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CALENDAR 1985 KALENDÁŘ

- Sept. 30 Mon. 7-9 pm. CZECH LANGUAGE classes for 10 wk. term. Information in right column.
- Oct. 13 Sun. 2 pm. AMBASSADORS to Czechoslovakia share experiences with us. Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church. See p. 2
- Oct. 19 Sat. NATIONAL FOLK BALLET of YUGOSLAVIA, Ames. "Info" below.
- Nov. 30 Sat. Sv. MIKULÁŠ DAY in Czech Village. See p. 5
- Dec. 1 Sun. Sv. MIKULÁŠ FESTIVAL DANCE, Eagles Hall. See p. 3

1986 Annual Meeting of members and friends of Czech Heritage Foundation and the Czech Fine Arts Fdn. More details in December newsletter.

ATTENTION: On Oct. 19th, we plan a bus trip to Ames to enjoy the NATIONAL FOLK BALLET of YUGOSLAVIA, at Stevens Hall. Program at 8 pm and lasts 2 hours. We plan to depart promptly at 4 pm. from the parking lot of the First Trust & Savings Bank, 3rd St., 12th Ave. S. E. Should return by midnight. Cost is \$20.00 per person which includes bus fare and ticket to the event. Food and other expenses are up to you. First stop enroute to Ames is at Perkins, Marshalltown for break and food. It is the same place we stopped on our last trip to Ames.



We plan on 2 buses. We have to know for sure by Oct. 2nd for your reservation. From now on we will take your reservations in order of hearing from you. Call or write to Frank W. Novotny,

or Russell Novotny

GREETINGS! VITĀM VĀS!

Again it is time to greet our members to express our sincere thanks for your continued help and cooperation that Mae and I received from all of you. The PARADES are behind us and we all sweltered through a terrific week-end at the Fall Festival. We never know what Mother Nature will throw at us -- she really threw it at us this time! Considering the weather, Czech Heritage did quite well. Our booth on the Avenue reached a lot of people according to the amount of materials sold. Our Czech Heritage float in Sunday's Parade was different and interesting, in addition we rated the 1st prize! The participants impersonated well-known Czech-Moravian figures: Anton Dvořák, Jan Hus, Sv. Mikuláš, Thomas G. Masaryk, Božena Němcová, Alfons Mucha, Žižka, and the districts of Plzeň and Moravia. Their costumes and posed positions were really classic.

We tried something new -- renting a portable dance floor from Traer. The hot weather did not help the dancers! Again the Avenue was lined with the Czechoslovak and United States flags put up by the C. R. Dept. of Traffic.

Thanks and Na Shledanou!
Frank W. Novotny, President

CZECH LANGUAGE CLASSES RESUME

A two hour intermediate conversational Čech language course sponsored by the Czech Heritage Fdn., will be offered on Monday nights in Cedar Rapids beginning Sept. 30th. Registrants must be at least 15 years of age and have some prior knowledge of the Czech language. A nominal fee will be required to cover the costs of materials and tuition for the 10 weeks course. Those interested should write to John Rocarek,

or call after 6 pm.,

CONTINUE "EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LIVING". The Czech Heritage Board of Directors voted to again participate in this project. One or more qualified students will be in or near Prague, Czechoslovakia, for the 4 weeks "Homestay Program" in the summer of 1986.

The object of the homestay is to experience the daily life of the host family, the local community and culture. This is a wonderful opportunity to help young people learn about their Czech heritage, to build bridges of understanding and to develop lasting friendships. Students will be selected by a 3 member committee. To qualify, the student must be a junior in high school during this 1985-86 academic year, have some Czech ancestry, be willing to attend Czech language and culture classes prior to the trip and be a resident of Cedar Rapids or surrounding area.

On Sunday, October 13, at 2 pm, the 1985 Student Ambassadors will present a program about their experiences, to be held at Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2808 Schaefer Drive S.W. This would be an excellent time for interested persons to ask questions and obtain additional information about the program.

APPLICATIONS are DUE NOVEMBER 1, 1985
Forms may be obtained from:

Shirlee Peterson, [redacted]; from Mae Novotny, [redacted]; Marjorie Stone, [redacted]; John Rocarek, [redacted]

The Committee appreciates the wonderful support and enthusiasm that the project has received. You can again participate by making a financial contribution. Mail your check, made out to Czech Heritage Fdn., Scholarship Fund, to Frank W. Novotny, [redacted].

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PERSONAL INTERVIEWS with the finalists applying for the International Living Program will be November 16th, at a time and place to be announced later.

PRINCESS AND PRINCE, Sept. 1985 - 1986.

Time jets along so fast and it is time again to announce the new Prince and Princess for Czech Heritage Fdn. This year we had 7 entries: 3 girls -- Brenda Buresh, Dawn Buresh, Julie Vlasek and 4 boys -- Jon Christensen, James Hruska, Charles Rohlena and Tim Semelroth. We are happy to announce the winners: Princess Brenda Buresh and runner-up, Julie Vlasek; Prince Tim Semelroth and runner-up Jon Christensen. Our Congratulations to all participants for being interested in your Czech heritage. We will enjoy working with Brenda and Tim the coming year. And a special "Thank You" to the judges: Dorothy Snitil, Bea Trachta and Olga Drahozal. We know you enjoyed interviewing the young people and know it was difficult to make decisions. Congratulations and Thanks.

Committee: Frank W. Novotny, Chr., Mae Novotny, Evelyn Stejskal.

TYPEWRITER KEYBOARD TO CHANGE?

Back in 1932, August DVORAK, University of Washington, Seattle, an educational psychologist, re-invented the typewriter keyboard. Although he died in 1975, he never gave up the idea that his revised keyboard would be accepted. Dvorak changed QWERTYUIOP to AOEUDIHTNS which is said to increase accurate typing, reduce lost motion and energy. It is said that the old keyboard makes fewer than 100 words, the Dvorak makes up some 3000 common word combinations!

One report states that some offices of state and federal departments as well as business and industry are using the Dvorak system. Not everyone is thrilled or adapting to the change.

Source: items sent to editor from members in Seattle and Houston.

THIS NEWSLETTER is a quarterly at present: Issues come out in March, June, Sept. and Dec. Some members thought it came more often and they were not receiving a copy.

Czech Fine Arts Foundation, Inc.

10 - 16TH AVENUE S.W. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52404

MUSEUM CALENDAR

Dec. 1 Sv. MIKULÁŠ
DANCE

- 4-9 pm Eagles Hall, Cedar Rapids.
- Dec. 2-7 Special Sale of Imported Christmas Ornaments (see below)
- Dec. 7 Sv. Mikuláš Activities at the Museum for Children and Adults.

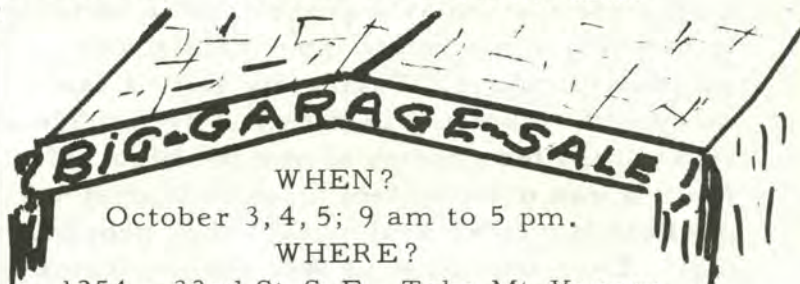
Sv. MIKULÁŠ WEEK, a full week of activities. The Merchants in Czech Village will be hosts to Sv. Mikuláš's visit on Saturday, Nov. 30th. On Sunday, Dec. 1st, the Foundation will hold its Second Annual Sv. Mikuláš Dance at Eagles Hall, 202 - 7th Ave. S. E., Cedar Rapids. Dancing will start at 4 pm. and end at 9 pm. Admission is \$3.50 at the door, or \$3.00 if tickets are purchased ahead. Tickets will be available at the Museum.

During the week, Dec. 2-7, there will be a special sale of glass blown Christmas Ornaments imported from Czechoslovakia as a special fund raiser for the Czech Museum and Library. Further details of time and place will be printed in the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

The Museum will celebrate Sv. Mikuláš on Saturday, Dec. 7th. The following activities will be available to all visitors:

- 9:30 - 10:30 Puppet Show
- 10:30 - 12:00 Puppet Show Workshop for Children
- 12:00 - 5:00 Demonstrations of Czech Christmas Traditions

(All children will also get a try at making their own ornaments)



WHEN?

October 3, 4, 5; 9 am to 5 pm.

WHERE?

1254 - 33rd St. S. E. Take Mt. Vernon Rd. to 33rd St. S. E., turn south (right). Sale at the corner of 33rd St. & 14th Ave.

WHO?

Friends of the Museum

WHY?

All proceeds go to support the Czech Museum and Library

DONATIONS?

for the sale are being taken at Joens Bros. Warehouse next to the store, 59 - 16th Ave. S. W., on Sept. 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 between 9 am and 5 pm. Items should be in good condition and boxed. No clothing please.

Joyce Anderson, Chr.

FALL and WINTER MUSEUM HOURS

The Museum hours this fall will be: Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00-4:00, and Saturdays, 9:30-4:00. After November 15th, there will be only the Saturday hours: 9:30-4:00, until mid-April. Guided Tours are given during the regular Museum hours, or by special arrangement. For more information, call (319) 362-8500 or 366-4937.

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM. Oral histories of Czechs in Linn County are being recorded by the Czech Museum. As individuals are interviewed, a record is made on both audio and video tape, thereby preserving a unique view of history. Over 30 interviews have been taped, working toward a goal of 100. Subjects are age 70 or older. If you wish to submit a name of someone to be interviewed, please write or call the Museum (362-8500), 10-16th Ave. S. W., Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52404.

Jana Fast, Museum Curator

REPORTS from the 1985 AMBASSADORS

"During my travel to Czechoslovakia I learned a lot about the people and lifestyles of another culture. I believe that having to deal with such different circumstances has helped me mature as a person and it certainly has helped me relate more easily with people around me. During my stay, I saw many cathedrals and castles and even made a trip across the country to see the High Tatra Mts. I was made to feel most comfortable by my host family as well as the other people I met. Everyone made us feel very welcome and at home.

This experience was something I'll never forget. Many thanks goes to the Czech Heritage Foundation and the Experiment in International Living as well as to all the people who contributed in one way or another to our trip. Thank you very much."

Lisa Rose

"Dobrý den! I've been asked to write a short article about my experiences as an Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. It's hard to sum up in a couple of paragraphs the wonderful experiences I had that month.

First of all, I'll let you know a little about the family I lived with for a month. When I arrived at the Airport in Prague, I was greeted with a warm welcome by my 24 year old brother Josef. He escorted me home where my Czech mother, Alenka, was busy preparing a super lunch. This was only one of the many good meals that I was to receive while I was there. After tasting her delicious meals, I wasn't surprised that she was a Food Director for Schools and Hospitals. While my Czech mother was busy seeing that my physical needs were taken care of, my Czech father, Josef, who was an architect and my sister Alenka who worked in the national theater, were my personal tour guides. They kept me busy touring castles, cathedrals, and museums. One of my most memorable days was spent touring what I would have thought would be my dream castle and visiting the villages that the Vlasek family had migrated from.

Because of the wonderful people in Czech Heritage, I was able to visit the homeland of my family. Thank you for my fantastic trip and wonderful memories. I'll never forget all my new friends and hope to return to Czechoslovakia some day."

Angie Vlasek

"..... The people that I associated with were very kind, polite and easy going. A lot of them had the same interests as I have. It made me feel right at home. The Drabek family that I lived with..... were my Czech mother, Jarmila, who was a doctor in Prague and specialized in anesthetics, and my Czech brother, Tomas, who is 19 and will study at Prague University.....to be a doctor. They both could speak English fluently which helped a lot. English is a required course in high schools in Czechoslovakia.

I was astonished by all of the history..... Prague...is just one big mass of historical buildings and creations that dated back many centuries.....there always is so much reconstruction that needs to be done. The Czech people can be proud of their history. The thing that I enjoyed the most was meeting people from so many different countries. I met people from 10 different countries.... All in all, it was a great experience that is unforgettable and I hope I will have a chance to visit my Czech family another time some day. Again I would like to thank the Czech Heritage Foundation and everyone else who made this trip possible for me."

Jeff Rohlena

In 1908, Cedar Rapids adopted the Commission form of government. The ballot at the Primary Election on March 16th listed 9 candidates for Mayor (vote for one); 48 names listed for 4 Council positions! The paper ballot was 6 inches by 24 1/2 inches. A cross was to be placed in the box before the name selected. The colored paper was a brownish-orange.

R. R. K.



12th ANNUAL CZECH VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The PARADE was the best ever, with some 48 entries, including a variety of musical, ethnic and historical entries.

Trophy winners were the following:

1st Place, Czech Heritage Fdn., with a float featuring traditionally costumed figures important to Czech history.

2nd Place, Saddle and Leather Shop, depicting a "Cowboy Campsite"!

3rd Place, Boddicker School of Music, a float with teachers and students, playing accordions.

4th Place, Vopalka's "Frontier Inn", featuring a fancy horse and carriage.

Honorable Mention was awarded the Moravian Cultural Dancers, Chicago, Ill., who paraded in their beautiful authentic costumes down through Czech Village and the Slavia Agencies Insurance and their red, old-fashioned fire truck with friends, employees and their children along for the ride.

THANKS to Patty Konecny, Parade Chairman, who with her crew organized this colorful parade. And THANKS to the participants, who suffered 90 plus degrees temperatures in their costumes.

Village Coordinator, Pat Martin

1985 BAKE-OFF was under the co-direction of Marge Stone and Adeline Volesky. In addition to ribbons to the winners, cash prizes totaled \$68.00. For the Bake-Off Auction at the Bandstand, not only the contest items were sold but some folks donated rye and other breads and kolaches not in the contest! The total sum of the auction was \$115.00, the largest sum ever brought from a Bake-Off for the Czech Village. Our appreciation to all of these participants and their "products".

The Bake-Off winners:

18 years and Younger. PIES: 1st, Julie Vlasek;

DESSERTS: 1st, Julie Vlasek

19 years and Older. PIES: 1st, Blanche Trachta, 2nd, Angie Rohlena

SWEET ROLLS: 1st, Martha Krejci, 2nd, Blanche Trachta.

BREADS: 1st, Blanche Trachta, 2nd, Georgia Nesetril, 3rd, Martha Kubik...Hon. Mention

Martha Krejci, Richard Lewis.

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COSTUME CREATED in
PLZEN 85 years ago.
GIVEN to CZECH HERI-
TAGE FOUNDATION.

John and Jeanne Joseff came to Cedar Rapids in mid-September to present this very special and authentic costume to our Fdn. They live in Virginia. In the early 1970's they visited relatives in Plzeň and were given this kroj (Costume). It is their desire that the costume be used for educational purposes, to be worn proudly at some special occasion when representatives from the Czech ethnic meet distinguished guests who visit our community... or when a volunteer presented a program at a grade school whose children wish to see an authentic costume... or during a program promoting the Czech culture at a television station. Education "reaches out" beyond the confines of a museum, but it is also a hope of John and Jeanne Joseff that their costume be displayed in our beautiful Czech Museum when it is not in use at public events.

The story of John and Jeanne Joseff's friendship with the Czechs of Cedar Rapids area goes back to May 1983, when John received a gift copy of The Czech Book, compiled by Czech Village Coordinator, Pat Martin. John wrote to Pat that her book brought back pleasant and nostalgic reminders of the neighborhood he lived in, around 73rd Street on the East Side of New York City. "Unfortunately, it no longer exists -- progress destroyed all local memorabilia of that era. The tenement house I grew up in was torn down many years ago. The entire community has changed, but I will never forget the people, mostly Czech, caring, loving and benevolent. We shared and we cared, in the 1920's and 1930's," John wrote.

John was pleased to learn that Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was maintaining its Czech heritage. "I was thrilled to know that a wonderful Czech heritage lives on in Czech Town, Cedar Rapids."

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COSTUME from PLZEŇ

He was particularly touched by our interest in revitalizing our Czech culture in relation to his visit, with his wife, Jeanne, to Plzen and Prague, Czechoslovakia in the early 70's. Their background of travel and acquaintances prepared the Joseffs to really understand, to tie into, what our Czech Heritage Foundation is working for here. Pat wants to feature John and his early childhood years in the third "Czech Book", to be published in 1986. Little Bohemia, in New York City from 1913 to 1938, was like Czech Village only somewhat, with "everything necessary for daily living within walking distance...bakery, grocery, ice cream parlor, laundry, candy store, beer parlor. You could be born and buried from our street" according to John. "The apartment we lived in, a railroad flat, was inhabited by mostly Czech families. It was a close-knit group, and we all cared for each other very much. I never felt left alone because of the close ties we had with neighbors and friends. It was a wonderful time in my life and I will always retain pleasant memories." You know, I feel that way about us, those of us in close partnership in preserving and cultivating the "best of this community and its history". I think we feel this way about each other's closely-knit groups, all caring for each other very much. And John and Jeanne like what we're doing and want to join our partnership. And that is why they travelled to Czech Village to give us an original Czech "kroj".

Pat Martin, Village Coordinator

BAKE-OFF

KOLACHES. 1st, Martha Krejci, 2nd, Blanche Trachta, 3rd, Helen Meeks...Hon. Mention, Angie Rohlena, Celia Dixon.

DESSERTS. 1st, Martha Kubik, 2nd, Angie Rohlena, 3rd, Irma Binko...Hon. Mention, Martha Krejci.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



GETTING TO KNOW THE JOSEFFS!

On Sat. morning, Sept. 14th, Czech Heritage Fdn. hosted a "coffee reception" honoring the Joseffs at the Garden Villa. Twenty six guests shared the opportunity to visit with the Joseffs. The newly crowned Czech Princess, Brenda Buresh, modeled the costume from Plzen. Czech Prince Tim Semelroth was also present. In addition to the gift of the "kroj" was a silk kerchief with a map of Czechoslovakia and words commemorating the end of the 20 years of the Republic, 1938, and the close of World War II in 1945. A third gift was a vest for a costume, richly embroidered in colorful designs of flowers. This will also be a part of the "educational items". The quality of the gifts would have been welcomed by any prestigious museum in the eastern states. We are especially privileged to be the recipients of these gifts brought to Cedar Rapids, in person, by the Joseffs. Our deepest appreciation for their support and gifts.



MAGIC OF DECEMBER 6th.

The publicity about Sv. Mikuláš Day in Czech Village states the event will be observed the Saturday before Dec. 6th. So Nov. 30, 1985 is the Saturday before Dec. 6, Friday. Again in 1991, 2002, 2013, 2019, 2030 there will be a November date as is true this year. The intervals are 6 to 11 year cycles. Dec. 6th WAS a Saturday in 1975 and will be a Sat. again in 1986 (Next year!), then 1997, 2003, 2014, 2025, again a 6 to 11 year cycle is the interval. There IS order in Mother Nature's routines!

SŮ MIKULAS
(St. Nicholas)
will be in
CZECH VILLAGE

NOVEMBER
30, Saturday



1040

PAY-AS-YOU-GO TAXES -

are the big news item these days. Did you know that a former Cedar Rapidsian suggested the idea to President Franklin D. Roosevelt? It was none other than our BEARDSLEY RUMML, son of Dr. Wencil and Salome Beardsley Ruml. The parents of Dr. Ruml came to Iowa from the Province of Bohemia in the latter 1800's. Dr. Ruml received his M.D. in 1891. Salome Beardsley was a nurse and administrator at St. Lukes Hospital. Beardsley Ruml (1894-1960) attended the local schools, graduated from old Washington H.S. 1911. Then he went to Dartmouth, 1915, and Harvard, Ph.D., 1917. He was a "Think Tank" even in his youth, and a financial wizard. His father paid the sons a small sum in coins for the nails and metal they picked up on the driveway so the tires would not get punctured. Beardsley saved his "income", bought a magnet, cleaned the driveway and then rented the magnet to his brother.

Dr. Beardsley Ruml was Dean of the Div. of Social Science at the University of Chicago, 1921-33. Among his many business contacts he was associated with Macy Store in N. Y. City, Carnegie Corp. of N. Y., Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Fdn., Muzak Corp., Director of Encyclopedia Britannica Films, Trustee of Museum of Modern Art, Chr. of Federal Reserve Bank, N. Y., and in many other organizations.

The writer heard him speak at the convocation of State Teacher College Faculties of N. Y. State in Albany many years ago. In his address he said that every student should have a 5000 mile conducted tour of United States before graduating from high school. What a wonderful idea - but most likely the idea has been forgotten. And, alas, how times have changed over the years!

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LORETTO Church, Prague, is across from Černin Palace in the Hradčany area. It is a "pilgrimage church", similar to the Santa Casa, Loretto, Italy. The Carillon dates 1694 and still plays! The cloister houses the world famous

Loretto Treasure part of which is the MONSTRANCE with 6, 222 diamonds and the small pearl monstrance of pure gold set with 260 diamonds and large pearls. A Monstrance is a "vessel of gold (or silver) in which the consecrated Host is shown at the altar or in procession".

C. E. K.

TATRA AUTOMOBILE FACTORY, the oldest such plant in Czechoslovakia, was founded in 1853 as a stage coach factory. The first automobile in 1897 was powered with a German Benz engine in the rear. Two years later, a racing car with 2 cylinders and rear engine was produced. The speed was 70 M.P.H., with 2 transmissions, and 4 speeds. This was the forerunner of today's Tatra which was called the Nesselsdorfer since it was built in the Austro-Hungarian town of that name.

C. E. K.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS Eight recipients received \$200 each from SBOR DĀMSKĀ MATICE ŠKOLSKĀ. Four were from Jefferson High School: Bruce Jandik to U. of Ia., Sarah Ann Schultz to American Institute of Business, Des Moines; Donna J. Kaplan to U. of Ia., Donna Kucera to Kirkwood. The Sbor has a policy of granting a 2nd scholarship to the previous year's recipients under certain conditions. Bruce Miller at Waldorf, Forest City, Janice Reu at Mt. Mercy, Anne Stanley at U. of Ia., and Randy Dvorak at S. U. I., Ames. Among the eligibility requirements are that the applicants be of Czech ancestry and have an acceptable academic rating. Czech Heritage Fdn. congratulates these students!

M. J.

ST. SOPHIA and the THREE FROST SAINTS were in the June newsletter. And so, again, folks ask about St. Sophia. Some say she was a "good cook" and others refer to her as "divine wisdom". Her birth date is May 15th. Hence her inclusion in the story of the Frost Saints. But there is another ST. SOPHIA! It is the "GREAT CHURCH" built at the time of the Byzantine Empire (330-1453) when Constantinople and not Rome was the seat of the government.



St. Sophia was one of many churches constructed during the reign of Emperor Constantine (288? - 337). Other well-known edifices include: Basilica of St. Peter and the Lateran in Rome, Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, Church of the Ascension at Mount of Olives, Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem as well as a church in Antioch, Nicodemia (now Izmit) and others in the Constantinople area. Altho it might have been the foundation of St. Sophia built at time of Constantine, the church was completed during the reign of his son, Constantius. Over the years, St. Sophia and others were rebuilt, repaired as the ravages of time, invasions, wars and robbery resulted in damages.

Justinian (483-565) had many of the structures repaired and even improved and enlarged. During the Crusades, unbelievable as it may seem, especially the 4th, that for 3 days the city was plundered, robbed and manuscripts destroyed. The Latins (Italian and French) carried back to their churches and monasteries, objects of value-real treasures. For example the "Four Bronze Horses" (gilded copper) were taken to Venice and today are seen above the entrance to the Basilica of San de Marco on the Piazza San Marco, a major attraction in Venice. In 1453, the Turks laid siege to Constantinople and took their turn at plundering and robbing churches, monasteries and the population. Thereafter, St. Sophia became a mosque. Turkey became a republic with Kemal Ataturk as the first President (1923-1938). The name of Constantinople was changed to Istanbul.

Should you ever travel to Istanbul, you cannot escape visiting three outstanding mosques: St. Sophia, The Blue Mosque and the famous Suleiman Mosque and adjoining cemetery.

Sources: The Architecture of Europe, Dareen Yarwood; The History of the Byzantine Empire, A.A. Vaseliev.

PAGEANT WINNER: MISS CZECHOSLOVAKIA! Suzanne Loyd was crowned the 1985 Miss SPIFFS (St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society) in May. At this annual event young women representing their ethnic "roots" are featured. Of 21 contestants the winner receives the crown and a trophy, \$4000 U.S. Savings Bond and two plane tickets to the country of her origins! Other contest winners to receive a Bond and trophy were Miss Japan, Miss Italy, and Miss Vietnam. Local merchants also contributed gifts to the contestants.

St. Petersburg TIMES
Eleanor Pohorsky Elkington

FROM THE PAST

Czechoslovakia's POSTAL SYSTEM dates back to the Middle Ages. In the 10th century, Bohemia had mail communications with other "states" and the Vatican. Regular mail service was established in Prague in the 12th century with uniformed mail carriers paid by the city.

YUGOSLAVIA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM marked its 150th Anniversary recently. In the winter of 1834-35, a Slovak Lutheran minister, Rev. Samo Tomasek, wrote the anthem with the title of HEY SLOVACI. It is also known as HAY SLOVANY and as such is the national hymn of Yugoslavia, an appropriate title from the other Slavs of "South Slavia" which word is Yugoslavia.

From Slavic Village Voice, Cleveland

JOE RUKAVIČKA'S NAME CHANGED to JOE GLOVER. Two families moved to Otter County Twncsp. in 1854. They were two English speaking bachelors, C. E. & J. M. Hayes from Vermont and the Rukavička family from the Province of Bohemia. The children were Ella, 13, Frank 7, and Joseph 3. Soon after their arrival, the children were left orphans. The Hayes brothers took the two boys. When C. E. married, he took Frank and when J. M. married he took Joe. Ella lived with a McChesney family and later with a Willey family. At age 18, she married a John Kolash. Joe's name Rukavička was translated to Glover and he worked for farmers in the area. He was thrifty and opened a store in Waltham, serving as postmaster 1877-1891. That year the town of Elberon was laid out and Glover & Company had the first store there -- grocery and drug store. Again he was postmaster 1885-1889. He and two other men formed the first telephone company there in 1886. He was successful as a business man and sold out his interest in 1894 and took to traveling. Joe Glover (Rukavička) thought of Elberon as home. He died at age 64, in 1917.

Excerpted from TAMA NEW HERALD, from the column "OUT OF THE PAST" by Marie Vileta of Tama, Iowa.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PRAHA, TEXAS

established in 1855, 130 years ago, holds



celebration every August 15th - regardless of the day of the week! It is said to be the only parish in United States with this custom. The event is "PRAŽSKÁ POUT" meaning Homecoming. The church is located about 1/2 way between San Antonio & Houston.

JOIN THE COLORS

At the right is one in a series of posters and postcards urging enlistment in the Armed Forces by those of Czech-Slovak ancestry at time of World War I. Some cards were in Czech, some in Slovak with slogans and familiar sayings.

CZECHOSLOVAKI JOIN



Czechoslovak Recruiting Office: OMAHA, NEBR.
125 So. 13th Street

NATIONAL BAND ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

has added the name of late University of Wisconsin Band Director, Ray DVORAK, who headed the UW band from 1934 to 1968. He died in 1983. Dvorak's picture will be along with those of John Phillip Sousa and Edwin Frank Goldman.

BROOKFIELD GARDENS, a 9,000 acre park is a 15 minute drive from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Four former rice plantations are the home of the largest collection of American sculpture.

Source: Travel-Holiday, Sept. 1985, p. 51. (see page 10 in this issue about Albin and Emily Polasek.)

PRAGUE SUBWAYS AND SPARTAKIADA.

In a letter from Praha.....

"If you come to Prague, you wouldn't recognize it, so many changes have been realized these years. We have two lines of underground and in autumn the third will be opened. The very centre of the town -- Václavské Náměstí, Příkopy and Národní Třída and the whole Old Town are without public transport. They are so-called walking zone. This is very nice, the centre of the city will be more still and agreeable. All these changes are just being made so that there is, sometimes, a pretty mess in the streets but the result will be beautiful.

This June we had the Spartakiada which was really beautiful. There were about 180,000 grown-ups, young people and children training at Strahov, and more than two million spectators during the 4 days. Prague was full of people, even from abroad. You would have loved the atmosphere here. If you feel like being able to come to Europe, do come to Prague. You will admire it again....."

Edith Dušátková

"A SOUND MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY" has been the goal of SOKOLS since their beginning in 1862 under the leadership of TYRŠ and FUEGNER.



JINDŘICH FUEGNER DR. MIROSLAV TYRŠ
Born Sept. 12, 1822 Born Sept. 17, 1832

The 10th Annual SLET (Field Meet) was in Prague in 1938, the next in 1948, held at the Masaryk Stadium. Since then the event is called SPARTAKIADA and held in the same stadium called Strahov.

MILOŠ FORMAN, born 1932, Čáslav, Czechy, near Kutná Hora, was featured in July 8, 1985 issue of TIME, page 99. "Larger Than Life" was the title of the tribute. You will recall his recent film about Mozart called "AMADEUS" which received more coveted awards in Hollywood than any other film ever did.

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single free copy of a bibliography, by G.K. Kovtun, write Library of Congress, European Division, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Bruce Janda, Sokol Detroit

ALBIN POLASEK, famed sculptor whose more than 400 creations are in the Brookgreen Gardens, Myrtle Beach, S.C. was featured in our newsletter March 1983. A recent small volume by Emily Muska Kubat Polasek entitled "A Bohemian Girl in America" tells of the family hardships and rugged pioneer living in northern Wisconsin of the newly arrived Czechs in 1910. Many readers will relive their own early experiences as they read this story. Published by Rollins Press, 1982.

SISTER CITY: NOVOSIBIRSK, on western Siberian Lowlands, some 1750 miles by air, east of Moscow. Recently with the packet of information about selected topics on Cedar Rapids, our Czech Heritage Fdn. materials about us, the Fine Arts, Museum and Czech Village were included. This project is a part of the sister-exchange-city. Many cities in United States participate. Novosibirsk is a major rail, river and air transportation center. The Siberian branch of the Russian Academy of Science is located in Novosibirsk.

TWO CORRECTIONS

- (1) The date on the June issue of the newsletter should have been June 1985, Vol. 10, No. 2. Please make corrections if you keep the copy.
- (2) And in the same issue, p. 12. was "Praise for Oldies" which was listed as "author unknown". WELL! At the time the editor thought it all sounded familiar and so did some checking. Yes! It was similar to the June 1970 commencement address by Dr. Eric A. Walker, President of the University of Pennsylvania. Should have checked before sending to printer....Alas!

COURAGE. Excerpt from a letter sent by a U.S. citizen to a man in Czechoslovakia. . . . "I must tell you this -- it took a great deal of courage to reach this point. . . .and let me tell you about courage. . . .Ever since I was a little boy, I would look at his picture when shown to me and hear that he was an Ambassadorand so the years passed and I finally and recently secured his Prague address and poured forth details of my life and about my family and mailed to him a five page letter, hoping that this man born about 1895, and who lived through World War I and World War II and finally the Soviet occupation, would respond to me and tell me about himself and perhaps these terrible events. But he didn't. Already old and ill, in rapidly failing health, he sent back a one sentence letter. . . .and said "May your children live their lives with courage!"

Incredible, such a brief and yet powerful statement. . . .one I shall never forget! And one which I passed on to my children. . . .and how can I teach my children to live their lives with courage if I do not live my life with courage and face today this problem with courage?"

From the Czech Lions to their Cubs.

WORD ORIGINS. Of course, you all know that "ROBOT" is one Czech word familiar to us and its use in modern technology. How about CATSUP a.k.a. KETCHUP? The word comes from the Chinese called "ke-tsiap", a pickled fish sauce. In Malaya the word is "kechup" but we added the "t" for our ketchup-tomato sauce.

And then there is CRAVAT, a necktie or neck scarf, and CRAVATES, a Croatian. In the 1600's, some Croation soldiers (mercenaries) were in France. They wore a linen scarf about the neck. Both men and women in France took a fancy to the idea and added frills and lace and often flowing ends to the "cravates", thus the origin of word cravat.



A DREAM COME TRUE! Georgiana Hach Brejcha enrolled at Coe College and dropped out in 1934. In 1974 she resumed taking courses at Kirkwood Comm. College, part time, graduating in 1979. In 1983 she resumed her delayed degree work at Coe and graduated with a B.A. 1985. Her major was American Studies. She thoroughly enjoyed the belated college classes. People often asked how instructors and students accept a returning student. As a rule, non-traditional students, say some faculty, are among the best. On graduation day, meeting parents of younger graduates, she had the pleasure of being introduced as the "great lady". Her goal of completing college was realized.

VRABEC OŠIDIL CHLAPCE

Zlý chlapec lezl na strom, kde vrabci měli hnízdo. Vrabec ho uviděl a pokřikoval na něho "Výš, ! Výš!" a chlapec lezl pořád vejš. Najednou se pod ním zlomila větev. Chlapec spad a velmi hodně se uhodil. Teď se mě vrabčik vysmíval, "Cítíš? Cítíš?"

Contributed by ?

SPARROW BESTS the FELLOW

A bad fellow climbed a tree where some sparrows had a nest. The sparrow saw the man and screamed at him, "Higher, Higher" The fellow climbed higher. All at once the limb broke. The fellow fell and hurt himself real bad. Now the sparrow said mockingly, "Feel it? Feel it?"

HUMOR FROM A BYGONE ERA

- Q. "What did you do with the last \$10 I gave you?"
- A. "I bought a dollar's worth of apples and oranges and spent the rest on dates."

Tom: "Yes, I'm a track man."

Bob: "What section do you work on?"

"Name some large dams in the world."

"Amsterdam and Rotterdam."

"Do your shoes hurt?"

"No, but my feet do."

MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD IN C. R.

"My nephew, R. J., sent me a membership in your organization and I'm getting quite a kick out of being able to recall names and places (Well, some of them) from when I lived down in 'Stumptown', (now Rompot Addition). I got quite a kick out of Carl Bezdecny's remembrances of the old 8th Ave. bridge and Quaker Oats fire..... I was born at 1113 2nd St. S. E. and living there at the time of the fire. Ed Stanek... and I walked uptown to see the fire and were sitting on the railroad tracks and watching them switch the grain cars away from the fire.....my father, Fred Holubar, having ridden his bicycle to the fire in search of us, found both of us: He piled me into the wire basket on the handlebars of the bike, put Eddie on the crossbar and took us home. I can't describe what happened to us but I do recall that it was pretty tender sitting down for several days. I remember the gas plant, too. We called it the Coke Plant..... I attended Monroe school (nearby). Shortly after the school year started we moved... to 313 - 3rd Ave. West. My sister, Hilda, and I walked from there to Monroe School every day all winter long AND always across the 8th Ave. Bridge -- stormy or not (1906 or 07). I can still visualize the old neighborhood around 1113, and some of the kids I played with. Ilda Mikulas around the corner and towards the river from us, Sid, Eva, Helen and Paul Slapnicka across the street; Elsie Jelinek and her sister next door..... Ed Stanek. The rest I have forgotten. While living at 313 West, I used to go visit my Grandmother, Katherine Hildebrand, who lived at 85 - 17th Ave. S. W. in back of Pochobradsky's Grocery store. I'd walk to corner of 3rd Ave. and 2nd St. S. W., catch the old summer street car (open air cross seats) to go to Grandma's. Mother always packed a bag with extra clothes because I would stay overnight.... In the dark she would tell me wonderful stories about growing up days in the Old Country..... enormous stone house they lived in..... the lady that was her tutor, what HER grandfather did, etc. Beautiful things that I wish

that I had written down for posterity in the family. Too young too early - and too bad! Her name (maiden) was Petrovitsky (?). At least MY mother had a cousin who was a doctor and had the name of 'Doc' Pet to her... Grandma passed away, 1921 or 1922, leaving me an inheritance of \$200 -- and after living alone - with her children. Grandpa was killed at age 37, falling off a ladder (he was a carpenter). I don't know how they survived but according to my mother, it wasn't easy. Well, guess I've rambled on long enough. This could be pretty boring to a lot of people but it is nice to have been able to put what little I still remember down on paper. Maybe some one else in the family would like to know about it too.

Thanks for listening. (June, 1979).

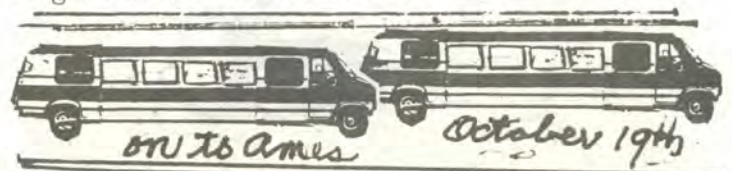
GLEN HOLUBAR

Glen attended old Taylor and Madison schools and graduated from H. S. in 1919. He was with Standard Oil Co. for 40 years, starting out as an accountant and later Assistant to the Office Manager of the Minneapolis Div. of the company. Earlier he was at the Green Bay and Mankato offices. His hobbies were coin collecting and Indian artifacts. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

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16th NATIONAL SOKOL SLET held in late June in the Chicago area. The 10 Divisions for women and another 10 Divisions for the men are based on age grouping, ability and categories of events as well as Individual Competition. Cedar Rapids SOKOLS participated in the events. Two Teams from here made the listings and 6 persons made the respective Individual Competition lists. An estimate of some 2000 Sokols marched in the opening parade at Berwyn Morton High School athletic field.



WILLIAM PACHNER was drawing and painting before he started to school in Czechoslovakia. At age 15 he was sent to Vienna to school to study so he could manage the family cloth business in Brtnice, S. W. of Jihlava. However, his interests were in the Academy of Arts and Crafts where he studied until 1933, thanks to an understanding uncle. William joined a publishing house in Prague as a staff artist. In 1939 he arrived in United States. His visitor's visa was about to expire when after some delay the publisher of the magazine ESQUIRE hired him as Director of Art.

In 1945 he learned that his family had died at the hands of the Nazis. Altho he was of Jewish origin, the family had not followed the religion of Judism. In 1967 he returned to his homeland and in 1975 another visit. He realized his home was in the land he had adopted. During his early years, many of his paintings reflected the horror, destruction and despair of the war years.



THE WOOD, 1980, 70½" x 70 "

Pachner's masterpieces are large landscapes, 43 x 43 inches and as large as 72 x 80 inches. He is an artist in the "European tradition", his works are "unlike contemporary art". Eye surgery in 1981 and 1982 failed to restore one eye, the other had been injured in childhood. His "reser-

voir of experience is nothing short of amazing" as he continues his creative artistry within him.



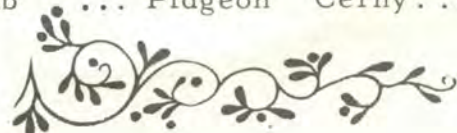
AMERICAN LANDSCAPE
1977, 22½" x 30"

Twenty-four of Pachner's Landscapes were on exhibit in early 1983, sponsored by the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts and the National Endowment for the Fine Arts, the State of Florida and State Department. We are indebted to Eleanor Pohorsky Fencil Elkington for sending the material to us and to Director of the Museum, Michael Milkovich, for permission to use the catalog items.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Some folks seemed surprised when one translates a Czech name which turns out to be a trade, a profession, some object in nature, the name of a place or perhaps the nobleman's manor and estate. Here are some names sent to the editor:

Krejčí Tailor	Syrový Raw
Železný Iron	Smetana Cream
Králík Rabbit	Stodola Barn
Kohout Rooster	Sedlák Farmer
Hladký Smooth	Myška Mouse
Hruška Pear	Vrána Crow
Král King	Vrba Willow
Kupka Pile	Štastný Lucky
Poduška Pillow	Sova Owl
Holub Pidgeon	Černý Black

C.E.K.



HOR SA DO ŠIKU! BRAT K BRATOVĚ STAŇME!



SEM K NAMI! SLOVAKA MENO KTO NOSI!
VOJÁK ČESKOSLOVENSKÉ ARMÁDY VE FRANCII

HRR NA VRAHA!



ZA DEMOKRACII!

KTO ČESKOSLOVENSKY ČTÍ, NECH SA



ZBRANE CHYTÍ A MEDZI NÁS STANE!
VOJÁCI ČESKOSLOVENSKÉ ARMÁDY VE FRANCII

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