



By Vitalis Bukinaitis

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

A newspaper is like a clock in that few people realize just how important and necessary it is until it stops running.

The reason for this should be obvious. It takes a good deal of capital to establish a newspaper.

There seems to be a popular fallacy that Lithuanian American newspapers are wallowing in wealth, and as a result, on all sides we have indignant demands for free subscriptions.

Although VIENYBĖ has been published regularly for some fifty three years, it has felt the recent depression no less than any of our other newspapers.

It is urgently hoped that the readers themselves will make an effort to shoulder their share of the burden of publication.

Lullaby for Little Bolsheviks

(Fumbled by the Censors) Adolf, Benito, and Joe one night Sailed off in a wooden shoe: In a shoe too small, in a shoe too tight.

5,000 HAIL MARGUTIS' THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

By JOHN SARKAUSKAS

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 23.—Over 5,000 Lithuanians laughed, danced and otherwise made merry in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel when Margutis presented the 1933 Thanksgiving Festival.

Beginning promptly in the Margutis manner at the publicized hour of 6:30, the huge audience viewed colored movies taken at the New York World's Fair on the September 10th Lithuanian Day by the Motuzas Brothers.

Stalin Appears

The thousands of filled seats rocked heavily when Dedyte and Tetyte came upon the scene. Not discouraged with his recent but futile attempt to produce "canned snow" for the summer months, Jeronimas hit upon a new idea: he would impersonate Stalin and rule the world—or at least his home.

3 Choruses Sing

No less entertaining, judging from the ringing applause, were the three choruses which participated in the program. Led by director Juozas Sauris, the K. of L. Choristers presented a symphony of color and harmony on the soft, velvety bordered stage.

Lithuanian Opera Star

From the stately opera halls of Lithuania came Barbara Darlys to fill the spacious ballroom with melody lovely as her gracious person.

Dzimdzi Drimdzi

Topping the attractions of the Thanksgiving evening, was Caught Letts and Liths, and said, "I think There ought to be fish in Finland."

Adolf, Benito, and Joe. Adolf's luck was notably bad. And his humor was far from hearty: Benito remembered a date he had, and threatened to bolt the party.

the revival of Dzimdzi Drimdzi after 15 years. The first two of the former quartet of humorists, Composer Antanas Vanagaitis, Juozas Olsauskas, J. Dikinis and V. Dineika, reunited in a stirring revival of the stage entertainment which made Liths laugh the country over back in 1924.

NBC Orch. Plays Sukintis. No small wonder NBC features Bob Strong's orchestra over their Red coast to coast network, for once heard, these "Strong Men of Rhythm" are tops with this dance loving nation of ours.

Ever Onward

Thus another history making Margutis occasion has passed into the realm of pleasant memories. More will come. Lithuanians who live in this broad expanse known as the Middle West have come to know a new standard of Lithuanian entertainment.

OPERETES CHORUS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The "Operetes" Chorus held its annual election of officers Friday, December 1 at the Lithuanian American Citizens Club. Officers for the coming year are: President Pranas Bajoras, Vice president Anthony Gudonis, Secretary Grazina Vizbara, Treasurer Helen Atkocaitis, Marshall Alphonse Marcelynas.

Celebration and Plans

The Chorus will celebrate the success of its first concert this season by having a "get-together" for members tonight (December 8). Sorry, no "gate crashing" — admission will be by invitation only.

Because the plays and concerts so far presented by the "Operetes" Chorus have met with such remarkable success, Miss Violet Tamkus, talented musical director of the organization, has announced that the Chorus is prepared to present an operetta. Watch this page for more detailed announcements in the near future.

New and Old Members Welcome

Now is the time for young people who are interested in singing to join the Chorus. In a few weeks rehearsals for the operetta will begin, and we all know how hard it is to catch up with the rest of the chorus if the first rehearsals are missed.

"ISNIEKINTOS VELIAVOS" NEW-BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Reading Committee of the Lithuanian Book-of-the-Month Club announces another book. It is warmly recommended to everyone seeking some fine Lithuanian reading.

Lithuanians often lack, namely, a well filled-in background of our historic past and can only instill in us an even greater love for the language which has gone through more than a baptism of blood.

We have often heard some of these tales related in a general sort of way, but only after reading this volume of short stories can we fully sympathize with and appreciate the horrible persecution to which our people were forced to submit.

These short stories, some of these taking no more than 20 or 30 minutes of one's reading time, provide us with what some of the most conscientious

IN THE RANKS OF THE WARRIORS

By J. MARKAUSKAS

(Continued)

"Enough, enough, child! It is a shame for a youth to speak so—I danced and am now fatigued!"

Vytautas, feeling hurt by these bantering words, just waved his hand and left, closing the door. Judita glancing around, genially smiled and, taking my hand led me to the sofa, not sitting down herself, just thinking about something or other; finally she said softly:

"Do not be angry if I delay you for a short while." "Of course, I won't be angry."

"Let's go then." She led me to her small den (if it could be so called). Apart from a writing desk and a book case there stood a dresser and other similar furniture. The windows of this pleasant chamber looked upon the sheltered heart of the park.

My companion placed a second chair near the table and took from a drawer a quantity of sheets with various sketches. "Well, here's a whole year's work, how do you like it?"

"Very fine," I answered turning them over, but it was plain that she was getting to the point in a round-about way and did not dare to say directly; so I decided to help her.

"Young lady, you have not brought me here just for this?" "Was it necessary for you to say that?... It is true, I want to show you some jewels brought from Paris by my father."

From the dresser drawer she took the prettiest case, and placing it before me, opened it. Inside, beads, earrings and other ornaments sparkled, but what engrossed my attention were two pretty identical medallions. She noticed that I too, was looking at them admiringly. Taking one she opened it. Inside was a small photograph.

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The nominal cost of the book is certainly worth many times the pleasure and benefit you will derive from it. In the old days if the authorities were to find you with this book on your hands they would have burned down your whole house in revenge. Now you can enjoy it in leisure and perfect safety. Order your copy at once.

opened it,—and saw the pretty sympathetic black eyed face of Judita,—then meditated.

"A pretty cuss," he remarked,—you are a man, Henrik, and have good taste! That is your sweetheart? Evidently wealthy?..."

"Yes," I calmly responded, not feeling a bit happy over the compliment, for I knew that it would be necessary to suffer for all of this. His calm attitude indicated a spent storm.

"Well, run along now, only be more attentive next time; it is inelegant to be asleep. However, see me this evening."

Instructions ended, I went to the Captain, where we conversed for a long time; of course he did not forget to question about the beauty in the medallion. The result was a bond of friendly relations between us.

Time passed. Gone was the fair summer and autumn; it had commenced to snow. Winter, Christmas was approaching. Not all Lithuanian territory enjoyed freedom. The Klaipeda section bore the heavy yoke of France and Germany.

At that time I was in the instruction class and following the recess, I felt tired; within a moment I was dreaming of Judita again. Desiring to see her, I took the medallion and gazed at the photograph within it, unconscious of any outside noises and activities.

The instruction class was dismissed. The Captain commanded all of us to proceed to the gymnasium hall, which order I failed to hear. Left alone, he wearily approached me and glancing austerely, said:

"Why do you disobey? I wish to speak to you about it. What?... You have forgotten your duties!" Subjected suddenly, I had forgotten to stand at attention as befits the cadet, remaining seated as usual, with a bowed head.

The hand containing the medallion hung down with the chain trailing through the fingers. I became dejected because of probable discipline, and how severe... Seeing my discouragement he calmed down and looked at me more placidly.

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