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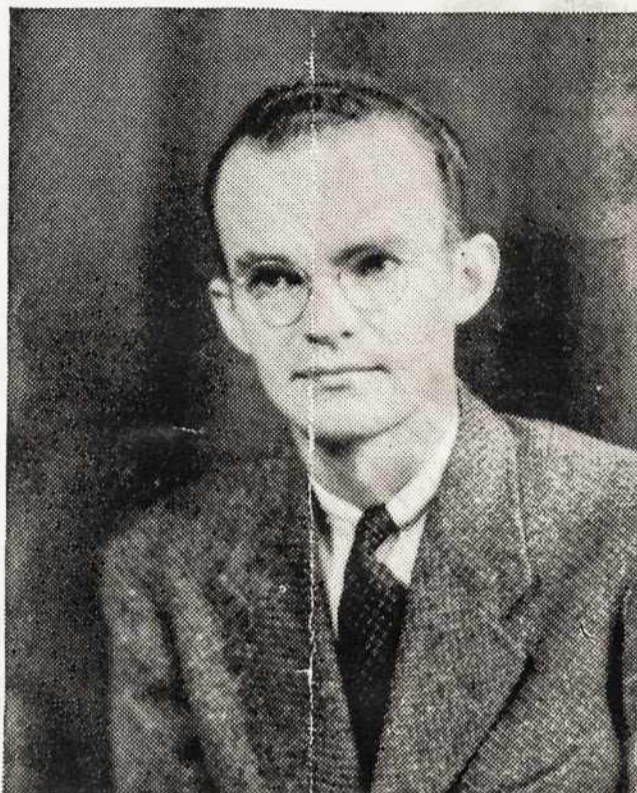
The overwhelming amount of material available for the September issue makes it necessary, because of lack of space, to dispense with the customary introductory editorial message in this first issue.

We will give you a statement of our policy in editing VYTIS in the October issue. All we can promise you now is that it will **not** be concerned with vague generalities, clothed in beautiful-sounding words.

At the Convention it was decided to print the Convention Report, complete with officers' reports, resolutions and mandate committee's report in VYTIS. Because the Report was received several days too late, we were unable to begin printing it in this issue. Because of its unusual length (over 55 pages) we will have to print it in installments, beginning in the October issue.

We regret that Council reports from several councils could not appear in this issue, because they were received several days too late. Because we want to ensure VYTIS

GREETINGS!



coming out on time, we must absolutely insist that all material be in by the 10th of the month of issue. Much as we might sometimes want to do it, we cannot insert material received after the 10th, because we must close our forms on that day.

We have before us one correspondence that we had to omit from this issue, simply because we could not decipher it. It is written on something that resembles wrapping paper — in light pencil! Most of the material sent in is excellent — type-written and double-spaced. If you have no typewriter, use pen and ink, don't cramp your writing, and **please** make names unmistakably clear. We would hate to have the wrath of heaven heaped upon our sensitive head because somebody's name was mis-spelled in VYTIS.

We have met with the most excellent co-operation and moral support in assuming our new duties. We are particularly indebted to Vete Shillings, of the K. of L. Press, for his patience and co-operation in unfolding to us the mysteries of how an inexperienced new editor goes about editing a first issue of VYTIS; to John Pilipauskas, for designing the new cover for VYTIS; for the warm spirit of cooperation and practical help from our Editorial Advisors, to Prof. Pakštas, Father Grinius and Mary Brazauskas; to Phil Klikunas and Stella Brozas for their ready willingness to assist us in editing VYTIS; and finally for the countless good wishes we have received, both in the mail and in person.

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NAUJOJO PIRMININKO ŽODIS VYČIAMS

Tik praužė mūsų organizacijos visuotinis metinis seimas. Visi vyčiai grįžo iš seimo, pilni jaunatvės energijos ir su šypsančiais veidais skubaberti karštų saulės spindulių ir užkūrti naujos gyvybės ugnį mūsų organizacijoje.

Amerikos katalikų plačioji visuomenė žiūri į mus ir laukia gražių, gražių darbų, kurie įtrauktų visą lietuvių katalikišką jaunimą, pražytų viliojančiais žiedais ir atneštų gražių vaisių, kokių su išsiilgimu laukia iš mūsų plačioji lietuvių visuomenė, nuteriotą tėvynę Lietuva ir katalikų Bažnyčia.

Malonūs vyčiai-tės! Darbo prieš akis milžiniški plotai. Seime priėmėme daug naujų rezoliucijų, kurias turime būtinai įgyvendinti. Tad, pradėkime darbą! Pradėkime su šūkiu:

“Ganai dairytis į šalis, šalin sustingimas, neveiklumas, mes einame aukštai iškėlę vyčių vėliavą pirmyn! Mes turime užimponuoti visą katalikų visuomenę, mes turime suorganizuoti vyčių kuopas tose parapijose kur jų nėra, mes turime įtraukti visą katalikišką jaunimą į L. Vyčių organizaciją, mes turime išplatinti savo žurnalą “Vytį” po plačią lietuvių visuomenę, kad mūsų balsas būtų visur girdimas.

Kad ši šūkį įgyvendinti, reikia įdėti daug darbo ir pasišventimo. Užmiršt asmeniškų kerštus, savanaudiškus išrokavimus o, turėti vieną tikslą — Vyčių Organizaciją! Turėkime savo veikime aiškia liniją — išugdyti savy Taurią asmenybę. Šauningą kataliką, susipratusi lietuvi, krikščioniškai Tautiškos kultūros kėlėją, savo darbo žinovą.

Religija — gražiausia jaunystės puošmena, stipriausias Taurios asmenybės ugdymas, organizacinio bei visuomeninio darbo pamatas. Pažinkime religiją, pažinkime Tautos reikalus ir opius visuomeninio veikimo klausimus ir, pažinę, nuoširdžiai prie šio darbo prisidėkime!

Garbingoji kunigija daug nuoširdumo parodė įvykusiame Vyčių Seime Pittsburgh'e. Reikia tikėtis, kad ateity, jie dar daugiau nuoširdumo parodys vyčiams metų bėgy, patarimo, kviesti juos su mumis bendrai dirbti.

Reiškiu vilties, kad visa Centra valdyba veiks vieningai sutartinai. Gi apskričiai ir kuopos šimteriopai pagyvinę savo veiklą ir, padarys šiuos metus istoriniais metais, atgimimo metais!

Štai pirmasis pasikalbėjimas su jumis malonus draugai, pradėjus man eiti Lietuvos vyčių organizacijos pareigas. Tikėkime, kad ką pasikalbėjome, pasiryžome, padarysime, jei visi būsime vienos minties, vienos širdies, vienų nepalaužiamų pasiryžimų!

Pranas Razvadauskas — Pirm.

Didžiam lietuviui ir nuoširdžiam vyčių draugui a. a. kun. dr. Jonui Navickui mirus, L. Vyčiai reiškia gilią užuojautą Tėvų Marijonu Kongregacijai.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ CENTRAS

Laike nuliūdimo, dėl brolių, seselių ir giminaičių mirties katastrofoje, Kaziui Basanavičiui, geram vyčiui, reiškiamo nuoširdžią užuojautą.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ CENTRAS

The Editorial Staff of "Vytis" extends its deepest sympathy, to Charles Bason, Member of Council 124, on his recent tragic bereavement.

The Editorial Staff of "Vytis" expresses its heartfelt sympathy to Jean Klevickas, Member Council 112, on the death of her father, who passed away while she was attending the Convention in Pittsburgh.

"DOC" IS GONE



American-Lithuanian youth weeps to-day for its Don Bosco, its guiding spirit and staunchest supporter. And the death of Father John Navickas has caused a gap in our religious, cultural and Lithuanian life that we can never attempt to fill. "Doc", as he was affectionately known to his own boys, has sacrificed his life by over-work to the cause which was his all-consuming aim in life — American-Lithuanian youth.

We know that his death is a tragic, irrevocable loss to the Church, to the Lithuanian people, to our youth in general, to the Lithuanian Students' Alliance of which he was the father, and particularly to the Marian Fathers in America whose head he had been for some years. But more than that, we felt a deep sense of personal loss when we read of his death in the Chicago metropolitan dailies.

For more than two years we were his personal secretary and confidante. He had been our teach-

er, our spiritual director, our personal friend and benefactor. Being so close to him we saw in all its sincerity his deep religiousness, his burning zeal for the propagation of Lithuanianism, and his amazing ability to sway those about him with his fervor and the tremendous power of his personality.

We will leave to others, more capable of the enormous task, to enumerate his contributions to his Church, his people, and American-Lithuanian youth. Here we want to merely attempt to give you a few sketches of the human being that "Doc" really was.

A stern disciplinarian, he would brook no insubordination. His orders were curt and summary, and he wanted no further discussion about them. Conversely, his strictest orders and punishments were invariably followed by a complete melting of the disciplinarian into the soft-hearted father of his "boys". There was practically nothing his students could not get from him if they importuned

him long enough—whether it was a free day, a trip to the beach, ice cream for dessert, or new equipment for the athletic field.

He had an almost miraculous ability as a pedagogue and moulder of character. His influence over the minds and characters of the boys who came under him was amazing to behold. He transformed undisciplined, rowdy young adolescents into paragons of obedience, piety and studiousness.

A magnetic talker, and an experienced teacher, "Doc" was able to hold his classes and conferences spellbound with attention, and one word or look from him was enough to bring back to earth anyone whose attention had strayed.

Father John was heart, body and soul dedicated to the cause of Lithuanianism. His love of the Lithuanian language and his insistence on pride in our Lithuanian heritage were, after his Church, his one aim in life. In those years he absolutely insisted that we use the Lithuanian language in our midst. Firm punishment was meted out to those caught transgressing his rule. And he accomplished wonders with this strict rule, because the constant use of Lithuanian and its constant correction was the most effective means of learning the language. So many of the faultless, scholarly Lithuanian articles you now read in our papers, the impassioned, smooth-flowing Lithuanian you often hear from our pulpits—these speakers and writers, at one time, before they came under "Doc's" influence, were not able to speak or write more than a few words of Lithuanian.

This insistence on the Lithuanian language sometimes approached almost the point of fanaticism. Even "Vytiš" came in for bitter condemnation for its use of English. He organized the Lithuanian Students' Alliance with the idea that it would be exclusive in its use of the Lithuanian language on every occasion. But the years mellowed his outlook, and, yielding to the inevitable forces of environment in this country, shortly before his death, he had even begun considering the sponsorship of a Lithuanian magazine printed completely in English, and of an English section in "Draugas."

A man of amazing intellectual powers, he was familiar with a half-dozen languages. His English was meticulously correct, spoken

with a fascinating Continental accent. He numbered among his personal friends statesmen, the highest members of the hierarchy, and even members of the royal houses of Europe, with whom he had studied at Fribourg. From his associations and his own innate good breeding, he had acquired the acme of suavity and graciousness of bearing in company. He was unrelenting in his insistence that his boys acquire good breeding and learn the rules of faultless etiquette.

There was something Napoleonic in his appearance, his demeanor, and his amazing genius for swaying those about him. Short in stature, with incipient baldness on his brushed-back head, his favorite stance was the familiar hand-in-breast characteristic of the Little Emperor.

And yet this man, this intellectual giant, master of character and institution builders, one of the few really great Apostles of Lithuanianism—this remarkable man was so completely human that he invariably looked at the "Maggie and Jiggs" and "Skippy" cartoons in the daily paper before he even glanced at the headlines!

"Doc"—you have left mountains of memories, good works, lasting monuments of your contributions to Lithuanianism, Catholicism, and the cause of American-Lithuanian youth behind you. You will be missed—terribly. We fear for the causes for which you sacrificed your life, because we know that you cannot be replaced. But God give you the rest which you have so diligently earned! **E. J. K.**

LITHUANIA'S REICH-COMMISSIONER LOHSE

Herman Lohse was born in Holstein in 1897. Previous to his appointment as Reich-Commissioner of the occupied Baltic states, he was head of the Schleswig-Holstein province. Lohse served in the World War, and, after the Armistice returned to his commercial profession. He joined the Nazi movement soon after, participating in Hitler's many coups to secure power. He was arrested and put into prison many times for his Nazi activities. He was seriously injured in the Reichstag riot in 1932. A ruthless Nazi, Lohse became noted during the first year of Hitler's rule, when he demanded that one Communist be hanged for every Nazi killed in the Nazi-Communist clashes.

He is a life-long personal friend of Alfred Rosenberg, the Nazi Minister to the "occupied Russian territories".

Two Different Versions

Last week one of our Lithuanian weeklies, noted for its intolerance, bigotry and hatred of the Catholic Church, assumed its pompous role as the fount of all wisdom, the guardian of all morals, and self-appointed protector of our Lithuanian people from the "demoralizing" influence of the Church, and spouted forth this "pearl" of wisdom:

"Vaikų auklėjimo svarba yra ne tame, ką popiežiai, kardinolai, vyskupai ir kunigai pasakė apie tikybinį auklėjimą, bet tame, kokius produktus dabar išleidžia parapijinės ir apskritai katalikiškos mokyklos. O kad tai sužinoti, reikia tik pasižiūrėti į tuos vaikus, kurie veik kasdien renkasi prie parapijinių bažnyčių. Tie vaikinai yra baigę vietinę parapijinę mokyklą; jų tarpe nemaža yra ir tokių, kurie lankė ir katalikiškas high schools. Tegul kas pasiklauso tų katalikiškų jaunuolių kalbų, teprižiūri į jų elgesius, tepasiklausinėja apie tuos jaunuolius jam žinomų gerų parapijonų. Teprisižiūri jis, kaip tas jaunimas elgiasi parapijos piknikuose ir kitokiuose pramogose. Neprošalį būtų pastudijuoti ir policijos rekordus. Suras, kad tie katalikiškų mokyklų auklėtiniai yra paskutiniai nepraustaburniai, storžieviai, vandalai. Nevienas jų yra turėjęs reikalo su policija ir jau sėdėjęs kalėjime..."

Several Months ago, Judge Joseph A. Graber, a veteran judge of decades of experience in dealing with crime, speaking during the trial of three young hold-up thugs, Cook County Criminal Court-House June 10, 1941, made the following statement:

"It is the decision of this court that James Fiate and Harry Roy Smith, being first offenders, be spared a prison sentence, but be given a full two-year term of probation. Other conditions of the probation will be enlarged upon later, but I want to impress upon you two young men the seriousness of one of the requirements you must fulfill during the next two years — that you attend Mass every Sunday, and bring me a signed statement from your pastor every Monday verifying your attendance. A single omission of attendance at Church on Sundays during the next two years — except for a very grave reason — will be considered a violation of your probation and you will immediately be sent to jail.

I cannot impress enough upon you how important a role I feel

the Church will play in rehabilitating you morally and spiritually. If you had followed the teachings and precepts of your Church and your parents, you would not be standing before me today on trial for a serious offense against your fellow man. It was because you strayed from the path in life which your pastor, the good sisters in school, and your parents pointed out to you, that you fell among thieves and crooks and fell into their ways, and, being caught, became liable to the punishment allotted to their kind. You have committed a crime against law. You have also sinned against God and His Church, because you have forgotten His Teachings as instilled in your heart by His priests and sisters when you were young. That is why I am imposing this penalty — if such it can be called — of attendance at Mass upon you, hoping you will take this lesson to heart, straighten out your lives, and henceforth be true, obedient sons of your Church and your grieved parents".

We believe you will agree with us that no further comment is necessary.

An Echo of the Fifteenth Century?

"Amerikos žurnalas Time pasakoja, Vokietija daro planus atgavinti istorinę Lietuvą ir pavesti jai valdyti gudus, dalį lenkų ir latvių. Trims milijonams lietuvių tektų valdyti vienuoliką milijonų kita-taučių. Istorija rodo, kad lietuviai geri valdytojai ir administratoriai. Rusų istorikas Liubavskis savo raštuose nurodo, kaip rimtai ir gražiai Lietuvos kunigaikščiai tvarkė nuo totorių išgelbėtus rusų ir ukrainų kraštus. Atėjo lenkai su savo Liublino unija ir viską sugriovė — liko tik rusų neapykanta lenkams. Ir Stalino komisarai, Lietuvon atvykę, nustebė jos tvarka, švara, ir turtingumu.

Taip — lietuviai geri valdytojai ir administratoriai, bet jie nori valdyti tik savo. Jie nenori būti vokiečių žandarų Europos rytuose. Šis Hitlerio planas subirės".

(Nepriklausoma Lietuva — Aug. 1941).

TRAGEDY STRIKES BASON FAMILY

Sunday August 24th was a very tragic day to one of the organization's most ardent workers, Charles Bason, and to members of his family — it was also a tragic day to us who know the Bason family.

Upon returning from a day's outing, the car in which victims were riding was struck by a central Greyhound bus at Waldwick. The dead were Joseph Bason, his wife, Blanche, and their three daughters — Charlotte, 8; Marion, 6; Ursula, 4; William Bason, Elizabeth Bason and Ann Bason.

Crowds gathered at the funeral home to pay their last respects. A number of rosaries were said by many K of L members and friends.

On Thursday, August 28th the bodies were taken to St. Ann's Lithuanian R. C. Church, where Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Sharmus. Such a huge throng gathered to witness the funeral services, that the Church could only accomodate the relatives and close friends of the family.

The entire funeral procession was led by police escorts, and after pausing at the homes where the victims had lived, the bodies were taken to Holy Cross Cemetery at Arlington, N. Jersey for interment.

Even perfect strangers were moved to tears at the sight of a family being so tragically stricken as to lose eight members at one time.

We wish to offer Charles, his mother, sister Margaret, and the other members of the family, our sincere and deepest sympathies. Let us pray to God that eternal light shine upon their souls. **M.**

WAR, HUMAN VALUES, AND THE K. OF L'S...

Have you noticed within the last few weeks the newspaper columns which described huge German losses and the thousands of Russians slain? Radio announcers, too, have fallen into the swing of cheery descriptions of thousands of Russians blacked out when caught in panzer traps and of entire German divisions reported missing when caught in mine-ridden areas around Leningrad. To all of them these huge losses and the thousands slain were something immaterial; they could just as well have said thousand of bales of cotton were destroyed.

Yet — these men were once real men, who had fathers and mothers, wives and children; loving relatives who never again would hear their familiar footstep, their cheery good morning, their hearty laughter. Each as a person was very precious and useful to some one.

Our trouble is that we are becoming too universal, too collective in our thoughts. We think of many; forget him or her. It is true to say that Our Lord died for everyone, but it is closer to our hearts to hear that He died for you and me. As Catholics we should realize that everyone is a member of the Mystical Body of Christ. Not only our own folks and friends but even the boys and girls we work with, the men and women riding the elevated with us — share the same life-giving grace of the Mystical Body.

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The Knights of Lithuania have councils in various cities. It should be so much easier for us to pray for one another, to find a place in our prayers for the members who are away, who are sick in bed, who have departed from our midst. Could we not use the brief prayer before and at the close of our meetings to bring closer to us the realization that fellow Knights are not just members in Chicago or Boston or New York, but that they are very real persons — just as real as you and I? **Padre.**

PIETŲ AMERIKOS JAUNIMAS SVEIKINĄ AMERIKOS VYČIUS

Gavome pavēlintą laišką iš Montevideo, Uruguay, kuriame to miesto lietuviškas jaunimas sveikina Lietuvos Vyčius suvažiavusius savo Seime, Pittsburghe. Laiškas seka:

Šiaurės Amerikos Vyčių Seimui:

Urugvajaus Lietuvių jaunimas turi garbės sveikinti Jūsų metinį Seimą, linkėdami ateityje Vyčiams sėkmingai darbuotis savo Tautos gerovei.

Kartu linkime ir Jūsų organui "Vytis" geriausių pasisekimų lankant mūsų išėivių jaunimą ir saugojant jį nuo ištautėjimo.

Baigdami, apgailestaujame kad negalime sveikinti Jus asmeniai. Tad nors šiuo raštu siunčiame Jums savo širdingiausių linkėjimus.

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Minėtoji Pietų Amerikos lietuviško jaunimo grupė pareiškė norą užmegsti artimesnius santykius su mumis, priklausyti prie mūsų organizacijos ir oficialiai įkurt Vyčių kuopą Urugvajuje. Dabartiniu laiku Vyčių Centro valdyba ima žingsnius įsteigimui šios pirmos Vyčių kuopos Pietų Amerikoje.

ENGLAND'S CHANT

Oh, starlit night, you sound the peril, with your warning light,

Oh, moon so bright, reveal to us, the might of the raiders in flight.

And winds that blow, the sounds made by war,
Increase in volume, when danger comes from afar.

Oh, night smith's chirps, keep tuned for the music of the coming ominous drone.

Oh, birds of night, in disurbed anger, shriek, in defiance at our enemy's sight.

And prowling dogs whose whines have words,
"To shelter, master, from these hell sent birds!"

"Wally Worcester"

— V y t i s

K. of L's LOSE FRIEND



Joseph Shimkus, a life-long friend and supporter of the Chicago Knights of Lithuania, was fatally injured in an automobile accident at 159th and Crawford Ave., on August 25th. Two other Chicago Lithuanians, Mrs. Mary Balčiauskas and her son-in-law Anthony Matuzas, were also killed in the collision. The triple funeral took place on August 28th, with burial in St. Casimir Cemetery.

Mr. Shimkus was 55 years of age at the time of his death, and resided at Canalport Ave. Up to the time of his death, he was one of the staunchest friends the Chicago K. of L.'s had. There was not a single K. of L. affair — whether choral, athletic or social — to which he did not donate generously and support to the utmost. Only recently, he had purchased four books of tickets for this year's K. of L. Day.

Though he had retired from active participation in K. of L. activities, in the past he had contributed much to the organization's life. He was the organizer of Council 4 in Chicago, and for years was one of its leading figures.

Although belatedly, we offer our deepest sympathy to his wife and daughter and the members of his family, with whom we join in our mutual bereavement.

War Destruction in Lithuania

The following towns and villages were completely reduced to ruins in the wake of the Communist retreat and the Nazi advance: Jonava, Alytus, Marijampolė, Vilkaviskis, Raseiniai, Tauragė, Andriejovas, Skuodas, Tryškiai, Zarasai and many other small villages.

Vytis —

Lithuanians Snub Scholarships?

Our Lithuanian young people, whether because of family or other ties, or simply because of a lethargic attitude toward a higher education, are rapidly becoming notorious for refusing scholarships offered to them by colleges.

The Lithuanian University Club of Chicago in recent years has had difficulty in getting any applications at all for their \$150 scholarship grant. Whether this group's reputation for having Communistic sympathies might have had something to do with their offer being spurned, we do not know. (And whether the LUC really merits this Red tag, we do not know, but we do know that the LUC refused an opportunity offered to them to clarify public opinion on the matter).

A recent graduate of St. Casimir Academy, who won two separate scholarships, told us last summer that she would probably not be able to accept either.

Only recently fifteen scholarships were offered by Marianapolis College to football-playing young Lithuanians. Evidently this amazingly generous offer did not meet with any appreciable response, because we read with a twinge that Father John Navickas on his very death-bed, expressed his disappointment at the meagre response to his call.

Lithuanian Girl gets N. Y. U. Degree

Margaret Digris, well known violinist of Great Neck, L. I., has received her Bachelor of Music degree from New York University with high honors. Miss Digris also received her Music Teacher's diploma and will enter the teaching profession in the near future.



Greičius, Sr. and Jr., Publish New Songs

The two well known Lithuanian composers and musicians, Vincent Greičius, Sr. and Jr., announce the publication of a new series of Lithuanian songs and hymns. The selections run the gamut from comic Lithuanian solos to majestic Tantum Ergos for full choir. Among the songs are two choral selections, "Mes Grišim Ten" and "Pavasaris Tėvynei", the words for which were written by two Lithuanians well known to K. of L's — Leonard Šimutis and Ignatius Sakalas. The latter is one of the new K. of L. Press Directors. A list of the new songs may be obtained by writing to V. Greičius, Sr., 1229 E. 79-th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Lithuanian Schools Re-open

Primary and high schools in Lithuania were re-opened on September 15. It is not known yet how far-reaching the new Nazi policy in Lithuania's educational system will be. Two changes are definite: removal of the Russian language from the curricula, and severe anti-Semitic restrictions.

Still No Postal Service to Lithuania

The Red Cross reports that at present there is still no postal service between Lithuania and the United States. Those in the Chicago area desirous of sending money to relatives in Lithuania should get in touch with the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, in Chicago.

Nazis Condemn Smetona

The "Deutsche Zeitung in Ostland", official Nazi newspaper for Lithuania, Latvia and Esthonia, in its first number condemned, in no uncertain terms, the governments of Smetona, Ulmanis and Paets for their credulity in allying themselves with Great Britain, and thus paving the way for Communist enslavement of the Baltic States. The tone of the articles removes any suspicion of the reported political alliance with the Nazis on the part of Smetona in his flight from Lithuania.

Aid to Soviet Russia?

"Communism is intrinsically wrong and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever". (Pope Pius XI).

Five

The Lithuanian Uprising of June 23, 1941

(Official Report from the Lithuanian Legation)

In the early morning of June 23 an uprising of Lithuanian patriots broke out in Kaunas, Vilnius and elsewhere. A small group of practically empty-handed Lithuanians attacked the Panemunė arsenal (in the Kaunas suburb), overpowered the Russian guards and were soon in possession of 3000 rifles and several machine guns, but no ammunition was found. Simultaneously, another group attacked an arsenal in Viliampolė (another Kaunas suburb) where ammunition was found. Shortly after, both groups joined forces and each supplied the other with the lacking rifles, machine guns and ammunition.

At about 10 a. m. the Kaunas radio station was in the hands of the insurgents and the proclamation of Lithuania's Independence and the names of the Provisional Government were announced to the people. By 12 o'clock all Government buildings were under the protection of the insurgents; the Lithuanian national flag was hoisted on Government buildings and private homes. Over two thousand political prisoners were released from Kaunas Prison and the majority of them immediately joined the ranks of the insurgents. The uprising spread like fire throughout Lithuania. At 1 p. m. fighting started in the streets of Kaunas between units of the Red Army and the Lithuanian insurgents. At the same time workers from the "Metalas" factory suddenly appeared in the streets and quickly disarmed three Soviet tanks which, however, no one knew how to operate; they used them as best they could; took out the machine guns and ammunition and handed over to the other groups of the insurgents. Some groups of the Red Army units were caught completely by surprise and were unable to offer any organized resistance. Within one hour strategic points of Kaunas were completely in the hands of the insurgents.

In the afternoon of the following day, June 24, the first vanguard of the German army reached Kaunas. That same day it arrived in Vilnius, which was already under the control of the Lithuanian insurgents. The Germans in Kaunas occupied the Central Post Office building June 25, leaving the control of other Government buildings in Lithuanian hands. June 25 and 26 the insurgents, on their own initiative, continued riddance of Kaunas, Vil-

nius and their vicinities from the remnants of the Soviet army left behind. By June 27 signs of normal life appeared.

According to most conservative estimates at least 125,000 Lithuanians participated in the uprising; of those 4,025 fell in the battle and over 10,000 were injured. Among those who gave their lives for the freedom of Lithuania was J. Milvydas, assistant professor at the Kaunas University, who with his students defended the Kaunas radio station from the dumbfounded bolsheviks.

Soviet confusion in Šiauliai, Lithuania

According to local newspapers, the first day of the German-Soviet war, June 22, early in the morning, Soviet agents, fearing vengeance of the inhabitants of the town and wishing to camouflage, their impending retreat, spread rumors that the Red Army had already occupied Klaipėda (Memel) and is advancing towards Königsberg, East Prussia. That same morning, however, about 10 a. m. the bolsheviks started packing and leaving the town but in the opposite direction. Soviet officials stationed here and their families also began to pack in a great hurry and to destroy their documents and files. Soviet mobilization orders as well as orders for compulsory military work orders to turn in all radio sets were ostentatiously ignored by the populace.

On June 25 and 26 the Red Army was fleeing in disorder. On June 26 the Lithuanian insurgents in Šiauliai opened a "farewell" fire on the plundering bolsheviks. By the time the Germans reached Šiauliai, the whole town was well in the hands of the Lithuanian insurgents. Many Red Army soldiers were seen deserting the army ranks, discarding their rifles, changing to civilian clothing and scurrying for a safe shelter.

Massacre at Pravenišķiai Concentration Camp

In the vicinity of Kaunas there was a concentration camp, Pravenišķiai, in which about 500 peasants were confined because they had not delivered the imposed requisitions to the Soviets. On June 26 several tanks loaded with GPU men arrived at the camp. The leader of this executionist unit declared that all the prisoners were German sympathizers and bolshevik enemies and as such they must die. The machine guns opened fire on the

defenseless interns. Some of them tried to run away, but were mowed down by the gun-fire. Even the prison guards of the camp were not spared. GPU men then entered the administration building, dragged out all the interns and lined them up against the fence with their hands up. Among the interns were several women, one of them pregnant, and another with two young daughters. No mercy was shown even to them. After the first salvo, all fell to the ground: the dead, the injured and the survivors who pretended to be dead, but the executioners, not satisfied with such results, threw hand grenades into the heaps of the dead and wounded. Then several Red agents with bayonets checked the mass of carnage. Any unfortunate who showed signs of life received additional bullets or was bayoneted.

Out of 500 interns in this camp only about 60 were able to save themselves, although some of them later died of injuries. The Lithuanian newspaper "Ukininkų Patarėjas" (The Farmers' Adviser) has published five pictures of the scenes of the horrible episode.

The significance of the Lithuanian uprising

Because of the suddenness of the Soviet invasion of Lithuania on June 15, 1940, the Lithuanian government was caught unprepared to offer effective armed resistance. This seemingly docile submission to the invading tyrant hurt Lithuania's national pride. The army's patriotic and professional feelings suffered greatly. The spirit of resistance to the regime of the invaders was born immediately and mounted daily. But it was the new wave of Soviet pogroms against the local population (June 14-18) that was directly responsible for the uprising. The Lithuanian revolt, therefore, stands as a condemnation of bolshevistic terror, of Soviet Russia's land grabbing and its sovietization policy. It was the instinctive recoiling from foreign domination. It indicates that any foreign invasion, from whatever source it may come, has no chance for success. The fact that the Lithuanian revolt against Soviet invaders nearly coincided with the German march against the Soviets does not make the Lithuanian uprising a German affair. The uprising of June 23, 1941, was fundamentally a determined effort of the Lithuanian masses.

The Lithuanian Cultural Institute and Its Aims

To the English speaking world Lithuania has always been an enigma. Very little was known of her culture, history, and political aims. Feeling a need to make known the colorful history and traditions of their homeland, a number of Lithuanian organizations organized the Lithuanian Cultural Institute.

Prof. Kazys Pakštas, formerly of the University of Vytautas the Great, in Kaunas, and visiting professor at the University of California, was invited to Chicago to head this Institute.

The Lithuanian Cultural Institute has set down a five point program which is as follows.

1. TO PUBLISH BOOKS ABOUT LITHUANIA

There are many books about Lithuania written in the French and German languages. The reason for this is that writers, students, and intelligentsia of Lithuania often spoke these languages well. There have always been several French, German and Swiss professors at the Lithuanian Universities, and Lithuanian students most often traveled to France or Germany to further their education.

Due to the high cost of education and the distance to England few Lithuanians studied there, and so the relations with the English speaking world were few, consequently, there is very little mention about Lithuania in English literature. Most of the information about Lithuania contained in English books and journals lacked precision and was misleading.

Though Lithuania is a very old nation; its people speak one of the oldest and richest forms of language in Europe; Though it has an unusually large collection of songs; and was the greatest nation during the XIV and XV centuries, it is a comparatively unknown nation to the English speaking world.

The relations of Lithuania with the United States can be said to be blood ties, for there are about 700,000 Americans of Lithuanian extraction and many of them still speak the Lithuanian language. To make this relationship a fuller one we must strengthen our blood ties with cultural ties. For this reason, the Lithuanian Cultural Institute expects to publish several books in the English language, dealing with the Lithuanian nation, its culture and its desire for Independence.

The director of the Lithuanian Cultural Institute has already completed some of the following works:

1. The Destruction and Resurrection of the Baltic States.
2. The Baltoscandian Confederation.
3. The Problem of the Lithuanian Boundaries.
4. The Historical Geography of Lithuania. (Unfinished).

Apart from these above mentioned works, the Institute would like to publish, if some author would agree to write, books on the following topics:

5. History of Lithuania. (from 500 to 700 pages).
6. Geography of Lithuania. (150-200 pages).
7. The History of Lithuanian Literature.

Some Aspects of Lithuanian Art.

The institute would gladly accept the offerings of authors, with a view to publication, manuscripts on any other topics dealing with Lithuanian economy and culture.

As we can readily see, the task of the Lithuanian Cultural Institute is quite large and cannot be completed in one year. How long it will take to complete it rests with the writers and the amount of funds available. At present our budget is very limited and the strictest economy must be maintained.

2. LECTURES ON LITHUANIA

Since books are not the only means of making known the Culture of Lithuania, they will be supplemented by lectures. The director of the Institute will lecture upon request, on Lithuania and the other Baltic countries, at universities, colleges, society meetings and such. He will, whenever possible, illustrate his lectures with pictures and maps. Lectures of this sort are almost always followed by interesting discussions.

3. SEMINARS IN LITUANISTICA

In the Universities located in Chicago there are many Lithuanian students. Many of these, we believe, are interested in gaining a better knowledge of Lithuania. This can be accomplished by a seminar in Lituanistica. The seminar will cover Lithuanian geography, history and other cultural subjects. Time would be allowed for discussion and individual initiative on the part of students. Interested parties will be informed of the time and place of the seminar, at a later date.

4. CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS

The Lithuanian Cultural Institute will maintain friendly relations with similar institutes of neighboring nations. The Baltic and Scandinavian nations make up a very natural geographical and cultural circle. For this reason, the Lithuanian nation has worked in common with these nations at yearly Baltic and Nordic Conferences. (Conferences des Pays Baltiques et Nordiques). Our Institute will continue these traditions of culture and friendship.

When the Lithuanian Empire stretched to the Black Sea, the rulers of that nation left many reminiscences in the Ukraine and White Russia. For a long time Lithuania has lived in close union with Poland. The Lithuanian Cultural Institute will maintain friendly relations with the Slavic nations, for, a small nation such as is ours cannot ever have too many friends.

5. SPONTANEOUS AND INDEPENDENT CULTURE IS POSSIBLE ONLY IN A FREE LAND

To further Lithuanian culture, and to acquaint the English speaking world with Lithuania is a hard task; a task practically impossible for one man to accomplish. The funds allocated to the Institute are limited and allow for a very modest office and a personnel consisting of only two people. Funds to be used for publication are also very limited. For these reasons we are asking for help from the people. Donors of \$100.00 will be designated Honorary members; donors of at least \$10.00 will be known as Auxiliary members. All those who will take it upon themselves to write or translate articles or books for publication will be known as associate members.

Since it is important to the director of the Institute to know the names of those who are at present working on manuscripts dealing with Lithuania or her culture, he would be pleased if they would communicate with him.

The present war has completely isolated learned Lithuanians from America, so at present, our contributions will be small, but we eagerly look forward to a time when peace will again reign; when Lithuanian talent will again be able to accomplish greater things.

Prof. Kazys Pakštas,
Director of the Lithuanian Cultural Institute.
6017 S. Kenwood Avenue. Chicago, Illinois.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council 17 South Boston, Mass.

Lietuvos Vyčių 17 Algirdos kuopos mėnesinis susirinkimas įvyko trečiadienį, rugsėjo 4 d., 8:30 valanda vakare. Dv. Vadas kun. K. Jenkus lankėsi susirinkime. Seimo delegatų raportas buvo atidėtas iki sekančio susirinkimo, kuris įvyks rugsėjo (September) 17, 8:00 valandą vakare Vyčių kambariuose, Emerson St., South Boston.

Mūsų kuopa buvo pakviesta dalyvauti į "dedication" naujai pavadintam South Boston'o gatvę — DARIUS COURT. Komitetas: Pranas Razvadauskas, Petras Kupraitis, V. Brazauskas, J. Lengviniūtė. Generaliniam Komitete yra mūsų Vytis Adv. J. J. Grigalus, Adv. A. J. Young, ir Pirm. Pr. Razvadauskas. Išlilmės įvyks spalio 5 d.

Kuopos nariai sveikino naujai išrinktą Centro Pirmininką Pranaž Razvadauską ir Centro Finansų Raštininkę Feliciją Grendelytę. Tai kuopos pasididžiavimas.

Šį rudenį vėl kuopa pradėjo dirbti. Narių skaičius didėja. "Bowling alleys" biznis gerai sekasi — gražiai ištaisyta.

Šį vasarą daug kuopos narių apšvedė, ir beveik visi su lietuviais. Tai pavyzdys. Pereitą šeštadienį įvyko "shower" ir "bachelor night" delei dviejų mūsų aktyvų Vyčių, — buvusio Pirmininko Antano Gapučio ir buvusios raštininkės Anėlės Genevičiūtės. Vesis spalio 5 d., Šv. Petro Liet. parapijos Bažnyčioje, South Boston. Sveikinam Anėlę ir Antaną, ir linkime ilgiausių gražiausių metų, ir kad visuomet su Vyčiais ir toliau darbuotų. Gimiinių ir svečių išlilmėse buvo virš 200 — viena iš didžiausių.

Kitam numeryje gal korespondentas daugiau naujienų praneš apie Seimą, narių vakacijas, vedības, ir abelną veikimą apie Bostoną.

P. S. Members reading this column might get an incentive to write news about their fellow members — the more correspondents the better — don't leave it up to one person. News is what is wanted.

A. E. L.

Council 52 Elizabeth, N. J.

Our delegates, four girls and a (Prayer) man returned from Pittsburgh with lots of lovely memories that will not be forgotten for a long time. They were; Genevieve Dapkus, Helen Pinkin, Ann Richkus, William Senkus, and Josephine Adomaitis also, four of the boys, John and Charles Oškutis, Victor York, and Joseph Plungis who were enjoying themselves there, as guests. We wish to extend our thanks for the wonderful hospitality that was shown to us during our stay in Pittsburgh. We will be looking forward to recompense you next August, as we have the honor of being hosts for the coming National Convention.

The Ritual first, second and third degree installation took place on July 22. Third degrees were given to: Rev. Michael G. Kemėžis, Genevieve Dapkus, Antionette Jakūnas, Elizabeth Žemeckis, Ann Mitchell, Veronika Krisnauskas, John Kizelevich, Xavier Josephs, Josephine Adomaitis. They showed their enthusiasm by reaching the third degree and we are sure that all will continue to strive in every way for higher ones.

Have you all the date of October 25-th marked as Council 52 dance? Better do it right now, as you know that Elizabeth is the place where you'll meet all your old friends and acquaintances, ones you haven't seen all summer long. Don't forget, October 25-th, Lith. Liberty Hall, 269 Second St. Elizabeth, N. J.

Second bus ride of this season was held August 30, to Sea Side Heights. The girls were exceptionally good sports by walking into the ocean instead of letting the boys carry them. However our Pres. Al Vaich turned out to be a Don Juan, you all know what I mean... Ronnie and Ann observing everything in sort of a sleepy way. Helen V. taking care of Shorty... Denny being defeated... Beauty's desire for more gossip and dirt than activities... Slim counting the stray sheep... All in all the crowd

was small, but it was a day most enjoyably spent for everyone.

... Too bad that Bill Senkus had to travel so far, all the way to Pittsburgh, to meet his Waterloo Ann K. who I might say is almost his neighbor... Jennie D. and the "married man" predicament... Although we can understand everything takes place in our council there is one thing that we simply cannot comprehend. Why should Helen Pinkin want next August to come real soon? She seems a little quiet about it all. Could it be that her heart was wrapped in the hat that she left in Pittsburgh? And I'll be telling you some day, "I told you so".

J. T. A.

Council 112 Chicago, Ill.

Labor Day has gone by and with its passing also passes through this columnist's mind some very pleasant memories of three delightful days spent by Council 112 as guests of Omaha Council 66. Though some of the members who journeyed out there may not remember it, let me assure you, all had a wonderful time. (This last for the Basket Cases). The reception Omaha gave our boys and girls was very touching and something this Council won't forget for a long time to come. The ball game that we played was very nice except for one thing, we lost. The fact that Ray Kalin got spiked during the game proves to this correspondent that his mind was on same pretty lass named Eleanor and not on the base runner. The baseball team is figuring on trading our star right fielder Skeets Shimutis to the Bloomer Girls Team of Omaha. And why the nickname of Skeets, Johnny? We all congratulate Al Kress and Herman Pudge on their ability to keep their pledge and not drink one alcoholic drink during the entire week end. What the devil did Booty do with all those signs he collected in his ramblings? Did onions cause those tears while on the return trip to Chicago, Richard

Mikals? And how are you Marion? Ask Stan Sukis if he knows of the whereabouts of the ice cream man of Peony Park. Boy, did you have a good time Topes, but we wonder how many souvenirs you left in Omaha? The boys are wondering who the girls were that took a few of them for a sightseeing tour of the city and got themselves and our boys lost.

With all kidding aside, this council wishes to extend to C. 66 all due thanks for showing us such a wonderful time. We are looking forward to the time when we will be able to show you as good a time when you come as our guests.

Latest flash: John Shimkus came into town last weekend just long enough to give an engagement ring to Helen Siman. Best of luck to you both.

So long — see you in this column next month. **UNOUS**

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COUNCIL 26
WORCESTER, MASS.

With vacation and convention over, we return to our everyday work. So with a few things of interest I'll fill this column, and then adios to all, as duty calls me to the colors. Yes, our Council will have a new correspondent commencing with the next issue.

Our District Picnic was held on the 14th of September. As usual a great and grand crowd attended. Everyone, from folks at home to people from Boston, Athol, Hartford, Lowell and other cities, came to make this affair a success. The committee in charge was headed by our esteemed President, Wm. Keresis, aided by the majority of our members.

To keep interest in the K of L's alive in the hearts of our boys who are serving in the forces of our country, we are to send them a VYTIS every month and strive in all ways to keep in touch with our meetings and social affairs.

A position which many do cherish, but few can achieve, was bestowed on our treasurer, Miss Tillie Aukštakalnis. In the new Supreme Council she holds the position of Recording Secretary. Let's all help her in some way, so that her job may be more pleasant.

Our after-meeting socials started with the September meeting.

Oh yes, plans are being made for a Harvest Dance. The committee is made up of many newer members, which will make this affair worthwhile and a feather in the hats of the people in charge.

Tid-bits: What has J. J. against the milkman? He really knows how to clutter corridors with bottles.

WANTED: One who knows how to write a **good** column and still remain a friend of the public.

Did M. K. enjoy her trip to Pittsburgh or am I mistaken again?

Some people are still in doubt as to what happened there. No need to be, as everyone took very good care of themselves.

It appears definite that we will lose three or four members in the drafts of September and October. Pity the female population!

Another member has gone wrong. This time Norwood and Worcester will be united. My goodness, can't Kid Cupid take time out and rest up a bit for future years!

Finally, I bid all a sad adieu. If I hurt anybody's feelings, I'm sorry, and only hope my successor is more satisfactory to all.

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COUNCIL 36
BRIGHTON PARK

Our delegates led by our council president Miss Sophie Gimbut are all back and accounted for. They were our vice-pres. Anthony Cherry; our sec. Adel Cherry; our rec. sec. Laverne Vaičekauskas and our past president of numerous titles James R. Cherry. Our alternate Virginia Pumputis. One of the District delegates was our past rec. sec. Agnes Saučiūnas and the Center representative our treasurer, the honorary member of the organization, Kastas Zaromskis.

Speaking of Kastas, some of the Chicago bunch with the aid of a few Eastern council delegates made a decision (unofficial) that if Mr. Norkūnas is the "Vyčių Tėvas"? Why can't we call Mr. Zaromskis "Chicagos Vyčių Tėvas"? After all, he's active in the Center, the District, the Choir and in his own Brighton Park council, can any of the elders compare with his activity past or present? No, therefore the promotion from "Brighton Park Vyčių Tėvas" to "Chicagos Vyčių Tėvas". O. K. with you?

Anthony and Adel Cherry "sort of" got acquainted at the Chicago Convention, spent their honeymoon at Kearney, N. J. Convention, welcomed their first wedding anniversary at Hartford, Conn. Convention, and celebrated their second anniversary at Pittsburgh, Pa. Convention. These Conventions must be a habit with them, huh? Congratulations!

Then "a little birdie" told me a secret I can't reveal. See Sophie Gimbut and Willie Grinevičius of Kearny, N. J. I really keep a secret or don't I? Happy birthday, Sophie!

Laverne Vaičekauskas climbed "152 steps to heaven" tower at the Lodge to say "goodbye" to someone... See, I saw you?

Agnes Saučiūnas wasn't a bit cold on the bus-ride. I wonder why not? Was it because someone was holding her hand?

Virginia Pumputis arrived late to the Convention but always came home from the sessions early... in the morning.

"Red" Cherry still insists that the "double headers" at the "Fish Market" hit the spot. I wonder what spot?

I wonder who the party eleven were that came late to the Banquet and insisted on sitting together? Was it Mr. & Mrs. Al Onaitis, (by the way in case some people don't remember Al is a past president of the Center) Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Onaitis (Norbert is the one who cast his vote with "the West" and from the looks he got, he ought to be dead) and another Lady, all from Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cherry, Sophie Gimbut and James Cherry of Chicago, Ill.; Willie Grinevičius and his buddy from Kearny, N. J.?

What was the secret "Room 615" that kept Father Kemešis awake?

Then there was Joe Boley of Brooklyn, N. Y. with his "Kurbuvai, ką sakiai" game. Remind us to play that sometime.

Yep, next convention will be at Elizabeth, N. J. and here all the time I thought that Elizabeth was a girl but it's a city. Imagine that! Oh dear, where is it? I can't find it on the map. How about it Wm. Senkus and the Elizabeth girls did you tell Cherry how to get there? Or is he still going to California next year?

All in all everyone had a good time, made many new friends and came home with half of Pittsburgh as souvenirs, smoke and dust in their eyes, wet and weary from their rain and climbing hills, hills and hills. (Or was it due to something else?)

Really and sincerely "Thank You" Pittsburgh from the Brighton delegation.

OUR JUNIOR COUNCIL is growing each meeting. Mr. Brazauskas our vice-pres. is in charge of them. Mr. Zaromskis promised a gift of high value to the Junior

member who signs up the most members from now on.

OUR LADY BOWLING CHAMPIONS are all set for another season. The same team consisting of Mrs. Bernice Liakas-capt., Mrs. Helen Cherry, Mrs. Adel Cherry,, Miss Helene Sadauskas and Miss Sophie Gimbut.

OUR MEN BOWLERS are polishing their bowling balls to finish better than second place of last year. Dr. Al Manikas, Bruno and Ed Churas, Charles and John Yomantas.

HEAR YE.. HEAR YE... As soon as the announcement is made of the New Membership Drive, how about building up our council in membership? Let's see, if we all get just one member, we'll have over one hundred, then if each of us bring in an additional member, that will make two hundred paid up members. Then by one more for more than our share and we'll break our record of 400 as of 1927. Come on, let's do a little more than our share from now on. Let's go and we'll take everything that isn't tied down in Elizabeth, N. J. when our council goes there with **FORTY DELEGATES** strong, next year. **ŠEŠĖLIS**

COUNCIL 90

HARRISON-KEARNY N. J.

After an absence of two monthes, your faithful correspondents are back again, bringing you the latest news of activities in Kearny.

First of all, we wish to remind everyone of our coming "Gay Nineties Dance", to be held November 1, 1941 at the New Casino Ballroom. So get out your stiff collars, bustle skirts, checkered pants and have a gay time with the Kearnyites.

Congratulations to the newly-weds, Estelle Mantrom and Bernard White. Here's hoping your future is bright and rosy.

The social after the August meeting was enjoyed by everyone. Especially the new Lithuanian Bingle (Bingo to you).

Ask Jimmie how many pennies he has left in his penny bank.

Emily seemed to be laughing more than playing the game.

Rookie should study up on his Lithuanian numerals.

For a good laugh ask Charlie to tell you the story of the woman who fixed our Recording Machine.

Julie M. looking very attractive these days with her new hairdo. Enough said for now, we bid you all adieu until the next issue.

Zeke and Zeke

DISTRICT NEWS

CHICAGO DISTRICT BEGINS REBUILDING PROGRAM

The Knights of Lithuania Chicago District held it's monthly meeting at the Knights of Lithuania Council 112 Clumbrooms at the Lithuanian Headquarters. Vice-President James R. Cherry presided.

The councils represented 4 — Providence; 5 — North Side; 14 — Cicero; 24 — West Side; 36 — Brighton Park and 112 — Marquette Park.

The councils absent were 8 — Roseland; 13 Town of Lake; 55 — Indiana Harbor, Ind. and 132 — Kankakee, Ill.

Al Manst reported on Bowling. Plans are being made for a Ladies League consisting possibly of two teams each from Cicero, Marquette and (maybe) from West Side and Brighton Park. One team each from Town of Lake, North Side and Choir. Application also has been made by Bridgeport but a decision was made that if Council 16 joins the Center and from now takes part in the District activity then possibly an opening may be made. The Men's League will consist of teams from Brighton Park, Marquette Park, West Side, North Side, Cicero, K. of L Press and (maybe) the Spiritual Advisors. The place will be at the New Alleys at 51st and Halsted Sts. every Thursday evening at 9 P. M. beginning about September 18th.

An announcement was made that if six teams can be organized for basketball then the Basketball League will be revived. Will your council participate or are you interested in other sports. Call Al Manst at CAPital 5385.

Stanley Šimulis and Harriet Lukas rendered the Choir report. Al Manst, Dominic Varnas and Edward Kubaitis were elected to aid and formulate plans for a successful season. All councils are urged to extend invites to their Parish's Best Singers to join the Choir.

Joseph C. Peters rendered the K. of L. report. Accepted. "Thank You" each and everyone who aided in making this affair successful. Quite "a few bricks" were added to our K. of L Chicago District Recreation Building Fund.

Jack Juozaitis and Agnes Saučiūnas rendered the Convention

Report and explained what actually happened. This was entirely different from what our Lithuanian papers published. Report accepted and the Chicago delegates' action was approved.

A motion was made and passed that the Knights of Lithuania Chicago District Convention and Election of Officers take place in October. The committee to make all preparations and extend invitations to the Clergy, Professionals, Businessmen, Ex-members, Boosters and Organizations are Jack Juozaitis, Dominic Varnas, Joseph Peters, Ed Kubaitis and James Cherry.

The next District meeting takes place Thursday, September 18th promptly at 8 P. M. in the Council 112 Headquarters 6825 So. Western Ave., Chicago. Let's all come out and make it "All Present".

C. R. Draugas

Naujos Anglijos Vyčių Apskritis

Pereitam N. A. Vyčių Apskričio susirinkime, buvo nutarta kad kiekviena kuopa priklausanti prie Apskričio, prisiųstų penkis dolerius (\$5.00), pradžioje rugsėjo (september) mėnesio, dėlei metinių mokesčių. Siųskite Iždininkui Petru Rakauskui, 46 Tremont St., Norwood, Mass.

Apskričio pusmetinis seimas įvyko sekmadienį, rugsėjo 28 d., Norwood, Mass., 2-trą valandą po piet. Vieta susirinkimo bus Runerberg svetainė, Wilson St., Norwood. Delegatai ir svečiai yra kviečiami pribūti ant Šv. Mišių 10:30 valandą ryte Šv. Jurgio bažnyčioje, St. James Ave., Norwood, Mass.

Taipgi nariai kurie interesuojas, bus išvakarės, šeštadienio vakare — šokiai — toje pačioje vietoje kur įvyks seimas sekmadienį. Taipgi bus ir užkandžių. Palinksminimą ir seimą ruošia Norwood kp. 27.

A. E. L.

FOR DEFENSE



**COUNCIL 90,
HARRISON-KEARNEY, N. J. ...**

On August 25, 1941, Harrison-Kearney council were guests of the Newark council, at their annual picnic down on the farm. There was plenty to eat, plenty to drink, and plenty of country air, all free, and did we take advantage of it all. There were games and contests such as; pie-eating tug-o-war, wheel-barrel, races, potato races, and a soft-ball game. After the games we all sped down to the old swimming hole, where the fortunate ones with bathing suits went in the water and the ones without bathing suits, un-bashfully went swimming, too. All but John Bieska, he had to be different he went in with his clothes on. In the evening a huge bonfire was built, where everyone sat and sang songs, till it was time to return to the city. Thank you Newark for inviting us to be your guests, and we sincerely hope that some day we may be able to repay you for that wonderful day in the country.

November 1st, 1941 is to be a big day in the New York and New Jersey District. Why? That is the day of the **'GAY Nineties DANCE'**, given by this council. There will be old songs, new songs, bar-room quartets, ladies in bustles and men in their loud checkered suits. So why not come out to the **NEW CASINO BALLROOM** at 56-58 Harrison ave., Harrison N. J. and make this your day too, come dressed, if you can, in the styles of mother's and dad's day. Music of old and new, will be played by **AL KURDEK** and his **GOLDEN CREST ORCHESTRA. FIFTY FIVE CENTS (55c)** including Federal tax is the admission price to this gala event of the year, where you will be assured of a hilarious evening, one that you won't forget for a long, long time. We hope we may personally greet you on November 1st, 1941.

The Committee

**COUNCIL 14
CICERO, ILL.**

Now that the hot, sultry nites are passing into the cool and colorful evenings of Indian Summer, the lull in our club activities has suddenly ceased and the immediate concern of every member has become, "What is our program for this fall?"

An important fact to begin with, members, is to remind you that September also means that meetings shall again be held twice a

month—the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Presenting yourself and your opinions at the meetings shall aid greatly in making our affairs the most outstanding of the year. Our annual Thanksgiving Eve dance seems to be the cause of some great mental exertion on the part of the dance committee—or am I over-estimating, kiddos? At this writing the only news they have announced is the date of the dance: Wed. nite, November 26, 1941, at our St. Anthony Parish Hall—

BUT: just you wait until you see our hall; not the same you saw last time; no, no, I should say not! Everything is going to be new and most certainly the latest. If dancing is not a pastime to interest you, I'm sure, however, that every person is interested in seeing any place of beauty and our new hall will be a site of beauty to please the eyes of one and all.

And, speaking of beautiful sights all who saw Joan Anglickis coming down the middle of that certain aisle on August 31st to meet "her man" at the Altar, I'm sure were saying, "Am I dreaming? Could I be seeing an exquisite dream in white walking?" Johnny, you had better keep the photographs away from any stranger—he may be a Hollywood scout and want to whisk Joanie out to the land of glamor and glitter! But, sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Katilius, we extend to you congratulations and best wishes for a life together of mostly happiness and great joy; also, we hope to see you at the meetings.

And to all: Listen! Listen! The K. of L. Bowling League starts rolling Thursday, September 25th. Is Cicero going to take first place this year? Well, come on, we need all of you. If you can't be a kegler, come and be a hegler (oops, I mean a heckler). We need your boisterous huzzahs behind us!

!! Convention Afterthoughts !!

Seems the Annual Convention is still on the minds of our post-delegates. When Cobina, Jerry and Brenda are together there is always an expression or thought entering the conversation which has been brought home from the city of trains, trains, and more trains—but in Pittsburgh it looks good, eh, Casman?

By the way, Pete, how does your Ole Crow like the change from Fallon's to Jersey City? Are you feeding it "gin and Squirt" so as to keep it black and healthy?

Questions and more questions have I and my colleagues but,

alas, the answers shall not, I fear, be known until next year when we shall meet, the Lord permitting, in Elizabeth, N. J. Also, I want to take advantage of this opportune time to express the hearty thanks from our delegates to Council 62 for the splendid arrangements they had made for us—it was a week's vacation that shall be a chapter of our "Convention Memoirs" always bringing happy reminiscences.

Faithfully,
For God and Country
Aye. Aye. Ess.

**COUNCIL 62
PITTSBURGH, PA.**

The advent of the brisk autumn air together with the fading leaves marks the end of our memorable outdoor activities and confines us to indoor affairs. Do not however, let this factor dishearten you, for a skating party, dance or social can provide equal fun and excitement as any picnic or outing.

Getting us off to a fine start for our indoor social activities is a skating party to be held in the near future. Victor Zink, who has recently returned to Pittsburgh to rejoin our council, willingly accepted the task of chairman of the committee in charge.

Our bowling league seems to be getting off to a late start, but rest assured that newly appointed Norbert Onaitis as chairman of the bowling committee will do his utmost to provide us with action very soon.

Last year's bowling prizes were distributed at a picnic at Ligonier Beach. A. Razger and A. Palecki seemed to do all right for themselves collecting in the neighborhood of twelve and nine dollars respectively. Commendable indeed were the perfect attendance records of Norbert Onaitis and A. Palecki.

It was decided at our last meeting that the Council would assist the Ladies Aid in the Annual Thanksgiving Turkey raffle. We're all going to do our best to help make this affair the success it has always been. The committee in charge of our part of the affair is headed by Stephanie Serzikas.

We're very pleased indeed to welcome the newest members into our council. They are Loretta Budavich, Eleanor Luksis, Alice Marzwick, and Dolores Genaitis. We hope that they are destined for a long stay in our organization.

I suppose for the moment I've said enough so until we meet again I'll say "So long".

Ducky

Eleven

Council 124
Jersey City, N. J.

Calling all knights! Jersey City Council 124 extends a hearty invitation to one and all to attend its Eleventh Annual Fall Dance to be held on Saturday evening, October 11, 1941 at the Hotel Plaza, Journal Square, Jersey City. (Dress optional). Judging from the efforts of the Committee, an enjoyable evening is in store for you. Dancing will commence at 9 P. M. to the soothing strains and rhythms of Wally Hicks and his Clef Club Orchestra.

We are certainly proud of our fighting and dashing softball team who won the championship of the N. Y. and N. J. District League. Congratulations to manager Pete Levendauskas and all the boys who did their bit to win the honors for Jersey City. Last but not least, thanks to the girls for their moral support. That trophy will sure look good in the new show case which will be purchased very shortly. The bowling season is just around the corner, and let's show them that our athletic abilities are not limited to softball alone.

All the joy in Jersey City is overshadowed by the tragic and sorrowful deaths in the Bason family. Words cannot express our grief, and to Mrs Bason and family we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

It may be a little late, but we would like to take this opportunity to wish Father Kemėžis the best of luck with his new duties at Bayonne and at the same time extend our greeting to Father Scharnus, our new spiritual advisor.

Dots and dashes and lots of flashes... Poor Tony V. After listening to Eddie B. and Joe J. rave about their hearthrobs, Tony is convinced that "if that is love, I want no part of it". We shall see, T. V., we shall see... Congratulations are in order to Joseph Bazilus and Florence Teleiša, two of our most popular members, upon their engagement... Although Eddie Baron is leaving Jersey City to work in Bridgeport, we hope he'll visit us frequently. So long, Ed, lots of luck... The debutantes (Ann, Julie, and Blitz) certainly are a popular click... So it's another year and a half for the draftees. One of our girls doesn't seem to think it's such a very good idea... Victor Dobbs and Margie in a huddle after church services. Does Joe J. know about this... Our recent informal meeting and Pep-

si-cola party seemed to impress our guests from Newark, Vito B. and his fair companion. The social committee has often been panned because of the lack of socials. Where were these critics on the evening of Tuesday, September 2-nd?... Why so quite, Mae? You'll never make Vytis that way. Ditto Dottie Y... One of our usually active members, Jo Jo, hasn't attended a K. of L. meeting for quite some time. Mary S. looks lost without you, Jo Jo... The latest venture of Sidtis, Dobbs and Sable Inc. is a campaign to raise enough money to build a submarine. The reason? A trip to Europe to get us the inside dope on the war situation... So don't forget, fellow knights, reserve the evening of Saturday, October 11-th for Council 124's dance at the Hotel Plaza, Jersey City. **The Black Knight**

Council 130
Bronx, N. Y.

SEPTEMBER IS HERE
AND YET NO PUNCH!

The minority of our members received their first and second degree installation, — but where was the majority? Could it be lack of interest or our parental shamefulness? Fellow Knights:

After two years of close association with each other and after attending spirit-packed affairs of our neighboring councils, it seems shame to emerge with a record such as ours, and even the slightest cloud of dissension hanging over us in starting another season. But it's true — the Knight punch isn't there this year and it seems our parents are more interested in another "hole-punching" drive than our own members.

Something is rotten in Denmark — what say we root it out? Even if you do not attend our meetings and affairs this year, you're still a Knight. Let's make that mean something by a little cooperation and keep the Knights on top. We need you and you should want us.

You can help by making it a date and coming to our next meeting. Lets see you there.

THANX, B. V. S.

COUNCIL 96
DAYTON, OHIO

Here again is the news of our latest activities. We are happy to know that Josephine Žilinskas is on the road to recovery from her recent accident at her place of employment.

The home of Joe and Bee Noreikas is nearing completion (when is the champagne bottle to be broken to formally launch your ship of happiness?)

The F. Goldicks recently moved into their newly built home—good luck and all the trimmings to you.

New member—Frank Gidjunis, from Frackville, Pa., has joined us in our work for God and Country.

Just received the tip that Joe Goldick is conducting a tank service with his new car between Brandt Cafe and anywhere his fancy takes him.

Outing news—Pat Želinskas and Clarence Latovas kept the crowd in stitches with their singing if not in tune, and Kay Gudelis upheld the giggles department. The Greene boys did their share by walking the girls in the moonlight while the married members sat around the fire and reminisced over old times.

Vacations—Mary Zakar, thrilled by her recent plane ride on her way home from Cleveland, plans to fly again soon.

Helen Žilinskas vacationing I wish I knew where? Aldona Služas enjoyed herself at St. Paul, Minn. Joe and Bee Noreikas went to Cleveland, O. Geo. Z. spent his free time on the Findlay St. Dam, with a tan that would do Florida proud. Mike R. spent his vacation at the nearest—joint.

Bowling news—The girls bowling team, made up of Aldona Služas, Captain, Anne Naginis, South-paw bowler, Aldona Latovas, Curve artist, Frances Vanagas, Spot bowler, and Frances Želinskas, gutterball specialist, and Bee Noreikas, super sub. They have started kegling and with a few minor improvements they should really topple the maples.

Our Prez. Stan. S. is so busy with plans for his approaching marriage to Kay Zakar, he lacks the time to uphold the men's bowling reputation.

Enough of this prattle—until the next time.

Su Diev
"Fran 'isee' "

Council 29
Newark, N. J.

The chief topic of conversation during the month of August seemed to have been our annual Belle Meade picnic held on the 24-th. This year we had the pleasure of the company of the Harrison-Kearney council. We trust our friends from across the river had as enjoyable a time as we ourselves had.

After a very hearty meal, the Newark council was defeated in a softball game, by something which resembled a football score. Being luckier later on, we won the following events:

Pie-eating contest, won by Richy Lelashus; girls' potato race won by Emily Budelis; boy and girl wheelbarrow race, won by Frances Bernot, and Joe Grimm; back to back race won by Richy Lelashus and Stan Arbus; girls' tug of war, won by Newark girls.

We also had the pleasure of having good old Charlie Bason from Jersey City and Mary Brazauskas of Chicago, as guests. Hope you had a good time.

Observation from the hay loft:

John Wilkis in exceptionally fine spirits, could it have been the amber fluid John?

Attention U. S. Army: In observing the Kearney girls jump from an 8 foot high hay loft, we decided they have the makings of good parachutists.

Tony Augustus (married man) couldn't stand the gaff of a complete soft-ball game.

Was that lip-rouge on your forehead Mae Z. or are you being initiated into an Indian Tribe.

Johnny Oneidas and Emily Doan, despite the fact that they are approaching a very serious venture in life, seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely, Congratulations, love-birds.

Shnurki and Charley Daskar adopted themselves to farm life by going to sleep at 8 P. M. (chicken time).

Hey Jerry, where did you get that flesh colored bathing suit?

Joe Sakevitch had his own private tug of war with the spigot of the beer keg.

Frank Galauskas (timid old soul), derived quite some pleasure from practising sailors knots in the swimmers' clothes.

Joe Zwingle, if you care to practice your manly strenght, practice it on men.

Since when do Chicagoans say "foist", "hoid", "woid", etc, for further information consult Mary Brazauskas.

The entertainment committee wishes to thank our, "gaspadines", Mrs. Podalsky, and Mrs. Grimm, for the wonderful meals they prepared, also the girls who gave their time unselfishly to wait on the tables. The council especially thanks Pete Poddy Beck for their untiring effort to make the picnic successful.

Our 3 national convention goers, Frank Vaškas. Vito Barker, and Gēne Verba, are still talking

about the grand time they had at Pittsburgh, and especially the wonderful manner in which they were treated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ewalt, at whose home they stayed.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Bason family of Jersey City, on the awful tragedy in which 8 members of their family werekilled.

The council also wishes to express their sympathy to the Kennis family, at the death of their father.

On Sept. 14 August Laugzemis and Edythe Auer will be united together by the bands of matrimony. In October Jean Yocius and George Tatoris will also be taking that final step. Congratulations to all of you.

We went on our annual bus ride to Coney Island the begining of this month, and every one came home tired out, but well satisfied with the good time they had.

You've been waiting for the date of our dance, and here it is, Nov. 8, 1941, to be held at St. George's Auditorium, 180-2 New York Ave., Newark. Don't forget the date, now we'll be looking for you. **Elvee.**

Council 27 Norwood, Mass.

Ater one issue's absence, the activities as well as informative information is given out once more by yours truly.

The majority of our time is now being taken up in the necessary preparations for the New England K of L annual District Convention. With such names as the following: Pres. Frank Civilikas, Ann Gaidulis, Nellie Aidukonis, Frances Jasionis, Mary Okolovich, Mary Avižinis, Val Rakauskas, John Navikas, Frannie Nevins, and Peter Rakauskas, one can readily be assured of a good time with all those names on the Committee.

"NOOZE"

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Anthony Kudirka, upon their marriage. Now that you're married, don't forget that we still hold monthly meetings, Vin.

While upon the subject of congratulations, they also should be given to Mr. Joe Zuma, and Frances Jasionis, who are to be married on September 21-st.

From the given reports of the Babel sisters. Jennie and Julia of the Pittsburgh Convention, yours truly and many others would more than certainly have been assured of a thrill of a life-time.

Received a card from our Pres. Frank Civilikas, and Frannie Nevins, who have spent a couple of wildweeks in the wild-woods of New Hampshire.

Has everyone noticed how happy as a lark Ann Gaidulis has been since receiving her diamond. Well Ann, you always were happy, but not as you are now. The thrill-of-a-lifetime.

Council 27 takes pride in introducing two of their most recent members: Blonde, blue-eyed, Beatrice Bartulis, and fellows, what a dish! and, Adam "Shorty" Chirvinsky, who is giving Benny Goodman and some of the other well known maestros some competition.

So, we'll be seeing you at the District Convention in the "Gardenspot of America" Norwood, and until then, good-bye now.

"Norkoko"

COUNCIL 124 Jersey City

DANCE FACTS

Gala Eleventh Annual Fall Dance to be held on SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, in the beautiful grand ballroom is by far the grandest and most stately of all the ballrooms in any of the other hotels in the city. The hotel itself is modernistic and newly decorated. As one enters the Grand Ballroom, he is confronted by a huge lounge wherein one finds the coziness and luxury that is often missing in other halls. To fit in with the beautiful ballroom an orchestra of the caliber of Wally Hicks Clef Club Orchestra had to be chosen to complete the picture of happiness and entertainment. Tickets are only 75 cents, and dress is optional.

The success of the affair depends upon your help and co-operation. From past experience, we know that no urgent plea of ours is necessary to obtain that help. You are simply asked to give evidence, once again, of your splendid spirit of loyalty by doing all in your power to assist us in our efforts. The Committee will be grateful to you all. **C. E. B.**

COUNCIL 24 CHICAGO, ILL.

Lately there seems to be a lull in the activities of our council. Members of the K of L Day Committee are satisfied with the work of our committee.

Attention council members:

Anyone interested in bowling for the coming season kindly get in touch with Gaston Kazanauskas

(SWEENEY) or Nell Shaltenis. Male and Female are all welcome from sweet 16 to gay 60's.

Flo. J. finally weakened and went to the convention, heard she is not sorry she made the trip. Too bad, Sweeney, that you could not make it this year, better luck next year. We may join you also.

Is it the stork that is keeping the active couple, Eugene and Tony Baltakis, from our monthly meetings? We hear his mighty wings fluttering in their neighborhood. Our member, Anne Usas will say "I DO" to Joe Lindzius sometime this month. Best of luck to both of you. We hear that the A. sisters have been enjoying weekly fresh fish fries. Upon inquiring we find that Anne has been spending her week-ends fishing somewhere in the northern part of Illinois.

How about you other members, what's holding you up from coming to the meetings? Remember the meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the council clubroom, at 8 P. M. sharp. Come up and see us sometime. We would like to see you and hear what you have been doing.

P. S.

The K of L Choir is looking for new members, if you would like to spend your evenings once a week pleasantly, why don't you come and join the choir, no dues to pay.

I believe I have gossiped enough for this once so I shall say Au Revoir until next time. To all of you just

—Rokie

COUNCIL 66 OMAHA, NEB.

Twenty-three Knights and two maidens braved perils of paved highways and discomforts of 41's to make the journey from Chicago to Omaha for Labor Day.

Thereon followed three days of hectic life which left everyone in a complete daze. Dear Diary couldn't hold everything so I just scribbled: Labor Day weekend—Ohhh!

Hey remember.....

That rough day at Merritt's when Al Kress went swimming clad only in pajama bottoms?

Those stuffy waiters in the Grove who insisted on perfect ties and no jive?

We knew Suky would be leading when La Conga sounded... One, two, three, uh kick...

No sleep that night was the rule, and don't forget the picnic on the morrow.

Fran Bovick really got wet when she was passed along (a la West

Point) to the back of the van where she was promptly put on ice.

That Petronis and Mickey are the roughest fellows! Does anyone have a picture of John in that girlish garb? Dangerous curves—lookout!!!

Henry Shudinis did the impossible when it came to work, but I know one person whom he awed by his Right, Virg?

Ann Kush even deserted her sister's wedding to join the fun.

Where were Josie and Fran most of the while?

Ooo-sa-sa! We won the ball game! That was a deep gash on Ray Kalin's foot.

You should have seen Vaisnoris speeding up Q Street at daybreak. Another pajama addict! Why climb out on the roof, Topes? People in Omaha have doors.

Gene Nepodal's dinner turned out to be a huge success—and I do mean huge.

We Knights have the best parents. Beside allowing us to invade their homes, they bake luscious cakes and serve ice cream. Where do we go from Shudinis's?

Reveling in the last warm glow of Indian Summer, we began to think of working hard throughout the winter until spring releases us once more to follow the sun. That means planning grand dances, seeing action from the dramatic club, thinking of the real western hospitality we'll show Chicago next year.

Sniff those burning leaves—Did you say a steak fry????

Jen

COUNCIL 10 ATHOL, MASS.

Tears, cheers, wedding bells, all combined made the month a most eventful one. Paul Kvedar and Stanley Shatas, two of our most prominent members started the ringing of wedding bells. Soon following in their footsteps is Joe Salkauskas, who has traveled to Worcester to bring home a most fair bride. To you all our sincerest wishes and congratulations.

Our "weiner roast" which was held last month turned out most successfully as far as finances were concerned, but an unexpected shower really spoiled the fun out of doors. No doubt many of our guests were disappointed but there is nothing we can do about the weather conditions, is there? Worcester turned out most successfully at this affair. Even a few from South Boston and Providence had the courage enough to show up.

Jake K. of Providence remarked that the "weenies" tasted just as good indoors anyway—and why don't people tell him when things are going on, anyway?

Phil Carter showed up in his most always obliging ways.

Aldona and Larry of Southie left too soon to enjoy the real fun.

Tena Vat sure is stealing some of Matilda's ways of being an "oomph gal", that pipe, I mean.

Tena Vat, Stephie and Tena Stas who attended the National Convention in Pittsburgh want to take this opportunity to thank their most gracious hosts for the lovely time they had.

We hear Stephie received a pair of Nylon stockings from a swain down there. Could it be she wept on the stocking shortage?

Tena Stas is still trying to make vain attempts as to how to do the "Conga".

That bus trip to Nantasket is one for the books. The only male member who attended was Joe Sabekas of Hartford. The Athol boys are pretty quiet on this subject now.

Until we meet again.

Margie of Athol

COUNCIL 67 BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY

Yours truly regrets very much for being absent from this page last month, as she was away on a long-earned vacation.

Well, back to work with a good tan, well rested bones, and ready to supply you again with more news, gossip and what not.

Don't forget our dance "La Conga Fiesta" on October 4, to be held at Mount Carmel auditorium.

Chairman Ann Zamitius reports tickets are in circulation and everybody is assured a good time.

Understand our girls have something planned for that evening, that they are keeping a surprise. If I don't miss my guess I'm sure the boys will like it.

Assisting the chairman are Miss Alyce Petrilla and John Minitt, co-chairmen, on other committees are:-

Journal: John Minitt, Constance Jurewich, Tommy Long, Alyce Petrilla.

Tickets: Ann Zemo, Jean Rodgers, Stanley Jurewich, Joseph Puknutis, Gil Vangus, Bill Roduses.

Decoration: Ann Kazeckewick, Helen Rodgers, Edward Mescavage, Helen Wilclias.

At a recent dinner party we welcomed our new pastor, Father Kemežis. Hope that your stay with us will be a happy and long one.

"This and That"

Our delegate Ann Zemilius, to the Pittsburgh convention reported a good time.

On a leave our ex-professor Al now Trooper Jake remembered to visit us and what a time was had by all. We all went out and celebrated.

Wonder what that certain twinkle in Al Bernotas eyes means when he looks at the pretty girls? He's quite a "garbo" man girls.

It's happened boys, Ann Zamitis is loose and fancy free again; here's your chance, don't say I didn't give you a hint.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Joseph Pukutis. Lots of luck, etc.

Wonder why that certain lassie wants to go to Brooklyn dances so much???? Yes, I guess your right, that's it.

Yes indeed, a number of our boys think Miss Helen Shukis of Linden is very pretty and are looking forward to see her at our dance October 4th. So do come Miss Shukis.

So, be good boys and girls or else this little book will have something on you.

Black Fury

COUNCIL 129 SHENANDOAH, PA.

After a brief vacation, Council 129 is back with a few words of recent happenings.

Our clubrooms were re-opened September, and the first meeting of the current season was held September 4. It was gratifying to see the unusually large number of members present. The session was most interesting and everyone seemed to be brimming over with ideas for the coming months.

Election of officers was held and Charles A. Guber, who has done such an excellent job as president during the past year, was retained at the same post for another term. John Noraka, another untiring worker, was elected vice president, filling the vacancy created several months ago by the resignation of Edward Remus. Miss Violet Ruth was re-elected recording secretary, and Miss Helen Smith, one of our most ambitious young ladies, is the new financial secretary, succeeding Miss Jean Nojunas, whose fine record attained while in office will serve as a model to our new "card puncher." Miss Florence Luckzus was re-elected treasurer.

The new officers pledged their wholehearted co-operation in all matters pertaining to the advancement of Council 129 and their goal is to make this coming year

a memorable one both from a financial and social standpoint.

Plans for the skating party scheduled for Tuesday evening, September 23, at Lakewood Park, are rapidly nearing completion. The committee in charge announced that indications point to a highly successful affair. Come on, skaters (experienced and otherwise), get your reservations in early.

"Judging from the interest shown and the number of tickets already sold, our annual autumn ball is going to be another colossal success., These are comments made recently by Charles Guber and John Noraka, co-chairmen of the committee for our annual autumn ball to be held October 14, in Miners Hall, Shenandoah. They report a fine orchestra has been engaged to dispense rhythms which are sure to be equally appealing to oldsters and jitterbugs alike. Come on, Knights, and bring your friends. There will be PLE-E-ENTY of refreshments, including a delicious cake made by Miss Violet Petruskey, one of our best cake makers, which will be awarded to some fortunate person. (Vi; I hope he is a nice eligible bachelor. He may get ideas.)

Shenandoah's loss has once again proved to be Newark's gain. This time it is Charles Antonavage. Charley is the former treasurer of our organization and was one of our most willing workers. He has secured employment in one of the defense industries in that City. We wish you loads of success, Charley, and hope you will be with us on your weekends spent in town.

In this era of booming prosperity, it is obvious that Dan Cupid, too, has been busy at work. He has successfully found his mark in the hearts of several of our members, resulting in an unusual number of marriages. Among those who recently "walked the plank" are John Pajūnas and Helen Shepanus, two of our best members, who are now residing in Newark, N. J. They have the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy wedded life.

Congratulations are also extended to George Yurgal, who recently joined the ranks of the benedicts. Mrs Yurgal is the former Helen Seibert, while George is one of our loyal members. Lots of luck to you.

Another couple in line for similar felicitations is Mr and Mrs. Pierce Strimas. Mrs. Strimas is the former Helen Kovalsky, a member of this council, while Mr. Strimas is

a loyal follower of K. of L. activities. Congratulations and best wishes, Helen and Pierce.

Friends, it has been rumored that another one of our prominent members is about to surrender his freedom to some young lady, but until this can be confirmed, or until we learn who the fortunate young lady is, his identity cannot be divulged. When can we expect an official announcement...?

Miss Eleanor Yanchulis, a popular member of our council, is another member who has made good. It was recently learned that she successfully passed a Civil Service examination and has received an appointment at the Nation's Capital.

Fond farewells and sad adieux were said to Albert "Pussy" Pacenta who left to resume his duties at Princeton University. O. K., "Princeton Tiger", we'll be looking for you on your next visit home.

Miss Anne Waychulis has taken up residence in Stratford, Conn., where she has secured employment. Anne has our best wishes for much success in her new work.

L. A. F.

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Sponsored by
COUNCIL 14, CICERO, ILL.
Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1941
AT ST. ANTHONY Parish Hall
Cicero, Ill.

Notice to Council Financial Secretaries

1. All secretaries were notified that beginning with September 1, 1941, membership dues, payable to the Knights of Lithuania, and any data or information pertaining thereto, are to be sent to Miss Phyllis Grendal, Supreme Council Financial Secretary, 366 West Broadway, South Boston, Mass.

2. That she would appreciate cooperation and promptness from each Secretary, in replying to her letters.

3. That any suggestions or questions pertaining to members, membership dues, etc., she will be pleased to accept and try to answer.

4. That she be notified without delay of any change of address, so that "Vytis" will be received on time.

5. That the secretaries who have already received a complete membership list of their Council, please check carefully the names and addresses, and when paid-up to make necessary corrections, and reply forthwith.

6. Copies of Constitution are now available at ten cents per copy plus mailing cost.

Phyllis Grendal

Supreme Council Financial
Secretary
366 West Broadway
South Boston, Mass.

Peace between Britain and Germany?

"Finally, there is the group of States invaded and conquered by Soviet Russia, made up of Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Rumania. To all members of this group — and Poland also might be added — a German victory over Russia is of ultimate importance.

The terms of the New Anglo-Russia agreement make it imperative that Germany shall not be defeated by Britain and Russia. The victory of Germany would guarantee these nations' independence and sovereignty, since most of these nations are now fighting with Germany against Red Russia.

The sentiment in favor of Germany is by no means confined to "Quislings" and "Fifth Columnists". The opinion in these nations is that Germany must not be defeated and Britain must not be defeated; but above all, Communist Russia must not win!

(Social Justice, Sept. 8, 1941.)

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Priimta Helen Cherry

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ANNUAL AUTUMN BALL

Sponsored by
Council 129, Shenandoah, Pa.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1941
At Miners Hall, Shenandoah.

ANNUAL DANCE "The Cornstalk Rampage"

Sponsored by
Council 26, Worcester, Mass.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1941
at Maironis Park,
Shrewsbury, Mass. 7:30 P. M.

SKATING PARTY

Sponsored by
Council 62, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Date and Place to be
announced soon.

"LA CONGA FIESTA"

Sponsored by
Council 67, Bayonne, N. J.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1941
at Mt. Carmel Auditorium,
E. 22nd St., Bayonne, N. J.
Music by Esquires, Featuring
Jeanne Shine
Subscription (including
Wardrobe 65c)

THE QUESTION BOX

It happens so many times in our dealings with our friends that we are asked questions on Catholic dogma. In this little corner, we shall attempt to conduct a question box wherein we shall share our own Catholic teaching on these bothering difficulties. Address all questions you wish answered to The Question Box, "Vytis", 4736 So. Wood St., Chicago, Ill.

May we suggest, from our past experience, that you have question and study clubs in your councils. You would find them very interesting and useful.

Padre

Q. What is the difference between an annulment, divorce, and separation?
E. C.

A separation with the right to marry to both parties is granted in case of an annulment. That is, the marriage may have seemed to be a real marriage but never really was due to some impediment, lack or bad consent, or lack of form. Divorce is a separation with a right to marry to people who were once validly married. Separation is a separate maintenance between people who were validly (really) married.

The Church grants an annulment, will permit separation if certain conditions are present, but will never grant a divorce.

Q. Are vulgar words sinful?
A. F.

Vulgar words are not sinful, but certainly should not be used by a true Catholic gentleman or lady.

Q. What is the difference between a temptation and sin? **S. M.**

Temptation is an inclination or a thought or a desire to commit something against the law of God. Sin is an offence against the law of God by thought, word, deed, or omission. Temptation in itself is not a sin; in fact a person can gain merit by ignoring the thought or desire to sin.

q. A Catholic friend was married before a justice of peace, but after some time was divorced by his wife. Lately he met a Catholic girl and would like to be married in church. Can he? **F. G.**

A marriage before a justice of the peace is not considered a valid or a true marriage. They should visit their parish priest to learn what they should do.

Council Activities

Continued

COUNCIL 109

GREAT NECK, L. I.

Dearest Anne and Tony:

Golly, I didn't realize time has sped so since my last bit of correspondence to you. Can't say I'm a success at alibi-ing won't even make an attempt to explain my absence from behind the pen — will just ramble on as usual.

If you're still planning to play that ping-pong game at our clubrooms, just forget it for a while — you see our clubrooms are no more — the building was razed for an additional parking space to facilitate the ever increasing number of new parishioners in our fast growing community. Serious hunting for a new hangout has been discontinued for a while — we've been enjoying cozy gatherings at a different home each meeting.

Last meeting we welcomed back Ed Pelkot who summered in his hometown Pittsburgh and who attended the National convention there with delegate Anne Karris. Their report was a hi-lite of the evening — these two, by the way, are a handsome and steady two-some these days. Ed's back at his teaching post in a nearby locality.

Delia Chekatauskas is sporting a circlet on her left hand having quietly taken the marriage vows one evening with her Mitchell Field soldier. We sincerely hope the throes of domesticity won't keep her away from club doings, which seems to be the answer to the absence of Milly Kens and Sue Simonavitz who both recently middled-aisled it. But not so Al Wesey, whose merger you no doubt have read about — he's still as active as ever — even announced his intentions of still using his big car to convey the gallivanting femmes to the various council activities elsewhere — so we'll be seeing you folks soon.

For quite some time had been looking forward to a ride on "The Sea Wolf", Ray Bart's schooner, but his exacting job at Roosevelt Field left him very little time to get the old gal in tip top shape. By the way, a Nassau County recently ran a picture story on Defense Activities at Roosevelt Field and right in the centerfold was Ray along side a large flying ship. It was a swell shot.

Remember the furious knitting Penny Glatke had been doing months back? Well, guess what. She actually completed a sweater and believe me it is a very pretty

accomplishment. Sweater gal, that's Penny, now. Maybe she'll knit me one. Speaking of accomplishments, Anne Sosaris is in the midst of making by hand a luxurious looking rug to separate her tootsies from the floor when she steps out of bed in the mornings. It reminds me of a bunch oh-so-soft cotton clusters. Incidentally, Anne is the gal to get in touch with for bowling matches. 97 Steamboat Road, Great Neck, L. I. is where she can be reached. Bowling, the ever so popular winter pastime and long a favorite of other localities has hit us and we're all for it — even to competing with other teams. If all our beginners learn the technique of our ace beginner, Bernice Skardas, we'll be able to do some tall boasting. She sure rolls the score up each try.

Weren't you shocked at the tragedy that recently befell the Basons of Jersey City? We were all deeply stunned and couldn't help but shed a tear that night we went there to express our sympathy. Our deepest regrets to Charlie and Margaret, fellow members.

Our four six-footers, Sosaris, Zorski, Garro and Lazaunik have already started basketball practice under their new sponsors "The American Legion" and will be decked out in dazzling uniforms fore long. Their marvelous playing as a team last year brought them recognition and so they're off to new victories. You can bet you'll find us all among the rooters, rooting, as strong as ever.

I saved this bit of news till the very end so that it would linger in your memory — and we hope you'll tell all your friends — we're planning another dance! Soon? Yes sir and ma'am, in November, we hope — if arrangements can be made at this late date, but here's hoping, anyhow. So don't plan on making any trips without including Great Neck — remember it's Great Neck you'll be heading for — the Yacht Club again.

So until we see or hear from you, I am

Fraternally
SNICHEE

Attention!!!

K. of L Council 112 Presents Its

ANNUAL FALL DANCE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 1941

at Michael J. Flynn's Hall
3308 W. 63rd St., Chicago, Ill.
Draft \$.44 Reveille 8:30 P. M.

Vyčių Seimo Priimta Rezolucija Lietuvos Reikalui

29-tas Lietuvos Vyčių Seimas, susirinkęs Pittsburgh, Pa., 1941 m., 12-14 dd., išklaušęs Adv. Stasio Gabaliausko pranešimą apie dabartinę mūsų tėvų šalies — Lietuvos ir jos jaunimo organizacijų būklę ir lietuvių tautos pastangas atsteigti nepriklausomą Lietuvos Valstybę ir gerėdamasis Lietuvos jaunimo didvyriškumu ir pasiaukojimu, vaduojant Lietuvą iš bolševikų okupacijos, nutarė:

1. Pareikšti užuojautą giminėms ir draugams tų Lietuvos jaunuolių, kurie mirė arba buvo sužeisti kovoje su okupantais bolševikais laike didžiojo lietuvių sukilimo dėl atsteigimo Lietuvos nepriklausomybės.

2. Moraliai ir materialiai remti lietuvių tautos ir dabartinės Lietuvos laikinosios Vyriausybės pastangas atsteigti pilnai nepriklausomą Lietuvos Valstybę su sostine Vilniumi ir laisvu išėjimu į Baltijos jūrą.

3. Visomis Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo pastangomis gelbėti Lietuvos lietuviams, išsivadavusiems iš vandališkojo bolševizmo nagų, išsaugoti mūsų tautos tradicijas ir atsistačiusios Lietuvos Valstybės suverinetetą į kurią jau kėsinais naujas Europos mažųjų tautų pavergėjas — vokiškasis nacizmas.

4. Pareikšti gilią užuojautą Lietuvos katalikų jaunimo — Pavasarininkų ir Ateitininkų organizacijų vadams ir nariams dėl patirtų skriaudų ir pražudytų gyvybių, bolševikų okupacijos metu.

29-tas Seimas pareiškia, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai yra pasiruošę, kai tik sąlygos leis, minėtoms katalikų jaunimo organizacijoms suteikti visokeriopą paramą.

Dievo palaima telydi Lietuvos katalikiškojo jaunimo darbus Bažnyios ir Tėvynės labui.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL FALL DANCE

Sponsored by Council 124
to be held at Hotel Plaza,
Journal Square, Jersey City, N. J.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1941

Featuring Wally Hicks and his
Clef Club Orchestra
Dress Optional

Dancing from 9 P. M. to 2 A. M.
Subscription (including tax) 75c.

ANNUAL FALL DANCE

Sponsored by
Council 29, Newark, N. J.
at St. George's Auditorium
Newark, N. J.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1941

Featuring the Maywood Manor
orchestra

Subscription (Including Defense
Tax): 55 cents

Text of Lithuanian Minister's Protest Note to U. S. On Nazi Occupation

"Šiandien Europoje visos tautos kenčia svetimą jungą arba gyvena svetimos invazijos pavojuje; deja šiuo atvėju Lietuva nėra išimtis, — dargi antraip: Lietuvos nelaimės pralenkia nelaimės daugelio kitų kraštų del to kad Lietuva vienu suviršum metų laikotarpy pergyveno ne viena bet du svetimų kariuomenių įsiveržimus.

Birželio 15 dieną 1940 metais Lietuva buvo apgaulingai užklupta ir pavergta per Sovietų Rusiją. Okupacinis sovietų režimas savo teroristinio valdymo meto- dais ir prievarta kraštui brukama sovietizacija buvo už- simojęs išnaikinti visą lietuvių tautą.

Toksai svetimo grobimo žiaurumas iššaukė, paga- liaus, spontanišką žmonių sukilimą įvairiose Lietuvos vietose. Šis 1941 m. Birželio mėn. 23 d. sukilimas pa- reikalavo didelių iš sukilėlių aukų. Sukilimas betgi su- teikė, nors ir nesaugią, progą paskelbti Lietuvos ne- priklausomybės atstatymą prieš pat užplustant an- trajai invazijai. Esmėje Lietuvos sukilimas buvo nu- kreiptas prieš abu užpuolikus: sumišusias ir besi- traukiančias sovietų kariškas pajėgas ir besiantinan- čias Vokietijos pajėgas. Sukilimas buvo desperatiš- kas, bet ryžtinga pastanga atgauti laisvę, Dėl ne- palankių aplinkybių pasiryžimas nepavyko, bet jo idėja liko gyva.

Antroji Lietuvos invazija prasidėjo š. m. Bir- želio mėn., 22 d. kai Vokietijos kariuomenė įžygiavo į Lietuvą ir stumdama atgal Raudon. Armijos divizijas sąvaitės bėgyje užėmė visą Lietuvą. Nežiūrint Vokie- tijos vyriausybės paneigimo, kad ji neturinti tikslo Lietuvą okupuoti ir pabrėžimo, kad Lietuvos in- vazija sutampa su Vokietijos pasiskirta Europos globos misija, neišskiriant apsigynimo nuo sovietų grąsinimų, porą mėnesių Lietuvos okupacijos iš Vo- kiečių pusės įtikinamai įrodė, kad Vokietijos ka- rinė okupacija yra tik žingsnis pirmyn įgyvendinti Vokiečių ekspansiją, kuri žinoma "Draug nach Osten" vardu.

Lietuvos vokiškoji invazija jau gludinti Vo- kietijos-Sovietų 1939 m. nepuolimo pakte, savo es- mėje yra agresija ir Lietuvos integralumo sulau- žymas. Vokietijos okupacinis režimas panaikino lai- kiną vyriausybę susidariusią pasėkoje Lietuvos žmonių sukilimo prieš okupacinį sovietų režimą ir paskyrė civilinius komisarų, kaip gubernatorių, naujai užimtai teritorijai. Tai darydama, Vokieti- ja nesiteikė, dargi, nurodyti kad bent ateityje būtų respektuojamos elementarinės Lietuvių tautos teisės. Pastaruoju laiku naujoviškų kryžievių ven- giama minėti dargi LIETUVOS vardas. Ji keletą šimtmečių sekmingai atsispyrusi Teutonų vieš- patavimu, dabar jų įjungiamą į naujai sudarytą Ostland'ą.

'Pereitais metais aš protestavau prieš Sovietų Rusijos agresiją tyčią nukreiptą prieš Lietuvą. Da- bar, kai Sovietų okupacija pakeista vokiškąja ir Lietuvos opozicija svetimai uzurpacijai tebesitęsia, skaitau pareiga mano Vyriausybės vardu užregis- truoti protestą prieš Vokietijos imperialistinę ma- no Krašto invaziją ir pareiškiu, kad bet kokis Vo- kietijos pasikėsinimas lemti Lietuvos politinę ateitį nedavus progos laisvai pasireikšti Lietuvių tau- tos valiai, bus skaitomas neteisėtu.

Kol Vokietijos diktatūros nepasotinamam už- kariavimų apetitui nebus užkirstas kelias, tol jokia tauta nebus saugi. Tačiau, šviesesnės ateities viltis tapo sustiprintas širdyse prispaustų tautų, tarp jų ir Lietuvos, deka didelės svarbos pareiškimo pada- ryto dviejų didžiausių demokratinio pasaulio vadų kur tai Atlantike. Reikšmingos deklaracijos aštuo-

ni punktai turi duoti pageidaujama rezultatų: at- sikratymą nuo despotiško viešpatavimo visokių dik- tatorių.

Aš naudojusi šia progą pareikšti pilną pa- sitikėjimą, kad Amerikos Vyriausybė nepripažins Vokietijos anekcionistinio režimo Lietuvoje. Lie- tuviai tiki anksčiau ar vėlau tas režimas turės pa- sitraukti ir užleisti vietą demokratiškai ir tikrai re- prezentatyviai vyriausybei pašauktai laisva valia Lietuvių tautos, kuri dabar kenčia nuo dviejų sveti- mų invazijų."

"THE LITHUANIANS"

A. Denis Yuknis, young Brighton Park Lithuanian, has just issued his short illustrated "The Lithuanians".

Comprising 36 pages of meaty reading and excel- lent cartoons "The Lithuanians" covers, in popular synopsis style, the history of Lithuania and her people from as far back as 1000 B. C. to Lithuanian personalities that we meet every day in Chicago.

"The Lithuanians" should be in the hands of every young Lithuanian in this country — no mat- ter what his or her age. They will be fascinated by the panorama of Lithuanian history from Ancient Phoenicia to Marquette Park, and made conscious and proud of their nationality. Mr. Yuknis should have the heartiest thanks and moral and financial support of all our leaders who are concerned over the dena- tionalization of young people. Because his work is a weighty contribution to our nationality, and an excel- lent example of a plan for the propagation of Li- thuanianism being courageously put into concrete form.

The cartoons in this folio alone are more than worth the price of \$1.00. Send your orders to A. D. Yuknis, 4405 So. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

"THOUGHTFUL SILENCE"

'Twas only an old country graveyard,
Yet in it, stood row by row
Headstones which told tales so sad
Of those who went from us long ago.

'Twas there that I found the stone
That marked the grave without a name;
Perhaps it was that of a mother or father,
Maybe their passing caused someone pain.

'Twas there that I stood and wondered,
And in reverent silence offered a prayer
For the one whose days were numbered,
And who was with us in this world no more.

Johanna J. Macukas

FISHERMAN'S SONG

God's sky and I, are both at rest,
Cradled here on Neptune's breast,
Rod in one hand, line singing free,
Scolding fat blackbird, in hanging tree.

Calm lying water ripples a crest,
Where the bright Rainbow, disturbed at his rest,
Sulks at the bright minnow, shining and spry,
Fencing and darting in gay defy.

How the reel throbs, to meet challenge new,
How my heart pounds, each cast in lieu,
Bliss in enjoyment, joy in content,
Line dancing madly, rod fiercely bent—A strike!

By "Wally Worcester."