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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This issue, as you no doubt can see, is a special issue, an enlarged issue — and a late issue..... Likewise, it is an issue strewn with the bodies of correspondences that bravely answered their call for service, but upon reporting to the editor for duty, were treacherously knifed in the back by him and left by the wayside, either killed completely or brutally shortened... But such are the fortunes of war and of writing for Vytis!

We could go into a long apologia to each and everyone, but it will suffice to say that, if your correspondence did not appear at all or in shortened form — we're sorry, but **we had enough copy this month for a 50-page issue of Vytis!**

Our deepest gratitude is expressed to the New England District and particularly to Supreme President Frank Razvadauskas, for the excellent additional material sent in for this issue.

One cut of a staunch K. of L. supporter that would have been placed in a particular position of honor in this issue — Father Puidokas'. Unfortunately, however, we were unable to locate it in time for publication.

K.Zaromskis. — Ačiū už prisiųstą raštą. Gaila kad nebuvo nei laiko nei vietos jį sunaudoti šiam numerij. Jei negalėsime surasti minimo asmens klišę, pagaminsime naują.

Zigmas Gėlė. — Jūsų gražų eilėraščių tyčia palaikėm kitam numeriui.

Father Paulekas. — Thanks for the article. We will use it next month.

Joe Augustinas. — Matter taken care of, and letter follows at first opportunity.

Anne G. Žemaitis. — Send your photo in immediately. It will go on March cover.

We cannot help using this particular issue as an occasion for a bit of sermonizing on the necessity for more Lithuanian in Vytis (notwithstanding the boogey-man reputation he may have, your editor still **IS** one of the proponents of the Lithuanian language in our midst.)

We know that many K. of L's write well and interestingly in Lithuanian, because we have many excellent examples of it in this issue.

What we are trying to point out in our gentle paternal way is — if you can embellish **YOUR** special issue with excellent Lithuanian articles, why can't you do the same for ordinary issues **EVERY** month? It's up to you, my dear people, and until you do something about it, you must stick out your knuckles for a rapping along with your editor, everytime Vytis is accused of "anti-Lithuanianism." After all, we just happen to be the editor. And Vytis is no "Dėdės Eduardo Dienynas" — its **YOUR** magazine. You write the stuff, and we'll try to squeeze it in!

It's 2:40 A.M. already, and the patient waitress in the restaurant where we are writing this is beginning to eye us in a way we feel we will have to raise the ante on the tip we were going to leave her..... See you next month!

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LIETUVOS VYČIŲ NAUJOSIOS ANGLIJOS APSKRITIS

Kaip žinote apskrityje veikia kuopos. Kitais žodžiais, apskritį sudaro kuopos ir jos veikia savarankiškai, savotiškai. Vienok tenka džiaugtis, visos kuopos turi tą pačią idėją ir veikia vienam tikslui, vienam obalsiui — Dievui ir Tėvynei.

1937 metais Naujosios Anglijos Apskritis minėjo savo sidabrinį jubiliejų. Minėdami jubiliejų, jie prisiminė ir savo vadus (pirmuosius organizatorius) M. A. Norkūną, kun. F. Virmauskį ir kun. dr. K. Urbonavičių ir jų garbei surengė pagerbimo bankietą Providence, R. I.

Apskrity, per pastaruosius kelius metus buvo labai sutartinas ir gražus veikimas. Tuo labai tenka džiaugtis, nes vadovaujant ir stovint pirmenybėje, tas labai palengvina, kada sutinki vieningumą ir kooperaciją ir, tik tokiu būdu galima atsiekti tikslą ir nuveikti gražius darbus.

Gal netenka didžiutis savo darbais, vienok mes Apskrity steigiame sporto ratelius įvairios rūšies; turime L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskrities sporto lygą, na ir taip įvairiais parengimais, kaip tai šokiais, gegužinėmis, žieminiais karnivalais, teatrais, juokų vakarais gražiausiai atsižymėjome. Buvo kuopų, kurios turėjo lietuvių kalbos kursus ir, lavinosi, mokinosi išmokti lietuvių kalbos ir pažinti lietuvių tautos istoriją.

Pastarųjų kelių metų bėgy Vyčiams daug energijos ir drąsos, bei pamokinių davė buvęs mūsų apskrities dvasios vadas kun. V. Puidokas; (Westfield lietuvių parapijos klebonas); dabartinis dvasios vadas kun. Jonas Vaitekūnas; (Providence par. klebonas); buvęs Centro dvasios vadas kun. J. Kripas, kun. K. Jenkus ir kiti kurie nuoširdžiai Vyčius rėmė.

Apart kunigų labai daug pasidarbavo šie: Pr. Razvadauskas (buvęs kelis metus Apskrities pirm., dabar Centro pirm.); dabartinis apskrities pirm. Br. Kudirka; p-lė F. Grendelytė (dabar Centro fin. sekretorė); Ant. Gaputis, Joana Norkūnaitė, Pet. Rakauskas, A. Jasionytė — Perekšlienė, V. Kareišis (buvęs tris metus Apskr. pirm.), F. Pazara, V. Kudirka, Jr., F. Rainis ir daug kitų kurie čia neįmanoma išvardinti.

Naujosios Anglijos Apskritys prisideda ir aukomis geriems tikslams. Jie visuomet remia Lietuvos reikalus; aukavo Klaipėdos pabėgėliams; aukavo Lietuvos pabėgėliams; visuomet prisimena Vyčių Centrą,

PAGERBKIME ŠVENTĄJĮ KAZIMIERĄ

Gal nėra mūsų L. Vyčių organizacijai kitos dienos, taip brangios, jaukios, linksmos, taip malonios, žavėjančios, ideališkos; taip širdies pripildančios tikrąja meile, kaip Šv. Kazimiero diena.

Šv. Kazimieras yra Lietuvos ir L. Vyčių org. patronas, todėl Vyčiai šią dieną, kiekvienoje parapijoje ar kuopoje iškilmingai pamini. Ši Vyčių tradicija yra mums brangus palikimas ir, todėl mes spieskimės, rikiuokimės ir vienykimės, kad galėtume išlaikyti Lietuvos Vyčių obalsį vėliavoje ir savo gyvenime.

Šventas Kazimieras jaunutis buvo pašauktas Aukščiausiojo atstovauti visus lietuvių reikalus. Tad sykiu ir mūsų L. Vyčių organizaciją. Šventam Kazimierui mūsų Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija yra nupynus daug gražių vainikų, o Šventasis visus juos atmena ir, visos mūsų maldos pasiūstos dangiškajam Tėvui bus išklaustos ir palaimintos.

Tad mes visuomet, kasmet minime Šv. Kazimiero dieną; tai mūsų tradicija, bet šiais metais Šv. Kazimiero diena, lai būna pergalės diena, lai nei vienas Vytis nepasilieka namuose Šv. Kazimiero dienoje, bet bendrai visi "in corpore" priimkime Šv. Komuniją ir siųskime maldas Šventajam, kad visus mumis, mūsų organizaciją, Ameriką ir Lietuvą, Jis palaimintų. Jei mes iš širdies melsimės ir prašysime Šventąjį, tai iš tikrųjų mūsų maldos bus išklaustos ir, žiaurais užpuoliko besiginanti Amerika ir, kraujose paskendusi nuterota Lietuva, mūsų organizacija ir mes patys būsime Šventojo palaiminti.

Iš tikrųjų, retai katra organizacija, turi taip tinkamą savo idealams globėją — kaip Vyčiai Šv. Kazimierą. Tad lai prisiruošimas, meile ir ištikimybe Šv. Kazimierui Vyčių širdyse, reiškiasi kuo žymiausiai!

nes kasmet surengia parengimą ir pusę pelno skiria Centro naudai.

Šiais metais mūsų apskritis surengs du svarbesnius parengimus, būtent: Dine and Dance; ir vasarą, didžiulę sporto šventę. Šiam darbui išrinkta skaitlinga komisija.

Per visą savo gyvavimą Apskritis veikė gražiai ir sutartinai ir, reikia tikėtis, kad ateity dar gražiau veiks, vyčių bei visuomenės dirvoje.

MŪSŲ TROŠKIMAS — LAISVA LIETUVA!

(Vasario 16-tos Proga)

Jei nori sekti seną Vytį,
Vis užsimojusį kardū,
Kurs nepaliovė priešą vyti
Toli už tėviškės ribų.

Kmitas.

Karas! Jis baisus: jis reikalauja mirties, jis atima laimę, jis pagimdo didelį vargą. Baisu pagalvoti apie jį. Europa kenčia — daugelis tautų neteko laisvės — diktatoriai įtužę kaip vilkai drasko ramias valstybes, žudo milijonus, ardo juodą žemę...

Lietuva vėl karo laukas. Ji skaudžiai surakinta plėšriųjų kaimynų. O, koks skaudus jos likimas: ją mynė ir plėšė, žudė ir kankino klastingojo Stalino pikti agentai, ją spaudžia pavergę Hitlerio "felmaršalai." Lietuva tikrai yra viena iš labiausiai skriaudžiamų ir išnaudojamų valstybių Europoje. Jei ji būtų nusikaltusi kuo nors savo žiauriams, didiesiems kaimynams, tai gal nebūtų jos taip gaila, bet ji yra viena iš nuolaidžiausių ir taikingiausių valstybių, ir jos likimas toks skaudus.....

Jau bėga antrieji metai, kaip Lietuva neteko laisvės. Nepriklausomybės minėjimas jai griežtai uždraustas net prisiminti. Vokietijos diktatorius pikčiausiai grūmoja dėl kiekvieno lietuvių savarankiško pasireiškimo. Tyliai ir kantriai klauso žiaurių įsakymų mūsų tautiečiai. Jie viltimi gyvena, kad ateitis vėl bus skaisti. Lietuva bus laisva, ji turi būti laisva!

Pavargo jau mūsų tėvai ir broliai pilnai rūpintis ir kovoti už laisvąją Lietuvą, kuri yra visiems taip mylima ir brangi. Jų jėgos išseko, jų energija išsėmė. Mes branginam jų darbus, ir tėvynė Lietuva jų nepamirš. Nors jie daug dėl Lietuvos dirba ir dabar, bet be mūsų paramos jų darbai jau nebus toki vaisingi. Ateitis ir darbas dabar mūsų rankose. Laisva Lietuva — mūsų svarbiausias uždavinys. Mes laisvę gyvenam, mes laisvę branginam, mes už laisvę ir mirsime. Mūsų draugai mums sako ir pastebi, kad dabar neverta domėtis Lietuva, nes mūsų pagalba yra bereikšmė karo metu, o antra, Lietuva mums yra svetima, mums reikia rūpintis Amerika. Brangus Drauge, Lietuva yra mūsų antroji tėvynė, ji yra maža, ji visų skriaudžiama, ji nekaltai naikinama, mes Vyčiai esame ir būsime jos artimiausi užtarėjai, jos laisvės kėlėjai ir už ją kovosim. Amerika ir Lietuva — mūsų brangiausi ir mylimiausi kraštai. Jei mes trokštame, kad kiekviena valstybė būtų laisva, tai pirmoje eilėje mes trokštame laisvės Lietuvai, nes mūsų šūkis — Dievui ir Tėvynei — iš mūsų to reikalauja. Vytis geras katalikas, vytis aktyvus patrijotas — vyčiai Lietuvos nepamirš!

Šio skaudaus Lietuvos nepriklausomybės prisiminimo proga, mes prižadame kovoti netik už Amerikos gerovę, bet ypač ir už Lietuvos laisvę, tiesiant jai pagalbą ranką. Laisva Amerika, laisva Lietuva, laisvė visoms prispaustoms tautoms — Vyčių dabartinė, svarbiausia užduotis. Tad, "Oi neverk, motušėle, kad jaunās sūnus, pavirtęs kaip ažuolas girių puikus lauks teismo dienos paskutinės." **P. K.**



Kun. Jonas Vaitekūnas. Šv. Kazimiero lietuvių parapijos klebonas, L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskrities dvasios vadas (buvęs Centro dvasios vadas) vienas iš pirmųjų Vyčių, stebėtinai energijos, nuoširdus Vyčių draugas.

Gyvuokit, Vyčiai!

Gyvuokite laimingai, mūsų brangūs Vyčiai!
Tarnaukit, kaip žadėjot, Tautai ir Bažnyčiai!
Tegu jūs neparbloškia vylingos žabangos,
Tegu jūs neužlieja nutautimo bangos!
Kol širdys jaunos, kol dar meilė neatšalo,
Ryžtingai eikit prie aukštesnio idealo,
Statykite Tėvynei pastovią statybą,
Kurioj kilnios dorybės amžinai težiba.

Įkliuovom nelaimingai į šį baisų karą,
Tad mums ginti Tėvynę visoms jėgoms dera.
Daug jaunuolių gyvybę turės paaukoti,
Kiti paliks sužeisti, kiti sužaloti.
Kits savanoriu stoja, kits niūrna, kits raukos.....
Perbrangios esančios tos kariavimo aukos.....
Taip, aukos brangios, bet laisvė jų reikalinga,
Tad pasiaukojimo te niekam nestinga.
Ar fronte, ar namie savo pareigas eisim,
Paneigt mūsų laisvę svetimiems nebeleisim!

— — — — — o — — — — —
Garbinga Vyčių praeitis.
Bet ar ji vėl atsistatys
Rimtos darbuotės uolome
Ir idealų kilnume?

Ar meilė pastovia versme
Iš jų širdžių ugningai plauks
Ir tautą į vienybę šauks?
Pamilti savo kalbą kvies
Ir pavyzdžiu visiems mums švies?
Čia jūsų, Vyčiai, pareiga.
Tame stipriausia jūs jėga,
Tam esate ir įsteigti,
Kad dabarty ir ateity
Prie liaudies būtumet arti. **J. K.**

FR. JULIAN'S PAGE

CAN YOU TAKE A TIP?

It would not be something new or startling to remark that the lives and possessions of other people seem more interesting and fascinating to us than our own deeds. That might be the reason why Catholics prefer and read non-Catholic literature. Well, could be! It seems though, that Catholics do not even give a thought to find out interesting Catholic books and magazines.

Some one will object and say that I am hard and bitter. But — just look over your own and your friends book-shelves. How many Catholic books and Catholic magazines will you find there? A young curate once remarked on returning home from census calls that many young Lithuanians considered the New Testament and their prayer books sufficient Catholic reading.

To keep ourselves in tune and abreast with news, we turn to the daily newspapers. To learn and perfect ourselves in sport, whatever it might be, we read the various sport magazines. Literature nowadays is written to fit the minds of the readers. Most of the readers today have very pagan ideas. Thus it is not strange to find many of our best sellers to be very pagan and its ideas sinful. If we are going to keep our Catholic spirit true, our minds fresh and clear, our moral values unspoiled, we should read Catholic books and magazines.

There lies before you an ocean of unexplored waters. Catholic magazines, like *Extension* and *The Sign*, have stories which all readers will find warm and charming. Undset, Dudley, Cather, White, Kaye Smith, all write best sellers that are sold in any book-store. They are recognized the world over as great writers. How many of their books have you read? If you find yourself to be deprived of sufficient time to read a book, what do you like: — there is a Catholic pamphlet that will suit your taste and mood. Everyone enjoys the pamphlets of Father Lord and Father Gillis. They are always new and interesting. If you are interested in unions and wages and rights to organize, have you read a pamphlet on unions by either Mons. Haas or Ryan (you must have heard of them)?

Finally, don't ignore our Catholic Lithuanian literature. Here in Chicago we can justly boast of our Catholic daily newspaper "*Draugas*" which our folks began and kept up. It would be a shame if we, their children, were to let it die because of our neglect. Subscribe to it and to the Lithuanian weekly in your locality. **Be smart the Catholic Book way.**

"The Keys of the Kingdom"

Q. Why is it that so many priests are condemning *The Keys of the Kingdom*? Is it not a very good book?

To say that priests are condemning *The Keys of the Kingdom* as bad and unreadable is untrue, but it is very true that many priests are displeased with it and especially with certain ideas and characterizations by its Catholic author, Mr. Cronin.

Mr. Cronin has the unhappy faculty, when writing about a certain class of people, in riling the members of that very class. In the "*Citadel*" which concerned doctors, he placed an everyday practitioner in a very shady light and unduly stressed the virtues of the specialist. Many doctors rose up in wrath and soon the book market was flooded with books defending the ordinary doctor. Mr. Cronin wrote a book about a priest — and since then, some priests are so taking it apart that people begin to wonder if it is fit to be read.

In good Christian charity we found his character etchings to be clear and interesting. We are pleased to find among the best sellers a story about a man who loved God and was unashamed to pray and weep for a friend. We were very glad to learn that his opus made the best sellers. In all prudence we dare not criticize his literary style. And yet — —

To us there was little difference between the main idea of this book and the main idea of any of Lloyd C. Douglas's wishy washy works. That is, that it is not necessary to be a member of a definite Church in order to gain heaven; all that is needed is to do good according to one's own light and ideas. Mr. Cronin's remark (Father Francis suggests this to the young Chancellor) that besides our own Mother Church there are other mothers who will lead their children to God, not only expresses this idea but also smacks the wrong idea that salvation is also possible without the Church, grace, and baptism. (You see, most of his "mothers" do not believe in the baptism that Jesus preached or for that matter in the same Jesus.) After reading this work, one felt why was it necessary to be a Catholic and be obligated to fast during Lent, abstain from meat on Fridays, and go to Mass on Sunday morning instead of playing golf or tennis when other people would reach heaven without suffering those inconveniences.

Again, being a priest, we did not think that in regards to Dr. Willie's death Dr. Francis either acted as a priest or as a friend. Dr. Willie thanked him for not trying to bulldoze him into heaven. Well, believe you me, if I am drowning in a lake and some one should throw me a life saver I would be a certain kind of a mule to say that he is bulldozing me to safety and life.

Lastly and definitely, not in the least, most priests were disgusted with Mr. Cronin's characterizations of priests. Among ourselves, and in the moment of frankness, we admit that at times we act, should we say, queerly. But, here the only good priest is Fr. Francis, and as regards the others, (as Jack Benny so beautifully puts it) — WELL!!! Will you blame us Fathers who are too humble to classify ourselves as Fr. Francis and necessarily consider ourselves to be among the goats of the book — to feel a little peeved.

Well, that is off our chest, but say — — What did you think?

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NEVYKĖS VEIKALAS

PERSKAIČIUS THURSTON'O IR COULSON'O "LITHUANIAN HISTORY, PHILOLOGY AND GRAMMAR."

Seniau mokslininkai mažiau kreipė dėmesio į knygų žinių teisingumą ir tikslumą, todėl vieni rašytojai įtraukdavo į savo veikalus kitų rašytojų įvairiausių nesąmonių ir net melagysčių. Tik per pastaruosius keturis dešimtmečius išsivystė aštri kritika, ir jos pagalba buvo išmesta daug šlamšto, ypatinai iš istorijos. Dabar kuriant istorinius veikalus ne tik reikia naudotis taip vadinamais pirmutiniais šaltiniais bet reikia ir nuodugnai išstudijuoti ir vėliausius veikalus kurie labai atsargiai ir kritiškai išnagrinėja šaltiniuose patiektas žinias.

Labai yra nemalonu pripažinti kad dar pereinamais metais pasirodė Chicagoje labai nerimtas ir visiškai klaidingas veikalas "Lithuanian History, Philology and Grammar — For Students of Philology" — autoriai Theodore S. Thurston ir Corine Coulson.

Štai keletas ryškiausių klaidų:

Veikale rašoma kad žodis "Baltic" paeina iš lietuvių kalbos žodžio "baltas" (p. 5). Romėnų rašytojas Pliny savo veikale "Naturalis Historia" mini salą "Baltia." Niekas dar ir dabar neišaiškino kur šioji sala buvo. Vokiečiams Baltijos jūra žinoma kaip Ostsee, o švedams Ostersjon. Šioji jūra gavo vardą "Baltic" tik nuo Bremeno Adomo laikų, apie 1075-1081 m. Šis vardas galėjo kilti nuo seno lietuviško ir latviško žodžio "balto," kuris reiškė ne spalvą, bet raistą. Dar ir dabar išsiliko pas latvius vietovardžiai **Baltinava**, **Baltrini**, kurie turi pelkės arba raisto reikšmę. Latgalijoje sutinkamas net raisto vietovardis **Baltapuros**. Todėl jeigu žodis "Baltic" yra tikrai paskolintas iš lietuvių ir latvių kalbų, jis nereikia "baltas" bet "pelkėtas."

Pasiremiant Herodotu, šio veikalo autoriai labai klaidingai teigia būk Skytai, Getai, Dakai, Trakiečiai ir Heruli buvo lietuvių protėviai. Apie Skytus nėra abejonės kas jie buvo. Jų kalbos liekanos aiškiai liudija apie jų persišką kilmę. Niekas dabar ir neskaito Herodotą tarpe rimtų istorikų.

Šešiolikim šimtmetį gyveno rašytojas Erasmus Stella, kuris dabar yra žinomas kaip faktų iškrai-

pytojas ir melagius. Jis kaip tik iš nieko sugalvojo vardą Borussi dėl senovės Prūsų. Bet šio veikalo rašytojams šis faktas nebuvo žinomas. (psl. 7 ir 9).

Rašytojas Ptolemy minėjo dvi kiltis Galindae ir Sudeni, bet mes niekur nerandam kad pirmieji buvo prūsai, o pastarieji lietuviai, kaip rašo p. Thurston savo veikale (p. 8).

Viena iš šio veikalo didžiausių istorinių nesąmonių randame aštuntame puslapyje, kur rašoma kad istorinė Lietuva prasidėjo penktame šimtmetį su karaliciais Bruteniu ir Vaidevutu. Šie karaliciai taipgi dabar yra gerai žinomi kaip svajonės melagingo vokiečio rašytojo. Šią legendą randame F. Tetzner'io veikale "Die Slawen in Deutschland," 1902. Ir ši legenda yra skirta išaiškinti ne lietuvių bet senovės prūsų istoriją.

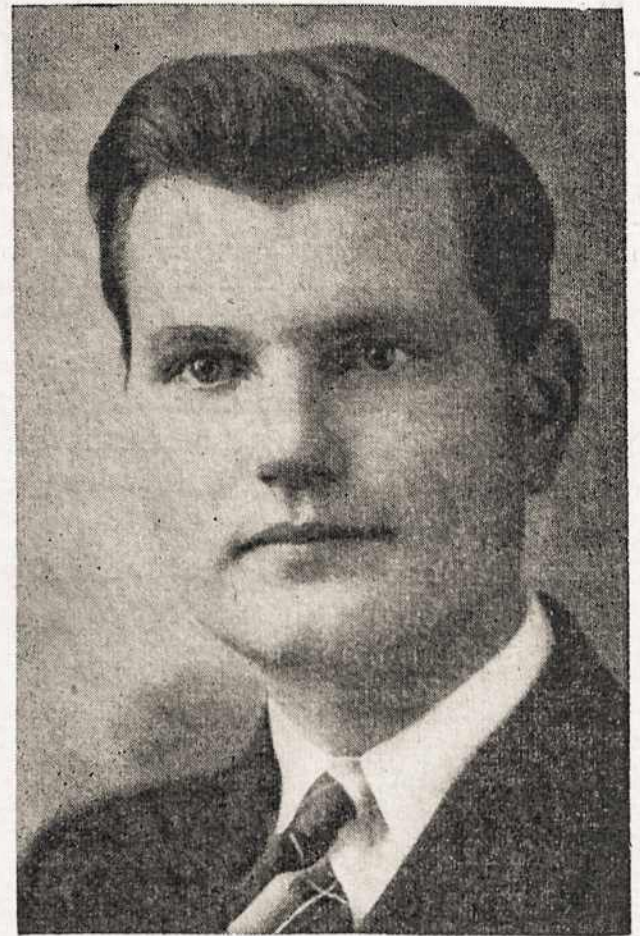
Yra įvairiausių teorijų apie kilmę žodžio "Lietuva." Mokslininkams yra vien tik aišku kad seniau šis žodis buvo vadinamas "Leituva." Todėl ir dabar latviai lietuvi vadina "leitis," daugiskaitoje "leiši," o ne "lietis." Todėl šio veikalo autoriai labai klysta manydami kad žodis "Lietuva" paeina iš žodžio "lėtas." (p. 10).

Dar daugiau rasime klaidų šio veikalo filologinėje arba grynai kalbos dalyje. Štai, devyniolikim puslapyje rašoma kad lietuvių kalbos raidė "ė," žodžiuose "nėra," "ėda," išsitaria kaip anglų kalbos "ey" žodyje "key" (raktas).

Beveik ir nemokytas asmuo gali greitai suprasti didelį skirtumą tarp ištaramo raidės "t" anglų ir lietuvių kalbose. O šios knygutės autoriams čia nėra jokio skirtumo. (p. 20).

Veikalas labai gražiai išleistas. Tik labai gaila kad rašytojai nepadavė savo rankraščio mokslininkams, kurie maloniai būtų išmetę visas nesąmones ir klaidas. Toks veikalas, su klaidomis, daro lietuviams tik gėdą svetimtaučių mokslininkų akyse. Rašant veikalą reikia gerai pagalvoti ir kritiškai išstudijuoti medžiagą, nes moksliskas veikalas su klaidomis atneša mums daug daugiau blogo negu gero.

LITHUANUS.



Petras Kupraitis, L. Vyčių 17-tos kp. nutarimų raštininkas, labai darbštus ir sumanus Vytis. Petras labai gerai vartoja plunksną. Šiame leidinyje jis parašė L. Vyčių 17-tos kp. veikimo apžvalgą ir straipsnį — "Mūsų Troškimas — Laisva Lietuva."

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Paskelbus L. Vyčių naujų narių vaju, ir pakvietus visus į talką, pirmiausiai stojo darban kun. M. J. Urbonas iš Du Bois, Pa., linkėdamas geriausios kloties. Ta proga, gerb. kun. Urbonas prisiuntė \$6.00 čekį, už ką Vyčiai nuoširdžiai dėkoja.

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6.	Helen Woicek,	6-mos.	Jack L. Juozaitis	5
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Council having obtained second highest points will be given a beautiful gavel.

Two members, having obtained the highest points, will receive an official Knights of Lithuania gold pin.

ON WITH THE DRIVE!

Phyllis Grendal,
Supreme Council Financial Secretary.

DETOUR TO GLORY

The Story of the Lithuanian Navy and its Chief, Lt. Commander Paul Labanauskas.

Continued from last month)

(In our last issue we told you how, in the face of bitterly overwhelming odds, Commander Labanauskas desperately tried to save the "Prezidentas Antanas Smetona" from falling into the hands of the German occupants of Klaipėda, who had seized Lithuania's only port several months before.... how he pleaded with government officials to allow him to complete the Sventoji harbor, so his ship could enter..... how he succeeded, with the help of several hundred volunteers, in completing the huge task in two months..... how the "Prezidentas Smetona" finally steamed majestically into its home harbor again.....)

The "Prezidentas Smetona," the Lithuanian Navy's flag-ship, never left the harbor of Sventoji again under Lithuanian command.

It was the forces of Nature that betrayed Lithuania's warship into the hands of the new Red rulers of Lithuania. The harbor, completed under unbelievably hard conditions, was necessarily hastily dredged out. The winter that soon set in was a bitterly cold one — characteristic of Lithuania's Hudson-Bay climate — and the harbor was locked in ice. But the ice did not matter so much — because the Navy had a fleet of efficient ice-breakers. It was the bitter fact that the hastily-dredged harbor, during the winter, refilled with the mud and silt and sand that the heroic volunteers had so laboriously dug out. And so the "Prezidentas Smetona" lay at anchor, helplessly locked in by this ironic trick of Nature — on that fateful day when the Red tanks rumbled across the border into Lithuania.

Even such a tragic denouement did not completely discourage Commander Labanauskas and his colleagues, just as it did not stifle the ever-burning hope and conviction of every Lithuanian in the world that Lithuania would nevertheless again be free some day.

He saw his world — a promising world built by youthful dreams and



Lt. Commander Paul Labanauskas

untiring work — collapsing before his eyes on that day when he was told by the pompously polite Commissar that he was no longer in charge of his ship. He saw the efforts and the sacrifices of twenty odd years of independence being ruthlessly cancelled about him in his beloved Fatherland as the Soviet occupants tightened their grip about the throat of the helpless little country.

But he did not give up all hope — he has not, to this day.

Commander Labanauskas and his fellow officers were kept under the strictest surveillance by the Red authorities. However, through some queer quirk of the Soviet officials' nature — and perhaps not without a touch of cruel sarcasm — he and his naval colleagues were permitted, from time to time, to take a yacht and sail in the vicinity of the harbor for several hours.

For 34 days the officers lived the regimented routine and coldly lifeless existence of men who were being watched constantly by the OGPU. But underneath their passive acceptance of the new regime, their minds and whispered conversations seethed with the plans for

a recklessly daring break for freedom.

On the day before Lithuania's incorporation into the Soviet Union was crammed down the throats of her helpless populace, Commanders Labanauskas and Kuizinas and Lt. Engineer Nakas asked for permission to take one of the yachts for their customary cruise. The unsuspecting Soviet officer in charge gave them a pass. (A number of photographs in Labanauskas' pocket — four of which were reproduced here last month — were returned to him after his careless explanation: "Oh, the pictures? They're just a few souvenirs I keep with me!")

As the three Lithuanians watched their Fatherland's shores fading into the distance, their hearts must have been torn between the twin emotions of bitter sorrow and a grim determination that they would some day again approach those shores when they were free of both the Red and the Brown oppressor.

A storm was brewing on the Baltic horizon and the three fugitives had no compass. But they undauntedly headed into the storm, secure in the conviction that wherever they landed, it would be away from Red slavery.

After 12 hours of being buffeted about by the gale, they saw land in the distance. And Fate was again not lacking in her customary irony, because upon coming to shore they were immediately taken into custody and locked up in a German concentration camp!

It appeared that Commander Labanauskas and his colleagues were no better off than before, in spite of Germany's war against Russia. Their attempts to get permission to come to the United States — their constant goal — were of no avail. But finally, after three months in the concentration camp, Labanauskas and Kuizinas were able to get to Lisbon, Portugal, from which they later sailed to Brazil.

Having been forced to flee his homeland without a cent, Labanauskas was penniless when he arrived in Portugal. But here, how-

ever, American friends — Mr. and Mrs. Ivinskas, of Cleveland, Ohio, — came to his aid and financed his passage to Brazil. (Stella Ivinskas, daughter of these benefactors, is the popular and active aviatrix-member of K. of L. Council 25, Cleveland.)

Their stay in gem-like Rio de Janiero was shortened by the ever-present spectre of poverty. The two comrades finally got berths on a tiny 200-ton Norwegian whaling ship — with Labanauskas as First Mate. He had met seven stranded Lithuanian sailors previously in Pernambuco, Brazil, two of whom he succeeded in taking with him on the whaler. In Trinidad, however, their ship was confiscated by the British, but they were able to complete their flight aboard the S. S. Argentina, which at long last landed them in New York.

For several months Commander Labanauskas served on the Lithuanian merchant ship "Denny" as Captain's Assistant. However, since the "Denny" was sailing under the Panamanian flag, a circumstance which would have prevented his residence in the U. S. he was forced to give up this position. A similiar position, offered to him aboard a ship in San Francisco, also did not materialize because of the war.

Labanauskas has learned the English language surprisingly well in the short time he has been here, preparing himself for entrance into the California Institute of Technology in the near future, providing he is not called for service in the Navy before then. (Commander Labanauskas volunteered for service in the U. S. Navy within two weeks after his arrival in this country.)

There you have a few of the highlights from the remarkable life and career of Lt. Commander Paul Labanauskas, recently Chief of the Lithuanian Navy.

It is difficult to realize how this soft-spoken, handsome, unpretentious young naval officer can conceal, behind such a pleasant, smiling mask, the sorrow that he must sometimes feel in his heart. We imagine that we detect a trace of it at times when he speaks of his suffering, blood-drenched, devastated Fatherland; when he speaks of his comrades who could not escape with him, because they sacrificed their lives in the heroic uprising

of June 23-24; when he speaks of his ship as if it were a part of him; when he speaks of the glory of Lithuania that has been detoured.

But Commander Labanauskas carries no bitterness in his heart. He is an incorrigible optimist. He has seen the bitterly-won realization of his dreams crumble before him, but with the unquenchable optimism and indefatigable energy of youth he is already looking forward to the future, planning..... hoping..... waiting.....

Commander Labanauskas smilingly told us, as we parted that night, that some day — in the not too distant future — we would be his guest aboard his ship — the flag-ship of the again-free and strengthened Lithuanian Navy.

There was something so prophetic in his smile and his words that we have a deep and thrilling premonition that we will some day enjoy the realization of that prophecy.

E. J. K.

TIKRUOJU KELIU

Šiandie, kada pasaulis liepsnoja karo ugnimi, patrankų šūviai nusineša su savim gyvybių aukas, liūdnei atsidūsta iš gilios krūtinės žmogus ir žvelgdamas į dangų abejingai galvoja apie savo likimą. "Kažin ar sulauksiu išauštančio rytojaus; ar matysiu dar žemiškomis akimis malonų saulės veidą; ar sulauksiu taikos ir ramybės kartu su laimingaisiais."

Girdi, tartum, dejones sužeistųjų karo lauke, mato našlaičių ašaras prie tėvo kapo ir vargus, kuriais persunktas gyvenimas.

Rodos, nesenais laikais atgal nuo šio pasaulinio karo užsiliepsnojimo, tačiau, kiek prarasta gyvybių; sunaikinta kultūros paminklų; sugriauta didingų bažnyčių pastatų...

Garbėtroškų besotumas prarijo visą eilę Europos valstybių, kurių tarpe ir mūsų brangioji Lietuva neteko taip brangios Nepriklausomybės.

Niekuo nekalti, darbštūs ir energingi lietuviai, vos bepradedantieji atsigaut nuo praėjusių priespaudų, vėl liko pavergti. Atvykę rusų kariai šeiminkavo tik metus laiko mūsų protėvių prakaitu aplaistytoje žemėje, bet ir per tą trumpą laiką — iš gražių pastatų beliko tik griūvėsiai. Taurieji lietuviai, mylintieji Dievą ir savąjį kraštą

sukišti į kalėjimus, išvežti į tolimąjį Sibirą, ar išžudyti.

Lietuvių tauta, 92% tikinčiųjų, nesutiko nusilenkt "proletarų tėvui" — Stalinui, nesutiko priimt kruvinąjį komunizmą ir atsisakyt tikrojo Kristaus mokslo. Pralietas brolių kraujas už tikėjimą, už gynimą Lietuvos laisvės, išgaruos iš žemės ir išdžius ta vieta, bet neišnyks per amžius padarytoji dėmė kiekvieno lietuvio širdy, kuri persunkta artimo meile ir kiekvienas kraujo lašas pagimdys šimtus naujų kovotojų — jie tęs pradėtąjį žygį.

Sunkūs laikai... Nedavalgę, pusnuogiai, vargo ir baimės iškankinti žmonės nenustoja dirbę kilnų idėjos darbą. Po metų, rusus pakeitė vokiečiai, kurie irgi negailėtingai griaua lietuvio moralę savitumą ir stengiasi išplėst iš jo visą dvasinį ir materialų turtą. Reformuotos mokyklos, uždarytos organizacijos, dar neviskas! Jaunoji lietuvių karta atspari ir dinamiška. Jie eina tikruoju gyvenimo keliu vedini Kristaus šviesos sustoja būtinų reikalų aptarimui kur nors sklepe, kame visvien jie jaučia šilumą savo krūtinėje cirkuliuojančią iš Aukščiausios Esybės.

Broliai, sese, skaitytojau, gyvendamas šių įvykių angoje ryžkis būti tu pačių idealų siekėju, kokiais yra Tavo broliai Lietuvoj.

Apsišarvuok tuo pačiu tikėjimo skydu, apsiginkluok meilės vilyčiomis ir tada mes eisime į pasaulį — uždegsime jame klaidžiojančių žmonių širdis Dievo ir artimo meile: atidarysime duris naujai gyvenimo epochai, eisime tikruoju keliu kuris veda prie laimėjimo. Tada kiekvienas pajus švintančius rytus atieties pripildytus taika ir ramybe.

J. P. Kiškis.

NOTICE TO COUNCILS

We wish to bring to the attention of all councils that we have available an official K. of L. badge that is suitable for use when receiving Holy Communion in corpore and on other occasions of public assembly.

A considerable number of our members have not yet supplied themselves with this badge. The badges may be secured from the Center Treasurer and sell for 50 cents each postpaid.

Frank Gudelis,
129 Rita St.,
Dayton, Ohio.

N. ANGLIJOS APSKR. KUOPŲ APŽVALGA

L. Vyčių So. Bostono 17-tos
Algirdos Kuopos Istorinė Apžvalga
Kuopos Užuomazga.

L. Vyčių 17-tą Algirdo kuopą suorganizavo būrelis katalikiško jaunimo 1914 m., rugpiūčio mėnesį. Pirmieji kuopos organizatoriai buvo: kun. T. Žilinskas (klebonavęs tuo metu Bostone), kun. Dabužinskas (buvęs jo vikaras), Jonas Jakubauskas, Jonas L. Petrauskas (kuris ir dabar yra kuopos 4-to laipsnio veiklus narys), L. Švagždys, stud. P. Strakauskas (dabartinis Lowell'io liet. parap. klebonas), p. Bruzga, p. Protazas, p. Juzivitaitis, p. M. Alesevičiūtė, J. Vilkišius ir kiti. Jaunosios kuopos pirmuosius narius daugumoje sudarė atvykęs iš plačių, žydinčių Lietuvos laukų jaunimas, nes čia gimusio, subrendusio jaunimo buvo dar labai mažai. Jie kupini tėvynės meilės (nes paliko ją dar žiaurioje Rusijos okupacijoje) ir pilni energijos skaisčių idealų vieningai stojo dirbti Vyčių organizacijon, siekdami gražiausio idealo — Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Pirmasis Dešimtmetis.

Pirmajame dešimtmetyje kuopos organizacinis gyvenimas dar nebuvo labai platus erdvės atžvilgiu, nes organizacija dar buvo kūrimosi stadijoje, tačiau veikimas kuopos ribose buvo tikrai gyvas ir gan turiningas. Pirmasis kuopos pirmininkas buvo Leonas Švagždys. Po jo pirmininkų pareigas ėjo šie nariai: A. Bendoraitis, V. Medonis, Z. Gurkliūtė-Glineckienė, A. F. Kneizys, (dabartinis "Darbininko" redaktorius), P. Milius, A. Ivaška, V. Tamuliūnas ir kiti. Ypatingai daug patarimų ir paramos davė kun. F. Kemėžis. Kiti darbštesnieji nariai, kurie ėjo įvairias valdybos pareigas buvo: V. T. Savickas, Bruzga, Protazas, Juzivitaitis, A. Alasevičiūtė, J. Vilkišius, panelės M. ir Z. Žukauskaitės, Jonas Petrauskas, Jonas Glineckis, Zosė Žiurklaitė, J. Červokas ir eilė kitų.

Kuopos veikimo programą daugiausia sudarė įvairūs scenos vaidinimai, pasilinksminimų-šokių rengimas, vakarinių kursų rengimas, organizuota ir asmeninė pagalba parapijai ir kitoms visuomeninėms įstaigoms. Sportas šiame laikotarpyje dar buvo labai mažai praktikuojamas, nors paskutiniaisiais dešimtmečio metais jau ir sportu buvo pradėta domėtis. "In corpore" pri-



Kun. J. Jenkus So. Bostono lietuvių parapijos vikaras, L. Vyčių 17-tos kp. dvasios vadas, gabus rašytojas ir labai nuoširdus Vyčių draugas. Dabar kun. Jenkaus tikslas — kad būtų sėkmingas Vyčių vėjus ir sėkmingos šv. Kazimiero dienos iškilmės, kur rengia Vyčiai So. Bostone.

ėmimas šv. Komunijos ir viešas pasirodymas iškilmingų švenčių metu taip pat nebuvo pamirštas — buvo dažnai praktikuojamas. Bet gal visų svarbiausias ir kilniausias 17 Algirdo kuopos darbas šiame dešimtmetyje buvo aukų rinkimas ir visokeriopos pagalbos teikimas atgimstančiai nepriklausomai Lietuvai. Vyčiai uoliai ir ištvermingai skelbė šiame krašte Lietuvos laisvės obalsius ir Nepriklausomybės reikalavimus. Vyčiai savanoriai stojo ne tik į Amerikos kariuomenę, bet vyko net į Lietuvą partizanais grumtis su kaimyniniais Lietuvos priešais. Ypač bene daugiausia Vyčiai prisidėjo prie aukų rinkimo Lietuvai. Daugelis šių narių šandien jau yra žymiai pakeitę savo gyvenimo sąlygas, ne visi jie yra jau ir organizacijos nariai, tačiau jų darbai pasiliko garbingi ir brangūs ne tik Vyčių organizacijai, bet ir Lietuvai ir plačiai visuomenei. Garbė jiems!

Antrasis Dešimtmetis.

Antrasis dešimtmetis į L. Vyčių 17-tos Algirdo kuopos gyvenimą

inėšė daug pasikeitimų. Kuopos ir Vyčių vardas bei organizacinė darbuotė žymiai prasiplėtė erdvėje, užmezgiant plačius santykius su aplinkinėmis kuopomis ir organizacijomis. Kuopos ir Vyčių vardą daugiausia ir plačiausia išgarsino sportas, kuris šiame laikotarpyje buvo pradėtas plačiai ir energingai praktikuoti. Sportas yra tikras ir charakteringas priedas prie antrojo dešimtmečio kuopos organizacinio darbo.

1926 suorganizuota sviedinio komanda. Pirmaisiais šios komandos organizatoriais buvo kun. F. Strakauskas ir dr. Garmauskas. Vėliau komandai keleta metų vadovavo gabus ir energingas E. Batastini. 1930 m. suorganizuota krepšinio komanda, kuriai taip pat vadovavo sportininkas E. Batastini. Šios dvi komandos aukštai iškėlė Vyčių ir lietuvių vardą Naujoje Anglijoje, nes dažnai visur laimėdavo K of L "17" vardu. Be E. Batastini Vyčių kuopos sportui vadovavo dar šie: L. Kabalinskas, J. Tamulis, Naujokas, J. Zapustas ir kiti.

1925 m. kuopa surengė L. Vyčių 13-tą seimą. Tai buvo vienas didesnių tuo laiku kuopos darbų, nes seimas buvo gana pasekmingas. Tada So. Bostono liet. parap. klebonu buvo kun. Dr. K. Urbanavičius, kuris kaip ir visuomet Vyčiams parodė daug nuoširdumo ir paramos. Tais metais kuopai vadovavo A. F. Kneizys. Kiti valdybos nariai buvo V. Marcinkoniūtė, V. Tamuliūnas, B. Lukosevičiūtė, A. T. Tvaška ir V. T. Savickas. 1932 metais kuopa vėl surengė L. Vyčių 20-jį seimą. Seimo rengimo komisijos pirmininku buvo J. B. Laučka (dabartinis "Amerikos" redaktorius). Kuopos valdybą tais metais sudarė: kun. Pr. Virmauskis — dvasios vadas, D. J. Averka, G. Zovyte, B. Kavoliūtė, J. Matuliauskaitė, St. Griganavičius, Jonas Gricius, Pr. Razvadauskas ir P. Zasmavičius. Be aukščiau paminėtų daug šiame laikotarpyje darbavosi kuopos gerovei Jonas Zulanas, Juozas Antanėlis (dabar gydytojas), Albinas Neviera (kuris pirmininkavo kuopai net keleta metų ir šiandien jis yra mūsų kuopoje 4-to laipsnio narys), K. Ambrozai, M. Žukauskaitė, O. Alasevičiūtė ir daug kitų.

Šiame antrame dešimtmetyje kuopos veikimo programą sudarė tie patys dalykai, pridėdant sportą, kuris, kaip jau anksčiau paminėta, įnešė į kuopos gyvenimą daugiau gyvumo ir labiau išskėlė Vyčių vardą. Kaip kiekvienoje draugijoje pasireiškia didelio veiklumo ir merdėjimo perijodai, taip vienas tokių susilpnėjimo perijodų mūsų kuopoje pasireiškė 1933 metais. Kuopos nariai, gražiai ilgą laiką veikę, pradėjo kriksti, kuopa atsidūrė pavojingame išnykimo momente. Tai buvo kuopos gyvavimo devyniolikti metai.

Trečiasis Dešimtmėtis.

Trečiasis kuopos gyvavimo dešimtmėtis prasideda 1934 metų antrame pusmetyje. Tais metais kuopos pirmininku išrenkamas Pranas Razvadauskas (dabartinis L. Vyčių Centro pirmininkas), kuris greitai prikelia kuopą iš merdėjimo padėties ir ją pastato pilname veikimo žydėjime. Kuopai jis vadovauja nuo 1934 iki 1939 metų su pertrauka 1937 metais. Jo vadovavimo metu kuopa labai susistiprėja. Narių skaičius pakyla netoli iki 200; finansiniai kuopa taip pat žymiai stiprėja. Trečiasis dešimtmėtis tikrai galima pavadinti kuopos "auk-

so amžiumi." Į Vyčių organizaciją šioje kuopoje įstoja daug jaunų ir energingų jėgų, kurios dvasiniai ir materialiai vyčius atgaivina. Po Pr. Razvadausko keturių metų vadovavimo kuopai, pirmininko vietą užima Antanas Gaputis, kuris taip pat kuopai labai energingai vadovauja 1939 metais. 1940 m. kuopai vadovauja darbštus, jaunas advokatas, Ant. Jankauskas (Young). Po jo 1941 met. kuopos pirmininku vėl išrenkamas Pr. Razvadauskas. Be minėtų pirmininkų šiame dešimtmetyje daug darbavosi ir daugelis dar šiandien darbuojasi aktyvių narių, kurie dažniausia ejo arba eina įvairias valdybos narių pareigas, būtent: P. Rakauskas, inž. S. Baleckas, dr. E. Valiackas, V. Averka, p-lė Kartonaitė, O. Petrušytė, M. Matuzaitė, B. Skrickas, J. Varnas, S. Mickevičius, Fr. Grigaliūnas, P. Dūmas, P. Bukota, ponina Razvadauskienė, H. Norinkevičiūtė, p-lė Genevičiūtė-Gaputienė, N. Marksaitė, A. Augustinavičiūtė, M. Mason, Al. Jakštas, p-lė O. Razvadauskaitė (ilgametė kp. fin. raštininkė), F. Grendelytė (ilgametė valdybos narė, dabartinė Centro fin. rašt.), Jonas Petrauskas (vienas pirmųjų kuopos narių), adv. J. Grigalius, Martynas Gaputis (kuopos aktyvus narys ir bowling alleys vedėjas), St. Kantautas ir daug kitų narių, kurių dėl vietos stokos negalima čia suminėti. Dabartinę 1942 metų kuopos valdybą sudaro: kun. K. Jenkus — dvasios vadas, nuoširdus Vyčių reikalų rėmėjas ir auklėtojas; L. Švelnis — pirm.; F. Grendelytė — vice-pirm.; P. Kupraitis — rašt.; R. Gimekytė — pagelb.; O. Razvadauskaitė — fin. rašt.; A. Kleponis — išd.; J. Petrauskas ir adv. J. Grigalius — išdo globėjai; W. Brazauskas — maršalka. Tai visa eilė vardų, kurie rišasi su kuopos praeitimi ir dabartimi, ir kurių asmenyje tęsiamas gražus ir kilnus darbas — Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Koki šio dešimtmečio svarbiausi 17 Algirdo kuopos darbai? Jų daug, bet štai svarbiausieji: Visų pirma kuopa įsigyja bowling alleys ir gražius klūbui kambarius, kurie sutraukia daug skaistaus lietuviško jaunimo. Kuopa visuomet buvo ir yra didelė rėmėja vasarinės lietuviškos mokyklos, lietuviškos spaudos, lietuviškų parengimų, rengiamų ypač svarbiems tautiniams reikalams, didelė rėmėja parapijos, ir pagaliau nuoširdi moralinės ir ma-

terialinės pagalbos teikėja tėvynei Lietuvai ir Amerikai. Kad kuopos darbas duotų dar daugiau konkrečių vaisių, kad jis būtų dar našesnis, kuopos metiniame susirinkime (1941 m., gruodžio 21 d.) visi nariai vienbalsiai nutaria auginti Vyčių "Namo Fondą," ir tam tikslui iš kasos (kasa viršija \$2000.00) \$1000.00 paskiria namo fondui, gi už \$500.00 kuopa nuperka Amerikos apsigynimo bonų. Ar gi tai nekilnūs ar tai nenaudingi šie Vyčių darbai?! Bet tai tik dalis.

Vidaus kuopos gyvenimas yra darnus — tvarka pavyzdinga, susiklausymas didelis. Kuopa savo narius gerbia ir brangina; įvykus svarbiems narių gyvenimo pasikeitimams, nuperkama jiems prisiminimų dovanėlės. Šio momento kuopos stovis labai geras finansiniai, narių skaičiumi, tautiniai ir dvasiniai 17 Algirdo kuopa aukščiausiam laipsnyje. Dabartinis narių skaičius siekia netoli 200. Už visa tai kuopa reiškia didelę pagarbą visiems tiems nariams, kurie daug paaukavo savo energijos ir medžiaginės paramos, kad Vyčiai ir jų darbai augtų ir kad jie būtų naudingi Tėvynei. Bažnyčiai ir artimui. Žydėk ilgai 17 Algirdo kuopa ir visa Vyčių organizacija!

P. K.



L. Švelnis, L. Vyčių 17-tos kp. pirmininkas ir, be galo darbštus Vytis. Jis jau suspėjo kuopoje parodyti darbštumo ir sumanumo, todėl kuopa įvertindama jį išrinko savo vadu — pirmininku.

Linkime geriausio pasisekimo!

NORWOOD, MASS.**Lietuvos Vyčių 27 kp. Įsikūrimas.**

Jau Norwoode katalikiškas jaunimas buvo susiorganizavęs 1912 metais į vadinamą Katalikišką Jaunimo Ratelį. Daug jie tuo laiku veikė katalikiškoje ir tautiškoje dirvoje. Birželio mėnesį 1915 metais suorganizavo Lietuvos Vyčių 27 kuopą šie asmenys: kun. A. Daugis, V. J. Kudirka, P. Kudirka, J. Červokas, J. Kašeta, K. D. Akstinas, S. Versiackas. Vėliau daugiau narių prisirašė prie Vyčių 27 kuopos. Tuo laiku Lietuvos Vyčiai daug veikė ir daug prisidėjo prie Bažnyčios, tautos ir darbininkų reikalų. Tuomet Vyčių didžiuma narių buvo atvykusieji iš Lietuvos. Jie rengdavo įvairias pramogas, kaip tai prakalbas, paskaitas, diskusijas, teatrus, šokius ir kitus parengimus. Dabar prie Vyčių 27 kuopos priklauso beveik visos čia Amerikoje gimęs ir augęs. Nors tas jaunimas yra Amerikoje gimęs ir augęs, bet yra karšti lietuviai patrijotai. Jie rengia prakalbas, paskaitas, šokius, teatrus ir kitas pramogas. Teatru išmokinimui daug darbuojasi klebonas kun. S. Kneižys ir jiems vadovauja. Kai kuriuos veikalus jie perstatė ne tik Norwoode, bet ir kitose kolonijose, kaip tai So. Bostone, Cambridge, Lowell ir Montello.

Vyčiai tankiai Gegužės mėnesį Motinos Dienoje surengia vakarėlį pagerbti motinas. Tai yra pagirtina kad jaunimas myli savo tėvelius. Vyčiai Šv. Kazimiero Šventėje eina visi bendrai prie šv. Komunijos, kas sudaro labai gražų įspūdį. Yra malonu kad jaunimas myli savo tikėjimą ir tautą. Po Komunijos susirenka visi bendrai į vieną vietą pusryčiams ir gražiai praleidžia laiką. Vyčiai surengė Lietuvos Pavasarininkų atstovams prakalbas ir vakarienę. Lietuvos pavasarininkai atvežė gražių rankų išdirbinių, kurie buvo išstatyti parodai svetainėje. Žmonių susirinko daug pažiūrėti tų gražių išdirbinių. Prakalbas pasakė Lietuvos Pavasarininkų Vyriausias Pirmininkas — Dr. Juozas Leimonas ir Juozas Laučka. Vyčių 27 kuopa nuo įsikūrimo daug pasidarbavo. Jie pirko Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos boną už \$50.00 ir aukavo tą boną Lietuvos Universitetui. Taipgi aukavo vietos našlaičiams \$50.00, į Federaciją \$30.00,

Bažnyčiai \$100.00, moksleiviams \$50.00 ir kitiems labdaringsiems reikalams \$25.00.

Nuo pat Vyčių 27 kuopos įsikūrimo iki šiai vasario 7 dienos 1942 metais, surengė kiek ir kokių parengimų — 15 prakalbų, 6 paskaitas, 3 debatus, 17 šokių, 16 teatru, 8 koncertus ir 4 vakarienes. Vyčiai suorganizavo lietuvių baseball ratelį. Vyčių 27 kuopa priklauso prie vietos Federacijos 10-to skyriaus. Vyčių 27 kuopa taip pat daug darbuojasi Naujos Anglijos Vyčių apskrityje: iš Vyčių 27 kuopos yra 3 nariai Apskričio valdyboje; šie asmenys: B. K. Kudirka, pirmininkas; P. Rakauskas, išdininkas; V. A. Kudirka, išdo globėjas.

1942 metų Vyčių 27 kuopos valdyba: dvasios vadas — kun. S. Kneižys; pirmininkas — P. Cvilikas; vice-pirmininkas — B. Kudirka; prot. raštininkė — M. Avižiniūtė; fin. raštininkė — E. Kudirkienė; išdininkas — P. Nevinckas; maršalka — J. Navickas. Į vietos Federacijos 10 skyrių atstovai — P. Rakauskas ir P. Perekšliūtė.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.**L. Vyčių 18-ta Kuopa.**

Cambridge, Mass., 18-ta Vyčių kp. atgijo du mėnesiai laiko atgal, todėl veikimo dar neparodė bet tikimės, kad su nuoširdžiu pritarimu, kun. Juškaičio (klebono) ir kun. A. Baltrušiuo bei pirm. Al. Stankūno, kuopa nuveiks gražius darbus ateity. Linkime!



Regina Glineckytė, studentė, 17-tos Vyčių kp. direktorių raštininkė. Nors jauna, bet jau daug darbštumo parodė kuopoje.

WESTFIELD, MASS.**Reminiscences of Westfield Council 30.**

The history of Council 30, Westfield, Mass., is not a very long or tiresome one, inasmuch as this council is still in its growing stage. The records, however, point out much interesting information about local activities, which will be set down for succeeding posterity as the basis for further expansion.

The first Lithuanian youth movement of any appreciable note was begun July 12, 1934, mainly through the efforts of the local council's present spiritual advisor, Reverend Vincent Puidokas. Various names were submitted to a mass gathering of young Lithuanians to adopt as a club signature and emblem. The name finally decided upon was that of the Lithuanian Catholic Youth Club — or as it was finally known — the L.C.Y.C. The first officers ever to be elected to any such local youth club were: President — John Kavalauskas; vice-president — Frank Adomaitis; treasurer — Bernard Borys; secretary — Helen Jutkus. Thus began the seedling of what is now known as the Knights of Lithuania — the story of which will be unfolded in the following paragraphs.

The L.C.Y.C. functioned as the main youth center for about two years, in fact up to May 1936, when steps were taken to join the extensive movement known as the Knights of Lithuania. The records from which these bits of history were taken do not state as to where or how the idea gained impetus, but glimmerings of the truth may be gained from a monthly meeting report which states that the name of Knights of Lithuania was formally adopted after a delegation had attended a convention, presumably held in South Boston, and had approved the contemplated change.

From that time on, events began to fashion themselves into the present mode of affairs. Council 30, Westfield, made an attempt to establish clubrooms, but these were doomed to failure by the devastating floods of 1936 and 1938. In 1940, however, a final attempt bore fruit when the local council finally established itself as a force to be

reckoned with by inviting the New England district convention to be held in this city. As a result, there was noted a change in the attitude of the clubmembers who, up to this time had not followed up their ideas for clubrooms. From this time on, everybody had one thought in mind and that was essentially the need of clubrooms and recreational parlors.

The results are gratifying. Council 30 now has furnished clubrooms, with all forms of entertainment, including music for dancing, indoor games for sports, and finally, a smooth floor for dancing.

The local council has excelled in sports of all sorts. Its basketball team of 1939 led the city in number of games won, with lowest percentage of losses. Many clubmembers have been entered in tournaments with other teams. Many expert ping-pong players are also enrolled on the council's lists.

Behind the successes of the council, small as they may seem to some, has been the motivating spirit of our spiritual advisor, Reverend Puidokas, who has seen the club start from a figurative shoe-string to gain its present status among organizations in Westfield. It was through his efforts that the club was able to secure suitable furniture for the clubrooms, but most of all, it was he who was responsible for the interest of young Lithuanians in all things suitable to the motto of the K. of L.

To bring this story up to the present we have the present officers of the club who are: President — Chris Dvarecka; vice-president — Anthony Jonaitis; secretary — Ann Jegelewicz; treasurer — Thomas Walski.

Special commendation must be given to several members who have been outstanding in their contributions to the club. Mrs. Frank Adomaitis must merit award since it is she who has given us the calm and patience which we have sorely needed many times. Special praise is also in order for Anthony Jonaitis, whose knowledge of carpentry made it possible for our clubrooms to be constructed. Honorary mention goes to Anne Jegelewicz, Helen Minkelis, Frances Mikelis, Nellie Lingaitis, Kuni-gunda Danyla, Benedict Atkocaitis and Bernard Minkus for the

splendid work they accomplished in connection with the District Convention, the past year. Recognition is also tendered for the unknown Caravan of the Vytis.

Plans for the future? Yes, the local council has ideas which will undoubtedly bear fruit in the near future. The main purpose for the present will be to enlarge the membership, and to fill our treasury to the best of our ability. Plans are being considered for a formal promenade for all Lithuanians of the K. of L., and closer harmony and cooperation with other councils in all matters pertaining to Knights of Lithuania organization and activities. The last, and yet the first object in all our minds is to create a strong Lithuanian youth faction which will be able to make itself felt in all matters in which all young people are bound to have an interest, in which we must have an interest, to be able to become worthy of our ancestry and further still our ambitions.

C. D.

P. S. Ši 30 kp. apžvalga gauta 1941 m., todėl virš minėtos kuopos valdyba gal šiais metais pasikeitus.

LAWRENCE, MASS.

L. Vyčių 78-ta Kuopa.

L. Vyčių 78 kp. buvo atgaivinta keli metai atgal, bet vėl dėl kokių nors priežasčių visas kuopos veikimas apmirė, vienok dar kp. vardas palaikomas ir reikia tikėtis, kad Lawrence, Mass., kur klebonauja Vyčiams labai nuoširdus kun. Pr. Juras, vėl Vyčiai šiuo vajaus metu atgįs.



Aleksandras Stankūnas, 18-tos Vyčių kuopos Cambridge, Mass. atgaivintojas ir jos dabartinis pirminkas. Al. nors vedęs, ir augina dukrelę, bet jaunimo tarpe labai mylimas. Tikimės, kad Al. prirašys visą Cambridge lietuvių jaunimą į Vyčius.

WATERBURY, CONN.

Lietuvos Vyčių 7-tos Kuopos Trumpa Apžvalga.

Vietinė kuopa suorganizuota kovo 31, 1916. Kuopos organizatoriai: gerb. kun. Juozapas Valantiejus (dabartinis parap. klebonas), kun. Benediktas Gauronskas, Juozas B. Šaliūnas (buves Vyčių Centro ir L. R. K. Susivienijimo sekretorius), Juozas Tamošaitis ir Juozas Dvileskis.

Apart organizatorių yra atsižymėję kuopos veikime ir sekantieji valdybų ir šiaip jau darbštesni nariai: komp. Aleksandras J. Aleksis (Vyčių Himno muzikos autorius), Juozas ir Petras Aleksandravičiai, adv. J. Alishausky, M. Andrikytė, adv. C. Balanda, J. Bendler, Mrs. A. Francis, J. Boley, J. Coskie, B. Digris, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dulskis, P. Drevinskas, T. Dieliniks, J. Dubauskas, V. Galgot, O. Gečionytė, E. Jankauskas, J. Jenušaitis, C. Karinauskas, P. Kauneckis, H. Kenausis, J. Lesunaitis, J. Mažeika, Mrs. Mary Kavula, Mr. and Mrs. John March, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph March, A. Marcelynas, P. Mažeika, Mrs. M. Orinauskas, A. Pužas, J. Raugalis, J. and V. Stankus, J. Swazey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Shobrinsky, K. Sakalauskas, J. Stokna, E. Vaitkevičia, J. Valaitis, J. and V. Valuckas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, J. Vilčiauskas, J. Vitkauskas, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vyturis, W. Zanavich, A. Zubras.

Ir pati kuopa ir nemažas skaičius pavienių narių pirkto laisvės bonus Lietuvai gelbėti iškovoti Nepriklausomybę.

Jau 18-ti metai kaip Šv. Juozapo parap. Vyčių choras, vadovybėje komp. A. Aleksio, surengia teatrų, koncertus ir šokių vakarus parapijos naudai — užgavėnių nedėdienį, Motinų Dienos šventėje ir paskutinį sekmadienį prieš Adventą. Kitas Vyčių kuopos metinis įvykis tai Halloween kaukių šokis irgi parapijos naudai. St. Valentine's Day šokiai (kuomet išpuola prieš Gavėnią), rengiami kuopos naudai. Praeityje Vyčiai surengdavo ir Naujiems Metams sutikti bankietą, o dabar tik rengiama "bowling" sezono užbaigimui bankietas. Bent sykį savaitėje nariai turi "social" bei draugiškumo vakarėlį klubo patalpose.

Vietinė kuopa aukavusi Centru, o daugelis narių yra nupirkę šėrų Vyties spaustuvės reikalams. Baigiant kiekvieną susirinkimą daroma kolekta parapijos našlaičiams ir

Lietuvos reikalams. Vyčiai aukavo Vilniui Vaduoti Sąjungos fondui praeityje, o dabar aukauja Lietuvai Gelbėti fondui.

Waterbury Vyčių kuopa vis turi 50 iki 100 narių išskiriant vieną kitą metų. Geriausias laikotarpis buvo 1927-1928 metais, kuomet kuopa turėjo apie 200 narių.

Lietuvos Vyčių 7-ta kuopa nuo 1918 plačiai pagarsėjusi Amerikoje savo dideliais laimėjimais sporto srityse. Kuopa yra atsižymėjusi ypatingai basketball žaidimuose. Mūsų Vyčių basketball komanda yra laimėjusi miesto amateur čempionatą keturius metus ir Connecticut valstijos semi-pro čempionatą vienus metus. Merginų ir vyrų bowling rateliai irgi daugelis kartų yra laimėję mūsų valstijoje čempionatus. Nors ir mažesnė skalė kuopa yra taip pat atsižymėjusi tennis, golf, pool, ping-pong, volley ball, baseball ir softball rungtynėse.

Vyčių 7-ta kuopa mini dvi šventes metų bėgyje. Eina in corpore prie šv. Komunijos per Šv. Kazimiero ir Motinų Dienos šventes.

Iki šiol turime tik 31 laipsniuotą narį: gerb. kun. J. J. Valantiejus ir komp. A. Aleksis garbės nariai; M. Andrikytė ir J. Mažeika ketvirtos laipsnio nariai; P. Alexander, J. Vilčiauskas ir J. Valuckas trečio laipsnio nariai; o kiti antrojo ir pirmojo laipsnio nariai.

Baigiant šią trumpą L. Vyčių 7-tos kuopos apžvalgą, reiškiamo pagarbą paminėtiems ir nepaminėtiems kuopos darbuotojams ir nuširdžiai sveikiname visus Vyčių organizacijos narius. Valio Lietuvos Vyčiai!

Komisi a.

LOWELL, MASS.

L. Vyčių 115-tos kp. Trumpa Apžvalga.

L. Vyčių 115-ta kp. atgaivinta tik du metai atgal. Atgaivinimo darbe daugiausiai dirbo p-lė J. Norkūnaitė, tarpininkaujant Antanui Gapučiu (iš So. Boston) tuo laiku einant Centro Valdybos pareigas.

Pirmuoju kuopos pirm. buvo išrinktas Al. Versiackas. Nors kuopa narių skaičiumi neskaitlinga, bet jau suspėjo gražiai pasidaruoti ir, surengė 1941 metais pavasary Naujos Anglijos Apskričio suvažiavimą.

Tikime, kad Lowell 115 kp. gražiai veikdama, sustiprės narių skaičiumi ir savo veikimu. Mes jiems to linkime!



Adv. Jonas Grigalius, Bostono miesto legalio departamento asistentas ir naujojo projekto So. Bostono administracijos legalis patarėjas — egzaminatorius. Adv. Grigalius L. Vyčių 17-tos kp. So. Bostono nuosirdus narys, einas valdybos pareigas. Jo pastangomis gauta graži taurė Vyčių vajuje laimėjusiai kuopai nuo Bostono mayoro Tobin.

SOUTH WORCESTER, MASS.

L. Vyčių 116 kp. Veikimo Apžvalga

L. Vyčių 116 kp. susiorganizavo sausio 18 d., 1928 metais. Pirmieji organizatoriai šios kuopos buvo: a. a. kun. J. Čeplikas, kun. L. Vembrė, adv. P. Baublys, adv. Ant. Mileris, dr. L. Landžius ir J. Rauktytė-Daužvardienė.

Pirmą valdybą sudarė šie: adv. P. Baublys — pirm.; Mon. Manasaitė — vice pirm.; F. Manasaitė — nut. rašt.; A. Kazelevičiūtė — fin. rašt.; Petras Truškauskas — išd.; V. Kraunelis — tvarkdarys. Išrinkta ir sporto komisija, būtent: V. Snarskiūtė ir J. Manasas. Dramos ir literatūros komisijoms vadovavo p-lė Rauktytė. Šiais metais mūsų kuopai buvo didelis presyžas — plaukime laimėjimai pasaulinio čempionato mūsų darbščios narės p-lės Albinos Osipavičiūtės. Apart minėto sporto, buvo dar suorganizuota: baseball, basketball ir tennis rateliai. 1929 metus kuopa sutiko labai energingai su dideliu pasiryžimu dirbti Vyčių labui.

Kovo 3 d., iškilmingai paminėjo Šv. Kazimiero šventę, visi "in corpore" eidami prie šv. Komunijos.

Vakare suvaidino idomų teatrą "Išpažinties Paslaptis."

Kaip šiais taip ir kitais metais mūsų kuopa apvaikščioja ir pamini tradicines dienas.

Mūsų kuopa 1932 metais laimėjo dvi gražias sidabrines taures už skaitlingiausią dalyvavimą įvairiuose Apskričio parengimuose.

Kun. V. Puidoko vadovybėje buvo suorganizuota debatų ratelis, kur puikiai atsižymėjo.

Mūsų kuopa prisideda ir savo aukomis. Aukavo: L. Vyčių namo fondui \$25.00 ir naujos bažnyčios lango įtaisymui \$25.00. Kun. J. Bakano vadovybėje 1939 metais buvo suorganizuota lietuviški kursai. Daug narių turėjo progos lietuviškai pasimokyti.

Kadangi visų negalime čia suminėti kurie dirbo Vyčiuose per mūsų gyvavimo laiką, tad nors tuos kurie stovėjo arčiausiai prie kuopos egzistencijos vairo: kun. K. Vasys, kun. V. Puidokas, kun. J. Bakanas, adv. Baublys, L. Totiliūtė, M. Manasaitė, F. Manasaitė, A. Kazelevičiūtė, O. Valantukevičiūtė, D. Šimkus, J. Leikus, V. Vieraitis, A. Manasas, M. Pigagiūtė, J. Marcinkus, J. Bielanis, Pr. Rainys, A. Trumpaitis, L. Rakeckaitė, A. Kudrauskas ir daug, daug kitų kur dar prisidėjo prie kuopos veikimo.

Reiškiam vilties, kad ir ateity kuopa taip gražiai klestės ir pirmieji jos vadai visuomet bus su Vyčiais.

HARTFORD, CONN.

L. Vyčių 6-tos kp. Veikimo Apžvalga.

L. Vyčių 6ta kp. susiorganizavo 1914 m. gegužio mėnesy. Iškarto į kuopą įstojo per keturias dešimtis narių.

Šios kuopos iniciatoriai ir organizatoriai — prelatas J. Ambotas ir Antanas F. Kneižys, "Darb." red. Pirmuoju kuopos pirmininku buvo p. Spelis, paskui sekė šie pirmininkai: K. Kručkas, J. Mončiūnas, J. Jesmentas, F. Brasky, V. Šagis, L. Mazotas, Ed. Mončiūnas, J. Gaučis, Ed. Kasminaitis. Buvo laikų, kad kuopoje buvo per du šimtus narių.

Pereito karo metu, kaip Lietuvai iškovoti Nepriklausomybę ir laisvę, reikėjo daug darbo ir pinigų, tai mūsų kuopa nupirko Lietuvos Laisvės Boną už \$1,250.00 ir surinko įvairiomis progomis \$1,250.00 vis dėl Lietuvos laisvės iškovojimo.

Kuopos paprotys kasmet įteikti dovaną šv. Pranciškaus Vienuoly-

nui, parapijos naudai surengiame įvairius vakarus ir dažnai surengdavome prakalbas-paskaitas apie Lietuvos reikalus.

Kadangi daug mūsų narių yra baigę parapijinę mokyklą, todėl mes atidarėme savo knygyną parapijos mokykloje. Kuopa turi dvi tradicines šventes — Šv. Kazimiero dieną ir Motinos dieną. Kuopos nutarimu mes aplankome savo kuopos sergančius narius ir, jiems mirus užperkame Mišias. Mūsų kuopa turi užsiprenumeravus tris laikraščius: "Darbininką," "Laivą" ir "Garsą."

Iš mūsų kp. išėjo į įvairias profesijas daug narių. Į kunigus: a. a. kun. dr. J. Navickas, St. Kneizys, J. Kočiūnas; į gydytojus: J. J. Bielskis, Ed. Krikščiūnas; į vienuoles: O. ir S. Menikaitės, A. Čibaitė, O. Katiniūtė, M. Krikščiūnaitė. Į kitas profesijas: Ona Katkauskaitė-Kaskas — Metropolitan Operos žvaigždė ir V. Burdulis — vargonininkas.

Apart virš minėtų faktų, mūsų kp. labai gerai atsižymėjus įvairiuose sporto šakuose. Šio vajaus laiku, kuopa su gerb. prelato Amboto ir kun. J. Kripo pagelba tiki si prirašyti daug jaunimo į L. Vyčių organizaciją. Lai ilgiausiai gyvuoja Vyčiai!



Ona Razvadauskaitė, ilgametė 17-tos Vyčių kp. So. Bostone finansų raštininkė. Ona labai atsižymėjus savo gabumais ir sumanumu mūsų kuopoje, todėl yra visų mylima ir gerbiama.

V y t i s —

WORCESTER, MASS.

L. Vyčių 26-ta Kuopa.

L. Vyčių 26 kuopa Worcester, Mass. per visą savo gyvavimą labai gražiai veikė ir, kiek man prisimena tai labai darbšti kuopa Naujosios Anglijos Apskrity. Vyčių 26-ta kp. šv. Kazimiero parapijos ribose, kur klebonauja Vyčiams bei jaunimui labai nuoširdus kun. A. Petraitis; asistentais: kun. Bakanas ir kun. Padvaiskas.

Vyčių 26-ta kuopa visuomet pasižymi lietuviškumu ir darbštumu, palik tik ką nors surengti worcesteriečiams, o neapsivilsi. Nors man nelabai žinoma, bet norisi priminti bent vieną kitą 26 kp. veikėją: Vincas Kereišis, labai daug idėjęs darbo ir lietuviškumo 26-toje kuopoje. Vincas, rodos, tris metus pirmininkavęs Naujosios Anglijos Apskričiai.

Tillie Aukštikalnytė (Centro sekretorė), M. Tamošiūnaitė, A. Kacevičius, Eve Jurgelionytė, J. Zumas, F. Puzara, adv. A. Mileris ir daug kitų kurių aš nepažįstu. Worcester 26-ta kuopa turi savo ir mažą chorą p-lės Onos Lukosevičiūtės vadovybėje.

Sportu Worcester kuopa irgi gražiai atsižymi įvairiose srityse. 26 Vyčių kuopos laukia graži ateitis ir jiems linkime gražiausio sutarimo veikime Vyčių organizacijos labui.

HUDSON, MASS.

L. Vyčių 127-ta kuopa susiorganizavo penki metai atgal. Pirmoji organizatorė buvo p-lė J. Stonytė, pagelbėjo jai Southbostonietis Pr. Razvadauskas. Pirmuoju kuopos pirm. buvo išrinktas — A. Kerdukas.

Hudsono jaunimas labai nuoširdus ir draugiškas, todėl labai mylimi visam Apskrity, bet jų kuopos narių labai daug išėjo į kariuomenę, todėl kuopa laikinai nerodo daug gyvumo, bet reiškiam vilties, kad vėl atsiras naujų vadų ir kuopa vėl sustiprės.

Geriausios kloties Hudsono Vyčiai!

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

L. Vyčių 103 kp. visur ir visuomet gražiai pasirodo su savo gražia veikla. Nors kuopa neskaitlinga narių skaičiumi, bet dvasioje stipri, stipri todėl, kad turi labai energingą ir dvasioje nepalaužiamą vadą, kleboną kun. Joną Vaitekūną.

Prasidėjus Vyčių organizacijos va-

jui 103 Vyčių kp. surengė vakarą-parengimą ir užsibriežė vieną tikslą — suorganizuoti visą lietuvišką katalikišką jaunimą į L. Vyčių organizaciją.

Gražus tikslas, dirbkite, dirva plati.

ATHOL, MASS.

L. Vyčių 10-tos kp.

Veikimo Apžvalga

L. Vyčių 10-ta kp. buvo suorganizuota 1913 m. ir jau atstovai dalyvavo Vyčių Seime 1914 metais, Brockton, Mass., ir buvo viena iš dvylikos pirmųjų kuopų Vyčių organizacijoje, jos pirmose gyvenimo dienose. Pirmieji kuopos organizatoriai buvo: tuolaikinis klebonas, kun. Pr. Meškauskas, (dabar Lietuvoje), Antanas Lašius, Jonas Gaičiūnas ir D. Karoblis.

Mūsų kuopa turi įvairius sporto ratelius. Baseball ratelį suorganizavo: Stasys Strapokas ir Petras Stonis. Merginų Soft ball: Aleksandra Morkūnaitė ir Antanina Stasiūnaitė. Tennis: Vyrų — Ed. Gildutis ir Bronius Budrūnas; Merginų — M. Tamošiūnaitė ir M. Davidonaitė.

Bowling: Vyrų — Petras Stonis, J. Salkauskas, V. Baltrėnas, A. Brazauskas. Merginų — S. Bendinskaitė, P. Vaižmušaitė, S. Baltrenaitė ir M. Davidonaitė.

Dramoje ir kituose parengimuose daug darbštumo parodė šie: P.



Adv. Antanas (Jankauskas) — Young Kat. Federacijos 3-čio skyriaus So. Bostone pirm. Buves pirmininku L. Vyčių 17-tos kp. 1940. Savo laiku parodė daug darbštumo. Dabar einas valdybos pareigas.

Thirteen

Kvederaitė, A. Morkūnaitė, A. Vaitkevičiūtė, M. Stasiūnaitė, M. Pa-liulis, S. Baltrėnaitė, M. Davidonaitė ir A. Žigausikė.

Visose sporto srityse mūsų kuopa gražiai atsižymėjus L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskrity ir visuomenės tarpe.

Mūsų kuopa daug aukų surinkus Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Fondan. Daugiausia aukų surinko p-lės Gri-galiūnaitė ir Jusinskaitė. Kuopa visuomet prisideda prie parapijos veikimo ir surengia parapijos nau-dai įvairių parengimų. Mes per metus surengiame šiuos parengi-mus, apart šokių ir gegužinių: Win-ter Carnival, Motinų ir Tėvų vaka-rėlius, Weenie Roast ir Mokyklos Vaikelių Christmas Party. Mūsų kp. neužmiršta ir savo organizaci-jos — Vyčių Centrai yra suteikusi daug aukų.

Žodžiu, kuopos veikimas gražus ir labai sutartinas. Reikia tikėtis, kad ir ateity mūsų kp. gražiai veiks sutardami su gerb. kiebonu kun. Juraičiu ir visais Vyčiais, tu-rėdami visuomet minty obalsį Die-vui ir Tėvynei. Geriausios kloties Atholo 10-tai Vyčių kp.

CHICAGO DISTRICT, ATTENTION

The Chicago District will observe St. Casimir's Feast Day, on Sun-day, March 8, by attending the nine o'clock Mass, in a body and receiving Holy Communion at our Spiritual Adviser's Parish, St. An-thony's, located at 15th St. and 50th Ave., Cicero, Ill.

All members are requested to meet in the school building not later than 8:45 A.M.

Especially this year, as never be-fore, let's make this, our feast day, a successful one, by having a large attendance, as the Cicero council is preparing to accomodate a very large number. Also, after the Mass, a breakfast will be served in the parish hall.

Remember the date and place: Sunday, March 8. at St. Anthony's Church, Cicero, Ill., 9:00 A.M.

— Committee

Fourteen

MŪSŲ LIETUVIŠKA DAINA

Visos tautos dainuoja. Tai yra jų būdas neslėpti savo džiaugsmų ir sielvartų sielose, nes tai jas apsunkina. Tūlas rašytojas moko, kad siela suseraga, jei ji nemoka išsivaduoti iš gilaus susijaudinimo. Tautos išsivaduoja iš savo tamsių sukrėtimų per muziką. Jos dainuoja, kad nemirtų, nes tylą jas užmuša, bent ta tylą, kuri gimsta iš baisaus reikalo slėpti sau vienam meilės, nusivylimo, entuzijazmo, vilties paslaptį. Kai kurios tautos daugiau dainuoja, kaip kalba. Kai tauta yra laiminga arba kenčia, kai ji pergyvena entuzijazmą arba kai ji my-

K. OF L. VETERAN HAS HARROWING EXPERIENCE



Stanley Šimulis

Stanley Šimulis, veteran K. of L. member, and treasurer of the Chicago District, recently under-went an ordeal at the hands of a pair of thugs that he will never be able to erase from his memory.

On Sunday evening, February 8th, he was kidnapped by two armed men from the very center of ahe Loop, robbed of his wallet, and driven around in his car for more than 80 miles, while his two cap-tors kept up a debate as to whether he should be killed or not. During the ride, he was forced to witness the robbery of another man by his captors, and after many hours he was relieved of his coat, had his shirt torn off his back and turned loose in the bitter cold on a lonely country road near Evanston.

li, tauta nekalba; ji dainuoja. Taip daro ir lietuvių tauta.

Mūsų senovės liaudies dainos yra ta gyva grandis, rišanti mus su tūkstantmetine tautos praeitimi, su vispusiška protėvių dvasios ir pro-to pažanga. Mūsų prabočių kurtos ir dainuotos dainos yra toji stebū-lingoji, gyvoji praeitis, iš kurios mes ir mūsų vaikai galės semtis dvasinės bei protinės stiprybės.

Muzikas K. Banaitis apie liaudies dainą taip išsitaria: "Daina mūsų tautos gyvenime, o ypač kovoje su svetimųjų priespauda, tiek praetyje tiek dabartyje, turėjo ir turi lemiančios neįkainuojamos reikšmės. Be savo dainos lietuvių tauta var-giai būtų išlaikiusi amžių bėgyje savitą būdą ir kalbą. Su daina lie-tuvis niekuomet nesiskiria; į karą jodamas ir grįždamas iš jo, sveti-mųjų priespaudą vilkdamas, lauko ir namų darbus dirbdamas, vestu-ves keldamas. Lietuvaitės dainuoja ir dainavo rūteles sėdamos, šienelį grėbdamos, į jaunimėlį eidamos. Žodžiu, daina lydėjo lietuvių gyve-nimą nuo jaunystės lopšio ligi šal-tojo grabo lentos."

Didelė dainos reikšmė buvo pra-eities lietuviams. Ta pati jos reikš-mė turi pasilikti mūsų išeivijos gy-venime ir dabar. Senovės dainos turi pasilikti brangintina priemo-nė, nepamainoma priemonė tautinio sustiprinimo visų sluoksnių lietu-viškos visuomenės. Turime atsiminti ir mes, lietuviai Amerikoje gy-veną, kad per dainą pasiekiamas pilnas, gilus, tobulas tautinis iš-sąmojimas visos plačios lietuvių tautos šeimose. Lietuviškos dainos yra mūsų tautos gyvas esminis at-sparumas — pasipriešinimas prieš svetimas kultūras, prieš svetimų tautų pavergimo pavojų. Tas pa-vojus yra baidus ir jis iš visų pu-sių grąso. Jis kaip lavina šliaužia į mūsų tautą. Mes gal to nepajun-tame, bet mūsų dienose yra stip-riai migdoma tautinė lietuvių są-monė svetimomis dainomis, svetima kalba, svetimomis idėjomis, daino-se įpintomis.

Paaikėjus lietuvių liaudies dai-nos reikšmei ir supratus jos gai-vinamą įtaką tautai, turime visi susirūpinti ir dėti visas pastangas, kad visuose kampeliuose drąsiai ai-dėtų mūsų prosenelių palikimas — liaudies daina. Auklėkime jai pa-garbą ir meilę. **Andantė**

— V y t i s

A CITY OF OLD

By a Citizen of the "Vyčiai"

Last night I awoke and found myself in a city of old..... a very ancient city which I recall reading about in Lithuanian history. Yes, it was the city known only as the "Vyčiai."

In this city of "Vyčiai," there existed, as in any other city, a council, but this council was not governed by a mayor or president, but by a Grand Duke in his jeweled costly robes of long ago.

At the Grand Duke's right sat a Duke, his successor, should he be absent from the affairs of the State. At the Grand Duke's left sat a Lady Immaculate in white, and he called her "The Recorder." There at his right, but at another table, sat "The Secretary of Finance" with the treasurer and the Trustees, counting the monies. The taxes were called "Dues," which had to be collected to build up a treasury for administrative needs and for charity, too.

At the table on the Grand Duke's left sat the various other heads. There was the Sports Director, the Drama and Choir heads, the Chairmen of various committees, such as entertainment, socials, membership, lapsation, various services, etc.

At the back of the council chambers sat the ignored Ritual Committees of Preparation and Examination through which any newcomer or old citizen could improve himself or herself, and with activity merit an Honorary Membership.

In front of all these sat the armored Knights and their rain-bow dressed Ladies, all citizens of the "Vyčiai," who had pledged to follow, and cooperate with their leader, the Grand Duke and his cabinet.

There were smiles on all faces and there was no "cut-throat" feeling, because someone was doing better than the other, or was stronger to be elected, or because someone knew the City of "Vyčiai" better than they did or made it their business to do so. There were no black politics. Each vote was earned by hard work and application.

Each good deed was rewarded and advancements were given to the worthy to the District or State Council. Here too, everything was the same, only that "The Best" gathered to exchange their ideas, views and news, each tried to cooperate so that two big affairs did not fall on the same evening, that such big affairs as the St. Casimir and K. of L. Days would be very successful. They all made plans to make their respective old cities larger than ever before. Here there was no ridicule of those who did everything from their heart and rendered their finances to make "Vyčiai" what it was..... a great city to be a citizen of.

The more they knew, the more active they were..... the "Very Best" were rewarded by being sent to the Supreme Council or the National Convention to make national "Vyčių" plans, to find ways and means to interest every Lithuanian Catholic man and lady into being a citizen of the old, ancient city of "Vyčiai."

All the delegates sent to the Convention had their share of fun when business was done. They went there not for personal honors or distrust of others, or to see "how much they could grab." There was no East or West, their behavior was unquestionable, each would have been able to assume any Supreme Council Office rendered him or her..... they all knew their "Vyčius."

If an Eastern delegate became a Supreme Grand Duke, then a Western delegate was a Supreme Duke, etc. down the line. Each year the offices were exchanged between the participating delegates. This way there could be no ill feeling. A pledge to follow, aid, and cooperate was always rendered so that the Supreme Leaders knew all would follow them, they were sure that they could do the job.

In place of Senators or Representatives, the District Grand Dukes aided the Supreme Leaders in carrying out their plans and rendering suggestions for their local wants and desires to do good, watched over each to do their part, and their jobs in the right, honorable way.

The citizens of "Vyčiai" had their own paper and its name was "Vytis," which they found could be sold for one dollar a year. Those who said they "were too old to join" never refused a dollar a year to help the cause. Yes, this way they knew what the citizens of "Vyčiai" were doing, their great deeds, who their real Lithuanian Leaders were.

"Vytis" had a good editor who knew what the younger and older generations desired to read and he did more than his share to make everything in "Vytis" to the satisfaction of all. The only thing lacking was an Advertising or Circulation or Business Manager to add to the income of the paper, so that it could be illustrated more and generally improved.

Quite antique was the "Vyčių" Press, but the manager always kept on begging the old machines to keep going for a few more jobs, for a few more issues of "Vytis." The poor manager was blamed for everything, but the citizens forgot that by not sending in their printing, they could not expect profits from the ancient, run-down machinery or a more reasonable price to compete with others.

But what interested me most was that the citizens or their so-called leaders did not know the difference between "Accounts Receivable" and "Accounts Payable."

"Accounts Receivable" is business transacted for credit and as yet not paid for. Thus, when during the past year it was larger and this year the amount is smaller, it means the Press Manager gave out less for credit and collected the difference from accounts past due.

This is on the credit side of the manager's efforts, that he is doing more than his share to make the Press a more profitable endeavor of the city of "Vyčiai."

"Accounts Payable" is items bought for credit, an obligation to pay at some future day or when due, thus, when the past year the amounts were larger, and this year they are smaller it means everything was bought for cash and only as needed, that the profits were used to pay off some of the past obligations.

I was told by the citizens of "Vyčiai," that at one time the Accounts Payable were in four figures and since the present manager took over, it is now only in the lower three figures.

Another item on the credit side of the Press Manager.

Now, if the existing councils and their members could give this manager new automatic machinery..... Wow! In this ancient city of "Vyčiai," the "Vyčių" Press would be very modern indeed.....

Brrr..... ring..... ring.....

Oh shucks, there goes my dream..... it's time to get up..... now I'll never know what the citizens of that old, ancient city of "Vyčiai" will do or have done..... Did they follow, aid and cooperate?..... Did they buy the new automatic press?..... Aw, all right, I'm getting up..... oh shucks.....

Red Cherry.

ACTIVITIES

LET US NOT FORGET OUR BOYS

There is perhaps no other Lithuanian organization that was so deeply affected by the war as the Knights of Lithuania. Already there must be a hundred of our members serving with Uncle Sam's armed forces. Many of these young men had been very active among us, and now we cannot help but note their absence at our meetings and various social affairs. We miss them and we shall miss them even more with the passing of each new month.

But they are serving their country proudly and willingly. They have heard the call of duty and have not been found wanting. It is an absolute certainty that their efforts and accomplishments in foreign lands and on the high seas will do honor to their country and to their old freedom loving people from which they spring. Their sacrifices will add to the stature of our organization. We, their friends and fellow members, individually and collectively, owe them a lot. Let us think of them even as they pursue a difficult and dangerous task far away from their home, friends and familiar surroundings. We must not forget them, now or later.

First, let us register them. It would be well if every Council Secretary kept a Service Record, a separate book with a page devoted to each of their soldiers, marines navy men and airmen. This should be as complete a record as is possible to assemble. Among other entries the Record should contain the date and location of their first period of military service, their subsequent changes of training camps, their rank and their participation in various theatres of war as soon as this information is made available. This record should be conscientiously kept until the end of the war and their return to civilian life. Besides keeping this detailed record

at home, every council should report the names of the members and the branch of service each is affiliated with to the Center secretary. With such dual registration, the record of our participation in the world-wide struggle against aggression will be preserved for many years.

Secondly, let us send our men in the various training camps some tokens of our remembrance periodically. Let us cheer them up with letters, books, magazines, cigarettes, cookies. Above all, let us show them that they are really in our hearts by pitching in a few dimes occasionally and paying up their organization dues in full, so that they will be able to get their "Vytis" as they formerly did at home. Then, to give an added touch of friendliness and typical K. of L. understanding we ought to send them our old copies of Lithuanian newspapers that we may find in our homes and in our neighbors' homes. It will be a thoughtful and significant gesture on our part and it will help to make them feel at home.

Let us not forget them in any way, for they are our boys.

Joseph Boley.

WORCESTER, MASS.

Council 26

Our New Officers

For President, we have once again Bill Kerry. As his assistant, in the position of Vice President, Adam Kacevich. Mary Thompson, Teofila Aukstakalnis and Julius Jurgelonis retain their respective positions as Rec. Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt.-at-arms. Ruth Shlora is our new Financial Sec., while Eleanor Gurgzdis and Anthony Kondrotas are our auditors. Last but not least, we have Jos. Staney as Ass't. Sgt.-at-arms.

Doing Our Part

Our Council has fallen in step with all true Americans in helping our government. Our first move was

the purchase of a one hundred dollar Bond. As time goes on, we will add to this initial step.

Our Boys in Service

The latest to leave our group for the Army are: Withold Ivaska, Paul Puris, Anthony Morkunas, Vincent Luckasavage and former member Leo Daučiunas.

Things to come, etc.

The absence of the slide and gliding Poopoo. How the girls will miss him!

Girls will be chasing after the fellows for a change. The boys are, no doubt, starting to feel that they will soon be catered to, more readily than in the past.

And maybe beter columns will be written, who knows?

Rhapsody of Hilarity

SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

Council 116

Our annual election of officers was finally held, and the following were elected:

President — Frank J. Rainis; Vice-President — William R. Montville; Recording Sec. — Louis R. Totilas; Financial Sec. — Eleanor L. Dagilis; Treasurer — Anthony C. Leketa; Marshal — John A. Andruska; Ass't. Marshal — Charles E. Thompson.

At the beginning of a new year, we always have such bright visions of what we intend to accomplish, but somewhere along the wayside we tend to falter; but this year we have set out to build up our council to a new high, and to keep it there.

The Army has finally taken our former President, Tony Trumpaitis, into its fold. We wish him the best of luck in his new job with Uncle Sam.

A few weeks ago, another loyal member of C-116, Walter Zakar, joined the ranks of Uncle's Air Force. We wish him the best of luck and happy landings.

Violet Ray.

N. Y. & N. J. DISTRICT NEWS

On January 10 at the Hotel Winfield Scott Father Michael Kemezis, Spiritual Director, N. Y. and N. J. District, was honored with a Testimonial Dinner. Almost 125 members gathered together to show their appreciation of his loyalty to the organization.

Among the guests were Father Michael's mother and sister, Judge McGuire of Elizabeth; Councilman Healy of Kearny and Assemblyman Chas. Palauskas of Bayonne, former National President of the K. of L. These men grew up with Father Kemezis. Knowing him so well, they were able to pay sincere tribute to him. Joseph Boley, one of our staunchest members, also paid tribute to Father Michael with some well chosen words.

John Bray, of Bayonne Council, was toastmaster and kept the program moving at a lively clip. Joe Augustinas, President of the District, with a few appropriate words, made the presentation of the gift — two \$25 Defense Bonds.

It warmed the cockles of one's heart to be there to pay tribute to Father Michael for all he has done for our organization. His loyalty, counsel, deep interest, effective work are of inestimable worth. We are mighty grateful for his presence among us!

Father Michael promised that he would work hard to bring about a stronger N. Y. & N. J. District.

Also honored at this dinner were Charles Bason and Ann Augustus. They were the ones chosen as having accomplished the most for the District during the past few years and were given awards with the gratitude of the District.

After the dinner there was dancing. All in all, the evening was a huge success. **J. A.**

DAYTON, OHIO Council 96

Our new officers are as follows: President — Ernest Sakalauskas, Vice President — Andrew August, Recording Secretary — Helen Vaitkus, Financial Secretary — Aldona Latovas, Sergeant-at-arms — Clarence Latovas, Corresponding Secretary — F. P. Gidjunas Jr.

Around the Club: —

Our party of January 24th was a great success. Although all did not attend, those present enjoyed a very entertaining evening. Mike

Racine and Kay G. stole the whole show.

Plans for the Annual District Convention, which may be held in Dayton, are moving ahead rapidly. The convention will convene the first or second week in June.

Boys in the service: Anthony Alexinas — Cavalry; Stanley Vaitkus — Air Corps Medical Unit.

C. L. with some outside interest — feminine!

Did you ever see a more obliging president? He's always looking for advice? Or girls? Eh, handsome?

The Sluzas's frequenting Brandts. Blessed events: Mrs. S. Tomsky; Mrs. A. Peiterzak.

Bob.

GREAT NECK, L. I. Council 109

January Dance Candidids —

Thanks to all for your grand attendance — despite our Pres.'s worrying (not to mention others of us) about the dance's success this year, it turned out to be one of the best. Nellie M. of Kearney and Johnny Z. go well together, don't they? Mary L.'s entire weekend complete. Tookey wondering how he got home again. T. T.'s good work at the door. Frances Z. trying hard to concentrate on her line of admirers with her mind on Jerry's telegram. Thanks, Al of Kearney, for your super salesmanship help. Jane and Bob scrapping one minute and laughing the next. Garro looking beautiful and hating Scotch. The boys trying to date up Starsey Wesley. Ann and Ed glowing. Lou S. looking good with that good-looker in uniform. Mr. and Mrs. Budris having their pix taken by the local new photog.

Here 'n There —

Mary W. still dating that Sergeant from Ft. Totten. Serious, Mary? The Mary referred to in last month's Vytis was Mary Rusas, who, incidentally, must be making those N. Jersey calls more frequently since we see so little of her in Great Neck lately. Johnny Masulis and Cot Yuska are the latest to leave for Uncle Sam's Army. Wonder if they'll like it as much as Albie L. Albie says the greatest fun of Army life is attending the USO dances and watching the boys fight over the girls. Sure, he can laugh, Ruthie writes him

every day. Which reminds us — don't YOU forget to write to the boys you know in Service.

BB

WESTFIELD, MASS. Council 30

Our council is a scene of feverish activities as plans are being formulated for our annual membership drive. The date is Feb. 8, 1942 and it promises to be a gala occasion for all in attendance.

The club is also busy in co-operating with the parish to present a minstrel show. Bill Burdulis, our honorary member, is it's director.

The Club is Talking About:

The challenge issued to the girls by the boys bowling team. What say girls, do you accept?

Twerp and his new girl. She lives in Suffield and as Twerp has his car put up for the winter he's very lonely, because he can't see her.

Joe J. and his weekly rendezvous at the Parkview each Friday evening. The reason is a brunette and definitely O. K.

The frequent visits of the boys from Worcester. They're almost as regular as those the boys make to the eastern part of the state.

Elmer.

ATHOL, MASS. Council 10

Our Snow Dance was a grand affair in every way even though we didn't have too large a crowd. I guess that everyone will agree that we owe it to the committee for making our dance a bang-up success.

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Perekslis upon the arrival of a baby son.

Helen Salkus upon her recent engagement to George Girardi.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Kapisaitis upon their recent marriage.

B i t s

Everybody had a marvelous time at the dance, for instance, that wasn't merely a blush on Kip's face when he stepped out of the coat room.

It seems as if a certain brunette can't make up her mind whether she likes Jack or Stinky. Come, come, Mylda, don't keep us in suspense. We can't take it!

A farewell party was given in honor of Eddie Salkus who has joined the marines. **Shovel. Shovel**

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Council 3

Greetings to all you K. of L. Members!

Council 3 of St. Casimir's Parish is making its "Debut" into the glorious "Society of the Knights of Lithuania. I hope our first appearance may show you dear readers that we are worthy of the K. of L. name. With our motto before us "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY," we are out to do things.

Our meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of each month in the K. of L. Club Room, so dear members, mark that down in your book of important engagements so that you won't forget. Try to begin to remember by yourselves without having a reminder sent to you each month.

Council's Spiritual Director, Rev. S. Raila has been eagerly organizing and caring for our council since its first months of existence. We are all grateful to father, and pledge our loyalty to our Sp. Director and to the organization to work hand in hand.

Our president, Frank Jankauskas, is an ambitious leader and puts his heart and soul in everything he does, may we therefore doubt our leader of his plans? All he needs is our full cooperation. Just as 2 plus 2 equals 4, so — Leader, plus his plans plus our cooperation will equal GREAT THINGS. (Don't believe me? well just work it out in actual work and see that it does work. Boy, what a problem!).

Albert Rupšis, the Vice-Pres., gave us some good suggestions which by the way were accepted by the members, something concerning initiation fees for members who have deserted us, but in our period of prosperity will wish to join the ranks; o, but I can't give away meeting secrets even though it is among friends. (Other councils may get "ideas").

With such Knights as Frank and Al. we're out to conquer the world!

I must not forget to mention the fact that we had an important visitor at our last meeting. All the "Ladies" faces gleamed with joy when our Knight, of whom we are all proud of, Coast Guard Joseph Margevičius came marching

in. Joey was sure in his glory with all those ladies around. Don't forget to visit us again when you're in town.

From now on we all will be cheering our new K. of L. Ladies Bowling team. Our Pres. appointed Miss Nellie Muturas as the leader, and with an energetic leader as Miss Nellie Muturas, I'm sure our team will play an important part in the life of our council. With Lucy Padoris, Eleanor Matukas, Mary Skiotis, Marie Yanulaitis, Rita Mikolenas, El Jablanskas and a few others, — all I can say is we'll have some wonderful teams.

Lots of luck to you Ladies!

I sort of heard that the Knights are in on the team also, (I mean are going to accompany the Ladies, am I right, Al Rupšis and Charles Margevičius? (it's the coast guard's brother). I suppose Ladies need some helping hands around. No objections, Knights!

O, and about our Base-ball team — Tony Rimgaila informed the council that the boys are ready, they only need the equipment. I think you shall get them soon. I hope, I hope! Don't expect the suits, boys, we haven't got the money yet.

I'm afraid that I'm saying a little too much for the beginning.

So beware, dear Knights and Ladies, be on your good behavior or else — for you never know who will be snooping around.

So, till we meet again on that certain page in "VYTIS."

"FAITH-(Full of) HOPE"

HARRISON-KEARNEY, N. J.

Council 90

"Win a Defense Stamp" was the theme of our February monthly meeting. Instead of our usual social, Defense Stamps were purchased and then raffled off during the course of the meeting as door prizes. There was also a grand prize of 16 stamps; and congratulations to the winner of this prize — Tony Stankus. Members, remember to come to our future meetings and win a Defense Stamp. Every bit helps.

We welcome two newcomers to our lodge — Misses Tillie Misko and Ruth Logan.

Plans are in the making for our annual Spring Dance, April 25,

the committee composed of the Juniorettes and Juniors announce. Remember, that you have a date for a dance — April 25. The place, the orchestra and other details will be announced shortly.

Hits and Bits from the Great Neck Dance —

A certain party from Bayonne was adopted by the "Ambassador of Good Will," and christened "Little Grounds." — Not so small either!

Observed certain couples on the pier looking for boats. They didn't even mind the cold breezes. The boats — could they have been only "dream boats?"

Our thanks to Council 109 for a swell shin-dig — looking forward to more and soon.

Going "Rural." —

Missed getting hayseed in our hair at the Jersey City's Barn Dance, but have no complaints as Lady Luck smiled upon our C. M. Can we look forward to a chicken dinner or do you intend starting a chicken ranch, Charlie? Have been informed that it pays off in the long run. Vi Skiberdis was very popular with the Barn Dance sheriffs and their jail. You should be more careful, Vi.

Mae and Julie gave a selected group a demonstration at spaghetti eating — but good, and can say that isn't bad.

Have been told the Juniorettes are looking for a bowling match with the Juniors and no spot asked. What's the catch, girls?

Our Senior bowling team finally took the Juniors in tow. The old adage, "If at first you don't succeed, etc," the Juniors say, still applies. Warning!!! Seniors, watch out for the next match. Can this be the reason for the Juniorettes' challenge? Quien sabe?

Looking for better things in life?

— Our group of theatre goers after taking in "It Happened on Ice" hied their way to the village. (Looking for?) They found it, but vowed, never again. Wet night, wasn't it, Charlie and Al?

Suggestion to the Ambassadors of G. W. — Change your theme song from "Why Don't We Do This More Often" to "It's getting to be a Habit with Me."

The Blazers.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS.**Council 116**

Our beloved past president, Sir Anthony Trumpaitis, was feted at a farewell party before he left to "carry on" for Uncle Sam, as he had "carried on" for us. Rev. John C. Jutkevičius presented him gifts which represented the spiritual side of the club, and the council gave him a cigarette case and lighter (hope it works!). Everyone had a swell time at the party, even though they were sorry to see Tony go.

Here are Uncle Sam's latest recruits from our K. of L.: Tony at Camp Croft, S. C., Johnnie Adamaitis at Fort Bragg, N. C., Bill Burokas, aeronautical engineering, Fort Dix, N. J. and Walter Zakar, aviation cadet, Phoenix, Arizona. We know they'll never forget the K. of L. spirit and it's that spirit that will help them out when the going gets tough!"

Our new officers: President — Frank Rainis; Vice President — William Montville; Sec. — Louise Totilas; Treasurer — Anthony Leketa; Financial Sec. — Eleanor Dagilis; Marshalls — Chas. Thompson and Anthony Godek, have assured us they will lead us on to the best of their ability and we've assured them of our whole-hearted cooperation — in that way, we know even though the grim realities of war are upon us, we'll win out in our effort to "carry on."

Looking back, we find that we accomplished a good deal this past year. We've had more than our share of fun — the next thing on our social calendar is an ice skating party and a weenie roast. Then, on March 1, our annual Communion Breakfast, which will be in a hotel this year. So we've got lots of things to look forward to.

Oh, and before I forget — three of the most torrid, sizzling basketball games you can imagine will be played off by Councils 116 and 26 — both of Worcester — anything and everything goes!

Personals: — Tony made certain he danced with all the damsels at his party; — wants cookies every week! Nobody cuts fancier figures on a dance floor than Tony Leketa; he and Eleanor D. look nifty dancing together! Tony Godek and

Sir John Andruski sure keep the girls busy when they're at a party! Oh, and if anyone is having a party, be sure you have Albin Rackauskas make your coffee; — best coffee maker going! Nora, Vicky and Dolly bemoaning the fact that so many of our boys are gone; — no more left, tsk, tsk!

We girls of 116 certainly hope Charlie Thompson doesn't have to go to the Army, he's our last hope!

Lady Kayovelle

RESOLUTION**K. OF L. N. Y. & N. J. DISTRICT**

"We, the Knights of Lithuania, the New York and New Jersey District including 11 councils, composed of American youth of Lithuanian descent assembled at convention in Newark, N. J., Jan. 4, 1942, have resolved to go on record as being completely in accord with the principles and pronouncements of the government of the United States under the capable leadership of our worthy President;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we are prepared to give unflinching aid both materially and morally in the prosecution of this war in defense of our beloved land.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that there are 40 members of our District serving in the armed forces

at the present time and many more are prepared to serve under the stars and stripes!

Acknowledgment from the White House

"My dear Mr. Augustinas:

By reference from the President your letter of January 5 has been given to me for acknowledgment and thanks.

You may be assured that the text of your resolution, passed by the eleven councils of the Knights of Lithuania at a meeting on January 4, has been carefully noted and is deeply appreciated. It was especially gratifying to know that many of your members are already serving in our armed forces. Unity of purpose in our war effort is a primary objective which requires the active participation of all our citizens of Lithuanian descent as it does that of every element which has contributed so much to the development of our country, and it is gratifying to be told that your organization may be counted upon.

Please express the President's thanks to all your officers and members for your message and for the spirit which prompted you to write him.

Sincerely yours,
Harold B. Hoskins
Executive Assistant"

TO THE MEN OF THE SIGNAL CORPS

Whenever the fight is going hard,
On the battlefields of war,
The boys who keep the wires up,
Are the men of the Signal Corps.

They may not fight with guns or bombs,
But there is one thing sure;
Your messages will never stop,
As they're sent by the Signal Corps.

They're valiant men, and well trained too,
And above the cannon's roar,
Remember one thing, Soldier Boy,
You can count on the Signal Corps.

So when you see the two crossed flags,
Do honor it the more,
Because it's worn by men of might,
Of the U. S. Signal Corps.

Private Eugene Verba, C-29,
U. S. Signal Corps,
Fort Monmouth, N. J.

BRONX

Council 130

The members of this Council welcome the appointment of Rev. Jurgis Gurinkas as their new spiritual moderator. We are sure that the feeling of mutual understanding and fullest cooperation which had existed in the past between the members and our former moderator, 1st. Lieut. Alphonse J. Paulekas, will continue to endure in the future under the capable leadership of Father Gurinkas.

At our last monthly meeting in December, elections were held, and congratulations are extended to those members who were selected to serve on the executive board and to those who were appointed to the various committees.

Charles Chingas — President; Bill Borus — 1st V. P.; Frank Ramonas — 2nd V. P.; Edward Saldis — Treasurer; Emily Budarf — Financial Sec'y.; Wanda Waskiewicz — Recording Sec'y.

A s i d e s:

Joe L. found another addition to his list of feminine admirers. She's Mickey from Brighton.

It seems that Dan Cupid is doing a lot of shooting in our club. Last month we announced the betrothal of Mary Adams. This month he scored a double hit. Margie and Frank S. now join the ranks of engaged couples; and some lucky Lithuanian from Elizabeth plunged for a pretty blonde in Bronx. Congratulations!!!!

Charlie and a certain gal next door have it bad, and that sure is good.

Did anyone ask Rickey (V. B.) about the unique position he was in when the clock struck twelve on New Year's Eve?

Seen at the Alleys:

Frank S. falling in a dead faint. Can you blame him, he made a STRIKE!!! Wow!

Emily B. going with the ball. Did you forget to take your finger out of the ball? Tsk! Tsk!

Bill Borus sipping soda.

Betty Kunais' acrobatic bowling.

Quadromaniacs.

HARTFORD, CONN.

Council 6

Announcements:

Christmas has passed and left a few of our lassies with sparkling fingers. Congratulations are in order to..... **Sophie Kadis** who became engaged. Also to **Anesier Casman** who finally won the heart of **Jack McGinnis**. **Mary Lawrence** sports a diamond given to her by **Joe Toce**. **Mary Dapkus** and **Stanley Jacobs** will trot to the altar in April.

It seems as though the stork is quite a busy fellow these days. Expectants???? The Dr. Kriksciun's and The Edward Monchun's.

New Years Eve was celebrated by the K. of L. with a bang!!! Most of the mob attended a Banquet-Dance at the Holy Trinity Hall. The girls were all decked out and everyone swam in confetti and fun. Thus ending the holidays.

The girl's basketball team upheld the good old K. of L. name during a game with the United Aircraft. They won 31 to 6. The entire proceeds went to the American Red Cross. They are also scheduled to play the local Polish girl's team for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are as follows; John Vilkas — President; Mary Dapkus — Vice-President; Valerie Kaunietis — Recording Secretary; Adelle Vilkas — Financial Secretary; Eddie Mazotas — Treasurer.

Anonymous

NORWOOD, MASS.

Council 27

Mr. Frank Civilikas is once more our Council president. After the election, the resulting officers were: Brownie Kudirka — Vice-President, Mary Avizinis — Recording Secretary, Eugenia Kudirka — Financial Secretary; Francis Nevins — Treasurer.

And of course, as our Spiritual Adviser — Father Kneizys.

While on the subject of elections, upon visiting the polls at the last town election, one name in particular stood out under the Heading "For Constable," on the ballot. That name was none other than Vincent Anthony Kudirka. Congratulations Vin, upon entering the field of town politics.

And, another Knight hits the marriage columns. This time, Nellie Okolovich and Mickey Marks of Southie. Congratulations!

Wasn't Worcester well represented at "Blond-haired, blue-eyed" Beatrice Bartulis' "umpteenth" birthday party?

At one of the local dances held in Norwood, Knight Virginia Waselunas was selected as the "It Girl." What say, fellows?

And, look here what's this, why it's none other than Frannie Nevins, Norwood's Ace Air Raid Warden. **O. K. O'kron**

LINDEN, N. J.

Council 113

Things have been quite slow out here in Linden, as Uncle Sam has been calling our male members, but the girls are keeping the spirit up, with the help of the old timers.

At the last meeting we elected officers for the coming year. Here they are:—

President — William Kruze, Vice President — Andrew Dombraukos, Secretary — Sally Shukis, Financial Sec. — Adele Gecis, Treasurer — Violet Ludvinitis.

You will notice that we have our old regime back again in the offices of President and Vice-President; it seems we just can't get along without them.

We want to congratulate Violet Ludvinitis on her recent engagement to Albert Butvidus, a member of Newark Council.

F l a s h!

It must have been very bad when Joe K. left his friend waiting at the Barn Dance in Jersey City with his chicken. Is that nice Joe?

I think Johnny T. is trying to do the impossible by going tobogganing without a tobagan, that accounts for the bruises on his leg.

Wonder if the flame is dying out in the romance of our strawberry blond and the dashing young man from Jersey City. He looked as though he missed you at the dance.

Why is it that Sally S. is startled at the mention of the name Charlie.

I wonder where my rival correspondent is from Elizabeth. Well, time will tell.

The Spirit.

BAYONNE, N. J.**Council 67**

From a few remarks, heard here and there I gathered, The Peeper's Column — is interesting and our members enjoy reading it immensely. So we'll try to keep this column going.

Plans have been completed for our annual Dinner Dance to be held at Meadow Brook, Feb. 14, 1942. Quite a few boys are wishing they could make it, before they leave to join Uncle Sam's ranks.

A tribute to Father Kemezis, our District Spiritual Adviser, who was honored with a Testimonial Dinner and Dance on Jan. 10, 1942. Was well deserved for the hard efforts he has put into the club's benefits.

A Social was held Feb. 3, by the K of L of our council for members and their friends. I can sincerely say this affair was more than a social. It was a sort of reunion for quite a few old members. Father Kemezis lead the Square Dances and Lithuanian games. A good time was had by all.

Peeking with — — — the Peeper.

Why is it Helen Rodgers couldn't be persuaded to go home early from the last bowling Social in Elizabeth? What has Elizabeth got??? — that Bayonne could use a little of? Eh Helen?

There's a gleam in Jean R. eyes again. Has that certain Ziggy got anything to do with it?

Since the army is keeping Vince M. busy, to keep our colors flying — Agnes R. has taken up with Gil. V. These two are quite a two-some around town.

Helen W. appeared at one of our bowling games with quite a handsome escort that made a number of girls say ah!

Why does Adele C. want to go home early lately from our Social Affairs, when Pete Mock is around??

Ann Griggs has a new beau — or is my info wrong?

Gosh! Hasn't Martin Rugis turned into a ladies man, since the last concert?

What is the fascination in the army Ann Z., that keeps you away from our social and business affairs?

Seems like Bill Roduses is caught in the snares of "Lady Love" again, — this time with Bertha Kriszon.

Glad to see you in circulation again Connie J.

Since Charlotte C. has been working nights we don't get to see much of her. Believe me the boys certainly miss your cheerful smile and humor.

Until next month I remain

Black Fury.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.**Council 124**

Thanks folks, for making such a fine showing at our barn dance. We hope you all had a nice time and didn't spend too much of it in our cozy little jail.

Since our boys are just getting into the swing of the game, why not extend the bowling season? With a little more time they'd be right on top.

Mildred Andrews showing up the pale faces with her glowing Florida tan. Honeymooners, Flo and Joe also dropped us a line from Miami.

Mae M. and Joe Z. paired off at a recent wedding are still that way.

Charlie Sable's picture is carried about in a certain young lady's locket.

Those handsome Hartford chaps made a hit with our girls. Don't be too surprised to see a female representation from Jersey City at the next Hartford affair.

I wonder if that Newark lad finally made Elinor K. sit up and take notice of his new suit? Everyone else did.

Tony V. has acquired some line lately! Remember when Tony used to be the shyest fellow in the club?

Louis Ketvirtis is making preparations to leave for the army. Looks like we're going to have an all-girl council if Uncle Sam keeps on calling our boys.

"Keep 'em Flying."

— **Black Knight** —

ELIZABETH, N. J.**Council 52**

Brrr — it's freezing outside, so a nice night to stay indoors, put on your robe and slippers, relax and I'll tell you what's what.

Bowling —

Our boys are still fighting to keep in first place in the District Bowling League. They are also

busy bowling in the City A. A. League and are talking about entering the National Bowling A.B.C. at Columbus, Ohio.

National Convention Committee —

The committee is still meeting every Tuesday night and discussing entertainment and other affairs to make our convention a success. Further notes concerning the convention will be published in the Vytis, or write to the Convention Sec. for information.

District Communion Breakfast —

The yearly District Communion Breakfast will be held in Elizabeth, N. J. on March 8, 1942. Members will receive at the 9:00 o'clock Mass in St. Peter and Paul Church, 221 Ripley Place. The breakfast will be held in Lithuanian Liberty Hall.

At 2:30 P.M. the District Convention will be held, also at Liberty Hall.

Memoirs of 1941 —

Coddie and Vincent P. decided it was really love to get hitched in May, as did Mary V. and Shorty O. who thought a Fall wedding is very nice, so they picked Sept. Charlie K. Junior who had to be different, became a pappy in Dec., Draft Dodger. Genny D. and Joe M. picked Sept. to become engaged, heard diamonds were cheap then. Leah G. and Tony P. pushed together because of the cold Nov. days, started keeping company. Sept. saw four of our boys shake hands with Uncle Sam and are fine and healthy today. It seems one of Toni Y Christmas gifts was a ring on her finger, but the catch is — Dugan goes with it. Slim O. and Tony P. also became old men. Congratulations. Ask Helen P., Josephine Adams and Ann R. how they enjoyed the National Convention at Pittsburgh? 13 members of the club became business men overnight. Yes — trustees and board of directors. Hear money jingle in their pockets now. Ronnie K. talking a mile a minute about how scared she is going for her driving lessons, and making the grade O. K.

Things I'd like to see: Lou Potts attending a party being the only man present with 15 gals. Charlie O. hitting better than a 127 in a league. Who's the captain? Walter D. with an apron tied on in the

kitchen. A grand handy man, we gals say. Hands off gals, he's taken too. Betty Z. going straight home instead of going to visit Uncle Paul. Helen V. hit a 75 in bowling. Vickie G. a lot less than we see her at meetings. Helen B., Betty A., Reklaitis girls talking some time.

Joe M., Slim O. and Cap (vice-pres.) J. will become handsome men in a few days when they will wear blue and white sailors' uniforms and sail the high seas. Joe and Slim are leaving a girl heart-broken, but how many secret admirers is Cap leaving??? Loads of luck, boys, you pull the fort there and we'll pull here. Take notice boys; two more loose girls.

What two boys think that the same girl is very, very nice and each is out to get her, and still being the best of friends. Gentlemen I'll say. May the best man win.

NEWARK, N. J.

Council 29

This past month there hasn't been any entertainment due to the fact that the members did not cooperate. Our one man suggestion committee, Pete Paddy and the entertainment committee, have repeatedly tried to provide some form of recreation, but the council did not respond. Perhaps it was the cold weather, or maybe everyone was too busy; then again it might have been a conspiracy against yours truly, giving me nothing to write about.

Our council will hold its annual Communion and Breakfast on March 22nd. We'll receive Communion at the 8:00 o'clock Mass at Holy Trinity Church and the breakfast will be at St. George's Hall. In the previous years the entertainment committee planned some form of recreation for the remainder of the day, but as yet nothing has been prepared. You will be notified by mail as to what is in store for that day.

In these chaotic times, with some of our boys already in the service and others on their way, the council has decided to do their part by buying a hundred dollar defense bond. I hope other councils will take heed and follow our ex-

ample, if they have not already done so. Every bond that is bought brings us a step closer to victory and peace.

Double congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Zidawecki, they are the proud parents of twins. Boy oh boy — er — I mean boy and girl. Mrs. Zidawecki is the former Adele Baron.

Vito Dauksys has our congratulations and sympathy. He was married on Jan. 24 to Helen Wicks of Nutley and had the misfortune to be recalled to the service while on his honeymoon. Phooey on the Japs!

Albie Ponelis, one of our newest members, but an old friend, was inducted in the army on Feb. 10. At the rate the boys of our council are being examined, it looks like our council will soon be a sorority.

Flat beer to the boys with cars who do not provide transportation for our charming girls when we go to out of town dances. I am sure many would like to go if they were asked.

I came, I saw, I heard:

That Tessie is getting so chubby they had to move her to a stoner bed, which is a good sign that she is recovering rapidly.

An anti-noise committee is being formed to keep Joe Z. quiet at our meetings.

A K of L affair is not complete unless Jo D. is present. We're glad to have her for she's swell company.

Simon K. does not have a commuter's ticket to Jersey City anymore. I wonder why?

That the girls who prepare the socials after our meetings need the help of Pete L. to make coffee. Not very encouraging, eh, fellows?

Nell V. has started knitting something, but we won't know what it is, and neither will she, until it's finished.

A sweet scented blue letter was received by Joe B. from some one in Great Neck. I assure you it wasn't a threatening letter.

Rumor that Pete Poddy is twins. Very easy to believe because it's hard to see how one man can get around and accomplish so much.

Stanley M. held hands with Helen P. of Elizabeth to break all hand holding records.

Richie L. seems to have fallen out of love again. He looks and acts natural once more.

I wonder how Cassie W. got neuritis in his left arm when he uses his right arm for elbow bending.

That Frankie Lee is planning another trip to Pittsburg. Oh, how we'll suffer!

Milda S. our blonde aquatic star and Veto B. are swimming in the same direction.

Helen B. rolled a neat 212 in the Thursday nite bowling league while her partner, a co-captain of the screwy Blues, almost blew a fuse.

That the only way to have a friend, is to be one.

Bcingu.

MASPETH, N. Y.

Council 110

One of the hardships of life is to write the first sentence of a column. I have often wondered if Walter Winchell or Damon Runyon sit in perplexed agony every day miserably wrinkling their brows trying to get over the first hurdle. If I start with a conventional "Dear So and So," there is always the possibility that some one may turn up who thinks I am writing specifically to them and if they don't like it — send flowers! Of course, I could simply start by telling my one faithful reader about the very wonderful evening in New Jersey when some of the Maspethites attended the Testimonial Dinner for Father Kemezis. I suppose I could mention that these Maspethites were Mary Augustinas, Tessie Wezwick, Jerry Kuraski, Millie Stalkus, Steffie Vasalka, and me (or should I say "I"? — I'll have to complain about not receiving the final chapter of "How to Say It In Good English"). I mustn't forget to also mention that our Lodge member, Joe Augustinas, as President of the District, looked very handsome when he spoke.

Sometimes when I've eaten pickles and ice cream, I dream about an old owl who remarkably resembles a teacher I once had. This owl points at me and stupidly repeats again and again "A good reporter always answers the questions of What, When, Where, Who." Perhaps if I do answer those questions, that silly old owl will stop

haunting me. If this doesn't do the trick, I shall stop eating pickles and ice-cream.

WHAT: Special Honors Dinner, K. or L. 110.

WHEN: Sunday Night, February 1, 1942.

WHERE: A Swedish Restaurant in New York City and later Radio City.

WHO: This gala affair was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Wezwick, Mary Augustinas, Millie Stalkus, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wezwick, Jerry Kuraski, Tessie Wezwick, Happy Girnius, Al. Wezwick and me (or I).

The Smorgasbord was delicious and the M. C. a marvel. I heartily recommend the Wivel for good food and good entertainment. After we had sated ourselves with food, we went on to the Radio City Music Hall where we saw a good picture and an excellent Stage Show. The evening was perfect but for one thing. I shall whisper it in your ear..... "cooperation." Need I say more? Unfortunately, this year no one received a gift because, although many members did good work and worked hard, no one member was outstanding.

Incidentally, Frances Yocis caught one of the biggest sailfish while on her honeymoon with Mike down in Florida. This tempts the local wags to comment "Hey Mike, I heard your wife caught a fish! Was it you? Haw! Haw!" That sort of humor reminds me of Elmer down on the farm.

Tentative plans are being made to accept Great Neck's bowling challenge. The date will be February 22nd, the place — Great Neck. Look out you Great Neckers (or is the proper word Great Neckites?). We shall blitz you off the bowling alleys — or at least try.

Athena.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

Council 17

Hello everybody: — It's time for the "Shadow" and more news and gossip about Southie's Council 17.

Our business year started off with a bang with Larry Svelnis, our new president, holding the meeting. He outlined some of his views and discussed some of the important events of the near future, such as the Membership

Drive, the "Maršrutas," St. Casimir's Day Breakfast and our Spring Formal Dance. It seems that we are also going to have quite a few whist parties and dances. Keep up the good work, Larry.

Quite a few members bought K of L pins from Phyllis Grendal at the meeting. I noticed that Father Jenkus and Larry Svelnis were among the first purchasers. In fact, the demand was so great, many members were disappointed.

At the meeting we were honored by the presence of Tony Balchunas, a former member, who is now at Hartford, Conn. Thanks for remembering us, Tony, and do visit us often.

Whist Party Notes —

Our whist party was held on Jan. 15 and brought quite a crowd. Larry Svelnis and Steve Kontotas certainly deserve credit for the swell job they did in running the affair. The 3 usuals Lennie, Reggie and Ann were on the refreshment and gift committee. Phyllis Grendal and Joan Lengvinar also lent their services. All the winners seemed satisfied with their prizes and the refreshments were delicious. I know that the winner of the first aid kit did not have to use it for indigestion.

Did you see Tony J. strut off with the booby prize, a jar of pickled herring? Cheer up, Tony, that is better than no prize at all.

You should have seen Bob Dixon cut the sandwiches. Keep it up, Bob, and someday you will be champion sandwich cutter.

After the whist party we watched Marion Mason and Al. Brevas do a jitterbug solo. It seems that Marian came late on account of school and, believe it or not, she's taking up cooking. I wonder if the lucky boy comes from Worcester???

"Alpine" Notes —

The performers in the K of L Mother's Day Play were entertained at the "Alpine" the last week of January. Among those present were Father Jenkus, Phyllis Grendal, Nellie Marks, Joan Lengvinas, Regina and Lenore Glineckas, Marion Mason, Al. Jakstas, Teddy Vallis, Tony Ančukaitis, Tony Pažasis, Tony Gaputis and his wife and

Frank Overka. Everyone seemed to have had a swell time

Lenore Glineckas looked charming dancing with Teddy Vallis. I wonder how often they practice because they dance very well together.

Here's a tip to the girls. — I hear that Tony Pažasis and Tony Ančukaitis are very good dancers, but are very bashful, so why not help them out by asking them to dance. Tony P. has waltzing down to a fine art, while Tony A. has mastered the "Conga."

I wonder if Anthony Gaputis enjoyed his "oysters on a half shell" and if Al Jakštas and Nellie Marks enjoyed their "filet mignon"???

All in all everyone had a swell time and I guess Father Jenkus knows where he can get many willing performers for his next play.

Local Newsies —

One of our local boys, John Zibutis (Beau Brummel), has been called to the colors on January 15. I understand he is leaving quite a few broken-hearted gals behind, especially Milly Vallis.

George Seraphinas also has left us for the army. Best of luck to both of you boys and please don't forget to write and let us know how you are getting along.

I hear that Joan Lengvinas keeps the post office busy delivering her letter a day to Corp. Frank Grigalunas. That's all right, Joan, that is what they are being paid for.

Congratulations are in order for Mickey Marks and Nellie Okalevich of Norwood who were made one on January 24th. Best of luck to you both in the future.

To Bron Stankus, who is now a Sergeant. — So, Bron, you think my column is too short and that I should use full names and not initials — huh? Well, for the benefit of you and the other boys in service I shall try to make my column as long and as interesting as possible. Thank you for your criticism — I always aim to please.

By the way, our K of L should get a gold star for patriotic spirit and for helping our country. We have invested in a \$500 defense bond and we hope our little bit will help the United States to victory. "Keep them flying."

Before leaving I want to thank "Newsie" and my other informants

for helping me and to remind you all to use the little box at the K of L alleys for any gossip you may want me to write in the "Vy-tis." I also want to remind you to attend our whist parties, dances and socials. They are really lots of fun. See you all at the dance at the Forrester's Hall, February 6, 1942. **Šešelis.**

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CICERO, ILL.

Council 14

Now that the bulky mittens are off and the yards of woolen scarf are untwined from my neck, I rub my fingers and get into circulation. Even though the mercury showed a menacing twelve degrees below zero, K of L members of Council 14 braved the elements and gathered for their bi-monthly meeting on January 9. While the wind whistled outdoors, there was a jolly congenial atmosphere to which each of the thirty two ruddy faces gladly contributed a share.

Perhaps a coincidence and yet most appropriate, January 9, the first meeting of the New Year, was also the feast day of our most amiable adviser, Rev. Father Julian. We are ever grateful for the excellent cooperation, goodly advice, and grand fellowship that he accords with a cheery smile. At that meeting our president, Ray Eisen, requested, "Is there a piano player in the house?"; and as if the motto were, "Mama Don't Llow No Piano Playing in Here", all was silent. A late resolution for the New Year: somehow, somewhere, someday we will endeavor to get a phonograph and a record of "Happy Birthday to You" so that on January 9th next, we can give Father Julian a rousing, vocal rendition of Happy Feast Day.

S. O. S.

The count of members in Uncle Sam's service now numbers four as Albert Tumavich is Private Tumavich as of a few weeks ago. The ladies of our Council too shall do their bit in the way of defense. Already one hears the clicking of knitting needles, the whir of sewing machines, and the cry of "ouch" as pins prick fingers rolling bandages. The newly formed Red Cross chapter in St. Anthony's parish finds many members of the K of L busy on Monday evenings.

Those young ladies whose time schedules will permit and who have not yet joined are requested to do so.

Here We Go!!!

With the membership drive officially declared for K of L Councils country-wide, Council 14 is on its mark and ready to go. With the state of war and the forebodings of the future, it is the duty of every citizen to cooperate with his fellow acquaintance and neighbor. The K of L Society is an answer to such a relationship; and its motto, for God and Country, becomes a paramount cry that is re-echoed throughout the land by loyal hearts. And too, the geniality and jolly times ever characteristic of our K of L's can well be the envy of every fun-loving person. A toast to all K of L Councils for a successful membership drive!

Due to the rapid growth of our Council and the great number of activities, it was decided that we elect a publicity manager. It is a big job for an energetic member. His will be the job to bring many a novel idea to the fore, to trod many a pavement and to contract many a sore throat in order to spread the name of Council 14 far and wide. And we have just such a qualified person for the task — unanimously elected for that post is Ignatius Mockaitis. Congratulations and the best of luck from every member of Council 14!

Preparedness, — Our Watch-word

We have already elected our committee for the annual Lazy Daisy Dance, April 11, first Saturday after Easter. Turn over those three leaves of your calendar, encircle that day, and make it a date with us.

A Party!!! —

We are anxiously awaiting February 7 when Council 14 will be guests of the Marquette Council of K of L's.

On Friday 13th of February we're going to treat ourselves to a party. Will it be black cats and ominous ladders, or will it be red hearts and lavender lace?

A Record —

Here is an item of note: On January 23 our bi-monthly meeting started toute suite, sailed squarely into business, and ended in twenty minutes flat.

DOT.

CHICAGO DISTRICT MEN'S BOWLING NEWS

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Our new team is So. Chicago, C-114. Gosh the good sports they were in the good old baseball days. Don't get me wrong, they are as good sports as ever. But, something must be done about the fact that they are having it too easy in first place. Let's give them more competition. They are sponsored by our well known undertakers, Lachavicz and Sons.

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Town of Lake, C-13, must be given a rousing cheer for trying so hard to keep within striking distance of first place. Town of Lake has been losing bowlers to defense work and to Uncle Sam. Best of luck, boys.

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Best wishes to the newly-weds Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Apkevich. Harriette bowls with the girls and Eddie with the men of the North Side teams. Yes, it was a swell wedding and reception; and why not; they are a swell couple!

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Marquette C-112 bought their bowlers new shirts and now they are one of the best dressed teams in our league. Almost all the boys on the team seem to be linguists. They speak English, Lithuanian and French; the latter is used perhaps too freely. But all are good sports!

—
Chas. Gramont is one of our veterans who in the past pitched baseball, played basketball and bowled and proved to be a good man in all sports. He is captain of the K of L Press team.

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Anthony Petkus, one of our leading Funeral Directors, has equipped both North Side teams, Ladies' and Men's, with nice shirts, especially the Ladies.

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Mr. Anthony Valonis who has occupied several top spots in our organization is a member of the North Side team.

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Joseph Kaminkas, one of our rooters, has been missing lately, so has Harriette Shimkus of the Ladies' League. We understand that they are Mr. and Mrs. now and are on their honeymoon. Good Luck. **S. E. C.**

CHICAGO DISTRICT BOWLING

Knights of Lithuania Chicago District Men's Bowling League Standing

(Including games of Feb. 19, 1942)

TEAM	Won	Lost	Per.	Av.	H.G.	H.S.
SO. CHICAGO	30	15	667	791	901	2579
TOWN OF LAKE	25	20	556	749	905	2448
MARQUETTE	25	20	556	734	847	2369
K. of L. PRESS	21	24	467	785	878	2487
WEST SIDE	19	26	432	771	901	2544
NORTH SIDE	15	30	333	732	838	2410

Individual Averages

Player's Name, Team	Games	Aver.	H.G.
Gramont, Press	45	177.33	238
Manst, No. Side	45	175.8	234
Jeskey, So. Chicago	45	171.12	219
Stankus, West Side	42	169.40	216
Kundrot, So. Chicago	45	168.21	221
Kibelkis, So. Chicago	45	167.25	224
J. Norkus, West Side	45	166.25	206
Bukaitis, Town of Lake	30	164.15	243
Adams, Press	33	163.20	226
J. Herbick, Press	3	163.2	179
Trump, Town of Lake	6	161.3	198
Balutis, N. Side	45	158.44	244
Gailius, Marq.	45	156.36	236
Smith, Press	30	155.6	211
Baron, Town of Lake	9	152.3	198
T. Herbick, Press	36	151.2	231
Ramoska, No. Side	45	150.33	180
Kraujalis, West Side	45	150.00	203
Willis, Town of Lake	39	149.35	197
Sapko, Marq.	45	148.37	201
Lileikis, So. Chicago	33	148.10	188
Klimas, West Side	36	146.11	189
Brennan, Marq.	45	146.2	187
L. Norkus, West Side	45	145.10	190
Matemaitis, Town of Lake	45	144.34	199
Karan, Marq.	45	144.11	201
Aukevich, No. Side	27	142.14	192
Grigelis, So. Chicago	42	142.5	194
Zaletskis, Town of Lake	27	142.	199
Grebliunas, Marq.	42	141.6	184
Valonis, No. Side	42	114.5	159

Team High 3 Games — With Handicap:—

West Side — 2883; So. Chicago — 2846.

Individual High Game — With Handicap:—

Town of Lake — 1021; West Side — 1014.

Team High Three Games:—

West Side — 2544; So. Chicago — 2516.

Team High Single Game:—

Town of Lake — 905; West Side — 901;
So. Chicago — 901;

Individual High Three Games:—

Manst, No. Side — 631; Balutis, No. Side — 611.

Individual High Single Game:—

Balutis, No. Side — 244; Bukaitis, T. of L. — 243.

Knights of Lithuania Chicago District Ladies Bowling League Standing

(Including games of Feb. 5, 1942)

TEAM	Won	Lost
1. TOWN OF LAKE	25	14
2. BRIGHTON "A"	24	15
3. BRIDGEPORT	22	17
4. NORTH SIDE	19	20
5. BRIGHTON "B"	15	24
6. MARQUETTE	12	27

High game without handicap —

Bridgeport 748; Town of Lake 725

High series without handicap —

Town of Lake 2035; Brighton "A" 2005

High game with handicap —

Bridgeport 881; Town of Lake 865

High series with handicap —

Bridgeport 2447; Town of Lake 2433

Individual Standing

(Including games of Feb. 5, 1942)

1. T. Daresh, Bri. A.	39	142.21
2. S. Jesulaitis, T. of L.	39	132.2
3. A. Yucus, T. of L.	39	134.35
4. B. Watkins, Bridge.	36	132.27
5. J. Gaidis, Bridge.	39	129.17
6. A. Manst, No. Side	15	129.13
7. V. Brennan, Marq.	39	126.37
8. H. Shimkus, T. of L.	36	126.1
9. H. Cherry, Bri. A.	36	124.25
10. H. Woicek, Bri. B.	36	124.
11. A. Ambrose, T. of L.	39	123.34
12. M. Yudeik, N. S.	15	123.12
13. A. Razbud, Bridge.	39	121.33
14. S. Gimbut, Bri. A.	39	121.20
15. N. Murphy, Marq.	6	120.
16. E. Kawall, T. of L.	33	119.7
17. M. Krakausky, Bri. A.	24	118.10
18. S. Tenzie, Bridge.	39	116.7
19. A. Junes, Bridge.	39	116.6
20. Adele Woicek, Bri. B.	36	115.22
21. L. Tanke, Bri. A.	12	115.
22. Ann Woicek, Bri. B.	21	112.18
23. A. Kirstuk, N. S.	39	107.21
24. S. Jucikas, Bri. B.	39	106.36
25. L. Rauba, Marq.	36	106.28
26. C. Wesley, N. S.	39	106.9
27. A. Jatis, Marq.	39	101.8
28. H. Ruby, N. S.	20	101.2
29. B. Adams, Marq.	21	99.14
30. V. Kraus, Bri. B.	36	95.27

HIGH GAME —

S. Jesulaitis, T. of L. 191; J. Gaidis, Bridge. 190;

T. Daresh, Bri. A. 190; A. Manst, N. S. 190.

HIGH SERIES —

J. Gaidis, Bridge. 499; S. Jesulaitis, T. of L. 475.

Helen Cherry, Sec'y.

AN ARTISTIC TRIUMPH

DIRECTOR



Leonard Šimutis, Jr., talented young leader of the K. of L. Chorus. "Lennie" is also organist at St. Francis Parish, Indiana Harbor, Ind.



TREASURER



Aldona Vaichunas, charming member of the Chicago District Chorus, who has given her time unselfishly in organizational and administrative duties.

LEONARD ŠIMUTIS JR.'s DIRECTING DEBUT ACCLAIMED

The Chicago District K. of L. Chorus made its first public appearance under the directorship of its new leader, Leonard Šimutis, Jr. at the Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration February 15, at the Ashland Auditorium.

The debut of the youthful director was a sensational success. The short but impressive performance of the K. of L. Chorus, notwithstanding the fact that it was the last number on a four-hour-long program, electrified the huge audience into a pandemonium of applause that continued for minutes after the singers had left the stage. It was a demonstration of approval and acclaim so spontaneous and sincere that it was accompanied by cheering and whistling and stamping of feet.

The appearance of the K. of L. Chorus, which numbered over 50 voices, was perhaps the most outstanding number on the entire program, in which three other choruses participated. The entire group was garbed in blue gowns — which were loaned to the singers by the De Paul University A Cappella Chorus.

From the standpoints of appearance, original technique and fluent response to the vivid directing of their youthful leader, the K. of L. Chorus gives promise of making Chicago Lithuanians sit up in appreciative and smiling surprise at singing that is refreshingly new and free from time worn cliches of delivery.

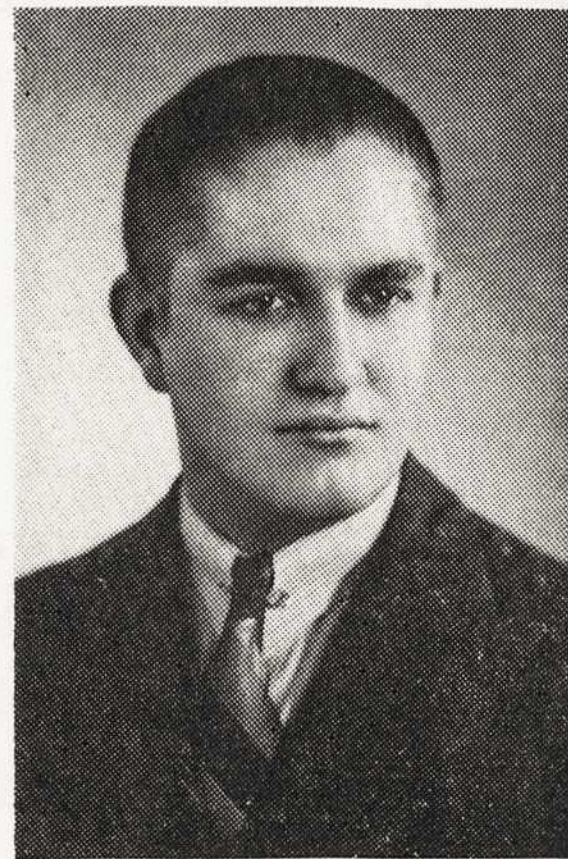
"VYTIS" extends its heartiest congratulations to the newly revived Chicago K. of L. Chorus and its director, Leonard Šimutis, Jr., for having put on a performance that night that made the organization proud of them!

N. B.

Cut of **PHYLLIS PECHUKAS**, Choir Secretary, does not appear.

Choir rehearsals are held every **Tuesday, 8 P.M.**, at **Lithuanian Auditorium, 3133 So. Halsted St.**

PRESIDENT



Ernest Suikus, veteran tenor of Chorus, who has always sacrificed his time and energy in the interests of the K. of L. singing group.



VICE-PRESIDENT



Harriet Lukas, one of Chicago's best known younger artists, having appeared a countless number of times on the stage and on the air in solo and ensemble numbers.