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“THE KNIGHT”

LITUANICA JOINS SKY FLEET



An American bomber named Lituanica in honor of two Lithuanian fliers, Capt. Stephen Darius and Lieut. Stanley Girėnas, who made a trans-Atlantic flight 10 years ago, is blessed by the Rev. Anicetas Linkus, pastor of Holy Cross Church, at Municipal Airport. Plane was purchased by Chicago's 100,000 Lithuanians who bought a million dollar's worth of war bonds. (*Herald-American International Photo*).



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Telšių Vyskupas Ir Klaipėdos Prelatas

Gimė 1866 metų lapkričio 14 d., Tupikų kaime, Šakių apskr. Mokėsi Mariampolės gimnazijoje ir Seinų seminarijoje. 1890 metais išvestas kunigu dirbo įvairiose parapijose. Apie 10 metų išgyveno Varšuvoje, kur apie penkerius metus buvo realinės mokyklos kapelionu. 1905 metais grįžęs į Lietuvą beveik metus gyveno Mariampolėje, paskui pustrėčių metų buvo klebonu naujoje Lekečių (Šakių apskr.) parapijoje. Pakviestas į Seinus apie keturis metus redagavo "Vadovą", žurnalą, skirtą kunigams. 1917 metais buvo paskirtas Pakuonio klebonu, kur praleido bausiausius karo momentus. Vėliau perkeltas į Aukštąją Panemunę, kur ėjo klebono ir Garliavos dekanato pareigas. 1922 metais pakeltas Seinų Kapitulos kanauninku. 1924 metais suteiktas jam Šv. Tėvo prelado vardas. 1926 metais Šv. Tėvui įsteigus Lietuvos Bažnytinę Provinciją pakeltas į vyskupus ir paskirtas Telšių vyskupijon.

Velionis yra labai daug nusipelnęs Lietuvai ir lietuviams. Dar seminarijoje būdamas rašė į užsienyje einančius lietuvių laikraščius. Spaudą atgavus rašė į visus katalikiškus laikraščius. Redaguodamas "Vadovą" pats didesnę jo pusę prirašydavo, kartais padėdamas savo pavardę, kartais slapyvardžiais: Meškus, Panenupis, kun. J. M-s ir k. Atskiriomis knygomis išleido "Bažnyčios Istoriją", "Jaunimo Idealas", "Argi čia kalta Katalikų Bažnyčia" ir k.

1917 metais dalyvavo Vilniaus Konferencijoje ir buvo išrinktas Lietuvos Valstybės Tarybos nariu. Bemaž visą Tarybos laiką buvo vice-pirmininku. Steigiamajam ir kituose Seimuose velionis atstovavo krikščioniškąjį bloką. Būda-

Užgeso Lietuvai Švietęs



mas Taryboje ir Seime keliais atvejais buvo deleguojamas į užsienį Lietuvos politikos reikalais. Mirė šių metų birželio 8 d.

Resistance to Anti-Religious Measures Increases in Lithuania

LISBON — Increasing resistance is being shown by church forces in Nazi-occupied Lithuania against measures intended to curb the practice of religion and the religious education of youth, reports here reveal.

A highlight of this resistance was the recent protest by the Roman Catholic bishops of Lithuania, who complained to the German Commissar General in Kaunas that general religious freedom and freedom of action by the Church no longer exist. Although Catholics represent the greater majority of the population, the Bishops asserted, they are not allowed to publish

a single newspaper or magazine. Other abuses condemned by the Catholic prelates were the confiscation of church property, interference with theological education, forced labor decrees and the refusal of the Nazi authorities to permit Lithuanian chaplains to accompany workers deported to Germany.

The Lithuanian bishops have been outspoken in condemning persecution of Poles and Jews. The Most Rev. Joseph Skvirechnas, Archbishop of Kaunas, has threatened to excommunicate any Lithuanian who takes part in such acts of oppression.

KUR MŪS BUVUSIEJI VYČIAI-TĒS?

(Straipsnis diskusinis. Red.)

Organizacijos gyvuoja taip kaip ir šeimos. Kaip šeima turi turėti vyresnio amžiaus narių, taip ir organizacija negali būti be taip vadinamų "sendraugų", kurie netik savo jau platesnio patyrimo amžiumi, bet ir pasiektuoju mokslu bei profesija atstovauja jau tam tikrą gyvenime sritį.

Kaip tik ir norėjau žvilgterėti primerkta akimi į tuos, kuriems yra skirtas tas "sendraugo" vardas. Ar juos visus jau pridengė šalti kapai? Oi, dar ne! Ar jie visi lanko "Vyties" puslapius su savo svajonių bei patyrimų lobynu? Ar jie visi pasveikina "Vytį" savo inteligentiška ranka? Oi, ne! Daug, labai daug, kaip gyvenime pasirodo, dreba iš baimės, kad "Vytis" nešvystelėtų savo kardu plačioje Amerikos padangėje. O dar kiti, rymodami ant rašomojo stalo, savo savaitiniuose leidiniuose ieško jį mirusiųjų skiltyse. Jie tuoju atidarytų savo inteligentiškas gerkles liūdnam mirties himnui; tarytum, jau būtų pamiršę, kad prieš kiek metų jie bandė savo jėgas jo skiltyse ir džiaugėsi, kad savo ranka buvo išmarginę jo puslapius.

Kaip nuostabu, dabar darosi, kada pažiūri į praeitį, kada "Vytis" buvo turtingas savo daug žadančiais bendradarbiais, kuriems "Vyties" idealai buvo tarytum, nepaprasto pajėgumo švyturys, kurio pagelba galėjo nušviesti savo aplinkumą. Ir taip slenkant metams, tie nariai liko vienos bei kitos profesijos žmonėmis. Užėmė jaukesnę gyvenime vietą ir jiems atsidarė platesnis takas susitikti su buvusiais savo idėjos draugais.

Dar pirmus kelis metus nors kartas nuo karto pasirodydavo kuopų susirinkimuose, pareikšdavo savo palavintą mintį, ir net organas susilaukdavo vieno bei kito jų gražaus straipsnelio.

Bet juo toliau, juo gyvenimas pasidaro lengvesnis, tada nė kuopa nebesulaukia jo savo mėnesiniuose susirinkimuose. Ir "Vytis" jau negauna jo raštų.

Ir dar kiek toliau, skaitai kuriame nors dažniau pasirodančiame laikraštyje, kad, girdi, tai yra didelis reikalas įsteigti čia kokią nors jaunimo draugiją bei klubą. Čia tiek mes turime palaido jaunimo, kuris nieko neveikia, o tik leidžia sau laiką gatvių pakampėse.

Taigi ir yra šaukiamas tuo reikalu netik jaunimas, bet ir suaugę, tad visi, kas tik galite, ateikite tada ir tada, būsią dar gerų kalbėtojų iš toliau, ir vietinių profesionalų. Tikrai būsią įdomu jų klausyti. O įėjimas nemokamas ir nuo dešimtos valandos prasidėsią šokiai ir tada įėjimas kainuosiąs 25 centai, tad visi kas tik galite "septyniose" būkite salėje.

Na, kas čia tau negalės? Pasiimsiu visą būrį, ne vienas taip sau galvoja. Jurgiui irgi pasakyčiau atsivesti visą "gengę". Tada bus visiems "good time".

Nei nepastebi, kaip užsikemša tarpdury ir turi šauktis pagalbos, kad svečius ir viešias susodintų. Šiaip ne taip prieinama prie tvarkos. Kalbėtojas seka kalbėtoją. Jie verkia neorganizuotumo ašaromis, jie alpsta ir pagaliau miršta... Paskui juos seka kiti, kurie ir nemažai išlieja savo "kruvino" prakaito; ir taip būtų galima išskaičiuoti jų visą litaniją. Bet kaip tik apleidžia salę tie visi, kurie "mirė" dėl šios naujos galybės, kuri ką tik gema, sėdasi į tą patį traukinio vagoną ir išvyksta taip netikėtai, kaip kad artistišškai "mirė" už jos labą. Ir daugiau jau jų nematysi, nes jie daugiau nieko neturi kaip tik atsikartojančius laukuose garsus, kurie labai mažai ką reiškia, tik labai didelį triukšmą padaro.

Vakaro vedėjas paprašo, kad kiek ramiau užsilaikytų, nes jau einama prie galo ir tuoju prasidėsią šokiai, o dabar malonėkite prisirašyti prie šios naujos organizacijos. Tad visi, kas tik galite, paduokite savo vardus pavardes ir būsite šios organizacijos pionieriai.

Vienas kitas prisirašo, o visi kiti pradeda sirgti negalėjimu ir visą bėdą meta ateinančiam laikui, taip sakant, dėl "ateities", o kada gi bus tas ateities laikas, jo niekas nežino.

Štai mes turime penkis narius, tai labai gera pradžia, kalbasi steigėjai. O kada sušauksime kitą susirinkimą, tada visi bus daugiau susidomėję ir pamatysite kokią organizaciją turėsime!

Praeina vienas ir kitas susirinkimas, bet jau be pramogų, be pasilinkšminimų taigi ir be svečių norinčių prisirašyti prie naujos organizacijos. Dar bandoma ką nors veikti, rengiama šis ir tas, bet nieko nesidaro, narių skaičius neauga ir tiek. O pirmieji irgi pradeda nuobodžiauti ir kriksti. Pas organizatorius kūrybinis karštis laipsniškai puola ir pradeda kilti nenoras ir nepasitikėjimas kitais. Jeigu ne aš, tai ten nieko gero nėra ir aš nenoriu nė pažiūrėti. Tas labai dažnai pasireiškia mūsų tarpe; ar tik ir nebus tame priežastis mūsų organizacinio negalavimo?

Panašios rūšies organizacijos miršta ankščiau negu jos nariai arba sykiu su nariais, kaip kad mes šiandien matome.

Argi nebus dabar geriausias momentas buvusiems Vyčiams pasimokyti iš netolimos praeities ir ištiesti draugišką savo ranką "Vyčiui" ir jį nuoširdžiai pasveikinti? Nors jis ir sirgo įvairiausiomis periodinėmis ligomis, bet jis dar turėjo tiek energijos, kad įstengė išsilaikyti iki šių dienų, kada jo draugai-ės būdami senesni ir net jaunesni kaip jis, jau daugumoje yra mi-

TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH...

Two daring men, bent on mission of glory, sailed off into the pale sky of dawn, their plane winging its way toward the east to their goal — Lithuania. These two men, Captain Steponas Darius and Lieutenant Stasys Girėnas, were staunchly confident that they would succeed and thereby bring prestige and renown to little Lithuania, honor and glory to their fellow - Lithuanians in America. But alas, as we all too vividly remember, their success never materialized, their cherished hopes were never realized. After having effortlessly traversed the difficult path over the ocean, and only within a few hundred miles of their destination, Darius and Girėnas somehow met with a mysterious accident — the *Lithuanica* fatally crashed into the tree-tops of a German forest near Soldin. The world was astounded, and Lithuanians were stricken with grief. The peculiar behavior of the Nazi - Germans in regard to the tragic affair led to suspicion, and a few startling facts were uncovered.

VYTIS in an effort to commemorate the

tenth anniversary of the ill-fated flight of our two Lithuanian heroes, presents excerpts from an article which appeared in the September, 1934, issue of the POPULAR AVIATION magazine. This article was an attempt to discover the "secret of Soldin forest". Evidence which points to the cause of the tragic accident is presented, and a bold challenge to unravel the mystery is made.

No one has ever taken up this challenge; we were forced to be content and label the accident as "an unfortunate incident". Now that a lapse of ten years has passed, we can coldly stare at these facts presented in the article without the emotional hysteria which beset us in July, 1933. Perhaps even then, the blood-thirsty Nazis were already practising their cruel, relentless, vicious methods on innocent victims, paving the way for future events. Facts are presented in the following excerpts; read them carefully and draw your own conclusion.

— EDITOR.

DID NAZIS SHOOT DOWN YANK TRANS-ATLANTIC FLYERS?

Did blood-mad Nazis relentlessly shoot down the Lithuanian flyers, Darius and Girėnas, almost at the completion of their magnificent trans-Atlantic flight? Officially no, but the present habits of international intrigue, artful maneuvering and national whitewashing within the circles of international politics, makes it impossible to accept official statements when there is so much seeming evidence and rumor to the contrary. Examine the history of the flight, read the suspicious circumstances reported, the facts

re. O kiek dar yra tokių organizacijų, kurios taip pavojingai serga, kad jau niekas nebeįstengia jų pagydyti? Tik "patriotai" įvairūs laukia progos pasidalyti jų palikimu. Gal kas paklaus, kokios organizacijos taip sunkiai serga? Tai malonėk pažiūrėti savo parapijos ribose ir pats į klausimą atsakysi.

Gerbiamieji vyčiai-tės ir gabingi organizacijos prieteliai, vienam momentui rimtai pagalvokime: ar nebūtų geriau turėti tik kelias centralines organizacijas, o ne steigti prie kiekvienos pasitaikusias progos naujas ir jas palikti išsižiojusias, laukiančias ar tik neiškris joms manna iš dangaus?

Apuokas

obtained in interviews with the family of Darius, those connected intimately with the flight, the official statements of the case, and judge.

By STANTON BROWN

Staff investigator for Popular Aviation.

At 5:24 A. M. on July 15, 1933, the Bellanca monoplane "Lithuanica" lifted heavily from Roosevelt Field, New York City, and pointed its nose to the northeast. Captain Stephen Darius and Lieutenant Stanley Girėnas settled themselves for the strenuous flight before them.

Experienced flyers both. Ex-doughboys who had valiantly struggled and bled for Uncle Sam in the muck and slime of the battlefields of France. American citizens blazing a new path of glory through the skies.

As true as a homing pigeon, the "Lithuanica" thundered through the skies toward Kaunas, the capital of Lithuania. New York — Ragged Harbor, Newfoundland — the Atlantic — Ireland — London — the European Continent.... At no time more than ten miles.... off the true course. Such did the logbook show, attesting to the superb airmanship and navigating skill of the daring flyers.

July 17, 1933. A terse statement from the As-

sociated Press. "Soldin, Pomerania, Germany — The airplane 'Lithuanica', in which Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas were attempting a non-stop flight from New York to Kaunas, Lithuania, crashed early today at Kuhdamm and both flyers were killed. Kuhdamm is five miles south of Soldin".

Grief blanketed Lithuania. The sympathy of the world was extended to the staunch little Baltic republic, to those in America who had sponsored the flight and to the bereaved families. Lithuania, who had awaited the successful landing of the flyers, somberly awaited their dead bodies.

Then ugly rumblings were heard. The circumstances concerning... the crash were suspicious. The so-called investigations into the cause of the crash held conflicting statements. By the time the representatives of the Lithuanian government arrived all wreckage had been cleared away and little more than half the plane remained. An aviation captain of Lithuania after investigating at Soldin, to which the bodies and wreckage had been taken, refrained from making an announcement of his findings because of the startling nature of what he discovered. The official statement of Nazi Germany did not dovetail with known facts. Haste and secrecy clouded the issue.

Uproar! What caused the crash? What lay behind the tragedy and the secrecy attending it? For forty-five hundred miles the ship had proved faithful. Why should it fail but four hundred miles short of the goal and over territory with which Darius was completely familiar, having flown over it before? It was recalled that two other planes, one from Latvia and one from Poland, had crashed mysteriously in the same area some time before. A ten-mile circle could enclose the scenes of the three crashes!

British, French, Belgian, Polish, Czechoslovakian, as well as Lithuanian newspapers screamed with the astounding statements that the flyers had been outrageously shot down! It was not inconceivable. Life is held cheaply in Nazi Germany, as evidenced by the recent unwarranted wholesale slaughter of hundreds of human beings under the direction of the fanatic Hitler and the blood-thirsty Goering who was once an inmate of an insane asylum.

Suddenly the press was quiet with only an occasional daring outburst. The lid had been clamped on. It became a bit dangerous to refer to the tragedy as other than purely accidental. The alleged shooting was cause for war. Consequently, Lithuania walked warily, not wishing to incite the larger and more powerful nation. But glaring facts which demanded answering and explanation remained ignored and unexplained. The people growled and demanded the truth



Stasys Girėnas

Steponas Darius

amongst themselves, but officially the tragedy was a closed incident.

The family of Darius requested our State Department to render the dead flyers their constitutional rights as citizens of the United States and determine the true cause of the tragedy. The State Department replied that "it was an unfortunate accident". In official circles here and abroad, the subject is received with shoulder shrugging, enigmatic smiles. Ignorance is professed. "Yes, we would like to know the truth, but it is a mystery". Officials of governments have expressed their opinions through the press to the effect that the flyers were shot down, but their names are withheld. And so the tragedy of the Lithuanica seemed doomed to remain "The Secret of Soldin Forest", held fast by fearful people who are afraid to talk.

POPULAR AVIATION, in the name of sportsmanship and justice, has taken up the investigation. The facts and evidence collected are here set down. What is stated here has, in most instances, never been released by the American press. Why, we would like to know, have the conflicting reports, the rumors which seem to

have basis, the suspicious circumstances of the crash which shriek aloud for investigation, been kept from the American people?

It is well known that Darius, in planning his original route across the ocean to Lithuania, intended to fly over the southern end of the Scandinavian peninsula to avoid going over Germany. People who knew him well stated that on several occasions he said that his chances of completing the flight would be much greater if he did not fly over Germany. Why did he change his original plans? Of what was he suspicious?

The answer to the first question is that going by way of Ireland, England and over Germany he would have less over water flying to do and would have a better chance to check his navigation. As to the second question, the facts speak all too eloquently of why his last-minute change of plans proved fatal to him and his flying companion.

On the night of the tragedy, a storm had settled in the north central part of Europe. At 10 o'clock on the night of July 16th, the "Lithuanica" appeared over Koenigsberg in the province of Pomerania. Rockets were sent up and

then the plane disappeared in a westerly direction. About midnight the plane appeared over the town of Berlinchen, 120 miles northeast of Berlin and circled at an altitude of about 200 feet. It appeared twice over a voluntary labor camp.

Reports conflict as to whether they dropped a flare from the plane or the guards turned searchlights upon the "Lithuanica". It has been definitely stated, however, that the flyers were seen leaning from the cockpit of the plane. *Later, the guards of the camp stated that they thought the plane was Polish, an "enemy" plane attempting to make a photographic survey of the camp.* Berlinchen is very close to the troubled Polish frontier, as is also Soldin. The plane flew away in a southwesterly direction. *What happened before it flew away?*

About 12:30 A. M., a farmer near Kudhamm, on the edge of the Soldin forest, heard a plane come out of the northwest. Soon after he heard a violent crash. Since it was raining, he didn't investigate. The next morning, the wreck of the "Lithuanica" was found in Soldin forest by a peasant woman and her daughter hunting mushrooms. The mail bag had been dropped from the ship some time before the crash. The dropping of the mail bag proves that they expected to crash. *What is the basis of the rumor that a bloody handkerchief was found in the mail bag?*

From the finding of the crash the course of events ran in a very questionable manner. All evidence of the tragedy was hastily removed before the Lithuanian officials arrived to investigate. The bodies were taken to Soldin and placed under a guard of six Nazi Storm Troopers. They were hurriedly placed in coffins and the coffins soldered shut. Such was the hurry that three hands were reported found in one coffin when opened in Kaunas.

The wings of the plane disappeared completely. Storm Troopers broke off parts of the plane and took them away as did the people of Soldin. The wreck was taken to Soldin and sealed in a box car. When the Lithuanian government discovered that little more than half of the plane remained they demanded the return of the stolen parts. The Nazis promised that everything would be returned. In the end, though some parts were returned, only about two-thirds of the ship was recovered. *Why was the rest of the ship not returned?*

The first official Nazi statement was to the effect that the flyers ran out of gas and were forced down in the forest. *Those who reached the crash first, and the first reports from Soldin, stated that there were at least fifty liters of gas in the tanks and ten liters in a reserve tin.* Investigation of the wreckage of the motor determined that motor failure was not the cause

Su Daina

*Keliamam su daina,
Jaunystė lydi mus!
Daina laukelias eina,
Jos aidas nuostabus.*

*Dainuok linksma jaunyste,
Dainuok, dainuok, dainuok!
Gyvenimas negrižta,
Žinok, žinok, žinok.*

*Tai kas, kad pilkos dienos
Be laisvės, be kelių.
Jaunyste, mano miela,
O kaip tave myliu.
Dainuok...*

*Šiauriniai vėjai pūtė,
Nelinksmo drugiai —
Brolau, graži sesutė,
Duok ranką, eik drauge.
Dainuok...*

*Dabar nutilo vėjai —
Pavasaris gražus,
Mūs viltys, mūs idėjos
Per amžius nepražus.
Dainuok...*

*Pakilkime į saulę
Su sakalo sparnais —
Atnaujinkim pasaulį
Naujais jaunų darbais.
Dainuok...*

K. Bradūnas.

The Wail of the East

By Rev. T. C. Edwards, D. D.

Like the cry from Macedonia,
Calling for means and MEN;
Comes the cry from Lithuania,
To the Western shore again.
It's the wail of lamentation,
That never seems to cease,
Appealing to a Nation
With plenty, and in peace.

The starving orphans crying
In agony for bread —
The suffering Mothers praying
Beside their offspring dead —
The innocent Aged weeping
For loved ones gone away;
Their useless vigil keeping,
Untiring night and day.

Hearts bleeding in deep sorrow,
With open wounds, and scars,
Praying today that to-morrow
May see the end wars;
Now in the darkness groping,
Tortured with cruelty,
Waiting, in faith, and hoping
For Peace and Liberty.

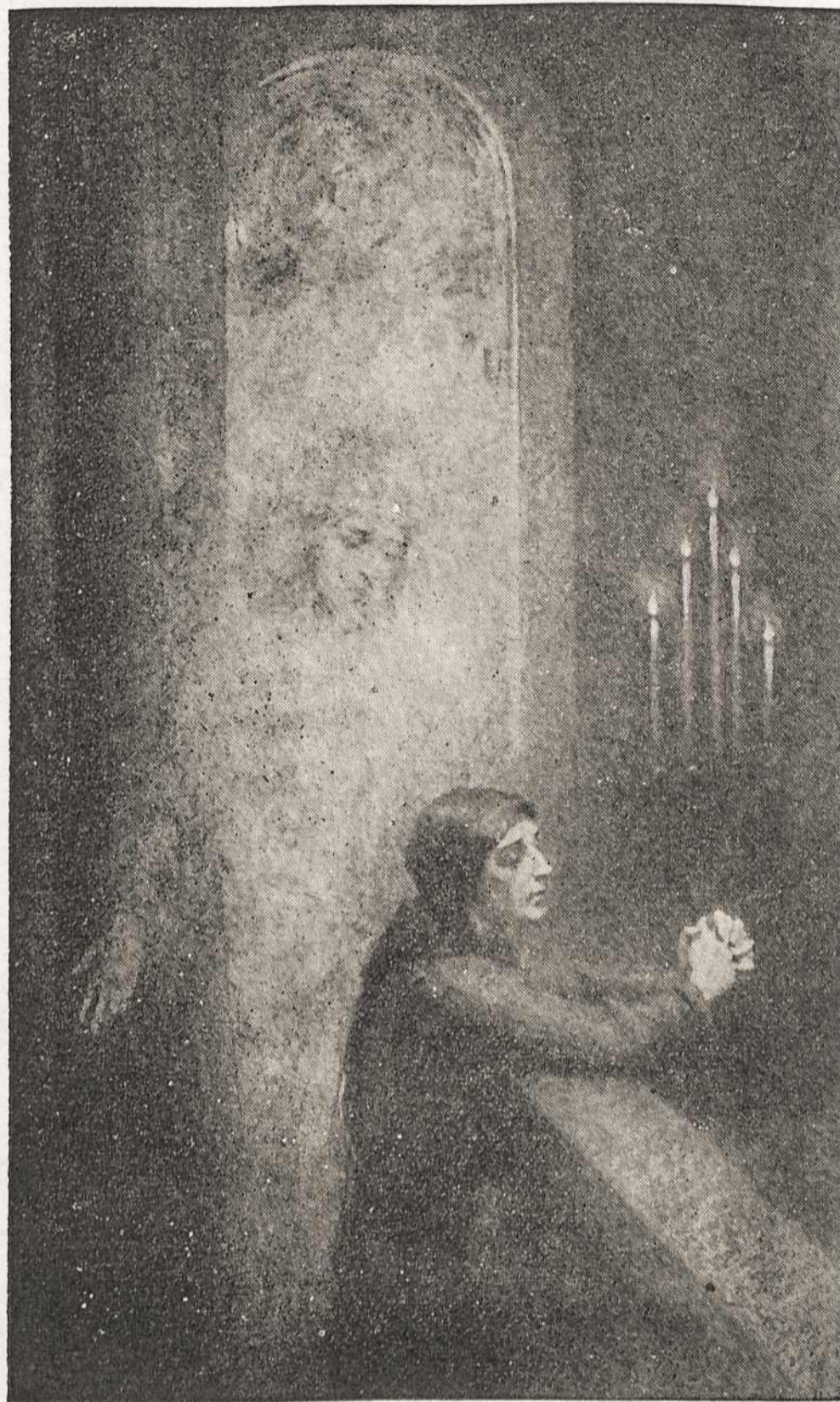
Pity, O God of Glory,
Who rulest alone on high:
Their land is rent and gory!
In mercy hear their cry.
Teach us in fair Columbia,
While sitting at the feast,
To remember Lithuania;
And heed "The Wail of the EAST".

of the crash. Expert opinion was to the effect that the weather could not be responsible.

Evidence at the scene of the crash proved that the ship had been flown into the tree tops with its motor running at cruising speed at least. For a hundred yards the tops of the trees were cut off, large trees were bowled over and the plane finally came to a stop with a terrific crash tearing out the motor and crumpling the fuselage as if it were paper.

If the ship had run out of gas, Darius would have stalled it as easily as possible. Such a thing had happened to him in the United States at one time and he brought the plane down into the tree tops with little injury to it and none to himself.

On the other hand, if the flyers had been severely wounded and were attempting to get out of the country while still conscious, it is conceivable that the ship might have been flown into the tree tops. Struggling against a growing weakness caused by loss of blood, perhaps with



Klišė — "Šv. Pr. Varpelis"

one flyer dead, the ship could easily have been flown into the trees as vision and strength failed. *The cockpit of the plane and parts thrown far from it, were soaked with blood. How does this hook up with the rumor of the blood-soaked handkerchief in the mail bag?*

The manner in which Germany reacted to the tragedy was incongruous, to say the least. Germany had never been friendly with Lithuania and since the advent of the Nazi regime the tension has grown steadily greater, with Germany growing more insolent in her attitude toward the smaller country.

With the crash of the "Lithuanica", however, the Nazis performed an about face that left the countries of Europe gasping. The flyers were honored as no one but Hitler has been in the past few years. The people of Soldin declared in flowery phrases that a monument would be erected on the site of the crash. This, however, has never been done and has been forgotten.

The Nazis gathered flowers from all over the

countryside, flying some in by plane when the local supply gave out. Guards of honor, flowery press notices, pretentious processions marked the route of the flyers' bodies to Lithuania. First to Berlin, then Stettin and then by plane to Kaunas. It was too perfect. It was too good an example of a bad boy afraid of being caught at a dirty deed, suddenly being the model of righteousness in an effort to divert suspicion and conceal the true facts.

From the time the bodies left Soldin until they reached Kaunas, they were in caskets soldered shut and guarded. A funeral ceremony of great pomp was conducted in Kaunas. Then the bodies were taken by the Lithuanian government to be embalmed in such a manner as to last a thousand years. This was done with the permission of the flyers' families.

Near relatives of Darius tried to see the bodies. For three months they were put off with weak excuses. Each day an attempt was made to see the bodies. Each day it failed. No one but the few working on the bodies were permitted near them, and they would not talk.

Finally, with the help of a friendly high official, they were permitted a brief and secret glimpse of the dead flyers. For three months surgeons had been at work, replacing parts, remodeling features, doctoring the bodies. *On the legs of Darius, however, were seen some round holes, such as bullets would make.*

Now, a year late, comes a report that one of the workers where the bodies were treated came to America and, in addressing a small group, stated that he had seen bullet holes in the bodies. A French newspaper came out boldly and said that bullets had been extracted from Girenas' body. Another authentic report stated that three bullets had been found in the chest of one of the flyers. *Here are three reports, all dovetailing!*

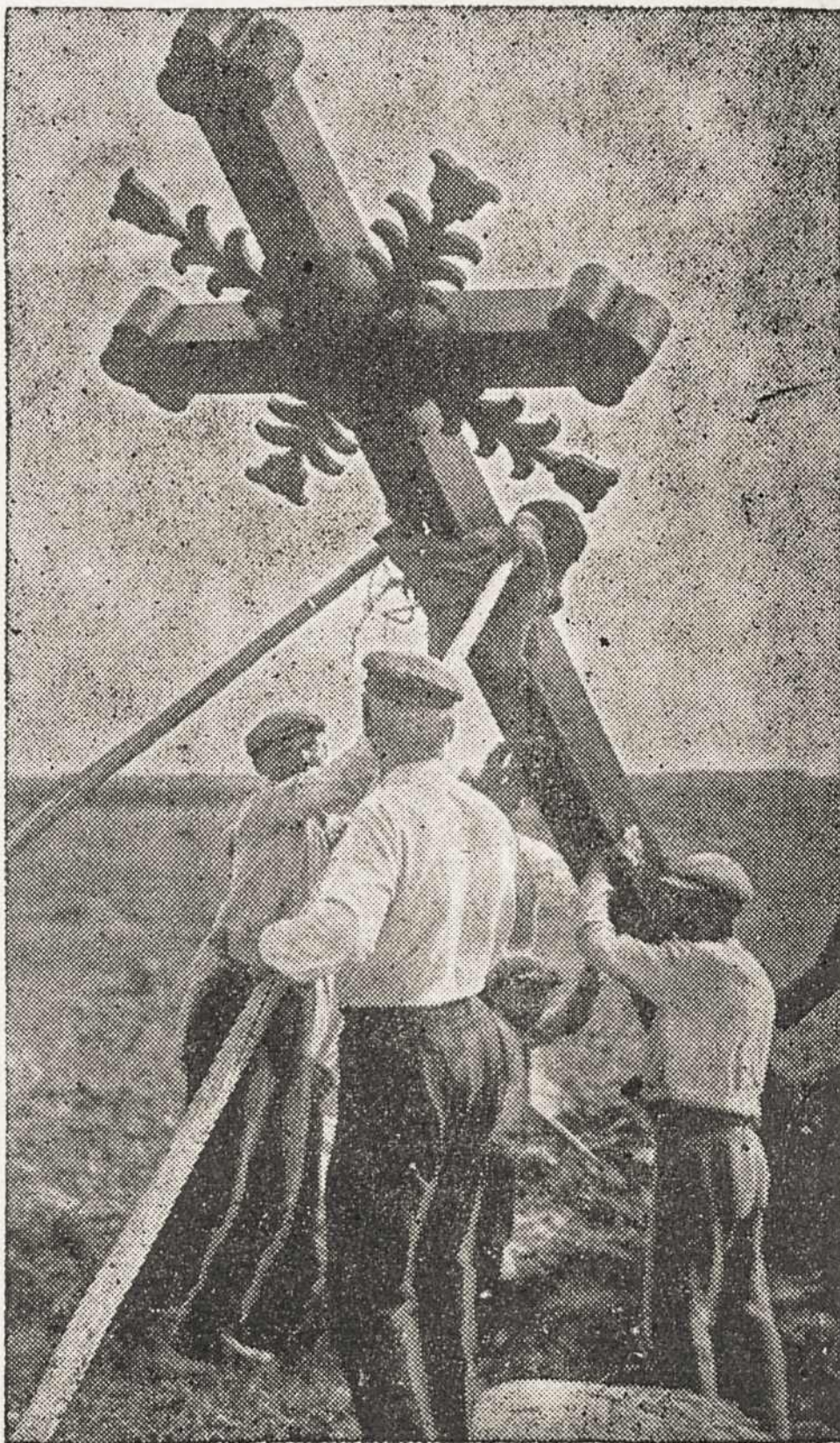
In Germany itself, in the Social-Democrat newspaper "Neuer Vorwärts", headlines announced that the flyers had been shot down by Storm Troopers near Soldin. The paper went on to say that when the plane flew low over the concentration camps, that the guards thought them to be "enemy" flyers and shot at them with machine guns. The first news out of Soldin was of the same nature.

The first Nazi official news called the tragedy an accident. Does this excuse stand up under another statement in "Neuer Vorwärts" to the effect that doctors and all those at Soldin were instructed to conceal all clues of the crime?

POPULAR AVIATION is not interested in international politics. It is interested in *justice*, in fair play, in sportsmanship. The unknown Lithuanian official spoke only too truly when he

said that it was America's place and not Lithuania's, to settle the matter satisfactorily. It has not been settled! There are too many damning facts in the way! The evidence is too strong not to warrant investigation!

Why has the matter not been thoroughly investigated by the American government? These two men were American citizens, entitled to every consideration as such. It is up to our State Department to find out the *truth*. It is nothing more than *just* to demand that it be ascertained if they were murdered. International intrigue binds other nations and the matter is really beyond their jurisdiction: Fear of reprisals in dictator-ridden Europe seals the mouths of those intimately connected with the affair. We repeat: It is up to the United States!



Tu amžina daina širdies...

Ir už mane karštai meldies:

Pakelių kryžiais tu man moji

Tėvyne, mano mylimoji!

OFFICIALUS SKYRIUS

As The K. of L. Conference Approaches

It was with very great interest that I read of your plan of a general conference in the month of August. The K. of L. organization is passing through a crisis, and I do hope that you people will think of some resolutions that will help our organization. Whatever you do, just don't discuss things. Plain discussion and pouring of woes will not help if there will not be found some commonsense solution for the troubles.

The reason that the K. of L's are in such depressed times is because that the organization fails to attract interest for others. This is very true of the Junior Lithuanian clergy and of the graduates of high schools and colleges. They are not interested in the K. of L's simply because of the question: "ko gero?". It is up to the us to show it; not just talk about glorious past activities. May I mention two points which I sincerely hope will come under your serious discussions and if desired will be put in to practice?

First of all, there is a pressing need for a good magazine for the Lithuanian - American youth. It must be both Lithuanian and English. It must be an interesting magazine. That interest must be aroused and sustained by fine feature articles on current events, a fine religious page, a woman's page, a Service Men's page, articles on books, stage and screen. There must be some literary-minded persons among you, who if allowed free reign, would do wonders. Just give them a chance. I found this to be true of my Sodalists who are putting out a wonderful newsheet. I know that there must be many others who could do even better because of their acquaintance with learned and cultured Lithuanians. A magazine of this kind would attract others to read it, to write in it and finally, to become members of the organization. I think we had a beginning of this two years ago, and yet what happened to poor Ed. Kubatis shouldn't happen to a dog. The carping criticism, the hindrances, and the failure to move along with the times, retaining the past, that glorious language, and making good use of the opportunities, hurt the organization and retarded its growth. Remember Frank, when you visited me three years ago those were my day-dreams. I do hope that some day, I will see and read a magazine for the Lithuanian - American youth. Why should it not be the "Vytis"?

Two years ago our council was a very active council. It was a pleasure to come to the meet-

ings for there was always something doing. Now we are in the doldrums, in fact we are losing very many members. Why? I subscribe it to the lack of activities at the meetings. The members who have stopped coming to the meetings have told me that they are tired of listening to the reports of the past outing and the coming outing or dance. No doubt, Frank, you have heard from your wife or your sisters that the *Queen's Work* sends out quarterly a detailed plan of activities for the various committees in the parish sodality. I believe that we should make use of this arrangement. The executive council could plan the activities in sport, social, literary, religious timely activities for the ensuing two or three months and published them in the "Vytis". The officers in the various councils would put them in use. This way there would arouse a greater bond between the Central Office and our respective councils. This, of course, means that there will be no "dead-heads" among the Center Officers. Everyone must work for the good of the entire organization.

I do wish that you would bring these points up at the conference for some serious discussion. I sincerely wish to be there. But I fear that I will not be able to make it. If you care to publish this as an open letter in the "Vytis", please do so.

Praying that God would grant you good health and success in guiding the K. of L's, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Julian Grinius,
C-14.

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Lietuviai, skaitykite L. Vyčių organizacijos žurnalą "VYTI".

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“Vyties” Skaitytojų Vajus

VYČIAI-TĖS, STOKITE Į DARBĄ!

Birželio mėn. numery padariau pranešimą ir kviečiau vyčius stoti į darbą, kad gavus eilę naujų “Vyčiui” skaitytojų. Visi gerai žinote, kad daugeliui narių išėjus į kariuomenę, narių mokesčių įplaukė visai mažai, gi “Vyties” leidimo lėšos padidėjo; todėl Centro valdybai kilo mintis skelbti naujų skaitytojų vajų, kad tuo padidinus įeigas, palengvinus “Vyties” leidimą.

Ištikrųjų, tūkstantis naujų skaitytojų atrodo didelis skaičius, vienok galimas, tik reikia stoti į darbą. Su nuoširdžiu pasiryžimu nugalimos visos kliūtys ir atsiekiamas užsibriežtas tikslas.

Kadangi “Vytis” dabar išeina gražesnis, įdomesnis turiniu ir padidintas, todėl nesunku gauti jam ir skaitytojų.

Paskelbus skaitytojų vajų, “Vytį” užsisakė jau šie:

O. Siaurienė, V. Valatka, J. Kumpa, F. Zaletskas, J. Smiglas, M. Grilevičius, A. Sanda, A. Vaisiauskas.

Rašant tai, ir daugiau gauta naujų skaitytojų fin. raštininkės ofise.

Vajus paskelbtas, dabar tik reikia visiems nuoširdžiai stoti į darbą. Užrašykime, “Vytį” visiems savo pažįstamiems!

Pr. Razvadauskas, Centro pirm.

P. S. Dovanos už šį pasidarbavimą bus duodamos, bet dar nenutarta kokios. *P. R.*

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L. Vyčių Centro pirmininkas, Pr. Razvadauskas, birželio mėnesio “Vytyje” idėjo atsišaukimą į visus organizacijos narius ir vyčių rėmėjus kviesdamas visus į talką—išplatinti “Vytį”, gauti *tūkstantį naujų skaitytojų*.

Karui ištraukus iš vyčių organizacijos virš pusę narių, “Vyties” leidimas žymiai pasunkėjo, nes sumažėjo mokesčiai. Todėl Centro Valdybai, bei pirmininkui, ir tenka susirūpinti, kad “Vytį” būtų galima išleisti, kol organizacijos vėl grįš į normales gyvenimo vėžes.

Perskaitęs pirmininko atsišaukimą, pagalvojau, kad kiekvienam nariui, ištikrųjų, yra kuo susirūpinti. Gauti tūkstantį naujų skaitytojų, žinoma, sunkus darbas, bet jis galimas, jei tik pasidaruotų kiekvienas organizacijos narys. Tas labai palengvintų “Vyties” leidimą ir jo tobulinimą.

Aš šimtu nuošimčių remiu pirm. Pr. Razvadausko atsišaukimą ir pasižadu stoti į talką “Vyties” skaitytojų vajuje. L. Vyčių organizacija mums brangi, todėl idėkime visą širdį, visas jėgas į tą organizaciją ir savo žurnalą. Tūkstantį naujų skaitytojų tikrai gausime, ypač dabar, kai “Vytis” išeina laiku, padidintas ir įdomesnis.

Vytis.

L. Vyčių Konferencija

Pereitas L. Vyčių Seimas įgaliojo Centro Valdybą ir organizacijos vadus nužiūrėti ar bus galima šiais metais šaukti visuotinas L. Vyčių seimas. Prieita išvados, kad seimo negalima šaukti, bet turėti tik Konferenciją.

Konferencija įvyks rugpiūčio mėnesio 14—15 d. d., Hotel Douglas, Newark, N. J.

Į Konferenciją kviečiama: Centro valdyba, po tris atstovus nuo kiekvieno apskričio ir visus nuoširdžius organizacijos vadus.

Kuopas bei pavienius narius prašome raštu prisiųsti įnešimus, kas organizacijoje taisytina bei kaip patobulinti mūsų žurnalą “Vytį”.

Formalumo dėliai, atstovai turi turėti apskrities įgaliojimą su dvasios vado ir valdybos parašais.

Konferencijos posėdis prasidės rugp. 14 d., šeštadienį 9:30 val. ryte ir sekmadienį 1 val. po pietų.

Nakvynėmis rūpinkitės patys ar kreipkitės pas New York ir New Jersey apskrities pirm. L. Ketvirtį, 690 Grand St., Jersey City, N. J.

Pamaldų reikalu nuoširdžiai prašome tartis dvasios vadą kun. St. Railą su Newarko lietuvių par. klebonu.

Tad ruoškimės Konferencijai.

Pranas Razvadauskas,

Centro pirm.

National Conference

As “Vytis” for August goes to press, the members of your National Board will be assembling to review the work of the districts and councils for the past year and to chart its course for the year ahead. The meeting, of the National Board, District delegates and Spiritual advisors, as most of you know, will take place at Hotel Douglas, Newark, N. J., on August 14th and 15th, 1943. Guests are cordially invited.

The cancellation of the biennial, your national officers well know, lays upon the National Board, District delegates and Spiritual Advisors a new and heavier responsibility. Lacking the accustomed expression, in convention, of your will as delegates of your councils, your Board for next year will need a keener-than-ever awareness of you and your desires, a more welcoming and tolerant attitude toward all views, a deeper wisdom, a greater measure of integrity, of selflessness, of honesty of purpose, if they are to make decisions which will truly represent you.

We do ask you to take into consideration the fact that if you neglect to bring your desires to our attention, if you fail to let us know your will, they can be guided only by the few who do speak up plus their own limited and fallible

judgment. We, therefore, look to you to help us by communicating to us your desires and your views, and by signifying to us what you would have us do.

We, on the other hand, will do all that lies within our power, through letters to council officers and through our official publication "VYTIS", to keep you informed of all action that we propose to take.

Phyllis Grendal
Supreme Council Fin. Sec.

Annual Membership Drive

The membership drive is still on. Is there any good reason for our common practice of discontinuing our club meetings just as soon as summer arrives?

Isn't there, in point of fact, every good reason why we should continue our club meetings through the summer months, and get new members to join? You must have a friend or two who would be most happy to join your council.

This year we can find no warrant for a summer recess on the assumption that everybody is away on vacations — for the simple reason that, travel conditions being what they are, most of us will be vacationing in our own backyards.

At the same time, present circumstances — most of them growing out of the war — provide us with the best of reasons why should continue to get together during the summer. We literary cannot afford to let our contacts lapse — to ease off on our activities, and become lax on our membership drive.

These summer meetings need not be-should not be-devoted to the same serious work and study as our winter meetings. On the contrary, they should quite definitely be characterized by the gay holiday atmosphere of vacation time. As far as possible, they should be held outdoors. At such affairs, a prospect or two could be invited and in that way you may obtain a new member.

Let's do our utmost in making this drive for membership most successful and have a REAL LIVE organization for our boys to return.

Prizes

1) Council having obtained the greatest number of new members will be presented with a War Bond worth \$25.00.

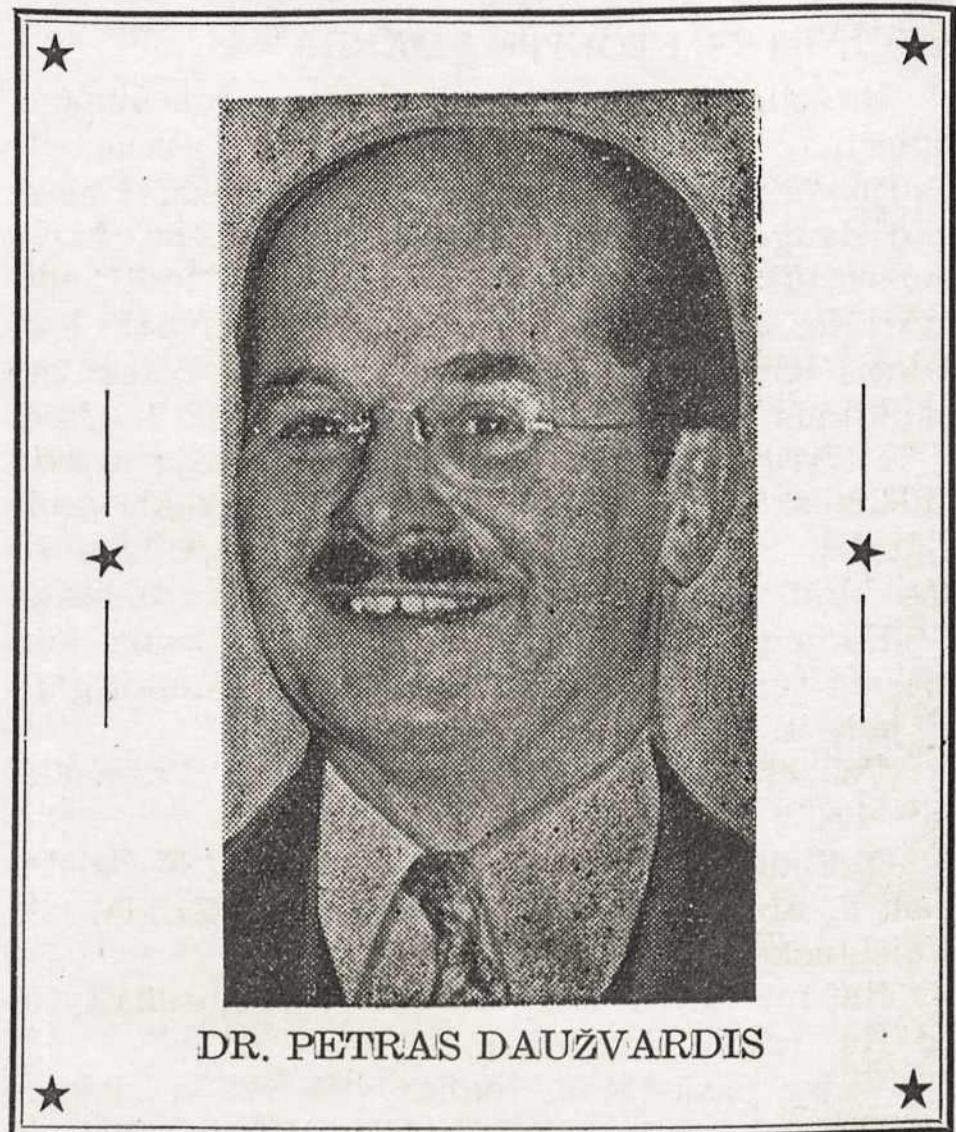
2) Council having obtained the second greatest number of new members will be given a beautiful gavel.

3) Member having obtained the highest points, will receive a set of Lithuanian books.

ON WITH THE DRIVE!

You'll notice that this issue of "Vytis" looks

Gavo naują mokslo laipsnį



DR. PETRAS DAUŽVARDIS

Šių metų mokslo pabaigoje, apgynęs disertaciją John Marshall Universitete, gavo Master of Patent Law laipsnį dr. Petras Daužvardis, Lietuvos konsulas Chicagoje. Kaip žinome, p. Daužvardis Georgetown Universitete yra gavęs bakalauro laipsnį, o praeitais metais jam buvo suteiktas ir teisių mokslo daktarato laipsnis.

Dr. P. Daužvardis, prieš įstodamas į Lietuvos valstybinę tarnybą, dar mokslus eidamas buvo labai aktyvus L. Vyčių organizacijoje. Daugely vietų yra pasakęs kalbų steigiant kuopas ir "Vytuje" nesyki yra rašęs aktualiais Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo klausimais.

Sveikindami Dr. P. Daužvardį su tokia pažanga mokslo srityje tikime, kad atsiectus laimėjimus panaudos Lietuvos grovei.

different, and we hope you'll think that it looks *better* — more attractive to the eye, more lively, more exciting, more modern, as the time goes by.

For a long time, it has been our ambition to give your official magazine a more up-to-date dress. But always the matter of expense stood in our way. Now, however, by managing to get along for the summer months and by effecting other economies here and there, we shall try to re-style the magazine. By this coming fall and winter, we shall try to carry on, and to keep on giving you as smart looking and readable a magazine as the one you now hold in your hands.

Seniausias Amerikos lietuvių laikraštinkas išėjo į poilsį.

Nuo ranka rašomo jaunimui laikraštuko iki moderniškios spaudoje gadynės.

PETRAS TUMASONIS

Birželio 25 d. P. Tumasonis suredagavo paskutinį sykį dienraščio "Draugo" pirmąjį puslapį, kurį jis redagavo per 27 metus, o vakare administracijos ir redakcijos personalas, į kurį atsilankė ir Lietuvos konsulas P. Daužvardis, jaukiame subuvime atsisveikino palinkėdami jam geriausio pasisekimo naujose gyvenimo apylostose — ūkyje ir paprašydami, kad jis dažniau bendradarbiautų ir toliau nesiskirtų nuo "Draugo".

SPAUDAI DIRBO PER 46 METUS

Laikraštinko darbą P. Tumasonis pradėjo dirbti prieš 46 metus. Dar tebetarnaudamas rusų kariuomenėje (Liepojuje) pradėjo leisti jaunimui ranka rašomą laikraštuką "Katalikas". Jį leido per porą metų (1897-1898 m.).

Kai 1901 metais atvyko į Ameriką, kun. V. Varnagiris jį pakvietė redaguoti "Žvaigždę", prie kurios išbuvo iki 1904 metų. Nuo 1904 m. iki 1916 metų p. Tumasonis redagavo Chicagoje Tanavičių leidžiamą "Kataliką", kuris iki 1914 m. buvo savaitraščiu, o vėliau dienraščiu.

AUTORIUS DAUGELIO KNYGŲ

Redaguodamas "Kataliką", jis parašė ir visą eilę knygų, kurias išleido Tananevičių spaustuviė. Tarp jų pažymėtinos: "Chrestomatija" (1904 m. išleista 1-ma dalis, 1906 m. — antra, 1908 m. — trečia), "Užkeiktas Urvas", "Apie Rūkymą", "Ciesorius Domicijonas", "Katorga", "Maldos Galybė", "Mylėk Artimą", "Vėjinis Malūnas", "Pusčios Dvasia", "Dangus", "Trys Keleiviai". Visi šie veikalai, išskyrus Chrestomatiją, yra vertimai iš kitų kalbų. Po raštais pasirašydavo P. B. (Petras Brandukas).

27 METAI PRIE "DRAUGO"

Į "Draugo" redakciją P. Tumasonis buvo pakviestas 1916 metais. Dirbdamas per 27 metus ir punktualumu ir darbštumu puikų rekordą pada-

This can be foreseen, — but with the assistance of the entire membership. The dues are so reasonable that your financial secretary hopes that each member will endeavor to pay up his or her dues in advance, and for at least six months, if not a year.

We shall welcome your suggestions and comments. "Vytis" ir YOUR magazine, remember, and we want it in every way to please you and our service members, and to be truly representative of your desires.

Supreme Council Officers.

rė. Per tą ilgą laikotarpį tik keletą dienų į redakciją neatvyko. Nuo redaktoriaus pareigų, prie kurių jis buvo prisirišęs nuo jaunų dienų, tik labai rimtos priežastys tesulaikydavo. Tuo būdu jis ne tik savo gabumais, bet ir nepaprastu uolumu ir savo kolegų ir dienraščio leidėjų pagarbos ir dėkingumo užsipelnė.

Petras Tumasonis gimė 1875 m. rugpiūčio 23 d. Lapšių kaime, Seirijų val., Alytaus apskrity. Chicagon atvykęs susipažino su Marijona Smalenskiūte ir ją vedė. Išaugino keturis sūnus ir dvi dukteris.

P. Tumasonis yra nusipelnęs ir L. Vyčių organizacijai. Kai gražiausiu mūsų organizacijos žydėjimo metu (1916-25) bedieviškos spaudos sunkiausios kanuolės buvo atsuktos į vyčius ir nuolatos buvo atakuojami, jis nesykį "Draugo" redakcijoje straipsniuose tas bedievių atakas stipriai atmušė. Veikime nedalyvavo dėlto, kad visą laiką jo darbas prie dienraščio buvo vakarais.

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In Memoriam – Lieutenant Joseph A. Styles



Full military honors were paid to Lieutenant Joseph A. Styles, U.S.N.R., 31, son of Mrs. Julia Styles, of Worcester, Mass., who was killed in a plane crash in California, on June 22, 1943.

He was a squadron commander based at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. Lt. Joseph A. Styles entered the Navy in 1937 and was commissioned in 1939 after training at Squantum and Pensacola, Florida. Prior to entering the Navy, he served a year as a 1st Lieutenant in the Army at Fort McKinley, Me.

He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he was fencing champion for two years and was a member of the football and track squads. He won scholarships to Clark University which he attended two years.

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Visiems prisijungusiems auką į "Vyties" fondą nuoširdžiai dėkojame.

Pranas Razvadauskas,
L. Vyčių Centro pirm.

Lieut. Styles was a native of Worcester, Mass., and member of Council 26, Worcester, Mass. He was faithful in all things, and not only took with seriousness his studies and sports, but also took in activities of the Knights of Lithuania and attended several national conventions, one of which was held in Dayton, O., in 1937. He had noble character and lovable personality. He was modest and possessed many good qualities. Lt. Styles was liked by all, and made friends very easily because of his personality. He was a true Lithuanian and patriot. His death was a shock not only to his mother, sister, but also to his relatives, friends and the entire Knights of Lithuania membership.

The funeral services and military rites were held at St. Casimir's Church where Rev. Petraitis, Rev. Bakanas Rev. Padvaiskas, Rev. Strakauskas and Rev. Jenkus had celebrated the Requiem Mass. A group of ensigns from Boston District 1 formed a guard - of - honor at the church and also at the grave in St. John's cemetery. Lt. Benjamin Wright was escort. Solo at the church was sung by Opera Singer Polyna Stoska, cousin of Lt. Styles, accompanied by Mrs. Anthony Miller of Worcester. Also solos and duet were sung by Joseph Zemaitis, organist and Mrs. J. Thompson.

Corp. Joseph Seilus of California and Corporal Aneshefskas held the flag at the cemetery, which flag later was presented to the mother, Mrs. Julia Styles. Besides his mother, Lt. Styles leaves a sister, Mrs. Edward Koroser.

Lt. Joseph A. Styles' death and funeral will long be remembered. One more K. of L. member has offered his life for our country.

Lt. Joseph A. Styles will be truly missed by the Knights of Lithuania.



THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The well attended New England District Convention at Boston on Sunday May 2, 1943 was a credit to our organization and a reflection of the success of our many varied activities throughout the year: it was a constructive and interesting convention and enjoyed by everyone in attendance. If you did not come to the last one make it a point to attend the next one in Providence R. I. with Council 103 as hosts.

For the benefit of the councils not represented at the convention here are the resolutions adopted and the new officers elected to serve for the coming year.

Resolutions:

1. Resolved that the members of councils write a news letter to each fellow member serving in the armed forces of the United States, relating therein local activity.

2. Resolved that each council in the New England District appoint a Ritual Director for their council whose duties shall be: (1) to explain the various degrees of our order to the membership of their council, (2) to work with the N. E. District Ritual Committee in exemplifying the degrees of our order, (3) to propose to the N. E. District Ritual Committee names of interested council members who would like to perform Ritual Degree Staff work, and (4) to act as a coordinator between their council and the N. E. District Ritual Committee.

3. Resolved that each council appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to acquire sufficient copies of each monthly Vytis and mail them to council brothers serving in the armed forces of the United States.

4. Resolved that members of the Knights of Lithuania desiring to learn more about the History and Literature of Lithuania should subscribe to the books and pamphlets issued by the Lithuanian Cultural Institute and published in the English language.

ELECTIONS

The following members were elected to office for the coming year:

President: Anthony J. Young, Esq., 35 Hunnewell Ave., Brighton, 35, Mass.

Vice Pres.: Louise Totilas, 18 Montrose St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Tillie Aukstikalnis, 38 Providence St., Worcester, 4, Mass.

Asst. Sec.: Mary Thompson, 55 Ellsworth St., Worcester, Mass.

Treasurer: Anne Kudirka, 37 Franklin St., Norwood, Mass.

Trustee: Irene Kersis, 19 Seymour St., Worcester, Mass.

Trustee: Anne Lucas, 81 Bernon St., Providence, R. I.

Spiritual Director re-appointed: Rev. Charles Jenkus, St. Peter's Church Rectory, 50 West Sixth St., So. Boston, Mass.

It is the duty of every council officer to follow, to the best of their ability, the resolutions accepted at the conventions of our Order. Only through the successful completion of all the necessary details of each and every resolution adopted can we hold up our heads and feel proud that we have performed this sacred duty.

The progress of our Order, as a whole, becomes greatly retarded when individual councils fail to carry out the resolutions adopted, and the situation becomes worse whenever a council fails to hold its monthly meetings. It is the monthly meeting that brings us together for our planning of our greater activities.

Many, if not all, councils are suffering greatly from a depleted membership. The armed forces have drawn heavily upon our membership as well as upon other youth organizations. We could not be loyal Americans if it were not so. It is this loss in our male membership that is slowing down council activities.

But the lack of male members in our councils should not be the death knell of our council activity. It should arouse a "never die spirit" in the hearts of the remaining members. It can and should stimulate the increased activity of the girls so that they will keep their council alive and in existence for the boys when they return. They worked and fought all difficulties to create and maintain a K. of L. Council in their parish. They are now working and fighting to defend

Žuvo Gindamas Žvaigždėtąją



A. A. STASYS (C. MASIULIS,

gyv. So. Bostone. Šiomis dienomis Karo Departmentas pranešė, kad kovo 28 d. š. m. kautynėse su priešu kur nors šiaurės Afrikoj tapo užmuštas. Stasys C. Masiulis įstojo į Jungt. Valstybių karo tarnybą birželio mėn. 1942 m.

A. a. Stasys Masiulis, 26 metų amžiaus, paėjo iš Panevėžio apskrities, Šimonių parapijos. Iš Lietuvos atvyko 6 metai atgal. Lietuvoje paliko motiną, brolių ir seserį.

Reiškiame gilią užuojautą velionio kareivio Stasio broliui Povilui ir sesutei Liudvisei.

the country that gives them a chance to have a parish and a K. of L. Council in it. While they defend the outer structure of our Liberty and Freedom, our Country, are we going to allow the center of our Liberty and Freedom, our K. of L. Councils, to decay and die? Of course not. None of us relish a finger pointed at us with the accusation "You let our council die while we went and fought for our country so that we could continue to have our K. of L. as we have always had".

Many of us at home are engaged in vital war work or in one of the many civilian defense units. We may feel too tired after our days work to arouse interest in our council activity, especially when our boys are away, and we do not attend meetings. We may say "let George do it". If the boys at the various fronts said the same,

the news in the papers would not be as cheerful and hopeful of ultimate victory as it is today.

What can we do? Many things, and these will not take up all of our spare time. First: seek out former older active members of your council and induce them to return and help you in the council work. Second: enlist girls and boys just attaining their 16th birthday. Third: get into the National Membership Drive in full earnest and win one of the prizes for yourself and for your council. Fourth: do not let a month go by without having a monthly meeting.

Now, take the resolutions adopted at the New England District Convention last month.

1. Appoint a committee of correspondence overseers, who will see that every council member in the armed forces gets at least one letter each month. These letters can be written before or after each monthly meeting.

2. Appoint a Ritual Director for your council. One who can get enthusiastic about degree functions, one who would strive to make each degree exemplification a solemn and impressive affair, and one who will cooperate with the District Ritual Committee. Have that member communicate with me.

3. Appoint a committee who will see that each fellow knight from their council in the armed forces gets a copy of the 'Vytis' each month. Get the parents of these boys to give you the current address of the service man. They may also help you get copies of the 'Vytis' by new subscriptions to the 'Vytis'. The committee can always collect copies from members who have read their 'Vytis' and customarily discard them.

4. Get interested in Lithuanian History and Literature by subscribing, or having the council subscribe to the books and pamphlets on history and literature published by the Lithuanian Cultural Institute. These are published in English.

By utilizing these suggestions your council will be a beehive of activity. It will be a credit to your parish and a credit to the members in the armed forces.

The "Vytis" is now being published in Boston, I am informed. You have probably noticed the new set up. It promises to be a bigger and better magazine under the guidance of our Editor Ignatius Sakalas and our Supreme President Frank Razvadauskas. See if you can get non-members to subscribe to our magazine. The subscription rate is only \$2.00 annually. A little effort will reap rewards.

Suggestions and criticisms are welcome. This is your organization as well as mine. Let's make it a better one.

Anthony J. Young, Esq.,
New England District President.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ DIENOS ATGARSIAI

GRIAUSTINIO ŠPOSAL. SPETYLA—PIRMOJI.
VARAKULIS — ANTRAS, M. TEIZERSKIENĖ
— TREČIA. KITI LAIMINGIEJI: SABONIS,
ARLIS.

Lietuvos Vyčių Chicago apskrities tradicinė diena, liepos 5, praėjo dideliu pasisekimu. Ji būtų dar labiau nusisekus, jei ne didelis lietus su griauštiniu užėjęs pačiu ruošimosi piknikan laiku. Be to, griauštinis iškrėtė ir šposą — sugadino garsiakalbio sistemą taip, kad jokių būdu nebuvo galima jo pataisyti.

GEN. BARZYNSKI SU DUKTERIM IŠKILMINGAI SUTIKTAS

Trečią valandą, kaip buvo skelbta, atvyko svečiai: gen. J. E. Barzynski, jo duktė leitenantė Eunice, kuriuos prie vartų pasitiko Darius-Girėnas Drum and Bugle Corp ir jiems priimti komisija su kun. J. Grinium priekyje. Kadangi garsiakalbis buvo griauštinio sugadintas, todėl programa išpildyta ne ant estrados, bet prie parko ofiso. Čia pasakyta kalbų prisimenant Liepos 5 d. reikšmę ir raginant, kad Lietuvaitės liuosnoriai stotų į Amerikos kariuomenės pagelbinį moterų skyrių — WAACs.

Be jų, dar kalbėjo Lietuvos Konsulo P. Daužvardžio žmona, žymus futbolininkas Bill Osmani, Chicago Herald - American korespondentas S. Pieža. Su kalbomis buvo pasiruošę dar "Draugo" redak. L. Šimutis ir redakcijos narys kun. K. Barauskas, tačiau dėl pagadinto garsiakalbio programa teko sutrumpinti.

Po programos svečiai-kariai, dideliame žymių Chicago lietuvių rately, buvo pakviesti į valgyklą vaišėms. Po valandos vaišių ir pasikalbėjimo svečiai - kariai vėl Dariaus - Girėno beno buvo išlydėti iš parko.

Kalbant apie programą, reikia pagirti Moterų Sągų 21 kuopos chorą, kurį veda muzikė-pianistė O. Metrikienė. Dėl didelio lietaus ir darbo (daug žmonių liepos 5 d. turėjo dirbti) neatvykus apskrities chorų ir Brighton Park Sodalijos vienetams, visą muzikalę dalį atliko sąjungiečių choras, kuris šauniai dainavo. Ir vėliau to choro garsai skambėjo visą dieną po parką. Garbė M. S. 21 kuopos chorui ir jos vadei. To patarnavimo vyčiai nepamirš ir ankščiau ar vėliau, pasistengs atsilyginti.

Vakarop išgiedrėjus, suvažiavusių vyčių dienon ūpas atsitaisė ir sutartinės vyriškų vienur, moteriškų kitur, o mišrių dar kitur aidėjo po parką iki pat vėlumos.

KAM NUSIŠYPSOJO LAIMĖ?

7 val. vakare buvo traukimas laimės, septynių liūdininkų: J. Dowiat, Jonavičiaus, Lukošaičio, Galnaitės, Čepulienės, Sabonio ir Sakalaitės akivaizdoje. Pirmoji dovana — \$100 sidabru teko Mrs. Spetylai, 6819 S. Campbell Ave.

Antroji — U. S. bonas už \$100 — vyčių veteranui ir dienr. "Draugo" agentui Dievo Apvaizdos parapijoj — P. Varakuliui. Kadangi tokia laimė jį patiko, jis ten pat piknikui paremti paskyrė ir įteikė \$20. Reikia pridėti, kad prie šio pikniko pasisekimo P. Varakulis labai žymiai prisidėjo parduodamas daug tikių knygų. Trečia dovana — U. S. bonas teko M. S. 21 kp. narei ir choristei M. Teizerskienei, 4620 So. Wood St. Kitos dvi dovanos teko dain. K. Saboniui ir Florence Arlis, cicerietei.

VYČIŲ VETERANŲ PASIŠVENTIMAS

Kad L. V. Chicago apskr. diena gražiai praėjo ir kad patarnavimas visame buvo girtinas, ačiū darbininkams, kurių didžiūma buvo vyčių veteranai-ės. Ir taip bufete darbavos brighton-parkiečiai, ciceriečiai, vadovystėj Valaitienės, prie kitų įvairių darbų buvo: No. Side, Brighton Park, Marquette Pk. ir Cicero vyčiai-ės, didžiojoje mergaitės. Daugelis jų nepamainomos per visą dieną nušilusios teikė patarnavimą. Į talką dar atėjo ir brolis Vladas, kuriam rengimo komisija labai dėkinga. Nuoširdų ačiū komisija taipgi reiškia: B. Čižauskienei, S. Sakalienei ir jos dukrelei Aldonai, kurios visą dieną tvarkė dovanų tikius; kun. A. Linkui, šv. Kryžiaus parapijos klebonui; J. Juozaičiui, 112 kuopos pirm.; J. Vilkišiui, tos kuopos sekr.; ir Dievo Apvaizdos parap. biznieriui Damanskui už visokeriopą komisijai pagalbą, patarnavimą. R. K.

GABI CHICAGO LIETUVAITĖ

PHYLLIS OVERLING

Phyllis Overling aplaikė aukščiausias garbės dovanas — net keturias — kurios yra retenybė vienai mokinei tai atsiekti, būtent:

1. The Mercy Honor Key for Highest Scholarship.
2. St. Xavier College Scholarship.
3. Bausch and Lomb Science Award.
4. Membership in National Scholastic Honor Society.

Taipgi yra atsižymėjus moksle nuo pat mažumės, nes baigiant šv. Joakimo pradžios mokyklą gavo dvi dovanas ir Mercy High School Scholarship, kurią, kaip matome, baigė su aukščiausiais pažymėjimais. Taipgi yra gabi pianistė. St. Xavier College jau pradėjo lankyti nuo kovo mėnesio Chemistry šakoje.

Ši gabi mokinė yra duktė Onos (Rashinskas) ir Antano Overlingų, 454 E. 90th St., kurie savo šeimyną auklėja katalikiškoje dvasioje. Taipgi turi sūnų Joną, kuris baigė šv. Joakimo pradžios mokyklą šįmet. Jiedu yra anūkai gerai žinomo a. a. Nikodemo Overlingo, kuris buvo vienas įsteigėjų šv. Jurgio parapijos ir bažnytinų draugijų darbuotojas.

New York—New Jersey District

The New York - New Jersey District Convention was held at Jersey City on June 13th. The attendance was an improvement over that of previous conventions. Each council should make an effort to have a delegate present at these district conventions in order to be fairly represented.

Nominations and elections were held and the present Executive Board was unanimously re-elected to serve another term with one exception. — You now have a new correspondent! In case you have forgotten who your District officers are, they are as follows:

President: Lou Ketvirtas
1st Vice President: Charles Vaskas
2nd Vice President: Helen Pinken
Treasurer: Charles Bason
Secretary: Josephine Adams

An important matter that was discussed was the coming National Conference to be held in Newark on August 14th and 15th. Further details of this coming conference will be sent to the individual councils.

The Special Honors awards to the two people in the District who were outstanding in their efforts for the year 1942 were presented to Joseph Augustinas, former president of the District, and Mary Augustinas, former secretary of the District. These awards were made the same evening that the District presented their play in Elizabeth. Congratulations, Mary and Joe!

“X.”

ELIZABETH, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

This is station Elizabeth giving you news about what we are doing.

We have had many changes. Thirty six of our male members are in the Armed Forces. I must say we are fortunate to have a few of the remaining ones who are doing their part at the home front by attending our meetings regularly.

Our social activities have been many and various. To begin with, our first activity was a surprise shower for Ronnie Krazanauckas who is now Mrs. Al. Nargauckas. Ronnie's Al had a difficult time to get her to come out that certain Tuesday night. Like all men, he finally convinced her to go. We welcome Al as a member of our council.

Next on our program was the Concert and



VALERIJA KAUNIETYTĖ,

hartfordietė, 6-tos kuopos veikli vyte, Raudonojo Kryžiaus lietuvių skyriaus pirmininkė. Tas skyrius smarkiai veikia ir dabar aukomis Hartfordo ir apylinkės lietuvių nupirko Blood Donor's Automobilių. Sveikiname energingą vyte ir jos bendradarbes-ius!

Play "Balon Krites — Sausas Nesikelsi", directed by Joseph Boley and sponsored by the New York and New Jersey District.

Then one day in June, Mr. and Mrs. Lekasky became the parents of a bouncing baby girl. Mother, Baby Arleen and Father are doing nicely. Heartiest congratulations.

Belated birthday greetings to you, "Little Susie". It was nice to see you at our last meeting. Do come more often.

Josephine A. is too busy these days. Don't tell me, Josephine, it is still the man from Room 719.

Helen Pinken is proud of her kid brother who was on the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter *S. Spencer*, that sank the German Sub. She also misses her brother "Spike" who is at the Newark Airport — so near and yet so far. One Sunday in June, "Butch" Potts got the softball team together and off we all went to the Newark Airport where our friend "Spike" got the Soldier team together. Well a good game was played; of course, it had to be good when the girls cheered for the apposite team. The soldiers enjoyed the heer, food, etc. that the Elizabeth boys brought. Another game will be played soon.

Our Pres. Al Vaich was fortunate to be stationed at Bayonne.

Johnny Gedman is an M. P. at Fort Wallace, Texas.

Gene D. and Betty Z. stick like glue.

Mrs. Oskutis had an enjoyable trip to New Orleans where she visited her husband "Shorty".

Mrs. J. Zwingle will miss her Joe who left July 2 to become Uncle Sam's nephew. Don't worry, Helen, Joe is old enough to take care of himself.

We are looking forward to the week-end at the Jersey seashore.

So, my friends, my time is up now and with oceans of love, I remain your long last commentator — "Pinky".

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17,

Many interesting things have transpired since you last read this column! Can't say that Council 17 has been inactive, notwithstanding these critical times, and many of our boys having joined the armed forces. It is really the correspondent's negligence in not having reported some of the important doings. Here goes.

Our membership has been increasing each month. We now claim over two hundred. Our meetings are still being held regularly — during the summer months, meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, followed by refreshments and dancing. Miss Aldona Yakavonis and her helpful group of girls have made it possible to enjoy the delicious sandwiches.

We are proud to say that we have a very energetic group of officers headed by Larry Svelnis, who, though busy at the Navy Yard, finds time for our council. Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Charles Jenkus, manages to attend all meetings, and helps us along with St. Casimir's Day and Mother's Day programs, and other such important events. Then we have our member and national president, Frank Razvad, who is always ready and willing to help us in our endeavors, together with Phyllis Grendal, our vice president and national financial secretary. Al Kleponis, our treasurer is prompt in making out checks. Our secretaries, Peter Kupraitis and Regina Glineckis, are right on the "trigger" — sending out notices, etc. Our newly-elected financial secretary "Pat" Zibutis, enjoys reminding members of their dues. We also have a fine Board of Directors:— Atty Anthony J. Young, Millie Vallis, L. Glineckis, J. Petrauskas, S. Mickevich, Myra Antanelis and Mrs. Joan Grigalunas.

We have members who are professionals, and materially support us when called upon — Dr. J. F. Antanelis, Dr. A. P. Kiburis, Dr. Pauline Luzackas, Atty. J. J. Grigalus, and Dr. Frank Galinis.

Lietuvos Vyčių 116 Kuopai

15-KOS METŲ GYVAVIMO SUKAKTUVIŲ PROGA

Praslinkus 15-kai metų suvirš nuo to gražaus laiko,
Kada So. Worcester, garsiame Gedimino kalne,
Užgimė naujosios pajėgos mūs' brangiai išėvijai...
Tai ir buvo L. Vyčių garsiosios 116 kuopos 1928 pradžia.

Nors metų jau eilė prabėgo ir pasaulis žymiai persimainė,
Tačiau visi vaizdai, visa gražioji, energinga darbuotė
Su maloniu mano širdžiai, geruoju Vyčių jaunimu,
Mano sieloje nei kiek, oi nei kiek nepasikeitė!

Matau aš tuos veidus malonius, tą patį linksmą jaunimą,
Pilną energijos, pilną kilniausių jausmų, pasišventusį;
Pavyzdingu savo gyvenimu ir gražiuose darbuose
Vykdyti tai, kas išreikšta Vyčių "Dievui ir Tėvynei"
garsiu obalsiu.

Nors gyvenimo bangos pakeitė veidus ir senas aplinkybes,
Išsiblaškęme Vyčiai po įvairius pasaulio kampus, —
Bet įdiegtoji širdyse meilė Vytiškos idėjos brangios,
Pasiliks gan giliai mumyse iki pat grabo lentos.

Nebedaug mūs' Vyčių-Veteranų beliko aktyviame darbe,
Mūsų vietas užėmė JAU veidai skaistesni,
Bet bendroji, prakilni visiems Vyčiams idėja,
Jaunus ir senus — tebevienija tampru vienybės ryšiu.
Linkėdamas tat, geriausios Veteranams kloties,
Maloniai aš, kaip įsteigėjas, sveikinu jaunuosius Vyčius..
Tegyvuoja garsioji L. Vyčių 116 kuopa So. Worcester,
Ir telaimina gausiai Dievulis visus prakilnius jūsų žyglus
ateity!!!

PADANGĖS ARAS.

Did you know that our member Vl. Brazauskas is studying at Marian Seminary, Hinsdale, Ill.? That John Bernatonis, Albert V. J. Contons and Alfred Janusonis are at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass.? That we have nearly fifty members in service? We remembered them all at Christmas, sent them gifts, cards and letters from time to time. They in return send us letters relating their experiences, etc.

Have you heard about the following members? That Mr. and Mrs. Banis were blessed with a boy?

That Adam Barauskas was recently married?

That Joana Lengvinas and Corp. Frank Grigalunas are married?

That Alfred Jakstas, is married?

That Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jusko are commemorating their 12th anniversary?

That Mr. and Mrs. Al Kleponis were blessed with a boy sometime ago?

That our active officer and member Anne Razvad and Brownie Kudirka, former N. E. District K. of L. president are married since last September?

That Alice Marcelonis is engaged?

That Mrs. Mary Matachinskis, formerly Mary Mason, is still honeymooning with her Lieutenant husband?

That Eleanor Mikalonis, formerly E. Zardeskas, is bringing up a lovely daughter?

That most recently, our 4th degree member, Al Neviera and Mrs. Neviera were blessed with twins — boy and girls?

That Frank E. Norkus and Miss Mickevich are engaged?

That Mrs. Alice Opanasets, was formerly Alice Naudziunas?

That Mr. A. Peldžius is not only member, but manager of "Darbininkas", where our "Vytis" is being published? And that member, Stanley Griganavičius, helps get the "Vytis" published together with Mr. J. Kumpa?

That John Peshin visits Norwood frequently?

That Cecilia and Frances Petreikis are daughters of well-known K. of L'ers, formerly of Lawrence?

That Ona Petrusytė is being rushed by one gentleman from Lawrence?

That P. Plevock and son are staunch supporters of our council?

That Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sakevičius (salesman of Boston Beer Co.), are staunch supporters?

That Frank Seluk, nephew of Nella Marks, is waiting to be called any day in the Aviation Corps as a cadet?

That Dr. Michael F. Grendal has been interning at the Boston City Hospital, as surgeon this past year?

That Bronnie Skrickis, who was recently honorably discharged from the Army, is a nephew of Father F. Norbut, Brockton?

Charles Stukas, son of well-known photographers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stukas, is in Marines?

That Larry's brother's Joseph and Frank are members in the Service?

That Mary Traskey, upon joining, pitched right in, and is on the refreshment committee?

That Mr. and Mrs. Frank Razvad are parents of a daughter Norma?

That Millie Vallis' heart throb is in Fort Sill, Oklahoma?

That Frank Valutkevich and his wife, formerly Alice Marcinkus, are proud parents of a boy?

That Aldona Yakavonis is engaged?

That Anthony J. Young is the newly-elected N. E. District Pres.?

That Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackiewicz, (formerly Frances Jakstas) are proud parents of a boy?

That Felix Zaleckas, who recently rejoined, is father of five children?

That Patricia Zibutis is prefect of Sodality?

That Mary Kleponis was prefect of Sodality last year?

That Fr. Dr. K. Urbonavičius, is Honorary Member of K. of L.?

That our Pastor, Fr. F. Virmauskis is Honorary Member of K. of L.?

That Anthony Chaplik is studying medicine and is brother of the Chaplik girls?

That Mr. and Mrs. Burba, were recently blessed with a girl? (Mrs. Burba was formerly Miss Stella Mickevich).

That Anna Walad is now Mrs. Jarasaitis?

That Anthony Kauchus is married?

That one of the Masiulis girls is married to a Corporal and other engaged to the Pechulis boy?

That Mr. and Mrs. M. Pluta (formerly Rita Neveras), are proud parents of a girl?

That Helen Tarushka is engaged to Mr. Zemaitis of Worcester?

That Alexandra Grite is now Mrs. Birgelis? Her husband is in the Service and well-known K. of L'er from Chicago.

That A. Gailunas of Winfield St. is married?

That Mr. and Mrs. P. Kudrick, formerly Ann Marcelonis, are proud parents of a girl?

That Helene M. Grigas is now Mrs. Lydon?

That Frances Karlonas, former member of our council, is Mrs. Carl Skadauskas, and has a son. Her husband is in Alaska somewhere, and that Frances and junior reside with the mother in Providence, R. I.?

That John Tarushka and Albina Norinkevich are now married and living in Connecticut?

That Chief Rigger Anthony Gaputis and wife are residing in Kokomo, Indiana? His father, Martin Gaputis, is manager of our Bowling Alleys?

That John Petrauskas is 4th degree member and charter member?

That Corp. Joseph Kibart is married?

That Corp. John Petkus recently had a furlogh and visited his wife, and attend the District meeting?

That Elizabeth Vestfiliutė is first member to join the WAACS.

That Peter Bukota has been member of our council for over 20 years and that he and his wife are still active members?

That A. Anchukaitis lives up above the bowling alleys, and not only active member of our council but also has sons who are members in the council, and in service?

Last but not least, did you know that our council has already bought \$1500 worth of War Bonds, and intends to buy more? Are you helping out in the war effort?

Many of our above-mentioned members are still active and attend meetings, even though they have family ties. Yet, there are many members who have become lax, and do not attend meetings as regularly. We should not overlook our duties in the Knights of Lithuania organization, but should be a part of it and help keep the vigil light burning, for "God and Country".

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PRIEŠ 25 METUS

CHICAGO, ILL. Liet. Vyčių 16 kuopa, pradėdant gegužės 22 diena, suruošė eilę paskaitų iš muzikos srities. Paskaitininku buvo komp. A. Pocius. Paskaitos buvo gausiai lankomos.



NORTHAMPTON, MASS. L. Vyčių 73 kuopa suruošė vakarą. Prieš pradėdiant vaidinimą kuopos suorganizuotas mergaičių choras padainavo keletą lietuviškų dainų. Kuopa turėjo 20 narių.



CLEVELAND, OHIO. L. Vyčių 25 kp. pirmininkui Ig. Sakalui išvykstant į Chicago dirbti "Draugo" redakcijoje, suruošta atsisveikinimo vakaras. Sykiu buvo atsisveikinta ir su išvykstančiais į kariuomenę vyčiais Šeštoku ir Sedeku. Programoj buvo dainų, deklamacijų ir kalbų.



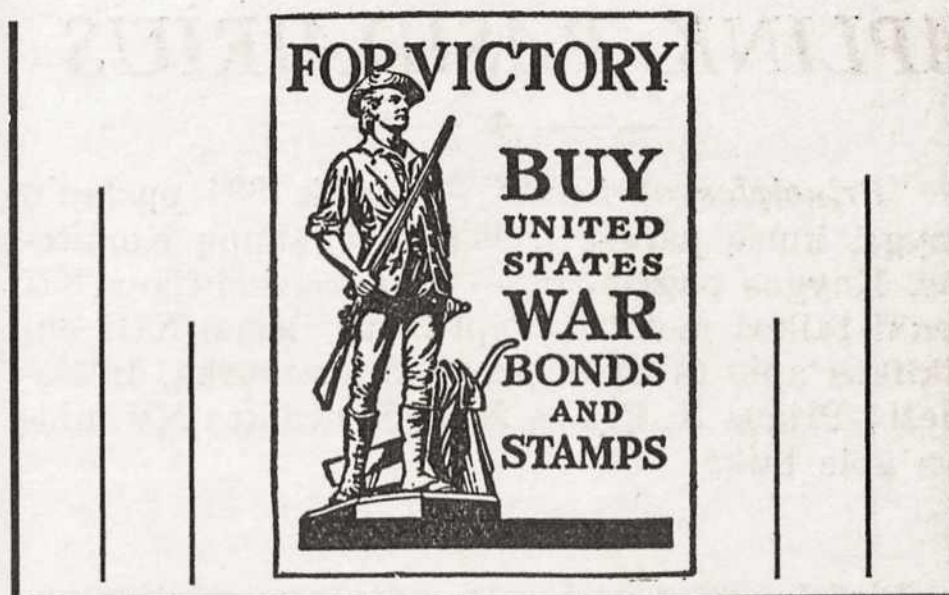
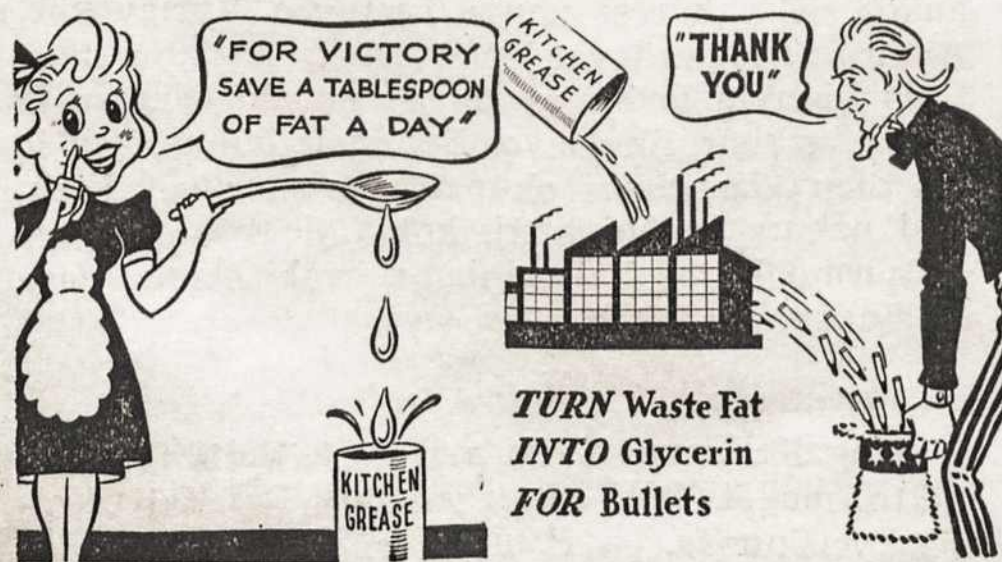
WATERBURY, CONN., ir CLEVELAND, OHIO, norėjo pas save turėti organizacijos 6-ji seimą. Nei vienai, nei kitai pusei nenusileidžiant, centro valdyba turėjo atiduoti dalyką kuopų balsavimui. Cleveland'as gavo 156 balsus daugiau nei Waterbury, Conn.



CICERO, ILL. L. Vyčių 14 kuopa susirinkime Birželio 12 d. savo organo palaikymui ir spaustuvės reikalams paaukojo \$100, o sekantiam susirinkime Apskrities Chorui palaikyti sudėjo aukų \$5.



CHICAGO, ILL. Birželio 7 d. įvyko metinis Chicago Apskrities Choro susirinkimas, kuriame pasirodė choras narių turįs 100 veikliųjų ir 20 rėmėjų. Metinė choro apyvarta siekia \$600. Nutarta paruošti naują konstituciją. Už ypatingą pasidarbavimą chorui garbės nariais pakelti choro vedėjas komp. A. Pocius ir J. Kazanauskas.



WORCESTER, MASS. Čia "Worcester Agriculture Park" buvo suruošta L. V. Naujosios Anglijos Apskrities išvažiavimas, kuriame dalyzilankė iš Nashua, Norwood, Athol, Boston, Cambridge. Dainuojant Lietuvos himną iškelta vavo per 3000 žmonių. Vyčių ypatingai daug at-Lietuvos vėliava su žirgvaikiu.



CHICAGO, ILL. — Liet. Vyčių 16 kuopa Birželio 6 d. suruošė išleistuves nariui J. Tumasoniui, kuris išvyko į Brooklyn, N. Y. dirbti Tautos Fondo raštinėje, ir kun. F. Kemešui, kuris iš šv. Jurgio parapijos persikėlė gyventi į Cicero. Išpildyta turininga programa. Abu veikėjai apdovanoti.



BROOKLYN, N. Y. Katalikų organizacijos nukentėjusių nuo karo naudai buvo suruošę bazarą. Savo stalą turėjo ir L. V. 41 kuopa, kuri pelno padarė \$365.00. Visi nariai darbavos.



SPRING VALLEY, ILL. — Liet. Vyčių 28 kuopa Birželio 2 d. buvo surengus didelį vakarą. Vaidino "Kas Bailys" ir "Į karužę jojant". Po vaidinimo kuopos choras padainavo lietuviškų dainų. Žymiausiu kuopos veikėju buvo S. Daunoras.

Šiomis dienomis išėjo nauja knyga — "Kun. J. Navickas, jo gyvenimas ir asmens bruožai". Knygą parašė kun. dr. K. Urbonavičius, o išleido Tėvai Marijonai. Knygoje, be leidėjų žodžio ir įvado, duota plati kun. J. Navicko biografija ir jo gyvenimas bei darbai. Velionis yra brangus asmuo ir L. Vyčių organizacijai. Studentaudamas jis daug laisvo laiko pašvėsdavo jauniui organizuoti. Atostogų metu važinėjo su prakalbomis, steigė kuopas, dalyvavo seimuose ir buvo nuolatinis "Vyties" bendradarbis.

Knygą, kurios viršelį puošia Jono Pilipausko dailus piešinys, patartina kiekvienam vyčiui ir vytei įsigyti. Galima gauti "Draugo" administracijoje, 2334 S. Oakley Ave., Chicago, Ill.

APLINK PASIDAIRIUS

“Principles of Peace” — nauja 894 puslapių knyga, kurią parašė ir išleido Vyskupų Komitetas. Knygos pagrindas — Popiežiaus Pijaus XII penki taikos punktai, Popiežiaus Leono XIII enciklikos apie taiką ir pasaulio santvarką. Ir Popiežių Pijaus X, Pijaus XI ir Benedikto XV mintys apie taiką.

V...—

Birželio 28 d. suėjo 15 metų nuo mirties uolus Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės skelbėjo, Lietuvos Tarybos nario, kun. Alf. Petručio. Dar prieš karą jis daug pasidarbavo lietuvių Vilniaus krašte lietuviškų parapijų bažnyčiose įvesdamas lietuviškas pamaldas, steigdamas lietuviškas mokyklas. Dėl tos savo veiklos turėjo labai daug nukentėti nuo lenkų. Jis buvo vienas organizatorių “Tėvynės Sargo”, “Vilties”, “Bažnytinės Apžvalgos”. Per pirmąjį karą drąsiai dirbo su lietuviams, o 1918 metais pasirašė Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Deklaraciją. Nežiūrint didelių darbų savo kraštui, jis buvo visuomet uolus kunigo pareigose. Lenkų ir vokiečių išvargintas jis mirė 1928 metais.

V...—

Prof. Senn ir prof. Leonard pastangomis Wisconsin Universitete įsteigtas platus Lituanistikos skyrius. Ypatingai didelis yra tautosakos rinkinys, kurį sudaro net 20 tomų Lietuvos Vytauto Didžiojo Universiteto pastangomis išleistų. Tose knygosose telpa lietuvių liaudies dainos, padavimai ir tt. Lituanistikos skyriaus globėjas prof. Leonard, sakoma, pats išmokęs lietuviškai ir labai brangina lietuvių kalbą.

V...—

Birželio mėnesį suėjo 30 metų nuo mirties vieno Lietuvos švietėjo kun. F. Sereikos, kuris spaudos draudimo metu Prūsijoje išleido lietuvių kalbos vadovėlį. Tame vadovėlyje jis, vietoj iki tol įprastos rašyti lenkiškos W, patarė rašyti lotynišką V, kaip dabar kad rašoma. Labai buvo uolus lietuviškų knygų platintojas. Pirkdavo jas už savo pinigus ir žmonėms dalino dykai. Už tą mokymą lietuvių lietuviškai skaityti, rusų valdžios buvo nubaustas 300 rublių. Mirė sulaukęs 69 metų amžiaus.

V...—

Birželio 26 d. suėjo du metai nuo masinių laidotuvių Kaune. 3000 lietuvių sukilėlių, sugraudinti baisių žinių apie rusų - bolševikų terorą: šaudymus nekaltų žmonių ir prievarta gabenamų į Sibirą, griebėsi ginklo prieš okupantus — rusus. Neturėdami ginklų, nes okupavę Lietuvą rusai - bolševikai visą kraštą buvo išginklavę,

HUMOR

Two soldiers had just managed to stagger aboard a street car, reports *Stars and Stripes*. One of them turned to the nearest uniformed person and offered fare. “Sorry I can’t take it”, replied the stranger, “I’m a naval officer”.

“Holy smoke, Joe”, shouted the jeep to his buddy, “let’s get offa here. We’ve boarded a bloomin’ battleship”. (A.)

A group of British and American sailors were swapping yarns about their ships. “I’m curious about your carriers”, one British tar said. “How fast are they?”

One American turned his wad of gum over. “Well, to tell you the truth, chum”, he replied, “I don’t know. We’ve never really opened them up. All they’ve been required to do so far is to keep up with the planes”. (A.)

Rookie: “Hey Cpl., thats some shape you carry around.”

Cpl.: “Don’t mess around with me bud, I’m like your Insurance, you don’t know when you’re going to get it”. L. S.

Condemned to death by the German “special court” were Adolfas Popieršinskis, twenty years old, and Benediktas Labokas for allegedly appropriating clothing and hosiery and having sold them at excessive prices.

Permits must be obtained for railway travel in Lithuania. They are issued only for army purposes and for “very important services connected with agriculture”. No other means of communications exists between Vilnius and Kaunas and other towns.

negalėjo bolševikų išguiti. Kaunas buvo nuklotas lavonais. Naziams rusus išvijus, jų kraujo aukos dėka kūrėsi nauja Lietuvos Vyriausybė, Ambrozaičio vadovaujama. Dėja, naziams tautinis lietuvių veikimas buvo nepakenčiamas ir jie tą veikimą likvidavo. Bet ateis laikas, kad ir šių dienų žiauriems okupantams-naziams lietuvių užkurs karštą pirtį, kokią jie buvo užkūrę po pirmo karo kaizeriniams vokiečiams prie Radviliškio ir kitur.

V...—

Nugalėti save, turėti saiką, laikytis tvarkos, takto, mokėti būti savęs valdovas — štai tikrasis vyriškumas. — P. Štuopis.

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