

THIS DAY and AGE

Lithuanian Olympic Basketball Tournament Champions and Runner-Ups

Religious Education Can Stop Crime

A SERIES OF EDITORIALS ON EDUCATION

EDITORIAL

IN the teachings of the Catholic Church our nation has the leaven for the development of the highest type of American citizenship. For she stresses in season and out of season the supreme importance of character and honesty of life. "Be a good Catholic and become a good citizen." She makes honesty a matter of principle. She grounds it upon the solid bedrock of religion, which enables it to stand four-square to all the winds that blow.

You cannot be a religious person says the Church unless you are a good person. You cannot have God and hate your neighbor. There is no divorce, no separation between religion and morality. St. Blanche, Queen of France, once addressed her son the King, "Louis, my son, I love most tenderly, but sooner would I see you a corpse at my feet, and France bereft of a throne, than that you should lead a bad life."

Our nation is engaged in a vigorous war against crime which has been sweeping across our land in great tidal waves. J. Edgar Hoover estimates that crime is costing our country annually about 15 billion dollars. We have gained the reputation as the worst lawless people in the civilized world. Thus more homicides occur in Chicago alone in the course of a single year than in the whole of England with its population of forty million.

APUD NOS

CHOIR SODALITIES CULTURAL CLUB

THE CHOIR CRIER

Dimple Denters

Tony Svetkauskas living up to his newly acquired name as "politician" by going about, chucking little boys and girls under the chin, and cooing to babies... he even chewed the conventional seegar.

After calling a meeting for the purpose of discussing it, the girls arrived to the conclusion, that the new suit sported by Frank Novak is just "too-too".

Vicky Citavicius upon being informed that she was selected for one of the ballets that will dance in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", immediately displayed her enthusiasm by vigorously "1-2-3-ing". And with illustration

Mrs. J. Brazaitis (nee Regina Greicius) started something when she coupled Bruno Kudzius with a certain tall, blond damsel, in her bridal party. Oh Yes! Bruno is a frequent caller at a residence on Melrose Ave. (For more specific detail, call GREENWICH 1212).

Scene: A comfortably furnished parlour.

Time: A starlit summer evening.

Actor: Al Varkala.

Action: The actor diminishing his finger nails as well as his rapid increasing nervousness. He alternately paces the floor and mops perspiration from a steaming brow. (Dear Reader: This is not a preface to Al's "popping the question to his best girl", but Al awaiting the fatal moment when—)

Scene: II

Time: 15 minutes later.

Action: Sweet young lady in a crackling white uniform announces cheerily, "You're next sir." Al, submissively staggers in, placing himself at the mercy of a dentist.

CURTAIN

For results, watch Al's smile.

Hear Ye

Flourish... Ta-ra! Final Choir outing, August 28. We meet in front of the church at 2:00 p.m.

Costumes for Snow White and Seven Dwarfs are on the road to completion.

To a former, Choir member, Lucille Monville.

With wordly pleasures she refused to be enticed, She bids the world farewell to be The promised bride of Christ.

Dear Kuire Kidlets:

After spending a day or two on the tennis courts, I've arrived to the conclusion that life is just a series of tennis balls that have to be chased.

Tennis-Mindedly, THE KID

SODALITY NEWS

Worry! Worry! Worry!

It just goes to show how easy it is to make a mistake. We thought we got something when we got the Royalists but after the first dance we discovered our mistake. The auditions were just a waste of time it seems.

Last Thursday the Rhythm Riders were just as disappointing. This week Lee May's orchestra will play and next week Gene Sullivan will be here for our semi-formal dance. After that—no one knows what will happen.

The officers have quite a problem on their hands. First to get a good orchestra and then to do something about that crowd that's ruining our reputation.

Better Luck Next Year

Although the rain kept the crowd away from the parish picnic Sunday it didn't keep those that were there from having a good time. There was plenty of room to dance and it certainly was cool enough.

Father Patrick didn't let the rain keep him from attending the picnic. It was great to see him again.

Among the Sodalists

Many times during the last month I heard a number of our girls speak of the "Twelve Bells Club." My curiosity finally got the best of me so I decided to question one of the members.

"What kind of a club is it?" I asked.

"I'm sorry but we can't have any more members," came the unexpected reply.

I explained that I didn't want to join it. I was only interested in hearing something about it. She then told me that the membership was limited to twelve girls and that all the girls who were at the "Open Arms" cottage in Painsville belonged to it. The reason for the organization of the club was to save money so that next summer the girls will be able to go out to the cottage again.

The president by the way, is Julia Halaburda.

I think it's a swell idea for a club. How about adding another bell (dumb) to the club name and letting me join it?

A SODALIST



Pictured here are teams which participated in the basketball tournament of the Lithuanian Olympiad. Upper left—The Grandis team which finished third; upper center—part of the crowd; upper right—The Ausros team, runners-up in the womens division. Lower left—The womens J SO team which finished third; lower center—The American team, Olympic champs. (Standing third from right is George Venslovas of Cleveland); lower right—The LFLS team womens champions.

Dukes Drive On To Second Half Crown

The Dukes continued their march to the second half title in the St. George Softball loop by defeating the Nirosky Barons and Wild Cats the past week.

In one of the most thrilling battles played on the St. George lot, the Dukes overpowered the slugging Nirosky Barons, 2-1, last Thursday. Joe Godnk's airtight hurling and the bat of Tony Pesky won the game for the Dukes.

Tony Pesky batted in both of the Dukes runs by hammering out a home-run in the first inning and singling home the winning run in the fifth frame. Mike Futnic, ace of the Baron hill-staff, worked for the Niroskys.

Behind the two-hit pitching of Joe Ketvirtis the Dukes scored an easy 6-0 victory over the last-place Wild Cats, last Tuesday evening. Ketvirtis was a real master on the slab giving up two singles and fanning fifteen men.

Friday, August 26, the Lasky Old Timers and the Dukes will meet to decide the second place team of the first half. This was due to the withdrawal of the Crucible Steels from the league, who finished in the number two spot in the first half.

In the new arrangement, the top-ranking team in each half must defeat the second place team to win the half title. The winner of the Lasky-Duke game will meet the Barons for the first half crown on Friday, Sept. 9th. The first place teams in each

half will play for the beautiful trophy won by the Old Timers last year.

Last Friday at Gordon Park the St. George CYO team dropped to second place in the CYO loop due to the defeat at the hands of their neighborhood rivals, St. Francis.

With a victory in this game the local CYO's would have gained undisputed possession of first place in the Central Division of the CYO league. But Ken Greenwald and the boys from the across the block proved to be the "spoilers", and sent the boys down to defeat, 2-1.

SCHEDULE

Week of August 29th

MONDAY—Whiffers vs. Nirosky Barons.
TUESDAY—Wild Cats vs. Bills Billiards.
WEDNESDAY—Lasky Old Timers vs. Wild Cats.
THURSDAY—Lasky Old Timers vs. Nirosky Barons.
FRIDAY—Dukes vs. Lasky Old Timers. (For second place of first half).

STANDINGS

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
|------------------|---|---|------|
| Dukes | 4 | 1 | .800 |
| Nirosky Barons | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Whiffers | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Bills Billiards | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Lasky Old Timers | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Wild Cats | 0 | 2 | .000 |

Lithuanian Athletic Club Prepares for Gary Trip

Next Saturday, Sept. 3, the Cleveland Lithuanian A. C. softball team will leave for Gary, Indiana to play in the National Lithuanian Softball Championships sponsored by the ALAA. The games will be played on Sunday, September 4th.

Racine, Wis., winners of the West Championships will play Cleveland, runners-up in the Midwest, Detroit winner in the Midwest, will play Gary, runner-up in the West, in the first bracket of play. Winners will play for the National Title and losers will play for a consolation cup.

As this trip is a 800 mile journey and involves great expense for fifteen players, the club is relying on Lithuanian business men and people to help these boys for

the trip. A committee is making visits to prominent Lithuanian business men to ask for donations of any kinds and amounts.

In an effort to raise funds the club is holding a raffle, with a prize of five dollars and four additional awards. The donation is only five cents and the raffle will be run of at Grigaitis' Tailor Shop 1274 Addison Rd., on August 30.

A send-off party will be held for the team at Mr. John Brazas lawn at 6905 Superior Ave., on August 27 at 8:30 p.m. Admission will be free and all are invited.

Don't forget the bowler's meeting at Grigaitis' Tailor Shop on Tuesday August 30th. All Lithuanian men and women who are interested in this sport are invited to attend.

Around Town

A large group of friends and acquaintances gathered at the New Parish Hall last Tuesday for a surprise shower on Wanda Yanusaitis, parish organist.

Wanda and John Suzelis will be wedded in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, August 27 at 10:30 a.m. Father Karuziskis will officiate at the Solemn High Mass.

A total of 24 children of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, received Holy Communion for the first time last Sunday.

This day will be long remembered by all who attended the ceremony.

Known to a great number of friends, Charlotte Misius, entered the religious order of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Last Wednesday at an impressive ceremony, officiated at by Bishop McFadden. Charlotte received the habit and was given the name of Sister Mary Celine of the Presentation.

Frank Rudd, president of the St. George Softball League and an active worker in St. George parish affairs is on a short vacation in West Virginia.

West Virginia is the birth place of Mr. Rudd and he is visiting his many friends there.

The search for a suitable orchestra to play for the weekly St. George dances still goes on. Next weeks band will be selected from a group comprising Griff Morris, Hal Martin and Bob Hagedorn.

LETS LAUGH

Statist'cs

Little Boston Girl: "If the corporation doesn't object, I'd prefer to pay full fare and to keep my own statistics."

Not So S-L-O-W

A little girl of five was entertaining while her mother was getting ready. One of the ladies remarked to the other with a significant look, "Not very pre-e-t-y-s-m-a-r-t."

Not Very Orthodox

Teacher: Does your father, pray Susie?
Susie: "Yes teacher. When we sat down to supper last night, he first thing he said was, 'Good Lord! We've got beans again.'"

The best reducing exercise is to shake the head violently from side to side when offered a second helping.

Common sense is instinct, and enough of it is genius.

A BOOK REVIEW — 'A Lithuanian Village'

I have always bemoaned the fact that there are so few books in English about Lithuanians and their native land. The scarcity of Lithuanian authors and the translation of their works into the English language has always been a source of regret to me. There are many good Lithuanian writers of novels and travels, of past history and present, but since the youth of our nationality would rather forget than learn our native tongue the authors are not known and unread.

I came across a book in the Cleveland Public Library with the title of "A Lithuanian Village." The author was Leon Kobrin. He had written the book in Yiddish and the translation was made by one Isaac Goldberg. I eagerly brought it home and started reading. After the first three sentences my eagerness turned to bewilderment. The further I read the more disappointed I became. The first three sentences of the book are here reprinted.

"Somewhere in Lithuania there once nestled the little village of B—. It boasted a population of several hundred Jewish souls and a score or more of Gentile peasants; it had a market and shops, an old, gloomy Polish church in the middle of the market-place, a Jewish apothecary who would have been reckoned by his fellow Jews as a Gentile, only that he appeared in the synagogue at New Year's services and upon the Day

of Atonement; a Jewish teacher with an excellent handwriting, who taught all the flourishes of calligraphy, in both Yiddish and Russian, to the boys and girls of the community, at twenty-five kopeks per month; a Rabbi, or as he was called, a dispenser of justice; a couple of slaughterers; a money lender; a pair of cantors; a public bath and several synagogues, begging pardon for mentioning the profane and the sacred in the same breath. In addition there was a Gentile police sergeant,— a veritable emperor in his domains."

Just where it gets the title of "A Lithuanian Village", I don't know. A more apt title would have been "Jews in Lithuania". And a Polish church in a Lithuanian village stirs the imagination.

After considerable discussion of the Jews of that village, with the discussion in their favor and of the Lithuanians there with pointed remarks against them he ends with the same sentence he began, "Somewhere in Lithuania there once nestled the village of B—."

No wonder our young people shy from books concerning Lithuania if that is what they are filled with. The crying need is for works and stories written by Lithuanians and translated into English. And the ones who are adept in the Lithuanian grammar and language are the ones who should take on their shoulders this task. Pegasus.

Tennis Tournament

The St. George Tennis Club will conduct its first Mens Singles Tennis Tournament at the St. George's tennis courts. The play-offs will start Saturday, August 27 at 9 a.m. The finals will be run off at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, August 28th.

Excellent competition will be featured in both classes, A and B. A beautiful emblematic cup will be presented to the champion. The donors of this cup are the members of the Variety Club. The cup is hand-carved and is the product of the skillful Phil Brakshaw.

St. George's Parish is donating a beautiful gold medal to the winners in both divisions and a bronze medal to the runners-up in both classes.

Frank Burns, supervisor of the courts and Bruce Simon the instructor will be the officials for the tournament.

Father Sofranec is very happy to see this tournament as the cul-

mination of a desire for some such exhibition ever since the inauguration of the courts under his direction two years ago. This year he has been most ably assisted by Frank Burns who has brought the membership up to fifty.

There will be an exhibition doubles match played Sunday afternoon about 4 p.m. Participants will be Hank Mitchell and Frank Jenulson vs. Bruce Simon and Phil Brakshaw.

Everybody is not only welcome but should definitely come to see the matches.

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