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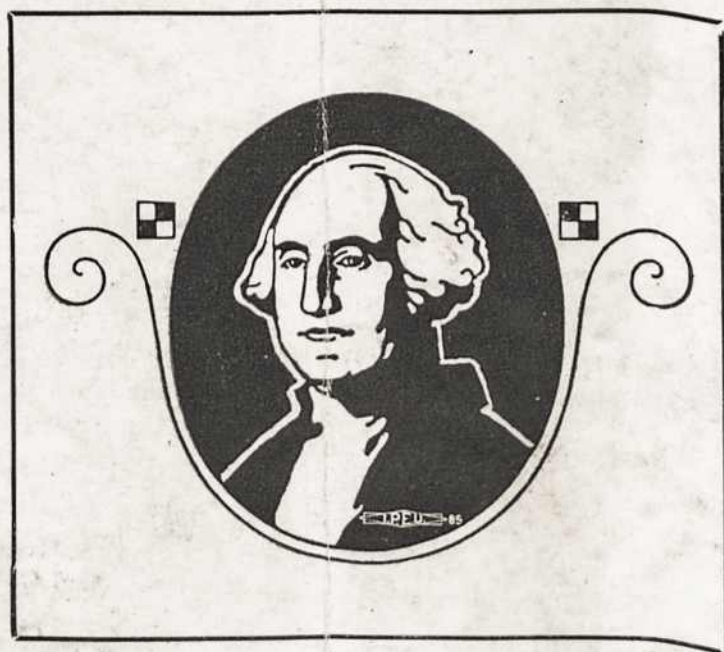
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The Supreme Council and the Chicago District takes this opportunity to say Farewell to Rev. M. Urbonavičius on his departure for Lithuania and to wish him success.  
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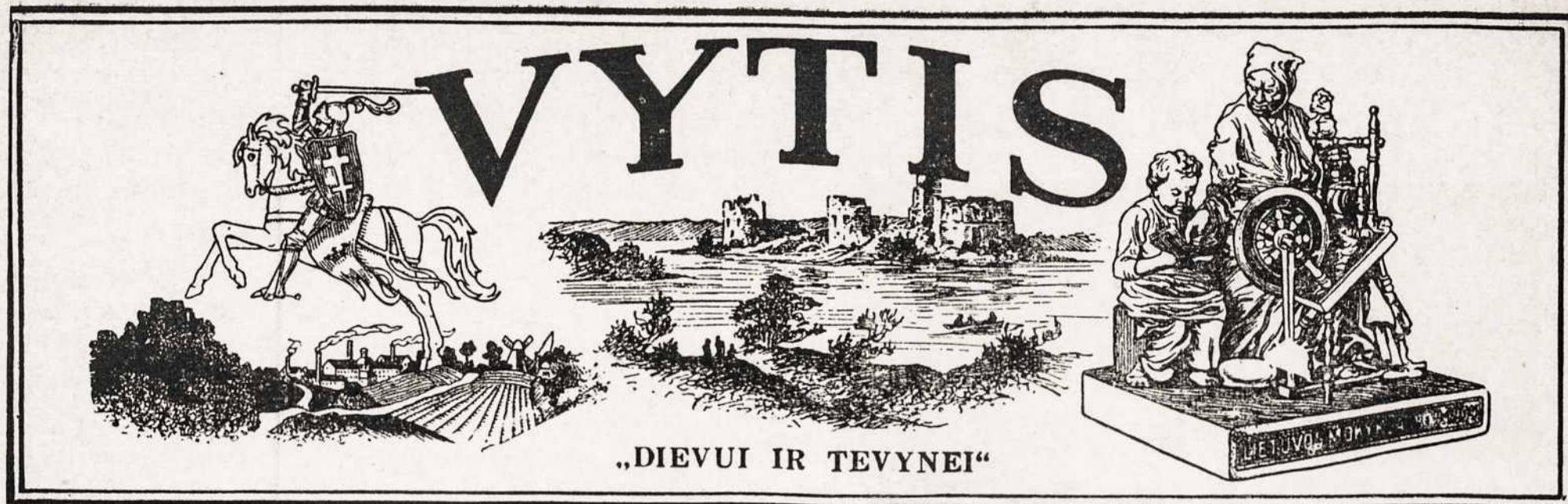
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Beveik du mėnesiai mūsų naujų narių vėjus jau prabėgo. Pasirodo gražių pasekmių iš nekurių yuopų. Katros kuopos dar neišsijudino, kviečiame stoti į talką.

Ši mėnesį ypatingai malonu pranešt apie atsteigimą Lietuvos Vyčių 62-tos kuopos kuri randasi Šv. Vincento Parapijoje, Pittsburgh, Pa. Šio prakilnaus projekto įvykdinimui darbavosi mūsų buvęs Centro pirmininkas, inž. Antanas J. Mažeika. Nuoširdžią paramą jam suteikė gerbiamas klebonas Kun. Jonas Vaišnora. Tokiu budu Pittsburgho miestas, kuris kitados buvo tikra Vyčių tvirtovė, kur gyvavo keturios kuopos, sugrįžta ant mūsų organizacijos žemlapio. Širdingai sveikinam atgaivintą 62-rą kuopą, jos organizatorius ir narius ir linkime kad tai būtų pirmas žygis atsteigimo visų mūsų kuopų Pittsburgho rajone.

Kitas malonus pranešimas tai yra žinia kad nuo N. Y. ir N. J. Apskričio šokio laikyto Lapkričio 11-tą pelno atliko \$209.22. Ši suma bus paaukota del atmokėjimo Centro senų obligacijų. Sukeliant šia netikėtai didelę sumą, N. Y. ir N. J. Apskritis vėl išpildo garbingą lapą Vyčių istorijoje. Nuoširdžiausia padėką šokio komisijai ir visoms kuopoms ir nariams kurie prisidėjo prie šio pasekmingo įvykio. Jeigu atsiranda toks pasišventimas mūsų tarpe ištikrųjų yra šviesi ateitis mūsų organizacijai.

*Pranas A. Gudelis, L. V. Centro Pirm.*

## ST. CASIMIR'S CELEBRATIONS

Our motto "God and Country" means exactly nothing unless our conduct exemplifies that for which our motto stands. Elsewhere within these pages you'll find an appeal from Lithuania asking for donations to help Lithuania's resources financially so that the repatriation of Vilnius will be more easily accomplished. Help that cause! Because by so doing, you will abide by the latter provision of your motto.

The first word of the motto directs our attention to God. St. Casimir's feast falls on the Fourth of March. By honoring our patron saint, we also honor God. Therefore attend the celebration in your parish which your local Council or District has planned — be it on Sunday, March 3rd or Sunday, the 10th.

Come but don't come alone; bring a friend with you — he'll be thrilled at the sight of such a religious Celebration, and will be proud that he participated in this holy Custom.

By your enthusiastic participation, you'll be in a position to say with a certain amount of self satisfaction "I upheld the motto of the Knights."

## EDITOR'S MEMOS.

The Chicago District Choir's affair held on January 29th at Sokol Hall was a huge success. The hall was packed with 1200 people who really enjoyed a brilliant performance. The Choir and Prof. Sauris are to be deeply congratulated for their efforts. A more graphic story of the affair is presented by Mr. Šarkauskas on the back cover of this issue.

Last month we tried a noble experiment by inserting all the Council Correspondences that were sent in. What a reverberation resulted! Some members wrote in saying that such should be the regular set up of the journal; others, of course, voiced their dissatisfaction. It is impossible for one to comprehend the amount of personal material which is submitted, therefore our experiment. If you Council Correspondents find that your article has been "snipped" a little, do not be offended — remember, we are limited for space.

Correspondents should use a typewriter wherever possible and utilize only one side of the paper. Furthermore, avoid the unnecessary use of excess verbiage. Benjamin Franklin once stated, "A few apt words can convey an idea more concisely than an entire paragraph of flowery language."

On October 16, 1940, your journal Vytis will celebrate its Silver Jubilee. A greatly enlarged edition is being contemplated. Stories, essays, anecdotes and the like are being solicited. What have you to offer?

Do not fail to continue your search for the missing issues of the journal. It is adamant that we have complete volumes. Have you looked in that corner of your room yet?



## LIETUVOS PAGERBTAS



Antanas Valonis atvyko į Ameriką 1913 metais. Po trumpo laiko apsipratęs su šia šalia pradėjo siekti mokslo, išėjo vidurinę mokyklą ir vėliau DePaul Universitetą. 1917 metais pradėjo veikti Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje, ypač 24toje kuopoje. Vyčių organizacijai parodė ypatingą pasišventimą. Čia įdėjo daug energijos, bei darbštumo organizuojant 24tą kuopą, įvairiose scenos parengimuose, ir sporte. Ilgus metus ėjo tos kuopos raštininko pareigas, vėliau pirmininko. Mylėdamas Vyčių organizaciją nepasitenkino tik vien kuopos veikime, siekė ir Chicagos Apskritį. Daug yra įdėjęs savo energijos į apskričio tradicijines Vyčių Dienas per metų metus, taipgi organizacijos metiniam apvaikščiojime Šv. Kazimiero Dienos. Yra lankęs aštuonius metinius seimus, užėmė seimuose prezidijumo įvaires vietas. Buvo išrinktas Centro Išdininku, kurias pareigas ėjo šešis metus.

Antano Valonio mėgimas su jaunimu veikti patraukė jį ir į Aušros Vartų Parapijos Chorą, kuriame jis per 20 metų aktyviai dalyvavo. Mylėdamas visuomenišką darbą įstojo į Aušros Vartų Vyrų ir Moterų Draugiją, kur dabartiniu laiku eina pirmininko pareigas; yra narys Lietuvos Ukininko Draugijos, Susivienijimo L. R. K.

Amerikoje, 100 kuopos, ir Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce.

Jis yra įdėjęs daug pastangų 1935 metų Amerikos Lietuvių Olimpiado Komitete, ir ėjo sekretoriaus pareigas Amerikos Lietuvių Sporto Komitete 1936 metais.

1937 metais p. Valonis apsivedė su p-le Ona Dačiolaite. Nuo 1919 metų jis užima atsakomąją vietą Metropolitan State Banke.

Antanas Valonis yra rimto, malonaus budo žmogus. Jis neperstojančiai dirbo jaunimo tarpe niekad neįžeidamas sau garbės ar asmenišką atsižymėjimą, visada savo gražiais pavyzdžiais patraukdamas jaunuolius į organizacijos veikimą, už ką yra jaunimo mylimas ir gerbiamas.

Yra džiugu kad Lietuvos valdžia matė reiką, apdovanoti Antaną Valonį, Gedimino Ordinu, nes niekad neiškilęs į herojaus padanges vis vien neperstojančiai veikė ir vadovavo jaunimo tarpe savo patarimais, Lietuvybės palaikyme, sąryšius su Lietuva sustiprinus ir supažindinus su Tėvyne Lietuva tai naudingiausias pasidarbavimas Lietuvių tarpe šioj šalyje. Ordino įteikimo ceremonijos įvyko pagerbimo bankiete, kuriame matėsi pastangos Jono B. Brenzos, Metropolitan State Banko prezidento, šeimininko rolėj. Per bankietą, didžiai gerb. P. Daužvardis, Lietuvos Konsulas Chicagoje gražiai pabriežė pono Valonio darbus, ir daugybei susirinkusių akyvaizdoje įteikė Gedimino Ordiną.

Linkime geriausių pasisėkimų, ir nenustoti veikimo ypač Vyčių organizacijoje.

## MŪSŲ JAUNIMAS

Koks didelis yra šeimos liūdesys, koks didelis sielvartas, kada ji praranda vieną ar daugiau iš savo narių pačioj jaunystėj, pačiame tvirtume, jei iš velionio buvo tikėtasi labai daug, šeimai tas nuostolis yra tiesiog nepakeliamas.

Šis palyginimas labai primena mūsų tautą ir Amerikos lietuvius. Beveik ištisas trečdalis visos mūsų tautos gyvena Amerikoje. Šios šalies lietuvių nuopelnai Lietuvos nepriklausomybės kovose neįkainuojami. Kiek iš čia mūsų Tėvynė gavo paramos! . . . Dar ir dabar įvairi šios šalies lietuvių parama Lietuvai yra teikiama.

Neįtraukimas jaunimo į lietuvišką veikimą, į lietuviškas jaunimo draugijas ir, galop, mišrios vedybos, lyg kokia liga, maras, naikina Amerikos lietuvių ateities spindulius.



Nors šios organizacijos tikslai ir yra labai kilnūs, bet ji be nuoširdžios visuomenės bei vadų paramos savo užsibrėžto tikslo negali atsiekti, būtent: įsteigti vyčių kuopas visose didesnėse lietuvių kolonijose, sutraukti į jas visą šios šalies lietuvių jaunimą.

Lietuvos Vyčiai nuo sausio 1 d. pradėjo naujų narių vają, kuris tęsis iki liepos 1 d. Vajaus tikslas trejopas: 1, susilaukti savo organizacijoje daugiau vadų bei patyrusių veikėjų paramos; 2, įtraukti į darbą veikiančias kuopas daugiau naujų narių; 3, kur vyčių kuopos dabar neveikia, dėti pastangas atgaivinti.

Lietuvių tauta džiaugiasi atgavus dalį Vilniaus krašto su savo istorine sostine. Šūkis "Mes be Vilniaus nenurimsim" iš dalies jau atsiektas. Ar tik ne laikas paskelbti naują, kiekvienai Amerikos lietuvių kolonijai pritaikintą šūkį: "Mes be organizuoto jaunimo, be jaunimo organizacijų, be vyčių nenurimsim."

Visi stokim į darbą. Traukime lietuvių jaunimą į organizacijas. Remkime vyčių kuopas. Kur vyčių nėra, dėkime pastangas kuopas ten atgaivinti.

Kada mūsų jaunimas bus gerai organizuotas, kada vyčiai visur gyvuos, bus užtikrinta šios šalies lietuvių ateitis, tada "Amerikos Lietuva" gyvuos!

A. J. Mažeika.

## VASARIO 16 VILNIUJE

Vos mėnesiui laiko tepraėjus, kaip Vilnius grįžo prie Lietuvos, šiandien jo nebegalima palyginti su tuo Vilnium, kokį Lietuva rado spalio paskutinėmis dienomis. Prieš mėnesį visame mieste krautuvų ir įstaigų durys buvo geležimis ir lentomis apkaustytos, uždarinėtos, o kuri krautuvelė ir pravėrė duris, tai tesimatė obuolių ir svogūnų krūvelės ir šiaip menki maisto arba kitokių reikmenų likučiai. Šiandien visuose gatvėse durys plačiai atvertos, langai apšviesti ir vitrinos prikrautos visokių gerybių, pačios krautuvės pilnos pirkėjų. Pirmomis dienomis, "Maistui," "Pienocentrui" ir "Lietūkiui" pradėjus gabenti vagonus gerybių, ilgos eilės rikiavosi prie atidarytųjų krautuvų durų, — šiandien visų rūšių maisto vilniečiai perkasi laisvai, be eilės ir be kortelių. Prieš mėnesį gatvėse stoviniavo pulkai apšiurusių žmonių ir pulkai apdriskusių vaikų tiesė rankas išmaldos prašydami, — šiandieną atkūtę piliečiai, šventadieniais rūbais pasipuošę

tvarkingai juda pagyvejusiose gatvėse, skuba į pareigas ir laisvalaikiais pulkais renkasi prie radijo garsintuvų žinių, naujienų ir lietuviškos muzikos pasiklausyti.—Šiandien jau sutvarkytas pinigų klausimas, visi kas turėjo nusmukusių zlotų, šiandien aprūpinti litais ir gali pradėti gyvenimą iš naujo, didelė dalis vilniečių aprūpinta darbu, sparčiai vykdomi viešieji darbai, grindžiamos gatvės, miesto aikštės, valomi užverstieji užkampiai, švilpia dirbtuvių sirenos. Mieste tvarkingai palaikomas autobusų susisiekimas, iš visų Lietuvos dalių tvarkingai ateina ir į visas dalis išeina traukiniai, atgaivintas su tolimalais užmiesčiais autobusų susisiekimas, važinėja po miestą ir į visus Vilniaus srities miestelius prekių ir visų gyvenimo reikmenų pilni sunkvežimiai. Prieš mėnesį dar mieste ir krašte dažnai pasireikšdavo apiplėšimų ir kitokio piliečių asmens ir turto nesaugumo, šiandien taikos meto policija tvarkingai eina pareigas ir piliečiai ramiai dirba savo darbą ir saugiai eina poilsio. Išnyko mažumų savo tarpe peštynės, apraminta lenkų valdymo metu pasėtoji neapykanta. Rastas visiškai apmiręs kultūrinis gyvenimas jau spėjo atbusti, jau išeina keli dienraščiai, vaikai gatvėse skambiais balsais šaukia Vilniaus ir Kauno dienraščių vardus, skelbdami svarbiausias dienos naujienas valstybės viduje ir pasaulyje, pulkai moksleivių eina į pertvarkytas mokyklas; visur marguoja naujos škabos, kečiamos į valstybinę kalbą, rengiama daugybė lietuvių kalbos kursų, veikia teatrai, kinomotografai, atstatyta sugriautoji Vilniaus stotis, persikelia institutai, specialios mokyklos, reformuojamas universitetas, gimnazijos ir įvairūs kursai atidarytos miesto bibliotekos ir knygynai. Prieš mėnesį visa prekyba besireiškusi geriausiųjų gatvių šaligatviais išsirikiavusių vertelgų menkaverčių rūkalų, obuolių ir sacharino pardavinėjimu, — šiandien jau pilnos turgavietės, į miestą nuo ankstybo ryto traukia kaimiečiai vežimus maisto produktų ir kuro prisikrovę, būriais į skerdyklas varomi galvijai, kepyklų, maisto krautuvų, gastronomijos brangenybių ir garsiųjų Vilniaus kailių krautuvų vitrinos lūžta lūžta prekėmis. Ligi istorinės spalio 28 dienos Aušros Vartų koplyčia ir Katedra ir daugelis kitų žymesniųjų bažnyčių buvo užrakintos. Šiandien iš visų bokštų skamba varpai, prie visų aukurų laikomos padėkos pamaldos, visomis kalbomis aidai laisvoji Gedimino sostinė ir Pilies kalno bokšte aukštai viršum amžinojo miesto plevėsuoja nepriklausomos Lietuvos laisvės simbolis-trispalvė Vėliava. *Elta.*



## CELEBRATING LITHUANIA'S INDEPENDENCE

Lithuanians throughout the United States celebrated the twenty second year of the independence of their fatherland, and the first with the return of Vilnius on Sunday February 18th 1940. According to numerous reports and press releases, this day was one of vociferous jubilation.

In Chicago, the Lithuanians, under the leadership of a joint committee celebrated this glorious event by turning out 5000 strong to pack the Oriental Auditorium at 32 West Randolph St. to capacity. They were particularly honored in hearing Lithuania's Minister, Povilas Žadeikis, who made the trip from Washington, D. C., specially for this occasion.

Since it would be in derogation of the spirit of his talk to try to summarize it briefly, we therefore reprint a resume of it.

Lithuania, as other members of the Baltic Entente, believing in the principle that right and not might should be the guiding star in international relations, long before the beginning of the present has based her external relations on strict neutrality and earnestly endeavored to maintain the best possible relations with her great neighbors, Germany, Poland and the Soviet Union. That policy brought Lithuania tangible results: she escaped involvement in the war, and she regained her historic capital Vilnius by peaceful means, just as she had always desired.

The return of Vilnius to Lithuania by the Soviet Union was accomplished by the Treaty of October 10, 1939, signed at Moscow, which, of course, was based on the Peace Treaty between Lithuania and the Soviet Union signed on July 12, 1920, and on friendly Lithuanian relations with the Soviet Union during a period of 20 years; during that period of time Lithuania and the Soviet Union have signed treaties of non-aggression and of peaceful settlement of disputes. While Lithuania fought with determination to regain her capital city, Vilnius, the Soviet Union always supported her morally by not recognizing Polish occupation of that city.

We Lithuanians hail the return of Vilnius to Lithuania as the only rightful solution of the Vilnius problem. The widely-circulated erroneous assertions that the City of Vilna was a purely Polish-inhabited city were based on the facts that the inhabitants of the city speak several languages, Lithuanian, Polish, Belorussian and Jewish, and that the majority of the population were Roman Catholic. Statistical data of about 80 years ago compiled by Lebedkin, Korevo, Ekert convincingly shows that the Lithuanians in the Vilna district were unquestionably in the majority; the so-called Polish-speaking Catholics of Vilnius in most cases are, in fact, slightly Polonized Lithuanians

The mutual assistance pacts which the three Baltic Republics concluded with the Soviet Union are based on mutual confidence. To my mind, they represent an equilibrium of interests of the parties concerned; they are based on non-interference in internal affairs of the contracting parties and are compatible with the sovereignty rights and independence of the three small Baltic countries.

But the return of Vilnius created two new and formidable problems for Lithuania. First, the reconstruction of the newly recovered City and region of Vilnius with a population of 457,500, half of which live in the City of Vilnius, in territory measuring 6,656 sq. kilometers or nearly 2,600 square miles. Every Lithuanian contributes joyfully towards the improvement of his beloved capital. The second problem is urgent and requires immediate action: the care of 100,000 Polish refugees, military and civilian, and many settlers from former Poland. Their situation is deplorable as they fled before the advancing Soviet armies taking nothing with them. Lithuania is bending all her efforts and using all her limited resources to alleviate suffering, but it is humanly impossible without outside aid to carry on this huge and onerous task. And this outside aid, which is appreciated most dearly, constitutes but about one-eighth of what is needed. So far Lithuania has received help only from the American Red Cross, the Hoover Committee and Jewish organizations and from British sources. To house, clothe, and feed such a multitude of idle people is a grave problem indeed. The situation is further aggravated by the presence in Lithuania of some 10,000 refugees from the former Klaipėda territory.

We sincerely believe that Lithuania's extraordinary humanitarian work commands the world's attention and is entitled to generous and unceasing assistance.

The Chairman was Dr. A. G. Rakauskas.

Other speakers who expressed heartfelt sentiments on this glorious occasion were: Atty. Anthony Olis, Leonard Šimutis, "Draugas" Editor, Michael Vaidyla, Editor of Sandara, the Consul of Estonia, and many others. The final speech was made by Consul P. Daužvardis, the Honorary President of the joint committee, who lauded the assemblage for their joint front and pulled a pleasant surprise for a climax by reading a telegram from the Mayor of Vilnius, extending an invitation to all Lithuanians to visit Vilnius.

The musical part of the program was performed by many of Chicago's outstanding soloists. But most important to note was the fact that all three of the famous Chicago choirs were present: The Knights of Lithuania, Pirmyn, and Birūtės. Continuing its string of recent successes, the Knights of Lithuania Chicago District Choir, under the leadership of Prof. J. Sauris, again walked away with the plaudits.



# ŽINIOS IŠ LIETUVOS

## Pranašauja ELTA

VILNIUS. Prieš perimant Vilniaus universitetą gruodžio 16 d. buvo pastebėtas kaikiurių lenkų profesorų ir studentų sambruzdis. Dalis studentų gabenosi į universitetą maisto atsargos ir rengėsi paskelbti "sėdėjimo" streiką, tačiau jų pačių tarpe įvykus skilimui, jo kio "streiko" neįvyko. Iš vyriausybės pusės buvo pasiryžimas riaušininkus visu griežtumu sutramdyti. Universiteto perdavimas įvyko tvarkingai. Tik vienoje universiteto krosnyje buvo rasta bomba ir nustatyta, kad yra dingusi dalis universiteto turto. Vedama kvota. Ankščiau sulaikytieji tris asistentai begabeną iš universiteto bibliotekos knygas įrodė, kad tai būta privatinės profesorų nuosavybės. Ateityje be leidimo iš universiteto išnešti bet kokį turtą uždrausta. — Pas Vyriausybės Įgaliojimą įvyko vietinių lietuvių ir lenkų (krajavcų) vadų pasitarimas, rodąs, kad senieji Vilniaus krašto ir miesto lenkai yra pasiryžę atsikratyti atėjų, ne vilniškių lenkų, vadovavimo ir ieškoti glaudesnio bendradarbiavimo su lietuvių visuomene. Sąryšį su Vilniaus lenkų taikymusi prie naujos padėties, keičiasi ir Kauno lenkų taktika. Kauno lenkų laikraštyje "Dzien Polski" įvyko redaktorių permainos.

KAUNAS. Lietuvoje buvo įsigalėjęs svetimas paprotys Kalėdų šventėms miestuose ir kaimuose rengti eglaites. Jei kitose šalyse tokios eglaitės yra gaminamos iš popieriaus arba iš eglošakių, tai Lietuvoje joms buvo kertamos pačios geriausios eglaitės ir kiekvienoms Kalėdoms sunaikinama šimtai tūkstančių geriausių jaunų eglelių. Jau kurs laikas kai yra iškeltas sumanymas užkirsti kelią tokiam bereikalingam jaunų miškų naikinimui. Dabar Finansų ministeris pasirašė įsakymą, kuriuo visu griežtumu uždraudžiama kirsti Kalėdų šventėms eglutes. Leidžiama rengti eglaites pasidarytas iš eglių šakelių, kurias galima dailiai įtaisyti į bet kokį pasidirbtą stiebą.

KLAIPĖDA. Vieton ligšiol buvusio Klaipėdos uosto bendrovės tarybos pirmininko, dabar finansų ministerio, E. Galvanausko nauju tarybos pirmininku išrinktas dir. inž. Augustaitis. Lietuvos laisvoji zona Klaipėdos uoste, kuriai eksplotuoti ši mišri lietuvių vokiečių uosto bendrovė buvo sudaryta, praktiškai vis dar negali pradėti veikti.

TELŠIAI. Čia pradėta statyti didelė moderni ligoninė, kuri kainuos 400,000 litų ir bus baigta ateinančiais metais. Gyventojai ligoninės laukė.

KAUNAS. Šiomis deinomis įsisteigė Gabiesiems Lieviukams Remti Draugija, kurios tikslas bus padėti toliau eiti mokslą gabiems neturtingiems kaimo vaikams, kokių mokytojai labai dažnai suranda ir kurie dėl tėvų neturto, šiaip taip baigę pradžios mokyklą, toliau nebepajiegia eiti. Jau daug ankščiau mokytojų tarpe buvo kilęs toks sumanymas kurti draugiją, kuri globotų ir remtų gabius ir mokslo trokštančius lietuviukus, kad jie galėtų eiti savo pašaukimo keliu ir taptų naudingi visuomei. Šio gražaus sumanymo realizavimo ėmėsi ir įvykdė vienas pradžios mokyklų mokytojas P. Karalius.

VILNIUS. Lietuvių spaudoj iškeltas sumanymas įamžinti Gedimino sapną Gedimino kalno pilies bokšte, pastatant mitologiškojo geležinio vilko statulą. Tos iniciatyvos patariama imtis Vilniaus rinktinei, kuri pati turėtų pasivadinti Geležinio Vilko Šaulių Rinktine.

KLAIPĖDA. Įsigalėjus Lietuvos Vokietijos optacijos sutarčiai, Lietuvos pilietybę optuoja gana didelis klaipėdiškių skaičius. Optacijos terminas baigiasi gruodžio 31 d. Pirmomis dienomis Lietuvos generaliniam konsului buvo paduota per 100 optacijos prašymų. — Klaipėdiškiai dabar atvykę į Kauną perkasi visokių dalykų, kurie Klaipėdoje teparduodami pagal korteles, daugiausiai muilą, marškinius, kojines, nosines ir tt. — Laisvoji uosto zona Klaipėdoje dar neveikia ir nenumatoma, kad greitesnėj ateityje galėtų pradėti veikti, viena kad dėl karo laivų judėjimas Klaipėdoje yra veik visiškai apmireš, kita kad vis tebeatsiranda naujų kliūčių, dėl kurių su vokiečiais dar nebaigta susitarti.

KAUNAS. Tarptautinis Raudonasis Kryžius internutiems pabėgėliams gydyti prieš kurį laiką atsiuntė Lietuvos Raud. Kryžiui didelį vaistų siuntinį. Laukiame antro vaistų siuntinio. T. R. K. yra pažadėjęs ir ateityje padėti Lietuvai pakelti internutių ir pabėgėlių išlaikymo našta vaistais ir kt. reikmenimis. Jiems pašelpti Lietuvos Raud. Kryžius kasdien išleidžia apie 50 tūkstančių litų. — Internutieji lenkų kariai kreipėsi į kaikiurias įstaigas, prašydami jiems suorganizuoti lietuvių kalbos kursus. Tokį prašymą yra gavęs ir Liet. Raudonasis Kryžius, kurs žada, kiek sąlygos leis, jų prašymą patenkinti. Lietuvos Raudonasis Kryžius atidarė savo ligoninę Vilniuje prie Vilniaus universiteto. Ligoninės vedėjų paskirtas Dr. Ciplijauskas, buvęs Raud. Kryžiaus ligoninės vedėju Klaipėdoje.

KAUNAS. Gaunama žinių iš Anglijos, kad anglų sviesto ir bekono rinkoje nemažai pasigendama lietuviškų produktų, kurių dėl karo priežasčių ten menkai bepatenka. — Dabar einančios Rytų Europos geležinkelų konferencijos nutarimų pasėkoje tvirtinama, kad atityje turės žymiai padidėti per Lietuvą tranzitas iš Sov. Sąjungos į Vokietiją ir atgal. Taip pat tvirtinama, kad dėl pakitėjusios padėties Baltijoje, šių kraštų prekyba ateityje labiausiai pagyvės su Vokietija ir Sovietų Sąjunga, kuri atsistosis prekių mainų atžvilgiu su Baltijos valstybėmis jei ne greta su Vokietija, tai pirmoj vietoj po Vokietijos.

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## BRANGŪS TAUTIEČIAI!

Ilgai lauktas Lietuvių Tautos siekimų įvykdymas virto realybe. Mūsų sostinės Vilniaus ir jo Krašto okupacija pasibaigė.

Lietuvių Tauta grįžo į savo amžinąją ir senąją sostinę Vilnių, kaip tikras jos šeimininkas.

Sunki 19 metų lenkų okupacija yra skaudžiai sužalojusi mūsų sostinę ir Vilniaus Kraštą.

Visai Lietuvių Tautai reikės ilgų metų ir didelių pastangų, lenkų padarytas kraštui žaizdas išgydyti ir atitrūkusį nuo Laisvos Lietuvos gyvenimo Vilnių ir Vilniaus Kraštą įjungti į gyvosios Lietuvių Tautos buitį.

Tautiečiai! Mes gerai žinome, kad mūsų išeivija visuomet buvo ir yra jautri savo Tautos reikalais. Ji niekuomet nebuvo nutraukusi ryšių su Lietuvos gyvenimu. Laisvosios Lietuvių Tautos rūpesčiai ir siekimai buvo lygiai ir mūsų išeivijos rūpesčiais ir siekimais, ji ėjo žingsnis į žingsnį su visa Lietuvių Tauta. Taip jausdama, mūsų išeivija daug yra padėjusi Lietuvai.

Šiandien Lietuva, atgavusi Vilnių ir jo Kraštą, deda daug pastangų Vilniui ir Vilniaus Kraštui padėti. Jos darbininkai, ūkininkai, prekybininkai, pramonininkai ir valdininkai, nežiūrint sukių ištikusio Europoje karo padarinių, aukoja Vilniečiams ir Vilniaus Krašto paramai net kelių dienų savo uždarbį. Yra žmonių, kurie aukoja keleriopai daugiau.

Žinomet, kad mūsų išeivija jau pradėjo didį Vilniui ir Vilniaus Kraštui paramos vąją.

Tikime, kad ji, dalyvavusi Lietuvos atstatyme ir įsikūrimo, organizuotai prisidės ir prie Laisvosios Lietuvos pastangų sugrąžintą lietuviškąjį Vilnių ir jo Kraštą atkurti.

Aukokite savo dienų uždarbius, o kas gali ir daugiau Vilniui ir Vilniaus Kraštui paremti.

Lai nelieta nei vieno darbininko, nei vieno ūkininko, nei vieno pramonininko arba šiaip išeivio, kuris pasilikytų neprisidėjęs prie Vilniaus ir Vilniaus Krašto paramos!

Draugijos Vilniaus Kraštui Remti Garbės

Pirmininkė *Jadviga Tūbelienė*,

Pirmininkas *Jonas Navakas*,

Vicepirmininkas agr. *Stasys Jakubauskas*,

Iždininkas *Marcelė Kubiliūtė*,

Sekretorius adv. *Jokūbas Boldbergas*,

*Vladas Tiškus*,

Nariai: *Franciška Pikčilingienė*,

*Jonas Vilkaitis*, kun. *V. Mielaška*.

Kontrolės Komisija: *Felicija Bortvekičienė*,

*Antanas Mačiūka*, *Juozas Papečkys*.

## KNYGŲ SKAITYTOJŲ DĖMESIUI

Štai gera naujiena visiems kurie ištroškę gerų lietuviškų knygų, visiems kurie mylėtų praleisti viena kita valandą, beskaitant kuria nors įdomią pasaką, visiems kurie gerbia savo gimtąją kalbą ir gerisi tos kalbos nepaprastu skambesiu.

Seniems ir naujiems skaitytojams šiuomi pranešame kad Skaitymo Komisija jau yra išrinkusi naują knygą kuri suteiks užsisakiusiems ne mažai malonumo. Ji yra Lazdynų Pelėdos "KLAIDA." Tai bus skaitymo daugeliui laisvų valandų, nes ši pasaka ir prieš Lietuvos atgimimo laikų, užima 327 puslapiu. Jos kaina Kaune yra 70 centų ir už šią pačią kainą, be kokių extra mokesčių ja galima įsigyti Amerikiečiams siunčiant čekį or money-orderį: Lithuanian Book-of-the-Month Club, 129 West 88th St., New York, New York.

Lazdynų Pelėda, kurios tikrasis vardas ir pavardė buvo Sofija Psibiliauskienė, šią knygą parašė norėdama nurodyti savo tautiečiuose esamas klaidas. Kaip knygos pabaigoje apibudina Ambrazevičius, "Valstiečiuose buvo tradicija — jieškoti žmonos su dideliu kraičiu, su pasoga; jieškoti vyro iš gero luomo, leisti dukteris tik už didžialaukio ūkininkaičio ar net bajoraičio, nepaisant nei tarpusavio patekimo, nei asmenybės." Šią tradiciją seka ir mūsų svarbiausias apysakoje asmuo, Petras Jonaitis. Sunkiai tėvui, prasiskolinusiu, ūkininku, išmokslintas, jis veda prancūzė ir savo gimtąjį kaimą bei visus ankstyvesnius idealus pamiršta. Kiek tas visas gailėsio ir lukesio jo tėvuose ir kaimynuose sukelia jam nesvarbu. Bet gyvenimas visukieriopai ji sukerčia ir jis jo žmonai tipiškai-poniškai prasišalina, gryžta į kaimą liguistas ir neramios sąžinės vedamas. Čia jis sueina seniai matytų savo jaunų dienų draugę Marytę, dabar jau gydytoja ir striopiai besidarbuojančia kaimiečių tarpe. Ir čia prasideda Petro nauja kryptimi veikimas — revoliucijos organizavimas.

Apie knygos turinį ir prasmę daug dar būtų galima pareikšti. Lazdynų Pelėdos "KLAI-DA" dar tuomi svarbu perskaityti kad ji yra viena iš pirmutinių lietuvių kalboje apysakų. Knygos formoje ji buvo išleista pirmu kartu 1909 m. Vilniuje. Pernai, gi, Kaune, buvo išleista jos antrasis leidimas su pataisyta rašyba.

"Kas užsisakys "KLAIDA" klaidos nepadarys." — Skaitymo Komisija.





### KUN. ANTANAS BUBAS

Dievo Motinos Sopulingos Vikaras A. A. Kun. Antanas Bubas mirė Lap. 30-tą d., 1939 m. dvidešimts minučių po keturiu. Mirties priežastis buvo plaučių uždegimas ir širdies liga. Sulyg A. A. Kunigo Antano Bubo troškimo Jo kunas buvo palaidotas Nekalto Prasidėjimo Seminarijos Kapinėse, Darlington, New Jersey.

Bažnyčios prie karsto persimainydami budėjo Šv. Vardo Draugijos nariai, Vyčiai, per ištisą naktį, ir Šv. Vardo Draugijos Bugle and Drum Corps savo uniformuose budėjo iki vidurnakties.

Vakare aštuntą valandą atgiedojo Mišparus susirinkę apie 30 kunigų. Kunigas M. Kemėžis vadovaujant. Ant šių pamaldų irgi susirinko didžiulis buris žmonių ne tik Lietuviai, bet ir sveimtaučiai. Per visas ceremonijas buvo matyti didus susigraudinimas tarp žmonių iš kurių birėjo graudingos ašaros, o šypsena tuo metu išnyko iš jų veidų.

Pirmadienį nuo šeštos valandos iki dešimtos ryte Mišios buvo laikomos be perstojo. Aštuntą valandą Bažnytėlė jau buvo pilna, net josios eilėse stovėjo žmonių. Dešimtą valandą su procesija pro didžiulę duris, visų pirm, ėjo tarnautojas nešdamas kryžių, kurio sekė su virš šimtas Kunigų ir Jo Ex. Arkivyskupas Thomas J. Walsh. Kadangi visiems Kunigams nebuvo vietos kur stovet prie altoriaus daugelis iš jų turėjo klupot prie grotelių ir suoluose sėdėti.

Šias iškilmingas Mišias atlaikė Kunigas Fitzpatrick, Kunigas Jonas Sarnis ir Kunigas Mykolas Kemėžis, o Arkivyskupas tam tikrame pataisytame trone klausė Mišias. Šie trys minėti Kunigai buvo užprašyti paties A. A. Kuno Antano Bubo prieš mirimą. Mišioms užsibaigus Jo Ex. Arkivyskupas Thomas J. Walsh atgiedojo paskutines maldas prie karsto, visiems Kunigams pritariant. Maldoms užsibaigus karstas buvo išneštas iš palengvos iš Bažnyčios. Kokis nusiminimas buvo žmonių, išreikšti raštu tai negalimas daiktas.

Prisidėjo prie ceremonijos taipogi ir Kunigų Choras iš Seton Hall College ir Nekalto Prasidėjimo Seminarijos kurių giedojimas ištikro buvo gražus ir sujaudino žmones.

Prie kapinių vartų stovėjo seniai laukianti Seminaristai ir Jo Ex. Vyskupas William Griffin, kuriam teko atkalbėt paskutines maldas. Karstas buvo su procesija palydėtas, Seminaristams giedant tam tikras psalmes. Ši scena buvo labai sujudinanti. Maldoms užsibaigus visi pradėjo eiti savo keliais, vieni dar sykį atsiklaupė prie duobės, kuriame kūnas buvo įleistas, o kiti gryžo į savo namus.

A. A. Kunigas Antanas P. Bubas gimė metuose 1908, Jersey City, New Jersey, iš tėvų Pranciško Bubo ir Teklės (Vaičiuliūtės).

Kadangi gyveno tėvai toli nuo Lietuviškos Bažnyčios ir nebuvo Lietuviškos Mokyklos taigi teko Kun. Antanui eiti Šv. Petro Mokyklon, ku-

rioje mokino Tėvai Jezuitai, Airiai. Čia Kun. Antanas buvo pramintas kaip gabus ir pavyzdingas vaikas.

Lankant augštesnio mokslo skyrius užtiko didelę nelaimę šeimynei, Tėvas buvo mirtinai sužeistas dirbtuvėje. Bet šis smugis neatėmė iš jo vilties, ką jis prižadėjo but jis bus.

Nuėjęs pas Tėvus Jezuitus ir pasisakęs kad noris tapti vienas iš jų, Viršininkai jam atsakė kad su širdies liga jam bus persunku išpildyti visus Regalos reikalavimus. Nuliudęs gryžo namo. Toliau gavo darbą bankoj New Yorke, čia jis dirbo metus laiko. Visi jį mylėjo, nes jis sąžiningai atliko savo pareigas. Nors ir užmokesnis buvo gausingas ir darbas lengvas jis nebuvo patenkintas, vis jis sakydavo "Aš turiu but Kunigas."

Jo Teta Augustina Vaičiuliūtė matant jo didį nusiminimą prižadėjo jam duoti pagelbos. Taigi su jos pagelba jis su džiaugsmu tesė savo mokslą, bet ši sykį lankė Seton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey. Čia gi vėl ištiko didelė nelaimė Jam, jo Brangi Motinė apleido juos. Ši nelaimė daugiau pakenkė jo sveikatai.

Vieną vasaros dieną per vakacijas jis vėl pasiryžo rašyti laišką Jo Ex. Vyskupui maldaujant Jo pavelyjimo gryšti ir nors turėt laimę but Kunigu nors ir vieną dieną, jai tas būtų Dievo noras. Jo laimei, prašymas buvo išklaustas ir tą patį rudenį 1933-čiais m. buvo priimtas į Nekalto Prasidėjimo Seminariją. Jam čia bebunant jo Teta, kuri jam taip daug pagelbėjo mirė.

Po visų tų debesų saulutė vėl pasirodė jo gyvenime, nes jis tapo išventintas Kunigu, Šv. Patriko Katedroj, Newark, New Jersey, Jo Ex. Arkivyskupui Thomas J. Walsh dalyvaujant. Ši brangi jam diena įvyko Gegužio 29-tą dieną 1937-tais m.

Primicijas Kunigas Antanas Bubas atlaikė Šv. Petro ir Povilo Airių parapijoj. Pamokslininkas buvo Klebonas, jau senas ir štai ką jis sakė apie jį. Kunigas Antanas buvo išventintas į Kunigus vakar, bet tai tik buvo ceremonijos dėl jo, kaip ir visiems kitiems jisai gi gimė Kunigu. Aš prašiau Dievo kad jis duotų man progą pamatyti jį laikant jo pirmas Mišias.

Pirmutiniai parapijai buvo Arkivyskupo paskirtas į Šv. Trejybės, Westfield, New Jersey, už pagelbininką ir kiek iš jo girdėjom jis buvo labai patenkintas. Metams praslinkus paskyrė darbuotis mūsų parapijoj, Motinos Sopulingos, Harrison, New Jersey. Visi nudžiugom tokį Dievo baimingą Kunigą gavę savo tarpe.

Lankė visas Katalikiškas Draugijas, mokino juos Dievo žodžio. Visados buvo linksmas. Jieškojo nuliudusius ir ramino juos; lankė ligonius ir raišus privedė prie Dievo ir tikrojo kelio kurie buvo paklydę. Privedė jisai vieną raišą mergaitę kuri buvo visų apleista, prie Šv. Komunijos; lankė kalėjimus ir ligonbučius, ramino kalinius ir sergančius klausydamas jų išpažinčių.

Du ir pusę metų išbuvęs Kunigu padarė labai daug gero. Turbut Dievas iš jo daugiau nebenorėjo tatgi pašaukė į Savo Buveinę.

**Kazis J. Nakrošis.**





### FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

1. Chicago, Ill.	C-8	2.10
2. Waterbury, Conn.	C-7	6.40
3. Cicero, Ill.	C-14	7.80
4. Dayton, Ohio	C-96	12.44
5. Norwood, Mass.	C-27	4.60
6. Omaha, Nebraska	C-36	3.00
7. Westfield, Mass.	C-30	8.60
8. Detroit, Mich.	C-102	3.60
9. Chicago, Ill.	C-36	9.30
10. Providence, R. I.	C-103	1.10
11. So. Boston, Mass.	C-17	17.30
12. Dayton, Ohio	C-96 Jr.	1.26
13. Maspeth, N. Y.	C-110	8.90
14. Chicago, Ill.	C-5	2.00
15. Linden, N. J.	C-113	3.20
16. Hudson, Mass.	C-127	5.40
17. Jersey City, N. J.	C-124	9.68
18. So. Worcester, Mass.	C-116	11.70
19. Kearny, N. J.	C-90	11.20
20. Chicago, Ill.	C-24	3.50
21. Athol, Mass.	C-10	6.07
22. Great Neck, N. Y.	C-109	4.80
23. Shenandoah, Pa.	C-129	3.00
24. Brooklyn, N. Y.	C-41	7.80
26. Chicago, Ill.	C-36	7.97
25. Chicago, Ill.	C-5	2.70

Bernice Rimkus.

### KUN. JONAS NAVICKAS M. I. C. PRISIUNTĖ METINĖ AUKĄ \$5.00 "VYTIES" PRENUMERATUI

Kun. Jonas Navickas, M. I. C., prisiuntė savo metinę auką \$5.00 del "Vyties" prenumeratos. Kun. Navickas yra nuoširdus jaunimo rėmėjas, ir visados remia jaunimo darbus. Tariame nuoširdų AČIU!

Lietuvos Vyčių Centras.

### CENTRO PROTOKOLŲ RAŠTININKŠS UŽRAŠAI

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos Chicagos dalis laikė posėdį antradienio vas. 6, 1940. Posėdyje dalyvavo visi nariai.

Sekanti nariai prisiuntė raportus:

Kun. M. Kemėžis

Pranas Gudėlis

Antanas Gaputis

Louis Ketvirtis

K. Basanavičius

Antanas Mažeika.

Kalbėta apie naujų narių vaju. Pasekmės jau atrodo labai gražios.

Pasirodo jog nariuose randasi didelis upas prirašinėti naujų narių organizacijon. Pirmieji rezultatai bus paskelbti vas. mėn. "Vytyje."

Gauta nuo Kun. Jono Navicko metinė auka \$5.00, del "Vyties" prenumeratos. Centro valdyba dėkinga Kun. Navickui.

Centro valdyba buvo kviečiama dalyvauti bankiete, įteikime Lietuvos Ordeno Antanui Valoniui, buvusiam ilgus metus Centro Valdybos nariui.

Kalbėta apie "Vyties" turini. Buvo išreikšta minčių kaip daugiau pajvairinti žurnalą.

Sekantis susirinkimas įvyks koovo 5, 1940.

Marijona Brazauskaitė,  
Nutarimų Raštininkė.

### COUNCIL 6—HARTFORD, CONN.

This council has been inactive of late — but I assure you that from now on the news will come to you fast and furious. Our Pres. got a brilliant idea and decided that he would pick a new correspondent each month, therefore this will keep our column quite a bit more interesting to read.

It is never too soon to start preparing for the National Convention so the Executive Board with the Ways and Means Committee had there first meeting. Surprisingly a great deal was accomplished — a few other committees were picked out and a general plan was layed out. Without hesitating I can assure you that a great time is in the offing. So dear Knights circle Aug. 6, 7 and 8 on your calendars.

Vic. L. attended the Choir dance in Boston, Mass — I'm sure she had a good time — was John P. there?

Our man about town Cel. C. decided to think of his future — so you know what — he's going to Evening school.

My, my, I didn't know we had a photographers model in our midst. How did you make the grade Vin. M.?

Val. K. still expects the boys to treat her remember dear lady this is "leap year" — and potatoe chips are only a nickel.

"Can You Guess."

### COUNCIL 7 — WATERBURY, CONN.

It is firmly believed that gossip is one of woman's main functions, and being one, I've decided not to disappoint anyone by quoting: "Did you know Adele Greblunas got a "die-a-mund" from her boy-a-friend? Yes, it's true . . . just a few weeks ago." "Franie Barauskas, Adele's might be sister-in-law has a hopechest that Santy shipped to her home at Yuletide. Of course, I really am not jealous but she has no right to have what I haven't. "Imagine, the K of L choir eminent craskpot is entering Yale College sometime soon. Gee . . . I wonder . . . maybe maybe I'm mistaken about his being so scatter-brained, huh?" (Ed. note: Maybe. But I hope Al Jarus will let us know he's leaving so we all can help him say. "Good-bye" to Her.) "Funny how even yet the light hasn't dawned on me regarding the reason why Joe Janush left the party at 11 o'clock alone!" "Tee hee, tee hee, I wonder what Prof. A. Alexis has done with the cute little iron Santa gave him

It is almost as if Gabriel's trumpet sounded since the 1940 installation of officers. Somehow it seems the member made a worth-while New Year's resolution. Thankfully we have again with us our invaluable member's 1939 president, Peter Alexander as 1940's President, Al Ambrose, a faithful, active ping-pong champ (chump??) as our vice-president, Al Puzas, an honest, never-failing friend as our treasurer; the reputed club's prize past, Josephine Stokes as Financial Secretary; Marcele Andrikis, the seemingly only one who forgets to disappoint people, as our recording secretary. With the start we have already gotten, it should be the most prosperous year for us.

Adieu avec douleur. Je suis

"La Plume."



**COUNCIL 8 — CHICAGO, ILL.**

"Happy February to you all." There was no seasons left for Greetings sooooooooooooooooo . . .

The Roseland council wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Anton Vaitkus (Mahoney) for the recent loss of his sister.

The Pershing Ballroom is quite a popular place with the boys from Roseland, how about it Johnny?

Joseph Aliosius, one of our newer members objects very much to be called anything but Josepheus. This is a reminder to the members.

Say, folks what has happened to Alice, she hasn't been down for some time.

We are sorry that Al Makenas has to work nights, we sure miss him at meetings.

Why so quiet of late, Walker?

Come around more to the meetings, Bernice . . . your sister's a pretty good president to listen to.

Joe Samulionis was very happy this month . . . he received his Vytis on time . . .

We are very proud to have such an active member as Leo Zalalis. Keep up the good work Leo . . . Don't despair.

We are missing one of our nicest members . . . she is going in training . . . to be a nurse . . . Boys . . . it'll be okay to break a leg or something . . . Okay Suzanne Zolpe.

Till next month .....

**Snoopy Soph.**

**COUNCIL 10 — ATHOL, MASS.**

This new years with new officers has made a favorable beginning. With miserable men Alphonse Kabisaitis took over the president's post. His sincere eulogy of our past president, Stanley Pereklis awakened enthusiastic echoes in the appreciative hearts of each one of us. Paule Kvedar won in the election as vice-president, Alice Watkevich, recording secretary, Eddie Piragis, treasurer, Ann Wincunas, financial secretary, and the only reelection — Ladd Baltren as sergeant-at-arms.

Xmas news yet untold is the engagement of our seldom-seen Nellie Novisky. To the well-wishes of Danny and Charlie we annex our hopes of happiness for the future. Though Stanley talks little, the letters and the trips to and from Norwood whisper of close connections. Even frisky Freddie seems serious. If you boys don't

explain your intentions to us baffled butt — inners, we'll tell Alice and Anne about — well, maybe we will.

January's frosty temperature prepared the proper atmosphere of snow and ice for a gay Winter Carnival held the 20th and 21st. We welcomed with fraternal cordiality as our very first guests the two distinguished visitors from distant Hartford, Eddie and Billy. After a chicken supper prepared and served by our own council's experienced cooks headed by Paule Kvedar with her assistants Stacy Tamulionis, Fanny Strepekas, Blanche Staraitis, Alice Watkevich, Tena Vaitekunas, Eugenia Wezmus, Ann Wincunas, Lucille Baltren and Stephanie Baltren, dancers glided about the hall our imaginative boys had changed into an outdoor skating rink. The effect was really rustic resulting in a snowball fight, fast, furious, and frolicsome. Stanley's recollection of the evening's end being very vague, he is inquiring embarrassedly, "What did I do?"

Sunday after mass the parade of cars laden with skates, skis, snowsuits and singing stopped at Lake Mattawa for an afternoon of fresh air, exercise, and enjoyment. Even Joe Salkaus arose in rebellion from his bed ending a siege of pneumonia to join the play-thirsty throng.

Supper was flavored with complimentary comments from Kabby, Fr. Juraitis, Bill Kerry, Vic., Eddie, Alice, Stanley, and "Me for more winter carnivals in Athol" Johnny. The piece de resistance, a sparkling spectacle of sylph — like, sylvan spirits was the ethereal musicals entitled "A Little Girl's Dream." The director of dances and designer of costumes was the one, only, and original Paule Kvedar. Dancing and relaxation followed. Taking off his shoes Jitterbug Vic excused himself with, "The better to dance without, my dear." This lanky lad we found friendly but fickle, didn't we, Geneva Ann, Helen, Sophie, and on and on?

The weekend slipped by leaving just head colds, sore throats, aching muscles, and black and blue spots. The visitors did their part in being gracious guests; our own members did their part in being hearty hosts; the committee its part in premediated preparation — the committee being Al Kabisaitis, chairman, Ladd Baltren, Paule Kvedar, Stanley Pereklis and Stephanie Baltren.

**Balste.**

**COUNCIL 12 — NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.**

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts that have been occupying the young ladies minds all winter long. A bit cold yet for spring? Not at all. Spring brings with it, not only sulphur and molasses, but also bunches of poets. Like Ferdinand the Bull, (their patron) they love to roam or we should say haunt, the leas and gather the pretty, little wildflowers. Then they dash off a sonnet or two to extoll its beauties. Will the person who wrote that poem "Ode to a Skunk Cabbage" please remove it from the premises. It's so real and gripping that you can actually smell it.

When the interior decorators get together to do a job they turn out a first class job. With a crew of about 8 men it still took close to ten and a half hours to complete the task of decorating the hall for our Snowball dance. However it was worth the trouble. Attention all girls: No doubt you have admired the curtains on the side windows. Just ask Albie who put them up. Of course! He did. Woo-woo. The truth of the matter is that he is also talented in the culinary arts also. Now being that it's Leap Year don't you think that it would be a good idea to grab this fellow off. The opportunity may not present itself for a second time.

We wonder if Ida ever found that diary she says she lost. Well we never saw such a worried person in all our lives. Aha it doesn't always pay to write down those little secrets that you might have.

We also wonder if this night school business isn't just a good excuse for the boys to get out of the house every night? At first it was Lank Hank and Billy the Kid who burned the midnight oil. Now it seems that all the lads are taking evening courses. The girls approve saying that it tends to improve the boys' mentality. By the way some of the gals might benefit from a wee bit of book larnin' themselves.

We wonder, likewise, if music hath not charms to stir the savage breast? They all laughed when Peter S. sat down at the piano. But by the time that he struck the last bar those alligators were swinging and we mean swinging.

**The Gold Dust Twins.**



## 17ta KUOPA S. BOSTON, MASS.

Laiks greitai bėga. Štai atbudo, jusų korespondentė, ir mėgins trumpoje formoje pabrėžti apie South Boston'o Vyčių veiklumą.

Sekanti valdyba buvo išrinkta delei 1940 m.: Pirm. Adv. A. Young (Jankauskas); Vice-Pirm. F. Grendelytė; Raštininkės A. Genevičiūtė ir A. Norenkevičiūtė; Fin. Rašt. O. Razvadauskiūtė; Išdininkas B. Skrickus; Izdo-Glob. F. Grigaliunas ir A. Barauskas; Maršalka A. Grabol. Išrinkta energinga valdyba, ir numatoma kad taip dirbs uoliai, kaip ir praeiti South Boston'o kuopa yra pasidarbavusi "Dievui ir Tėvynei," tik reikia minty laikyti vieną mažą žodį kuris reiškia daug "vieningumas."

Katalikų Jaunimo Organizacijoje vyčiai atstovauja mūsų (St. Petro) parapijos jaunimą. Šios lygos žaidimai įvyksta vyčių kėglių kambariuose kiekvieną antradienio vakarą. Malonu sužinoti kad mūsų vyčių kambariai patinka svetimtaučiams. Pasirodo kad vyčiai bendrai veikia išlaikyti šių kambarių nuosavybę.

pralaimėjo laimėjo

## C. Y. O. bowling lygos stovis:

1. St. Petro (Vyčiai) .....	45	7
2. St. Mary's .....	34	14
3. St. Augustine's .....	25	19
4. St. Monica's .....	20	28

## Ypatingai pasižymėjo bendruose žaidimuose:

	žaidimu	ave.	viso
1. M. Saniuk (St. Mary's)	27	97.1	2625
2. J. Chapulis (Vyčių)	27	97.1	2622
3. Kodracki (St. Mary's)	24	96.7	2323
4. B. Strickus (Vyčių)	21	94.1	1978
5. B. Juška (Vyčių)	15	94.0	1411

## Rateliai kurie pasiekė aukščiausias sumas:

Iš vieno lološimo;	
Vyčiai .....	suma; 518
Iš trijų lošimų;	
St. Mary's .....	suma; 1448

Vyčių kuopa širdingai dėkoja vyčiui Jonui Chapuliui už jo sekmingą tvarkymą C. Y. O. bowling lygos žaidimus. Taipogi dėkojame vyčių rateliui kad jie palaikė Lietuvių Vyčių vardą virš jų svetimtaučių priešus.

Pereitais metais, laike A. Gapučio pirmininkavimo, prisirašė 72 nauju nariu, kurių tarpe ir nemažai biznierių ir profesionalų, kurie suprantą reikšmę Vyčių organizacijos. Tai rekordas. Lai per ateinančius metus, ypač laike vajaus meto, kiekvienas narys imtu sau už pareigą ir prirašytą nors po vieną narį!

Pereitą rudeni, mūsų kuopa šventė Jubiliejų. Šokiai įvyko Copley Plaza viešbuti, o sekančią dieną bankietas parapijos svetainėj. Taipgi buvo ir programos spausdintas. Viso pelno liko virš \$200. Buvo ir iš kitų kolonijų svečių. Šis apvaikščiojimas didelį išpūdį padarė netik namiškiams, svetimtaučiams, bet ir Naujos Anglijos Apskričiai.

Mūsų narė, panelė L. Zardeskaitė yra susižiedavusi su p. K. Mikalionių. Sveikiname. Taipgi, nedrįstu dar vieną porelę paminėti abu nariai Vyčiuose. Gal neužilgo, jie patys praneš apie jų susižiedavimą. Mat dar "secret." Abu yra labai darbštus mūsų kuopoje. Kas gal atspės? Bet galiu sakyti, kad mūsų kuopos nariai nėra ištautėje. Geras pavyzdys ir kitiems nariams sekti ypač birželio mėnesiui artinanties už porą trejetą mėnesių. p. S. yra tos nuomonės — išsireiškęs publikoje.

A. E. L.

## COUNCIL 23 — PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Dear Knights;

So our Concert and Dance has passed into the region of happy memories. The Concert was attended by an appreciative, if not a too numerous, audience; among those present were representatives of: Council 52, Elizabeth, N. J.; Council 109, Great Neck, L. I.; Council 29, Newark, N. J.; and Council 113, Linden, N. J. Conspicuous by their absence were our friends from the Brooklyn and Kearny-Harrison Councils; what ever happened to them? Excepting the Linden group, who left for home after the dance, the other visitors were guests overnight.

Hardly can we forget ..... The "five" call of the Elizabeth crowd, their bowling prowess, and the way two of the boys "killed the Chinaman" at Walt Danish's house. The nurse from Newark, who was so desirous of a bowl of soup. The "seat optional" story, Al Wesley of Great Neck related while on an auto jaunt of Philly's famed Fairmount Park. The pleasure of sight-seeing through the City of Brotherly Love with out of town guests.

We sincerely hope that all our guests had a good time as we did indeed. Many thanks to Mary Rusas for the letter received on Wed., January the 24th.

Recovering speedily from a busy week-end, the members convened

Monday night at the parish hall for some fun and a meeting. Plans were made to hold a pre-Lenten party for the club members and friends on Feb., the 5th; a committees of five were selected to arrange the details. Another committee was selected to select the proper hymns to be sung at Communion before the feast day of St. Casimir; the Communion to be followed by a breakfast of the members. A discussion of ways and means to run a benefit for the parish was put off until the monthly meetings.

Before closing, our sincerest gratitude goes out to those Councils; namely, Marquette No. 112, Maspeth No. 110, Great Neck No. 109, Linden No. 113, and Newark No. 29 for their helpful subscriptions to our program book.

Yours fraternally,

Kris.

## COUNCIL 24 — CHICAGO, ILL.

The dance-less days of Lent hang no black crepe over the heads of West Side's 24-ers, for hundreds still cherish the entertaining memories of that February 3rd night when our 'kuopa' ran its **NATURAL — Council 24's 24th Annual Dance**. More than one Chicago Lithuanian mother wondered where the children were until early the following February 4th morning.

Birthdays drew the spotlight of the evening. From nearby Cicero came **Mr. and Mrs. Rimkus'** vivacious daughter, **Bernice**, who slyly admitted Father Time has a 23 count on her. Her natal night was spent, strange to relate, in the company of only one handsome youth whose identity was more mysterious than a present day military secret.

Leaving the teens was a joy to young **Eugenia Nausėdas**, who danced the important night away in the Company of Council 24 members. An unmentioned birthday was that of **Michael Juozaitis**, he of authorial aspirations, who enjoyed his 21st year beginning but four days previously. His celebration was largely confined to the room where refreshments were sold.

Among others present on that dance-able night were the Brighton Park inseparable sister duo, **Bernice** and **Joan Gestautas**, charming ladies of song and loveliness that they are. It wouldn't have been



quite the place, but we half expected younger **Joan** to exhibit her recently acquired high school diploma, so much was she proud of it. From the southern prairie-lands of the city came likeable **Mae Brazauskas**, still protesting the turn of events which sent our beloved Spiritual Advisor **Father M. Urbonavičius**, off to Europe when his true place was with Council 24. **Anthony Stankus**, although doing sacrifice duty at the entrance, was of the same mood, as were practically all members.

#### Events to Come

A year ago the powers that be decided to accept Council 24's offer to serve as host for Chicago's 1940 **St. Casimir Day** celebration. Preparations for this great holiday have already resulted in an inspiring forecast of attendance, **AND HEREBY IS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO ALL KNIGHTS, DUES PAID UP TO DATE OR NOT, WHO LIVE IN THE VAST EXPANSE KNOWN AS "CHICAGO AND VICINITY," TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE GREATEST RELIGIOUS TURNOUT OF LITHUANIAN YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd.** The address of our stamping grounds is very very simple . . . **2323 WEST 23rd PLACE, IN THE GREAT CITY OF CHICAGO.**

John A. Šarkauskas.

#### RESERVE

**Sunday, March 4, 1940**

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COMMEMORATION**

at

**2323 W. 23rd Place, Chicago, Ill.**

**COUNCIL 24 WELCOMES YOU**

**COUNCIL 26 — WORCESTER,  
MASS.**

Hello, everybody — this is your friend "Marcele" again.

This being February 1940, we shall swerve from our general custom of reporting our councils activities and devote this column exclusively to "Cupid" and "Leap Year."

Norwood, Hartford, So. Boston, Athol, and So. Worcester are a few of the towns where there is a definite scarcity of eligible men. My advice to girls residing in these councils is to attend more K of L

conventions in the following towns in the order listed. Worcester, Council 26. Statistics claim one's chances of cornering an eligible bachelor are far greater here than other parts. Now that we've settled the question of locality, let's devote a little space on how to get a man.

1. Learn to cook a few reliable dishes, such as:

Blinai, borsch, marinated-herrings and kopustai.

2. Be a good dancer.

3. Keep him waiting an hour while you finish putting on your make-up.

4. Break your dates at the last minute.

5. Brag about all the hearts you've captured.

6. Slap everybody on the back.

This should give you a general idea. But if all else fails show him your bank book. It generally works. Here's wishing you all the best of luck in your man hunt, but as Marcele says "Girl who marry man, nuts anyway."

Marion Zuromskis would like to know if Kastas Zuromskis or any of the Chicago Zuromskis' are related?

The girls bowling team looks cute in their new sweaters with the K of L insignias. Say girls, did you know that the boys basketball team are wearing yellow and green satin outfits?

Sports: Council 116.

I am glad you desived some benefit out of your basketball practice. It's good exercise anyway even if you don't score.

I almost forget, Norwood boys are giving a reward for information concerning the indentity of "Marcele."

Leapingly yours, "Marcele."

#### COUNCIL 29 — NEWARK, N. J.

Greetings Friends!!! At last, the long awaited joy that you Knights have been longing for with hearts athrob, the Newark column.

I started in amazement! I gasped for breath! What an honor for Council 29! Yes, it was the inimitable Charles Bason of the the Supreme Council Officers swearing in our newly elected board, and also Louis Ketvirtis, Second National Vice-President, congratulating us for having such an outstanding council. It was nice having you with us and we hope you'll come to our future meetings.

Don't forget to be present at our Annual Communion Breakfast to be held on March 10. Communion will be received at the 8:00 a. m. Mass at the Holy Trinity Church in Newark. Breakfast will be served at one of the popular restaurants of Newark.

We wish to send our appreciation to the many members of the Philadelphia council who were so hospitable to us, and made our stay in their fair city such a pleasant one.

In spite of all your moans and groans, I still remain free to stalk and ferret out all the secrets about you (and I do mean you) that you particularly don't want to get into print. And look what I scented this time!! Joe Bieksha, former president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the Anti-Women Association was recently kicked out. Reason? Did you see him at the Elizabeth Minstrel Show? . . . Is it true that you want to sell your bowling ball Gene? Gosh, no wonder — with that technique Eleanor has, its better for you to sell it than lose it to her . . . Did you know that Al Dobar's technique has never been given full credit. It was so realistic that his friends were even throwing rice at him on the balcony . . . Don't think that braids and overalls are unbecoming. Hilda "Oomph" Starch sure hooked her beaus at Maspeth. Woo Woo!! . . . Our Helen used to sing "Double Trouble" but what can her theme song be now especially after returning from the Barn Dance with five rings on her left hand . . . Charlie Bason, always ready to help a lady in distress, will even sit on her feet to keep her toes warm. That's what really happened, gang . . . Chuck still claims he's through with all girls,

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but where was he last Saturday night? Was that your grandmother, Chuck? . . . We'd like to apologize about misjudging you Elizabeth boys. One of you actually refused a second helping of beverage, even if it was just to make an impression on her mother, huh Cap . . .

Until next month when I return with lots more news for you, this is your correspondent saying goodbye and keep smiling. L. G. N.

#### COUNCIL 30 — WESTFIELD, MASS.

Our basketball team traveled to Amsterdam, N. Y. about a month ago, and ye gods! what a shellacking they did take. The final score was 40-20, and it was absolutely not in our favor, if you know what I mean. At the same time, I was told that the Amsterdam citizens gave our boys a good time. I therefore take this opportunity to welcome another Lithuanian aggregation to our list of games played. Unfortunately (?) I couldn't (?) make the trip. I hear there was a fellow looking for me out there — said he was a cousin of mine. I wish he would get in touch with me, so that I can see if I have unearthed another relative. Just drop a line to Chris Dvarecka, Day Ave., Westfield, Mass.

We in Westfield have great plans for the future. In fact, at the next New England District meeting, we may have an announcement that will astound everybody. Absolutely, and this is no tripe that I am giving you.

But for the present, guess what? WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SPEAKERS AT OUR MEETINGS FROM NOW ON. Pardon me if I was enthusiastic, but this is a rarity in all reality, and it has finally come to life. Must be we ARE waking up. May this keep on forever. But fellow Westfieldites, realize one thing please; if you have speakers, you have to have refreshments. A word to the wise is sufficient, and I believe that we have enough brains in our club to get a solution to this problem. So put your minds to it, and see if you can get the same answer that I have in my mind.

I know, I know, so you want to read some trash, eh? Well, there is one big thing I dug up during the past month, and that is that "Somebody's sugar sweet," is contemplating on getting hitched.

She is an officer of the club, and she used to go for one of the Worcester bunch in quite a big way. Do you get what I mean? As I gather, from the ring on her finger, and from her bosom friend, she is going to spring the first intentions about two weeks after this magazine comes to your itty-bitty house. Ya' better do something W—.

.... Caravan Chris.

#### COUNCIL 52—ELIZABETH, N. J.

With the 2nd Minstrel over, which was a big success, thanks to all Councils — we can sit back for a while before we start the ball rolling again.

Noticed Charlie Bason, of Jersey City at the show, Charlie enjoyed it so much 2 years ago, he saw it both nights, and we didn't pay him to see it the second night . . . Welcome Philly, and Ačiū Iggy of Philly for being at the show by entertaining people around you . . . Joe Ruzga (Pres.) was very busy looking at the Newark, lassie and didn't know what the show was about . . . It's nice to go to a girls house and not see a kid sister of seventeen hanging around the parlor, so one of the boys said . . . J. Kizelevich, sweethearting Great Neck's Sweetheart Frannie . . . How about telling him to join the Elizabeth K of L Ann Novitt???? Julian of Paterson and the others know when they're in Elizabeth . . . Funny how everybody knows the Elizabeth Council when they see them coming thru the door, they know what kind of a night it will be with them, and without them . . . Do you know what a dance would be without those things they call "BAR FLIES" or don't you???? — NEWARK????? Thanks to Lucy, Mary, Leah, Stella, Toni, John O., Dugan, Burn's, Charles Kasktis Jr., Joe Matuza, Ambassador Dobar, Al Vaich, Victor York, Eddie Mack, Pinsky, and all the others who helped make the show and the bar — a success, and our own Lithuanian stars of the show Sleepy Patrick, (He's really awake sometime folks. Honest) John Gedmen, and Dorothy Sidlauskas and the girls who sang and decorated the stage . . . A big hand to Mr. Anthony Pinkien, coach and Mr. Albert Mack Social Chairman who again put on a show that people won't forget so soon . . . Father John Sharnes Club's Spiritual Advisor and Father Michael Kemezis, enjoyed the show and the

people so much, they started to go home at 11:00 o'clock, but lost track of the time . . . Maspeth's crowd, saying what a swell place Elizabeth is, GEE!! THANKS!!! Linden helping us by picking up glasses so they could get their laughing water, and make others laugh with them .....

Brooklyn flying around here and there, but they always fly back to a good place, Good old Little New York, looking everybody over. Harrison and Kearney came out full-bloom for a grand fellow, William Grinevich, and that boys and girls is what makes life a lot merrier when you go with the right class of people, and I mean the Lithuanian People, from the "Little Country with the Heart," Lithuania . . . Nicky Krevet and Charlie Samalonis escorting the young ladies around . . . Is there a romance brewing among one of our first members of the club???? Shorty O. snooping here and there..FLASH!! FLASH!! FLASH!!! What certain party in the club put a fast one over on all the members who have been in there company and still are blind to see it if you do not find out, by September, you will find an answer in the September issue of the Vytis????

Little Susie.

#### COUNCIL 61 — PATERSON N. J.

There are certain scenes that pack a long remembrance in one's mind. Therefore, this month I would like to call your attention to one of the most beautiful spots in all New Jersey, the "Passaic Falls," situated in the city of Paterson. These falls covered with ice and snow at this time of the year, paint a pretty picture for many a person. Scores of people for miles around come to see these falls, which happen to be the second largest in the United States.

Truly a great spot for many a romantic couple which, in a few more years might leave "Niagara Falls," out in the cold.

Our Clark Gable Micky T., has been seen sporting a swollen cheek, bruised nose and forehead. What's the real lowdown pal?

What has happened to Jean M.? Is she giving us the Garbo act?

Bill "I'll force one." Nocken reports he is going steadily again.

Why is our Bell (Romeo) Stack always cuddling us to all the women? When they start to swing, he starts to sway.

There are different ways of



saying it, but our "prof" says it with music.

It proved to be quite embarrassing to Jules M., who almost lost his dignity recently at a bowling social in Maspeth.

Words cannot express our deepest sympathies to Joseph (Speed) Venskuskus and family, upon their loss of their beloved mother.

Until later, **The Thin Man.**

#### COUNCIL 62—PITTSBURGH, PA.

Hello there!

Council 62, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is reporting its news.

We, the Knights of Lithuania from St. Vincent's parish, have promised to do our best to become well known, and to be successful in all of our affairs to be held throughout the entire year. We believe that with the aid of our most beloved spiritual adviser, Father John Woshner, Mr. Anthony J. Mažeika who is reorganizing this council — Thanks to you, Mr. Mažeika, — and our well known organist Mr. Aleksandra Sadauskas, will reach the top! How about it Knights?

The elected officers for 1940 of the reorganized council are :

President — Mr. Ewalt — (Jevaltas)

Vice-Pres. — Barth Simelis

Recording Sec'y — Marcella Simelis

Financial Sec'y — Helen Saulis

Treasurer — Vincent Marsen

Sergeant at arms — Lawrence (Larry) Miller

By the way—Barth and Marcella are brother and sister — you see — that runs in the family.

The social committee elected for last month were:

Anna Karus, Stephania Birbilas, Nellie Rozger, and Amelia Zukauskas.

Can any knight keep a secret? Well, I can't. You know yourselves some person has to spill the beans, sooner or later. Man alive, if any knight just loves home-made cakes, ask Ann Karus to bake one for you. I assure you that you'll not be disappointed. Say, Mistah Larry Miller, if you keep batting that ball around in the out most manner — we'll be so-o-o generous as to teach you a lesson.

The committee in charge of the next social consists of Florence Scrabis, acting as chairlady, and Margaret Marsen. They'll appoint whoever they wish to give them a helpful hand, if needed. Good luck to you.

So many suggestions had been brought up to increase our treasury that it wasn't even funny. In our minds we had a roller skating party and an annual dance on the list. Oh boy! nearly every members heart especially the girls, you know how it is, had been in their mouth — imagine girls strolling about with evening gowns, unique hair — do's and men — with tuxedos. Oh my! The committee in charge of this dance to be held in the near future are: Mr. and Mrs. Onaitis, Stephania Birbilas and Marcella Simelis. Happy landings!

Our sports managers are Casimer Rozger for boys — Helen Paleckis for the girls. Best wishes for successful teams. On to victory! (Yes as soon as we get settled).

The K of L organization is looking forward to St. Casimir's Day which will be celebrated on Sunday, March 3. During the High Mass, we'll receive Communion, and later will assemble for a luncheon meal set aside by the social committee.

Oh! I can't forget this — the K of L is going to hold a comedy after Easter. Whoever are the lucky knights to be chosen — may I put my two cents in — to wish you good luck for a swell turnout.

We send our best wishes, to all for a successful year!

Calling all Knights!

Calling all Knights!

Keep your eyes wide open for Pittsburgh's (smoky city) Knights are on the go!

That is all, Knights!

**Merci.**

#### COUNCIL 66 — OMAHA, NEB.

Were your "dogs" tired January 22? If not, then you didn't go to our council's Alumni Homecoming dance, held on January 21. Everyone had a "nifty" time dancing to the strains of a good orchestra's versions of "All the Things You Are" "Charlies, Hot Lips," "Scatterbrain" and many others. Three cheers for the gals who did a swell job of decorating the parish hall for the swingsters. Orchids to the able committee which planned our January 28 social and initiation. The spaghetti and meat balls were delicious, if hard to handle. With Virginia and John B., Stella Rukas and the others preparing the food, no appetizers were needed.

And what an initiation! Henry Shudinis, our able seargent-at-arms was the first volunteer. New mem-

bers were blindfolded and entered the main hall one by one. First — the would-be Knights (blindfolded of course) had to bow deeply — into a basin of water. Such smeared make-up! (I mean on the girls, not on Henry.)

Next was Tony Lawry. Neither of the boys emitted as much as a whisper, but when the girls went through the rituals, the blood — curdling yells could have been heard blocks away. (Ahem, that proves who the he-men are. Yeh Man!

Marian Kinsella, Josephine Sabutis, Bernice Rubek, Frances Pakenis, Eleanor Poskus, Ann Kusleika, and yours truly were next.

After this, long strips of slimy sweet pickles were fed to the aspiring do-or-dies. (It wouldn't have been bad, but Steve T. kept yelling that the pickles were worms, and when one's blindfolded, imagination really plays havoc.) (Icky!!!) Then each and every lass and lad waddled through a maze of chairs — with husky Charlie K. following them with a gr-reat big paddle. Whenever anyone contacted a chair, Charlie administered the paddle with fervor. (Yours truly was no exception!) After all this there are more Knights in the council. So jump on your white charger, grab your trusty lance or javelin, and be prepared for the usual round of Knight activities.

February 4 was our parish's (St. Anthony's) annual Lithuanian day program. Some of our Lady Knights contributed to the entertainment.

President Charlie K. (no, this column was not censored by the above) seemed entranced by the brunette he was with all evening. And she didn't mind. Incidentally, the social had to be put off a half hour while Charlie was located.

Wonder why Bill hasn't come to the last few meetings. It is basketball or a girl? Bernice Rubek brought her radio to the social for the jitterbugs to use. Thanks a lot for adding to our fun, Bernice. The rumor is spreading fast — one of our ladies-in-waiting — blushes every time HE looks at her, and vice versa. Three guesses, and skip the last two.

Now it can be told. Hardly anyone knew that Henry could dance. But can he swing it! And how! Such grace!

Now that Valentine day has come and gone a score or so hearts are beating faster. (Beat. Beat. Beat.) (Hear'em)?



Faithful Forever are The Three Musketeers — Me, Myself, and I.

Beg pardon, but a little birdie is chirping, and it isn't the cookee clock, either, (pronounced "i-ther") so until our next roundezvous — be seein' you — all. **Brezy.**

#### COUNCIL 67 — BAYONNE, N. J.

Before going any further, congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Grigalinas on their marriage just recently, the best of everything to you both.

The general chairman of the coming dance, Joseph Zableckas, which will be held on April 20, 1940 at the Mount Carmel Auditorium in Bayonne has the executive board helping him on the dance committee. In case the Knights do not know who they are they are Vice-pres. Stanley Jurewich, sec. Wm. Raduses, treas. Alice Marrine and Fin. sec. Amy Raduses. With this committee, and with the help of all Knights I'm sure the dance will be a great success. A social will be held this coming Tuesday with a committee trying to make it just one evening of fun. This one will let you know how it turned out in the next month's column. So the Dinner and Dance that was planned for was held on Feb. 3 at the Ridgefield Manor. Yours truly had a grand time, I hope everyone else had a grand time. Well John Novitt tried to make it an evening of fun. Thanks, Johnny . . . Bill Pocus planned to go to it but was disappointed, P. S. she underwent an operation. I hope she feels better, Bill. What happened to some of the Knights that you usually see at all our Dinners and Dances??? Where is Gil going to forget and may I ask who??? The boys of our basketball team are getting new uniforms this season, I'll betcha they'll look nice; they practice every Thursday at the Jr. High Gymnasium in case any of you didn't know it . . . I heard that a few interesting games are planned for this end of the season . . . Well ping pong is still played before and after each and every meeting on Tuesdays . . . Wm. Raduses was seen jitterbugging, gee you must have been having lots of fun. The play with all our Knights in it seems to be going very nicely . . . P. S. I forget to tell you that Bill Raduses may get his chance to sing his solo at the coming social . . . lots of luck Bill . . . so until next month yours truly remains.

**Uno Who.**

#### COUNCIL 90 — HARRISON-KEARNY, N. J.

Of course, you all know, that with the start of the New Year, we also elect officers and so to start the ball rolling, we'll let all of you in on the names of our New Executive Board.

Pres., Charles Dasker  
Vice-Pres., James Dasker  
Treas., Moe Zigmont  
Recr Sec., Felix Lapinskas  
Finan. Sec., Anne Rechkus  
Spir. adviser, Leo Voicekauskas  
Correspondent, Dark Secret.

Many thanks to our officers of the past year for their work and the best of luck to the new ones just taking office.

Our New Year's Party was a huge success, even if it did leave us in the red. Everybody sure did have a good time from all the reports heard.

Seems to me that since last August — remember — last National Convention held in Kearny there certainly has been a lot of mail from various states pouring into one fair city. For instance, these's a chap from up Massachusetts way (I think the town is Olneyville or Athol) who left his heart in Harrison on Third St.: then there's Caravan Chris (whoever he is) that just can't seem to forget our Kearny Angie; and then there's a boy from Connecticut (shall I tell them E. S.) who's smitten with a tall and very lovely brunette from Kearny? Can't tell her name, but I can't keep you from guessing, can I? You know, confidentially, that's one advantage of being a correspondent, nobody can tell on you, that is if there is anything to tell.

I really hate to break the sad news to all of you out of town lassies who were so enamoured with Joe Healy at the Convention but duty is duty — here goes. Well-l-l he up and got himself engaged to some Irish colleen and perhaps by the time this is published he'll be married; and I'll bet you were all looking forward to meeting him in 1940. Well, anyhow; there's a consolation in knowing that if you didn't get him, at least your girl-friend didn't land him either.

By the way, have you all heard that we're going to have a super super spring dance right after Easter, with a swelegant hand

namely. "The Royal Commanders." Will give you the exact date in the next issue because we certainly do want all of you, and I do mean you, to come. Sho' nuff and nuff said, so — good bye now.

**Dark Secret.**

#### COUNCIL 96 — DAYTON, OHIO

The local Council lost one of its ardent supporters when Mr. Joseph Martinaitis, the father of four of our members, passed away recently. The entire council joins in extending their sympathy to the bereaved members of the family.

Five of our members joined the select group when they got elected to the Parish Committee for the coming year. The members so honored are Anthony Alexinas, Joseph Rimkus, Stanley Martinaitis, George A. Zelinskas, and Frank Gudelis.

At the present writing, one of our members, Mary Ann Racie, is seriously ill at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Here's wishing her a speedy recovery.

After a recent meeting refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. Ann Scott, Joseph Rimkus and Anthony Alexinas. Frances Radmiskas and Charles Vanagas will supervise this at the next shinding.

The Pre-Lenten Dance held in the Church Hall was a huge success, thanks mostly to the committee of Mary Sinkewitz, Mary Martinaitis, Anthony Alexinas, and Joseph Rimkus.

The Basketball Team, a replica of Indiana's Iron Men on the gridiron, has been polishing off all comers with regularity, and at this writing seems a cinch to cop the championship of the Major Amateur League. The boys although short on quantity have been making up in quality. The team is composed of George A. Zelinskas, Jake Goldick, Pike Alexinas, Boss Noreikas and John Scott.

The Club will celebrate St. Kazimer's Day on March 3rd by going to Holy Communion in a body. All members are requested to meet in the Church Hall at 7:45 sharp for this occassion.

The writer has been deluged with so many requests for some personals, so here goes.

Augie and Stanley introduced a couple of "Debs" at a Pre-Holiday Party and then SMUZ promptly escorts one of them to Midnight Mass. With Leap Year in vogue,



Andy isn't taking any changes on a certain femme, so he hikes to Florida for an indefinite stay. Luke finally found out, much to his chagrin, that a certain beacon was tougher than his car.

Joe F, our gallivanting romeo, has finally settled down and is centering all of his attention on a Springfield socialite. Augie is devoting quite a bit of his time to a certain Millie. Martha G. is not satisfied with local prospects, so she hies up to Detroit, where a certain Pete draws her attention.

It has been rumored that SMUZ, our leading Propagandist, is earning a little extra money by giving correspondence lessons to Goebels. This column would not be complete without something about "Little Joe," latest reports have him still celebrating New Year's Eve.

J. A. G.

#### COUNCIL 96 Jr. — DAYTON, O.

My oh my the boys finally won a basketball game, they must be getting good. It must of been Teddies green sweater that blinded the other side. (Green flash).

The Jr. K of L's had a hamburger fry. The committee consisted of three boys.

Our president was sick for about two weeks, anyway he missed two meetings.

Two of the boys Alex Cekun and Billy Mikalauskas left for the C.C.C. Camp. Alex went to Oregon and Billy went to Nevada. Our best dancer is gone.

The Sr. K of L's had a dance and the Jr. K of L's turned out in full swing. Everybody enjoyed themselves.

The girls knitting class is progressing very well. One of the girls has her sweater finished, (with the help of her mother).

Cornelia Morrow ice skater called our "Sonja Henie" because she falls the most, and who comes to her rescue of course it's Ernie. She's not the only one who takes the most spills it's Pete Petkus he is always down.

Have you heard of the "Three Musketeers" and the "Three Lane Sisters" in our club? If you haven't try to find out who they are. We also have a Tyrone Power and a Richard Green.

I wonder who fixed the new hair style Clarence is wearing.

The ground hog saw his shadow Jolyz you should have stayed in.

This is all — Toodle-do

Nosy.

#### COUNCIL 102 — DETROIT, MICH.

Your Detroit Correspondent feels lower than an antique carpet after our dear President, Mr. Peter Parimskas gave me a cringing look, tweaked an imaginary mustache and coldly said, "M-m-m, didn't see anything in the Vytis from Dee-ee-troit, again, this month, why" That did the trick, so here I am again! (Note: Your correspondent made a New Year's resolution to be very prompt and punctual in her correspondence, so, from now on, there will be a regular contribution in the "Vytis," well, almost every month!)

A trifle tardy, but nevertheless, just as sincere, is the entire Detroit Council's wishes for a most peaceful, prosperous and progressive New Year to all our fellow Knights and Ladies!

Attention: 1940 Election Returns.

Pres. Peter Parimskas (re-elected, remember, he's the tall, dark and handsome one with a handsome appetite!)

Vice-Pres. Al Petrenas (Al Thomas Pet-tree-nas to his friends).

Sec'y and Correspondent. Helen Zaliagiris (Why should I tell you about myself) Re-elected.

Fin. Sec'y June Kantrow (our previous Vice-President, a vivacious auburn-tressed lady, a member of the very exclusive "D" T. Sorority (sometimes I wonder).

Treasurer. Joseph Sakalauskas (Re-elected and a grand person! So is Mrs. Sakalauskas, don't forget, Mrs. J. S., J. and H. are coming up for dinner, soon!)

Serg.-at-Arms. Vito Zaliagiris (Formally known as Vito Vincent Joseph "Greenwood," K. (The K is for Kesslers)).

Our best wishes and promises of full cooperation with all the 1940 Officers and our undying gratitude to all the past officers of the K of L for 1939, including Anthony Smolek, our past Financial Secretary, who did a thorough job of it, while in office.

The K of L Carnival Dance and Christmas Dance was again successfully carried out and the following committee worked diligently to make the pre-lenten "Snow Frolic" held on Feb. 4 in the Lithuanian Hall, another tremendous success: Al Petrenas, Chairman, June Kantrow, Virginia O'Neil, Helen Zaliagiris, Peter Parimskas, Tony Smolek and Joseph Sackle.

Say, we really have a basketball team this year, and, I really do mean a team; they have won three games and lost three, at present, a .500 average isn't so bad, is it? Keep up the good work, boys!

Now that January is history, a few of the boys are really going to get on the "wagon" and stay there, so they say; why, even the girls are reforming, it seems they have eliminated their daily dozen, and I don't mean exercising, either! Why, girls, tch, tch, tch! Someone suggested using June's and Fran's house as a Club House, let's take a vote, unanimously yes, well, we'll be over for our next meeting, don't forget, girls! Another suggestion: have Pete and Joe S. bring their own eight or nine sandwiches along with them at future social gatherings, can they eat? Wow!!!!

Helen.

#### COUNCIL 109 — GREAT NECK, N. Y.

Imagine Snoopie everlooking a good scoop, or shall I say holding it back until authorized to spill it. No wonder our blonde 6 footer, handsome Tony Garro hasn't been around our shire on his time off. He has been escorting a honey of a gal named Jill from a neighboring town, has put the ring on her finger, and has set the day for June. Congrats Garro. And 'scuse for holding it back. Thank your informant sister for the reminder.

The finis of the elections remains yet to be seen, but from all appearances it looks as though almost an entire new staff of executives will begin their duties the first of the year. In the history of our K of L this election was about the most exciting and interesting and it's about time the majority of members took such an interest in casting their votes. And new members should get a change too and should accept when chosen.

In the good old winter time, in this Great Neck town of ours. The boys and gals of 109 get together and have o WOW of a time skating, basketballing and gal-livanting in Wesey's japoly in the good old winter time.

First of all, many thanks to all the councils that attended our "Leap Year Dance." We hope you enjoyed yourselves; we enjoyed your company. It looked as though Newark was tops in repre-



sentation. Nice to know you, nice to tell.

Second, thanks to all those in Philadelphia (especially to their press.) who made it possible for those four 109'ers who attended their dance recently, to have such an enjoyable weekend.

Third, we wish to welcome into our club our newest member, Barbara Vesdjunas, who having been interested in our lodge for some time, but not being of the Catholic faith, could not join. After serious religious training under Father Collins (our new spiritual advisor) she was baptized, and received her first communion and has been accepted as a member of our organization. The welcome mat will always be there for you Barbara.

Speaking of socials, we can't forget the last one held at the Wesey home, double celebration for pres. Mary. The gift she received from the club was uniquely wrapped, but we need say nothing of contents, no microscope on hand at the time.

The social committee, a seemingly very active one, of which Mary G. is chairman, has planned a series of events to start after our annual communion breakfast which is to be held March 10th and is to be followed by a breakfast at De-Jean's Restaurant in the Wychwood in Great Neck.

The following events are in line for the near future:

1. Trip to N. Y. after communion breakfast (purpose — to be decided by majority).
2. Another of those fun loving scavenger hunts.
3. Card party and bingo.
4. Trip to Washington in cherry blossom time.
5. Sport day for boys and girls.
6. Swimming meet.

Basketball is still the tops in sports for the boys. The winning streak is still theirs and we hope will last for the duration of the playing season. The topper of the season, we think, was the black and white game that was played recently; the antics of both teams was really laughing matter for the players themselves and the spectators. "COMEDY IN SHORTS." WOW. And we have booked two K of L teams. WOW.

We know Sonny Chalkis has left us again for sunny Florida (but he ain't got nothing on us down there this year) but we still don't see any reason why Anne Bart and Amelia Bart don't appear at any of our meetings. And Millie Kens, too. We'll

keep you on press, we'll haunt you and haunt you.

Tis' time, we chatterboxes signed off, so here goes, and for further reading and information, dear members, please read the bulletin notices. Ye reporters have formed a company and are rapidly putting to press what comes to their attention.

**DON'T FORGET THE COMMUNION RECEPTION** (compulsory) **AND BREAKFAST** (if you want to join) **SUNDAY, MARCH 10th — 10:30 Mass.**

**Loopie and Snoopie.**

#### **COUNCIL 110 — MASPETH, N. Y.**

Don Julio has retired to his Spanish hacienda "down Mexico way" and in parting, bequeathed me this magic pen. So, here goes —

Maspeth celebrated its 17th anniversary on January 20th at the clubhouse with a party that was something. The club was given a lamp for birthday gift. (I'm still trying to find out who the donor was!)

The peak of last month's festivities was reached, however, with our Barn Dance. What a time! There were hics everywhere (excuse me — I mean hicks). Joe Augustinas appeared as Jeeter Lester of the Tobacco Road Lesters. I'm still puzzled as to how he kept his pants up without suspenders, or a belt. I guess that safety pin he had was the answer. Leon Robus, as the parson, has enough dirt now to blackmail every one he knows (I've got my fingers crossed!) Helen Augustinas was the champion when it came to getting married. We were afraid that she would run out of fingers or we would run out of rings. Charlie Bason of Jersey City reported that although he had acquired fifteen wives, he still sleeps with his brother. Charlie Oskutis of Elizabeth was present with his pals Xavier (Cap) and Spike. Poor Charlie! — he had just recuperated from an attack of D — (Aw — let Charlie tell you in his own cute way!) Jack Remeika had a very enjoyable evening (what's her name, Jack?) Slim Kober called out the reels and the good old-fashioned square dances. That reminds me — at the Great Neck leap year dance, Slim did some very good number-matching with Mary Rusas.

Wedding Bells and Belles: Ann Plekaitis and Johnny Lizunas said "I do" on February 4th. Joe

Gedras also said good-bye to his bachelorhood on January 28th. Congratulations and best wishes from all the Knights!

K of L 110 looked forward to the Valentine's Social that was held February 17th at the club-rooms. A jolly time was enjoyed by everyone. The girls in charge Terry Wezwick, Mary Augustinas, Pat Kersulis and Nellie Ragelis. They had a few surprises for that evening but like all women — they'll talk about anything and everything but they didn't tell what the surprises were.

There was a rumor floating around that after one of the bowling matches here in Maspeth (with Linden as the opponents, I believe) one of the boys found himself minus a pair of shorts. That's what you get for playing games!

Birthday greetings to the following: Al Laurinaitis, February 9th — Nellie Ragelis, February 25th — Pat Kersulis, February 26th.

The committee for our annual spring dance (May 4th is the date) is already completing plans for that important night. Mary Augustinas as Chairman (or should I say Chairwoman?) is handling the job very capably.

My right-hand man brought back the news that Helen and Charlie Augustinas, Steve Charneski, Mary Augustinas, and Pat Kersulis were seen at the Elizabeth Minstrel Show. I also heard that the boys in the Chorus were very kissable! (What flavor lipstick do you use, boys?)

Au revoir, Good-bye and So Long  
**Minotchka's Boy-friend.**

#### **COUNCIL 112 — CHICAGO, ILL.**

February — 29 days — Leap Year.

Here is a tip that might interest the "male men" of our council — If a girl asks for your hand in marriage and you refuse, the penalty that has to be paid is a box of candy — the word is "box."

One of the boys when asked what kind of candy he would buy — just in case — replied very promptly and decisively.

"A pound of jelly — beans!"

1940 slang comment — I'm afraid he would get "beaned" with the jelly beans if he dared to buy them.

Our "B" Bowling team is certainly bowling over their opponents. They are topping the league by much more than a skip and a jump. We are proud of them. Haven't you



heard the Marquette crowd saying with that certain air,

"That's OUR team!"

The "A" team must be jinxed or something — they were defeated there more games in a row — by the "B" team. It must be the "or something" because the "A" team does have good players.

Our girls team still has first place in the firm grasp.

Hold tight — gals — hold tight!

#### Casual Comments!

Femine rule apparently, is something new in Marquette. Our pres. was giving Al Kress a few instructions and he so meekly and demurely replied,

"Oh, yes mam—!"

He even fluttered his eye-lashes. You can't deny it, Al — we all witnessed it at the meeting.

Second nominee for sergeant — with — girl-in-arms is Charles Birgelis. Nomination is based upon the bevy of beautiful girls in his arms at the last Cicero K of L dance.

"Come and watch us bowl!" was the plea of the girls, time and again —

"We want backing!"

Johnny Šimkus rallied to that plea and came. The girls hope he enjoyed their playing at least half as much as they enjoyed having him. Come again, Johnny!

Found: Three extra lines in column two of the C-112 write up in the January issue of the "Vytis."

If (Mrs.) Ann Juozaitis keeps on she will have to live on borrowed time — besides singing on radio programs she has a part in the opera "Martha" to be presented soon by the Milwaukee Opera Company.

Quote: The social bug — Marquette crowd does get around — I saw them . . . at the Brighton dance the Cicero dance, the Congress Hotel, K of L Choir affair, Gay Blade dance, Bowling at the Pladium, Ice-Skating at the Arena, and enjoying the American Lithuanian Day celebration at the Cicero Stadium. Unquote!

Confucius Say:

Helen W — who is blonde  
And of dancing is velly fond  
A Leap Year Party will throw  
When our boys to dance do know.

A 2 of Mar-kett

#### COUNCIL 113 — LINDEN, N. J.

Hello again from Linden. I guess we all think our Council's officers are pretty good because we re-

ected the same ones at our annual meeting. They are:

President — William Kruze  
Vice-Pres. — Andy Dombrauskas  
Secretary — Anne Shaltis  
Treasurer — Edward Pribush  
Fin. Sec. — Adele Getchis.

The cold weather we are having must be scaring every one from coming to meetings. You really shouldn't let that keep you away because our club room is quite cozy and the socials after the meetings are grand. Quite worth your while to come to the meetings.

"Memo of the Little Man Who Wasn't There."

What is the idea of a couple of Elizabeth fellows bathing our popularity girl? —

What happened that Helen S. was so quiet at our social — unusual, isn't it?

What's this we hear about Stella L. and a farmer?

Helen T. why don't you say who it is instead of keeping it back.

Phil K. and Joe K., heard you enjoyed Maspeth's barn dance, especially the weddings.

What happened between Jo G. and Bill S. of Elizabeth.

Where is our choir that we were supposed to have.

Fritz L. bowling 248 in Newark but would have done better if they didn't excite him.

Wonder where our second bowling team is, seems none are willing to bowl lately.

Helen T. going to a fortune teller. Wonder what she was told?

How long are you going to wait yet, Helen? You'd better leap while the leaping is good.

Mildred S. heard your performance in "Smilin'thru" the Senior play would rival Norma Shearer. That's all for now.

H. M. S. S. Linden.

#### COUNCIL 127 — HUDSON, MASS.

Greetings to everyone. — Now that we are in the limelight again let me introduce to you Victor Janusis—our new president, Charles (Stuffy) Staniunas — vice-president, Treasurer — Antonina Kerdoks, financial secretary — Eva Mackunas — recording sec'y — Veronica Stanis, auditor F. (Puiky) Kelson, and of course, I (Johnny) the reporter.

With such a staff how can we help but have a wonderful year ahead of us!

We start off by having a "Vakariene" the 17th of February. I

know it will be a success. In case this is published early, all outsiders are welcome to come.

The menu will consist of Chop Suey, salad, cake etc. all for the mere sum of thirty-five cents. Girls, would you call onions a fruit? I have so many of them home!!

Lets start a membership drive and also check up on some of our less active members. Why leave everything to a few people. Lets get started and keep going. We can show up **those certain** Lithuanians that we mean business.

**Chatter-Chatter** — One fella, says to the other fella, I wonder what **he** got for Christmas, but nobody knows. Looks like some of the fella's took the jump on leap year, didn't they Nellie? Now I can ask **those girls** — When?" Be careful boys 'tis 1940 and your hour may be at hand, so take care!

Pretty things you were crocheting when I come down Toni, what's it for?

Charlie, why don't you take in laundry? I'll even send my shirts down to be starched.

By the way, what makes people change their minds so soon or has time marched on so fast? I laugh when I thinks about a certain conversation in front of the National Bank last summer. Can it be that **these two** people have changed their tune?

So long until next time and don't anyone be offended. **Johnny.**

#### COUNCIL 129 — SHENANDOAH, PENN.

Yes folks Council 129. Haven't: you heard, we just organized in January.

For new Knights we are doing fine under the guidance of our Spiritual Director, Rev. Jos. Neve-rauskas our membership is growing rapidly and many new activities are being planned.

The last month saw us getting into the tick of things. Charter night was celebrated with a song. Parents and friends of K of L members were invited.

An inspiring program was arranged under the supervision of Andrew (Check) Ceckell chairman of the entertainment committee. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

With girls practising pin pong and boys having dates, the audience is contemplating on installing a guard fence for protection. So watch our folks for Council 129. **All of us.**



## New York and New Jersey District News

A very spirited by-monthly district meeting, was held January 14 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark. In spite of the inclement weather, one of the largest delegations ever present at a district meeting, came out for the proceedings, with the entire 11 councils of the district being represented.

Short talks were given by the Reverends I. Kelmelis of Newark, M. Kemėžis of Jersey City, and A. Paulekas, CSSR. of New York. Peter Podgalsky, Newark president, welcomed the delegates and guests.

Due to the resignation of Mr. A. J. Mažeika of Brooklyn, as district president, Mr. Wm. Kruze of Linden, 1st vice-president, was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

A committee was selected to work on plans for the K of L Day, which will be held in the summer months.

To commemorate the feast of St. Casimir, patron saint of the Knights, the district will hold its annual communion, Sunday, March 3rd, at the Church of the Annunciation, Brooklyn, N. Y. High Mass will be offered at 11:00 A. M. Breakfast will follow immediately in the parish hall. In the afternoon, the bi-monthly district meeting will be held, session starting at 2:44 P. M. sharp.

Many other topics of importance were discussed. A social was provided for the delegates and guests, immediately after the conclusion of the business session, by the hosts of the day, Council 29. Many thanks Newark.

### Here and There.

Congratulations to Elizabeth for putting on a swell minstrel show, with the ever popular Spike Pinkin, handling the interlocutor's role, in his usual, inimitable style. Nice gesture on Elizabeth's part, giving a performance of their show at the Bonnie Burns Sanitarium, Scotch Plains, N. J.

Seen at the Elizabeth Minstrel: "Casey" Kazlauskas of Kearny, with a certain miss, not bad at all "Casey" . . . the ever smiling district secretary, Miss Kwiatkowski of Bayonne, did you get any good tips on bowling?

Willie Paukštaitis of Nutley, did alright at his parent's 25th wedding anniversary, with a certain Judy Y. Didn't know you had it in you Willie.

Aside to Little Susie of Elizabeth: Did you ever notice how the country air gets the best of the Elizabeth boys?

Seen at the Great Neck Leap Year Dance: Al Wesley, busy as usual . . . Mary Lazaunik, the gal who gets double holidays . . . the surprise number dance . . . anybody disappointed . . . the large delegation from Newark . . . discovered, why the girls go for Johnny Zorski of Great Neck, my, my . . . the Elizabeth boys on hand as usual . . . not forgetting the Maspeth and Brooklynites.

'By Now'

Charles Vaskas.

## BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reading Committee of the Lithuanian Book-of-the-Month Club has selected for its next book "KLAIDA" by Lazdynų Pelėda. This is an early novel containing 327 pages of interest-

## K of L CHOIR NEWS

"And the night was filled with music."

Chicago Lithuanians, more than 1,000 of them, filled Sokol Hall on the night of January 28, to see and hear the K of L Choir's "1940 Metų Ivairumai." More than 80 choir members appeared on the spacious stage in scenes unrivaled hereabouts for beauteous splendour and eyepleasing display. The program was under the direction of choir master Juozas Sauris.

Opening a few minutes after the announced hour of 6:30, George Victor's orchestra swung into an overture which paved the way for a humorous feminine sketch starring Aldona Sakalas and Adelle Alekna. The girls went ahead to prove that they could sing their song backwards — they turned their backs to the audience and sang away! Lightfooted dancers, led by Genevieve Sauris, spiralled in professional style to the delight of the entire audience, only to be nearly outdone by the mens' rendition of "Rigolletto" which followed the terpsichorean episode. With a high A pitch Leo Žurlys leading the tenors, John Poviliauskas, mustached Apollo, anchored down the bass section with a performance worthy of only 3 practice weeks.

Once the choir group returned again from their New York World's Fair trip, this time to the stage, the program began in earnest with Marquette Park's Harriet Lukas doing true justice to Schubert's "Ave Maria," with a full choral background. Other solos included "A Heart That is True" (Robyn) by Irene Aitutis, and Jeannine Pikturna's singing of Vanagaitis' "Aš Bijau Pasakyt," arranged by Mr. Sauris to include a feminine choral background. These were so heartily applauded by an enthusiastic audience that an encore was necessary in every instance. Phylis Pechukas also added to the charm of Anton Dvorak's "Goin' Home" with her solo appearance near the end.

A newcomer as far as K of L Choir stage participation is concerned was Choir Manager Stanley Šimulis who related the mental woes of the New York trip in decidedly humorous fashion. All told, 21 songs were sung, most of them from memory — strong recommendation for a group with only 2 months of practice! Comments received during the dance which followed the stage presentation confirmed the expected opinion that the K of L Choir "put it over again!"

On Sunday, February 11th, Marquette Park residents enjoyed a repetition of the popular "1940 Metų Ivairumai" when the Choir presented its 1940 concert a second time in the parish hall, 68th and Washtenaw Avenue. This was a final warmup for the anticipated trip to Detroit on April 28th.

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ing reading. A more detailed description of the book will be found elsewhere in this issue in Lithuanian. We might add here, however, that if you wish to join the ever increasing circle of Lithuanian book readers simply send a check or money order for 70 cents to Lithuanian Book-of-the-Month Club, 129 West 88th St., New York, New York and your order will be transferred to Kaunas, Lithuania immediately.

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