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TAKE IT or LEAVE IT

By Vitalis Bukšnaitis

After the Lenten season is over, an avalanche of dances, dinners, concerts, plays and operettas descends upon us with a frequency and profusion which, as usual, leaves us all somewhat breathlessly bewildered. For some inexplicable reason this sort of thing is the custom in our larger Lithuanian American communities. And those who suffer most during this period are those for whose entertainment and pleasure these presentations are offered — the cash customers.

The cash customers may be roughly described as belonging to one of several categories: (a) those who attend affairs because they are members of the club, society, circle, association or group which is presenting the shindig; (b) those who attend because the customers of their business sold them the tickets; (c) those who show up because they like to be considered a part of the Lithuanian American scene; (d) those who go because they have nothing else to do; and (e) those of us who like to imagine that something of genuine interest will be presented.

By far the largest of these categories is group (a). This bunch may be generally expected to make a success of anything which a newspaper or fraternal organization might present, whether it be a picnic, dance, concert or dinner. But these, mainly, are people who attend only the presentations of their respective organizations and newspapers, and smaller groups can hardly expect any support from this class, because it isn't interested in the quality of the proposed entertainment, but only in who is presenting the affair.

Groups (b), (c) and (d), collectively, make up the next largest classification. And they are the ones who carry the bulk of responsibility for the success or failure of any Lithuanian American presentation. Because, as frequently happens during these seasons, as many as three or four different affairs are presented in one evening, these folks feel it a loss as to which of the festivities to attend. They usually compromise by buying tickets to all of the rackets and then go to the movies.

Either that, or they just make an appearance long enough to be seen, before they withdraw to their nearest hangout.

Category (e) is the smallest, but the most important. What this group lacks in numerical strength, it more than makes

War On Doorsteps Of Lithuania — London Reports

LONDON, April 14. — The British Broadcasting Corporation announced that the British have laid a new giant mine field extending to Kiel bay, German naval base, and reaching completely across the Baltic to Lithuania.

Liths Watch Scandinavia —And Hope

KAUNAS, April 10. — Lithuania is closely watching the military developments in Scandinavia. Government spokesmen declared that no reason can be foreseen for complications in Lithuania and other Baltic states. Relations with Soviet Russia and Germany are good, according to an official communique.

Canada Cuts Off Lithuanian Trade

OTTAWA, Apr. 11. — No export permits are being issued from Canada to any Baltic or Scandinavian destination. Prime Minister Mackenzie King has announced.

Outstanding permits for export to Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Sweden, Norway and Denmark have been revoked.

3,000 See Liths March to Vilnius

After a two week showing in Chicago, the motion pictures of Lithuania's triumphant entry into Vilnius were taken on the road by Motuzas Brothers. They will travel the next two months, stopping in every larger Lithuanian colony. Net proceeds realized from these shows will go to the Vilnius relief fund. Three thousand persons attended the showings in Chicago.

POLES MOVE FROM VILNIUS

VILNIUS — Many of the Polish refugees here are voluntarily returning to their homes in the German occupied parts of Poland.

up in its optimism. They are the people who will attend affair after affair, sometimes as many as two or three in an evening, always hoping to come across something novel or unusual in the way of entertainment. They are the ones who are most frequently disappointed, and yet, no matter how small the attendance of any presentation may be, you may be certain that this group is invariably among those present. What does all this prove? Nothing more than that those of us who can be fooled all the time are still in the minority, although it is an important minority.

Fails to Win



Attorney A. Olis

Hopes of Chicago Lithuanians to place another Lith on the Municipal Court Bench received a setback in the primaries when Anthony A. Olis (above), running on the republican ticket, failed to win nomination. He polled a total of nearly 47,000 votes. Out of 53 candidates with 12 places at stake, Olis finished in twenty first place.

Baltimorian Gets U. S. Appointment

BALTIMORE, Md. — Thomas G. Gray, 34, Baltimore attorney, has been appointed special attorney in the Lands Division of the Department of Justice, it was announced last week by Robert H. Jackson, United States Attorney General.

Gray, whose real name is Grajauskas, is well known among the Lithuanians here for his activity in a number of organizations. He is a member in the following clubs: Lithuanian Hall Association, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance Chapter 13, the Lithuanian Democratic Club, Inc., the Lithuanian American Athletic Club, Inc., and the Council of Lithuanian Societies of Baltimore.

Gray is a graduate of Loyola College and the University of Baltimore. He began his practice in law in 1935. He is married to the former Miss Margaret R. Stavinskas of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jaunimas Readers Organize Club

WATERBURY, Conn. — The recently formed club of JAUNIMAS boosters is sponsoring its first public affair April 19 at the Nemunas hall, 48 Green street. Motion pictures of local Lithuanian events of the past year will be shown. Dancing will follow, to the music of Frask Pekenas and his orchestra from E. Hartford, Conn.

The arrangements committee is composed of Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Colney, Joseph Belazaras, Miss Mary Yokas and Jack Peknas.

Russ Morgan Offers Services For Lithuanian Benefit Show

Polish Element Calmer in Vilnius

VILNIUS, April 8. — The Polish population in Vilnius city and the district is beginning to calm down and re-adjust itself to the fact that they now are living in Lithuanian territory.

In a front page editorial yesterday, the Kurjer Wilenski, leading Polish daily here declared its loyalty to the Lithuanian government, while Archbishop Jalbzykowski issued an order forbidding Poles to sing patriotic Polish hymns in churches, a practice heretofore very popular.

Five Liths In Art Exhibition

Five Lithuanian artists were represented in the annual Chicago artists' exhibition which closed at the Art Institute on April 14. They are Anthony Skupas, Julius A. Pashkauskas, Miss Ann Radville, Edwin J. Shemikas and George Kachergis. Pashkauskas is a sculptor, the others paint.

At the exhibit held at the Stevens hotel under the auspices of the All-Illinois Society of the Fine Arts, Inc., Mikas Šileikis' painting, "Fishermen", attracted great interest.

DENTISTS HOLD REUNION

A two-day homecoming clinic at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery April 15 and 16 attracted 1,100 Loyola university alumni from every section of the United States and abroad. Among those in attendance were many Lithuanians. Dr. Vincent Milas, 2559 W. 63rd Street, was a member of the homecoming committee.

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Adolph Dobar, JAUNIMAS Sports Editor reveals in his column 'On the Bench' (see page 6 of this issue) that Tommy Allen-Alenskis, Broadway's celebrated tap dancer told him that he and Russ Morgan, the band leader, would appear at any Lithuanian benefit show as long as it is sponsored by Lithuanians. Vito Tamulis, of the Dodgers, and John Dikshot, of the Giants, also made it known that they would be pleased to help out.

Since all of these celebrities at present are stationed in New York, the Lithuanians of that city should take advantage of this opportunity by sponsoring a huge benefit show. Vilnius needs all the help we can give.

This is one affair for which ALL LITHUANIANS OF ALL FACTIONS should get together. Perhaps Mr. Budris, the Consul General can start the ball rolling. Whoever wants to run the show should get in touch with our Sports Editor, Mr. A. Dobar, 301 Second Street, Elizabeth, N. J.

GERMANS TO STAY IN LITHUANIA

KAUNAS — Lithuanian Germans who were ordered last summer by Berlin authorities to be prepared for repatriation in the Nazi-conquered Polish regions, were last week advised that they will have to stay in Lithuania for the duration of present war.

LITH SCHOOLS ABROAD

KAUNAS — It is estimated that Lithuanians residing abroad, including the United States, maintain close to 100 Lithuanian schools with 12,000 pupils. The total number of Lithuanian children of school age in those countries is estimated at more than 200,000.

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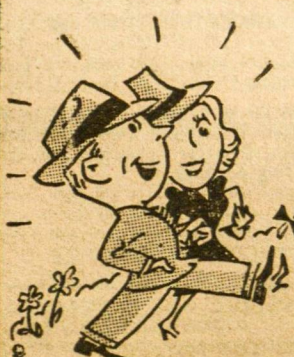
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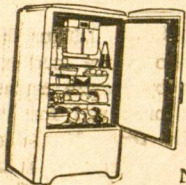
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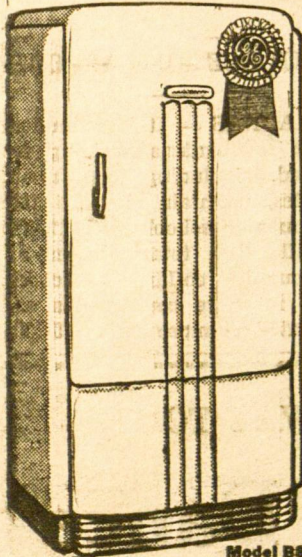


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Dr. W. J. Phillips

Dr. W. J. Phillips (above) is the latest of Chicago Lithuanian physicians to place his name in the JAUNIMAS directory, the most complete professional service guide in Chicago. Dr. Phillips, whose office is at 2155 W. Cermak rd., is a native West Sider. He began his practice in 1938, having graduated from Loyola in 1937. Dr. Phillips is the present president of the Lambda Mu Delta fraternity, which is composed of American-born Lithuanian physicians and dentists in Chicago.

Fraternity Is Ten Years Old

The Lambda Mu Delta Fraternity, an organization embracing American-born Lithuanian physicians and dentists of Chicago, will celebrate its tenth birthday April 27 with a banquet at the Hotel Plaisance, 60th St. and Stony Island Ave.

The fraternity was organized in 1930 by Drs. J. Simonaitis, J. J. Simkus, A. J. Manikas, J. Russell (now in Washington, D. C.), A. E. Sukis, and F. Winskunas. Dr. Simonaitis was the first president. At present the organization has an active membership of 17. Dr. W. J. Phillips is the president. Dr. Sukis is vice-president and Dr. C. Svensiskas, the secretary.

The celebration dinner will be for members and their families only.

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Pennsylvania Girl Finds Movie Career And Royal Husband

SHENANDOAH, Pa.—Word was received here from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, that Miss Mary R. Sukevičius (Schuck), who left this city seven years ago to study voice in Munich, Germany, only to become a glamorous star of the German stage and screen, six weeks ago became the bride of Prince Nicholas Orloff. Miss Sukevičius is known to theatre-goers in Europe as Ma-

rina Marshall. Prince Orloff is a cousin of the late Czar. Played With Gigli

Miss Sukevičius left for Europe in 1933, and it was while studying at the Academy of Music in Munich, that she was asked to play a major part in the film, "You Are My Happiness", starring Beniamino Gigli, world-famous Italian opera star. Later she made another picture with Gigli, "His Majesty, the Singer". Since then she has appeared in a number of German and French movies.

S. R. O. At Consul's Testimonial Fete

More than 400 people, crowding every available inch of the spacious Shoreland hotel ballroom, attended the testimonial dinner in honor of Petras Daužvardis, Lithuanian consul, here on April 7. A number of guests who failed to make their reservations in advance, were glad to get standing room. The Knights of Lithuania presented the Consul with a desk set. At one time Daužvardis was the national vice-president of the K of L organization.

\$2,000 Check

During the banquet, a check for \$2,000.00 was presented to the Consul for the Vilnius Relief Fund by Leonardas Shimutis, editor of the daily Draugas. The money was raised by the Lithuanian Catholic Federation, of which Shimutis is the national secretary.

The banquet was held under the auspices of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Illinois. Dr. Stephen Biežis presided.

Nationalists Show Gains in Election For SLA Offices

NEW YORK — Out-voted nearly two to one in the primaries, the nationalists ticket so far has staged a remarkable comeback in the elections for national offices of the SLA and are leading at present according to tabulation of returns from 90 councils. However there are still some 200 lodges unreported.

The nationalist camp reports the following results in the elections held by the above mentioned 90 lodges:

For President	
F. J. Bagočius	1,022
W. F. Laukaitis	1,105
J. Miliauskas	217
For Vice President	
J. K. Mažukna	1,184
V. A. Kersevičius	1,236
For Secretary	
M. J. Vinikas	1,454
D. Pilka	663
K. Michelsonas	256
For Treasurer	
K. P. Gugis	1,025
J. Bachunas	1,032
J. Zebris	273
For Trustees (2)	
S. Mockus	1,324
Miss E. Mikuzis	964
P. Dargis	793
J. Brazauskas	1,058
J. Januskevicius	372
J. K. Urbonas	163
For Medical Examiner	
Dr. J. S. Staneslow	995
Dr. S. Biežis	1,049
Dr. A. L. Graičunas	389

CICERO DEMOCRATS "GET EVEN" WITH NORBERT TUMAVICK

CICERO — Norbert Tumavick, secretary of the Cicero School Board for the past two years, lost his job in the elections last Saturday when the regular Democratic Organization, which at first had endorsed the Lith. decided to dump him. This was done in order to even a score with Tumavick, because the latter wanted to run for the office of City Assessor in the Cicero city elections.

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Vilniečių Šelpimas

Chicagoje jau kuris laikas kaip konsulo Daužvardžio iniciatyva stengiamasi sutverti bendras komitetas Vilniaus lietuvių šelpimo reikalais rūpintis. Komitetas norima sudaryti ant visas-sroves-įmančių pamatų. Tik tokia organizacija, suvienijus lietuvių organizuotą visuomenę galėtų sukelti rimtesnę paramą suvargusiems vilniečiams.

Iki šiol tos paramos, geriau sakant aukų rinkimu, rūpinosi ištisa eilė atskirų, partijų susiskaldžiusių nereikšmingų komitetų ir komitetėlių. Kad šitoks vienybės stokojantis judėjimas turi menką našumą matome iš to kad per pirmuosius šešis (PACIUS SVARBIAUSIUS) mėnesius nuo sostinės atgavimo, iš suvirš pusės milijono amerikiečių lietuvių sulaukta tik nepilnai \$20,000. Tik \$20,000 kada buvo galima ir TURĖTA realizuoti mažiausiai keli šimtai tukstančių!

Ir patys vilniečiai nusistebėjo, kad kažin kas atsitiko su Amerikos lietuvių dosnumu. Štai ką vienas jų "Vilniaus Balse" rašo:

"Gal ne mūsų reikalas yra vertinti lietuvių išeivių dosnumą ir svarstyti pagalbą palyginti tuo reikalu jų dosnumą su Lietuvos lietuvių duodamomis aukomis, bet norėtus bent spėti tas priežastis, dėl kurių šiuo reikalu pasitaiko, jei taip galima pasakyti, nesklandumų."

"Amerikiečiai lietuviai mus šelpė per devyniolika okupacijos metų ir esame tikri, kad tas jų dosnumas neišseko. Jei dabar nepasipila taip gausios aukos, tai todėl, kad ten stinga reikiamos geros organizacijos, kurios pagalba galėtų visą šių aukų rinkimą tvarkyti."

Tas vilnietis neklysta. Amerikiečių lietuvių dosnumas šiandien nėra nei kiek mažesnis už tą kurį jie parodė Nepriklausomos Lietuvos kurimosi ir vėliau jos stiprinimo metais. Tiesa, amerikietis lietuvis šiandien dėl ekonominės depresijos yra kiek biednesnis, bet DUOTI savo tėvų šalies reikalams jis dar GALI ir NORI. Savais gyvenimo reikalais besirūpinant labai dažnai tas dosnumo jausmas užsnusta ir reikia tik geros organizacijos ir gerų vadų jį pabudinti ir jo lietuviškąją pareigą priminti.

Ir juo greičiau bendras komitetas bus suverta, tuo greičiau ir daugiau pašalpos Vilniečiai iš savo brolių amerikiečių susilauks.

SLA Laiko Rinkimus

Tokios įkaintos kampanijos pildomosios tarybos rinkimuose kaip, kad šiemetinė, S.L.A. nėra turėjęs per daug metų. Varžybos už kas-valdys-vietas buvo įtemptos ir gyvos.

Nors rinkimai oficialiai nėra dar pasibaigę, šiuo metu jau didesnė kuopų dalis yra atbalsavusios; tos kurios dar nebalsavo turės tai padaryti bėgy sekančių dviejų savaitių, ir kandidatai dabar jau kiek apsiraminę laukia sužinoti ar nariai jų 'platformas' užgyrė ar atmetė.

O kokios tos platformos? Kuriais k'ausimais vieni kandidatai bandė kitus nugalėti? Kurie SLA reikalai buvo pamatu svarbiausių ginčų?

Ar bent viena pusė išėjo su konkrečią programą kaip pakelti Amerikos lietuvių kultūrinį lygį? Ar buvo padaryta BENT PAŽADAI dirbti lietuvių organizavimui ir būrimui jų į stipresnę progresyvią vienetą? Kas išsitarė apie perpetuaviną lietuvių išeivijoje? Kas parodė susirūpinimą jaunosios kartos nuo per greito ištautėjimo gelbėjimo reikalais?

Veltui klausėme įvairių kalbų, veltui skaitėme įvairius agitacinius straipsnius ir propagandines brošiūras. Tiems klausimams atsakymo neradome niekur. Viskas ką rado me tai buvo kalbos apie biznį, DOLERIAI, MORTGICIAI, BONDSAI, INVESTMENTAI, NUOSTOLIAI, PELNAS, ATLYGINIMAS, KELIONPINIGIAI, etc. Tai terminai iš SLA pildomosios tarybos kandidatų rinkiminio leksikono.

Mums atrodo, kad ar tik neperdaug bizniui, ir permažai tautiniai kultūriniais reikalais rūpinamasi. Mes vis dar laukiame, kada SLA pradės taip reikalingą akciją jaunosios kartos tarpe.

Himno Problema

Kažinkas Lietuvoj užsimanė giedoti Lietuvos Himną bažnyčioje, bet dvasinė vyriaušybė pasakė, kad nevalia. Kauno spaudos pranešimais tas atsakymas buvo paremtas tuo, kad himne Dievo vardas nesuminėtas nei kartą. Dabar visoj šaly svarstoma kas daryti.

Vieni siulo Dievo vardą į esamąjį himną įterpti, kiti gi, kad reikia atskirą himną gauti. Pastarųjų pusė daug kas stoja už priėmimą Maironio-Naujalio "Apsaugok Aukščiausiąs tą šalį." Sumanymas pakeisti žodžius Vinco Kudirkos parašytam "Lietuva Tėvyne Musų" sutinka daug opozicijos. Kuo visas reikalas baigsis, šiuo kartu yra dar sunku pasakyti. Greičiausiai susilauksime dar vieno (o gal ir daugiau) himno.

COMMENTARIES—

By E. J. K.

For many years we have been looking with admiration at the wide-spread activities, the ambition and initiative, and talent of a group of young American Lithuanians who have merited a top rank with our nationality in this country, and particularly in the Chicago area. We refer to the Lithuanian University Club, or the LUC as it is popularly known.

This group recently added another stone to the foundation of good-will it has built up among our people when it refused to accept a proffered membership in the American Youth Congress.

Without attempting to go into the pros and cons of such an anticipated move, this decision of the LUC is another shining example of how scrupulously it avoids even the slightest danger of becoming tainted by politics or factionalism. Bravo!

One of the most interesting and promising departures in the field of Lithuanian journalism is the monthly "Lietuva", published in the East. The format and editorial style (in part) are taken from the News Week and Time, and the effect is excellent.

The publishers, however, are working under the handicap of not being able to receive up-to-the-minute, and exclusive news from Lithuania. About their only source of up-to-the-minute news material is the Lithuanian governmental news agency, Elta, which is noted for the anemic, belated, propagandistic news dispatches it sends to our Lithuanian press in this country. If it is wise enough to steer clear of factionalism, we see, and hope for, a great future ahead for "Lietuva."

The 1940 census is on and we are waiting to see how many Lithuanians we have left in this country.

The 1930 tabulations revealed 429,000 Liths (immigrants and their children and grandchildren) in the States. The 1930 figures show there are some 60,000 Lithuanians in Chicago.

Exaggeration of these figures, especially by our politicians around election time, has been of questionable value in the past. Why not avoid this nonsensical padding of census figures in the future?

If we will admit to ourselves and to everybody else that there are really only a half-million, instead of one million, of us in this country, we will be prouder of what we have accomplished by ourselves, and it will enhance the social and cultural contributions of our nationality to America in the eyes of other nationalities.

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HYPHENATED AMERICANISM

I do not recall whether you were present or not at one of the American-Lithuanian Day meetings, when I brought up the point about our hyphenated Americanism, and how strongly we were complimented, due to the fact that our letterheads found the word "American" preceding the word "Lithuanian".

In checking JAUNIMAS, I find just the opposite to be true; that is "JAUNIMAS, The Lithuanian-American Newspaper." This is only a suggestion, but I venture to say that it expresses the sentiments of true Americans, and the attitude they assume in dealing with such a topic.

PETER WAICHUNAS
Melrose Park, Ill.

ON UNITY

Intended to write a few remarks concerning the American-Lithuanian newspaper JAUNIMAS long ago. The intention was good, but there is an old saying "Hell is lined with good intentions." To more or less out smart that phrase the services of a typewriter and some paper finally has been employed.

The factors which resurrected the buried intention directly traces to the JAUNIMAS issue of April 1-15, 1940 and the VIENYBE issue of April 12, 1940. Those who read E. J. K.'s column in the mentioned JAUNIMAS issue should be pleased to note that VIENYBE found in it enough substance for a rather lengthy editorial comment. What is most interesting is the fact that E. J. K. expressed himself in English with enough American-Lithuanian feeling to inspire a Lithuanian editor to write an editorial in very expressive Lithuanian.

As a possible step toward helping the older generation understand the view and feeling of the younger generation that Lithuanian editorial really should go a long way. Our parents who make up the older generation, and that part of the older generation which makes up its executive organizations, should not fail to heed their children's sincere dislike of the factionalism, and the ugly political practices easily traced to their ranks. The total number of Lithuanians in the United States is not too great to be split into too many separate groups; moreover the fundamental ties to keep them close together are simple and binding. First, it is their common heritage from Lithuania. Second, it is their acquired experiences in the United States. And third, it is their position as parents interested in maintaining a healthy family life among other families in the United States.

When our parents came to the United States perhaps they brought some factionalism with them, but still after becoming kneaded in the new land their relationship with one another should have become closer as Lithuanian-

Americans. And as their children began to grow the realization that they had the responsibility of raising youngsters who would have to mature into good citizens for the United States, and at the same time, learn to be good friends for Lithuania, readily should have drawn the Lithuanian-Americans into a more co-operative group; however, that did not transpire.

Yet with the passing of years a strange, unexpected phenomenon in the development of the younger generation appeared. And as the American-Lithuanian, now of age, began to find means of expressing its point of view in English, the generation of its parents had to reckon with it. At first it was accomplished by getting various Lithuanian-American dailies and weeklies to begin English sections among their pages. On these pages the first comments of the younger generation started to appear. To be sure there was criticism. Even in Lithuania it had its echo. The LIETUVOS AIDAS, LIETUVOS ŽINIOS and XX AMŽIUS allowed writers to take it upon themselves to look at such policy in the United States as a breach of respect to Lithuania and the Lithuanian language. To them it was a process of denationalization; however they forgot that those who wrote their remarks in the English sections were born in the United States, and mostly were educated in the free schools of the United States. It was short-sighted of those Lithuanian writers to overlook the possible good effects of those English sections. Those Lithuanian critics could not grant that, the English writings of the younger generation of America would have the tendency of bringing the American-Lithuanians nearer their parents' heritage and language. The results are becoming quite evident today. Thanks to the various English sections and the JAUNIMAS which came later. C. V. LIUTAS
Chicago, Ill.

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(Miss) Florence Gapsis,
Baltimore, Md.

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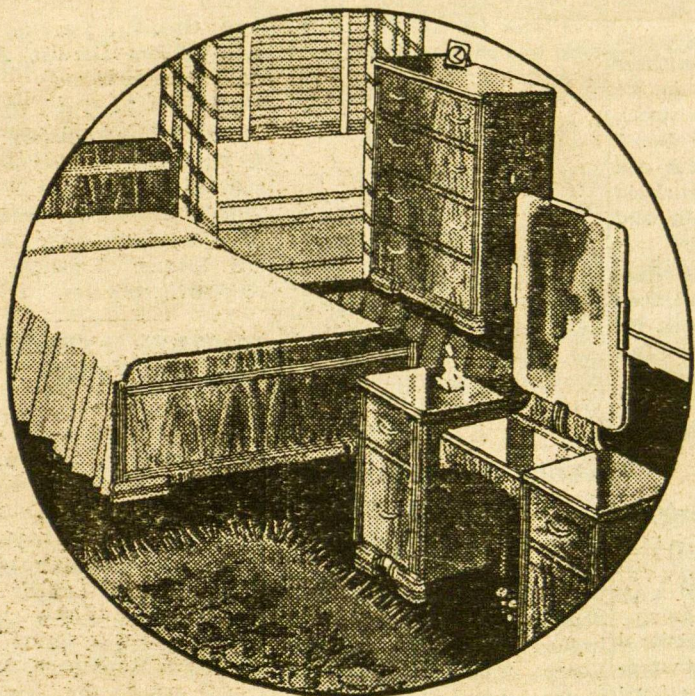
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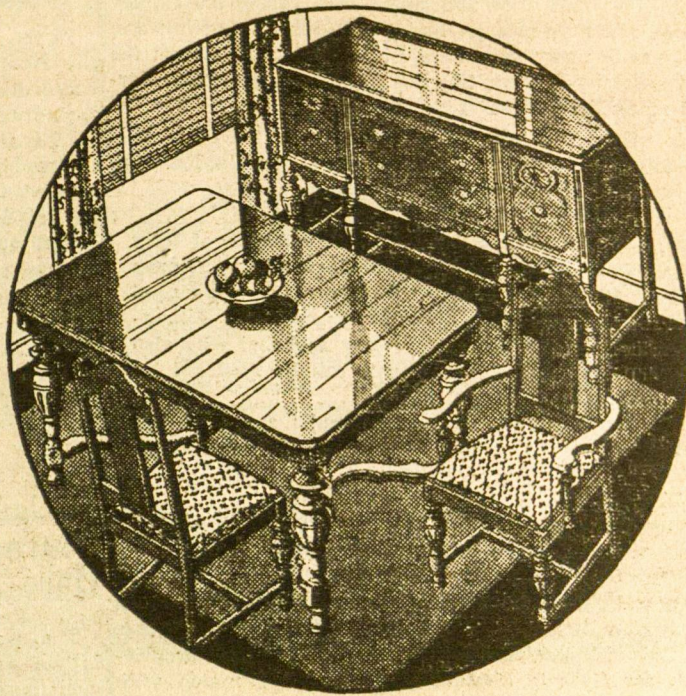
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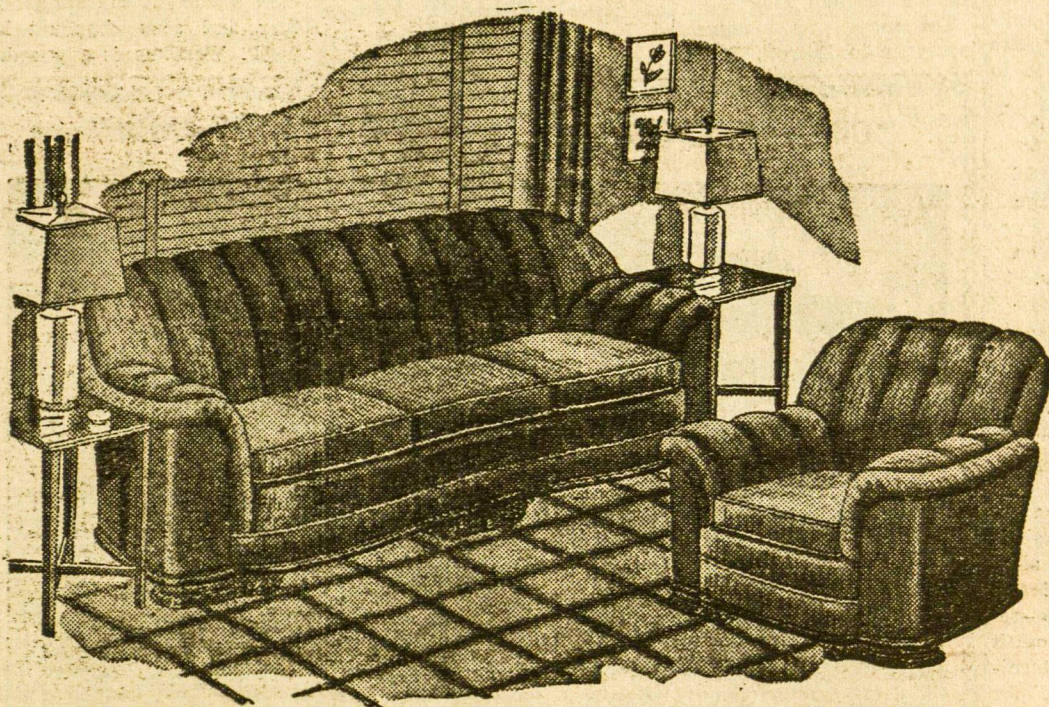
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ON THE BENCH

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JAUNIMAS SPORTS EDITOR

★
Al Penkunis, our Lithuanian boxer, is following the footsteps of the current stage and screen stars by changing his proverbial Lithuanian monicker to that of one radio and screen band leader called Ben Bernie. Mr. Penkunis may assume the greatest in respects for Mr. Winchell's "pal" and all that to acquire such a Hancock, and from ringside observations, Penkunis is just as popular as Hr. Swift's prized product since he balanced his weight with that stage tag.

Since he towed the rosin row as a former contender, the Lith "Jekyll and Hyde" has had a lengthy list of nommes-de-plume for Abe Green's Jersey boxing commission. He fought under these: Al Penkunis, "Poker" Penkunis, Al Albin, Al Mason and now Ben Bernie—yowsah!

CONFUCIUS AND HIS FOLLOWER SPOKE LITHUANIAN

You can book this from the records if you care. Thomas Pei, a Chinese waiter at the Lotus Gardens on 47th Street in New York City can speak the Lith tongue with great ease. Much to our surprise, Tommy related the fact that for twelve years he was Number One house boy for the late Doctor John Torkas of New York City and stated that during his employ at the Doctor's residence he had the honor of meeting and conversing with many prominent Lith athletes. He boasts the honor of speaking to Jack Sharkey, Vito Tamulis, Russ Morgan and many other "400" Lithuanian's.

Note to other Lith papers: You can catch the Honorable Mr. Pei any time during the day at the Lotus Garden. But, don't forget, he's a pretty clever Chinaman at that.

★
Tommy Allen (Alenskis), a favorite tap dancer at Billy Rose's Diamond Horse Shoe sez that he and Russ Morgan will make any Lithuanian benefit show for a personal appearance so long as the affair is sponsored by Lithuanians. Ditto Vito Tamulis and Johnny Dickshot who also fell in the same line. Arrangements can be rendered by getting in touch with yours truly.

To the Messrs. Allen, Morgan, Tamulis and Dickshot—labai ačiū!

ON THE FITE TRAILS

The only Lithuanian surviving the "Golden Gloves" in New York was Johnny Nojunas of Philadelphia. Nojunas decised Otto Stowe in a six round affair as an alternate in that 160 pound classic. Ringside experts classed his style with that of another former Lith boxing hero of a bygone day, Georgie Chip (Chipolonis), now a Scranton tavern proprietor—Look for Georgie Kostulis gunning for a match with Bill Conn in September at the Madison Square Garden—if the present day boxing regime is properly supervised, Kostulis and a host of other clever boxers will get their chance with the top-notchers. That surprise package for Kotsulis will be opened for him after he comes through the eastern fite mob's ruling without a scratch. At present the only possible chance for him would be favorable when and if the cheap-skate match-maker moguls of the big town vote him in.

That Jack Sharkey's father has filed a petition for bankruptcy is what we have been told—which comes out into nothing that Jack's old man is the father of a fairly well-to-do son—we cannot understand it!

YOU AXED IT.

Charley Butch, former "Golden Glover" lives at 66 Hudson Street in Brooklyn—works in a liquor storage warehouse.

Vito Tamulis signed his Brooklyn Dodgers contract on March 31, 1940 for a set price that runs in five figgers.

Pennsylvania is a "dead" spot for Lithuanian organizations.

Eastern Knights of Lithuania will get underway with plans for their track meet for this coming June with the possibilities of sponsoring the track and field events at the large Kearny High School stadium of that city.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BENCH

The Lith Club basketball team of Elizabeth closed the second season on the court by defeating the Bucktown "Yo-Yo" Girls, eastern Pennsylvania champions—kinda going sissy for that last fray, eh boys! TO JACK JUOZAITIS: Sorry, am not a member of the ALAA—some mistake, old chap—regards to the missus. The New Jersey K of L bowling outfit fared very low at the Detroit ABC show—Catholic Fraternity, another "kid" team had the last laugh on many "vets" for firsttimers at the Detroit when they shot two hundred sticks better than the "ribbers". George (Mc)Waylonis claims that the Parish Five of DuBois, Pa., has a colorful outfit with their basketball team and rate with the best in that sector—by the way, "Irish" George—we're still waiting! Next to any psychopatic ward comes that ever popular "Big Paul's Cafe" where Paul Smijunas, the bartender with the "curly" hair can render more laughs than the Olsen and Johnson "Hellzapoppin" show—it's a place for any first timer to go whacky within an hour. Thanks, GIRLS, for those nice words and the invitation to your Waterbury affair—we may "guest" for you as you state. SEZ JOE YANKOUSKAS: "I heard of a man getting rich with animals—he said he owns a herd of a million "bucks"! S'long folk's.

Wilman Loses Bowling Title

DETROIT, Mich., April 13 —Joe Wilman, the Chicago Lithuanian who won the American Bowling congress all-events title last year with a 2,028 total, relinquished his crown today. But, after totaling 581 with the Cicero Budweisers in the team event and 594 in the doubles, he came back in the singles with a smashing 703 total. His nine game tally was 1,878 for a 208.6 average.

Willman gave the fans a thrill when he started his solo series with seven consecutive strikes. He drew the 4-6 split in the eighth frame, struck in the ninth, and spared out for 246.

Luck Deserts Him

In the second game Joe left the No. 10 pin up on three consecutive pocket hits in the first three frames. He struck in the fourth, but the No. 7 pin wobbled in the fifth and refused to fall. He struck in the sixth and seventh and spared out for 192.

Wilman started his final game with a spare and then threaded five more strikes. He spared in the seventh and followed with a "four-bagger" for a 265, landing in eight place for the best Chicago solo series of the meet.

National Bowling Tourney to Open Here April 20th

The second annual national Lithuanian bowling tournament is set to open here April 20, announced Joseph A. Stegwell, secretary of the tourney committee. It will be held at the Milo-Wiesner Recreation Center, 835 West 35th Street and will run thru three successive week ends, April 20-21, April 27-28 and May 4-5.

The meet was inaugurated last year in Detroit, Mich.

National Basketball Title Goes To Duquesne Quintet

DuBois Takes Second Place, Amsterdam Finishes Third

CLEVELAND, O., April 14 —Duquesne All Stars won the National Lithuanian basketball championship and the Zadeikis trophy in the third annual national tourney held here yesterday and today. Du Bois Liths finished second and the Amsterdam Lithuanians took third place.

Sixteen teams participated. Three were from Chicago, namely, the Pirmyn chorus, Tumavick Boosters and Marquette Parkers. Col. Povilas Zadeikis, Lithuanian minister in Washington, whose trophy was awarded to the champions, was on hand to make the presentation.

Liths Defeated By Estonians

KAUNAS. — The Lithuanian basketball team, led by ex-Chicagoan Michael Ruzgis, playing its first international game since the outbreak of the present European war, lost to Esthonia by the score of 40:38.

Track Stars Act As Pall Bearers For Their Coach

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Members of the 1940 track team, headed by captain Theodor Leonas, acted as pall bearers at the funeral of John B. Nicholson, Notre Dame track coach, who died here April 2. The pall bearers attended garbed in their monogram sweaters.

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Venslovas Named ALAA President For Fourth Term

CLEVELAND, O., April 14, 1940 — George Venslovas, of Cleveland, was elected president of the American Lithuanian Athletic Association for the fourth consecutive year at the annual meeting held here in conjunction with the basketball tournament. Others named on the board are Joseph Galdik, Dayton, Ohio, and William Darulis, Akron, Ohio, vice-presidents.

John L. Juozaitis, Chicago, Ill., recording secretary; Geo. R. Waylonis, Du Bois, Pa., financial secretary; William Vilda, Cleveland, treasurer; John A. Shulmistras, Chicago, and William Kachuba, Detroit, Mich., trustees.

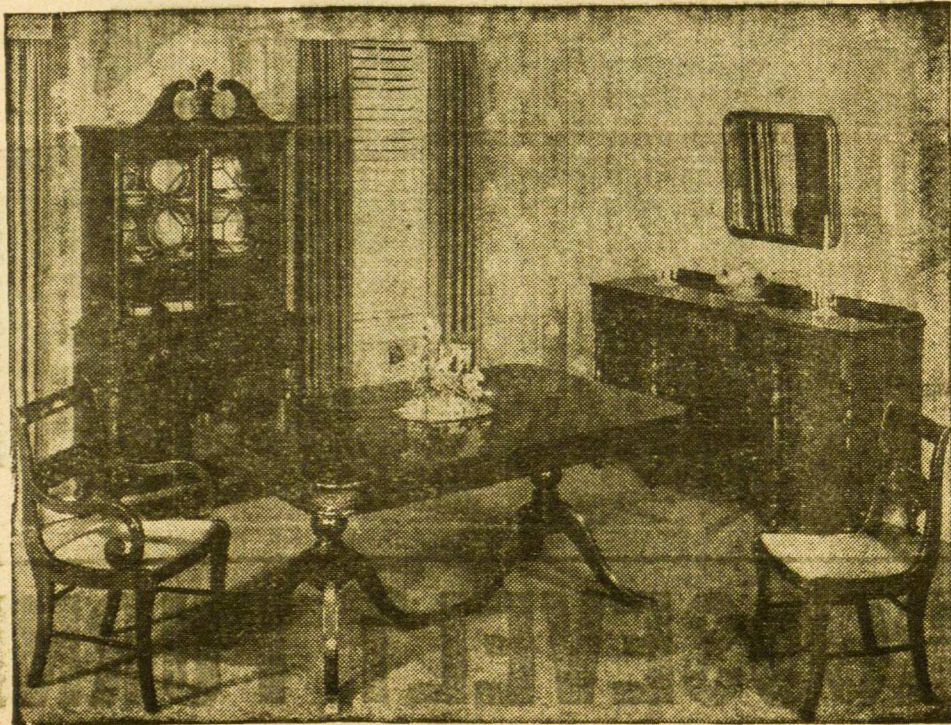
WAITKUS FARMED BY CHICAGO CUBS

TULSA, Okla. — Ed Waitkus, youthful first baseman from Massachusetts, who was purchased by the Cubs last fall after a great year with Moline (Ill.), is now playing with the Tulsa Cub farm club in the Texas league. During a recent spring training game Waitkus made two triples against the New York Yankees.

WENSKUS RE-ELECTED

George Wenskus was re-elected captain of the Loyola university basketball team for next season at the annual father and sons banquet last week. Wenskus is a guard.

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THE SOVEREIGN OF DAINAVA

(An Ancient Lithuanian Legend)
Translated by Al dona Kundrotaitė

(Lithuania, like every other nation, has many beautiful legends which enrich the folklore. Many of these legends were recorded by Vincas Kreivė, Dainava's foremost man of letters. Among these legends, the story of Šarūnas, the hunchback of Dainava, is one of the most popular.

Miss Aldona Kundrotaitė, recently of Kaunas who, is now studying at the Columbia university, translated some of those thousands of years old legends, among them that concerning Šarūnas. Miss Kundrotaitė, who learned the English language in Lithuania, has sent us the following translation which, we are sure, will interest our readers. —Ed.)

Nobody knew where he came from. Seated in a corner he was almost like a piece of furniture in the dim and greyish cottage. When the winds argued, raising a wild storm, the little hunchback crawled out from his lair and dragging on his short hairy legs, joyfully inhaled the cold refreshing air. His little dark eyes flashed, and then accompanied by the wind, he howled with furious delight. He had no friends nor did he care for them.

On shiny days the youth of the village used to gather on the lawn and amuse themselves singing and playing. Sometimes the hunchback was lured by the songs and ran out of his lair to the lawn to join the singers. But upon seeing the hunchback approaching, everybody got scared, and shouting: "Šarūnas, the hunchback" — scattered away. Left alone, Šarūnas, creeping on all fours — short legs and long arms both hairy — would return to his cottage. Gradually he stopped walking on clear and sunny days.

Sarunas Lonesome

Every starry evening sitting near his cottage, Šarūnas heard from afar the songs which young men and girls sang, saying goodbye to the sun, complaining of their hard lot, enjoying the beauty of nature, yearning for the beloved ones. Listening to those songs, Šarūnas bitterly felt his loneliness. Thus sparks of hatred entered his eyes, and slowly gathered, faster and firmer they crept in and overruled his weary heart. When his hatred became too strong, in a rage he mounted his horse and rode over the fields and forests till his fury died out.

Rumors spread through the country-side about the fierce hunchbacked knight, who day or night roamed over the land. When Šarūnas' horse galloped by nobody dared to sing, nobody dared to laugh or to get in his way.

By and by songs died out and flames of fire appeared on the sky more and more frequently. Blood was shed throughout the country, women and children were imprisoned by the cruel invaders houses were burnt, the harvest was trampled down. Terror seized the army and the whole land was plundered and desperate. Only a few

men were left, most of them old and weak, yet they would defend their homes, but there was no leader to lead them.

And so one day, when riding as usual over the fields, Šarūnas galloped into a group of men. They stood dumb and weary, their faces full of distress.

Swords Instead of Tongues

Šarūnas glanced at them with his small mysterious eyes, then suddenly he broke out into a wild roar:

"Fellows, the enemy invades our land and you are standing like a flock of sheep, just waiting for a miracle to save you. Once you used to be very industrious with your tongues, now your tongues are at rest. Why don't you start to work with your swords?"

"We would start, but there is no one to lead us."

Thus Šarūnas took up his sword, gathered around him all men able to fight and led them to action.

And again the sky was red with flames. This time it was Šarūnas who set houses on fire, whose hordes trampled the harvest, whose men shed blood around.

On and on he went. He was victorious over all the surrounding countries and there was nobody to conquer him. He poured bags of seeds on the ground and when the winds scattered them, from every little seed there stood a warrior. When his soldiers were killed in a battle, Šarūnas brought them back to life during the night and in the morning his army was whole again. Thus his army never could be destroyed. Where Šarūnas passed, blood-rivers were flowing; where his horses galloped, famine and pestilence followed and the air was sultry from fires and curses thrown after him. No woman or child could keep from trembling when his name was mentioned. Neither women's prayers nor children's tears would touch him. There had never been a ruler more hated or dreaded than Šarūnas. He knew only cruelty and hatred against those who were ferocious against him. His ambition knew no bounds and he craved to become the most powerful ruler in the world. He conquered all his enemies and was thus recognized as the most powerful sovereign on earth.

In Search of Peace

But there was a God in heaven, who was even more powerful than he. Šarūnas could not find peace till he was above God, and so he decided to vanquish Him. Three days and three nights he drilled and armed his warriors. On the fourth day he was ready to fight. He lined up his soldiers and prepared them to aim at the sky, while on a hill from afar, he observed the siege. A whole day and a whole night his warriors shot into the heavens and on the second day God became angry and struck back with thunder. The panic-stricken warrior turned on his ruler. Suddenly

ly the earth opened and swallowed up Šarūnas, the hunchback, and his whole army. The sky was red from blood, the air was sultry with lamentings and the earth shook with repugnance. A violent storm arose, mingling earth and heaven and making the water in the lakes boil.

The next day people found a new lake on the top of the hill where Šarūnas had stood commanding the siege. Every night lamentings came from the lake and when a storm arose, Šarūnas, the most powerful and cruel Sovereign of Dainava, raced on a fiery steed into the dark of the night.

Largest Local Lith Group Begins Youth Activities Friday

An overflow crowd will be expected at the Darius-Girėnas Memorial hall on Friday, April 19, by the youth committee of the Chicago Lithuanian Society, revealed Beatrice Mockus, secretary of the recently formed youth section.

According to Miss Mockus, the youth committee of the largest local Lithuanian organization in the United States was formed just six weeks ago. The committee is headed by Algird Rulis and includes, besides Miss Mockus, Charles Matekunas, Josephine Miller, Valeria Ladiga, Paul Ridikas, Al Mickevičius, Peter Kitchas, John Kubilius, Albert Petkus, Joseph Žukas and Bruno Ray Mathews.

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One of my friends gave me a combination pencil and flashlight. Cute gadget. It's for writing in the dark. Sounds nutty, doesn't it. Here's the idea: You have a good idea in the middle of the night; if you wait until morning you may forget the idea; so you grab this pencil and turn on the flashlight at the top; write; you don't have to turn on the light, or look for a pencil, or disturb anyone. Simple, eh? All the ads about it say, "Every Writer Should Have One!". Of course, it has great possibilities. There are a hundred other times when this marvelous invention could be very handy. But I'll let you think of other uses yourself.

For the past week, ever since I got this infernal thing, I haven't been able to sleep. I've stayed awake night after night trying to get an idea. Just so I could use this new pencil. What a waste of time. I got no ideas. I got no sleep.

Of course, I did use it several times. But I don't know if you would call the results worthwhile. Waking up out of a sound nightmare one night, I switched

on my trusty "Writer's Friend" and dashed off the following: ...

There was a Lith named Malloy,
A fine upstanding young boy,
So why the Irish tag?
Well' here's the gag.
He's just of the type that thinks his
Real name would be a handicap in his
Business and social life, the dope.

A business Lith that I know,
Has oodles and oodles of dough,

"Trade at a Lith," he cries,
"Not by those other guys."
But when his wife wants a new fur coat

He gets it through a friend of his

Who knows a person who is THAT close

To the son-in-law of the big fur dealer Goldstein.

Lith patriots by the score,
Knock and knock on my door,
"Come every Lith
To MY benefit..."

And so, as an example, we have about a dozen competing celebrations of the anniversary of Lith independence, each claiming to be the one and only official and the only one that benefits is the sponsor.

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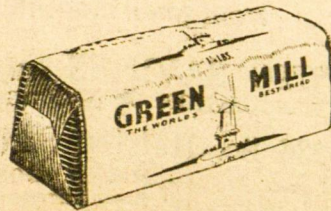


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I WAS IN LITHUANIA DURING HER CRISES!

By A. DZUKAS

[A. Azukas has returned to the United States a few weeks ago, after spending two years in Lithuania. His experiences there during the Polish ultimatum of March, 1938, the loss of Klaipeda and the regaining of Vilnius in 1939, provided him with the opportunity to learn what was really going on in Lithuania during these periods. His present article reveals facts which were hitherto unknown to us in America.—Ed.]

(Cont. from last issue) as are her enormously rich Klaipeda, contrary to German propaganda, is even today ethnographically, linguistically and by blood almost purely Lithuanian territory. The German population of Klaipeda is found only in the city itself, in provincial officialdom and in the comparatively new German colonies. Tho the territory be so Lithuanian ethnographically-linguistically, that much, unfortunately, cannot be said for the spirit of its people, which is largely German.

It is only natural, of course, that 700 years of separation from the body proper of the Lithuanian nation should speak much for the present character of the Klaipedietis. Where the Lithuanian of Lithuania Proper is a Roman Catholic, a phlegmatic type of person and fatalistic, yet with something of a revolutionary urge in his soul, his brother Lithuanian in Klaipeda is by religion Protestant, extremely conservative and with a proper and practical evaluation of that German orderliness and discipline of which he has made himself a part.

It was the blunder of Lithuania's central government itself in ignoring or paying too little attention to this special character of the Lithuanian-Klaipedietis which, in a large measure, was responsible for the loss of the territory. It is extremely sad that in Young Lithuania Old Russia's heritage, so rich in bureaucracy and paperism, should still exercise so much influence. The answer to the "Why" in this matter lies in the fact that twenty-two years has been too short a time and with means too limited to permit Lithuania to make herself so wise at the game

as are her enormously rich and hundreds-of-years-old neighbors.

The war in Europe, disrupting normal trade relations on the whole continent, has not left Lithuania untouched. With the difficulties thus presented Little Lithuania would have been able to cope, had she not been forced to take upon herself new and greater burdens: 15,000 Polish troops and 3,000 civilians seeking refuge from the invading Germans; 100,000 more Poles that came with Vilnius; and finally, thousands of Lithuanian refugees from those parts of the Vilnius territory still occupied by Russia and Germany. Yet another great drain on Lithuania's finances was the mobilization of the army.

SUPER-PATRIOTS FLEE

At the very outbreak of German-Polish hostilities, Lithuania sought to increase her military strength by calling up several classes of reserve officers for "repeated training", but when the Polish retreat began, an almost complete mobilization of the country's resources was ordered. Those were exciting days in Lithuania with rumors flying thick and fast.

(To be continued)

TWO SCORE 30 POINTS BUT STREAK BROKEN

WILKES-BARRE, PA. (G.) —Paralis and Malonis, two flashy Liths, scored fifteen points each for their Alma Mater in a game here last week but it wasn't enough and Scranton University's 17 game winning streak was broken by the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, 48 to 44.

Birutė in New Operetta Sunday

A new Lithuanian operetta, "Viengungiai" (The Bachelors), will be given its American premiere by the Birutė chorus at the Chicago Lithuanian Auditorium this Sunday, April 21.

"Viengungiai" is the work of a Lithuanian "modernist", Andriulis. Presentations of the operetta in Kaunas and the Lithuanian provinces have been given great acclaim.

The cast in Sunday's presentation will include Eva Širvaitis, Whitney Tarutis, Zenon Praninskas, John Balanda, Aldona Gulbin, John Daučkus and John Svitoris.

New Songs in Concert

Following the operetta, the Birutė chorus will present a concert which will include several recently composed songs, unheard of as yet among the Chicago Lithuanians. Among these will be "Lithuanica", a composition dedicated to the memory of Darius and Girėnas, "Vėjo Dukra", and "Linėlius Roviav".

Anthony Kaminskas and Helen Vespender will be soloists in the concert.

PENNSYLVANIANS HOLD LITH SONG FESTIVAL

SHENANDOAH, PA. —The Lithuanian parish choir of Shenandoah, Girardville and Hazleton were featured in a Lithuanian Song festival held here last week. The program was under the direction of Antanas Grigoraitis, choir-master of the local St. George's Church. Casimir Hoffman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Andrew J. Ackel and Miss Ona Savitsky, both of Shenandoah, appeared as soloists. Rev. J. A. Karalius, pastor of St. George parish acted as host to visiting singers and musicians.

"BALALAIKA" REACHES KAUNAS DESPITE WAR

KAUNAS — Despite the war-hampered traffic between Lithuania and the United States, the Hollywood-made film, "Balalaika", starring Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey, arrived here in mid-March for the Baltic premiere. This is the first time that a picture

has been released simultaneously in Kaunas and the American theatres. Eddy has a big following here among the fairer sex. Other male American movie stars to enjoy immense popularity are Gary Cooper, Mickey Rooney, Clark Gable and Tyrone Power. The latter is currently playing the local screens in "The Rains Came."

Lith Dentists Join the Navy

Dr. William J. Charm, youthful Chicago dentist, last month joined the Dental Corp of the United States Navy. He will be stationed in Washington, D. C. Another Chicago Lith who joined the same Corp few months earlier is John B. Borden, Jr., son of the prominent attorney here.

VILNIS 20 YEARS OLD

Twenty years of existence were commemorated by Vilnis, the Chicago Lithuanian Communist daily last Friday. A fifty-six page issue was issued to mark the occasion. On Sunday, the anniversary was celebrated at the Ashland Auditorium, several thousand persons attending.

Vilnis was first published on April 8, 1920 as a weekly.

EINSTEIN'S SUCCESSOR

Professor of mathematics Peiker, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is being hailed by many as a second Einstein. Peiker is a graduate of the Alytus gymnasium in Lithuania, where he was born. He came to America in 1927.

New Chorus in Debut

The newly formed Keistutis chorus will make its debut Sunday, April 21 when it will present an original operetta, "Kauno Ponai" at the West Side Hall. The chorus, sponsored by the Keistutis Beneficial Club, is under the direction of Juozas Ziuronas.

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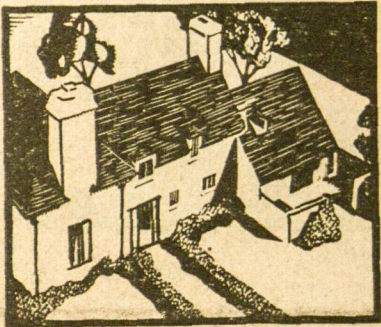
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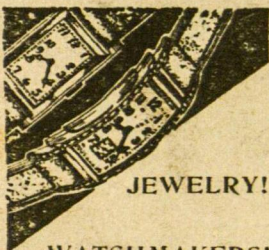


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