









WE VIEW THE NEWS

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WITH JAPAN straining almost to the breaking point, and the Chinese advancing slowly but steadily, the war in China seems to be coming to a head. As Tokyo paid its respects to Japan's war dead with a moment of silence, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek optimistically broadcast a message in which he maintained that Japan was growing steadily weaker and China stronger. He estimated Japanese casualties in China at 1,000,000; while Japan admits officially only 60,000.

One of the most interesting points in the Sino-Japanese war is the highly developed guerrilla warfare, lack of which shortened the Ethiopian campaign. According to European trained General Chiu En-lai yearly deaths from guerrilla warfare amounts to 365,000. This, however, is not the only way in which the guerrillas harass the Japs. Transportation, communication, food trains; all receive the attention of the Warriors by Night. Since these bands are often made up of farmers who stay on the land after the Japs enter the territory, they are often hired by day to replace the rails they tore up the night before.

Twenty U. S. residents of China released in Shanghai recently a survey of conditions in the nine Japanese occupied Chinese cities. The combined population has shrunk from pre-war 5,800,000 to present 2,400,000. The Chinese puppet administration are "weak, inefficient and corrupt," business is depressed, there is widespread unemployment, prostitution is rampant and narcotics are sold openly under Japanese auspices. Their conclusion: "The whole former trend of constructive development has been shattered, and devastation, chaos and oppression brought in a regime which has yet to show any significantly constructive influence." This then is the 'culture and civilization' which Japan wishes to bring to all of China.

AT THE LAST session, the Senate hiked the price of U. S. mined silver from 64.64c per oz. to 70.95 per oz. Present world price is around 40c.

'MAKING HIMSELF FELT' in Spain, puppet Franco has clamped the lid down tight on the press and members thereof. Before the civil war Madrid boasted 16 daily newspapers; last week, only four. By last week 35 leading journalists had taken one way tickets to the wall, one of whom, Javier Bueno, was hung from the wall of his office in a barbed wire harness, fed copies of his paper 'Avance', and later shot.

During the period from 1933-1938 cases of all major diseases in Germany have doubled, with the exception of infantile paralysis. Cases of infantile paralysis have quadrupled. Hardest hit are men in the building trades who work 14-16 hours daily.

Most amazing disclosure of the German health statistics was the fact that 75% of the male population has been afflicted at one time or another with some form of venereal disease. This is a consequence not only of the moral paganism preached in Germany, but also is due to a lowering of the resistance to disease.

"TRUTH IS ON THE MARCH" IN NEW HOLLYWOOD FILMS

Youth Send Peace Envoys To Yugoslavia

PARIS, (ICN)—British, French and American youth have sent their own ambassadors to Yugoslavia as a gesture of peace and friendship with a country menaced by aggression. The delegation left Paris last week to represent the 40,000,000 strong World Youth Congress, headed by Christopher Seton Watson, son of the well known British authority on European affairs. Miss Mary Atherton, members of the British Youth Peace Assembly, is also a member of the delegation.

America is represented by Miss Leonora Linsley, the niece of the veteran United States statesman, former secretary of state, Mr. H. Stimson. She is also the grand-daughter of a former U. S. ambassador to Argentina.

The French representatives include M. Andre Tinnel of the French Ex-Service-men's youth section, M. S. Dausset, of the French League of Nations University group, and M. A. Severac of the French National Union of Students.

The delegation will be received by M. Beugere, French ambassador in Belgrade and will attend a mass meeting at the Belgrade University at which both the British and French Ambassadors are expected.

Lithuanian Girl Picked "Miss Typical New York"

NEW YORK.—Lithuanian beauty received official recognition here a week ago when Miss Ann Cvirka was selected as "Miss Typical New York."

Miss Cvirka is a Lithuanian-American girl of 18 years, residing in Woodside, and received the honor at the World's Fair on the evening of July 11. She had also won the title of "Miss Queens" in a previous beauty contest.

WARNER STUDIOS TO FILM PROGRESSIVE SHOWS DESPITE CRITICS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. — The story of Bishop Neimoller, the Lutheran minister who defied Hitler, is being rushed before the cameras by Warner Brothers despite the Hollywood rumors that the Culver City studio would abandon the anti-Nazi film. Another picture depicting secret opponents of the Nazis in Germany is also on the summer schedule.

Concerning the reports that "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" would discourage any further productions of this kind, Jack Warner declared that "we produced 'Nazi Spy' because we believed, first that it would provide dramatic entertainment and second, because we felt it exposed conditions concerning which every American, every free man everywhere should be informed."

"The public now has rendered its verdict both in the country and abroad and we are pleased to report that 'Spy' will be one of the most successful pictures Warners have produced this year," Warner said.

"SPY" FILM IS BOX OFFICE HIT

"Naturally the success of this type of picture which drew sharp protest from the Nazi Government and Nazi sympathizers in this country has not been pleasing news to certain people and they have been instrumental in spreading rumors that 'Spy' is not a successful picture. These tactics have caused certain other studios, I understand, to abandon plans they had made to produce pictures of a similar nature.

"Warners intends, however, to carry on its original independent program. It is quite evident to me that our opponents, who either have a personal axe to grind or who are not anxious to see the screen mature to a place where it can handle controversial subjects, do not have an understanding of the Warner type of determination of progressiveness.

"The same spirit which guided us in giving the world talking pictures against the cries of some

of these same critics, to present the first talking pictures in color, the first of the gangster films, which exposed conditions of that era, as well as 'Pasteur', 'Zola', 'Juarez', and countless other films of a definitely progressive nature is guiding us in our determination to stick to our policy of showing the public what exists in the world of today.

"We firmly believe, as Zola did, that 'truth is on the march' and nothing can stop it, and we hope to play a part in bringing these evident truths to all the people of the world."

LDS Drive Extra:

Redwings Enroll 7 New Members

Seven new applicants for membership in the LDS have been received by the Redwings, LDS Youth Branch of Brighton Park, since the Membership Drive began July 1st.

It was not learned how many have been accepted by the doctor nor the number of applicants whose applications have been forwarded to the National Office.

Forced Labor Ordered For German Youths

BERLIN — Between 100,000 and 150,000 youths have been called up for entrance into the compulsory labor services in October.

Nazi Toughs Harass American Youth in Many Cities

BALTIMORE—The attack on Melvin Bridge, 14-year old Jewish student of the Gyms Fall Junior High School here, by a group of his fellow students, continues to occupy the citizens' attention. Several investigations, now in progress, reveal that the attack was no sudden or isolated phenomenon but had a background of previous strife influenced by outside forces.

Hold Teacher Responsible

Various students at the school have connected the disturbances with a German teacher on the faculty. This woman, of German descent, is reported to have spoken approvingly of Nazi racial policies in one of her classes which contained no Jews.

One of the leaders of the attack on Bridge, Carroll Phillips, 17-year old boy scout, is a pupil in this particular class.

Rumors of a Nazi boy scout troop have been vigorously denied by local boys scout executives.

Nazi-Youth Toughs

A vigorous Nazi youth movement is in evidence in many other American cities. It takes its cue from Kuhn's German-American Bund, Pelley's Silver Shirts, Deatherage's Nationalists, Coughlin's group and other fascist organizations.

That the Baltimore school case was of such outside sponsorship may be seen from the fact that tremendous quantities of hatred-sowing handbills have been distributed in the schools of the city, frequently even forced into students' pockets.

In Baltimore, Philadelphia, Trenton, New York and other cities members of the youth division appear at Bund rallies in boy scout uniforms, with the labels ripped off. Six inch hunting knives are kept in sheaths attached to the wearers' belts.

Intimidate Parents

The parents of such young toughs are German anti-Nazis. Cases have been known where the children were severely censured by their parents for joining the Hitlerite youth movement and reacted by informing the Bund of their families' disapproval. This has frequently led to visits from local Bund thugs threatening reprisals against relatives in Germany if the children were not permitted to stay in the movement.

Youth Congress Asks \$500,000,000 Aid

NEW YORK—Included in the program of the American Youth Congress whose fifth conclave was held here recently was a plank asking that the United States Congress appropriate 500 million dollars for the needy youth of the nation. The sum was requested to provide for needy students, young professionals, vocational youth and young farmers.

Creed Of American Youth

(Creed adopted at American Youth Congress in New York City, July 4)

I DEDICATE myself to the services of my country and mankind.

I will uphold the American ideal which is the democratic way of life. I will help assure its bounty to all races, creeds and colors.

I will maintain my country, founded by men and women who sought a land where they could worship God in their own way, as a haven of the free conscience and the free religious spirit.

I will safeguard the heritage of industrial development, technical skill, natural resource and culture which has made my country the inspiration for the youth of all lands, and I will use whatever talents I have to add to this heritage.

I will be a social pioneer helping to forge new tools for an era in which education, the chance to make a decent living, the opportunity for health, recreation and culture will assure the fullest development to all.

I will respect and defend the Constitution, keystone of American liberties, which

includes the Bill of Rights granting freedom of press, of speech, of assembly. I will seek progress only within the framework of the American system of government which is founded on the principle that all political power is inherent in the people, and I will oppose all undemocratic tendencies and all forms of dictatorship.

I will make the United States a force for peace and pledge that my patriotism will not be at the expense of other peoples and nations, but one that will contribute to the good of man.

I will not permit race prejudice, religious intolerance, or class hatred to divide me from other young people. I will work for the unity of my generation and place the united strength at the service of my country, which I will defend against all enemies.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

# EDITORIALS

## 10,000 SPIES AT WORK

**S**TARTLING revelations by high French intelligence officials estimate that about 10,000 spies and informers are at work in Europe and America. Likewise, it is reported by the same French sources that half that number of counter-espionage agents are operating in tracking down the spies.

After having viewed "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" one catches the import of the French disclosures. Nazi and fascist agents are actively carrying on their insidious work of spying and sabotage in the United States, Britain and France in order to weaken and make the democracies vulnerable in the event of war between fascism and democracy.

In the United States the underhand work of Nazi agents in the aeroplane factories has been uncovered. In France and Great Britain the hand of fascist espionage has also been felt.

It was to be expected then that those countries which have been the targets of fascist espionage should take counter measures. A United Press dispatch of a recent date reports that now the United States, Great Britain and France have agreed to exchange information on Nazi and fascist spy activities. It is high time that something has been done. Vigilance is the price of liberty!

## THE LDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

**J**ULY 1st was the opening gun for the 10th Anniversary LDS Jubilee Membership Drive. Today marks the end of the third week of the drive.

Already during the first three weeks there has been developed the greatest sectional competition among the LDS youth branches. To our knowledge this is the first time that LDS youth are participating in a membership drive on such a large scale. This is indicative of the fact that the LDS youth movement is rapidly reaching maturity, and is beginning to understand its responsibility to Lithuanian-American youth.

LDS youth can feel duly proud of their achievements in the past and can be confident of attaining their next goal. However, we must guard against over-confidence and lay our plans well, lest we fall short of our objective. While it is our opinion that Chicago should win in a walk-over Massachusetts youth, nevertheless, it behooves Chicago LDS youth to carefully organize their drive-workers and to plan making each LDS affair, whether it be social or athletic or educational, the basis for enrolling new members.

If from today on, Chicago's LDS youth branches will take up the slogan: "Let's enroll new members at every LDS affair to defeat Massachusetts," we shall have the best assurance of victory. Let us with all seriousness and understanding make this the battle cry of Chicago's LDS youth. In the keynote of the last LDS convention let's go "onward to bigger things."

## FOR THE GOOD OF ALL

**W**E NOTICED with heartening interest a recent article which related the growing unity of Polish-American youth. This item captured our imagination. Immediately the question arose in our mind why if it were possible for Polish youth to unite why is the same not possible among Lithuanian-American youth.

It can't be that Lithuanian youth do not possess the intelligence and forthright of their Polish brothers and sisters. Nor can it be that the whole of Lithuanian youth would not benefit from such a unity. Therefore, we have concluded, it must be that a certain amount of confusion and unclarity exists among the various groupings of Lithuanian-American youth. Wherein exists this unclarity?

First, we believe that basis of this confusion exists in not understanding the issues upon which all Lithuanian youth could unite whether they be Catholics, Communists, Democrats, open-minded or just sincere and plain Lithuanian youth. But definitely, we feel that if on the basis of only building cooperation of Lithuanian youth for the sole purpose of enhancing Lithuanian organizations, unity is desirable. Second, confusion exists because some of us have lost sight of the basic problems which confront our youth. On the basis of these common problems, which we shall not enumerate here there exists foundation for a workable and beneficial unity to all Lithuanian youth. How many Lithuanian youth seek the answer to finding a job continuing their education? How many more wonder just how they can attain happiness in all the unhappy things about them. These are tangible problems which would find a better solution if all of the Lithuanian youth would but cooperate.

# LDS MUST TEACH YOUTH IN SPIRIT OF PROGRESS

From report of Youth Council Pres. to LDS Youth Conference, June 18

In one matter our youth is very weak and that is in the line of civic duties. How can our organization pride itself on molding and shaping the character of our youth and hoping to teach him to choose between right and wrong if we are to neglect our part in fostering a civic understanding to become good citizens.

Today the press spews forth its venom of hatred against organized labor, against the New Deal, against all progressive and constructive legislation. In order not to be misled or hoodwinked into believing their perverted and distorted news we must arm ourselves with a knowledge and understanding as the LDS is capable of giving.

Today there are numerous health measures before the state and national legislative bodies, there is the state minimum hour and wage law, the Wagner health bill, the social security act and numerous other bills which vitally concern our every day existence. We as an organization of clear thinking Lithuanian-Americans must do our duty in seeing that these measures passed by sending cards, resolutions and telegrams to our senators and representatives letting them know we want them passed.

The League of Industrial Girls, a section of the YWCA, has left us far behind in this respect. They are concerned with the welfare of their community and its people and take a deep interest in anything which will alter or better conditions. From their own bulletin I will read a few of the problems they have tackled.

(Reference to folder is herein omitted)

Therefore, you can see if we are to hold our heads above water we will have to get busy with something else besides socials and sports.

A few years ago we were affiliated and active but on a local scale we no longer show life. In order to be a member it is necessary to have a representative to attend meetings regularly. We must not overlook this most important youth organization. Over 4,000,000 are represented at each convention. The influence of this Congress has been felt in Washington, D.C. In California the state committee of the American Youth Congress

holds its own legislature and makes bills which are presented to the regular state legislature for passage. These bills deal with youth problems, health, unemployment, etc. Our presence in this organization is necessary and important and I urge our immediate affiliation to this body.

Today we heard a greeting from a representative of the A. A. U. On a national scale we are a member of the A. A. U., but again as in the case of the American Youth Congress we are not a member within our section.

With our section the leader in LDS sports, with our participation in many phases of sports, and with the growth we are enjoying in this field we must place our work on a firm foundation. We must take advantage on the benefits that a membership in the A. A. U. can offer—that is, making our sports program official, getting recognition for our achievement, and having an easier access to gyms, tracks and the advantages they offer, also having the right to enter our members into any A. A. U. competition and getting A. A. U. officials to officiate our meets. These advantages place our sports on the highest level, it will draw youth into our meets because of our A. A. U. affiliation which in turn means we can look forward to seeing an influx of sportsmen into the LDS.

Our activity in the past has been steadily improving. This last season our basketball league was the best we ever had, our softball league is materializing splendidly this year.

Each year we discuss the one problem which is an enigma to us—how can we organize a girl's sports program? This question is a serious one since many girls are sports conscious and want a girls' tournament. The convention should carefully take up this matter. The main report on sports will follow this report.

# Frankly Speaking

(Guest Column)

I work with Babbitts in an air-conditioned office that looks out on a view of Loop Towers standing like sculptured shafts amid banks of clouds. These Babbitts are hearty and even charming men. They own tree-shaded homes in Riverside, in Beverly, in Evanston. They play golf with "the wife" and buy rickshaw hats for the kiddies.

Heels on his desk, a telephone to his face, one plump Babbitt bellows to another, "Archie, you old bat, why weren't you at the golf tournament? Afraid I'd run you off the course?" A long, impatient pause, then—"Drinks! Man, you shoulda seen Tyler. Was he sopping! 'em up! Yeh, I sorta hit the ceiling myself..." And so on for five to fifteen minutes.

Sometimes it seems nice to be a Babbitt. To coast about in a sleek bus, to ditch the office at three and to meet one's cronies at the club swimming pool, to sleep every night where trees rustle and to week-end at a Wisconsin lodge.

If only more people could be Babbitts by way of worldly possessions. Less smug Babbitts; more thoughtful of the unmoneyed values of life, Babbitts who might, perhaps, think of making River-sides and Beverlys and Evanstons out of Bridge-ports and South Parks and Town-of-Lakes.

There was a time, in childhood days, when the annual May-end visit to the cemetery, accomplished under a stern parental wing was a task so boring, so drudging as to be almost hated. With the "teen-age" came the usual revolt against the ways of the "old folks" and the "kapine" became an outgrown nightmare. But today's viewpoint concerning cemeteries is altered.

A cemetery has all the graces of a park: grass, trees, benches. But in a cemetery one sees drabness unknown in parks. Burials with chanted ceremonies and speeches; disinterments watched with horror and fear. One sees black clad widows weeping over fresh graves and stout old matrons placing flowers every Sunday on the sunken beds of their ghost children, dead decades ago. In the distance vibrates the sound of music in the adjoining picnic ground, where the young dance happily within earshot of the dead.

Sometimes one sees a snake wiggling under the tombstones that press the dead securely into their graves.

One who studies Lithuanian history would do well to visit a Lithuanian cemetery, for history is abundantly there in the form of a saga's last chapter. The saga being that of an oppressed people fleeing across a great ocean to a land of promise. The stones bear such honest Lithuanian names as: Antanas Kirva, Mariona Mankus, Juozas Ridikas. "Born in Ukmerge" one monument reveals; "Sieversko" reads another. Then one suddenly notices the dates: 1888, 1908 or 1923. Piquantly enough, 1888 seems rather near to 1812—and in 1812 Napoleon was the Man of the Day.

"1923! Why, I was a kid then!" one muses. And that was only five years after the World War.

Once we were accosted by a dishevelled man who stopped us, total strangers, to explain that his friend had been discriminated against; he had been buried in the Potter's Field Section, a grassless, treeless, flowerless place. "Wasn't he as good as any of these?" he cried as he pointed out a row of well-tended plots. "I know he was. But he was poor. He couldn't pay for a piece of ground. Why must everyone know, even when he's dead, that he was poor when he was alive? I thought Death made us all alike! Are the poor lepers? Must they bury them so noticeably apart from the others?" He was so indignant, hurled his words after us as we, at length, walked away.

Another time we passed a beggar who walked for alms. A prosperous tavern owner, toothpick in mouth, pompously approached him and with a Lordly air queried, "Nu, can you change a half dollar?" After much fumbling in ragged pockets, the beggar produced a pitiful handful of pennies. The transaction netted him a dime profit.

Oh, a cemetery is an interesting place, but one must be philosophically inclined to go there very often. Perhaps most people are like Cervantes who once wrote:

"To the grave with the dead;  
The living to the bread."

—ALDON KAZWELL-STELMOK.

# TIPS ON NEWS WRITING

## 13. MORE ON STYLE.

**I**T IS OUR hope that those readers of ours, who want to get their news items published, will read carefully these few installments on "style."

There is no place in which the non-professional news writer falls down more than on this very matter. The reason is a simple one. That one who has not been connected with a newspaper professionally cannot fully grasp what these details mean to the copy reader. There is more time wasted in attempting to make copy conform to "style" than is at all necessary if a few simple rules are observed by the person writing the account.

A few issues ago we gave the first seven rules for "spelling" in the Vilnis English Section "style book." We will now add the rest of the rules, continuing the numbering where we left off:

8. Do not hyphenate: today, tomorrow, cooperative, reelected.
9. Use simple spelling on names: Nazism, Tokio, Dimitrov, through, theatre.
10. Use "the" before Reverend; the Reverend J. W. Jones. Use "Father" for Catholic. Never use "cleric" for Catholic.
11. Abbreviate names of months over five letters in dates: Sept. 5, but, he came in September.
12. Spell out per cent.

The "why" of these rules is not merely to attain uniformity. It is true that uniformity in these details is imperative. Otherwise, the paper breaks out in a rash of different spelling forms and different ways of handling titles. Such sloppiness on these matters leads to a general sloppiness in other departments of the work.

However, these specific rules have been agreed upon for another purpose also—in order to present as readable a type of paper as is possible. We have therefore made use of the simplest way of spelling proper names, particularly of foreign origin. On the other hand, we do not go in for the chaotic "simplified spelling", with which most people now are unfamiliar.

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# SPARKS BATTERS SLUG OUT 3 WINS IN ROW

## HEAVY HITTING PROVES UNDOING OF OPPONENTS

Batting power was the keynote in all three games played last week, as the Sparks LDS softball team juggernauted their way to three victories, all by overwhelming scores.

Playing their first game in the 1939 Chicago Boys Club baseball tournament, last Thursday, July 13 the Sparks team overpowered and crushed the Zips, once the highly touted Tigers, by the huge score of 19 to 3.

The Sparks attack consisted of nineteen hits, including a homer, two triples and three doubles and every player had at least one hit. Twelve runs paraded across the plate in the big third inning.

As a result of the victory, the Sparks LDS team is tied for first place and has served notice that they will be the ones to beat in the Boys Club tournament.

### LDSers Push Over Victory in 13th Inning

Encountering unexpected opposition, the Sparks last Friday were pressed to thirteen innings before they finally defeated the Travelers 11 to 9.

Again, each Spark player collected a hit; in fact each had at least two, as the Sparks pounded out twenty-six assorted blows with pitcher Ed Pleckaitis "sparking" the way with five hits for seven times at bat.

The Sparks would have won in regulation time but for the fact that they played the Travelers on their home field, the Healy School Yard, where cramped quarters and unusual ground rules served as a disadvantage to the Sparks. As for example, Bud Jasen powdered a ball that in any open field would have been a

homer, but there it dented a second story window and just fell to an adjoining lower roof where it was only an out.

### Defeat Green Mill By 15-0 Whitewash

Continuing their heavy hitting the Sparks whitewashed the former great Green Mill softball team, 15 to 0 last Tuesday.

The six hit pitching of Ed Pleckaitis and the twenty-one hit attack of the Sparks batsmen was more than sufficient to down the "baker boys."

Running to all corners of the field at 35th and Shields Ave., chasing Sparks hits, evidently tired the "bun boys", for they presented little opposition for the Sparks team.

Results of Sparks hitters against the Zips follow:

Sparks	POS.	AB	R	H	E
M. Peclunas	cf	5	2	1	0
A. Galunas	2b	4	1	1	0
B. David	2b	1	0	0	1
E. Pleckaitis	p	3	3	4	0
S. Barchus	lf	5	2	2	0
P. Thomas	ss	5	3	2	1
J. Jencauskas	sc	5	2	3	0
L. Ruben	lb	4	1	1	0
J. Kazlauskas	rf	4	2	1	0
J. Peters	3b	3	1	2	1

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## LDS Youth Give Aid to Spain's Democracy

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—In a response to an appeal issued by the "Lithuanian Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy", three youth branches of the LDS have answered with financial contributions, it was reported here last week.

Recent donations were received from the following:  
Branch 227—Cleveland \$2.41.  
Branch 212—Oakland, Cal. \$7.60  
Branch 211—Chicago—\$2.30

## ILLINOIS NYA AIDS 23,000 STUDENTS

More than 23,000 high school and college students in Illinois shared in the benefits of the National Youth Administration student aid program in the 1938-39 school term, Lawrence Schmidt, deputy state NYA administrator reported yesterday.

The number aided to continue their education was 23,799 and the total money expended was \$1,220,630, the report showed. Of this total, 17,121 attended high schools and 6,678 were students in universities and colleges, and \$560,825 was shared by high school students.

High school students receive a maximum of \$6 per month; undergraduate college students average \$15 per month, and graduate students average \$25 per month.

### History Repeats Itself

The emblem of Thor, God of Thunder, was the Swastika.

Let me off at the next stop, conductor, I thought this was a lunchwagon.

## Deanna Durbin Enlists For Refugee Aid

PARIS — Deanna Durbin, youthful screen actress and songstress, has wired promoters of the International Conference to Aid Spanish Refugees her support, "hoping that this effort will benefit the refugees," it was announced here recently.

## STEAMBOATS ON THE ILLINOIS

Steamboating on the Illinois River was at its height in the 1840's and 1850's, say research workers of the Federal Writer's Project. Among the vessels navigating the river at this time were the "Green City", the "Ocean Wave", the "Cataract", the "Acadia", the "Prairie State", the "Polar Star", and the "Belle Gould". The "Prairie State" and the "Acadia" were burned in the great St. Louis fire of 1849 in which several blocks of buildings and twenty-three steamboats were destroyed.

Four Chicago high-school seniors who will be graduated this month have been awarded scholarships to the Chicago Progressive School of Art. The winners are Margaret Hartsheim, Visitation High School; Gladium Urban, Alveria High School; Isabel Mills, the Academy of Our Lady, and William Gagen, Leo High School.

### "KIND TO ANIMALS"

Head of the bullfighters' syndicate in Spain has announced that morphine injections henceforth would be given to all horses used in bull-fights to ease the suffering of the horses if they are gored.

# Softball Vies With Baseball As Most Popular Pastime

Enjoying ever increasing popularity, softball is fast capturing the hearts of young America. From the sunny shores California to the Eastern shore of the United States boys and girls are fast getting use to the modified game of baseball.

## Softball Vies with Baseball for Most Popular Pastime

Throughout the width and breadth of America there are over 75,000 teams who each year play softball. And year by year the number of teams is increasing.

Back in 1933 softball was really put on a large scale basis. It was in preparation for the World's Fair in Chicago that a group of sports-minded persons, interested in

peoples' sports, called a meeting of all parks, schools and YMCA directors to map out a softball program. From this meeting emerged the Amateur Softball Association which today is the central body of softball.

### Birthplace of Softball

Thus back in 1933 the biggest softball movement was born in the Windy City and the center of this movement still remains in Chicago.

Since its inception the Amateur Softball Association has sponsored tournaments in almost every city, for newspapers and clubs. Each year it conducts the National Amateur Softball tournament.

Softball has enjoyed the greatest popularity among the trade unions and recreation centers. Because of the inexpensive equipment and because the game can be played in restricted areas, requiring smaller diamonds than baseball, softball has gained millions of fans where recreation space is limited.

### LDS Softball Teams

The LDS Youth Section was quick to catch on to the advantages of softball and today boasts of many outstanding teams throughout the country. Last

year the Kenosha Royals, who won the National LDS Softball Tournament, were one of the outstanding teams in the country and barely missed playing in the National Amateur Softball tournament.

Other outstanding LDS teams have been the Shenandoah LDS Eagles, the Cleveland LeadDerS and the Detroit Aces.

This year LDSers in Chicago are taking their softball with a grain of salt and have developed two fine teams in the Redwings and Sparks. In the East likewise softball is gaining a following among LDSers.

A game that not so many years ago was played indoors, today is becoming a rival to America's national pastime — baseball.

NEW YORK — Real Admiral Clark H. Woodward, commandant of the Third Naval District, is telling a joke on himself these days. To attend an official function at the World's Fair, "the Admiral" arrived in full uniform. Mistaking him for an attendant, a visitor stopped him and said, "Call me one of those motor chairs."

"But I'm an admiral in the United States Navy," said the astonished sailor.

"All right then," the visitor snapped, "call me a boat."

## Detroit Promises To Lick Pants Off LeadDerS

DETROIT — Competition has become so dull here, till we (Aido Aces) think we'd like to take the pants off the Cleveland LeadDerS. So if the LeadDerS feel bold enough, we'll come over and pin their ears back anytime in August, the middle of the month preferred.

We'll pay expenses to Cleveland and back and you will provide lodging. It's a challenge, what do you think?

FLASH! Big LDS and Aido Chorus moonlight dance will see all the Detroit youth.

Don't miss the Vilnis Picnic at Capitol Park this Sunday.

Detroiters.

## Dutch Youth Aid Spain Refugees

AMSTERDAM—A campaign on behalf of children of former full swing throughout Holland, organized by the Federation of Dutch Youth. Two hundred children have already been sent on holidays to the youth holiday center at Spanderhorst, Hilversum. Funds for this work are being raised through subscriptions.

# They Cannot Eat Books

## Hungry Children All Over America Are Being Saved by WPA Lunch Programs

By CHARLES M. KELLY

Hunger that gnaws and twists a child's insides does not sharpen his wits. The lessons in the books may be oh-so-easy, but a child's brain, haunted by the thought of food, will find them hard to learn.

A new teacher may think she has a lot of little morons on her hands. She may be sarcastic. She may try to arouse their pride. And she may not know what the trouble is until some of the children develop strange symptoms. They are weak on their feet. They can't stand up. They faint in class from hunger! Yes, in our America!

### SCHOOL LUNCHEAS

This was happening in over half the school rooms of the United States during the darkest days of the depression. It is still happening in too many school-rooms. The depression, as some say, is over. Jobless people everywhere are going back to work. But there are still millions of children in the United States who don't have enough to eat. That is why Uncle Sam launched the WPA school lunch program.

Groups of teachers in different communities began to pay for the school lunch for the children who were most in need. They

rallied to their support the Parent-Teacher Association membership in their communities.

When the Federal Emergency Relief Act was passed, educators asked for and received government aid. A school lunch program was organized. The WPA has continued the work under an expanded school lunch program—one that has reached into almost every State.

Today there are approximately 18,000 WPA workers employed on school lunch projects in 44 states and the District of Columbia, according to Mrs. Kerr, assistant administrator of the WPA.

### 283,300 LUNCHEAS

"In the past three years," she reports, "the school lunch projects have provided 283,300,000 lunches to undernourished school children in thousands of schools throughout the country."

The menu varies with the locally available food supply, but an effort is made always to include one or more hot dishes and a glass of milk or cup of cocoa. A typical lunch served includes a bowl of steaming meat and vegetable soup or stew, a nourishing sandwich, a glass of milk and a piece of fruit, or simple cooked dessert. Baked apples are a popular dish.

### CHILDREN GAIN WEIGHT

Many teachers report that their pupils receiving the lunch for the first time revealed pathetically their half-starved condition. Some could not eat the solid food the first day; one youngster broke down and cried at the sight and smell of it; many, not so near starvation's door, gobbled their lunches and clamored for "seconds" before the teachers could finish serving the first helpings.

Records kept by the teachers reveal steady gains in weight, higher scholastic averages and better attendance record in schools where the school lunch is being served. One teacher in Illinois reports gains of as much as two pounds in one week and as high as 13 pounds in one month.

A report from the New York City school board says: "The expensive machinery of education is wasted when it operates on a mind listless from hunger or befogged by indigestible food. If we can, through our lunches, build healthy bodies, the logical conclusion is that the mind will take care of itself. Therefore, we consider the feeding of these children a most important part of their education life."

GALA TIME HAD AT SPARK BEACH PARTY

A large shining moon and a glittering, star-lit sky in the evening with a shining, blistering sun in the day all helped to make a lovely week-end for the Sparks beach party.

A gay time was had by all who attended, and when the Sparks returned home, they were a little tired, sun-burned slightly (ouch) and more the wiser.

A REAL SPARK

The name SPARK is a very fitting name for the little five feet of pep, Julia (Pee-Wee) Kunskis. She never ceased to be gay and my hat is off to Julia Kunskis, even though I have no hat. Katherine Puleikas at one time ventured to entertain the home-sick Sparks, but was scared away by big Bul Jasen. You're still young Katherine, don't give up.

FALSE RUMOR

There is a slight rumor that a few of the Sparks baseball players (Paps, Rube, and Pete) spent a cozy night in the "cooler" (jail-house, to you), but this is very misleading and bears no truth.

QUACK DOCTOR

Dr. Matt Sholomskas: That hot bath idea for a sun burn wasn't so hot, at that. You're a quack doctor, Matt.

-RUBE.

Cleveland Lyros Prepares for Dip in Lake

CLEVELAND.—Before starting the working season, Lyros Chorus members have a chance to get together to enjoy a beach party, where they may forget their "ah-ah-ah's" and their "mi-mi-mi's". This is to be on not only Chorus members, but their friends are invited to meet at the Hall, 920 E. 79th Street, at 7 p.m. From there we will ride to Campbell's beach. Admission to Campbell's beach is 10 cents, and our charge for refreshments will be 15 cents, making a total cost of 25 cents for an evening of fun.

All evening Lake Erie will be at your disposal for a refreshing dip or swim; a bonfire will be kept blazing to dry off, then to roast some delicious hot-dogs. The committee has planned games with prizes to the winners, and some wide-awake person will find a "treasure".

So don't forget to mark the date—July 29th. Come and bring your friends and let them find out that we enjoy ourselves socially as well as "chorally".

Directions for autoists: Drive out Lake Shore Boulevard to Lost Nation Road, which comes into Lake Shore Boulevard in Willow-bee-on-the-Lake. The first road to the left after Lost Nation Road is the road to take directly to Campbell's Beach. —LYROS CHORUS.

Bits and Tid-Bits

From a reliable source (we hope) we find that a certain Leonard is carrying a torch for one Jessie S. It seems that he has her picture, completely covered with daisies, on his dresser. Live and learn, I guess, but this is the first time I knew that you were pushing up daisies, Jessie!

Did you see Faye playing hide-and-seek with Joey. She seemed to be having as much fun as he was.

There's only one hitch in the barn dance and hayride that will be held sometime in August. Will or will not the horses mind if a group of two-legged horses use their homes for a night of merry-

GALA HAYRIDE, BARN DANCE TO BE GIVEN JOINTLY BY CHICAGO'S LDS YOUTH CLUBS

"YIPPEE!! We're off—more or less—on the big hayride!" "Hey, Zeke! Pass that jug o' cider h'yar, I yearns for some apple squeeze'ins." "Aw, come on Bessie, and give me just one more kiss." Giddy yap, Nebacadezzar, it looks like we is got a truck load of hayseeds in that hay makin' hey, hey, while there's moonshine—er—Will I mean apple cider." These will all be familiar expressions when the LDS Youth get together for the

joint-club hayride and barn dance to be held Saturday night, August 12th.

A dandy little barn has been selected, about 17 miles from Brighton Park, with the regular farm atmosphere which we all love. In this barn will be the music, dancing, games, eats and drinks. All drinks will be five cents which will include cider, beer, and pop. Then there will be two hay-wagons filled chuck full of sweet mown hay with enough room to accommodate all the people that want to go ridin' and singing in the moonlight.

To further enhance this farm atmosphere everyone should wear old clothes, and anyone who wears their better drapery will do so at their own risk. So don't be a Sissy — wear your old clothes.

Saying that this affair is going to be different is putting it tenderly. For on this joint-committee we have only volunteers from every youth branch in Chicago—people who feel that they want to put their best efforts forth toward bringing the youth in the LDS closer together.

Most of these names you will recognize as people who have been active in their branches. First I shall mention the Monarchs, who took the initiative in organizing the committee: Joe Stulgis, Chairman of the Committee, Helen Kwain, at who's home we are having our interesting meetings, Francis Arlis, Emil Butvil, From the Redwings we have Jessie Shalko, Secretary of the Committee, "Sully" Solomon, Stella Stankus, and Stan Koveikis. Then we have two delegates from the Zephyrs, Frank Rometevy and Darcy Bober.

From the Sparks are Denny Guzakus, Chairman of the Activities, Kay Danis, Louis Zankowski, Correspondent, Helen Lane and Mildred Becker. From this lineup you can see we have some of the best workers from each branch, and we are prepared to go to town—er—I mean country.

There will be riding accommodations for all who will not be able to get out there otherwise with registered drivers. All drivers who register and take four people in their car out there will be given a number of bar checks for their efforts. If you go in your own car you can get out there by going on South-west Highway to 119th Street, and ride till you come to the bridge, then take the first road to your right after you cross it, and ride about one half mile un-

LDS CONFAB PIX ARE NOW READY

Group photos of delegates to the Midwest LDS Youth Conference will be available to LDS'ers Saturday, July 22. Persons desiring to secure the same should see Mildred Becker at 3118 S. Halsted St. as soon as possible as the supply is limited. Price of the photos is \$1.00 each.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting with next week's edition, the Vilnis English Section will begin a series of articles by Annetta M. Dieckman, Metropolitan Industrial Secretary of the YWCA, entitled Learning to Fight for Democracy. Owing to the fact that the topic is most timely, we believe that our readers will find Miss Dieckman's advice to young people very beneficial.

til you come to some riding stables on your left and there's the place.

And for all this trouble that the committee is going through to get you out there, if you haven't got a car, plus the hayride, plus the barn dance, plus the music, plus nickel drinks, plus the fun and lovin' you can have there will only be a cover charge of fifty cents.

—HAYSEED.

LUC Learns About Students of Lithuania

A week ago Thursday evening, the L.U.C. was informally entertained by Mr. J. Jurginis, a visitor from Lithuania, a student about student life in his native country. Having himself attended the Vytauto Didziojo University in Kaunas, Mr. Jurginis was able to enrich his talk with many amusing as well as tragic student-experiences of his own.

Before a prospective is accepted as a regular student, he must send his high school diploma, a photograph of himself, his birth certificate an ten litas to the university. Students coming from the country or from small villages bring not only their clothes and other necessary personal items, but also considerable food, such as potatoes, bacon, and home baked bread, which they give to the housekeeper of the particular house at which they stay.

Strange as it may seem to us, the Lithuanian University students with few exceptions receive a general rather than a specialized college education. This is true even when the degrees are granted in such specialized fields as engineering and architecture. Classroom attendance is not compulsory but is certainly advisable, if those final exams are really as stiff as Mr. Jurginis made us believe.

In Lithuania, the college student has no qualms thinking of calculus — he already had it in high school. However, Latin is no less a headache to Lithuanian students that it is to us in America. Other languages included in the college curriculum are Greek, Russian, and German, the latter two being the easiest for the native Lithuanian to learn.

Although the students study hard, they still find time to engage in social revelry of one kind or another. Since they are of the so-called select group of Lithuanian society, the students make themselves conspicuous by constantly wearing a peculiar type of skull cap. In this last respect they differ from the average American collegiate who for the most part wears no "student brand" of any kind.

After the meeting at Gate Park, Wynetta Grybas invited the group to have refreshments at her home.

When the L.U.C. has an outing sponsored and planned by an overly zealous sports committee, it takes the participants about a week to get back to normal again. The few ever-cautious members just about had the last laugh on the sun worshippers who, 'tis rumored, didn't sleep that red letter Sunday night, July 9.

Incidentally, Al Junevics has some priceless (he won't be bought off) candid shots of the day's outing. He threatens to have a grand show-down at the September meeting.

Wednesday being July 26, the L.U.C. will meet for its regular meeting at Helen Slakis' home, 6733 S. Crandon at 7:30 p.m. —S. B.

Odds & Ends

By WHO CARES

As I sit here, seemingly idle, in reality racking my brain for a suitable joke with which to start this week's column, I suddenly understand the reason for the very strong screen bolted to the window in the English Section office. It's on the second floor, and this would be an easy, albeit messy way out of writing this column.

Idle Thought No. 948693

Most of our girls aren't as bad as they're painted up to be.

Prof. Zzzzz's Brainbusters

1. Who wrote Grey's "Elegy"? 2. What two countries are involved in the Sino-Japanese War?

3. What is James Banks' last name?

4. On what day do we celebrate the fourth of July?

5. What was the title of the motion picture "A Tale of Two Cities"?

Anybody sending in four correct answers will receive the Philoosophers autograph, for five correct answers will receive Philoosopher's autograph, for self. The booby prize is the Philoosopher's brain, just discovered wandering about in the forest preserves, and at present on exhibition at the Museum of Antiquated Fossils.

If butter is twenty cents a pound, and Shirley Temple has two gold fillings, what day is today? Today is Friday. The English Section always comes out an Friday, silly.

Sips That Pass in the Night

Once an imbiber, always an imbiber; even when they're dead they lie in their bier.

Which reminds me that when a habitual drunk dies nowadays, the traditional lily-in-folded-hand is replaced by four roses.

Al Jukelis, known to his friends as c%&'%&'%, & clamors for a better ODDS & ENDS, but denies that he is doing so just for publicity. In order to vary the man-bites-dog story, we are sad to report that Al has bitten four people this week. Three of them have died, and I am breaking out in a rash.

The Sparks held a beach party last week. Lots of good men were uncovered.

Hungary City, Petrongrad.—Unaccustomed as he is to public squeaking, Yasha Pasha, young violin virtuoso will make his debut here tonight.

Tulsa, Oklahoma.—Forty Indians committed mass suicide here today. This was caused by a false rumour that the white men were going to give the country back to them.

London, England.— For months now the London Daily Mail has attempted to secure a record of just what was said at the Munich Peace Conference. Yesterday a group of correspondents met behind locked doors to hear the fateful message which the dictaphone ground off. To a tense, expectant world we present the words spoken at the Munich dinner table: "Pass the gravy, Adolf!"

His best friend wouldn't tell him, so he flunked all his exams.

That last crack was contributed by Leonard K., a rather nice fellow, in a nauseating sort of way, although there's nothing wrong with him that a few brains wouldn't fix.

One advantage in writing this column is that I only write this trash, I don't have to read it.