Henrietta Scabrook who made up the committee in charge.

## THE CANDID CAMERA REVEALS: HUGO RICHARD SINDELAR

Mama, here's that man again! And we clicked the camera on that man so full of good humor--our active and dependable brother, Hugo Richard Sindelar. He was born in Chicago on April 29, 1895, the eldest of the two boys of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sindelar whose jewelry and watchmaking shop is a landmark on Third Avenue West.

His elementary education was received in Monroe, Taylor, and Madison schools when the family moved to Cedar Rapids and he was graduated from Washington high school in 1913. Love of nature and farm life prompted him to enroll in the agricultural engineering department of the Iowa State College at Ames in 1914. At the end of his first year, when he saw that his prospects of living on a farm were remote, he transferred to mechanical engineering. In 1917 he enlisted in the regular army, becoming Sergeant in the 362nd Ambulance Co., 316 Sanitary train, 91st Division of the 1st Army. The war, in which he was in active service interrupted his studies for two years.

He returned to Iowa State and was graduated in 1920 and immediately began working as draftsman for Warren Webster & Co., a Chicago heating and ventilating concern.

Now cupid enters-- only a few days after his discharge from the army, he attended a Sokol picnic in Bezdek's orchard and there met his "angel in white", who, in more material substance was Adeline Lepata, a Coe student and pioneer farmer's daughter. After two years of much letter sealing, first at Ames and then at Chicago he decided he would make the girl his life-long sparring partner. After the usual honeymoon, he established his bride in a tiny apartment across the midway from the University of Chicago, where, incidentally she was able to continue her studies.

## KIDS OR HARD TIMERS?

The next meeting of the Junior American Czechs will be Monday December 14 and will be a combination of Kid party and Hard Time party. The committee in charge is Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith co-chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Felter and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lekska. And are we going to have fun, folks! So take your choice and dress according to your mood. Some will want to come in panty dresses and little Lord Fauntleroy suits and carry a good supply of all day suckers. Of course, if you choose to go Hard Times, maybe we can scare up another "Tarzan" as at our last Hard Time Party, remember?

Oh yes, here's a secret, members, this will be the first appearance of the local Dionne Quintuplets!

So come prepared--each member is asked to bring a 10¢ gift which Santa Claus will distribute among the "kiddies" and "hard timers"!

Doesn't anyone want that \$5.50 that that will be given away at the December meeting for the Bank Nite feature? The first drawing will be \$5.50 and the second will be \$2.50. Elsie Tefer was the lucky person last month with the second drawing prize of \$3.50. Come to the meeting as the business session will be short. Although there will be the annual election of officers, only this one important matter shall be brought before the lodge in Dec.

## OUR PRESIDENT SAYS--

Dear Members:

The year is drawing to a close and I believe we can all look back and feel proud and happy at the progress the Junior American Czechs have made. It is only because so many of you have pitched in and worked.

The coming year will be a still greater year if we all continue to do as much or even more than we have in 1936.

Remember, at the December meeting we have an election of officers for the coming year and the big party afterwards! In January will occur our annual banquet. Let's all come out and resolve to work just a bit harder and I am sure 1937 will be the biggest year in the life of the Junior American Czechs.



# SOCIETY NEWS



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PRE-ARMISTIC FROLIC

Frank Sysel, dancing in a bartenders apron.

Doc, making announcements over the "mike".

Esther Nezerka, in a new dress. Pretty neat, what?

Milo Heral, looking for his door prizes. (\*%&?%&\*?%)

Dorothy Dvorak, sitting at the door all by her lonesome. (Betcha I know who you were thinking of.)

Milo Sedlacek, leading the grand march.

Pap Stepanek, tending bar. (As usual)

Butch Stolba, buying drinks for the ladies. (Also for himself)

Joe Mach, counting shekols. (Hope you counted enough Joe.)

The kitchen force--just try and mope a free sandwich.

Hugo Sindelar. That guy? Yeah, he was there.

Scoop! The Zvaceks finally show up. (And Ed in a new suit.)

Frank Stanek, playing a tune(?) on a partly inflated balloon.

Bob Smith was there. He must have found his way out of the woods.

"Speed" Holets and his gang, inhaling "suds".

Lou Jiricek, consuming sandwiches.

Mike Holecek, wondering what it's all about.

Dom Stastny, trying to make somebody's sweetie. (No luck)

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## LOVE-ME. LOVE-ME-NOT By Daisy

Dear Daisy:

Should one believe everything the fortune teller tells you?

Gladys Sedlacek

Dear Gladys:

That depends largely upon the individual. For instance, Hugo Sindelar is a firm believer in fortune telling.

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Dear Daisy:

What is the difference between Love and Life?

Reuben Stepan

Dear Reuben:

Life is one darned thing after another, and Love is two darned things after each other.

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## ---"THE ECHO PANTRY"---

(Echo tested recipes)

### CHILI

2 lbs hamburger	1 can red kidney beans
3 large onions	Salt and pepper
1 can tomatoes	1 tsp chili powder
1 pint water	1/4 tsp red pepper

Fry hamburger in large amount of grease. Heat tomatoes and water, when hot add kidney beans, hamburger, seasoning and onions. Cook slowly for 2 or 3 hrs.

### SCALLOPED SALMON and MACARONI

Cook 1 pkg. macaroni in boiling salted water until tender. Make a medium white sauce. Combine cooked macaroni with one can salmon and white sauce salt and pepper. Put in buttered baking dish. Cover with grated cheese and bake in moderate oven one half hour.

Both recipes submitted by  
Gladys Sedlacek

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BLESSED EVENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smreck are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lois Ann, born Thanksgiving day. Congratulations!

Doc Sedlacek's contribution to posterity of which he loves to boast. Jimmie and Lottie Hamous' baby girl, Joanne Rose, born Nov. 28, found her thumb 15 minutes after birth and forthwith actually winked at Doc. Are we femmes jealous or are we jealous!

"Pot Luck" roll call in the newly organized Mothers Club. Elaine Heral--mothered by Lillian.

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Should King Edward VIII marry "Wally" (Symptoms) was the question raised before the Echo staff. The "Ayes" outnumbered the "Nays" eight to four.

OUR SYMPATHY

To sisters Lillian Heral and Irene Poula, and Brother George Svec we extend our sympathy in the recent death of their Grandmother, Mrs. Svec.

THE CANDID CAMERA REVEALS

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One year later, Hugo with his wife and infant daughter, moved to Des Moines where he had been sent to open a branch office. After two years of almost constant travelling, his love of home and family and his yearning for farm life, prompted him to grasp an opportunity to manage an 80 acre farm near Cedar Rapids. However, during the peak of the depression, he once again, availed himself of an office job, that of cashier in the County Treasurer's office.

As a point of interest, Hugo designed the heating and ventilating systems in the Court house building, Commonwealth apartment building and revamped several of the older buildings in Cedar Rapids among which was the Sokol hall.

His ambition in life is to own a beautiful model farm where he can raise his children so successfully that he can always be proud of them.

The three children of the family are Marilyn, 13, Junior, 9, and Arno, 7.

As to his hobbies, he loves to be "young" with his youngsters. His likes include all sports such as swimming, basketball, football, baseball. In fact, while trying out for the varsity basketball team at I.S.C., he suffered a broken nose. He also likes to play cards, especially Cvik, to dance, especially schottische, to read, attend movies and parties. To sum it all up, he loves life and simply buccles over with it.

His characteristics include--generous to a fault, thoughtful of his family, even-tempered, occasionally delightfully wicked, and is kind to everybody and everything. (Likes to hug his cows--Venus, Star, Hannah, Dusty, Buttercup, Sugar, and Sweetheart, and carry on one-sided conversations with them). He hates dishonesty, hypocrisy, uppishness and too much formality. His wife says that it is easy to cook for him as he likes most everything but especially ham-hocks and cabbage and rice soup with giblets.


At college he was affiliated with Philomathian literary society, Trigon fraternity, and Zeta Xi national fraternity. Locally he belongs to C.S.A., Crescent lodge No. 25, Amber Grotto, Sokols, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is president of P.T.A. of Edgewood school No. 2. All in all, those who come in contact with "that Man" think him a jolly good fellow just like his three "kids" that worship him.

CONSIDER THE HAMMER

It keeps its head.  
It doesn't fly off the handle.  
It keeps pounding away.  
It finds the point, then drives it home.  
It looks at the other side too, and then clinches the matter.  
It makes mistakes but when it does it starts all over.  
It is the only hoocker in the world that does any good.  
If you are inclined to lose your head and fly off the handle: Consider the Hammer.

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IT CAN HAPPEN  
Short Story

by The O'Henry  
of the Junior American Czechs

Jan left Czechoslovakia in 1913 and emigrated to this country with youthful ambition and high hopes for a future. Jan was an orphan and so at an early age he learned to shift for himself at an early age. After his arrival in this country he secured employment and continued his education in night schools and mastered the English language. Life was sweet and moreover, life was moving quickly.

Then came the World War. Jan immediately enlisted. He was sent overseas soon after his enlistment and thereby made a friend in Hal. These boys held one another in the highest regard and were truly buddies of the war. The tragedy of their friendship was the death of Hal in one of the major engagements of the war in France. His only remembrance of his friendship with Hal was a peculiar gold locket that he had cherished and worn around his neck. In this locket was the picture of a young girl whose fair features haunted the mind of young Jan since the hour he first gazed upon the likeness. Who she was, her name, and all such information were blanks, only Jan knew that the picture was of his friend's sweetheart who knew as "Angel".

A few months after Hal's death, Jan was gassed and so severely that he was sent back home. He had paid the price, not with his life, but with his health. Then down the months and years it was hospital after hospital, and doctor's verdicts were always the same disheartening statement, "NO, you never can get well". This finally after 20 years was such an old story that a few hours after he received his bonus of \$1481.00 he decided to live the remaining few months of his life, which the doctor's predicted in escape from Veteran's hospitals and a splurge of living on his bonus. With a small sum he staked himself to a used car and proceeded to a destination which he himself couldn't place clearly. But it was chiefly south to the land of the dry climate which was the recluse of those who suffered from collapsed lungs.

Victoria was thirty-six years old. To this girl, born and reared in a community of Czechs, life had been fulfilled seemingly at an early age. Victoria and Hal had been girl and boy sweethearts. There had been no question but that this romance would mature to marriage for the two of them. But with the advent of the war circumstances changed and Hal left Victoria with the pledge that she would always await his return. Her token to her lover was an old family locket with her picture.

In parting little did they think that Hal would never return. Moreover, the tragedy was that no definite word ever came to Victoria about Hal's death. Like so many of the dough-boys, the report at headquarters was that he was lost in action. After years of faith and waiting, the girl, now a woman, still loved him and looked for him. Finally desperation caught her and in panic she decided to end it all. Just how, she didn't know but she thought she would start toward the river. It was the beginning of a new day and the thought of what it would hold for her after all the higher dreary days, she hurried toward the highway which lead on towards the woodland river.

As she trudges along lost in reverie a car stops and the driver hails her and indicates he will gladly drive her on. In sheer absence of mind she accepts the invitation and seats herself in the roadster. The driver was Jan who was pleased to have company on his rampage with the evils of death.

After a few general remarks, Jan suddenly looked at the woman's profile and said in his native Czech, "De pak ja je videl!" The familiar language quickened her interest and after inquiry they both were at ease with one another in discussing their common bond, their Czech nationality.

In the course of the conversation, Jan loosened the collar of his shirt and in so doing the action revealed the locket of his dead friend which he so tenderly wore after the long years. Victoria made such a commotion when she sighted it that Jan stopped the car and on her request began to explain how he came into possession of the locket which she claimed as once belonging to her. Gradually it dawned upon him why her profile had been so familiar as it was the same as the girl of the picture in his buddy's locket.

Somehow things seemed different to them both after revelation of the circumstances. Life was sweet once again. There was someone who cared. They just drove on and on--and finally it formulated in their minds that with the remainder of Jan's bonus they would make life together in the south. Victoria with a woman's tenderness, would nurse Jan back to health as the friend of her sweetheart. After some month's of this arrangement, it was indeed a surprise for Jan to have a doctor say, "Young man, you are well again". With his last dollars he paid the specialist for this bit of news. There was just two dollars left. Victoria was well pleased when Jan suggested that they spend it for a marriage license and begin life afresh.