

Knyttis

(The Knight)



— Na, tėvuk, ir sulaukėm kitų metų po vargų.
 — Taip mamyte, be vargų negyvensi. Jai pats neturi, tai kiti tau padarys.

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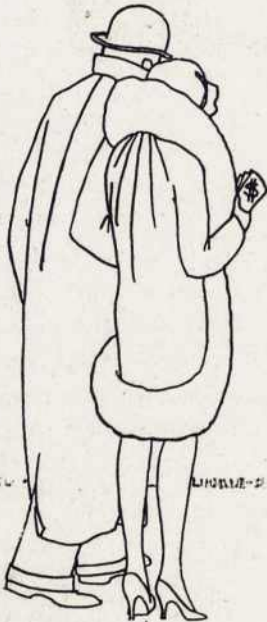
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With Interest

Frosh — So you met Adeline today?

Soph — Yes, I hadn't seen her for ten years.

Frosh — Has she kept her girlish figure?

Soph — Kept it? She's doubled it!



HUMOR JUOKELIAI



Karaliaus Vaistai — King's Medicine

Argumentas.

— Taigi, tamsta, matei, — kreipiasi teisėjas į liūdininką, — kaip Balnanosis pradėjo bartis su Storpisrėčiu ir po to puolė vienas kitą su kėdėmis?

— Taip mačiau!

— O ar nemėginai, kaip nors juos sutaikinti?

— Buvo noras, pone teisėjau, bet kad trečios kėdės nebuvė....

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Mamos Vaikas.

Teta: — Na, Jonuk, aš jau išvažiuoju, atsisveikink su manim. Duok rankutę. Kas reikia sakyti kai teta eina namon?

— Ačiui Dievui... — atsakė šešių metų vaikutis.

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Geros Širdies.

Mergaitė rinko aukas vienai ligoninei. Pamačiusi automobiliuje sėdintį vyrą, priėjo ir paprašė aukos.

— Ne, — griežtai atsakė motoristas. — Aš ir taip daug prisidedu palaikymui tos ligoninės.

— Be abejo, — tarė mergaitė, — bet šiandien mes norim pinigų aukų.

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Nežino.

— Labas rytas, Maryte! Na, kaip naktį praleidei?

— Nežinau; nes visą laiką miegojau.

Very Subtle

Lecturer (who has spoken for two hours): "I shall not keep you much longer. I am afraid I have spoken at rather great length. There is no clock in the room, and I must apologize for not having a watch with me."

A voice: "There's a calendar behind you, mister!"

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Easy Meat!

The family was down and out. They had no food, and both the father and mother were on the verge of starvation — they had not seen food for three days.

And then they got a break! One night the stork visited the house. It brought sunshine into the faces of the kiddies. The mother and father grew fat with pride. Another kid? Hell, no! Roast stork for dinner!

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Hint for Wives

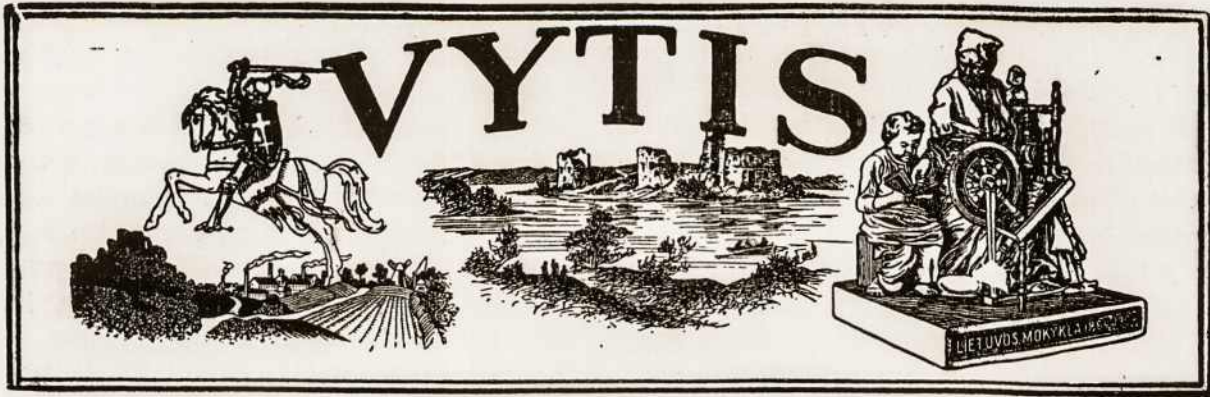
Mistress: — The master was very happy this morning, Jane. He started for his office whistling.

Maid: — Yes, mum, it was my mistake; I made his porridge of birdseed.

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Physics Prof.: — "Is heat always generated when two bodies in motion come together?"

Student: "No, sir. I hit a guy yesterday and he knocked me cold."



NAUJŲ NARIŲ VAJUS — SUBRUSKIME!

Sulaukėme naujų metų. Liet. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskritys paskelbė naujų narių vaju. Čia vėl sunkus darbas, kad vaju būtų pasekmingas, čia kuopos lenktyniuosis vieną tarp kitų, kuopų vadai deda didžiausias pastangas, paskutinę energiją, kad sutraukus visą jaunimą į vyčių garbingą organizaciją.

Tiesa gal nevisą mums pavyko. Sutikome sunkių skaudžių kliūčių ir gyvenimo apystovos, kartais nedavė pilnai mūsų dvasiai pasireikšti. Bet, tai mūsų pasiryžimo nepalaužė ir tai, ką pasiekėme, mus džiugina ir skatina į naujus žygius. Jaunieji draugai, mūsų apskrityje naujų narių vaju! Užtad, nebūkime kasdieninio gyvenimo užmigdomi tęsti toliau savo prakilnų darbą. Mes esame jauni, energingi. Mums kitaip pasielgti negalima, kaip tik pasistačius prieš akis šiuos didžiojo poeto A. Mickevičiaus žodžius: „Paduok jaunyste man sparnus“, tęsti toliau savo gražų prakilnų kilniais idealais ir obalsiais papuoštą mūsų organizacijos darbą.

*Be dvasios, be širdies tai griaučių tautos
Paduok jaunystę, man, sparnus.*

*Per negyvuosius skrisiu skliautus,
Vilionių rojun į sritis.*

Kur karštis daro stebūklus,

Naujybų barsto gėlėmis,

Ir puošia aukso varsomis!

Mūsų kelias į gerą, grožį, tiesą. Daugiau tik jauno entuziazmo; daugiau idealizmo; daugiau jaunatvės ugnies, o laimėsime savo užsibrėžtus siekius! Gal daug sunkių žygių ir bandymų mūs laukia, bet mūsų rankose turi trupėti kliūtys, ir jaunystė nežino žodžio „negalima“.

Visi į darbą vajuus metu! Pakvieskime savo draugus į vyčių organizaciją! Lai šis vaju būna vienas iš pasekmingiausių!!!!

P. Razvadauskas,

Organizatorių Komisijos Vardu.

WHAT, AGAIN?

Whenever we hear of grumblings within our ranks we feel as though there is another red invasion from Russia. Why those people have to bear the brunt for all uprisings, I really cannot honestly say; though their reputation, or perhaps more correctly the reputation of their leaders, is one of destruction, which may account for the close association of the two.



Let There Be Light.

This time a few irreconcilables again threaten to withdraw from the center, from the organization, but not from themselves simply because the VYTIS was not issued on time. At other times they yelled because the magazine was not sent to them, and after a check-up of their dues it was found that these individuals were not even paid up. It is just another case of someone crying the loudest to attract attention knowing no other way of obtaining recognition.

For the information of the real K of L members, let it be known that the magazine is published whenever sufficient funds are on hand to do so. The dues thus far have not been enough to put out the magazine; it is the job-work of the press which aids the organization. If every member paid his ten cents promptly every month, the task would be simplified, but the if remains. Our real members understand the editors receive nothing for their work and they want the rest of you to do your share in the same spirit. We're striving for an ideal not just a magazine.

“VIKTUTE” by Šatrijos Ragana

— E. J. K. —

It is difficult to place “Viktutė” into any one category of Lithuanian literature. It is both a bit of patriotic propaganda, and a romantic sketch; a bit of feminine characterization and a picture of the Lithuania of about forty years ago. It is a pleasing mixture of all these and is, perhaps, one of the most sparkling and entertaining of shorter books in the Lithuanian language.

There is no other work which has such innocent and even dull appearing outer-structure, but which can engross the reader so completely and keep him as interested as “Viktutė”.

“Viktutė” has no plot to speak of. A Lithuanian girl becomes interested in the Lithuanian movement, meets a doctor who has sympathies, they get acquainted and finally fall in love with each other — such is the substance of the story, though it can scarcely be called that — it being in reality but a short sketch. It is short — of some ninety pages; it is in diary form — which fact in other works is usually synonymous with monotony and repetition; it covers a period of only about one year; there are no sensational passages or developments — the characters are ordinary people, living common, everyday lives. Yet in spite of all this you will find scarcely one dull paragraph in the whole book. There can be no other reason for this but the superb artistry of the author, who makes her characters so consistently interesting and real.

*) Biographical Note: — Šatrijos Ragana — Marija Pečkauskaitė. B. 1878, d. 1930. Wrote for “Varpas”. Followed the trend of contemporary Polish literature, adapting it, however, to the renascent Lithuanian nation. Wrote many short stories of the same patriotic type. Translated a number of the eminent German Dr. Foerster's pedagogical works. “Viktutė”, published in 1901, her best known work.

Through Viktute's eyes we observe the people about her and at the same time see into her own unselfish, impulsive nature. Her friend, the young doctor — in the end her fiance — is a leading character in the book. He practices medicine among poor peasants, sparing neither his time nor his money in doing

good to those about him. He is a zealous patriot and interested in the Lithuanian movement. Another friend, p. Jonas, is likewise a patriot — and intelligent young man. He is a bit radical in his religious beliefs, however, and angers Viktute many times. He falls in love with her, but she, of course, cannot return the affection. Onytė Butautaitė is Viktute's scatter-brained, coquette friend, often envious of the doctor's interest in her. Viktute's parents — a gruff, loveable father and a mild sweet mother — are sensible, patriotic Lithuanian property-owners. There are many minor characters throughout the book — servants and peasants — all pathetically real types. But our heroine herself is the most outstanding of all. She is greatly interested in the new movement and feverishly studies and tries to speak the Lithuanian language. She is an altruist, constantly doing good to those about her, continually worrying over her imagined uselessness to humanity. She does not get along well with most of her girl acquaintances, because her tastes and views are so contrary to theirs. She loves good music, and is an ardent devotee of outdoor sports. Although of the higher class, she is not afraid of hard work mingles with the servants as with her equals. In the evenings she teaches them to read and write. Such, more or less, are the characters of this interesting little sketch.

Perhaps the most predominating feature of the book is its patriotic spirit. It is noticeable on almost every page. Viktutė expresses her opinions on polonism among the Lithuanian people, the need for re-birth, the lack of culture among the common people. She disputes with her polonized acquaintances on the subject. She strives to remove the causes of lack of patriotism among the common people — ignorance — by teaching them herself. The doctor gives Viktute lessons in Lithuanian — they talk often of their country and its lamentable condition.

Scattered throughout the narrative are many thought-provoking passages. The doctor, on one occasion, explains to Viktute his personal reasons for never dancing. No one, no matter

how contrary a view he may hold on the subject, can deny the truth of his statements, however prudish they may seem. On another occasion Viktute's parents are about to hire a new cook when a former employer of the applicant informs them that she was once discovered stealing. The father, under the circumstances, immediately wishes to get another cook. Viktute pleads with him and begs him to hire her anyway: „Galime pamėginti, tetušėli! Jei vogs, atstatysime. Pats pamislyk: jei ji turi norą pasitaisyti, tai kokiū būdu, jei nieks jos neima? Ar kalėjime, ištikro?” Herein is the reason for the failure of our penal systems. Society must change its attitude toward the criminal and cease making the stigma for a single crime or small transgression a permanent one. Viktute's words are an indictment of this society of ours. There is wholesome truth in the discussions of patriotism, love, marriage, music, etc.

The reader will find much humor throughout the book. For example, in characterizing one of her friends, Viktutė says, pithily and naively: “Parako neišmislys, bet apskritai sakant, žmogelis geras.” What a perfect picture of a person's nature! Or, read this classic entry: “Atėjo šiandien žmogus, senelis ir sako, norįs vaistų. Klausiu jį, kas serga, ar žmogus, ar gyvulys? O jis verksmingu balsu sako: “Ne žmogus, panele, ne žmogus — boba!” Viktute writes further of her badinage with the doctor. On one occasion, a party of young people are about to start out for Užkampiai in sleighs. She calls to the doctor:

“Pone Antanai! tamsta važiuosi su manim?”

“Kad ir ant galo svieto!” — atsakė Prasikuokiai.

“Tuotaru tik lyg Užkampių!” atsakiau.

Again, she is decorating a Christmas tree, the doctor is helping her. “Norėdama aprėdyti eglės viršūnę, atsistoja ant augšto suolelio, o daktaras nešiojo man daiktus kabinėti. Nešiodamas po vieną obuolį, ar medauninką, nuolat bėgiojo po kambarį, o man tuotaru reikėjo laukti be darbo. Juokdamosi pasakiau:

“Štai tikras jaunikaitis XIX amžiaus! Kelių obuolių negali pakelti! po vieną nešioja!”

Toje pačioje sekundoje nutvėrė jis suolelį, ant kurio stovėjau, ir pakėlė augštyn, kartu su

manimi. Sušukau, turėjau nusitverti už jo galvos, kad nenukrisčiau.

“Ką tamsta darai! Ar pablūdai tikrai?! Leisk, nes šauksiu!”

“Turėkis man už galvos, nes nukrisi! Ar neturiu spēkų ką? Sakyk, kitaip nepaleisiu!”

“Turi, turi! Samsonas esi, Galijotas.... ką tik nori! Tik leisk!”

Pastatė atgal, tur būt, jau ir pavargo, nors, tikrai, stiprus lig Samsonas. O aš pasirodžiau užpykusi ir nepriėmiau nuo jo paduotų daiktų; liečiau Kaziukui nešioti parėdnes, o į daktarą nė žiūrėte nežiūrėjau. Jis pastatęs Kaziuką pagal manęs, nešiojo daiktus ir davinėjo jam, o tas man. Leidžiau akis žemyn, kad neprasijuokčiau, ant galo neglaėdama ilgiau ištūrėti, taip ėmiau juoktis, jog ašaros pradėjo bėgti iš akių. O daktaras sako:

“Verčiau susitaikykiva; priimk tamsta mane atgal į tarnystę! Ką tenai senas kalčias minėti!”

Viktute is as charming and vivacious throughout, even when speaking of more serious things.

There are many polonisms in this sketch by Šatrijos Ragana, but these are not numerous enough to materially lessen the worth of the work.

Only those familiar with similar experiences can fully appreciate the author's wholesome and humorous portrayal of the beginning and progress of the love between Viktute and the doctor. It is possibly for this ability that someone has designated Šatrijos Ragana “moters sielos žinovė”.

Some readers may dislike the excessive idealism of the book and say that Viktute and the doctor are too goody-goody to be real. It is true that such characters are rarely met with in real life, but this does not mean that they are entirely fictitious. It may seem to some, too, that Viktute boasts too much of her own common sense and unselfishness in comparison with the foolishness of her acquaintances. This is not so, however, because her tone is always an apologetic one when speaking of her own goodness. She is very sincere and is never sarcastic or uncharitable in her judgement of others. She invariably convinces the reader of the correctness of her view.

By all means read “Viktute”

AESLOP'S FABLES

The Story of a Hunter, and Two Ducks



There once lived a man who always boasted of prowess as a hunter. He would leave his home early each morning with his gun in hand, and he would promise his wife that he would return heavily laden with fowl, and other small game of the woods. Unfortunately his aim was neither good nor steady so his efforts would go for naught, but he would always relate how he shot this animal and how the other just escaped him; in fact the woods were full of crippled game if his stories were believed.

One day he made a wager with his fellow neighbor that he would return with something he had shot, or else he would not return at all. The neighbor, being tired of listening to this hunter's stories, and knowing that he never had shot anything promised to purchase a new gun for him if he did return; in addition, he made the hunter vow that he would never return if he did not shoot anything. Other friends had gathered around in the meantime and they all heard the conditions of the wager.

The hunter went on his way and he began to shoot at rabbits, birds, squirrels, anything he happened to see. Once he came upon a sleeping rabbit and cautiously crept up to it until he was so close he decided to hit it on the head with the butt of his gun rather than try to shoot it; but when he raised his gun and stood up, the rabbit awoke and scampered away. He cursed his ill fortune and decided to walk toward the marsh where hundreds of birds could usually be found.

As he approached the marsh he was amazed to see two wild ducks walking around in their waddling way but a few paces away from where he now stood.

He thought to himself that if he aimed at one, he might hit the other, so he shouldered his gun, closed his eyes and fire. There was a dull roar, a clearing of the smoke from his rusty gun, then a whirl of wings and he saw both the ducks fly away. Now he decided to resort to strategy. Noticing that the two ducks hovered about the same spot, the hunter took out some bread crumbs from his pocket and placed them around the ground; then he hid himself behind a tree and waited.

In a short while the two ducks returned and began to eat the bread crumbs. The hunter slowly and cautiously raised the muzzle of his gun in the general direction of the two ducks, said a silent prayer and pulled the trigger. Again the same dull roar of his gun resounded through the nearby wood, and again he saw the two ducks take to the air as healthy and care-free as ever. He became worried now about his promise never to return home and he began to regret that he made it. Just then he saw the two wild ducks flying above the self-same spot. He knew he should wait for them to land again before he shot, for he had never tried to kill anything on the wing before; nevertheless something prompted him to raise his gun at the ducks and fire. Before the smoke had cleared away he heard a crackling of branches above his head as something heavy crashed through. He raised his hands to protect himself, but too late, for an object had struck him on the head with such force that he was knocked unconscious.

A few hours passed by before he awoke. In the meantime his wife and relatives had become

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worried. The neighbor regretted the wager he had made and wondered whether the hunter would ever return. While this feeling of uncertainty pervaded the crowd the hunter was seen walking back home with a large bird upon his back. It was an eagle!

The hunter related what a terrific hand to hand struggle he had with the monstrous eagle before he finally subdued and shot it. The neighbors were a bit skeptical of his story but they saw the eagle and were convinced the hunter had shot it. They decided then and there to stuff the huge bird, and while they were doing so the hunter explained that he was through with big game hunting, when suddenly an inspiration came upon him! He shouted to the assembled multitude that hereafter his home would be known as, "Eagle Tavern." Such then, is the ancestry of the many present day Eagle Taverns.

Remember this then: with the good comes the bad and with the bad comes the good, so it is up to you to separate the ducks and the eagles.

— Finis —



FINALLY I DIED

I never had such a tough time in all my life. First, I got angina pectoris followed by arteriolerosis. Just as I was recovering from these, I got tuberculosis, double pneumonia and phthisis. Then they gave me hypodermics. Appendicitis was followed by tonsillectomy. These gave away to aphasia and hypertrophic cirrhosis. I completely lost my memory for a while. I know I had diabetes and acute indigestion, besides gastritis, rheumatism, lumbago and neuritis. I don't know how I pulled through it. It was the hardest spelling test I've ever seen.

Nors ir daug negerumų tenka pergyventi visuomeniniame veikime, vienok vienas kope-ratyviškas pasireiškimas atgaivina visas nuslėgtas jėgas. Štai "Pittsburgh Catholic", to miesto anglų kalboje leidžiamas katalikų laikraštis neša straipsnį, kuriame randame sekančius žodžius: "Another important matter discussed by the priests on Tuesday on motion of Rev. Ernest Wassel, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Homestead, was the affiliation of the local Lithuanian youths with the National Roman Catholic Knights of Lithuania."

Perskaičius šiuos žodžius nudžiunga širdis. Pasirodo, kad mūsų nenuilstantis klebinimas neina veltui. Matome, kad yra daug geros minties žmonių trokštančių prisidėti prie pagerinimo ir padidinimo mūsų organizacijos. Jie pramato, kad tik tokia organizacija, kaip Liet. Vyčiai išlaikys jaunimą lietuvišką katalikiškoje priežiūroje Amerikos tarptautiniame mišinyje. Tik tokioje didžiulėje organizacijoje jie išliks nors dvasioje lietuviais, jei ir nemokės gražiai lietuviškai kalbėti. Tikrai tokia organizacija per savo energingus vadus išstengs užlaikyti jaunuolių širdyse meilę savo tėvų žemės.

Centras ypatingai džiaugiasi Pittsburgho Dvasios Vadų nusistatymu, vienyti visą savo jaunimą po Vyčių vėliava. Linkime jums geriausių pasekmių. Pittsburghas yra gana didelė lietuvių kolonija, joje randasi begalo daug gero jaunimo, veiklaus jaunimo, jaunimo, kuris greitai laiku rodytų kelią ir kitoms lietuviškomis apie linkėms. Mūsų priešai jau nekartą bandė įsikverbti mūsų tarpan ypač Pittsburghe jie jaučiasi gerai susiorganizavę, bet jei tik bus katalikiškas jaunimas tvirtai sujungtas, greit su-byrės ir bolševikų ir socialistų galybės rūmai.

Mes keli, kuriems įduota centralinė Vyčių tvarka, stengsimės visokiais būdais jums padėti. Spaudos lapai jums atidaryti, net ir ypa-tiškai bandysime su jumis susinešti, kur tikrai bus galima.

Valio Pittsburgho Vadai! Lai gyvuoja Jūsų jaunimas! Lai gyvuoja tvirtai susiorganizavę! Lai gyvuoja bažnyčiai ir tautai!

Council 4, Chicago

Our 20 year anniversary will be celebrated on February 17, 1935 at the Church Hall. More about it later.

EARLY LITHUANIAN LEADERS IN EUROPE

J. Leo J. Vaščila

(Continued)

If the Lithuanians are the oldest race in Europe and survive to-day on the Continent then they have a continuous record of life in the civilization of the world, and not only a history from the 13th century, as most of us think. It is a very significant story! We can trace that history through our racial relatives, our brothers in blood and cultural origin, in the north, south, east, and west, just as our fathers are in America from the earliest times with such renowned leaders as Thaddeus Kosciusko, General of the Army of the United States and founder of West Point, where we have, now Stankauskas, captain of football. That story, too leads, us as far as India, where the ancient Hindoo religious dialect, the Sanscrit, was developed from the ancient Lithuanian. The heroic martyr — Bishop Matuleonis recently told me that a generation ago an Archbishop Zaleskis of Calcutta (where the river Gangis retains the Lithuanian word that means "to bend, or turn"; and the Gangis river actually turns like the curve of a hook) that this Lithuanian Archbishop was able to converse with a native Indian woman by using his European Lithuanian. James Bradley, author of a volume on the Goths relates another story of a Jesuit missionary recognized the language of a native of the Southern part of Russia across, from Ancient Greece, to be Gothic.

When "Homer smote his bally lyre. While Troy was set on fire", Lithuanians were living in commerce with Greece and Italy, where even before the Christian era Lithuanian kinsmen, the Pelagians, were living.

Last January President Smetona of Lithuania voiced a very little known fact which intimates so much that it might be a bomb of revelation to many Lithuanians. The Lithuanian and the ancient Celtic, the language of the old Irish, are the only two languages which bear a very close resemblance to the Sanscrit, which was a classic dialect and never a spoken tongue. This, of course suggests the possible relationship of the modern Lithuanians and the ancient Celts, who lived in Europe, in Spain and France when our oldest ancestors occupied the central part of the Continent Prussia and modern Germany to the south, and about Austria. But it is quite interesting, and even exciting when we realize that in Lithuania we have the town „Eirolaga", or the furthestmost boundaries of the Eiro people, and the additional fact that the Irish today are teaching in their schools that the word Irish derives from the ancient word EIRO. Speaking of such similarities to Rev. Fr. O'Brien, O. S. F., editor of the Franciscan Anthonian, the priest, as a test, asked me for the Lithuanian word for "woman". I

told him, and he declared that it was exactly as the Gaelic, or Celtic, and spelled the same. To me it would be very gratifying to establish the ancestors of the Irish as kinsmen of the Lithuanians. We have only to look at the list of Irish Bishops in the United States to see how that race has deserved the esteem of Americans. And it is somewhat delightful to recall that Bishop O'Rourke of Danzig, old Lithuanian territory, had a Lithuanian mother and an Irish father who was born in Lithuania. Bishop O'Rourke sat beside the President of Lithuania and our own eminent Lithuanian Bishop Peter F. Bučys, M. I. C. an American, at the Eucharistic Congress this year. Bishop O'Rourke may be the human product of a present day human companionship of two branches of the pre-historic, aboriginal family of Europe, the Irish and the Lithuanian! Be that as it may one can easily begin a thread of thought by comparing such names as Dillion, Danegal, Gilles, Macys, Breslin, Burke, Diamond, Durross, Dooley, Divine, Gorman, Gallen, Kelly, Lalis, Lacy, Leky, Lang, Miles, Mellon, Remy, Russell, etc., etc. of Irish families, and the Lithuanian equivalents as Dilanis, Dingaila, Gilis, Mačys, Brazulis, Berkus, Diemantis, Darius, or Deresis, Dulys, Divonis, Kelė, Lalis, Lekas, Lionys, Lingas, Maila, Melonas, Ramus, Ruzelis, etc. etc.

— *Finis* —

DARIUS IR JO MOTINA

Gruodžio 10 d. mirė Dariaus motina. Augustina Vaišvilaitė gimė 1866 m. rugpiūčio 12 d. Gyveno Kaune. Čia susipažino ir išteko už Jono Romualdo Jucevičiaus — Darašiaus. Apsigyveno ūky — Tauragės apskr. Kvedarnos vals. Rubiškės vienkiemy. Susilaukė sūnaus ir dviejų dukterų. 1896 m. gimė sūnus Steponas. 1905 m. graži šeimelė netenka savo globėjo. Nelaimėj su vaikais atsidūrusi našlė paskiau išteka už Kazio De-gučio, ir 1907 m. visi atkeliauja Amerikon. Gyve-no: Newark'e ir Elizabeth'e, N. J. ir apsigyveno Chica-go, Ill. Čia Jucevičiai dingsta: nesuamerikonėja, bet su-lietuvėja — pasivadina Juciais.

Svetimam krašte sunku išlaikyti savo tautybę. Tačiau, kuomet daugybė lietuvių jau visai žuvo mū-sų tautai, Jucių šeimoje motina ir patėvis rūpestingai laiko ir saugoja lietuvių ir svarbiausią jos pagrindą — kalbą. Tik taip rūpestingai išlaikant lietuvių, iš tos šeimos galėjo iškilti tokios patrijotės (L. Nelsonie-nė ir K. Stulpinienė) ir patrijotai (V. Jucius ir S. Da-rius), kurie brangina savo kilmę, gimtąją kalbą, o Lie-tuvos Nepriklausomybės iškovoti ir stiprinti aukojo po kelias dešimtis ir net po kelis šimtus dolerių. Bet didžiausias šios šeimos nuopelnas lietuvių tautai — tai nepaprasta brangenybė — dovana, kurios nenupirk-tum už milijonus dolerių. Jucių šeima davė Lietuvai Darių, kuris ligi 1917 metų vadinosi Steponu Jucium.

Sunkiai dirbdami, tėvai taupė pinigus ir leido savo vaikus per mokslo įstaigas. Bene gabiausiam, Ste-pui teko pasiekti net aukštieji mokslai, iš kurių jam labiausiai patiko technika, mechanika ir architektūra. Rū-pestingi jo tėvai troško jam nutiesti kelią į šviesų ki-tokį pasaulį; norėjo, kad doras, gabus ir uolus Stepas būtų ne paprastas duonos graužikas, bet naudingas tautai ir žmonijai. Ir tėvai neapsiriko.

Motina yra savo vaikų angelas sargas. Kada Stepas bėgiojo ir miklinosi mokyklų sporto aikštėse, jo motulė labai rūpinosi sūnelio saugumu. Graudinosi mo-tinos širdis, kada beisbolas versdavo Stepą kartais pa-šlubuoti kelias dienas arba susižeisdavo; motina slau-gydavo, trindavo skaudamas kūno dalis. Tačiau tas nebaidė jaunojo Žemaičio, kuris greit tapo net garsiu Chicagos sportininku.

Darius buvo pavyzdingas, klusnus sūnus. Gal tik tai vienu atveju pasielgė prieš motinos norą, nors paskiau motina džiaugėsi ir didžiavosi sūnaus gabumais. Tobulėjanti mašina ne tik žeme ant ratų greit va-žinėjo, vandeniui plaukė, bet su prisiektais sparnais ir padangėn iškilo. Net karo laukuose kovotojai iškilo oran ir plėtė karo ugnį. Tokia sparnuota mašina ėmė vilioti ir Darių. Bet per didįjį karą Lietuva baisiai ken-tė, o čia Amerikos Prezidentas Vilsonas paskelbia tautų lygybės ir laisvės reikalą. Ir Stepas savanoriu stoja Amerikos kariuomenėn ir narsiai kovoja su priešais, kurie buvo žiaurūs jo Tėvynei. Iš karo laukų jis kas savaitę po 2-3 laiškus siųsdavo namiškiams ir mamytei daugiausia skirdavo meilės žodžių. Ramindavo, paguos-davo ją ir užtikrindavo, kad karo lauke jam joks pavojus negrėsia.... bet vis dėlto buvo dujomis (gazais)

apnuodintas ir krūtinėn sužeistas. O toj krūtinėj de-gė ir augo neužgesinama lietuvių ugnis, kuri netru-kus ėmė net Lietuvos patrijotus ir vadus stebinti. Gri-žęs Čikagon suorganizuoja būrį drašulių ir su jais iš-vyksta užjūrin prisidėti prie Lietuvos laisvės gynimo. Tik Tėvyne patenkino jo troškimą: pašaukė į karei-vių vadus ir prisegė jam sparnus, kuriais jis ėmė dra-siai ir galingai plasnoti. Tarnaudamas Lietuvos kariuo-menėj ir veikdamas sporto organizacijose, Darius ras-davo laiko dažnai parašyti motinai meilūs laiškus, rūpinosi jos sveikata, gyvenimu, pasiūsdavo dovanėlių, pinigų. O vargšė motinėle net negreit sužinojo, kad jos sūnelis jau senai skraido Lietuvos padangėj. Kai 1925 metais Stasys Girėnas buvo savo draugo su lėk-tuvu nutrenktas žemėn, vos išliko gyvas ir po to ilgai vaikščiojo su ramentais, Jucierė-Degutienė labai gailė-josi jo, rūpinosi jo pagijimu ir ne kartą apsiverkė, pa-maniusi, kad ir jos sūnus gali iš Lietuvos padangės kristi... Bet jis nei karto nekrito. Jis dargi su-manė lietuviškais sparnais ir pasaulį nustebinti, kad kitos tautos gyvai pajustų Jaunosios Lietuvos verty-bes. Vėl grįžęs mylimon Chicagon savo skraidymais ir vartaliojimusi tarp debesų ėmė stebinti visus; savo sparnais išraižė plačiosios Amerikos padangę skersai ir išilgai — daug kartų. Visi nustebę klausinėjo: kas jis. Tai Lietuvos kapitonas lakūnas Darius! Ir tik ne-daugelis žinojo, kad šis gabus ir drąsus lakūnas yra A. Degutienės sūnus. Kada jis jau didelių nuopelnų paliko Lietuvoje, jo motina buvo visuomenės nežinoma moteriškė, nors jį išaugino savo Tėvynei.

Kai Darius su Girėnu ryžosi iš Amerikos Lietu- von skriste nuskristi, skaudu buvo šio kapitono motinai žiūrėti į abiejų pasiryžėlių sunkų darbą, vargą, kliū-tis ir dar girdėti, kai kurių laikraščių ir žmonių pa-juoką, apkalbą, šmeižtus.... Pagaliau išleidžia ir laimi-na sūnų ir jo draugą, kurie netrukus sugeba tarp de-besų viršum vandenyno nematomą kelią Tėvyne susi-rasti, pirmi iš lietuvių per Atlantą taip toli nuskren-da ir prie pat Lietuvos slenksčio liko paslaptingojo Mirties Angelo sutriuškinti.... Ši tragedija sudaužė ne tik LITUANIKĄ ir jos valdytojus, bet ir kapitono mo-tinos širdį. Senutė liko tartum stabo ištikta. Tiek metų džiaugėsi savo Stepu ir patrijotiškais jo darbais, bet po didelio džiaugsmo susilaukė baisaus smūgio. Šią visuomenės nežinomą moteriškę susiranda aukštas dip-lomatas ir skaito Lietuvos Valstybės Prezidento sura-minimą ir užuojautą visos tautos ir vyriausybės vardu. Labai iškilmingos pamaldos, griaudžios giesmės, didžiulė ašarojanti minia liūdiujo, kad jau visi tiki ta bai-sia, iš kokio ten Soldino atlėkusia žinia... Ta žinia sudaužė jos širdį ir ėmė ją silpninti. Nedaugelis iš mūsų matė jos ašaras, betgi tas skausmas slėgė ją. Ne-trukus pamatė, kaip visa tauta įvertino LITUANIKOS žygį, kuris sukėlė lietuviuose kažkokį idealizmo gais-rą, skatino prasimušti iš pilkojo kasdieniško, rodė gražų pasiukojimo, pasitikėjimo savim ir patrijotišku-mo pavyzdį. Dariaus ir Girėno žygis ir idealizmas ėmė kelti tautos dvasią naujiems žygiams. Štai, kokį dva-sios milžiną A. Degutienė davė Lietuvai!



Vargas ir Rūpestis.

Žmonės dabar pripratę, kaip apseiti be visokių niekniekių, tai ir nešūkauja, kad labai prasti laikai Amerikoje. Bedarbių visur randasi, bet jaučiamės, kad jų skaičius mažėja.

Ir Vėl Skridimai.

Matėme laikraščiuose paskelbta, kaip lengvai Amelia Earhart perskrido Pacific vandenyną. Jos orlavis buvo keturių metų senumo, ir jau ji trečia pirkėja.

Mūsų Lituanica II rengiasi vėl dėl atsisveikinimo dienos ir bankieto. Kiek šį kartą auko si brolau — reikia išreikšti savo mintis jai kiti prižada viską, o nieko neatlieka.

Good Will Tour

The three wise men of the west, as Father Urbanavicius described them, of the K of L Center; paid a fraternal visit to Kenosha, Indiana Harbor, and Roseland. With Father Paškauskas and the energetic Rev. Cernauskas, Roseland promises to forge ahead as one of the leading Chicago councils.

Father Bičkauskas of Ind. Harbor has an ideal group of Knights. The Center is proud of them; and the same can be said of Kenosha. These members are imbued with the true social, religious and national principles of our organization.

BALTIC ARTS EXHIBIT

The governments of Lithuania and Estonia are sponsoring an exhibit and sale of Baltic Art and Handicraft in Chicago.

The exhibit includes 10,000 pieces — merchandise collected in the two countries by Louis Bonyhard as a representative of the Lithuanian and Estonian governments. Mr. Bonyhard, a home industries expert, gathered together a representative collection of the handicraft of the people — all of it authentic, some of it actual household implements that have been used for generations. Adding further colors are several museum pieces — among them the oldest European national costume, dating back to the 16th century and valued at \$10,000.

Lithuanians are a quite race who do not talk about themselves. Therefore the easiest way to get acquainted with them is through their work. This collection is truly amazing for its range, its beauty, its startling color combinations, especially in textiles of all sorts. The variety is tremendous and includes upholstery fabrics, curtains, rugs, linens and portieres. The antique group includes pieces from the 18th and 19th centuries, all in surprisingly good condition.

Hand tooled leather is another national specialty. The men of the family do this work at home during the long winter evenings. The knitted work is also especially fine — sweaters, scarfs, blouses, gloves and caps come in the gayest colors.

An outstanding group of wood carvings was sent by the art school of Tallinn. The pottery collection in which each piece is different and some of it 50 years old is unique. A group of antique leather pieces and silver filigree comes from the

Tartus art school.

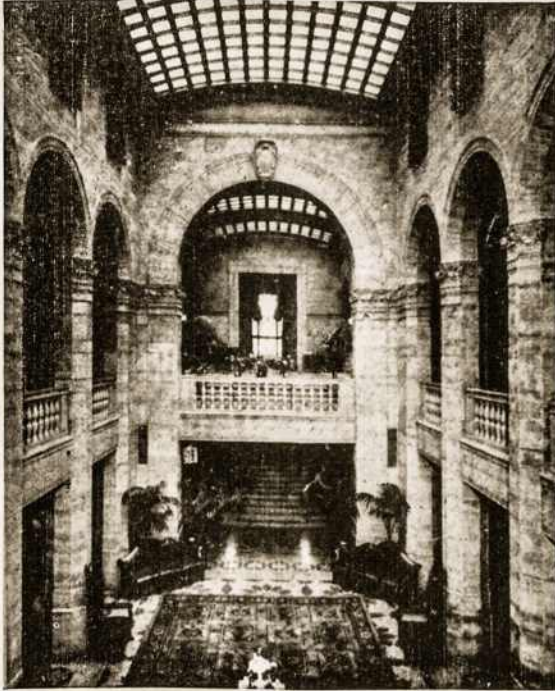
From Lithuania the country in which "every home has a loom" comes many of the exquisite hand-made products in the Baltic Exhibit. There are hand-spun materials for every use — rugs, carpets, linen, towels, bedspreads. By a strange coincidence, the traditional patterns look modern enough to satisfy the most modern-minded. The piece de resistance of the collection and the national pride of the Lithuanians is their amber — some of the loveliest in the world. This has been worked into crosses, necklaces, atomizers, dresser sets and other ornaments.

An Honorarium

The Center continues to struggle along and issue a first rate publication at less than cost price. Contributions of three dollars from Hartford, scene of the next K of L convention, and two dollars from Kenosha, are duly appreciated. Local councils and districts ought to hold a general carnival or jamboree, giving prizes by popular applause to amateur members for acting, and the nominal admission charged be sent to the center to help defray expenses. What has your council done for the general good?

The K of L Center gladly accepts invitations to visit any council and its activities when requested formally to do so by the council. A general invitation by an individual such as, "you come down too" is comparable to a slight and a lack of respect.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
23rd Annual Dance
THE MIDLAND CLUB HOTEL
January 20, 1935



Lobby



Mezzanine

FOR YOUR PLEASURE

This year the Knights of Lithuania intends to impress its members with the good taste exhibited in its selection again of the Midland Club Hotel, for the annual informal dance of the center organization. The lobby, the mezzanine; both pictured above, please the most meticulous guest with their spacious comfort and home-like atmosphere. Between dances, a walk amidst congenial surroundings or a rest in the luxurious lounging rooms, will refresh you and make you want to dance again and again.

We urge every member within the Chicago District to be present with us on Sunday, January 20th. Transportation is excellent; the elevated and surface cars are both accessible to the Midland Club at 172 West Adams Street. Even the North Shore, the I. C. and other means of travel are close at hand. Jack Gracious and his WBBM orchestra will furnish the harmony; so skate, walk, or ride, but be sure to be at the dance when the music starts at 8:30 P. M. ... What care we for wind, rain or snow when a joyous crowd is gaily dancing in cozy surroundings. It's the K of L Center Dance; don't let this gay affair slip by you.



"Say Margie, this affair cost me sixty cents but you're worth it."



SOUTH WORCESTER, MASS. COUNCIL 116

Among the memories of days fled away, one of the most cherished is November 25 for that was the day when we turned out in body to attend the convention of the New England district which was at Athol. The convention itself (that is the business part of it) was ordinary or even a bit dull as conventions go. Worcester, however was honored by having two of its members, John Manassa and Joseph Beilan, elected president and vice-president respectively. Also it was decided that the next convention will be in South Worcester. Then came the banquet. Although Mr. Tamason, our perfect host, informed us that they had prepared a little supper for us none of us dreamed that we were going to sit down to feast of turkey and all the fixin's. Um! That turkey, those creamed peas, carrots, chop suey, those dreams of cakes — everything was so good that fat and lean, dieters, and those moderately indulgent, all threw caution out the windows as they feasted whole-heartedly. All I can say is three cheers and more for Athol and its cooks. And that was not all; after the feast came the dancing which proved an ideal rounding off for a superb time. I say this not because dancing is such a novelty but because the young ladies were asked to invite the young men to dance and (three cheers for my sex) they did although they, on the whole, chose the least formidable ones.

As has been stated before, we Worcesterites do enjoy our food. And to appease our weakness, two days after the convention we had a banquet at the Rosebud Gardens at Wayland, Mass. Guests for the evening included our good friends and patrons, Atty. Miller and wife, Atty Matulonis and wife, Mr. Joseph Dirsas and wife, and Miss Helen Petkus. A very nice time was had.

Elections came we voted; and its all over until next year. The ballot system we adopted proved to be a bit too efficient for me for there were no hot-headed arguments to pep things up. The results showed that we still have Joseph J. Lakus, Jr. as president, Louise Totilas as recording secretary, and Joseph Godek as marshal. New officers are Mary Pigoga, vice-president, John Marcinkus, treasurer, and Veta Rawkewskas, financial secretary. Success to you officers in making your administration a successfully active one.

— The School Ma'm.

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NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

On reviewing the past records, we find that the Athletic Board has had a very busy year. Activities were renewed, new sports introduced, Councils became interested, teams formed, new members joined. So the Board happy to know that their efforts satisfied, closed a successful 1934 chapter.

But with a record as fruitful as theirs they certainly weren't allowed to stop there, so with elections the Executives were unanimously re-elected with the addition of a vice president — president Charles Bason, vice-president Francis Raugalas, treasurer John Wainis, secretary Ann Stankus.

On February 24, 1935, a dance will be held at the St. George's Parish Hall, Brooklyn. At this dance the winners of the Basket-ball League will be presented with a trophy and prizes. Your co-operation assures you an enjoyable evening. More information will be sent to your Council.

We have several requests to stage a swimming meet. Plans are being made for one, to be held the first week of April. If enough interest is shown such an affair will be possible and successful in our District. So when your Council is notified in detail all you Weissmullers and Holms make it your business to enter.

Up to date there are a few Council that haven't joined our activities. WHY??? I am certain that with the variety offered there must be something you do and like, so attend our next meeting and your dull moments are over.

— Dash.

WE CARRY ON!

The Knights of Lithuania organization has existed for 23 years for it is founded on the solid pillars of idealism and faith. These two fine attributes of humanity will exist as long as civilized man will continue to inhabit this earth. Our organization affords you every opportunity to do something good, with no chance of being paid for it; except the satisfaction of accomplishing something worth — while.

The Knights have weathered the rocks of depression though many organizations have given up a like work. We look to you to continue doing your share of this fine work by urging others to join our ranks.

V y t i s —

DAYTON, OHIO, COUNCIL 96.

We still have fond memories of the time when the Cleveland K of L's paid our Dayton council a visit. Everyone remembers the happy moments; there was Bernadette Sluzas, Betty Lucas, Mary Gudelis, Joe Zebras, Betty August, etc. Wally Krause and his car were popular, and the same can be said of Sir Kazel and Sir Witkus.

The merrymakers were; Mike Racie, Joe Augaitis, and Joe Sink. That was the K of L Orchestra. Joe Goldick was there; so was Ann Usalis and our dear Mary S.

The speech-makers were Frank Gudelis and our Reverend Bystrias. More such get-togethers.

— Chairman.

INDIANA HARBOR, INDIANA COUNCIL 55

Officers are Elected.

In what proved to be the most hectic and turbulent election, the Conservatives of Council 55 were swept into office. The opposition was buried by the veritable landslide of votes, protests and three-no-trumps.

Miss Betty Waupsh has the exalted position of Kingfish. August Mikalauskas was hushed into the office of Vice-President, which position will afford him time to experiment with his crossing a potato and basketball so the latter will have eyes for the hoop. Katy Laucys will push the pencil around as Recording Secretary. The financial duties were properly placed in the hands of Mrs. Bernice Flaskett. Horatious, is Sir Charles Kuchinskas.

Last but not least, the care of this literary masterpiece and others to follow, have been very prudently left with two glorious journalists who will grace the Vytis with their correspondences.

— Modestly Pem —CG.

ROSELAND, COUNCIL 8 — CHICAGO.

The Roseland All Saints, Council 8, extends a cordial invitation to all the K of L members to participate in a Novelty Dance to be given at the Parish Hall which is located at 10805 South Wabash Avenue. It shall be held January 31, and the pleasure tax is only 25 cents.

Stanley Kernegis, the new president of the re-organized club is planning many good things for the coming year. But the crystalization of his plans greatly depend upon the success of this event. However, with the cooperation of the other councils, success will be assured.

The arrangements committee for the dance, Lillian Michols, Victoria Surblis, Anthony Vaitkus and Alex Malker are working hard in preparation for the great doings. They faithfully promise a good orchestra plus good music, and assure every one that even the most sceptical person will get his money's worth and go away perfectly satisfied.

George Smulkis, Correspondent.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — COUNCIL 41

The members have lately resorted to a new indoor game, for our social nites. The game might be called "Block Tennis" as it somewhat resembles a regular Tennis outlay.

Our annual Thanksgiving Party was held on November 29 — at our clubrooms. With many members and guests attending, the affair was a success. Music for this occasion was supplied by a favorite orchestra. Other outstanding features of the evening were: The turkey raffle — which was won by Miss C. Karpavich of Brooklyn, N. Y. A solo was given by an accodianist, who obliged with a couple of classical selections. All in all a good time was had by those who attended!

On December 13 — The "Vytauto" council held its fifth annual election of officers. With practically the entire membership turning cut: among those were Mr. Michael Martinkus, our District President, and Mr. Charles Basin our District Sports Director. Believe it or not! It was another "New Deal" triumph! Practically the entire past executive board succumbed to the New Deal candidates. It was one of the greatest changes in the council's history! Mr. Anthony Mazeika, who had faithfully executed the office of presidency of this council for the past two years, lost by a close count. Being our National President, Mr. Mazeika, can well feel relieved of some of the hard work, for there have been so many jobs on his hands lately that by pending more time to our national activities, Mr. Anthony Mazeika, will be rendering more good. Miss Josephine Yanushka, who served so diligently in the past as Financial Secretary and who always obliged to various committee jobs, will be long remembered for her work. Mrs. Susan Mazeika, who in addition to attending a higher institution of learning at night's and fulfilling her duties as Recording Secretary most satisfactorily for the council, can not be forgotten. Miss Mary Stagniunas who maintained a neat file of records, books and receipts as Treasurer for the council and not failing to mention her interest in doing her part in District activities has set a very marvelous example as a worker and tireless seeker of bettering things where ever she could help the most! The members wish to express their appreciation and thank the out-going executive board for all that it has done in the past year toward the welfare of the council.

The "New Deal" Executive board for 1935 follows:

President — Mr. Joseph Minauskas,
Vice-President — Mr. Anthony Samalonis,
Treasurer — Mr. Albert Kruzikauskas,
Financial Secretary — Mr. Peter Ivanauskas,
Recording Secretary — Mr. Joseph Lugauskas.

Now that the new officers have been installed to their executive positions, it is well that all factions should bury their animosity and instead let's put our shoulders to the wheel of Progress and pull together toward the betterment of our council District and General Organization!

— J. Minauskas.

KĖNOSHA, WIS. 38-ta KUOPA

Dabartinis kuopos veikimas gan girtinai eina. Metas baigias, darbo sekmės tokios, kad galima tikėtis, daugiau paramos ir pripažinimo Vyčių idealams.

Kuopos plėtimasis, tai priežastis dabartinės Centro Valdybos tvarkimasi. Kuopa užgria Jos narius, nes viskas daroma su pramatymu ir išgale.

Vietinė kuopa, prieš užbaigiant metus statė "Išpažinties Paslaptis. Pasekrės buvo labai gražios.

Svarbu yra pažymėti, kad mūsų dviosios vado, kun. M. Urbanavičiaus mintis kas link jaunimo. Jaunimas Jam visuomet artimiausias. Su lyg Jo žodžių, randama, kad chorai ir Vyčiai vienas kitam silpnina veikimą. Kur viena grupė veikliau eina, tai kita nustoja jėgų. Ir čia pas mus Kun. M. Urbanavičius taip tvarko, kad būtų nepakenkiama jokiai grupei. Pavyzdžiui: Parapijos choras palaikomas tikslu vien tik giedojimui, o kada rengiama pasilinksminimas, tai tas pats būrys dalyvauja Vyčių kuopos veikime.

Iš senesniųjų, mes turime poną Stankų, kuris visuomet yra palankus Vyčiams. Tiesa, nėra kad kas kliudytų kuopos veikimą, bet neatsiranda daugiau reikalingos pagalbos.

Kitas girtinas kuopos tvarkymas, tai dėka p-lės D. Lukauskaitės pirmininkavimas.

Ji visuomet sugeba išrišti keblumus ir visuomet turi aiškaus būdo nusistatymus.

38-tos kuopos susirinkimai yra laikomi kas pirmą ir trečią trečiadienį kiekvieno mėnesio. Nariai gana šaunūs yra. Gražu, kada prieš susirinkimą užtraukia keletą lietuviškų dainų. Kitas pavyzdingas dalykas, kad mūsų jaunimas moka lietuviškai žaisti.

Tik labai gaila, kad per susirinkimus gana tankiai vartojama anglų kalba. Žinoma tai nėra prasižengimas, bet tik pasidavimas netai įtakai.

Laukiant Naujų Metų, mūsų kuopa linki Centro Valdybai, visoms Amerikos Vyčių kuopoms ir namiškiams Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų!

Taipgi prašome kitų kuopų, kad mus aplankytumėte!

Žemaičių Juzė

ŠIRDINGA PADĖKA

Centro Valdyba ir „Vyties“ redakcija siunčia savo nuoširdžią padėką dideliame Vyčių rėmėjui ponui M. A. Norkūnui, kuris švenčių proga draug su Kalėdiniais linkėjimais prisiuntė \$5.00 auką. Mažą tesiranda tokios širdies žmonių mūsų tarpe, ir jų apsilankymas panašiu būdu suteikia jaunimui begalo daug džiaugsmo, ypač kuomet materialė pagelba labai reikalinga šiame laike. Gal šito Vyties, M. A. Norkūno, pavyzdys paskatys ir kitus.

Dar kartą širdingai ačiū!

Redakcija ir Centro Valdyba.

SO. BOSTON, MASS. 17-ta KUOPA

Mūsų kuopos priešmetinis susirinkimas įvyko gruodžio 23 d., Vyčių kambary.

Susirinkime išklaudyta daug svarbių reikalų, įnešimų, bei rimtai apsvastyta Naujų Narių Vajaus programa.

Naujų Narių Vajus.

Nuo sausio pirmos dienos mūsų kuopoj prasidėjo naujų narių vajas. Šį svarbų ir rimtą darbą visi nariai rimtai energingai pasižadėjo dirbti. Vajaus metu kontestantai gaus dovanas už pasidarbavimą. Pirmą dovaną \$5.00; antra dovaną \$3.00 ir trečia dovaną \$2.00.

Ištikrųjų brangūs vyčiai šiuo vajaus metu subruskime, ir pakvieskime savo draugus prie vyčių organizacijos.

Vajaus tvarka: už naują narį užsimokėjusį metines duokles prirašytojas gaus 6 taškus, už pusmetinį 3 taškus.

Debatatai ir prakalbos.

Naujų narių vajaus proga, mūsų kuopa rengia debatus su prakalbomis, apie jaunimą ir organizacijas.

Debatatai įvyks temoje: "Ar lietuvių jaunimui priklausyti prie lietuviškų organizacijų?". Taipgi nutarta kviesti kalbėtojai, kurie rimtai nušviestų vyčių organizacijos reikalus.

Debatoriai: p-nia O. Ivaškienė, p-lė F. Karlonaitė, pp. J. Gričiūnas ir M. Gilevičius.

Po visų svarstymų išrinkta sekantiems metams valdyba: P. Razvadauskas, pirmininkas; inž. S. Baleskas, vice-pirmininkas; F. Karlonaitė, nutarimų raštininkė; M. Žukauskaitė, finansų raštininkė; M. Gilevičius, išdinininkas; O. Petrušytė ir J. Gričiūnas, izdo globėjai. P. Bakota, tvarkdarys.

Nauja valdyba pasižadėjo uoliai dirbti sekančiais metais.

Susirinkime dalyvavo gerb. kun. P. Virmauskas ir muzikas R. Juška.

— P. R.

CHICAGO DISTRICT BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS

The knights have procured the centrally located McKinley Park gymnasium to hold their league games. At the present time seven teams are entered in the league with a rotating schedule of competition. Councils in the district which are not in the league and have teams, such as Roseland and Indiana Harbor, are requested to make reservations to play exhibition games at the gym.

The committee in charge of affairs is headed by two active West Side Council 24 members. Joe Peters, President of that council is unusually active in every branch of K of L activity this season; he does everything at the gym except play for his team.

Come down to the gym, ye members, every Sunday between the hours of 2:00 P. M. and 6:00 P. M. and join the sporting crowd. Of course there is an admission charge, but that is only 15c. Root for the local team, YEA BO!

KONGRESO KNYGYNAS

Kongreso knygynas yra didžiausias knygynas Amerikoje ir trečias didžiausias visame pasaulyje. Jis buvo Kongreso įsteigtas 1800 m. \$5,000 buvo paskirta nupirkti ir įsteigti tinkamą vietą toms knygoms. Keturioliką metų vėliaus, kuomet britų pulkai sudegino sostą, tai 3,000 knygų sudegė. Tuomet knygynas Thomas Jefferson'o buvo nupirktas kaip pradžia naujo knygyno. Knygų kolekcija vis augo ir beveik kasmet 1,300 knygų pridėta, iki 1851 m. kuomet antras gaisras sunaikino beveik pusę knygyno, apie 55,000 knygų. Ir vėl naujas knygynas pradėtas. Bet su prisidėjimu Smithsonian Instituto knygyno, privatiškų knygynų ir dar privatiškų žmonių knygų, vieta tapo permaža. 1886 m. Kongresas autorizavo pastatymą atskiro namo knygynui. Vienuoliką metų vėliaus tas knygynas buvo užbaigtas, kaštavo suvirš \$6,000,000, tą darbą atlikti, ir jis užima apie 3 ir pusę akrų žemės. Jis stovi ant Capitol Hill, mažiau, kaip pusė mylios nuo Baltųjų Namų. Yra didžiausias ir brangiausias knygynas visame pasaulyje.

Didžiulis skaitymo kambarys turi 15,000 knygų, ir čionais net 1,000 skaitytojų gali vienu sykiu skaityti. Elektriškus knygų nešiotojai sujungia skaitymo kambarį su Baltuoju Namu. Jeigu skaitytojui reikalinga vartoti tas pačias knygas per kiek laiko kasdien, tai paskirta stalėlis. Yra 60 tokių stalėlių galerijose. Apart didžiulio skaitymo kambario yra skaitymo kambariai Senatoriams ir Atstovams. Neregijų

skaitymo kambarys turi net 10,000 knygų, pamfletų ir žemlapių.

Iš viso 1933 m., knygynas turėjo 4,700,000 knygų, kelius milijonus rankraščių suvirš 400,000 spaudinių, suvirš milijoną muzikališkų kompozicijų ir 150,000 orientališkų knygų ir t. t.

Knygynas turi atstovą Europoje, kuris raportuoja apie progas gauti senų ir brangių knygų, ir jam pavesta nupirkti tas knygas.

1926 m. knygynas nupirko 24,625 knygas, 18,121 knygas aukavo asmenys ir 14,910 knygų buvo dovanos federalės, val-

stijų ir vietinių valdžių.

Slaviškas skyrius turi vieną iš didžiausių kolekcijų Rusijos literatūros. Vientik Rusija turi daugiau. Gennadius Vasiliovich Yudin, iš Siberijos pradėjo šitą skyrių su 80,000 knygų 1907 m. Šiandien yra suvirš 120,000 knygų.

Įstatymas padaro Kongreso Knygyną dalį valdžios įstatų departamento. Kongresas kasmet paskiria sumą pinigų dėl knygyno užlaikymo ir del 600 darbininkų algų. Prezidentas paskiria knygų, kad nors jis tiesiog raportuoja Kongresui. Jo paskyrimą turi užtvirtinti Senatas.



No Words, Just Music.

NEW YORK, N. Y. — COUNCIL 12

At our December meeting the annual elections took place and the following now preside: — President: Mr. Anthony P. Vanis, Vice-President Mr. Anthony Shovelski; Treasurer Mr. Peter Vaicels; Secretary Miss Bertha B. Brosky; Marshall Mr. Frank Vanis. We were very sorry that Mr. John Wainis did not run for any office this year. Well, Johnny, you have worked hard and deserve a rest — or is the District chairman your goal, We're for it and how! Our Sports Managing fell upon the shoulders of Peter Vaicels and Bertha B. Brosky. Incidentally, they have also been chosen as Correspondents.

Council Twelve faces the new year with a great big smile, and why not? Haven't they chased the big bad wolf away by paying off their debts (remember the Convention?) and haven't they money in the old treasury again? Our membership has increased greatly and still going strong. Mr. William Bernatovich, although just a new member, has proven very active and helped more than is expected and for this we have awarded him a medal of honor. Yes, we appreciate everything done for us.

Those Knights who attended our Barn Dance last month are still talking about the good time they had. And why shouldn't they since the real rural atmosphere prevailed — even to shot-gun weddings. B. B. B. went back several years (or more) and was dressed in a short gingham dress, short socks and a lollypop! Misses (or Mrs.) Elsie Miklaunus and Bertha B. Brosky visited the Mock Marriage Bureau fifty-eight times each and therefore tied the score for a prize — so the Committee gave each a goose — and were their faces crimson with pleasure. After all, a fifteen pound goose was worth being called a fifty-eightimist.

May each and every Council in the K of L Organization have a very prosperous New Year.

— The Siren.

SPORTS

Basketball isn't the only indoor sport being participated in. Ping-Pong has taken the Council by storm and everyone is eagerly awaiting the next District tournament to be held sometime in February. The girls are particularly sharpening their eyes in plenty of practise. The tournament held in our Council recently, proved that there are some markedly improved players among our girls and boys.

— Blue Eyes.

CHICAGO, TOWN OF LAKE COUNCIL 13.

Hello everybody! This is the reorganized council which the Chicago District President, J. Poška reassembled. Our dues are already a bit in arrears, but we hope to catch up this month — pay up you members.

A. Martisius was quite active at the Brighton K of L Dance, and our President claims that Conference meetings take up a great deal of time; to which we reply — we want an invitation.

One of our members A. Plienas was ill recently, so a young Miss Navickas was the nurse who cured him. Mr. Juozapaitis must have been in the same condition of ill health for he was quite anxious for seltzer-water when last we saw him.

We wish the Chicago District Officers, a Happy New Year and close with this phrase:

"While we live, let's live in clover,

For when we're dead, we're dead all over."

— Toots and Pup.

KEARNY—HARRISON, N. J.

Algirdo Council 90.

At our annual meeting, held January 7, 1935 the following members were elected to office unanimously:

President — Anne Stankus,

Vice-President — Peter Velevas,

Treasurer — Helen Savickas,

Recording Secretary — Susan Velevas

Financial Secretary — Adele Yuknelis,

Sergeant at arms — James Dasker,

Correspondent — Vyto Kemežis.

Well, we've got a hard working executive group of officers this year who will strive to make Council 90 the model council of the Knights of Lithuania. How about it members? We'll show every other group what young Lithuania can do.

— Lonesome.



"Mother, where do bad girls go?"

"Most everyplace, my child, most everyplace."



LITTLE GEMS WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

WHITHER LITHUANIAN YOUTH?

It seems strange that our general Knights of Lithuania Organization membership should find itself dwindling. What are its causes and what means should be taken to bring about a plan or reorganization should be our task.

Perhaps in the next few years there may be a more discouraging situation, and plans for reorganization may be too futile then. Whether or not the younger generation of Lithuanian extraction will awaken to the fact that they are needed to carry on the work of the older generation that is facing this change will remain to be seen. It is only with this understanding that the old members must continue to strive along and try to influence the younger Lithuanian generation to bear the torch and carry on the general work of the Knights of Lithuania Organization so as to be able to keep the spark of life burning before the people of their own nationality and religion. This low membership of the Knights of Lithuania should be considered by each lodge, district, and National Organization and ways should be found to remedy this unpleasant situation; before it will become an impossible task to cope with.

Perhaps our younger Lithuanian generation is losing that spark of interest to work among their own people? It may be that the youth is growing to feel to be too superior to be among the more humble class of his own people? Or is it the inferiority complex that is responsible for this low membership? Perhaps it will only be thru the faithful cooperation and hard work of the older members who seem to be surviving yet and thru the awakening of our younger generation so to strive along as their predecessors: that the general organization be saved from extinction:

— Joseph Minauskas

LITERARY GLEANINGS

Charlotte Bronte, the great English novelist, was a great admirer (and it seems, also an imitator) of Thackeray. She herself, in comparing the great satirist Thackeray and the realist Henry Fielding says, in substance: "Thackeray is a majestic eagle that always seeks fresh and wholesome prey, while Fielding is a vulture, that feeds on carrion."

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Fulton Nursler, editor of Liberty, reveals a hidden chapter on Robert Browning's relations with Edward Fitzgerald, in his writings, Browning's wife, Elizabeth Barrett. Browning retorted with a bitterly sarcastic poem, which is probably not included in all collections of his works. Among the expressions used was one that said, in substance: "To spit upon thy face would be to honor thee" — an example of the poet's great indignation.

E. J. K.



Doctor: — "Got any scars?"

Patient: — "No, but I can let you have a cigarette."



Didžiausias Akmuo Lietuvoje

Rytų Lietuva ir Dzūkų kraštas yra kalnuoti, smėlingi ir akmeningi. Čia pasitaiko ir gana didelių akmenų. Ilgai Lietuvoje buvo ginčijamasi, kuris akmuo čia yra didžiausias. Vieni sako, kad Vystyčio akmuo, kuris yra prie Kybartų vieškelio, o kiti — kad tai Puntukas, esąs ties garsiaisiais Anykščiais. Pagaliau, išmatavus abu akmenis, iš tiesų paaiškėjo, kad Puntukas yra didžiausias akmuo Lietuvoje. Jis yra 9 metrų aukščio ir apie 12 metrų turi visas viršaus apkritimas. Šiandien didelė Puntuko dalis jau sulindusi į žemę ir viršuje kyšo tik apie 3 metrus. Tai Lietuvos įdomybė, kurios neaplenkia nepamatę keliauninkai po Lietuvą.

Iš paviršiaus žiūrint atrodo, kad Puntukas yra paprastas akmuo. Tačiau žinovai sako, kad jis sudėtas gana iš įdomios ir įvairios medžiagos. Anykščių apylinkių gyventojų kalba, kad šis akmuo stabmeldystės laikais buvęs laikomas šventu. Ant jo lietuviai savo dievams aukas degindavę. Su didelėmis iškilmėmis ant jo sudėginę ir karžygį Puntuką, todėl ir akmuo buvęs vardu jo pavadintas.

Svetimieji krikščionybės skelbėjai Lietuvoje, naikindami visa, kas buvo lietuviška, norėję ir Puntuką suskaldyti. Tačiau jiems tas nepavykė. Žmo-

nių legenda sako, kad Puntuką velnias nešęs užversti Anykščių bažnyčios duris. 12 valandą nakties užgiedojęs gaidys ir velnias, nedanešęs ligi Anykščių, akmenį numetęs. Puntuko šone yra iškalti nesuprantami ženklai. Žmonės sako, kad tai esą įspausti velnio pirštai.

Netoli Puntuko senovėje buvę daug šventų ažuolų kelmai tebėra. Dar prieš 1863 metus aplinkinių kaimų žmonės sekmadieniais po pamaldų susirinkdavo po tais ažuolais pasimelsti. Pavakare perbrisdavę per Švetnosios upę, susėsdavo aplink liūną, valgydavę pyragus, sūrius, o trupinius sumėsdavę į liūną. Prie Puntuko ažuolų įvykdavę daug pagijimų ir tikrų stebuklų. Žmonės pasakoja, kad garsiojo Lietuvos poeto vyskupo Antano Baranausko brolienė važiavusi iš Anykščių į Ukmergę, kur jos vyras baudžiatvės laikais sėdėjo kalėjime. Iš namų išvažiavusi ji jau serganti ir ties Puntuku jai pasidarė taip bloga, kad jau norėjusi namo grįžti. Tuo laiku ji atsiminus šventus ažuolus. Šiaip taip ji prišliaužė prie Puntuko ažuolų, lūpomis palietusi jų žievę ir tuojau išgijusi.

Šiandien Puntukas sau lygaus konkurento Lietuvoje neturi. Juo didžiuojasi visa Anykščių apylinkė, nes tai viena žymiausia to krašto pažiba.

M. V.

KLAIPĖDOJE LIETUVIŠKA OPERA.

Ligi šiol Klaipėda neturėjo nė vieno lietuviško teatro. Retkarčiais nuvykdavo iš Šiaulių dramos teatras, kai kada iš Kauno opera. Klaipėdos visuo-

menė beveik visą laiką turėjo tenkintis užsieniečių vokiečių spektakliais, kuriems buvusios vokiškos direktorijos išmesdavo per metus apie 200,000 litų.

Esant tokiai būklei, prieš keletą mėnesių vietiniai meninkai: kompozitorius J. Kačinskas, operos artistas Steponas Sodeika, Bručkus, muzikas Bertulis ir B. Knlys radę visuomenės tarpe pritarimo nutarė įkurti Klaipėdoje lietuvišką operą. Operą globoti pasiėmė tautos kultūrai kelti draugija „Aukuras“, o gruodžio 8 d. įvyko operos atidarymas.

Klaipėdos opera turi jau ir orkestrą, ir chorą, ir plačią žinomų dainininkų. Organizavimas buvo sunkus, nes viską reikėjo pradėti iš nieko.

— Lietuvių baletas prieš kurį laiką gavo kvietimą atvykti į Monte-Karlo. Kvietimas priimtas ir dėl gastrolių jau pasirašyta sutartis. Baletas išvyks sausio 10 d. ir užtruks ligi vasario pradžios.

M. V.

Kritikas...

— Žinai, tamsta, ši artistė niekam tikusi, blogiausia iš visų, kiek esu matęs! — sako vienas pilietis teatre savo kaimynui.

— Labai gaila, kad tamsta esi tokios nuomonės! Ši artistė yra mano žmona.

— Ah, dovanok, tamsta! Tiesą pasakius, kaip įsigilini į vaidinimą, tai ji nėra jau taip bloga ir net, galima sakyti, gabi artistė. Įdomu būtų žinoti, kas yra šio kvailo veikalo autorius? — teisindamasis vėl sako pirmasis.

— Šio veikalo autorius esu aš! — atrėžė antrasis.

Getting Better

by

— G. I. Ake —

Scene: Sickroom.

Enter Dr. Groe N. Panes:
"How is my patient, Addie Noids, this morn?"

Addie (in bed with a fever-mometer): "Nuts, although I had a restless nite. How can I get to sleep?"

Dr. Panes: "Lie on the edge of the bed and you may drop off. Where is your nurse?"

Ophelia Pulse (who got her training in Mulligan's Speak-easy): "Within your shadow, Doc."

Dr. Panes (to Ophelia): "Get some Mylia Linkham's Mixture for Audie Noids before my nex visit. It's good for chilblains, fallen arches, broken springs, strange ideas, lockjaw ,charley horse or what has she. Be careful and give her one spoonful in a glass of applejack between meals and after the show. Goodbye."

Exit Doctor

Ophelia: "You know, Addie, the last time I was sick I took Pell-Ens Stomach Slugs and it cured me. Ten years ago I couldn't keep anything on my stomach. The doctor kept coming up. Now with one of Pell-Ens Slugs I can take anything. With two Slugs I can even take a joke."

Addie: "I still insist Gromo Meltzer is the best remedy that Dr. Ima Bittoff recommended to me. It prevents slipping, makes you sleep in the day-time, keeps spots off your vest and dots your eyes. It's sold in quarts but I was always able to stretch a pint".

Ophelia: "'Tis so, but have you ever tried Spiff Bros. Cough Syrup? Pat and Pending guarantee that there is not a cure in a cough koad. Why even my good dentist friend, Dr. Phil N. Pullem, whose slogan was "the Yanks are coming" uses it."

SCENE II.

Following Day

Dr. Panes (to nurse): —
Let's see this day's bulletin. Hmmm... (reads) 1:15 patient improving steadily.

1:30 the temperature going down. Nothing coming up.

1:45 continued improvement. Nurse gone out for a shampoo.

4:30 Patient has just finished a beef stew. Looks wonderful (The patient, not the stew).

Hmmm... very good. Fine. Tomorrow we take Addie's bastings out. Goodbye.

Undertaker: (behind door).
Darn it!

Curtain.



The Winner

He: — Bet a dime I can kiss you without touching you.

She: I'll bet you can't.

(Smack.)

He: — O. K. I owe you a dime.

DAISY DARLING

(Advice to Palpitating Hearts)



Dear Daisy:

I'm 43 years old, and knowing that life begins at 40, I feel like a 3 year old. There may be winter in my hair but there is summer in my heart. Do you think my prince-charming will soon find me out?

P. P. Lucretis.

Dear Lucy:

Be explicit. Do you feel like a three year old horse? I'd advise you not to race around like spring ,else there may be a heavy fall. I think the prince is dead — long live the king!

Duece Daisy.

Dear Daisy:

My name is Oscar, and I'm five feet two inches and a full half in my stocking feet. Last week I had blue eyes but ordinarily they are grey-green. Now I have a fond affection for a girl, but she always says "When do we eat?", and she never believes I could be broke. What's a fellow to do, I'm esking you Nu?

Texas.

Dear Sir Oscar:

Always carry a sandwich in your pocket. If you feel like blowing yourself, why put a little mustard on the cornbeef before giving the sandwich to your girl-friend. These small considerations on your part will make the girl appreciate you just so much more.

P. S. I'll wager you're just two inches shorter when you're not in your stocking feet.

Inquisitive Daisy.

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"Sir", came the grave reply, "I'm no judge of paintings".

A 5 year old boy was coming home from his first football game. That night going to bed he said the following prayer:

"God bless ma,
God bless pa,
God bless me,
Rah, rah, rah!"

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