



TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

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The Lithuanian Alliance of America is a fraternal organization which provides for insurance and sickness benefits for its members. Other functions of the Alliance (SLA), as outlined in its constitution, are to encourage social, cultural and educational activities among Americans of Lithuanian descent. Because these are all worthy purposes, the Alliance has flourished.

It hasn't been smooth sailing for the Alliance during the fifty three years of its existence. Expensive errors of judgement were made from time to time because few of our people were qualified by experience to handle large sums of money. If there were errors made, they were honest ones, and the fact that the Alliance suffered only small losses, compared to other similar organizations, during the stock market crash, bears this out.

Despite this, and despite the fact that there had been several secessions of large political groups from the Alliance, many of us joined the SLA believing that similar errors of judgement would not be repeated. Being young, we believed the axiom our elders have taught us: "The burnt child fears the fire."

That the *naivete* of Youth was responsible for our believing such things has been forcefully brought home to us by the activities of the Executive Board of the Alliance. It begins to appear that the archaic system of learning from trial and error doesn't apply to those who guide the destinies of the oldest and wealthiest Lithuanian fraternal organization.

If we are to believe what we read in the editorial page of the SLA official organ "Tevyne", we are a bunch of fools and liars when we voice an objection to having our SLA money squandered just because those who want to spend it say that the expenditure is necessary (offering no tangible evidence to prove such a contention).

The point at issue in this case is the movement started, apparently, by editor Jurgelionis of "Tevyne", to move the secretarial and editorial offices of the Alliance from New York to Pennsylvania. If this were necessary, there would be no argument against it. In fact, the Detroit convention of the SLA passed a resolution which would provide for this action if the Pennsylvania insurance department would demand it.

No such demand has been made, as far as we know. Why, then, this consuming anxiety to incur unnecessary expenditures? It has been estimated that the transfer would cost anywhere between thirty five and a hundred thousand dollars, depending upon whether it would be necessary to purchase suitable property for the purpose. Don't you agree with me that such an expenditure, if made without urgent necessity, would be an extremely expensive error? The Alliance

MUSICIANS GUILD MUSICALE

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Lith. Amer. Musicians Guild of U. S. is pleased to announce that final details for the Christmas Musicals have been arranged. It will take place Friday evening, Dec. 30th at 8:30 p. m. in Alliance Hall, 197 Grand St., Brooklyn. The following will take part in the program: Miss Margaret Digrys, violinist; Miss Mildred Zudzius, pianist; Mr. C. R. Hoffman, baritone; and the Lietuvos Daina Ensemble directed by Miss Violet Tamkus.

Considering the fact that instrumental soloists are a rarity on Brooklyn Lithuanian programs, we feel sure that the public will appreciate them; and having heard Miss Digrys and Miss Zudzius too, we won't be surprised if it dawns upon the mthat thru/all these years they have been missing something. Instrumental solo music on Lithuanian programs in Brooklyn are just about as rare as water on a desert. How refreshing to have a drink of water in the desert! And how satisfying it will be to hear the sparkling cadenzas of a violin, its languishing melodies and throbbing rhythms from the hands of an excellent violinist; or the rippling arpeggios and gripping chords from a piano.

Undoubtedly you will be in high spirits after listening to the concert music. You'll feel like whirling around. So— we will have music for dancing. And what with your high spirits and tripping the light fantastic no one would be surprised if you felt the need for a slight repast. Uh-huh—refreshments will be available. Remember the date? Friday evening Dec. 30th at 8:30 p. m. Tickets may be had in advance from any member or in VIENYBĖ's office. Just ask the charming young lady at the desk for them. They are fifty cents each.

LITHUANIAN FOLK FESTIVAL JANUARY 11

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Lithuanians will have their day at the Folk Festival series sponsored by the New York Daily Mirror January 11th at Manhattan Center, 34th Street and 8th Avenue. Lithuanians will share the day with Rumanians. Admission, with a coupon clipped from the Daily Mirror, will be thirty five cents.

The Lithuanian program will include Lithuanian folk dances by the "Lyrates" group directed by Lillian Stillson-Antanavicius, the singing of the Lietuvos Daina Ensemble directed by Violet Tamkus, the Queen of Angles Parish choir directed by prof. Dulke, and the sensational singing star of concert and radio, Al Vasiliauskas. A twenty piece orchestra provided by the Daily Mirror will offer Lithuanian compositions.

Rarely has such an array of Lithuanian talent been assembled at one time, and for this reason it is hoped that Lithuanian Americans will make every effort to be on hand in order to enjoy the well-balanced program these fine young artists will offer.

already owns almost half of a million dollars worth of property. Why not use some of that, if the present secretarial and editorial quarters are so unsuitable?

The Marxes Halt Their Delirium to Look



Groucho, Harpo and Chico Marx, cast in RKO Radio's "Room Service," pause in their mad doings to observe the grace of Ann Miller, dancing comedienne, who will be in the screen version of the Broadway comedy. Miss Miller made her most recent hit in "Stage Door" as Ginger Rogers' dancing sidekick.

IMPORTANT TO ALL SLA MEMBERS

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—As you probably know by this time, the SLA main office has to be moved into the State of Pennsylvania. The choice of the city has been left up to the members to be voted on in December or January. This really should not be necessary as the Detroit Convention voted to move the main office to Pittsburgh. But since this matter is going to be put up to the members directly, I am going to show you why your choice should be Pittsburgh.

FIRST: Pittsburgh is located in the center of the SLA empire. It is practically an overnight trip from every Lithuanian community in the United States. Pittsburgh is 440 miles from New York, 468 miles from Chicago, 318 miles from Detroit, 547 miles from Hartford, 668 miles from Boston, and 368 miles from Baltimore. Pittsburgh can be reached from all these cities by either rail, air, or highway. We have four main line railroads, three airlines, and two national highways serving Pittsburgh. One can reach Pittsburgh at practically any time of the day or night.

SECOND: Pittsburgh is the industrial center of the world. The value of Pittsburgh's manufactured products per year exceeds that of each of forty states.

The Pittsburgh district has coal of the finest quality sufficient to last at least 300 years.

More coal, steel, gravel and other bulk tonnage was transported on Pittsburgh's three rivers than on the Suez and Panama Canals combined in any average month.

Pittsburgh has an annual tonnage two and one half times greater than New York, London, and Hamburg combined.

THIRD: Pittsburgh is a city of art and culture.

In the civic center more than one hundred million dollars is represented in magnificent structures which constitute one of the most striking architect-

ural groups possessed by any American city.

One has only to see our Oakland district and marvel at the sheer beauty of its buildings. Our Cathedral of Learning, only skyscraper schoolhouse in the world; H. J. Heinz Memorial Chapel; Mellon Institute, already known as the "Laboratory of the World;" Stephen C. Foster Memorial Theatre and Shrine; Carnegie Institute, where the only annual International Art Exhibit in America is held; Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall; Pitt Stadium; Forbes Field; and many others.

Pittsburgh has three Universities and a College for Women, with approximate total registration of 20,000 students. The Pittsburgh Public School system is considered to be the finest of any large city in America.

FOURTH: Living conditions in Pittsburgh are on a par with any other city in the United States.

Temperature for 65 years averaged only two days a year that hit as low as zero and only fifteen days a year that hit as high as 90.

Only one city, Seattle, has purer water than Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh has more rooms in its eight largest hotels than any other city in America except New York, Chicago or Detroit.

We have twenty four parks containing 1,857 acres in Pittsburgh proper. Schenley Park is rivaled only by the city park of London, England.

Allegheny County has more golf courses than any one county in America and the Oakmont course is considered by the professionals as one of the very best in this country.

Our mountain residential districts are as attractive as any in the country.

I hope that in the few facts listed above I have convinced you that Pittsburgh is the ideal spot for the main office of the SLA. So for the good of the

Lithuanian Alliance of America, let's all vote to move it to Pittsburgh, the city that is "Halfway from everywhere."
Vitty Virbickas.

THIS MONTH IN LITHUANIAN HISTORY

DECEMBER

December 1, 1924—Death of Prof. K. Buga, eminent Lithuanian historian and authority of Lithuanian language.

December 6, 1928—Death of renowned pedagogue Juozas Damijonaitis.

December 7, 1919—Lithuanian troops occupied Siauliai.

December 15, 1931—Death of Juozas Vokietaitis, pedagogue and burgomaster of Kaunas.

December 16, 1904—Death of Dr. Jurgis Zaurveinas-Girenas, author of the words to the patriotic song "Lietuviais esame mes gimę."

December 17, 1926—Antanas Smetona was elected president of Lithuania after a coup d'etat resulted in the retirement of president Dr. K. Grinius.

December 17, 1931—Death of Jonas Yčas, professor of history at the Vytautas the Great University.

December 23, 1904—"Vilniaus žodis," first Lithuanian daily newspaper in Vilnius, made its initial appearance.

December 31, 1858—Birth of Dr. Vincas Kudirka, author-composer of the Lithuanian national anthem and most beloved of Lithuanian literary figures.

December 31, 1831—Death of Silvestras Valiunas, author of "Ant krašto marių."

December, 1916—Death of dramatist Gabrielius Landsbergas-Zemkalnis, who wrote the libretto and lyrics to Mikas Petrauskas' best loved opera "Birute".

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LONG ISLAND HAILS LEADERS OF GIFT PLANE MOVEMENT

Pilot Šaltenis Leads Cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers at Great Neck Banquet

GREAT NECK, L. I.—Prominent Lithuanian Americans from many sections of Long Island and Brooklyn enthusiastically acclaimed Pilot Paul Šaltenis, Antanas Alekna and other leaders of the Darius-Girenas Aero Club at a dinner presented by the local branch of the Aero Club in Kasmocius' Hall, Sunday, December 11th. Pilot Šaltenis was guest of honor.

Flyer Speaks Well

Mr. Šaltenis held the diners spellbound as he described his experiences in Lithuania. Briefly, but vividly, the flyer described the impressive ceremonies connected with his presenting a modern flying ship to the "Sauliu Sajunga" on behalf of Americans of Lithuanian descent. He offered to his enthralled audience a beautiful word picture which faithfully expressed everything he had seen, thought and felt while traveling throughout the greater part of Lithuania and Lithuania's historic capital, Vilnius.

Cheer Local Couple

Amid thunderous bursts of applause and cheers Mr. Šaltenis concluded his speech by proclaiming that the scheduled presentation of the gift plane at Kaunas was made possible only because of the public-

spirited action of Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers-Radzevicius, who advanced a loan of four hundred dollars to the Aero Club just when it began to appear that it might be necessary to postpone the entire plan's culmination. **Speakers Score Triumph**

Antanas Alekna, secretary of the Aero Club, offered a stirring, patriotic address which struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the assembled guests. Other speakers included Vitalis Bukšnaitis, president of the Lithuanian American National Youth League; V. Kaminskas, president of the Darius-Girenas Aero Club; J. Ambraziejus, treasurer of the Aero Club; Mr. Blazonis, president of the local branch of the Lithuanian American Roman Catholic Federation; Miss Biruta Stadulis, president of the Great Neck Girls' Club; Mr. Stadulis, president of the Lithuanian Sons and Daughters Club; Al Vasiliauskas, president of Lithuania and Lithuania's historic capital, Vilnius. 109 of the Knights of Lithuania, opened the evening's proceedings by introducing William Wolf (Vilkas), who acted as master of ceremonies. The speakers were all extremely effective, and those who heard them will long recall, with pleasure, this affair.

SPORTSMEN AND SPORTS

By V. F. B.

One of the first to enter our All-Lithuanian-American football contest is a gentleman from Providence, Rhode Island who signs himself "Luke." Here is his bid for the prizes offered by VIENYBĖ's English page:

ENDS: Stulgaitis of Columbia and Yudikaitis of Fordham.

TACKLES: Beinor of Notre Dame and Dobrus of Carnegie Tech.

GUARDS: Petroskas of Fordham and Drulis of Temple.

CENTER: Apolskis of Marquette.

BACKS: Mazaika of St. Mary, Radvilas of Columbia, Mikulka of New York University and Osmanski of Holy Cross.

Another contestant is George Malinus of Jersey City, New Jersey. He submits the following lineup:

ENDS: Stulgaitis of Columbia University and Karsokas of Bowdoin.

TACKLES: Beinor of Notre Dame and Dobrus of Carnegie Tech.

GUARDS: Zelonis of Albright and Drulis of Temple.

CENTER: Apolskis of Marquette.

BACKS: Tranavitch of Rutgers, Hennis of Purdue, Radvilas of Columbia and Mikulka of New York University.

What do you think of these lineups? Do you agree with these selections? If not, how would you change them to make them the perfect "All-Lithuanian-American" football aggregation? Remember, you can win cash prizes if your submitted lineup comes closest to the consensus of all entrants in this contest. First prize will be five dollars and a year's subscription, second prize will be three dollars and a year's sub-

OPERETTA SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The rejuvenated Lithuanian Operetta Society elected new officers during a meeting held December 9th at the Lithuanian American Citizens Club, where the Society meets every Friday evening for rehearsals. The Operetta Society also voted to present its first affair of this season some time in February, although no definite date has yet been set.

New officers included president Pranas Bajoras, vice-president Antanas Gudonis, Secretary Miss Vizbara, treasurer Helen Atkocaitis. Elected as marshalls were the messrs. Marcelynas and Keblas; correspondents will be Miss Genevieve Vitaitis and Mr. Oswald Bagdonas. The arrangements committee will include the Misses Adele Radesauskas and Bernice Zilinskas, as well as Mr. John Adokobius. G. V.

