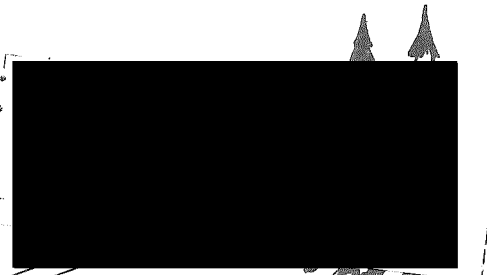


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Due to our limited staff there has been a break in the serial story of *The History of Lemkovina*. The last installment was printed in Issue #8 under date of April 14, 1995, and it was labeled Part 10. Actually, because of an accident in repeating Part 10 on two separate issues, that installment should have been noted as Part 11.

The History of Lemkovina Part 12

B. Krynitsa

Krynitsa is an old Russian town and we have little historical information about its early history. Fr. Nikolai Nikorovich conjectures about the many attacks on the town by the southern tribes who pillaged it on many occasions. He also researched the information about the bubonic plague which depopulated the town to such a degree that it remained vacant for a long period of time. The more specific historical information about Krynitsa date from the XVI century. Cracow bishop Samuel Matsiowsky on January 8, 1547 granted a "Deed" (specific tax on sheep or cattle) to a certain Danko from Miastko (Tylich) to two pieces of prairie for soltystvo (richer, better farmers of a village), a mill and a tavern to establish residence for a number of handicraftsmen and 7 kmeroy (rank higher than soltys) and with this deed he freed the soltyses from the payment of 200 sheep. It was assumed from this "Deed" that livestock raising already was a large industry. Also, in this same year (1547) a Greek Catholic parish was organized, whose "starosta" (elder), Mushinky, permitted Fr. Mihail to buy the ground from Timko Luchkovich, which was bequeathed in perpetuity to the Krynitsian parish. On May 10, 1664, the Cracow bishop Andrei Tzhebitsky granted permission to Stefan Krenitsky to build a mill with two mill wheels-- one of which was for grinding grain and the other for "Folush" (a mill to shrink the wool). The owners of soltystva were Juri Tsinchansky and Hrihory Krynitsky. In 1780, it was necessary to enlarge the parish with large prairies and forest adjacent to Tylich and Mokhnachka. These prairies today are the health resorts of Krynitsa. In the second half of the XVII century a church and a parish home, with all their documents, burned down. In 1651 a new church was built.

The present church with its one story home was constructed in 1865 with the help of the contemporary parish priest Fr. Victor Zhegestovsky, who dreamed of the separation of Lemkovina from the Peremysl Diocese and establishing a separate diocese with a resident bishop in Krynitsa. This church was consecrated by the Peremysl bishop Joseph Sembratowich, later the Metropolitan of Galicia, a native of Krynitsa. Following the suit against Fr. John Naumovich on instructions from the Emperor Franz-Joseph in 1882, he was compelled to resign from his Metropolitan See for the speech of his fellow brother, Sylvester Sembratowich, Rome educated and later a Cardinal. He fell victim to contemporary Vatican--Vienna politics. Joseph Sembratowich died in Rome in 1806 from loneliness for his beloved country.

Before long its' health center was fully taken over by the Poles, but the village itself, until recently, remained a purely Russian settlement. Krynitsa was always a center of western Lemkovina religiously, culturally and politically. Here people came from all directions during their pilgrimages of which the most ceremonial was the pilgrimage of St. Peter and Paul. Here the "Lemko Union", (Coto3), a political and cultural organization, was created. It was here that the Union's newspaper, "Lemko" and various books were published, including children's school books. The town of Krynitsa was the central, enlightened life of western Lemkovina.

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Attendees at the Shareholder's Meeting Show their Joy at the "Save our Lemko Resort" Cake

Special Shareholders Meeting at Lemko Resort

The special shareholders meeting of Lemko Resort was held on Sunday, October 15, 1995 beginning at 2:00 PM. President John Kirpan called the meeting to order and announced that only about 850 shares were represented at the meeting by those present and by signed proxies. Therefore, without a quorum (required about 985 shares), he announced that no official actions could be taken by any vote of the shareholders at this meeting.

John Kirpan went on to explain the Chapter 11 bankruptcy action that began on September 12. Without the filing, the deed of the Resort would have been taken by the County and the Resort auctioned the end of September. This deed transfer and, subsequent auction, would have represented a 100% loss to shareholders, vendors and creditors who had previously loaned money to the Resort. Chapter 11 bankruptcy gives the Board time to try and sell some property to begin paying the back taxes and creditors.

Numerous questions were raised by the shareholders and answered as knowledgeably as possible by the Directors. A. Herenchak explained that foreclosure by the County for taxes represents a complete loss to the shareholders, while a property sale during Chapter 11 offered hope that shareholders and creditors would receive some return. While Chapter 11 offers a chance to stave off loss of the Resort, it requires a vital obligation; namely that all current bills must be paid including

current taxes.

A current school tax bill of about \$25,000. is due and payable as of the beginning of October and must be paid by November 2 to forestall foreclosure by the County. The shareholders were told that the Board did not have sufficient funds in their checking account to pay this bill. A lengthy, and at times heated and emotional, floor debate ensued between shareholders and directors on how to handle this pressing financial problem before November 2. Everyone was asked to contribute with the full realization that if the Resort is lost, these contributions might also be lost. Despite this realization, the strong emotional ties to Lemko Resort prevailed and many of those present pledged funds amounting to a total of approximately \$9,500. to pay this property tax bill. It was a sincere tribute to a heartfelt desire to preserve and maintain our Lemko heritage and ethnicity which is represented by Lemko Resort.

At the meeting, John Mihalasky announced his resignation as Treasurer of the Board, but stated he wished to remain as Director. Subsequently, at a Board meeting held in Jersey City on October 18, 1995, Paul Worhach was elected as Treasurer. To fill a vacancy on the Board, Mary Wandziliak was appointed a Director. The shareholder's meeting concluded all deliberations at 5:30 PM.

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Today there are only 40 to 60 Lemko families residing in Krynitsa and one no longer sees the former robust, zestful Lemkos, but rather a frightened and oppressed minority.

D. LABOVA

Labova is an old Russian village, Ian Branitsky, the Lord of Zabelcha and Labova in 1585 deeded, for 80 florins, to Dorosh, of Russian nationality, a large section of land with a creek, Uhrin, to establish a "soltystyo". The deed specified that "Kmetts" shall be obliged to pay taxes and will be subject to the Russian law. For six years this Lord, "pan", (gentry) deeded to two brothers, Nazar and Petro from Uhrin, four prairies; to found "soltystvo" in Labova with the trial of cases to be in accord to Russian law. Very probably the first deed relates to Uhrin, the second to Labova.

Count Stanislaw of Lubomir issued a deed on October 8, 1627, selling to the Labova presbyter, Fr. Wasyl Wislowsky, a piece of ground known as "Demischysanowska" for 100 zlotys to establish a parish in Labova. From another document we found that a church existed in Labova as early as 1581. The son of Stanislaw Ludomirsky, Alexander Michael Count A. Visnitsu and Jaroslav Ludomirsky on May 29, 1695 confirmed the aforesaid privileges, and through his commissar, Stanislaw Dmositsky, on through 26, 1697, officially decreed and deeded to the parish an additional piece of land, the so-called "Drahomanovka". The first church mentioned above was named after the Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary. It was located in a square between Labova and Matsiova and was used jointly by them.

By a decree of September 18, 1810, Labova became a city (oppidu) with all Russian inhabitants.

Labova was cut off by a main tract (way) from Novy Sanch to Tylich and Bardiova. Merchants with goods from Poland and Hungary, in both directions, travelled through Labova and stopped to rest overnight. Inns, taverns and horse boarding facilities did very good business for their owners, who were usually Jews.

The last of the priests who devoted their lifetimes to the service of their people were Fr. Joseph Mokhnatsky and F. I. Khrizost Durkot. Fr. Durkot died at the infamous Talerhof concentration camp. Dimitri Vislowsky, know by the pseudonym "Vanja Hunyanka", was also born in Labova. He was a talented Lemko writer, poet, journalist and leader of his people both in the U.S. and Lemkovina.

During the German occupation many Labovians fell victim to Hitler and extremist Ukrainian terror. According to reports of a Ukrainian gestapo agent, Piksadniuk, many Labovians were arrested and executed. Because of these innocent victims, Pidsadniuk was conscience stricken, and to expiate for his sins, he entered the priesthood and served a parish in Chyrna. From there he went to Russia.

In 1947, all residents of Labova were driven from their homes (the "Visla" action) and resettled on the new western borderlands of Poland. Labova became a Polish village with a Latin rite parish. Those who dared to return were victimized by Polish fighting groups.

To be continued

IN APPRECIATION

We extend our thanks for help in producing this week's issue of Carpatho-Rus to Svetlana Ledenieva.

Proceedings--38th Lemko Convention

September 9 & 10, 1995

Mr. A. Herenchak, Pres., called the Convention to order at 11:30 AM in Lemko Resort, Monroe, NY. A minute of silence was observed for those members who passed away since the last Convention two years ago.

The delegates chose Ms. D. Dostanko to be chairperson of the Convention, Mr. S. Marciniak as vice chairperson and Ms. A. Katz as recording secretary. Ms. M. Barker reported that 22 official delegates were in attendance with 3 guests. Three committees were appointed to study and recommend actions by the Convention:

Resolution Committee: T. Rudawsky, A. Maluga and A. Herenchak

Editorial Committee: L. Garrahan and P. Dubitsky
Nominating Committee: A. Katz, S. Marciniak, Mr. Moriliak and J. Kostyk

Ms. V. Windish, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the 37th Convention with a motion made by S. Marciniak, seconded by T. Rudawsky, to accept the minutes as read. Voted and approved.

A congratulatory letter was received from M. Logoyda, who was unable to attend due to illness. He wished the delegates and guests success in their Convention. A motion was made by L. Garrahan, seconded by T. Rudawsky, to have the letter printed in our newspaper. The delegates wished Mr. Logoyda good health and a speedy recovery.

A. Herenchak reported that Lemko Assoc. operations had improved with a modest profit in spite of reduced Press Fund contributions. New subscribers to the newspaper from 2nd and 3rd generation Lemko-Americans, who are interested in their heritage and ethnicity, more than made up for those older subscribers who passed away during these two years. He stated that it should be our continued policy to maintain and improve our friendly ties with Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Poland Slovakia and other countries in eastern Europe. A recommendation was made by the delegates to publish more letters of interest in English. Although the paper has been issued these past four years without a regular editor, he has been functioning as a temporary, unpaid editor assisted by volunteers. The delegates expressed appreciation and thanks for this help.

Ms. M. Barker, vice-pres., urged the delegates to think about their Chapel and museum and to prepare an inventory in the event a move is needed. It is imperative that we preserve items of culture that reflect our forefather's homeland. She also said that we must find a way, through family persuasion, to attract the younger generations to our organization.

Ms. G. Ledford, Recording Secretary, reported that there were six executive committee and three central committee meetings held during the past two years. Dues to the organization were rolled back to \$3./year.

Mr. J. Porada, Treasurer, distributed two sheets of financial reports to the delegates. For the two year period ending July 31, 1995; gross income, \$33,404., expense, \$28,997., leaving a profit of \$4,407. The total assets of Lemko Assoc., \$139,928.40, which include a substantial number of shares in Lemko Resort. It costs more than \$700. per month to pay only for the direct cost of printing the newspaper with postage. We need more new subscribers since we must take delivery of twice the number of papers for which we have current subscribers.

*Anna Dostanko Katz, Recording Secretary
To be continued*

NOTICE

All members of the J.K. Adamiak Memorial Ledges 1,6 and 80 are invited to attend a Sunday dinner and Annual Meeting to take place on Sunday, November 12, 1995 at 1:30 PM sharp. Dinner (\$10.95 + tip and bar) will start at 1:30 PM in the dining room at Doolin's Restaurant, Spring Lake, New Jersey. The Annual Meeting of the Lodge will follow dinner at the restaurant. Reservations are a must. Please notify us as to the number to be expected, (guests are welcome).

Please write or call:

Larry Buranich Garrahan
13 Thompson Drive
Washingtonville, NY 10992
TEL: (914) 496-7450

From our archives we found an interesting and pleasant story written by a ten year old student. It comes from the May 1933 English edition of the Lemko Journal. To the best of our knowledge, this Journal ran for about two years and we only have some of the editions. If readers can search in their parents or grandparents records perhaps they can find more issues of this Journal. If you find any records we, at the newspaper, would sincerely appreciate hearing from you.

Why Should We Call Ourselves Lemkos?

I, Lester Wengrin, will relate to you a true experience, that actually happened to me recently.

I am only ten years old and attend a grammar school. About a month ago, a census was taken in our school. The teacher asked me the following question:

"What nationality are you?"

I answered, "Russian"

The teacher asked, "What part of Russia did your parents come from?"

I answered, "Not from Russia, but from Carpatho-Russia. Imagine my embarrassment, when she told me that there was no Carpatho-Russian country, but only Poland and Czechoslovakia."

She insisted that my parents came from Poland, and I know that they did not because I hear them talk so much about Lemkovina, but I could not get up and tell the teacher that, because the world hasn't heard anything about us, anything about our people, our history or our country.

Where have all you older Lemkos been? You did not give us a good start to face the world. We never get the real facts but we are always told, that we have Russian blood. We cannot get anywhere with our Russian blood, because they do not test our blood to see what nationality we are, but the world wants it written down in black and white.

So, let's start to work and pull together while we have the chance to work for our name. Don't say that you are too young or too old. I am only ten years old and you may be thirty. I attend a grammar school and you may be an attorney, but we certainly all must work together so that the world will know about us, so that we will not need to lie any longer that our parents are from Ukraine, Czechoslovakia or Poland, because we can not go on any longer telling lies, we must have the written facts so we won't feel embarrassed any longer. Let the world know we are LEMKOS.

Due to the diligence and efforts of our Lemko Assoc. member, Laurence Krupnak, we can now

offer for sale the following two audio cassettes as well as three video cassettes.

Item #1. An audio cassette of 16 Lemko and two Ukrainian folk songs transcribed from classic 78 rpm records. They include many Lemko wedding, gypsy, Christening and Christmas songs by such artists as Stephen Skimba and Barna, Potochak & Co.

Item #2. An audio cassette of 10 Russian, Two Hungarian and 8 Slovak folk songs from classic 78 rpm records. They include Russian polkas, Slovak chardashes, Hungarian gypsy melodies.

Item #3. A video cassette of the 25th Lemko Folk Festival held in 1993 at Lemko Park in Monroe, NY. The video includes excerpts of the prayer service, and the concert of Lemko, Ukrainian, Russian and Slovak folk singing and dancing. (VHS, 2 hours)

Item #4. A video cassette of the canonization of Father Maksym Sandovich taken in Gorlice, Poland last September. It is a short film covering the events and sites of the canonization ceremonies. (VHS)

Item #5. A live concert video recording of the Akafist Male Chamber Choir of Moscow and the Slavic male Chorus of Washington, D.C. This video was made on March 12, 1992 at St. Luke's Serbian Orthodox Church in McLean, Virginia and includes 17 classic, sacred liturgical songs. It also shows the exterior and interior of all slavic Orthodox churches in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prices: Item #1 \$12.
Item #2 \$12.
Item #3 \$25.
Item #4 \$20.
Item #5 \$30.

All prices include shipping costs. Kindly send your check or money order (made payable to Lemko Assoc.) to either of the following:

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EVENT CALENDAR FOR 1995

Birthday Meetings

Sunday, December 3 1:00 PM

All functions to be held at the Lodge, corner of Ann Street and Lanza Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey.

C.R.A. Center, Lemko Hall, Yonkers

Schedule of Events , 1995-1996

Kermesh	Sat. Nov. 18, '95; 7:30PM
New Year's Party	" Jan. 13, '96; 9:00PM
Spring Dance	" May 15, '96; 9:00PM
Annual Membership Mtg.	Sun. June 2, '96; 2:30PM
Annual Picnic	Sun. July 14, '96; 2:00PM

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LEMKO WEDDING VIDEO

A two hour video cassette of the film **LEMKO WEDDING** is still available for sale to our readers. This is the original film that was made almost 30 years ago, and it should be of interest to those readers who have not had the pleasure of viewing it.

Cost, including postage and handling, is \$45.00. To order kindly send your check or money order to **CARPATHO-RUS**, 556 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10704.

REQUEST OF OUR READERS

Through our archives we have searched for old Lemko Calendars from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Many of those old Calendars are missing. We would like to request, from our readers, any old Calendars that they may have and do not need. This would be of help to us in researching the history of our people. Thank you.
Ed.

The Cooking Corner

Even holiday meals seem to have changed as so much is being made of diet and health. This dessert recipe should satisfy those who like to include the traditional pumpkin for Thanksgiving. It's easy and delicious and can be decorated to look as if it took hours to make

Pumpkin Delight

1	pkg.	(3.4 oz.) instant butterscotch pudding mix
1 1/2	cups	cold milk
1	cup	canned pumpkin
1	tsp.	pumpkin pie spice
1 1/2	cups	whipped topping

Beat pudding and milk until well blended, about 2 minutes. Blend in pumpkin and spice. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into dessert glasses and chill.

Variation:

1. Use low calorie pudding mix
2. Decorate with a ginger snap
3. Add candied ginger
4. Top with more whipped topping

The Orthodox Herald

AFBF women raise funds for Ukraine farmers

American Farm Bureau women have begun working to raise \$50,000. to assist Ukrainian farmers, according to the Farm Bureau Women's Committee Chair, Linda Reinhardt.

In her address to the committee at the American Farm Bureau's 76th annual meeting, Reinhardt said Farm Bureau women are seeking \$5. donations--the amount a typical Ukrainian farmer earns in a month. The money will be used to build a community canning center in Ukraine.

"Thirty to fifty percent of the fruits and vegetables grown in the Ukraine are wasted because they cannot be processed or preserved," Reinhardt said.

The relationship between Farm Bureau and Ukrainian women was forged last fall when Reinhardt and 11 other AFB Women's Committee officials travelled to the country to share farming information and techniques with Ukrainian farm women. The visit was sponsored by the Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs (CNFA).

Reinhardt noted that Ukrainian and U.S. women farmers share more similarities than differences.

"The women farmers from two different worlds share a love for the land, a love for their families and a sharing and caring warmth," she said. "The only difference is that American women farmers have it much easier."

Donations to the Ukrainian canning fund can be sent to the AFBF Ukrainian Foundation, c/o Leonard Slade, American Farm Bureau Federation, 225 Touhy Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois 69968.

Anyone donating to the fund will receive a lapel pin showing the U.S. and Ukraine flags.
The New Jersey Farmer

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WHO ARE THE LEMKOS?

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