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LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE IN HIGH SCHOOLS HOPE IN HANDS OF COMMITTEE

After waiting more than three months for some Lithuanian organization to initiate the movement for the inauguration of Lithuanian language classes in the Chicago high schools, Consul Peter Dauzvardis took matters into his own hands by calling a committee of Lithuanian leaders together and laying the question flat in their laps.

The whole proposition is one that has been discussed by almost every major Lithuanian organization in Chicago at some time during the past ten years. That Lithuanian be given the same status as other foreign languages in public high schools was a point on which these organizations and their leaders had agreed years ago. However, when the superintendent of schools had announced the simple conditions that would make this wish a reality, there were no takers.

The inertia of the major Lithuanian organizations was probably incited by fear of ridicule in case of defeat. Mr. Dauzvardis therefore used his influence to create a committee which, in its membership, encompasses every shade of belief, political and religious, among Chicago Lithuanians.

On the committee there are the representatives of the three Lithuanian dailies, Pijus Grigaitis, editor of Naujienos, Leonardas Simutis, editor, and I. Sakalas, staff member of Draugas, H. Jagminas, of the Vilnis staff. Other newspapers are represented by B. R. Mathews of JAUNIMAS, Bruno Gediminas and Elizabeth Seknoyich of the Sandara youth section. Youth is further represented by the Lithuanian University members, Stanley Drigot, Ann Skrickus, Wenetta Grybas and A. Stelmok; Whitney Tarutis, George Rudelis, and Leo Lackner. From the ranks of the business and professional men and women are: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rakstis, Alex Ambrose, Charles V. Chesnul, P. J. Cizauskas, K. Jonaitis, J. A. Mickeliunas, Miss L. Normantas, Dr. A. Rakauskas and Agird Raukstys. The clergy is worthily represented by the Rev. Brizsko, pastor of Immaculate Conception parish, and Rev. Michael Urbonavicius, pastor of the Our Lady of Vilna parish.

The elected officers of the committee are Charles V. Chesnul, president; A. Stelmok, vice-president; Ann Skrickus, secretary and Mrs. Rakstis, treasurer.

The committee's work shall consist in meeting the requirements of the board of education for the inauguration of foreign language classes in the high schools. The main requirements are that at least a hundred students in a school request such a class, that the committee provide teachers and textbooks that would meet with the approval of the school board, and that such teachers have the necessary qualifications.

The greatest task of the committee will be securing a hundred signatures at one of the Chicago high schools in order to fulfill a fond hope of the Lithuanian-American.

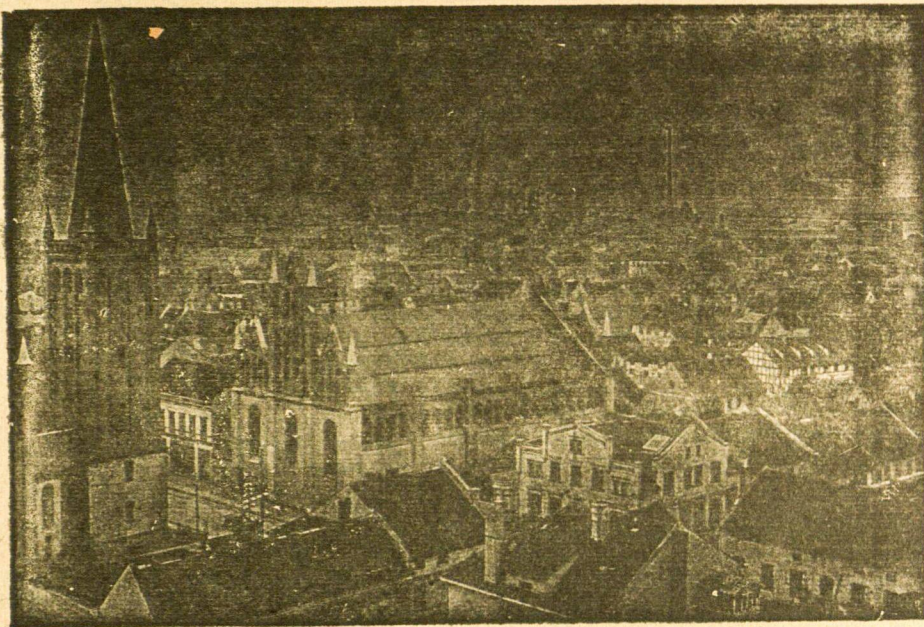
The ways and means of accomplishing its aims have not been announced by the officers of the committee to date. We can only hope that they realize that in their hands rests one of the most important projects of the Lithuanians in America.

PEARL BUCK IN LITHUANIAN

Two novels by Pearl Buck, *East Wind West Wind* and *Mother*, were recently published in Lithuanian. Spaudos Fondas and Sakalas were the publishers, respectively.

Spaudos Fondas will also soon issue a translation of Kipling's *Just So Stories*. This will be the second Lithuanian translation of the famous English author.

KLAIPEDA



An aerial view of the city of Klaipeda, question mark of Europe since 1923. Whether it will share the fate of Sudetenland remains for the future to answer.

Elaborate Fair Exhibit Planned By Lithuania

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Lithuania is among the earliest prospective exhibitors who have already submitted detailed plans for the establishment and decoration of their sections at the New York Fair this year.

Lithuania will have its section located on two floors and will be decorated with six historical paintings and one bas relief. There will be a Hall of Fame, Hall of Culture, Hall of National Art, Hall of Sport and the Army.

Biezis, T. Mazenis, M. Massey, J. Mickeliunas, T. Shamis, A. Kasper and A. Precin.

Lithuanian Boy Scouts a Success With 18 Streeters

The recently organized troop of Lithuanian boy scouts in the Providence of God parish (18th Street) is meeting with success. The young boys, led by scoutmaster I. Rudis and assistant scoutmaster, E. Daujotas, spent the day of January 7th in the Forest Preserves.

The scouts will soon be subjected to tenderfoot examinations, and the first investiture will be announced soon.

The troop hopes to set an example for other Lithuanian colonies to follow.

PARA Graphic Proofs

THE Lithuanian youth magazine, *Studentu Zodis*, published by the Marian Fathers in Thompson, Connecticut, deplores the shortage of contributors to the Lithuanian press in America. "Our American press," the author of the article bemoans, "feels a shortage of correspondents and assistants.... It may even perish if it soon does not enjoy the aid of a host of prepared, creative youth." The author continues in a more hopeful vein by pointing at the growing crop of promising writers under the Marians' wing. A more simple solution might be allowing the youth who are at present first rate writers, contribute articles in the English language. Let's not be prudish!

A CHICAGO reader suggests that, besides the "pen-friendships" between young Lithians here

and in Lithuania, we encourage a similar movement among our youth in this country.

"I would be only too pleased to establish correspondence with Lithuanians of my own age and interests residing in some distant colony," he writes.

It may not be a bad idea. Do we hear the opinion of more readers?

BUNNI Sovetski, columnist for the Vilnis English Section recently published a compilation of Lithuanian organizations and individuals who in his opinion merited honorable mentioning for activity in 1938. The list however loses its value because of the extreme narrowmindedness of the compiler. Everything that is associated with the Lithuanian communist activity,

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LITHUANIANS REVEALED AS FIRST RULERS OF FAMED TOBAGO ISLAND

NEW YORK CITY—Robinson Crusoe never lived on Tobago Island, for had he set his foot there, he would have been met by a reception committee of—Lithuanians! Such were the revelations recently made by Von der Goltz, a New York author and historian. He said that in his researches of England's archives, he discovered interesting records of Lithuanian migrations as early as the 17th century.

According to those records, in 1641 a Lithuanian prince sent out two ships of Liths, who in the same year landed on Tobago Island. The Liths built their homes and established a permanent residence on the Northern part of the Island. Later the southern part was occupied by Scot seafarers.

Some years afterward, the two national groups had arguments over the ownership of the Island, but in 1661 Cornelius Lampsius, the Lithuanian leader, convinced the Hollanders that they should recognize the Island as Lithuanian property.

After receiving the recognition, Lampsius ceded the rights of the Island to France, and received the title of Baron de Tobago.

Twenty years later the Island again became the property of Lithuanian rulers, who then sold it to the British.

Sholis Becomes Propagandist For New Deal

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Victor Sholis, Chicago Lithuanian newspaperman, has been appointed head of the information bureau of the department of commerce, announced Harry Hopkins, newly appointed secretary of commerce.

For the past four years Sholis was political editor of the Chicago Times, the only big pro-New Deal daily in Chicago. Despite his youth, he is but 28, he became a popular and respected figure in the city's political life. His frequent assignments to travel with president Roosevelt on his journeys across the continent introduced him to national politics and gave him the opportunity to enjoy the friendship of our top notch political leaders.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland June 10, 1910, Sholis was brought to Chicago a year later by his parents, who settled in the Bridgeport Lithuanian community.

He graduated Lindblom High School in 1927 and the University of Illinois School of Journalism in 1931. During his high school days he was active with various Lithuanian youth organizations.

Predicts Gary Lith Colony's Oblivion Within 15 Years

GARY, Indiana—(Special)—If the present percentage of Lithuanian intermarriages will continue, the Lithuanian colony here will disappear in ten, at the most fifteen years, according to the pastor, the Rev. S. J. Draugelis.

Seventy percent of the Lithuanians marrying here are choosing members of other nationalities for life partners.

The Gary parish is composed of nearly 300 families. The overwhelming majority of the breadwinners are laborers.

Lith Legion Post Begins Drive to Build Memorial

A memorial building, to worthily represent the Lithuanians in Chicago, is the fond hope of the Darius Girenas, Post 271 of the American Legion, announced William Sebastian, commander of the post.

Two lots, intended as the site of the building, have been purchased in Brighton Park. They are located at 4414—16 South Western avenue, and the beginning of construction is scheduled for the spring.

Commander Sebastian stated that plans for the undertaking are already completed. The building, of ultra modern style, will have two auditoriums, one large enough for athletic events, the other smaller, but suited for meetings. There will also be a number of smaller recreational rooms for the use of the members of the post.

Lithuanian athletes will greet the news of a new gymnasium with enthusiasm as thus far Lithuanians in Chicago lacked a gym of their own and hundreds of our athletes are forced to seek facilities elsewhere.

The Legion memorial building will cost \$20,000.00, Sebastian said, but the post expects to save at least half of that amount because of pledges for material and labor donations by members of the post, among whom are contractors, carpenters, electricians and other building tradesmen.

Barney R. Pietkiewicz is chairman of the building fund committee. Other members of that body are John Kaledinskas, John Schaltean, Frank Krasauskas, Judge Zuris, Julius Balchunas, William Sebastian, William Kareiva, Joseph Kibort, John Czaikauskas, Dan Sebastian, Anton Ramon, John Yuska, Dr. S.

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Graphic Proofs

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in Mr. Sovetski's judgement is good, anything done by people of different beliefs drew sarcastic remarks. In some instances the compiler tried to make his remarks stronger at the expense of truth and facts. A good illustration is the case of Pirmyn chorus. Mr Sovetski has this to say: honorable mention to "Pirmyn chorus, for being, it appears the last subsidized organized group from Chicago to visit Lithuania." The truth is that Pirmyn was not subsidized. The chorus campaigned for almost a year to raise a substantial fund. When sailing time approached, and the fund was not sufficient to cover traveling expenses, members themselves had to pitch in with a little over one hundred dollars each. Would you call that a subsidy?

THERE are many other instances we could point out as being work of a newspaperman who's guided by sectarianism. But, then what's the use. There's one thing we do want to point out. Mr. Sovetski, as we understand, is presently working on a compilation of the history of Chicago Lithuanians, a WPA project. Let's hope that the above mentioned niggardly partisanship is not a sample of what is to come in the history of Chicago Lithuanians.

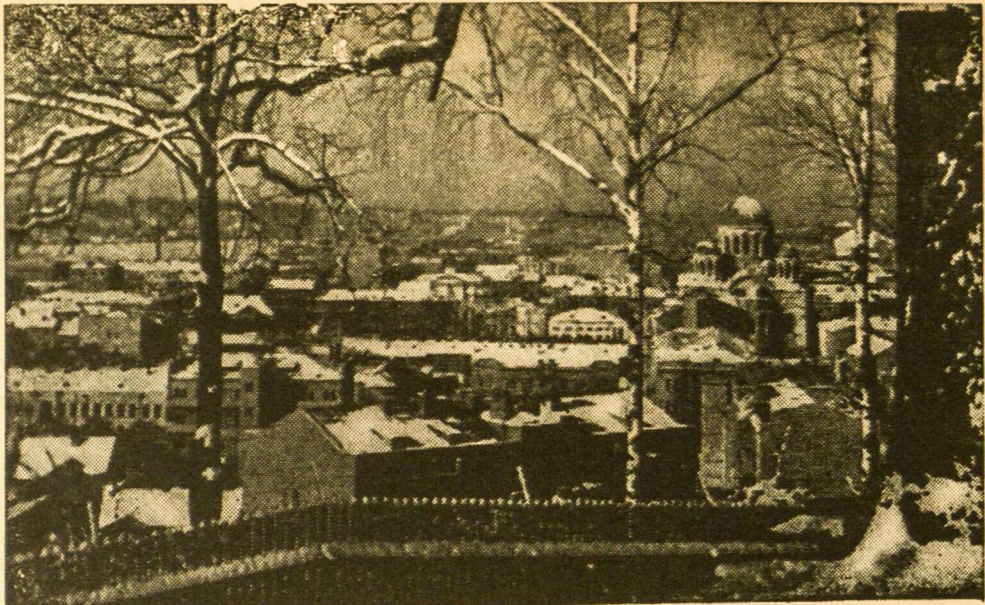
LITHUANIAN newspapers in South America join the international chorus in complaining that its youth is being "denationalized". There is great ado and hysterics because the youth prefers to speak the local language, entirely forgetting Lithuanian. The situation is not as bad as is painted. There should be no criticism of the man that is loyal to the country in which he is making his living. Language, some day our "super-patriots" will admit, is not the sole basis of patriotism. Millions of Irishmen living in America never even heard the tongue of their ancestors, yet their belief that Ireland is a piece of fallen heaven has never suffered because of that fact.

LITHUANIAN youth in foreign lands would like to know why and how their parents and forefathers left their first fatherland and went far away to make new homes," writes *Pasaulio Lietuvis*, suggesting that somebody write a history of the Lithuanian emigrants.

Our youth, however, seems to have a definite understanding of WHY their parents foresook their first homes. Those reasons were: better jobs, better pay, better food, better clothing, more conveniences and PERSONAL FREEDOM.

IN A recent edition of the Lithuanian communist daily Vilnis, the editors of its English section bemoan the lack of unity among Lithuanian youth and denounce the leaders who "are content with only talking about cooperation" and in reality "are stumbling blocks over which youth must climb to gain unity."

THE movement for unity has been in progress for the last, oh so many years, and as far as we can judge it is gaining strenght and momentum. We, however suspect that the people whose complaints appear above, do not see the movement because they are more or less ignored in it. Why?, they might ask. Well, the Lithuanian American youth, as the majority of the American populace, really do not care if they never have anything to do with the apostles of isms, including communism as well as fascism.



This is how Kaunas now appears from Vytautas Hill. Recent snowfalls have blanketed all of Lithuania.

KLAIPEDA, GERMAN-LITH BORDER SORE SPOT

THE STORY OF KLAIPEDA

Recent elections in Memel, Lithuania, resulting in reported Nazi-Party victories, swings the busy European news spotlight to another German-border sore spot.

Lying along the Northeast frontier of East Prussia (now cut off from the rest of Germany by the 'Polish Corridor'), Memel Territory is an irregular sliver of land covering an area of about 1,000 square miles, says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society. In general a farming and cattle-raising region, it has a population of about 150,000 people and includes the long-contested and vital Baltic port of Memel-Klaipeda to the Lithuanians.

AN INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Given up by Germany under the Versailles Treaty, Memelland was administered by the Allied Powers for several years after the World War, continues the bulletin.

In 1924, following Lithuania's action of the previous year in taking over the area Memel, Territory—with certain autonomous rights—was legally ceded to that country in a League of Nations pact signed by Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, and Lithuania. Since then Memel has periodically rated news space as one of Europe's problem children.

Such dramatic events as it has seen since the War, however, are mild compared with the bloody past of this strip of land on the crossroads of international history.

More than 700 years ago, before the town of Memel was founded, its site was a battleground between Lithuanian tribes and invading Teutonic Knights, a military and religious order of German Crusaders destroying the Lithuanian fortress which stood guard against Baltic pirates, the Knights built their own stronghold, following it with the town of 'Memelburg'.

As an early trade center, Memel grew and prospered, but found little peace. In the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries, it was attacked and burned time and again in a three-cornered tug-of-war between Lithuanians, Poles, and Teutons, the latter winning out in the Peace of Melno in 1422.

For a short time in the 1600's, the Swedes called Memel theirs; later it was occupied by Russian troops. After sacking and burning the town they left it to the mercy of a deadly plague. But the stubborn city again struggled to its feet. As a thriving Prussian town, it became, until the World War, Germany's northernmost Baltic port.

LITHUANIA'S WINDOW ON THE SEA

Today Memel is the Lithuanian Republic's only good port. Modernized by the government, with new wharves, warehouses, docking machinery, grain elevators, and cold storage equipment, the old city has been given a new lease on life, not only as a timber center, but as a general transit port for foreign and domestic trade.

Regular shipping service links

it with British, Polish, and Latvian ports; rail and airplane lines connect it with Berlin and Moscow.

Much of Lithuania's commerce flows through Memel, including imports of textiles, coal, machinery, and cement; and exports of bacon, butter, eggs, lumber and skins. To its protected harbor, which, unlike many other Baltic ports, never freezes over, nearly 1,400 ships came in 1936.

Lumber, floated down from Lithuania's great forests by canal and river, provides raw materials for a busy industrial life in Memel's sawmills, cellulose plants, and ship-building yards. Varied enterprises in which Memellanders make their living include an ancient and famous industry which produces amber trinkets from fossil gum recovered along Baltic shores.

Vital to the Lithuanian hinterland, however as is this active port of some 50,000 inhabitants, Memel has only lately been connected with the interior by direct railway service. Until the opening of a new route to Telsiai in 1932, the only communication between the port and Lithuania's capital, Kaunas, was by way of Germany.

A NON-MELTING POT

Sandwiched between East Prussia and Lithuania, both the territory and town of Memel are mixtures of German and Lithuanian influence. Like that other border region of Sudetenland, where German population is largely centered in the cities, with the Czechs in the country, Memelland's Teutonic concentration is urban; the Lithuanians are predominant in rural districts.

Memelland has not only Lithuania's sole port but also four-fifths of its already limited seaboard with a teeming fishing industry. While Memelland is not especially fertile, particularly in the sandy regions near the shore, it holds the lower and navigable section of Lithuania's chief river, the Nemunas, a vital economic artery of the country.

RADIO TANTRUMS

By Kilomaikis

Best of 1938: Sophie Barcus' breathless announcing on numerous occasions after running into the studio late.

Paul Saltimieras' continued use of talent instead of recordings, although from time to time a few sour notes turned up.

The Pirmyn chorus' program over the NBC network, just before its departure for Lithuania.

Budrick's and People's presentation of better music on their Sunday and Tuesday programs respectively.

Best of all, the Lithuanian programs on the air continue as a national institution, only a few fading and disappearing during the last few years.

Predictions for 1939: Paul Saltimieras will be "king of the roost" when he begins daily programs at the same hour as his present three a week.

The SLA 322 gossip program will in all probability improve with the return of John Sarkauskas.

Sophie Barcus' morning hour will steadily improve and she will discontinue using those impossible recordings.

Will I be able to say "I told you so" when 1940 rolls around?

As Others See Us

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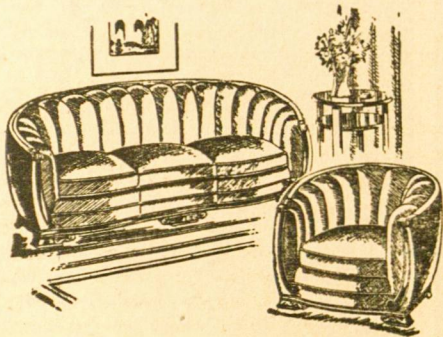
"The mercantile credit situation during October was generally favorable. Foreign exporters to the Klaipeda territory, however, began to exercise caution in granting credits, as a result of the political situation. A flight of capital and a change in ownership of many Klaipeda firms, which was only checked by existing restrictions on the export of money, was reported. Nevertheless, the economic position of the country as a whole was considered to be strong. As a result, credits in the import trade were not reduced from the customary 3-month sight on staple articles and 6 to 9 month sight on industrial machinery. The collection situation was better than in the preceding month, when it was rated as normal. Money was readily available in both Kaunas and the Provinces, attributed largely to increased purchases on the part of the rural inhabitants stimulated by advanced prices on farm products. A favorable influence upon the collection situation was also exercised by the improved purchasing power of factory workers, especially in the building trade. Import licenses for American goods and exchange permits for the settlement of accounts with American firms were obtained without difficulty. Credits were liberal and collections prompt".

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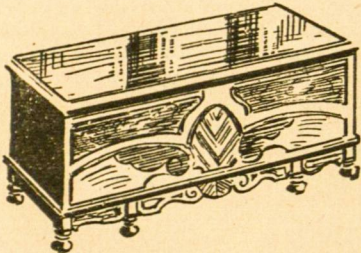
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BUSINESS BITS

Dr. S. Naikelis, physician, has moved his reception offices from 3103 South Halsted Street to 3261 South Halsted Street....Peter Barskis, owner of the Barskis Furniture House, left for a Florida vacation, leaving his son, Peter Jr., in charge....The bunco party of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce netted \$132.00, which was distributed to needy families....

Dr. Kazys Drangelis, dentist, 2403 West 63rd Street, is now celebrating his 25th anniversary of professional work among Chicago Lithuanians....In the fall he will mark the 25th year of untiring activity in Lithuanian fields in this country....Friends have announced

that the occasion will be commemorated fittingly....

Dr. P. J. Beinar—Beinarauskas is the newest Lithuanian physician in Chicago....He has opened his first offices at 6900 South Halsted Street....A Bridgeport (Chicago) boy, he received his education at Chicago University Pre-Medical and the Rush Medical college.... Was intern at the West Suburban hospital, Oak Park, and House Doctor at the Macon County hospital, Decatur, Illinois....

Dr. Bruno Zubrickas is the proud father of a baby boy....

P. K. Malelo, owner of the Malelo Electric Company at 3336 South Halsted Street is receiving so many electrical contract jobs that the store, featuring electrical fixtures and appliances, must be managed by Mrs. Malelo....Real estate John Kuchinskas Jr., 2221 West Cermak Road, is the son of the late John Kuchinskas, who was prominent as legal adviser for Lithuanian and other foreign extraction building and loan associations....

The Roosevelt Furniture Company, 2310 West Roosevelt Road, inaugurated a fifteen minute news commentary program on Paul Salmieras' hour, Fridays at 7:30 p. m....The comments, giving the news behind the news, are made by Juozas Poshka, editor of JAU-NIMAS....Roosevelt Furniture will celebrate its tenth anniversary during February....

Simano Daukanfo Federal Savings and Loan association at 2202 West Cermak Road, now boasting of a capital of \$750,000, has started a campaign to gain another \$250,000, during 1939, so that 1940 would be met with a capital of a million or better....The association, popular with Chicago Lithuanians and having a respectable history, should not meet any obstacles in attaining that goal.... Ben. J.

Kazanauskas is the secretary of the association....

John Pakel, secretary of the Chicago Lithuanian Savings and Loan association, announced that it, the only such Lithuanian institution in Marquette Park, will at the end of January move from its quarters at 2502 West 69th Street to a larger site on South Western Avenue.... The association was recently recognized and accepted as a member of the Federal deposit insurance corporation, thus guaranteeing every saving account up to \$5,000.00....

While Estelle Raymond may be one of the most successful Lithuanian businesswomen in Chicago, she can still be a very gracious hostess, as guests at her New Year's Eve party can testify....Among them were Dr. and Mrs. Nauseda, Mr. and Mrs. V. Jonikas, Mr. Campbell, Richard Macky, Dr. and Mrs. Zymont and Miss Deveikis....

A. N. Masulis & Company, real estate, 6641 South Western Avenue, entered its twenty-first year of service to Chicago's Lithuanians.... John Banky, the demon auto salesman, is now with Gordon Buick Sales on South Western, where he is doing a bang-up job....

The Baltic Import Company, headed by pharmacist J. P. Rakstis, 1900 South Halsted Street, has been forced to limit its business ventures because of importing restrictions..

LITH FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S 1939 OFFICERS

The Chicago-Cicero Lithuanian Funeral Directors association have announced the following as their officers for 1939, effective January 1st..

Anthony Petkus, president; Stanley Mazeika, vice president; Anthony Phillips, secretary; Paul Ridikas, financial secretary; Julius Liulevicius, correspondent.

Roosevelt Furniture Company Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

The depression and then the recession may have ruined many a large business in Chicago during the last ten years, but Mikas Jovarauskas and Juozas Bertulis, owners of the Roosevelt Furniture company, 2310 West Roosevelt Road can look back at those years as very kind ones indeed. At the beginning of the depression in 1929 Jovarauskas ventured into the furniture business in a very small way. His winning personality soon won his business many friends.

When he later entered into partnership with Juozas Bertulis, they enlarged their quarters and continued to prosper. While other Lithuanian furniture dealers were becoming experts at chess, Jovarauskas and Bertulis were kept busy filling orders.

Though both were expert furniture men, having had a hand in their manufacture, they had no previous business experience. That the firm is one of the largest on the West Side today, they credit advertising. Firm believers in advertising, they have used and continue using every media: newspapers, radio, handbills, programs and have one the good will of every Lithuanian organization in the city with their generous offers of aid in Lithuanian undertakings.

Marking its anniversary through February, the Roosevelt Furniture company now has two stores, having recently purchased the one at 2301 Ogden avenue and contemplate another addition soon.

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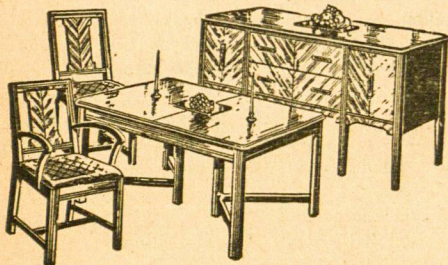
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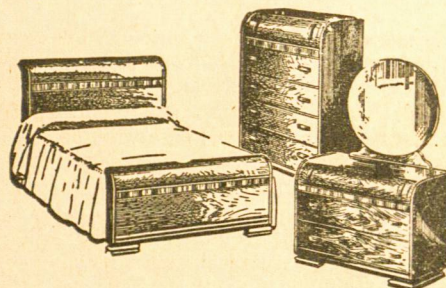
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VEDYBOS SU SVETIMTAUČIAIS

Kitoj šio "Jaunimo" Nr. vietoje telpa žinia iš Gary, Ind., kurioje pranešama apie maišytas vedybas jaunimo tarpe. Žinia mini to miesto lietuvių parapijos klebono pareiškimą, kad esą dabartinio metu mažiausiai septyniosdešimt nuošimčių lietuviškojo jaunimo Gary vedasi su svetimtaučiais. Greičiausiai ta žinia praeis perskaityta be didesnio susidomėjimo ir retas kuris apsisitos bent pagalvoti ką visa tai reiškia. O reiškia štai ką—septyniosdešimts nuošimčių lietuvių, jaunų lietuvių meta lietuviškąjį gyvenimą ir pasiduoda greitam, savanoriškam ištautėjimui. Anot Gary klebono kun. Draugelio, kartą išsiveda jaunuolis, tai kiek lietuviškoji dirva liečiama, jis galima užmiršti.

Kritikams yra lengva sakyti, kad jei asmuo norėtų, tai galėtų netik savo svetimtautį vyrą moterį sulietuvinti, bet ir vaikus lietuviškam susipratime išauklėti. Kasdieniniame gyvenime taip vienok nėra. Jei vienas yra lietuvis, kitas koks lenkas, vokiečių, bohemos, tai tokia pora nusitaria užmiršti savo kilmę ir tapti tik amerikėnais. Jaunoji karta šioj šaly nėra tiek tautiniu atžvilgiu stipri, kad patriotizmą ir savo tautinės dalies ateitį statytų prieš meilę, romansą ir kitus dalykus susijusius su privataus šeimos židinio kūrimu.

Maišytas vedybas sustabdyti negalime. Daugiausiai ką galime padaryti tai imtis žygių tokių vedybų bent nuošimtį sumažinti. Šiandien pat mūsų lietuviškoji visuomenė turėtų paleisti obalsį, kad lietuvis vyras sau už žmoną ieško lietuvaite ir vice versa. Bet obalsio neužtenka. Reikia tuo reikalu visiems darban įsikiški.

Vienų iš geriausių ir tikriausių būdų tai burti mūsiškis jaunimas krūvon, į lietuviškas organizacijas, draugijas. Gyvenimas jau parodė, kad jei jaunuoliai priklausydami lietuviškam klūbe ir nieko konkretaus nenuveikia, tai bent turi geresnę progą susipažinti su savo tautybės priešingosios lyties atstovais, kas savo keliu gali reikšti naujas lietuviškas šeimas. Juk kiekvienos jungtuvės yra kokios nors pažinties klimaksas.

Chicagoj pagaliau susilaukėme komiteto, kuris rūpintis įvedimu lietuvių kalbos pamokų į lietuvių kilmės studentais gausnes šio miesto aukštesnias mokyklas. Tam komitetui mes turime ne tik kad palinkėti gerų pasekmių, bet ir visais galimais būdais padėti.

Kartą Chicagą parodys, kaip ir ką reikia daryti, kad lietuvių jaunimas galėtų geriau pramokti savo tėvų kalbos, imdamas savo mokykloje reguliarią curriculum, nėra abejonės, kad ir kitos didesnės lietuvių kolonijos paseks pavyzdį.

Tokiuose miestuose kaip Waterbury (Conn.), Baltimore, Md., Detroit (Mich.), Cleveland, Pittsburgh, New York ir kitur yra mokyklų, kuriose lietuvių studentų yra didesnis skaičius negu nustatytoji kvota reikalauja.

Aną dieną naujasis Texas valstijos gubernatorius Daniels savo inauguracijos kalboje pasižadėjo siekti išnaikinimo profesionalių politikierių. Anot Dr. Daniels, profesiniai idėjų ir įsitikinimų kupčiai yra ryškė geriams žmonėms.

COMMENTARIES—

By E. J. K.

"Pavasariu Audroj" — Ieva Simonaitė

The author of this disturbingly timely book evidently intended it to be a study of the Lithuanian seizure of Klaipeda in 1923. However, the actual occupation of the territory and the preparation for the up-rising are treated quite superficially, leaving the novel essentially a romance.

As a "patriotic" Lithuanian novel, this book shows too plainly the author's studied efforts to make it such, and consequently is unconvincing and just so-so. But "Pavasariu Audroj" contains several scenes—two chapters to be exact—which for sheer literary artistry and drama are unsurpassed by anything we have read anywhere in the past. These two chapters make up for the mediocrity of the book as a whole and make it more than worthy of enthusiastic recommendation. The first deals with the return of Vilius Raudys; the second with the meeting of Adve and Jonas after his return from Germany.

In the chapter "Vilius Raudys" we have the elements of drama and suspense painted against a frighteningly effective background. After building up the approach of a storm in a William—Tell—Over-tur-ish manner, we are snapped by the author from the climax of the storm, as the two women huddle in terror in the darkness, to the sudden entrance of a drenched wayfarer, who presents a macabre picture, one sleeve of his coat hanging empty—and laughing hysterically—until his greeting of "Mother!" brings his mother from her knees to him and proves him to be crippled, atheistic, war—embittered Vilius Raudys.

The meeting of Adve and Jonas Dagys by the side of the river, which brings to a head all the anxiety, hope and despair of the one, and the misunderstanding and selfish obstinacy of the other, is another high—light of the novel that holds the reader with its human pathos and drama. In the end Jonas Dagys denounces Adve, who listens in silence but with anguished heart. He shouts that he does not want to have anything more to do with her. Her eyes blinded by tears, she slowly pulls his ring off her finger and hands it to him. But her hands tremble so, that the ring drops from her fingers—and rolls down the bank into the river. Jonas turns on his heel and leaves her standing, with bowed head, staring into the water. Personally, we do not believe we can ever forget this scene.

Miss Simonaitis' characters are quite true to life—sometimes so much so that they become either uninteresting or exasperating with their human qualities. It is only their words and their actions and states of mind that at times are unnatural, forced (Continued on Page 8)

Kas mums primena, kad ir lietuviai turi panašių profesionalių kupčių, kurių išnaikinimas išeitų į didesnę naudą geriems žmonėms. Tie kupčiai nėra politikieriai, bet patriotai. Profesijonaliai patriotai. Iš lietuvių nėra evangelijos nori netik duoną valgyti, bet ir turtą krauti.

Toki kupčiai iškėlė rankas į dangų garbina tėvų žemės meilę tik tol, kol iš to garbinimo gali uždirbti medžiaginiai. Ir dėl uždarbio jie kartais visai nesiskaito su savo metodais bei priemonėmis bei tik biznis išlaikyti.

Būtų pusė bėdos, jei toki asmens kenktų tik sau panašioms oportunistams, bet labai dažnai turi nukeisti ir žmonės, kuriems lietuviybė yra konsekrutu idealu ir dėl jo pasirengę bent kokį pasiaukojimą padaryti.

When a Lithuanian by race calls himself Irish, Polish or German he does something which is frowned upon by both law and morals. In law they call it acting under false pretense. In morals, you are not "true to thine own self." You are taking something that does not belong to you by natural right. You are appropriating the merits—and the faults—of a people to whom you have no legal or moral claim.

It is true that some who hide their racial origin do so on grounds of personal considerations. The claim is advanced, in all sincerity, that an American with a tinge of a "foreigner", be it his name or race, cannot succeed in American life, business, the professions and society.

This claim is confuted by thousands of shining examples. Do not worry; if you have the "its" you will succeed, in spite of everything. In fact, this great country was built by men who were originally "foreigners". The American ideal prides itself for finding a way of life where men of all races and creeds live peacefully and cooperatively together under a system of democracy.

Therefore, don't you think it unjustifiable to be bashful about your race and hide it under a bushel?

VOICE OF THE READER

This department is readers forum. Letters are welcome.

GERMANS IN KLAIPEDA

Recently I met a former member of the German Reichstag with whom I discussed the Memel situation.

I asked this gentleman if it was true that there was a large Lithuanian element in East Prussia. He admitted to me that there was a large mixed element of Lithuanians and Slavs in that particular part of Germany and also believed the same was true in the Klaipeda section. Of course, he said the culture of these people by necessity has been Germanic through generations.

The point that I wish to bring out, is that the people of Klaipeda (formerly known as Holzhafen and Memel) section are not truly German but merely Germanic in culture. Neither can they be classed as Germans from the standpoint of Hitler's racial theories.

That being the case, it should be the purpose of the Kaunas government to awaken the Lithuanianism of these people. This can be done through good will, understanding and frank and open discussion of the problems involved. Of course when you have some fanatics and spineless puppets who endeavor to stir up dissension and trouble in the Klaipeda section, naturally this is none too easy. After all the paramount issue is the unity of the State and not what this or that individual advocates.

Despite the insidious propaganda of the Nazi press against the Lithuanian nation, Germany knows full well that she has no valid claims to the Klaipeda section.

Strictly speaking, Klaipeda is an integral part and an economic unit of Lithuania and the port of the same name is not of great significance to Germany. Besides, Germany knows that if she alienates the Lithuanians, her relationship with the other Baltic and Scandinavian countries would also be weakened.

Proper solution of the problem, if Germany wants to make it a problem, is up to her, not Lithuania. Will Germany be willing, therefore, to sign a non-aggression treaty with Lithuania guaranteeing Lithuania full rights to the Memel section in conformity with the assurances that Hitler gave to Chamberlain in Munich that Lithuania's claims to Klaipeda will be respected? Is Germany willing to demonstrate to the world in unmistakable terms through its Fuehrer peace and harmony with her smaller and oracle her sincerity to live in neighbors as free and independent equals?

On the other hand there is a need for our Lithuanian statesmen and politicians to prove their real worth in these crises and live up to the best traditions of the ship of state when the sailing is difficult as real men who are unafraid and have the courage to go forward and accomplish things under the most adverse conditions.

In conclusion, I wish to submit this slogan: United Lithuania without entangling alliances with Germany, Poland or Russia but in collaborating with the sister Baltic Republics—Latvia, Estonia and Finland and also the Scandinavian countries for peace, security and progress.

L. J. ESUNAS
Washington, D. C.

NATIONAL UNITY

I read the last three issues of the "JAUNIMAS" and was pleased to note a great improvement in both, contents and technique. The "JAUNIMAS" is intensely interesting and is a real source of inspira-

tion and new hope for the new Lithuanian American generations. You are performing a full share of your duty to perpetuate the unity of Lithuanian Americans. If the English, Irish and the Scandinavians, who were among the first settlers of America, succeeded in preserving their national unity in this country, then we Lithuanian Americans can and should do likewise. It is our duty to take an active part in American life, in the affairs of our country, the United States of America. As Americans we are entitled to a full share of the opportunities, advantages, and benefits of this country—on an equal footing with the English, Irish, Scandinavians and other Americans. I believe that "JAUNIMAS" is successfully leading the Lithuanian Americans towards that goal.

JOSEPH PRENTIS
Chicago, Illinois

I enjoy reading news about wide activity of Lithuanians in Chicago, but have a hard time trying to figure out what "Bridgeport", "Marquette Park", "Brighton Park", "Town of Lake", etc. really mean. Are they in Chicago, are they Chicago suburbs? I have the vague idea that these are the names of Lithuanian colonies. Would it be possible for you to give us more light on the situation of Lithuanian colonies in the Windy City?

A. VENCKUS
Wilmington, Del.

(Indeed we can and will. Your inquiry has given us the idea for a future feature that is sure to interest every Lithuanian in the country. Watch for it in the future issues. And thank you for the thought.—Editor)

MORE PEN PALS

Quite a while ago I read about the want of pen pals for folks in Lithuania. I always intended to ask for a list of those folks, but never got down to brass tacks until now. A list of young men and women studying English, medicine and gymnastics would be appreciated.

EMILY RIBICKAS
Chicago, Illinois

WISHES

Sincere thanks to JAUNIMAS for the print mentions during the course of my little 4,000 mile walk.

JOHN A. SARKAUSKAS
Transcontinental Walker
Chicago, Illinois

YOUR'E WELCOME

The Board of Directors of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Illinois, at their meeting held on the 14th day of December, 1938 unanimously decided to express their 'Thanks' to you for the support that you have shown to this organization throughout the year of 1938. We are taking this opportunity to express our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

J. P. VARKALA
Sec. LCC of ILL.
Chicago, Illinois

I understand that figures are available on the mortality rate of Lithuanians in America. To settle an argument, can you give us those figures?

J. A. JANKAUSKAS
Chicago, Illinois

(According to statistics five Lithuanian Americans die daily, making an annual total of about 1600. During the last two years the rate has been increasing rapidly. About 90% of these are immigrants from Lithuania.—Editors)

GETTING PERSONAL

YOUTH: "JAUNOJI KARTA", Lithuania's largest youth magazine, has chosen the New Year to switch to the tabloid style, a la JAUNIMAS....According to the Lithuanian press, JAUNOSIOS LIE-TUVOS chorus in Kaunas has received an invitation from Chicago's PIRMYN to come to the States this year....PIRMYN has pledged to sponsor a nationwide concert tour for this group....

PIRMYN, with the magnificent success of its concert tour, has silenced the voices which had been raised against it after the announcement of intentions to tour Lithuania last summer....Not only was the visit to Lithuania widely acclaimed by its music critics, but it has been impossible to ignore the chorus ever since....It has appeared in almost every greater Lithuanian center in the Middle West, and has invaded Canada....And audiences continue clamoring for more.... Will the Lithuanian Auditorium, the scene of Pirmyn's concert January 22nd, be large enough to accommodate the chorus' old and new fans? We doubt it....

WHO'S WHO: MR. STANEWICZ, of the Chicago Polish consulate, hails from Lithuania, where his family is still very prominent.... **DR. JOHN RUSSELL (RASIAVICIUS)** specializes in diseases of the mind at the Clinic for Problem Children, in Los Angeles....He practiced in Chicago for a short time, before he accepted a state post in Kansas....

ELECTED: WILLIAM SEBASTIAN is the new commander of the Darius—Girenas Post 271 of the American Legion.... **E. DAUJOTAS** was recently reelected president of the K of L Council 4 (18th Street)... He will share the officers' board with ANNA GUDAS, vice-president, ANTOINETTE PIKIEL, secretary and FRANCES ZITKUS, treasurer.... **DAUJOTAS** also heads the corps of Lithuanian boy scouts in the 18th Street district, recently organized under the sponsorship of J. P. RAKSTIS, REV. A. KISHKUNAS and DR. J. J. SHIMKUS....

ART: Most of the artistic natural backgrounds you see in the exhibits of the Field Museum in Chicago are the work of sculptor IZIDORIUS YLAKIS, now retired in Lithuania....At one time he received an offer from the Metropolitan Museum of New York, and accepted....Arriving in New York, he failed to report to the Museum but boarded a ship for Lithuania instead....He has remained there since....

POLITICS: FRANK WOIDAT has refused to listen to requests for the withdrawal of his candidacy for the 11th ward aldermanship....He and his campaign manager, JOHN TENZIS, are entertaining hopes of winning the support of the COURTNEY faction....

THE MIGRATION: VIC BENDER, tenor soloist of Pirmyn chorus will sail for Kaunas at the end of this month, to study voice at the expense of the Lithuanian government....The scholarship calls for a prepaid passage to and from Kaunas, free tuition at the music conservatory and 250 litas per month for personal expenses....**AL BRAZIS**, Cicero, will follow suit in the fall....

START 'EM EARLY: One of the national networks presents a Christmas eve program during which children of foreign envoys greet the children of their countries in their native tongues....Last Christmas the children of Lithuania were greeted by MIRGA ZADEIKIS, young daughter of Minister POVILAS ZADEIKIS....Choirmaster N. MARTINONIS and MISS BARONAS, instructor of national dances, are coming to the States to instruct Lithuanian youth groups and prepare them for the World's Fair in New York....

DR. ALEX RACKUS has returned to Lithuania again....Writer, speaker and poet JUOZAS TYSLIAVA exchanged vows with VIOLET VAIVADA before the year ended.... ANN SKRICKUS is proudly displaying the engagement ring received from BILL CHARM.... **DR. PAUL JAKIMAVICIUS** was confirmed as commissioner of health for the state of Massachusetts....It is very likely that Judge WILLIAM F. LAUKAITIS will be appointed to the Maryland congressional vacancy created by the untimely death of a member of the House....**JOHN RAGELIS** of Plymouth, Penn., lost his life when the plane he piloted crashed New Year's day....**MRS. ZYMONT** will spend a few months in Florida for her health....**GEORGE RUDELIS** is the new president of S L A 322....

THIS AND DATA: To critics who ask what he gained by his transcontinental walk, JOHN SARKAUSKAS replies that he took the trip for health, education and "to see the land"....In the recent issue of JUSTICE, ILGWU organ, the New Year greeting on the editorial page was posed for by HELEN MATULAITIS, a pretty brunet of Shamokin, Pennsylvania....**DR. BLOZIS** is writing a Lithuanian book on dentistry and already has a publisher....**A. A. TULYS'** "Rudenys Vysnios Zydejo", a collection of short stories, is being published in Klaipeda....**TULYS**, the Brighton Park druggist, is the author of the popular "As Buciavau Tavo Zmona", which won a literary prize in Lithuania....

When the MOTUZAS brothers were showing their movies on the West Side one of the most interested spectators was an official of the Polish consulate in Chicago....**ALBINAS AZUKAS** will return from Lithuania in 1940....

ADD CARDS: Among the Christmas and New Year greetings received by JAUNIMAS was a letter from the DULR, cards from JOHN LIUDZIUS in London, England and ALEX and BIRUTE BLAZIS, postmarked Warsaw, Poland....

TERPSICHORE: The Lithuanian dancers, the KARRE LE BARON TRIO, concluded a three month engagement at a Chicago night club and at present are enjoying a well earned vacation in Wisconsin.... In February they will appear on the stage at the Oriental....**VYTAUTAS BELIAJUS'** annual dance recital at the Chicago Womens Club theatre won him much praise from Chicago's critics....

THE GERMAN MEMELAND: So that the majority of rural population in Memel could understand, German talent and money are publishing a daily in the Lithuanian language....The chief assistant to "LITTLE FUHRER" NEUMAN is BERTULEIT, whose real name is BERTULAITIS, and who's father knows but one language, Lithuanian....

FRONT ROW: Top Hat to CHARLES STEPHENS who today is unquestionably the outstanding Lithuanian chorus director in the country....Under the influence of his baton Pirmyn has become the most prominent and popular Lithuanian singing organization in the States.... The Chicago Lithuanian Men's chorus, also under STEPHENS' direction, is making its bid for recognition as the best male chorus.... Pirmyn, incidentally, is now busy preparing an opera for its next public offering....Smetana's "The Bartered Bride", is the opus. we are told....

ARTICLES and PARTICLES

I have decided that this column must not only amuse and entertain, but must also instruct and educate. With a great deal of trouble and hard work I have gathered together a series of short, but, oh, so important bits of advice on many problems that I know are bothering you—and will present them to you in this column.

Our first is:

HOW TO KILL A FLY -----
(I know this is a hell of a time to print this, but since you always clip out this column and save it, you will have this handy when the occasion arises.)

Grasp the two hind legs of the fly in your right hand. If left handed, reverse the order. Find a firm surface, such as a window sill, or table—top, or bar. Holding the fly prone on the surface, bringing the swatter down with a smart swift blow on the fly. This will result in hitting your finger, which you will instinctively thrust in your mouth. Spit out the fly and step on it. It will trouble you no more.

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DEFINITIONS:

Positive—Mistaken at the top of one's voice.

Highbrow—A person who is educated beyond his intelligence.

Cicero: "I hear that Nero was torturing the Christians again last night."

Demeter: "Someone ought to take As a last line, Rabelais said as that fiddle away from him."

Proverbs of JUN YEE
Expectation is the pay of fools.

SIMILE: No more property rights than the owner of a box of matches. he was dying: Draw the curtain, the comedy is ended.

—o—

Stern employer: "The boy who gets this job has to be swift."

Flippant Prospect: "I'm so fast I can drink water out of a sieve."

—o—

In accordance with our policy to provide amusement and entertainment for every member of the family, we present a few riddles.

What does a byena have that no other animal has?

Ans. Little byenas.

Why did the little mouse leave home?

Ans. He found out his father was a rat.

—o—

Paul Tunkis, Chicago, sends in the following poem....which coming in around the time that everyone is making New Year Resolutions, strikes a responsive cord....

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Not—"How did he die?"

But—"How did he live?"

Not—"What did he gain?"

But—"What did he give?"

These are the units

To measure the worth

Of man as a man

Regardless of birth.

—:—

Not—"What was his station?"

But—"Had he a heart?"

And—"How did he play

His God—given part?

Was he ever ready

With words of good cheer,

To bring back a smile,

Or banish a tear?"

—:—

Not—"What was his church?"

Nor—"What was his creed?"

But—"Had he befriended

Those really in need?"

Not—"What did the sketch

In the newspaper say?"

But—"How many mourned

When he passed away?"

J. P. C.

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NEW HIGH IN BOWLING
FOR ELIZABETH KNIGHTS

ELIZABETH, N. J.—All you have to do is turn your head at a moments notice to see Lith break records in sports.

The Elizabeth Knights of Lithuania set the pace here in the city "A" bowling league by defeating the Kosbergs for three straight games on the Liberty hall chutes turning in scores for a 1080.1 average tipping the pins for 3244 in three games.

Cholly Oskutis, youngest of the quintet knocked the maples with a 278 in the initial fray for an average of 237.2, 713 being total high in three tussles. The team led by this youngster opened their series to the tune of 1111, breaking an old record for the outfit and putting them up high in second place. For three games they stand pat with an excellent barrage of maple falling with their scores and hold 136 pins over the senior team, the Lithuanian club who also rank with 3108 in the city "AA" league. Vincy Patrick, once leader for total three, was knocked out of first place by Alfie Savonis, anchor man and rivals of the K of L, Big Pauls Five, another Lith combination who hold top position, Savonis leads with 731, Patrick held 704.

The K of L team, youngest in the league range from 19 to 23, Eddie Krynickas, anchor, being the oldest and Oskutis just topped his 19th. They are the strongest of the lot in the K of L district league in the East, and only four partake in the weekly routine in that organization, bowl three times per week in the city "A".

Scores of Monday nights "war" on the pins

| THE K OF L | | Average | Pins |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Patrick | 246-211-210 | 222.1 | 667. |
| Oskutis | 278-203-232 | 237.2 | 713. |
| Degutis | 203-206-190 | 199.2 | 599. |
| Josephs | 212-216-193 | 207. | 207. |
| Krynickas | 172-214-258 | 214.2 | 214.2 |
| TOTALS | | Average | Pins |
| 1111-1050-1083 | 1081.1 | 3244. | |
| Kosbergs rolled these scores: | | | |
| | | Average | Pins |
| 768- 929- 826 | 841. | 2523. | |

The Liths turned out scores "Born on the Alleys", in other words the majority were pin-heads during their "younger" part of life. All scores were hit on their home drives, the Lithuanian Liberty Hall, gathering place for Lithuanian sportsmen of this city. They were the first team to reach the high mark on these chutes as they are so-called "tough" drives. The city "AA" Keglers were the first with their 3108. There were no perfect scores hit here in ten years of existence of bowling.

The A.L.A. Assn
And Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Ohio — This may be the first story to JAUNIMAS from Cleveland but we know it is not the first about Cleveland and we hope to be with you regularly from now on.

Cleveland may be best known to JAUNIMAS readers as the city where the first Lithuanian basketball tourney was held, and where the American Lithuanian Athletic Association was formed. Since the formation of this organization last April much has been done in getting the youth of the Middle West together in various sporting events. The year 1939 promises to be a bigger year for the Lithuanian athlete than any year heretofore.

The American Lithuanian A.

A. has two tourneys, basketball and bowling, on its present program. The basketball tourney is to be held in Cleveland April 15 and 16, and the bowling tourney in Detroit April 29 and 30. Organizations desiring information on basketball are asked to write to George C. Venslovas, 1267 East 82nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Bowling information may be obtained from Stanley Stanulis, 7163 Linsdale, Detroit, Michigan.

We hope to have representation at both tourneys from the East and the New England States. Later in the year, golf and softball tourneys will be organized. While planning for 1939 we are also building for 1940, when we hope to hold our first American Lithuanian Athletic Association Olympics. In A. L. A. A. tourneys all participants must be of Lithuanian extraction. Clubs are being admonished to build their teams with Lithuanians. In the near future, the entire policy of the association will be published here.

CLEVELAND LITH A. C.

Organized in the fall of 1936, the Cleveland Lithuanian Athletic club has gone a long way in the field of sports. Sports fans of this city are well acquainted with the teams the club puts out on the field or basketball court. This season the club has two teams playing Class A ball, one in the Inter-Lodge league, a ten team league which we lead with 5 won and one lost; the second team is entered in the Community Center, a city wide league, and has done well thus far, winning 6 while losing 2. Both teams are entered as "Lithuanians". Let us hear what other Lithuanian teams are doing and, in April during the tournament, we can get personally acquainted.

Liths Retain
Baltic Cage
Championship

KAUNAS,—Dec. 21, 1938— (By Mail)—Touncing the winners of the Latvia-Estonia basketball tournament, the ASK, the Lithuanian CJSO team brought back to Lithuania the Baltic championship for the second consecutive year. The score was 26; 18.

The victory is significant in view of the fact that only three short years ago the Latvian and Estonian teams, the latter European champions at the time, considered dropping Lithuania out of competition because the latter was incapable of producing one team that could make a good showing.

The CJSO team was led by Phil Krause, former Chicagoan and president of JAUNIMAS basketball league, and Mike Ruzgis, also a Chicagoan who was last year named most valuable player in the JAUNIMAS league.

DuBois Litts So Good
Can't Book Any Games

by a Staff Correspondent

DU BOIS, Pa.—"What good is a basketball season without games," is the cry coming from the local cagers. They fear if they don't get more games they will become stagnant.

It so happens that the teams in this section desire a clean slate and so are afraid to meet any team that plays basketball. Alas...the Litts suffer. It is feared the team will be compelled to look a hundred miles to find an opponent.

The only hopeful signs come from other Lith teams and it is

Introducing New
Sports Editor

To give you a still better sports section, the JAUNIMAS sports department underwent a reorganization, with the following results:

Your new sports editor is now Adolph (Al) Dobar, of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Jack Jatis who, until the recent reorganization, filled the editor's chair, will now be assistant editor to Mr. Dobar, and will cover the Middle West.

Other important additions to our sports department are: Joseph Chizanskos, an artist and cartoonist of renown from Washington, D. C., who will supply cartoons not only for the sports section, but for JAUNIMAS in general. George Venslovas, Cleveland, and Joseph Ramas, Detroit, complete the increase in the list of sports staff correspondents.

The new director of the sports department, Adolph Dobar, is 24 years old, born and "Stuck" in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He worked for the sports department of the Elizabeth Star until that paper's demise last spring. He now freelances in sports writing and photography in and around New York. He began working with Lithuanians at a very early age. Is still prominently engaged in promoting basketball in New Jersey, and handles the publicity for the Lithuanian Liberty Hall, one of the greatest Lithuanian organizations out East. He excels in short story writing, using Alan Dale as his pen name. Likes being a Lithuanian and is very proud of the fact. Quoting Dobar himself:

"Lithuanians are my people, live with them, like them and want to help them!"

expected these games will be arranged very shortly.

The omnipotent Litts' cage team of this city showed its usual amount of speed and accuracy during the first two games of this season when they smothered the PNA, a Polish team, 70 to 17 and downed a fighting Philipsburg quintet, 60 to 32.

Thirty-four young Liths make up this year's Lithuanian Athletic Association's membership. They are divided up into two squads, thus giving both senior and junior teams ample reserve power.

Johnny Studofski is the new coach, succeeding Bushy Rokosky. He hopes to have his men polished to perfection before they enter into the core of the schedule.

FIRST ANNUAL
LITHUANIAN
Bowling Tournament

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Tournament will be held April 29—30, May 6—7 in Detroit. Entries close midnite, March 31, 1939.

On The Bench

WITH
AL DOBAR
SPORTS EDITOR

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Here in New Jersey the Lithuanians are overpowering their class with athletics. In Elizabeth, famed city of this Garden State, the Lithuanian club sponsors champs in every sport.

In the men's division, where bowling and basketball ranks in high gear, they shine in their part moderately. The bowling combine after a two-time victory of the city "AA" bowling league have now their hands clenched with a firm grip for a triple winner. The Keglers, possessors of the A. Harry Moore (Governor of New Jersey) trophy are leading the outfit by a large margin and are getting stronger as they glide on to victory. Then come the Courtsters, "Chick" Gulbin fastest squad yet to be represented by Lithuanians are playing free lance style taking professional outfits in a dribbling manner with victory also. The famed House of David quintet who have seen defeat here praise the Liths as well as they have the Waterbury Knights of Lithuania, one of the strongest outfits in the New England area. These Courtsters play some of the nations leading basketeers including the fast Detroit Clowns and Colored Chain Gang.

Now you take the weaker sex, the women of this organization also have a part with their bowling and basketball. The lassies show great appeal with the shapely bodies on the basketball court and a dead eye for that woven net. Lead by "Toni" Yankin, they also play fast teams of their calibre with successful attempts. The other end hold down their position with the black sphere on the lanes where skill is concerned much more than luck, and when we say skill show me a Lith team that can average over the 160 mark for two seasons in a row!

Lithuanians have their part in sports in all major cities of the U. S., this town has got 'em and appreciates them. We praise them because they are good!

If I lived in Sheboygan, Wisconsin I would do these two things: start rolling with a basketball league and partake in major tournaments with the nearest city interested in basketball. Secondly, Wisconsin being the mainstay for the home of the American Bowling Congress, I would start thinking about the great game of ten-pins (not in the sky either!). In fact if I had lived in every leading city known to sports I would think the same.

Out of sixteen cities on this eastern shore, twelve of them think that the American Lithuanian Athletic Association should expand with their sporting affairs. Waterbury, Boston, Elizabeth, Philadelphia and New York (Brooklyn area) have conceived to this idea. The writer, yours truly, on interviewing some of the leading business men shows great partiality. But then last year all were interested in the Lithuanian Olympics and the committee showed a great deficit with their vain effort in sponsoring the spectacle of 1938. With more interest an expansion might be on the loom throughout the United States if the Lithuanian sportsmen combine forces in pushing this organization to extreme heights for the Lithuanian youngsters who would rather throw a basketball or baseball instead of a bomb for fun. We like our sports though we are free, we like our country, it's great to get the chance the sports leaders want to give us.

"Give it a thought!"

DETROIT BOWLING NEWS

by JOSEPH RAMAS

As the first round of our season comes to a close we find many changes in the league standings.

Circle and Midway Theaters ousted Willis Bakery from first place when they trounced E and B Beer, taking four points, as Willis Bakery was dropping three points to Leon's Lounge.

Circle and Midway Theaters combined games of 796, 903, 858 for 2563 as E and B Beer shot 739, 830 and 843 for 2412.

Both Willis Bakery and Leon's Lounge shot good games but Leon's 883, 903 and 866 for 2652 was enough to sink Willis who rolled 859, 897 and 867 for 2623. Stumble Inn held on to third place when they took three points from John's Cafe.

Old Holland continued gaining on the leaders by taking four points from Eugene Printing, totaling 2504 to 2340, thereby moving up to fourth place. Acme Pie and Chas. Ruks provided many thrills as the latter took it on the chin. Chas. Ruks put together 849, 889 and 894 for 2632 as Acme Pie scored 883, 843 and 907 for 2633 and three points.

Green and Gold also moved up in the standings, taking four points from Monnier's Market, featured by Stanulis' 632 as he com-

bined games of 185, 221 and 226. Westminster Drugs and Old Time Cafe changed places in the standings when Old Time dropped four points.

George Moroz gained distinction in this match as he closed with a 224 game, good enough for second high in the individual standings. The new standings are:

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. Circle & Midway Theaters | 39 |
| 2. Willis Bakery | 38 |
| 3. Stumble Inn | 32 |
| 4. Old Holland | 31 |
| 5. Acme Pie | 30 |
| 6. Green & Gold | 30 |
| 7. Leon's Lounge | 30 |
| 8. Chas. Ruks | 29 |
| 9. Monnier's Market | 24 |
| 10. Eugene Printing | 22 |
| 11. Westminster Drugs | 20 |
| 12. Old Time Cafe | 18 |
| 13. John's Cafe | 14 |
| 14. E & B Beer | 8 |

"Two Hundred" scores: Moroz 244; Stanulis 221, 226; Messer 203; B. Shimkus 211; Turner 211; Shimkus 203; P. Gailumn 204; Dwyer 205; Katchuba 204; Woods 208; Akowitz 223.

LITH. WOMENS BOWLING LEAGUE
INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| 1. Brazen, A. | 140.3 |
| 2. Lasher, M. | 138.1 |
| 3. Karunas, E. | 138. |
| 4. Copas, A. | 130.6 |
| 5. Buswink, A. | 127.4 |
| 6. Smolek, A. | 124. |

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SPORTS SHORTS

John Janusus, former all-American tackle at Boston college is now assistant coach at his alma mater... Tilden high's football team named Louis Rymkus its most valuable player during the past season.... Algird Stonis was similarly honored by Englewood....

Bob Riska, Bridgeport lad, is starring in basketball with Notre Dame.... Bob, playing forward, was a member of the U. S. Lithuanian All Stars, who met the Lithuanian team, European champions, in Chicago back in July, 1937....

Construction of a new sports hall is under way in Kaunas.... It is to be finished in time for the European basketball tourney next spring and will seat 20,000.... The present cage hall at Kulturos Rumi seats only 1,200....

Notes from California: Vera Kelin (Kelinskas) dominates the ranks as one of the most consistent performers on the low diving board.... Louise Shakus, 19, is a free style and backstroke champion and a possible candidate for the U. S. Olympic squad.... Helen Valkis when not making films with Gene Autrey, spends time brushing up her swimming technique.... Helen Tocus (Tociokus) is on the track team of the University of California....

Florence Blasch, Chicago girl athlete sailed for a coaching job in Lithuania Jan. 28th. Harry Petratis was all set to go on the same boat, also for a coaching job, but after getting a job in Chicago at the last minute, Harry changed his mind.... Bill Osmanski, the 'All-American' from Holy Cross college was recently honored by the Lithuanian Youth of Worcester, Massachusetts.... Jack Sharkey also participated.

Ed Krause to Holy Cross as Grid Line Coach

Ed Krause—Krauchunas, former Notre Dame football and basketball star, has been engaged as line coach by Holy Cross University, announced Joe Sheeketski, new head coach.

Krause, a Chicagoan, has been head coach of all sports at St. Mary's college, Winona, Minnesota, since his graduation in 1934. During his high school days and later vacation periods while in college, Krause took an active part in local Lithuanian sports activities. In 1935, when Chicago Lithuanians sent eleven athletes to Lithuania for a sports exhibition tour, Krause was named coach of the squad. During the Lithuanian athletes invasion of Chicago, in 1935, he directed the track and field meet at Stagg Field, on the campus of the University of Chicago.

Ed's brother, Phil, is at present coaching basketball in Kaunas.

White Sox Sign Lithuanian West Side Shortstop

The gate receipts at Comiskey Park will be greatly increased during the 1939 season, when Chicago's 100,000 Lithuanians will have their first opportunity to look at a youth of their own nationality in action for a Chicago baseball club.

Joe Gedzius, born and raised on the West Side, will be the stalwart they will be out to see. They will watch him closely, out there at shortstop, to see if he is as good as they hope. Joe starred in all sports at St. Ignatius high school, but played most of his baseball elsewhere. After graduation he went to a Cudahy, Wisc. CCC camp, where his brilliant work at short attracted attention.

The Cudahy Packers signed him for play in a Milwaukee league. Then followed seasoning in Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Lubbock, Texas, before he was signed

by the White Sox.

In the West Texas—New Mexico league in 1938 Gedzius batted .331 in 125 games and fielded .911. Though leadoff man in the lineup, he batted in 95 runs. In 493 times at bat he made 163 hits, including 34 doubles, 9 triples and 27 home runs.

He was fifth best hitter in the league and second in the fielding among the shortstops.

Joe Krakauskas Assured Pitcher Starting Berth

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Joe Krakauskas, youthful Lithuanian—Canadian pitcher, who was retained by the Washington Senators last season only because they could find no place to farm him out, has redeemed himself in the eyes of the front office and is assured of a starting pitchers' berth with the team next season.

Krakauskas, ballyhooed as the "greatest find" of many years at the beginning of the season, was too wild to be very effective. Krakauskas was reported on his way out. He hung on however, and has ended the season with the third best earned—run average in the American league, 3.07, topped only by Lefty Grove and Ivy Andrews. The best of the Senator pitching staff, he worked 121 innings, fanned 104, walked 88, was guilty of four wild pitches and hitting three batters. With that record he is assured not only of a job, but also an increase in pay.

Some veteran baseball men regard Krakauskas as the speediest southpaw in the league who, should he perfect his control, would become one of the greats of the diamond.

DETROIT CLUB HOLDS ELECTIONS

DETROIT, Mich.—(Special)—The Detroit All Lithuanian Club, at its recently held annual meeting elected the following new officers: Joseph Razak, president; Joseph Ramas, vice-president; Walter Bar-chulis, secretary and Anthony Swendler, treasurer. Joseph Ramas was also named correspondent of the club. The new officers pledged to devote the year of 1939 to establish new club rooms and conduct a big membership drive.

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Readers who have any questions regarding the Lithuanian language, its grammar etc., can send them to Our Mother Tongue, JAUNIMAS, 2201 West Cermak Road, Chicago. For personal replies, enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Those questions considered of general interest to the readers, will be published in this column.

Language Identified With Nationality

The literary revival of the folk speech in Europe has been invariably a prelude to the revival of the national spirit in the subject peoples. The sentiment of nationality has its roots in memories that attach to the common possessions of people: the land, the religion, and the language, but particularly the language. A Welsh national song says "If the enemy has ravished the land of Wales the language of Wales is living as ever."

AUTHOR PRAISES JAUNIMAS

DU BOIS, Pa.—Louis Adamic, well-known author, thinks JAUNIMAS "is a lively paper".

In a letter to George R. Waylonis, Adamic said: "JAUNIMAS is a lively paper. It compares quite favorably, I think, with English-language papers of other 'foreign groups'...."

If anyone has any interesting information on Lithuanians in this country they are asked to write to Adamic at Milford, New Jersey. The information will be used in his book 'A Nation of Nations' which Adamic is writing at present.

Bohemian patriots have a saying, "As long as the language lives, the nation is not dead". In an address in 1904, Jorgen Levland, later Premier of Norway, in a plea for "freedom with self—government, homeland and our own language", made this statement: "Political freedom is not the deepest and greatest. Greater is it for a nation to preserve her intellectual inheritance in her native tongue".

When the Lithuanians were condemned to get thier education and culture thru the medium of a language not their own, the effect was to denationalize its literate class and to make its members aliens to their own people. If there was no national press, there could be no national schools and, indeed, no national church. It was for this reason that the struggle to maintain the national language and the national culture has always been a struggle to maintain a national press.

St. Casimir Nuns Chosen to Manage Willard Hospital

The Chicago Roman Catholic archdiocese has purchased the former Francis E. Willard hospital, 645 South Central Avenue and offered its management to the Sisters of St. Casimir.

On accepting the offer, the Lithuanian order renamed the hospital to Loretto. Besides this institution, the Sisters of St. Casimir are managing the Holy Cross hospital in Marquette Park.

Pirmyn Chorus Proves Greatness In Concert for Home Town Crowd

For more than two hours Pirmyn chorus stood before a familiar Chicago audience last Sunday and rendered more than forty songs from its seemingly inexhaustible repertoire. After Lithuania, after Canada, after touring the Middle West, the chorus once more faced its home crowd.

But there was a difference this time. The audience was not the same friendly one it was 'way back when Pirmyn was just another Chicago Lithuanian chorus. They were the same people, but they had come here to put Pirmyn through a critical test. It was a very critical crowd that heard the opening Simkus' composition, Lietuviais Esame Mes Gime. It was even more attentive

to detail when soloists Brazis, Ruks-tala, Miss Skever, Pazarskis and Mrs. Stephens stepped to the brink of the stage. It was attentive—and enthusiastic. Pirmyn awws as good as they were being told all these months!

When the concert was ended, Pirmyn had proved that it was the foremost Lithuanian chorus in the country, and that Charles Stephens is one of the outstanding Lithuanian directors today.

Victor Bender, who will soon leave for Kaunas where he has been awarded a scholarship, proved worthy of the award with his offering of Sasnauskas' "Karveleli" and a Mascagni aria. He has a fine tenor that promises much.

DETROIT BOWLING NEWS

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| 7. Kratage, T. | 122.4 |
| 8. Sirvaitis, H. | 122.2 |
| 9. Kratage, F. | 118.4 |
| 10. Shablis, H. | 116.4 |
| 11. Tautin, A. | 116.1 |
| 12. Digueseppe, O. | 115.4 |
| 13. Sherman, M. | 115.3 |
| 14. Trenth, J. | 115.2 |
| 15. Ratkus, A. | 114.5 |
| 16. Vichunas, K. | 114.2 |
| 17. Kratage, A. | 112.8 |
| 18. Sirvaitis, M. | 112.4 |
| 19. Willis, H. | 110.9 |
| 20. Dudenas, E. | 110.3 |

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 21. Glubaskas, N. | 110.1 |
| 22. Grow, F. | 109.8 |
| 23. Chutis, H. | 109.5 |
| 24. Kairis, H. | 107. |
| 25. Chepelonis, G. | 105.5 |
| 26. Smolek, R. | 104.3 |
| 27. Jarvis, E. | 103.8 |
| 28. Vichunas, M. | 100. |
| 29. Willis, B. | 93.3 |
| 30. Chepelonis, V. | 86.2 |

TEAM STANDING

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Stumble Inn | 43 |
| McKluskey's | 38 |
| Red Arrow | 35 |
| Ace Packing Co. | 27 |
| William's Cafe | 25 |
| Lith. Women's Alliance | 12 |
| Team High Three Games | |
| McKluskey's | 2125 |
| Team High Single Games | |
| McKluskey's | 804 |
| Individual High Three | |
| A. Brazen | 499 |
| Individual High Single | |
| M. Lasher | 233 |

HIGH GAMES

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| A. Brazen | 174 |
| M. Sirvaitis | 172 |
| E. Karunas | 164 152 |
| A. Copas | 167 160 |

Lith Cage Team Tops Baltimore City Tournament

BALTIMORE, Md.—(Special) The Baltimore Lith basketball quintet is at present leading in this city's major league tournament. The team, one of the strongest in the state of Maryland, is managed by Joseph Muzdakis.

Buick and Pontiac

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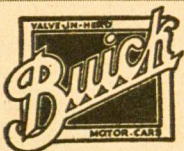
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NEWS FROM LITHUANIA

LITHUANIA-POLAND REACH NEW PRESS RADIO AGREEMENT

KAUNAS—The press, radio and other means of public information in Lithuania and Poland will be ordered to disseminate only factual news, avoiding all such items that might prove objective to one or the other country, it was recently decided at a conference of Lithuanian and Polish officials held here.

A press agreement, between the official government news agencies, Lithuania's "Elta" and Poland's "Pat" was signed and in the future all news, concerning each, reaching either country through different channels, will be disregarded.

The meeting and its decisions was in agreement with the policy of both countries to enforce ways for closer, more cooperative relations.

TABULATION OF RADIO LISTENERS IN LITHUANIA

KAUNAS. —According to reliable information supplied to the Kaunas press by Postal authorities, there are today 54,647 duly registered wireless listeners. During the three summer months 716 new subscribers were provided with licenses, although during the summer months the number of listeners usually tends to decline. (Elta)

JEWISH FIRMS FLEE MEMEL FOR SAFETY

KLAIPEDA—Fearing the ultimate results of the rising German feeling in this district, many Jewish firms have sold their local holdings and moved into Lithuania Major. The Commercial and Credit bank, one of the largest in this city, has recently closed its doors. It was Jewish owned.

Until the student demonstration in Kaunas a few weeks ago, Lithuania was regarded as very friendly to the Jews, and had been written of in a kindly light by Jewish papers in Palestine. In view of the recent demonstrations, it is apparent that a large percentage of the population is resentful of the increasing number of Jews in Lithuania. Many of them have entered the country on visitors' visas, to remain permanently through many ruses.

Many of the Jews remaining in Lithuania illegally are refugees from Germany and Poland. The Cabinet of Ministers recently set up a special committee to examine aliens' documents, in an effort to deport undesirables. The committee, which went into action December 30th, had a list of about 3,000 aliens on which to begin its work.

KAUNAS ARTIST'S PUPPET FILM WINS PRAISE OF CRITICS

KAUNAS, (Special) — Stasys Ushinskis, Lithuanian artist and puppet expert has finished the production of his first puppet film, "Storulio Sapnas" which won high praise from the local press and artists. Many believe that this film will establish Ushinskis in the world of art. Prior to making the film, Ushinskis spent more than a year in New York, studying technical details in the production of puppet films.

LITH LANGUAGE DEMOTED IN KLAIPEDA

KLAIPEDA—Up to the present, all the laws and enactments of the Klaipeda territory were printed in the official gazette first in Lithuanian and then in German. Beginning with the New Year this order was reversed, precedence now being given the German text.

LITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SEEKS BOOK TRANSLATIONS

KAUNAS, Lithuania—The Lithuanian Authors' society is preparing a list of Lithuanian books to recommend to the Lithuanian Ministry of Education for translation into other languages, especially English, French, German and Russian.

The society is also prepared to render assistance to authors and for this reason maintains a Literary Fund.

LITHS VICTORIOUS IN VILNIUS

VILNIUS—Lithuanians of the territory of Vilnius have gained a great victory in the communal elections which were held there. In the district of Svencionys, for instance, where the Lithuanian element is particularly strong, Lithuanians won 1299 seats out of 3850 in the communal council. In other districts the showing was also good and encouraging.

LITHS REFUSED MEETING PLACES IN KLAIPEDA

KLAIPEDA—Local Lithuanian organizations have encountered lately, great difficulties in obtaining premises for holding their meetings. Up to the present their meetings were held in the halls attached to the all-houses of the Territory. But now the proprietors of the all-houses refuse to rent their halls on the grounds that they have been already leased for the entire year to 'other organizations'.

WHERE TO GO?

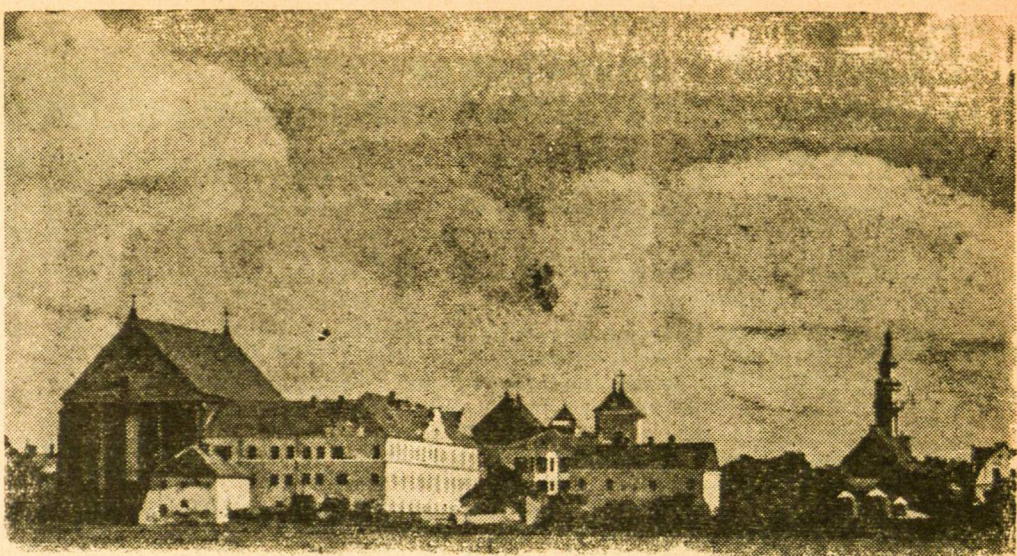
FEBRUARY 4—"Vytis", official publication of the Knights of Lithuania, sponsors annual dance at the Our Lady of Vilna parish auditorium, 2323 West 23rd Place. Red Morris and his orchestra.

FEBRUARY 5th—Sunday, 8 p. m. Victor Benders' Farewell Concert, Kimball Hall, Jackson and Wabash. Tickets—75 cents.

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Though Kaunas is now the most modern city in Lithuania, older sections of the town have been but little influenced by the changing trend. Many buildings in the section pictured have been built during the reign of Vytautas the Great.

Commentaries

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and unconvincing. For instance, the melodramatic scene at Adve's deathbed—in which the leader of the Lithuanians suddenly marches into the room, salutes Adve with military precision, intones "Klaipeda is ours to-night!", turns on his heel and without another word, marches out again—is exiting, and all that, but unworthy of an author of Miss Simonaitis' ability.

Jonas Dagys has practically none, or very few, of the qualities we would expect to find in a hero. Ordinarily, if a hero is not up to par in his morals or in attractive human qualities, he is nevertheless an interesting character. Jonas Dagys is a colorless and uninteresting person. He has too many unpleasantly human traits to merit the sympathy of the reader. Years ago we remember coming across a similar hero, in Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice"—a very distasteful sort of fellow who changed for the better a bit too late—near the end of the book—to redeem himself in our estimation. So too, Jonas Dagys wakes up to a realization of his love for Adve and for The Cause too late for us to become very much excited about it. Somehow, we feel that even the author disliked this character of her's. We cannot otherwise explain the summary fashion in which she finishes him off at the end of the book, more or less as if she didn't know what else to do with him. His death is characteristic of Jonas Dagys. When, at Adve's deathbed, his love for his Fatherland is awakened in his heart and he determines to join the Lithuanian up-

rising, we, as well as other characters in the book, are happy in the thought that the forces fighting for the Fatherland will be strengthened by this new, enthusiastic recruit. But what a disappointment! As the Lithuanians march into Klaipeda, Jonas Dagys, disregarding the alarmed importunations of his comrades, needlessly and foolishly rushes out, without rhyme or reason, into the street and is promptly shot down and killed by an obliging sniper. What a useless waste of the most precious resource of a nation—life!

We liked Perkamyte. She is not too goody-goody. And although her conversation to the Lithuanian cause is a bit too abrupt and unconvincing (though almost a word for word duplicate of the Awakening of Vincas Kudirka), still she is a very human and likeable person and one who has the sympathy of the reader from the start.

One reason why we particularly enjoyed the book and why we are grateful to Miss Simonaitis is because she enlightened us on one feature of the seizure of Klaipeda of which we, as a very cocky, albeit one-generation-removed Samogitian from the Taurage country-

side, were heretofore ignorant—that Klaipeda was returned to the Motherland almost exclusively through the initiative, efforts and bravery of those salt-of-the-earth dialectic compatriots of mine—the "Zemaiciai" (P. S. We will absolutely refuse all time—bombs, sent to us by Aukstaiciai, Dzukai, Kapsai, etc., marked "Postage Collect.")

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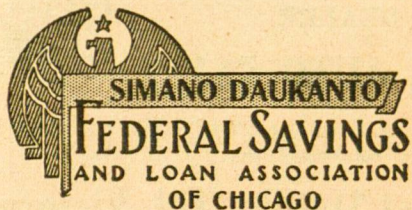
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