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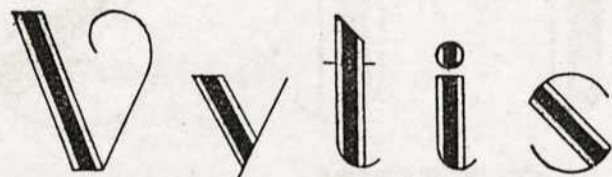


Top row — Left to right —

“Aušros Vartai” — The hallowed shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Vilnius. Gediminas, Grand-duke of Lithuania, Founder of Vilnius. The Heraldry of Lithuania — Towers on the coat of arms of Gediminas. The escutcheons of Kaunas, Vilnius, Knight of Lithuania (above) and Klaipėda (Memel). The coat of arms of Lithuania. The Grand Duke Vytautas the Great. The Castle fortress of Gediminas.

Middle row — Dr. Vincent Kudirka, Poet of national resurgence. Augustas Voldemaras, the first Prime Minister. A. Stulginskis, second President of Lithuania. Anthony Smetona, first President of Lithuania, died in the U. S. on January 9, 1944. Casimir Grinius, third President of Lithuania. J. Tubelis, President of the Lithuanian National Bank. John Basanavičius, literateur and protagonist of Lithuanian freedom.

Bottom row — Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Kaunas. The signing of the Treaty at Suwalkai, October 7, 1920, whereby the Polish delegates officially acknowledged Vilnius as belonging to Lithuania. On the following day, October 8, the Poles broke the treaty and attacked the Lithuanian army. Members of the Lithuanian commission in the zone conceded by the Germans as neutral at Klaipėda. The Lithuanian statue of Liberty in the Museum of National History in Kaunas.



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Mūsų Globėjo Spinduliuose (Šv. Kazimiero šventei)

JEI organizacija pasirenka savo Šventąjį Globėją, tai jo vardą įrašo į Draugijos Konstituciją, jo dieną paskelbia Draugijos švente. Bet jei viskas tuo ir pasibaigtų, tai būtų labai maža. Juk organizacijos globėjas yra ir kiekvieno nario gyvenimo paveikslas, asmenišką dvasinį prietelį. Todėl kiekvienas narys ar narė turi tą gyvenimą pažinti ir sekti pagal savo galimybes ir gyvenimo aplinkybes.

KOKIO GI GYVENIMO PAVEIKSLAS yra Vyčių Globėjas — Šv. Kazimieras? Kas gi yra žmogaus gyvenimas? Kiek galvų, tiek atsakymų. Bet ar ne visų nuomonės galima suvesti į dvi viena kitai priešingas?

Gyvenam tam, kad gyventumėm ir išnaudotumėm šį trumpą gyvenimą. Kad daugiau turtelio prisikrautų, didesnės garbės užsitarnautų ir visus malonumus — good time — patirtų... Tai gal daugumos "gyvenimas", jei tai gyvenimu būtų galima pavadinti.

Gyvenam tam, kad pažintumėm Dievą, Jį mylėdami, Jam tarnaudami šiame pasaulyje, amžiną laimę užsipelnytumėm aname gyvenime, yra antroji gyvenimo supratimo filosofija.

Šv. Kazimieras yra parodęs, kaip nereikia gyventi tuščio ir nenaudingo gyvenimo ir paliko tikrojo gyvenimo neišdildomą paveikslą. Štai, keli jo pamokinantieji bruožai.

NEPRITRAUKĖ BLIZGŪČIAI, karališki turtai, kunigaikščių palociai, ištaigingi rūmai... Nepaveikė nei valdovo kardas, kariuomenė, nei kokia kita galybė nebuvo jo rankos ramstis. Karališkas sostas, auksuoti drabužiai, tūkstančiai besilankstančių tarnų nesukėlė jo išdidumo, nepatraukė akies, nepaviliojo širdies...

— O, koks jis foolish! — sušuks šių dienų jaunuolis. — Kad taip man, tai aš būčiau mokėjęs taip gyventi, kad ir poną Prezidentą būčiau pralenkęs savo galybe ir didenybe.

IŠLAIKĖ LAISVĄ ŠIRDĮ ir didingą valią, nes nepasidavė tuščios garbės troškimui. Šventasis gerai suprato, kad aklas garbės ieškojimas ir jos vaikymasis surakina kilnią širdį, padaro ją belaisve, pripildo ją puikybės, godumo, neapykantos bei keršto nuodais.

SPINDĖJO SKAISTI SIELA, nes nuodėmingų ir vėjavaikiškų linksmybių neieškojo. Jo linksmybių laikas buvo skirtas melstis, gerų darbų daryti ir pasirengti amžinai laimingam gyvenimui.

— Tai ne mums — ne mums, — didžiu balsu kartos 20-ojo amžiaus išpuikęs jaunimas. Taip galėjo gyventi tik prieš kelis šimtus metų, bet ne šiandien. Juk šiais laikais nė vieno nerastum bent panašiai gyvenant, tai kam dar ir kalbėti ir siūlyti mums, juk mes negalime būti kito pasau-



Šv. Kazimiero malda prie švč. P. Marijos Aušros Vartų, Vilniuje

lio žmonės... Šventas Kazimieras buvo šventasis, o mes tik paprasti... Bet juk ir mums veikia tos pačios malonės, ir dar daugiau, nes mes turime prieš akis daugiau gerų pavyzdžių. Tik apsižiūrėkim savo tarpe, ir čia, šiandien, rasime kilnių berniukų ir mergaičių, kurie nežiūri į kitus, bet stengiasi siekti šventojo kilnumo. Ir jie linksmi, patenkinti, dažniau juos matai prie Komunijos, džentelmeniškai ir kilniai pasikalba su kitos lyties jaunimu, jie visų pavyzdžiu statomi. Pažįstu vieną studentą, kuris kas savaitę eina Komunijos, kurs ir sportą mėgsta, su kitais jaunuoliais smagiai pakrykštuoja, bet kai laikas atėjo, savo niekada neatsisakys dėl kitų akių ar dėl to, kad kiti taip nesielgia, ar kad kiti taip elgiasi, jis eina savo keliu.

GILUS PAMALDUMAS buvo Šv. Kazimiero ryškiausias ženklas nuo pat kūdikystės. Jis meldavosi visa savo butybe. Kai su savo Išganytoju kalbėdavosi, viską pamiršdavo, nei šalta naktis, nei nepatogumai neatitraukdavo dažnai klūpoti prie bažnyčios durų. Jei arti Viešpats, tai viskas kita gerai.

Ar tai nėra pamoka mūsų jaunimui, kuris ir patogiose bažnyčiose "nemoka" šventai praleisti. Juk pajuokauti, pasikalbėti, pasižvalgyti ne baž-

Lietuvos Vyčių Chicago Apskričiai šį numerį skiriant

(Trumpa gyvavimo ir veikimo apžvalga)

Lietuvos Vyčių Chicago Apskritis yra metais senesnė už patį mūsų laikraštį "Vyti". Kai 1915 metais trečiame seime, Chicagoj, buvo nutarta leisti "Vyti", Chicago Apskritis jau veikė.

Dėl stokos laiko negalima buvo pasirausti po senų laikraščių komplektus ir patirti, kas buvo iniciatorius (pavienis asmuo, ar kuopa) apskričiai steigti ir kuriai kuopai buvo garbė turėti steigiamąjį susirinkimą. Chicago vyčiams tuo metu vadovavo ir gaires veikimui nustatinėjo žymūs visuomenininkai, laikraštinkai, muzikai, kaip J. Kaupas, J. Karosas, komp. A. Aleksis, kun. F. Kemėšis, P. Mulevičius, architektas M. Žaldokas, adv. V. Rutkauskas, komp. A. Pocius, kun. Serafinas; studentai: A. Račkus, K. Pakštas, L. Šimutis, dail. I. Ilekis, J. Poška ir kiti. Be to, kolonijose buvo labai gausu veikėjų. Šviesiam katalikui priklausyti prie Lietuvos Vyčių buvo ne tik garbė, bet ir tautinė - religinė pareiga. Dėlto lie-

nyčioj vieta. O kiek vyčių rodo pavyzdį su maldaknyge ir rožančium rankoj meldamiesi? Gal ir jiems labiau patinka "pasiziūrėti", "pasėdėti" paskutiniame bažnyčios suole...

VARGŠŲ MEILĖ buvo jo viešojo gyvenimo veikimas. Gera darymas buvo jo maloniausias užsiėmimas, saldžiausias pasilinksminimas. Jo būdo švelnumas, malonumas, geraširdiškumas yra ryškiausi ir pamokinantys Šventojo charakterio bruožai.

Mūsų laikais ir savo apylinkėse gal mes nematome vargšų, nelaimingų, apleistų. Tačiau juos mato šventasis danguje. Jis stebi tuos tūkstančių tūkstančius kenčiančių, sužeistųjų, mirštančiųjų kare. Jo akyse ypač stovi kiekvienas lietuvis karys ir kiekvienas kenčiantis lietuvis Lietuvoj, Sibire, kalėjime, ligoninėj, ar čia pat — tarpe mūsų.

Šventasis Kazimieras paliko savo artimo meilės pavyzdį ir mums labiau atsiminti kenčiančius, ypač savo brolius karius vyčius. *Naudingausiai Jo šventę paminėsime, jei tą dieną už kenčiantį lietuvių ypatingu būdu melsimės, kad lietuvis būtų laisvas ir kad Lietuva būtų Nepriklausoma maldausime.*

PRAKTIŠKAS PASIŪLYMAS. Kas kilniausiai paminės šv. Kazimiero šventę ir aprašys savo šventę "Vytyje"? Kas sudarys vyčių maldų ir gerų darbų didžiausį vainiką už kenčiančius lietuvis ir Lietuvos Marijos Žemės laisvę. Lauksime, kas bus pirmasis ir laimėtojas? Laimėtojų kuopų vardai bus paskelbti "Vytyje". Laukiame gausaus dalyvavimo šiame dvasiniame konteste.

Jūsų kun. Stan. Raila.

tuviams bedieviams Amerikoje nebuvo didesnio prieš, kaip Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija.

Choras

"Vyties" 5-6 numeryje (1915) įdėta pirma žinutė iš apskrities veikimo. Žinutėj aprašyta, kaip vyčiai moka naudingai laiką praleisti Advento metu. Štai, 4-ji kuopa (Dievo Apvaizdos parapijoj) Gruodžio 2 d. buvo suruošus vakarą, kuriame dalyvavo su paskaitomis dr. Rutkauskas, "Draugo" red. J. Kaupas ir "Vyties" adm. L. Šimutis. Paskaitų tarpuose buvo rodoma judamieji paveikslai.

Kaip pavasarį upė, pralaužus ledus išsilieja iš vagos ir, šniokšdama, putodama, dideliu smarkumu bėga ir jokios kliūtys negali sulaikyti, taip lygiai tais metais ėjo Chicago Apskrities veikimas. "Vyties" 3 numeryje, 1916 m., jau randame tokį pranešimą:

"Lietuvos Vyčių Chicago Apskritis, sutraukus 11 kuopų, kurios turi arti tūkstančio narių, sumanė suorganizuoti apskrities chorą". Tas ir įkūnyta Vasario 24, 1916 metais, šv. Jurgio parapijos salėj. Apskrities chorui tuomet priklausė žymiausios Chicago lietuvių dainos meno jėgos, kurių priekyje buvo žinomos artistės Ona Pocienė (mirusi), Marijona Janušauskienė ir kitos. Choro dirigentu buvo komp. A. Aleksis. Jam išvykus kitur vargonininkauti, ilgus metus chorą vedė komp. A. Pocius, kurio pastangomis buvo suruošta didelių vakarų - koncertų, pastatyta visa eilė operečių; kai kurios, kaip "Kornevilio Varpai" buvo kartotos keletą sykių ir keliose vietose. Vidurmiesčio koncertinėse salėse Apskrities choro buvo išpildyta religinio turinio veikalai, kaip "Stabat Mater", "Septyni paskutiniai Kristaus žodžiai nuo kryžiaus", kurie vėliau buvo pakartoti kai kuriose bažnyčiose. Vėliau eilę metų Apskrities chorui vadovavo komp. J. Sauris, kurio pastangomis irgi suruošta daug koncertų, pastatyta operečių; be to, choras koncertavo Kewanee, Ill., Detroit, Mich., ir buvo dalis masinio lietuvių choro New York Pasaulinėje Parodoje. Choro dirigentais dar trumpai yra buvę S. Rakauskas ir L. Šimutis, Jr. (sūnus vieno apskrities ir choro organizatoriaus). Pastarieji abu dabar tarnauja kariuomenėj.

Drama

Lietuvių scenos meną apskritis taip pat yra aukštai iškėlęs. Dramos Sekcijai vadu-rezisorium ilgiausiai yra buvęs Justas Balsis, dabartinis lietuvių parapijos, Hartford, Conn., vargonininkas. Vėliau apskirtyje buvo įsteigtas Talentų Išdas, kuris talentingiems scenos mėgėjams (J. Balsis, J. Vilimas, P. Sriubas, O. Janušauskaitė

Lietuvos Vyčių Chicago apskrities valdyba 1944 m.



Žiūrint iš kairės į dešinę pirmoj eilėj sėdi: Violet Spirauskaitė, 2-ji vice pirmininkė; Marijona Daunytė, pirmininkė; kun. Julius Grinius, dvasios vadas; Antanina Valaitė, sekretorė; Aldona Sleinytė, sekretorės padėjėja.

Antroj eilėj taip pat žiūrint iš kairės į dešinę:

ir k.) davė progos lankyti dramos mokyklą ir kultivuoti savo talentą. Dideliuose miesto teatruose atvaidinta visa eilė istorinių veikalų ("Keistutis", "Mirga", "Rutvilė", "Mindaugas", "Išgriovimas Kauno pilies" ir k.). Daug taip pat buvo atvaidinta mažesnių veikalų parapijų ir kitose didesnėse salėse.

Sportas

Sportas apskrity irgi buvo aukštai pastatytas, ypatingai baseball, basketball ir track meet. Kiekviena sporto šaka turėjo savo sąryšį (League). Žaista ne tik tarpusavy, bet ir su sveimtųjų geresnėmis rinktinėmis. Į Lietuvos Vy-

Ignas K. Sakalas, korespondentas, kurs šiuo metu eina "Vyties" redaktoriaus pareigas; Edvardas Misius, išdo globėjas; Jonas Brazauskas, išdo globėjas; ir Stasys Šimulis, išdininkas. Atvaizde nėra Jono Vilkišiaus, 1-mo vice pirmininko. Plačiau apie apskritį rašoma kitoje vietoj.

čių Sporto Lygas buvo sutraukti geriausi lietuviai sportininkai. Amerikos lietuvių sportininkų rinktinė Pirmojon Lietuvos Olimpiadon (1938 m.) nariai iš Chicago buvo visi veik vyčiai — sportininkai. Apskrities tradicinės dienos (K. of L. Day) niekuomet neapseidavo be sporto rungtinių. Iš visų apskrities sekcijų, Sporto Sekcijos rekordai geriausiai yra sutvarkyti ir saugiai apskrities laikomi, kaip istorinė medžiaga.

Tradicinė diena

Chicago Apskritis yra plačiai pagarsėjus savo tradicine diena, kuri prasidėjo 1915 metais, ruošiamą Amerikos Nepriklausomybės Dieną,

Liepos 4. Iš kart kuopos bendrą iškilą (išvažiavimą) ruošdavo kuriam nors miesto, ar apskrities (county) miškuose. Išvažiavimai sutraukdavo tūkstančius jaunimo. Apylinkė skambėdavo nuo lietuviškų dainų, lankos mirgėdavo nuo tautinių žaidimų, šimtai svetimtaučių susirinkdavo pasižiūrėti. Išvažiavimai dvelkė patriotizmu Amerikai ir savo senajai tėvynei Lietuvai. Vėliau išvažiavimai pradėta ruošti uždarytuose parkuose, kad jie duotų ir medžiaginės naudos. Lietuvių parapijoms įsteigus moderniškiausią Chicagoj parką — Vytauto Parką — tradicinė diena perkelta į tą parką ir kasmet vienas didžiųjų piknikų tam parke esti Lietuvos Vyčių Chicago Apskrities tradicinė diena, trumpai vadinama K. of L. Day.

Dvasinis ryšys

Apskritis jau nuo 1929 metų organizacijos globėjo šv. Kazimiero dieną, kasmet ruošia bendrą dvasinę puotą. Didesnių dvasinio pobūdžio demonstracijų Chicagoj nieks nėra surengęs. Esant palankiam orui, po Mišių ir pusryčių daroma ekskursija į šv. Kazimiero kapus uždėti vainiką ant vieno kurio organizacijos nario kapo, kad prisiminti šimtus narių, jau ilsinčių tuose kapuose. Beje, šv. Kazimiero kapuose apskritis savo lėšomis yra pastatęs S. Laurynaitei paminklą. Ji buvo ideali vyčių veikėja (Cicero), 1915 metais žuvus ekskursinio laivo Eastland katastrofoj.

Fondas savai pastogei

Apskričiai įsteigus, kilo mintis įsigyti ir nuosavą namą susirinkimams, vakarams, pramogoms. Tam buvo įsteigtas ir fondas. Sumanymas tačiau nebuvo judinamas, o įnešti į fondą pinigai buvo išleisti kitiems reikalams. Prieš trejetą metų tačiau pradėta labiau rūpintis įsigijimu namo ir atgaivintas fondas, kuriame šandie yra \$500 grynais pinigais. Fondas yra atskirai nuo apskrities izdo ir jo direktoriais yra kun. I. Albavičius, kun. J. Dambrauskas, MIC., adv. J. Petraitis (Peters) ir Stasys Šimulis.

Pirmojo Pasaulinio karo metu ir paskui Lietuvai pasiskelbus laisva, nepriklausoma, apskritis visą laiką be paliovos teikė medžiaginės ir moralinės paramos. Savas mokslo ir kultūrinės įstaigas Amerikoje taip pat yra nemažai sušėlęs. Savais reikalais, pavyzdžiui, steigiant nuosavą spaustuve, yra daug pasidaravęs, nuveikęs. Gera būtų, kad kas nors vyčių veteranų, pašventęs gerokai laiko, pasistengtų padaryti plačią apskrities gyvavimo ir veikimo apžvalgą. Iš-eitų įdomus dalykas, kuris būtų ne tik medžiaga Amerikos lietuvių istorijai, bet ir paakstinimas dabartiniam jaunimui daugiau pasišvesti tiems idealams, kuriais buvo steigiama Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija.

Ignas Sakalas.

A. † A.



Kun. Aleksandras Baltutis,

Gimimo Panelės švenčiausios parapijos, Chicago, klebonas, miręs Sausio 30 d. Velionis buvo kilęs iš Naumiesčio (Tauragės apskr.). Į Ameriką atvyko 1902 m. Lankė St. Viator's Kolegiją, Valparaiso ir Niagara Universitetus. Kunigu įšventintas 1915 m. Velionis buvo mūsų organizacijos narys. Jo parapijoje iki šio karo gražiai gyvavo 112-ji kuopa.

THE LITTLE SUNBEAM

When the last little sunbeam wanes softly away,
Shadows blend into twilight, fades the gold of
the day.

Silent thoughts sweet and tender enkindle new
dreams,

Recall mem'ries that long since have flown down
life's streams.

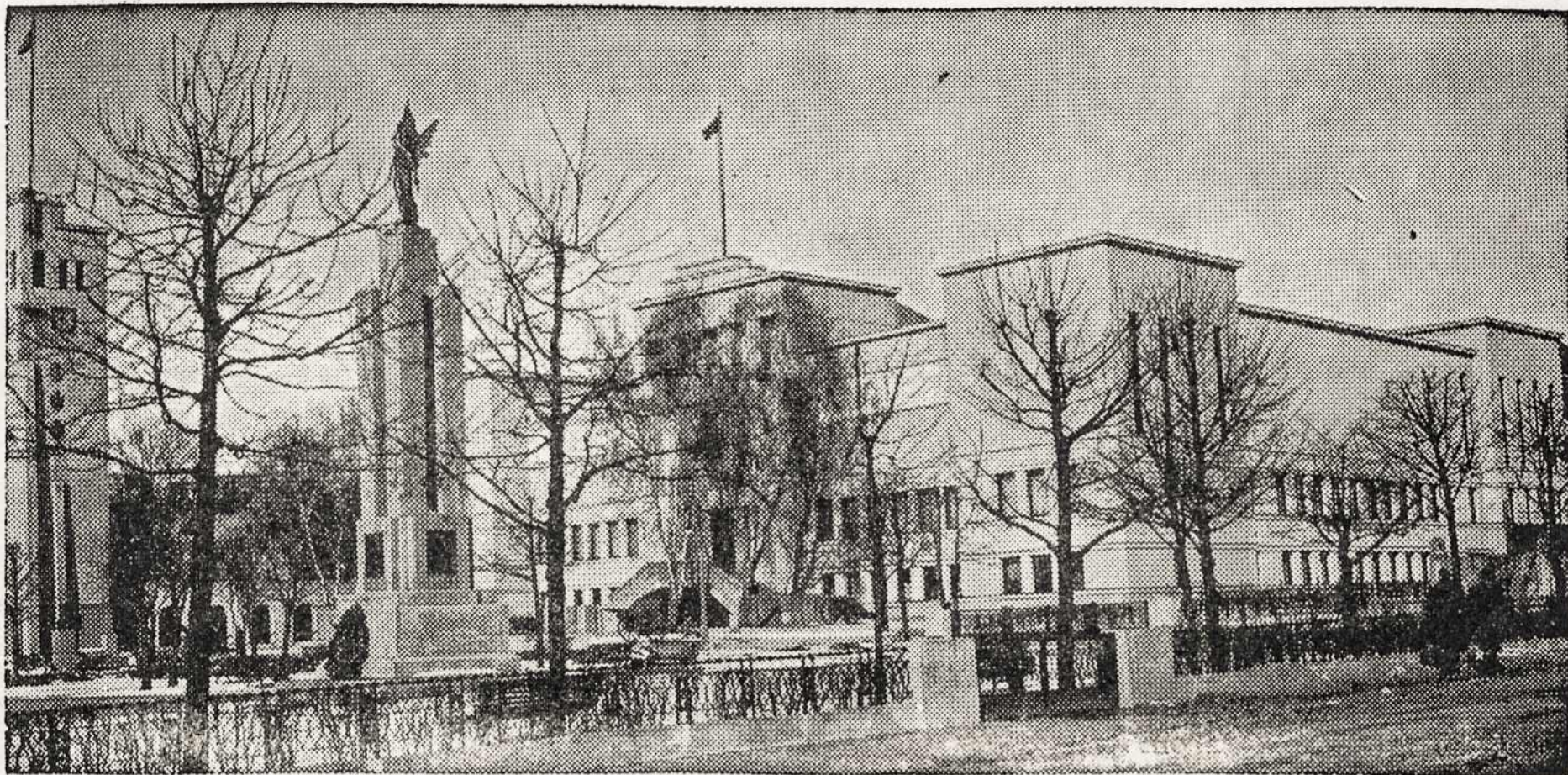
But tomorrow I know will bring forth a new day
New dreams, new desires in a rapturous way
But the last little sunbeam will smite these once
more

And all that which had been will be something
of yore.

A. P. S.



Jautriausia ir gabiausia visuomenės dalis yra jaunimas. Bet jis tik tuomet parodo dvasios gabumus, kai esti organizuotas. Todėl, jei norime iš jaunimo daug naudos turėti, pirmiausiai stengkimės jį suorganizuoti.



*“Didžios nelaimės spaudžia tėvynę,
Piktieji laukia jos prapuolimo,
Kapuose bočiai, kurie ją gynė,
Mes patys slėgiami nusiminimo.*”

*Vienok tėvynė dar nepražuvus:
Užšvis jos vėlei garbė spindėjus,
Praš ta audra, kaip ir nebuvus,
Pakils saulutė mums patekėjus...”*

Ir Eikime Lietuvos Keliu...

VASARIO 16, PROGA



ES, jaunieji, kuriems svetimas ir nepažįstamas svetimosios tautos jungas, kuriems neteko ant savo kūno ir, dar daugiau, dvasios pečių nešti sunkų rusų jūngą, gal, ir negalime taip mistiškai adoruoti nepriklausomybės, nes po laisvosios Lietuvos nepriklausomybės tik retas iš mūsų gyvenome, tačiau mūsų tėvų ir, visų tauriųjų lietuvių pavyzdžiai mums gali įkvėpti to paties jausmo, kur visą jų kraują užvirindavo entuziazmu, kai jie ateitimi tikėjo, kurs suteikdavo jiems ištvermės ir energijos, kai jie apie būsimąją laisvę svajojo. Tiesa, tos jų svajonės išsipildė. Laisva nepriklausoma Lietuva gyvavo ir sumaniai valdėsi per dvidešimt tris metus. Išsvajoję ir krauju atkariavę laisvę, lietuviai džiaugėsi, kad jų nespaudžia svetimųjų žiaurioji letena, kad dabar jie laisvai gali kvepuoti Lietuvos švairiu, oru ir džiaugtis jos grožybėmis.

Bet, štai... vėl juodieji karo debesys ir Lietuvos išsigimėliai sūnūs užnērė jai, Lietuvai, ant kaklo vergijos retežius! Vėl nepriklausomybė paminta, lietuvis vergijoje, negali laisvai išsireikšti, negali laisvai atsikvėpti!

Lietuvos nepriklausomybę judošiškai priešui pardavė Justas Paleckis su savo sėbrais, veikdami prieš tėvynę. Nenuostabu, kad tokių niekšų atsirado lietuvių tautoje tik keliolika. Juos pasmerkė visa Lietuvos visuomenė. Mes čia Amerikoje

jaunieji lietuviai biauřėkimės tokiu reiškiniu, kad atsirado lietuviškomis pavardėms menkos moralės asmenų, kurie išdrįsta atgręžti ginklą prieš Lietuvos nepriklausomybę ir į savo brolius - lietuvius.

Matydami tokį darbą, kiekvienas nuoširdus lietuvis juos pasmerkdamas gali pasakyti: Mūsų tėvynė Lietuva galės apsieiti be jūsų, bet jūs be tėvynės vistiek neapsieisite!

Lietuvos okupantai labai gerai žino, kad lietuvių tauta didelėmis aukomis yra atsipirkusi savo nepriklausomybę. Jie žino, kad tėvynės meilės jausmas mūsų tautoje yra labai didelis ir tas jausmas daro stebūklus suteikdamas mums stiprybės ir ištvermės! Skaistus nepriklausomos Lietuvos vaizdas visada buvo ir bus akstinu, kuris gimdo galiūnus ir skatina juos dirbti tėvynės labui, nežiūrint jokių sunkumų ir nelaimių, kurios mums kartais tenka pergyventi.

Nors Lietuvai sukanka dvidešimt šeši metai, kaip atgavo nepriklausomybę, vienok šiandieną ji vėl pavergta! Vėl priešai mina jos šventą žemę ir kankina mūsų nekaltus brolius!

Turėdami minty, kad viską turime aukoti karo laimėjimui ir Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymui, mes turime įgyti tos idealios energijos ir ryžtingumo, kuriuos turėjo protėviai ir tėvai, nes šiandieninėse aplinkybėse labai daug reikia visai mūsų tautai.

Minėdami Vasario 16-tąją, šiais metais, labiau

Gateway of Truth

WITHIN a few days again we shall celebrate the feastday of our patron saint, St. Casimir. The memory of past glorious celebrations is very precious and dear to the heart of every member of our organization. Just a few years ago, St. Casimir's Day was the occasion for a youth congress when hundreds of us would gather in a body to assist at Mass, receive Holy Communion and pray for one another. What a beautiful sight it was for our parents to see us approaching the altar railing! This year, thousands of our men will not be with us to celebrate this glorious day. Yet the blame that we had forgotten them should never be charged against us. Council 14 in Cicero is inviting all the Knights in the Chicago District, the delegates from the Holy Name societies and the Sodalities of our Lady to assist at the nine o'clock Mass and to receive Holy Communion for our boys in service. It would indeed be beautiful and fitting that our councils throughout the country would arrange similar ceremonies and youth gatherings to pray for the same intention. This year, make this feastday a memorable one not only to ourselves but especially eventful and dear to the hearts of our members in service.

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A REMINDER TO US

An army chaplain tells us that during one of the eventful battles on Guadalcanal, a Japanese grenade landed squarely among the three members of an American mortar crew. But before the grenade exploded one of the soldiers threw himself on top of it. Thus, although he was nearly blown to pieces himself, he saved his companions from injury. When, almost miraculously, it seemed, the horribly wounded boy had recovered, a chaplain asked why had he made this sacrifice. He replied, "Padre, I had gone to confession and I knew I was ready to die. I didn't know about those two other boys."

He was prepared; what about us...

nei kuriais kitais, suglauskime visas jėgas į vieną ir parodykime pasauliui, jog ir lietuviai turi teisę, nori ir gali laisvai gyventi. Vieningumu ir drąsiais žygiais tik atsielsime tikslą. Tuo pačiu, pareikšime užuojautą vargstantiems ir, trokštantiems laisvės savo broliams Lietuvoje. Turėkime prieš save šūkį: "Tada atsilsėsime, tada tik nurimsim, kai Gedimino kalne Vytis plevėsuos".

Tad vieningai į bendrą Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymo darbą!

P. R.

OUR QUESTION BOX HELP! HELP!

Once again we reopen our question box and to our dismay we find it empty. We are conscious that many members hear and are troubled by questions and difficulties which are never proposed to us. Will you send them to us, and we promise to fulfill our part in answering them as well as we can. This way, the column will be of interest to each and everyone of you. Thank you.

J. P. — What is your opinion regarding the writing of letters to service men?

One of the best manifestations of our charity and friendship to our members in the armed forces is to remember them by keeping in touch with them. They look forward to news from the home — activities in the council and the parish-events in the field of sports and on the screen. Even the comics are a source of great amusement to them. They feel lonely and are dismayed when they are forgotten by their friends at home. Begin and keep up the club correspondence where by members keep in contact with different soldiers every month. In this way the a barrage of letters is kept up, and the boys hear from each member in turn. Yet prudence should play its part too. This idea of writing a hundred letters each month or week to strange men seems rather nonsensical. Promiscuous correspondence, trite repetition of conventional phrases is very trying to a normal sane writer and must be boring to the poor soldier who is expected to reply to such nonsense. We can be very charitable and friendly, and yet at the same time prudent.

How long can a person hold a grudge for a personal injury?

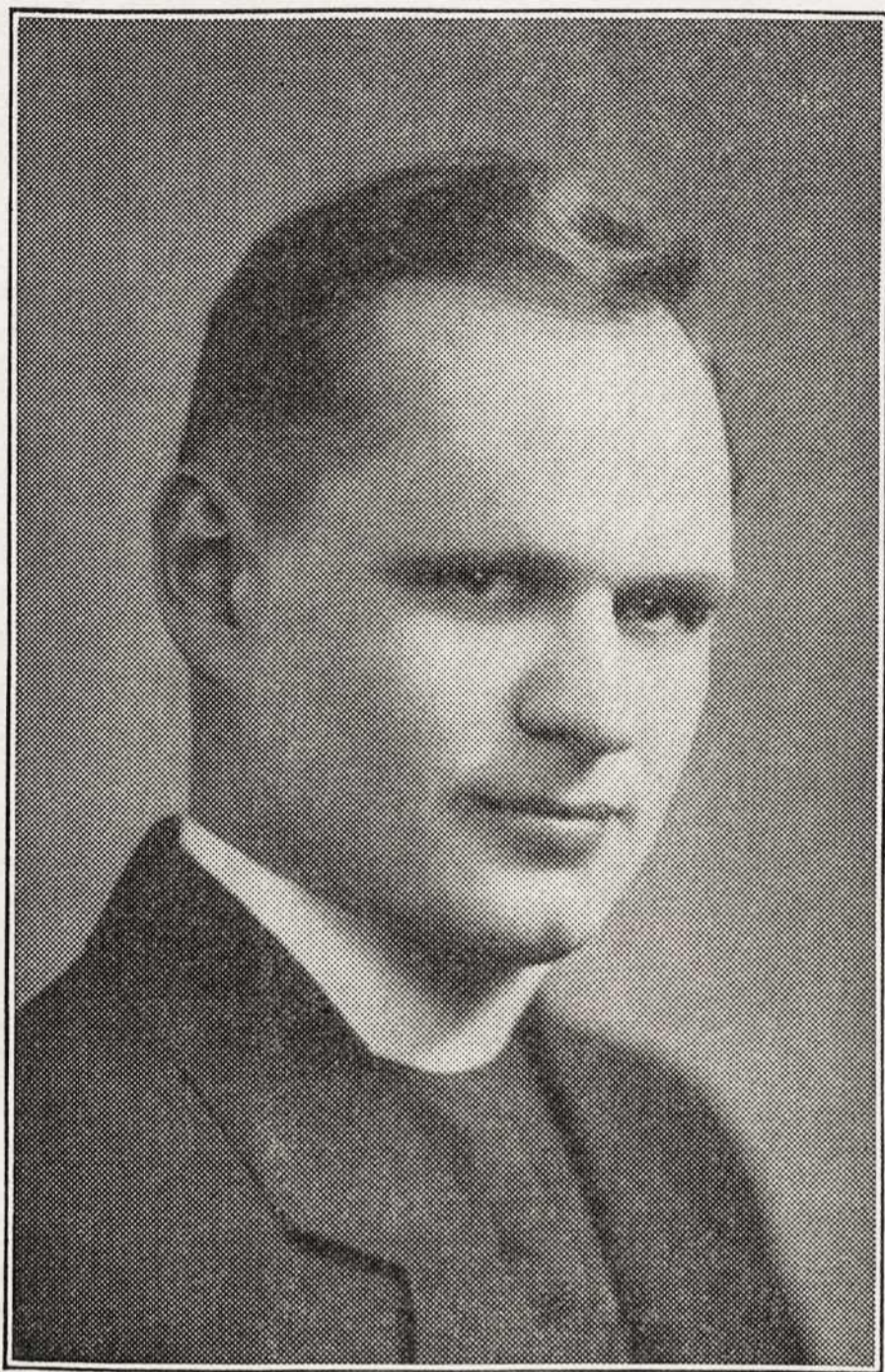
It is a small man indeed who glories in a grudge and revenge. Not only does he hurt those upon whom he vents his feelings but what is worse, he is hurting, almost irreparably, his own character. The whole meaning of life is summed up in the word service. Jesus bore no grudge nor sought revenge even from those who crucified Him. That was the lesson that Jesus left and the Way He wanted us to follow — Service to God and to our fellow men. No follower of Christ should be that petty or mean to harbor a grudge for slight personal grievances. *Rev. J. Grinius.*

ST. CASIMIR, AN UNCOMMON SAINT



O saints are really common. But some saints are more unusual than others. Who would have thought that the grandson of a Pope would ever become a saint known for his chastity and love for the poor. Or that the street - children of Rome would proclaim an unknown, vermin-infested beggar a

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KUN. JULIUS GRINIUS, šv. Antano parapijos, Cicero, vikaras, "Vyties" Redakcinės Komisijos (Religinio Skyriaus) narys, Chicago apskrities dvasios vadas ir vienas jaunosios kartos kunigų labiausiai pamylęs L. Vyčių Organizaciją ir jai žadinti bei ugdyti pašvenčia daug laiko. Jis vadovauja ruošiamoms iškilmėms šv. Kazimiero garbei (Kovo 5 d.), šv. Antano bažnyčioje, kur šimtai Chicago jaunimo suplauks dvasinei puotai.

saint a few minutes after his death. Or that a big, blustering, hard swearing, hard drinking trooper would become a saint simply by being a nurses-aide. These saints were unusual, because their thoughts and actions were so dissimilar to the spirit of their times. It is as if God has chosen these men and women and set them apart as a contrast to the wrongs committed by other people. They are God's own criticism upon the doings of men, not so much what they regard as wrong but what they are embracing, mistakenly, as right. Such a saint, so unlike to others in his age and ours, was St. Casimir.

Who would have ever thought in the riotous

Fifteenth century that the prince of the most powerful and proudest kingdom in Europe would become a saint known for his humility. In a country where absolute feudalism reigned, he went against the spirit of his times by giving his ermine coat to a street beggar. While other men stayed away from God and only came to church for official ceremonies, he found it expedient for himself to come to daily mass even if it meant kneeling on the cold pavement before the closed church door on dark wintry mornings. While other princes were willing to renounce their God, and sever their allegiance to the Pope in order to gain wealth or enjoy coveted lust, St. Casimir would have rather died than have committed sin. To confound this age proud of power and lineage, reluctant to serve God and disinclined to the acquisition of virtue, in an age given up to forbidden pleasures, God chose St. Casimir. He was to be the guiding light who would remind the people that to follow Christ was something greater and more desirable than a throne, an ermine coat, or even life itself.

We can justly boast of our patron St. Casimir. But our love for him should not end there. Why can't we try to follow the example that he set before us? We are living in a day when people are becoming more conscious of their need of God. Many of them are praying for the first time in their life in a most fervent manner for something that they really want. And yet — to go all the way — to pray, not just once in a while, but all the time, to love Him and serve Him, not just on Sunday morning, but everyday — that they are not anxious to do. If he is our Patron and our model, then let us follow his example so that our service of God might be one of perfect love and complete self-offering. Such was his life; why can't we make it ours? *R. J. G.*

Lietuvi!

Kai trimitai sugaus,	Žuvo daugel sūnų
Kai pavojus skambės,	Dėl laisvos Lietuvos.
Kai raudona pašvaistė	Rausvas kraujas ir vėlei
Tolimoj užtekės,	Juodą žemę drėkins,
Tu išeisi garbingai,	Tačiau laisvės žvaigždė
Tu narsus ir ramus,	Mums žibėt nenustos —
Tu išeisi į kovą	Eisim, mes ir kovosim
Dėl Tėvynės garbės...	Dėl Tėvynės laisvos!

Gera knyga yra raktas į pasaulio širdį.

Rabindrananth Tagore.

Jaunystė! Mano sieloj jau pražydo galingos meilės baltosios lelijos. Aš pamylau visas skaisčias gyvenimo šypsenas ir noriu jomis užburti vargstančius brolius ir jaunasias sesutes.

S. Zobarskas.

RAŠYTOJUI - POETUI 70 METŲ



KUN. DR. KAZIMIERAS URBONAVIČIUS
(Jonas Kmitas)

Sausio 1 d. 70 metų amžiaus sukaktį šventė žymiausias Amerikos lietuvių rašytojas-poetas ir "Darbininko" redakcinių straipsnių rašytojas kun. dr. Kazimieras Urbonavičius (Jonas Kmitas).

Jubiliatas yra gimęs Kidoliškių kaime, Marijampolės apskr. Jau klieriku būdamas Seinų dvasinėje seminarijoje su kitais klierikais leido ranka rašytą laikraštuką vardu "Knapis", kurį vėliau pakeitė į "Viltis". Buvo veiklus lietuvių slaptos organizacijos narys, nes tuomet rusų valdžia draudė kiekvieną lietuvių tautinį veikimą. Rusai jautė kun. K. Urbonavičių esant labai pavojingam maskoliams žmogumi, dėlto neleido net iškilmingų primicijų laikyti. Jo primicijose kitas kunigas prie didžiojo altoriaus atlaikė giedotines Mišias šv., o pats primicijantas prie šoninio altoriaus — skaitytines. Išvestą į kunigus K. Urbonavičių rusų valdžia tuoju nukėlė net mozūrijos gilumon, kur jubiliatas taipgi darbavęs lietuviams šviesti, juos iš tautinio miego žadinti.

1905 metas jubiliatas atvyko į Ameriką ir tuoju buvo paskirtas klebono pareigoms lietuvių parapijose. Sunkios anais laikais klebono pareigos tačiau nesulaikė jo ir nuo tautinio veikimo. Per eilę metų buvo pirmininku ir žymiu vadu Tautos Fondo, Katalikų Federacijos, Kunigų Vienybės, šv. Juozapo Darbininkų Sąjungos. Bu-

vo ir tebėra didelis rėmėjas ir bičiulis ir mūsų organizacijos — Lietuvos Vyčių, o mūsų organą "Vyti" dažnai puošė savo patriotiniais raštais. Kaip jubiliatas žiūrėjo į L. Vyčių organizaciją kiekvienas narys supras perskaitęs kitoje vietoje dedamas jo eiles "Lietuvos Vytis", paimtas iš "Jono Kmito Eilės" rinkinio. Kitos mūsų organizacijos: Moterų Sąjunga, Studentų ir Profesionalų Sąjunga; gyvavusios Moksleivių Susivienymas, Blaivininkų Susivienymas, taip pat buvo jam brangios ir jų organus nuolatos puošė savo raštais.

Lietuvių Prekybos Bendrovė yra išleidus jubiliatą didoką eilių rinkinį, o keleriopai daugiau yra parašęs vėliau. Surinkus visus raštus — eilėmis ir proza — susidarytų keli dideli tomai, kurie būtų didelis įnašas į mūsų literatūros lobyną.

Gerbiamam jubiliatui, dideliame L. Vyčių bičiuliui, bendradarbiui prašome Dievo sveikatos, kad dar ilgai galėtų dirbuotis mūsų išėivijoje Dievo garbei ir lietuvių tautos labui.

In Defense of Lithuania

The Constitution and Political Parties

Having burst the bonds of Tsarist slavery, Lithuania strove to establish a most liberal form of life within its boundaries. Free elections were proclaimed with a general, secret ballot for the constituent assembly, as a result of which 59 Christian - Democrats, 29 Populist, 14 Social Democrats, 6 Jews, 3 Poles, 1 Russian were elected. (E. J. Harrison, "Lithuania 1928", London, 1928, p. 225).

Lithuania had four wholly free elections to its Seimas (Diet) from 1920-1927. During these four democratic elections, 347 members were elected. The party affiliations of the members of the parliament were as follows:

Christian Democrats	167 or 48%
Liberals	88 or 26%
Social Democrats	39 or 11%
Jews	18 or 5%
Poles	13 or 37%
Germans	11 or 3%
Communists	5 or 1.5%
Nationalists	3 or 0.9%
Farmers' Party	2 or 0.6%
Russians	1 or 0.3%

("Lithuanian Bulletin", nr. 2, Vol. I, 1934, p. 1.)

Similarly the ministerial cabinets were formed on democratic principles, by coalition, with an element of all parties. For example, after the election of the Constituent Assembly in June 19, 1920 a cabinet of ministers was

Toli nuo savo krašto, kurį mylėjo...



A. A. ANTANAS SMETONA,
Pirmasis Lietuvos Prezidentas.

Sausio 9 d. šiurpi tragedija ištiko Smetonų šeimyną, gyvenančią Cleveland, Ohio. Namu ru-

formed, with Dr. K. Grinius, a populist as prime minister; a non-partisan-minister of finance; a populist - minister of Public Home Affairs; a Christian - Democratic - minister of Foreign Affairs; a non-partisan - minister of Agriculture and State Properties; a non - partisan - Minister of Justice; a populist minister of National Defense; a Jew, for Jewish Affairs; a non-partisan White Russia minister without portfolio for White Russian Affairs. (E. J. Harrison, "Lithuania", p. 220).

On the first of September, 1922, the Constitution of Lithuania, which has approved by the Seimas (Diet), guaranteed the rights and privileges of all citizens:

"All citizens, men and women, are equal before the law. No citizen is to receive special privilege or diminution of rights by reason of birth, belief, or nationality (10th prgph). The inviolability of person (11th prgph), home (12th) is guaranteed, as, is freedom of religion and conscience (13th), correspondence, mail, telephone and telegraph (14th); freedom of speech and the press (15th); freedom to convene and form societies (16 and 17); the assurance of workers against illness, old age, accidents, loss of work. (17th prgph).

sy centralinio šildymo boileriui sproguos, kilusio gaisro dūmuose užtroško Antanas Smetona, buvęs pirmas ir paskutinis Lietuvos prezidentas. Kiti šeimos nariai iš gaisro išsigelbėjo.

Velionis buvo 69 metų amžiaus. Kaip vienas Lietuvos Tarybos narių, Vasario 16, 1918 metais jis pasirašė Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Deklaraciją ir 1920 metais buvo išrinktas pirmuoju respublikos prezidentu, kurio pareigas ėjo iki 1924 m. Tapęs Lietuvos prezidentu antrą kartą 1926 metais išbuvo iki Rusijos bolševikų invazijos Birželio 15, 1940 m. Kad nepatekti į okupantų rankas, jis su šeima pabėgo į Vokietiją. Del Stalino - Hitlerio susitarimo, vėliau jis buvo priverstas palikti Vokietiją. Trumpai pagyvenęs Šveicarijoje išvyko į Pietų Ameriką, o 1941 metais atvyko į Amerikos Jungtines Valstybes. Kai kurį laiką gyveno Chicago, paskui persikėlė į Cleveland, Ohio, ir apsigyveno sūnaus Juliaus įsigytam name.

Velionis buvo didelis lietuvis, patriotas ir begalo mylėjo savo kraštą — tėvynę. Tai liūdija jo gyvenimas ir darbai. Nuo pat jaunystės save buvo pašventęs lietuviams šviesti gyvu žodžiu ir raštu ir kovai už Lietuvos laisvę. Yra leidęs, redagavęs laikraščius ir kitiems laikraščiams labai daug rašęs. Jam prezidentaujant Lietuvos pažanga visomis sritimis ėjo šuoliais pirmyn. Sov. Rusijai sulaužius visas sutartis, okupavus Lietuvą, ir šiam karui siaučiant jis ir ištremime būdamas nepaliovė tikėjęs į vėl būsimą laisvą ir nepriklausomą Lietuvą. Gaila, kad šiurpi tragedija nedavė jam išvysti tos valandos.

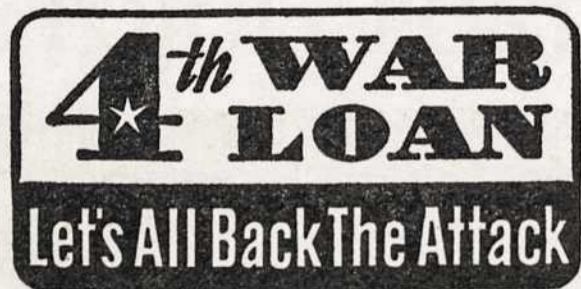
Velionis buvo vienas tų, kurio vardas kiekvienam lietuviui buvo žinomas visuose pasaulio kraštuose. Lietuvos istorijoje jo vardas užims keliolika didelių puslapių. Jo vardas buvo ir paliks istorinis.

Palaidotas iškilmingai iš Šv. Jono katedros, Kalvarijos kapuose, Cleveland, Ohio. Gedulo mišias šv. laikė pats Cleveland vyskupas.

Kas nori savo šalies gyventojus apdovanoti, turi pats save atiduoti. Tavo ramumas, teisingumas ir gera širdis bus geriausia ir brangiausia tavo kraštui dovana.

Tikėjimas į Dievą ir į sielos nemarumą — žmogaus prigimties būtinumas. Iš kur esame, kas esame, ir kur einame — į šiuos klausimus tik tikėjimas teduoda mums patenkinantį atsakymą.

Kol maži buvom, auklėtojai mus sergėjo. Kai paaugom, Dievas sąžinei įsakė mus sergėti. Klausykime to mūsų vadovo.



Milton Stark, a former Marianapolis College Alumnus, had intended his letter "LITHUANIA'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM" for Hearst papers "Readers' Letters" column, but after Mr. Hearst read the letter he thought it good enough for the editorial department. And truly it is. Milton Stark's letter is authoritatively sound and based on historical data. Every American-Lithuanian interested in the independence of Lithuania should take notice of this letter.

Milton Stark is an American of Lithuanian descent. His home is in Los Angeles, California. Presently he is preparing to line up with Uncle Sam's Army.

We have obtained permission to reprint the letter of Milton Stark, entitled "Lithuania's Fight For Freedom" in its entirety. It appeared in the Chicago - Herald America, January 24th, 1944.

'Lithuania's Fight for Freedom'

MILTON STARK

"THE RUSSIANS will not succeed in subjugating the Lithuanian people. They tried once before and failed. They will fail again." — OWEN NOREM, U. S. Minister to Lithuania.

As a result of the demand for autonomy from the Czar, voiced by the great Congress of Lithuania, which twice convened in Vilnius (1905-1917) for that very purpose, the Council of Lithuania — elected by the 1917 conference — proclaimed Lithuania's independence on Feb. 16, 1918. Lithuania had been held in bondage since 1795.

Lithuania is, therefore, one of the youngest and at the same time one of the oldest states in Europe, for be it remembered that she has been existent since 1236; it was in this year that Mindaugas—the founder of Lithuania, Christianized and coronated King by the Pope in 1253 — organized the hitherto scattered Lithuanian tribes into one compact nation and thus repulsed the threatening Livonian, Teutonic and Tartar invaders.

"Whilst the realm of Russia lay like a chained victim of the wild Mongolians and nowhere could offer resistance, the land of the Prince of Lithuania became the stanch barrier beyond which

Milton Stark's Letter Ma

the Tartars could not pass. Their Princes, with greater right than those of Russia, may claim the credit of having been the saviors of Europe from Tartars' inroads and Tartar yoke." — Lithuania, The Awakening Of A Nation. (See Yunkis' "The Lithuanians.")

Lithuania consistently continued opposing German expansion eastward; and in 1410 two Lithuanian warriors — Vytautas the Great of Lithuania and Jogaila of Poland — united their respective forces and dealt a crushing blow to the might of the Teutonic knights of Tannenberg, from which they never really fully recovered.

However, despite many successes, centuries of imposed wars and persistent German attacks so weakened and impoverished Lithuania and her confederate since 1569, Poland, that in 1795 the twain were overcome by the joint maneuvers of Germany, Austria and Russia. In the partitioning that followed, the major part of Lithuania fell to Russia, a small section to Germany.

During the Czarist occupation, Lithuania suffered much. The Lithuanian press, language, and even the printing of Lithuanian prayer books were suppressed for 40 years (1865-1904); youths were compelled to serve 25-year terms in the Czar's army; churches were burned and many priests either transported to Siberia or mercifully murdered.

Notwithstanding all the injustices and cruelties put upon them while under the Czarist regime, the Lithuanians' spirit did not die; in the constant face of death, they secretly printed Lithuanian books and held religious services in the forest and caves. Furthermore, to emphasize their determination to be free, they revolted repeatedly in 1812, 1831, 1863 and 1904.

In 1863, and for some time afterward, thousands of Lithuanians emigrated to America in search of peace. Today, approximately 1,000,000 Lithuanians live in this country.

Lithuania, having regained her freedom in 1918, spent the succeeding 22 years of independence in happy tranquillity, governing herself capably and maintaining peaceful relations with her neighbors. But regardless of her cultural efforts, Germany, on March 22, 1939 — after

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having taken Austria and Czechoslovakia — forced Lithuania to cede the port of Memel (Klaipeda) and the adjoining territory.

One year later — June 15, 1940 — this time the Russians, in violation of their solemn treaty of 1920 —

“...RUSSIA WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE RECOGNIZES THE SELF-RULE AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE OF LITHUANIA WITH ALL THE JURIDICAL CONSEQUENCES... AND FOR ALL TIME RENOUNCES WITH GOOD WILL ALL THE SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS OF RUSSIA WHICH IT HAS HAD IN REGARD TO THE LITHUANIAN NATION OR TERRITORY.” — *Peace treaty with Russia, Moscow, July 12, 1920.* — marched into Lithuania and seized the whole of her, including, also, the countries of Latvia and Estonia; thereby annihilating the territorial integrity and political independence of sovereign peoples. The Russian occupational army lost no time in staging fraudulent elections. In Lithuania, a parliament, the “elected” members of which all were confirmed Communists, voted, naturally, for “incorporation into the Soviet Union.” The Russians are now using that “election” and “vote” as a pretext for advancing their claims on Lithuania.

The Russian-German war, which began on June 22, 1941, provided the Lithuanian people with an opportunity to reaffirm their original declaration of independence by an armed insurrection directed against both the German and Russian occupants. The patriots successfully expelled the Russians from Lithuania, declared Lithuania free, and set up a provisional coalition government; but at a terrible cost, for a great number of the patriots were killed (some 7,500; 3,000 of whom were executed in Russian concentration camps and prisons.) The Russians, not content with the butchery of the laity, “eliminated” the following 15 priests: The Rev. Valentinus Balcius, the Rev. Vaclovas Balsys, the Rev. Jonas Daugela, the Rev. Dr. Justinas Dabrila, the Rev. Vaclovas Dambrauskas, the Rev. Matas Lajauskas, the Rev. Jonas Navickas, the Rev. Jonas Petrika, the Rev. Povilas Racevicius, the



Rev. Stankevicius, the Rev. Benediktas Sveikauskas, the Rev. Jonas Tutinas, the Rev. Balys Vegele, the Rev. Pranas Vitkevičius and the Rev. Andrius Juknevičius.

The Lithuanian provisional coalition government lasted seven weeks. It was forcibly dissolved upon the advent of the Germans — August 10, 1941.

Today the free, loyal American citizens of Lithuanian descent are working assiduously on the domestic front and thousands of members of their families are fighting in the armed forces, on every battlefield — all for the liberation of mankind and the organization of life in accordance with the principles of the Atlantic Charter, which also motivates and sustains the Lithuanian underground movement against all tyranny.

They, with unshakable faith, believe that the Atlantic Charter, embodying the war and peace aims of this government and people, will be adhered to.

As to the Russians, the Lithuanians admire the courage and endurance of this people, which is manifested in the defense of their own homeland, BUT they wish to remind them that the Lithuanian people are also fighting for freedom and that they are very much shocked at the announced intention of Soviet Russia to deprive Lithuania of her freedom and independence. They, therefore, appeal to America to use her good offices with the government of Russia to liberate Lithuania.

Soviet Russia's claims to Lithuania, because of strategic reasons or an outlet to the sea, are inconsistent. The United States, though she is interested in Panama for strategic reasons, does not take away that country's independence, but respects it.

As for an outlet to the sea, Lithuania never once denied that favor to Russia and will not in the future.

Finally, in the new world to come, there will be no need of strategic frontiers.

“If we believe — as all the peace and freedom loving world firmly does — in the eventual destruction of totalitarianism, then we must necessarily believe in the resurrection of the Baltic states. Simple logic leaves us no other alternative.” — K. Pakstas, Ph. D. (The Lithuanian Situation).

U. S. WAR BONDS

Writer Pleads Case for Talented Unknown Singer

CITES SUCCESS OF ONE HERE IN RECENT RECITAL *By Albert Goldberg.*



MR. RALPH JUSKO

The article printed below entitled "An Unknown Singer" by Goldberg refers to Mr. Ralph Jusko who appeared in a recital of songs in Chicago on October 3, 1943. A graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Jusko continued his study of music at Yale University. The technical production of voice qualities, interpretation and richness of tone that characterize Mr. Jusko's singing are due in large measure to De Gogorza of continental fame with whom Mr. Jusko studied while in Paris.

Upon his return to the United States Mr. Jusko was well prepared to launch upon his musical career. He was accepted as a member of the Philadelphia Opera Co. having thoroughly mastered seventeen opera roles. His Mephistopheles, Beckmesser in "Die Meistersinger" and Alfio in "Cavalleria Rusticana" were outstanding examples of dramatic art and musical achievement.

Mr. Jusko resides in Boston, Mass. His versatility, engaging personality and keen interest in civic affairs have won for him many friends both in social and musical circles.

"A few weeks ago an unknown singer appeared in Chicago as assisting artist on a recital given by a Metropolitan Opera star. It is doubtful if, up to that time, more than a handful of personal friends in this city had ever heard this man's name. There had not been a line of explanatory publicity. He walked on to sing before an audience that was disposed to be friendly to the featured singer but quite cold and indifferent to the newcomer, who obviously had been placed upon the program only as relief for the star.

"It was not immediately in his favor that he proved to be a mature man, of dignified and poised stage deportment. Had he been a stripling, engagingly unsure of himself, he would have more quickly aroused audience sympathy. He obviously was not a beginner and yet no one had ever heard of him before. The chances were not good that he would amount to much.

"He sang a Handel aria first, about a severe a test as he could impose on himself under the conditions. The noble recitative was scarcely finished before it was apparent that we were in the presence of a distinguished artist. There were some minor faults, to be sure, but they were quite overbalanced by the re-

velation of a bass voice of wide range, flexible, sympathetic in quality, and expertly managed. He had diction of a type that all but vanished from the world with the retirement of John McCormack, singing that makes living drama out of each word. He had breadth of style and warmth of feeling.

"It was hard to believe our ears. It had been a long, long time since Chicago had heard the songs of Brahms and Wolf interpreted with this authority and finesse.

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"Slightly bewitched over this unexpected phenomenon, this reviewer found his way back to his typewriter and wrote a notice that perhaps went slightly off the deep end. But the next morning we discovered that we were not alone. Our fellow critics were equally enthusiastic. And for days afterward musical circles rang with the praise of all who had heard the unknown singer. "Who is he?" people asked. "Where did he come from, and what has he done before this?" We could not answer.

"Quite by accident we met the gentleman a week later and heard his story. He told it modestly and with absolutely no air of self-pity.

"It is a story that must be typical of many a fine artist in this heedless age. He is 38 years old and makes his living publishing educational music in an eastern city. He had as fine and well rounded a musical education as this country offers, at one of the famous endowed eastern institutions. He studied singing there for four years with a man who had been a famous concert artist in his day. "It took me eight years to unlearn what he taught me in four," he said, but that is an accident that might have happened to any one. It is rare for a singer to find the right teacher without costly experimentation.

"He became an excellent pianist, too, and, unlike most singers, can play his own accompaniments. He has a repertoire of some 20 operatic roles, in most of which he has had practical experience in student and professional productions. His repertoire of songs includes the finest from the literatures of many nations. In short, he has all the equipment for a distinguished career.

"And what is the net result? Our friend publishes music for a livelihood and sings for an avocation — not through choice but because he never has been able to find a manager who is willing to risk embarking him on a career on the basis of merit alone. The managers are not short on excuses, of course. One maintains that the artist is too old, the few basses reach vocal maturity before 35 and few musicians of any sort arrive a artistic maturity before 40, if then. He has been told that there is no field for basses, though there is a bass role in almost every opera ever written and there are only two recognized first class basses in the concert field today and they are booked to the hilt each season.

"He has sung for Edward Johnson of the Metropolitan Opera and been dismissed with a smile. He never has been able to penetrate the inner sanctum of the man who is the most powerful figure in the managerial world today. Apparently every outlet for a full fledged professional career is closed to him. When we saw him he was leaving for New York armed with his Chicago notices, for a last try. "I'll let you know if anything happens," he said. We have not heard from him.

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"Here is a typical example of the prodigal waste of talent that exists in this country today, especially among young American artists. But, you may demur, Americans are heard with increasing frequency in

Tarnavo vyčiams, — dabar Dėdei Samui



DOMININKAS VARNAS, organizacijos Ketvirto Laipsnio Narys, buvęs Chicago apskrities pirmininkas, taip pat tris metus sėkmingai pirmininkavęs 36-tai kuopai. Yra geras organizatorius, kalbėtojas ir gabus scenos mėgėjas. Šiuo metu tarnauja Amerikos kariuomenėje ir yra pakeltas į antro leitenanto laipsnį.

opera and concert. The Metropolitan Opera could now scarcely exist without its American artists. True, but the Metropolitan is the only large permanent operatic organization in this country and can accommodate only a fraction of the multitude which clamors at its doors. And consider a typical instance: Of 14 soloists engaged by the Chicago Symphony orchestra this season, exclusive of orchestra members, only two are native American or are to be classed as young artists.

"How have those who have arrived attained their positions in the concert world? A few — a very few — on merit alone. Leonard Pennario, whose second appearance with the Chicago Symphony recently again proved him one of the ranking pianists of the younger generation, is one of these. Pennario had no more backing than the railroad fare it took to travel about the country and meet and play for various conductors. In almost every instance he was engaged immediately. But his case is an exception. Most of the others have had influence or financial backing, often both, and usually of sizable proportions.

"To launch a concert career today is a costly and complicated process. First the aspirant must give a New York recital, at a cost of from \$800, depending upon the hall and the amount of advertising. Since he is unknown, he can expect nothing in the way of box office returns and must rely upon the distribution of passes to obtain an audience. If his reviews are good he must repeat the operation in Boston, Chicago, and other large cities — also at his own expense. If his success continues, one of the large concert managements may be induced to place his name on its list of artists. But this does not guarantee engagements or a salary. Instead, he must give the manager a commission, usually 15 per cent on each engagement booked. A young artist gains prestige by being on the list of one of the first rank managers, but too often he is

sadly overlooked in the easier and for more profitable business of booking established favorites. If the aspirant has enjoyed only moderate success in his debut the chances are that none of the "big" managers will be interested even to the extent of listing him among their artists. And without that slender recognition, the road of the young artist will be doubly rocky, for two large concert managements now enjoy what is practically a monopoly of the concert business.

"In the days when the Illinois Symphony orchestra was offering a measure of opportunity to young artists Edward Barry, reviewing one of the concerts in THE TRIBUNE, wrote of "not only repeating their usual feat of turning up good soloists from nowhere" but "of giving the process a special virtuoso twist by presenting two instead of the customary one. Where do these people come from?" Well, the woods were and are full of them, and now that government subsidy has been withdrawn these fine young talents have no chance at all of gaining orchestral experience. The Chicago Symphony, like most other major American orchestras, is inhospitable to young or home talent, even on its "Pop" concerts.

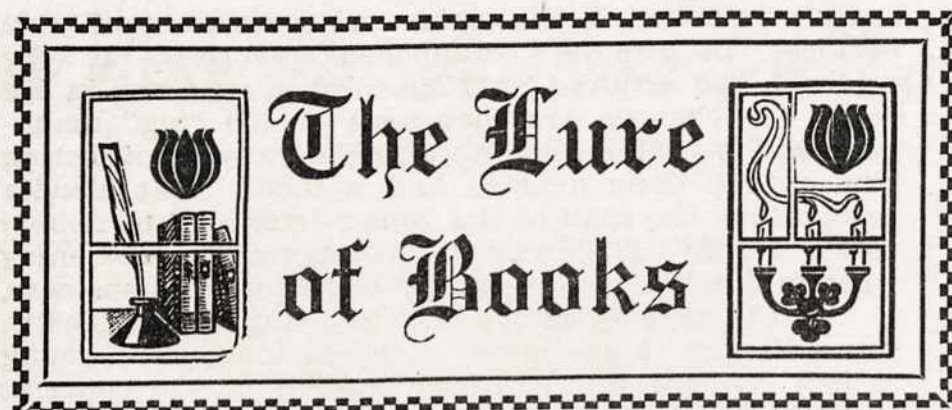
"Our orchestra has, in fact, what amounts to closed door policy concerning resident artists of any age. For this the musicians themselves are in part to blame, for they, like other human beings, are not angels, and one cannot altogether blame the management for not caring to become embroiled in the studio feuds and professional jealousies which flare up when one aspirant is chosen over another one.

"Contests are no solution, for the country is contest ridden and the same conditions still obtain. Occasionally a Carroll Glenn or a Dalies Frantz will win one of the national contests and follow thru to a successful career, but they are the exceptions. As a rule the fortunate ones who won contests — and the best man does not always win — have only their brief moment of glory and then rejoin their fellows in anonymity and wishful waiting. Can America afford to continue to waste its artistic talent in this manner? And when are we going to begin to conserve talent as we now conserve our other and no less valuable natural resources?"

Tarnauja Dėdei Samui



BILL KLIMAS, žinomų Brighton Park veikėjų sūnus, giliai persiėmęs vyčių idealais, visuomet dėjęs pastangų, kad kuodaugiausiai jaunimo pritraukus po L. Vyčių vėliava. Prieš išvykdamas kariuomenėn priklausė 36-tai kuopai, ėjo Chicago apskrities pirmininko pareigas ir buvo spaustuvės (K. of L. Press) direktorius.



We are told by those who know, that books stored in a bookstore are exceedingly liable to be attacked for the sake of the paste contained in the binding. Sometimes, however the highly colored covers owe their brilliancy to the use of poisonous dyes which prove fatal to the mischievous feasters. We wish this were the worst damage ever wrought by unwholesome literature. We fear that in too many books offered to public gaze there is a worse poison in the printed matter than in the bindings, and one that imperils the spiritual health and even the life of those who read.

Look out for the poison on the printed page!

Reading for profit and for pleasure.
Recommended Books —

THE CAPTAIN WEARS A CROSS
William A. Maguire.

Those who have read "Rig For Church" by the same author will enjoy this new book of anecdotal reminiscences. To Father Maguire is attributed the now famous phrase "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition". In "The Captain Wears a Cross" the author denies that he ever made the statement. Father Maguire was present at Pearl Harbor when the Jap Zeros dropped their destructive bombs on the unsuspecting U. S. fleet in the harbor.

"The Captain Wears a Cross" provides fas-

cinating reading. Names that have become household words today appear constantly as Father Maguire spins his interesting yarn of life in the Navy.

WHITE FIRE

Father Edwards, S. V. D.

The life of a young American nun, spending her life in a leper colony, the repugnance she feels when the disease presents itself in all its terrible horror, science and new experiments, the physical and religious care of the lepers form the broad outlines of White Fire.

The plot is well developed and interest is sustained. White Fire is fiction that should prove enjoyable especially to readers with a Catholic background.

THE ETERNAL CITY

Disider Holisher.

The vivid descriptions and excellent photographs of Vatican City and Papal Rome will be intensely interesting to even the casual reader. The present conflict centering around Rome makes this book extremely timely.

The Catacombs, the Colosseum, hallowed sanctuaries with the majestic dome of St. Peter's towering over all will leave an unforgettable memory.

OTHER TIMELY BOOKS —

The American — *Adams.*
The Russian Enigma — *Chamberlin.*
Journey Into America — *Peattie.*
Challenge to Freedom — *Wriston.*
Between Fears and Laughter — *Lin Yutang.*
Against this Rock — *Zara.*

PRESENTING THE CHICAGO DISTRICT

On leafing thru the pages of this month's "Vytis", you have undoubtedly realized that activities of the Chicago District Councils are predominant. The reason has been given elsewhere in the issue; however, if you've missed it — the Chicago District is enthusiastically publishing this issue, which makes it permissible to give you more information and gossip about our District. Thus, we present —

THE OFFICERS:

The Chicago District will be led again by the amiable and capable Father Julian Grinius, who has in the past two years as our Spiritual Advisor identified himself as an Advisor with limitless ideas and as a Knight always giving gener-

ously his time and efforts in behalf of the K. of L.'s.

Feminine leadership will prove its worth this year in the person of Marianne Daunis who was elected President for 1944. "Having finally relinquished my job as recording sec'y for Council 14, I seem to have gone 'from the frying pan into the fire' in accepting the presidency," says she. Nevertheless, we all know that as the District's president she will continue her hard work, for Miss Daunis has established a reputation of being an earnest and diligent member of Council 14.

The work of 1st Vice-Pres. is taken over by John Vilkisius of Council 112. During the past

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

L. Vyčių Naujų Narių Vajus

Jau pereitame numeryje "Vyties" rašiau, kad su vasario 1 d., pradėdame naujų narių dvejojimą, tai yra — užaugusių ir jaunamečių.

Užaugusių narių vajus mums visiems suprantamas ir niekuomet neturėtų baigtis, kiekviena proga turime narius verbuoti, bet jaunamečių vyčių organizavimas mums bus kur kas sunkesnis, nes mes nuo jaunamečių organizavimo nutolę ir jaunamečių vyčių kuopos veikia tik dviejose kolonijose.

Visų pirma, organizuojant jaunamečius vyčius, reikia jiems skirti globėjas — vadus. Būtų labai gerai, kad skirtas asmuo vadovauti jaunamečiams, gerai suprastų jų dvasią. Visa jaunesniųjų vyčių veikla yra vietos klebono ar jo skirto vikaro žinioje. Tačiau jie to darbo atlikti negali, nes jie apversti kitokiais parapijiniais darbais, todėl būtų labai gerai, kad jaunesniųjų vyčių organizavimą — globimą paimtų Šv. Kazimiero, Šv. Pranciškaus ar Nukryžiuoto Jėzaus seserys, ar kitas koks skirtas klebono asmuo. Jei veikia kolonijoje - parapijoje vyčių kuopa, tai kuopa galėtų skirti vieną savo narių, jaunesniųjų vyčių vadovavimui - globimui.

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro valdyba jaučia didžiausią atsakomybę ir rūpestį amerikiečių lietuvių jaunimo organizaciniu veikimu, jų katalikiškumo ir lietuviškumo charakteriu. Tačiau ir prie didžiausių pastangų ir geriausių norų mes nepajėgsim atsiekti visų tų uždavinių, kurių Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų visuomenė laukia iš jaunosios lietuvių amerikiečių kartos.

Šia proga nuoširdžiai kreipiuosi į garbinguosius kunigus, seseles - vienuoles, į visą L. Vyčių organizaciją ir vyčių nuoširdžius rėmėjus, kad ateitumėte mums į TALKĄ suorganizuoti visą lietuvišką - katalikišką jaunimą po L. Vyčių organizacijos garbinga vėliava.

Drąsiai tikiu, kad mano atsišaukimą - kvietimą, visi teigiamai priims ir, nuoširdžiai visi stos

year Mr. Vilkisius has kept Council 112 on its feet by executing his ideas to draw new members into the council and keeping them in constant activity.

Violet Spirauskas's sincere, hard work for the past years as a member of Council 36 will now have to be divided between her home council and the District. She is to officiate as the 2nd Vice-Pres., and the best of her abilities will be used in performing the duties.

į darbą L. Vyčiams. Už Jūsų nuoširdų bendradarbiavimą, vyčiai ir, plati katalikų visuomenė Jums bus amžinai dėkinga!

Pranas Razvadauskas,
Liet. Vyčių Centro Pirm.

Padėka

L. Vyčių Chicago Apskričiai, reiškiu nuoširdžiausią padėką už \$100.00 auką "Vyties" leidimui.

Jūsų nuoširdumas ir gražus pavyzdys, nuoširdžiausiai įvertinamas. Ačiū!

Pr. Razvadauskas,
L. Vyčių Centro Pirm.

Nuolatinė veikėja



HELEN CHERRY (J. R. Cherry žmona) yra Organizacijos Trečio Laipsnio Narė ir buvusi Centro finansų sekretorė. Per du metus ėjo L. Vyčių Chicago Apskritis Moterų Bowling Lygos raštininkės pareigas ir per keturis metus buvo L. Vyčių 36 kp. finansų sekr. Jai esant Brighton Park Merginų ir Moterų Bowling Ratelio kapitone, ratelis laimėjo pirmą apskrities čempionatą kuopos kreditui. Be to, daug yra veikusi įvairiose komisijose.

Antoinette Valaitis of Council 5 was unanimously re-elected to continue the work of Recording Secretary which she handled so conscientiously and capably during the past year. An Assistant to the Secretary was provided this year and Aldona Sleinis of Council 14 says she is honored for the privilege of being selected by Antoinette to aid her in the work.

The details of the Treasurer's job are to be



WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Here I am again, guys and gals! At our last meeting we decided to hold our communion breakfast downtown. Of course we go to communion in a body on March 5. Please, make your reservations early. The committee for this affair is Adam J. Kacevich, Chairman; Rita Ardowich, Aldona Yablonskis, Vyto Adomaitis, Edward Danulevich. Hope I'll see you all there.

Now for some minor tidbits. Pfc. John Bender and Pfc. Anthony Morkunas were home on furlough. Hope they were well entertained. Another member has left our ranks to join those of Uncle Sam — Joseph Bačys, Jr.

As you probably have heard we held our annual Christmas party December 28 at the Town Club. Don't you people agree with me that the peanut brittle Al brought was delicious? Say! Leonore, wasn't that just the type of face cream you ordinarily use? (For your information, absent ones, Leonore's "jar of cream" contained a small snake which gently popped out when the jar was opened.) Special guests for that evening were Rev. Fr. Bakanas and Pfc. John Bender of the U. S. Marine Corps.

As was reported the girls are still bowling every Thursday night. Latest notes — Tillie, Lucy and Mary hit in the 100's recently. Adele K. and Caroline also support that team. What's happening to the others?

Come on, gang, our membership drive is on! Ask your friends to join. The more the merrier. The more we can accomplish. And don't YOU forget meetings start promptly at 8:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month.

"Til I come flying back on the wings of gossip.
"Vėtra".

carried on by Stanley Šimulis of Council 4. Mr. Šimulis has trustworthily held the strings of the District purse for so many years that it would be difficult to imagine anyone else in his position.

To mention the abilities of Mr. Sakalas are definitely unnecessary, for all know of his ard-

uous work as an editor of the "Draugas" and our own "Vytis", and as a K. of L. member of long standing. He has generously consented to add to his many present tasks the role of Correspondent.

Although the trustees' work is not difficult they are an absolute necessity to complete the cogs in the District's wheel. John Brazauskas of Council 36 and Edward Misius, Council 14, have served the organization in their respective councils for many years, and in continuing to do so they are taking on also the unglorified work of the District's Trustees.

Having introduced you to our officers, I can now proceed to speak of —
PLANS FOR '44:

Steps are being taken to reorganize the K. of L. choir, for we know there is much latent talent here which would prove profitable, in more ways than one, if it could be drawn out and grouped together.

Sunday, March 5th, this year will see the traditional celebration of St. Casimir's Feastday at St. Anthony's parish in Cicero. The Chicago District cordially invites the Lithuanian Catholics of Chicagoland to partake and assist the K. of L.s in honoring their patron saint with prayers for St. Casimir's indulgence to watch over our members in service. Council 14 as host promises a tasty and warming breakfast will be served in the parish hall after Mass.

Suggestions to awaken the inactive councils will be concentrated upon and their enactment will necessitate cooperation in the fullest extent from all members.

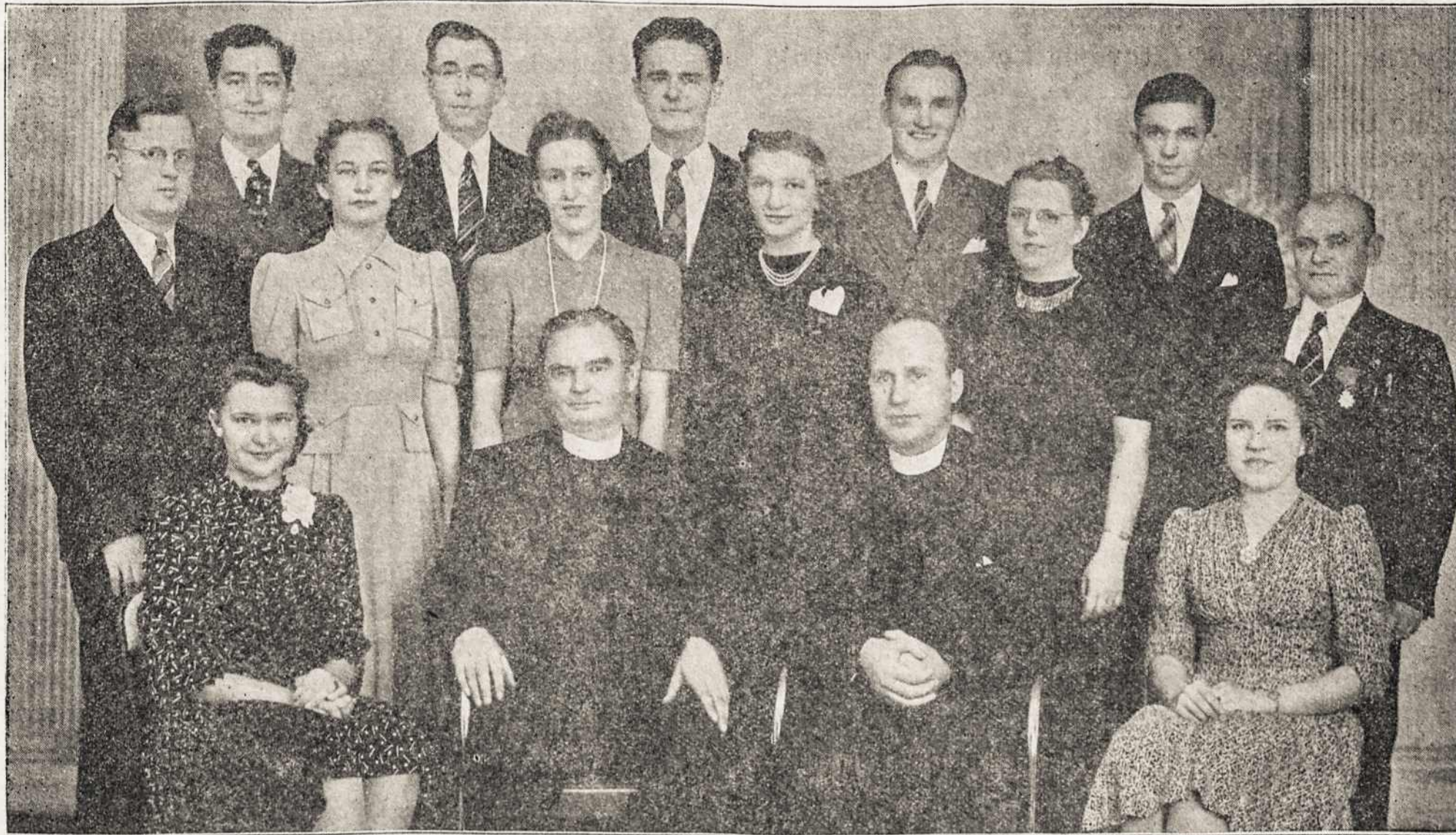
The annual Fourth of July Day is already becoming the heavy problem for the president because of the exigencies of war. At the next meeting the various committees to concentrate and plan for this event will be delegated.

QUERIES FROM THE SIDELINES:

Wonder where Father Julian acquired the hobby of using vases for ash trays? — How come Marianne screamed when the officers' picture was being taken? — Do you have to have a special recipe to prepare such tasty popcorn as Mrs. Misius provided at the last meeting? —

Kada matysim "tėva" Brazauską ir "piršlį"

Lietuvos Vyčių 36 kp. nariai veikę praeity ir veikiantieji dabar



Pirmoje eilėje žiūrint iš dešinės į kairę: *Agnes Šiaučiūnaitė*, buvusi kp. nutarimų sekr. per šešis metus ir narė įvairių komisijų, taipgi buvus Chicago apskrities sekr.; *kun. V. Černiauskas*, buvęs vikaras ir vyčių bendradarbis; *kun. A. Briška*, klebonas parapijos ir kuopos organizatorius; *Sofija Gimbutaitė*, buvus kuopos vice pirm. ir pirm. ir Centro Ritualo Komisijos narė. Sausio 22 d. ištekėjo už J. Šarkausko, kuris prieš trejetą metų pėsčias perėjo išilgai Amerikos — nuo New Yorko iki Los Angeles.

Antroje eilėje taip pat žiūrint iš dešinės į kairę: *K. Zaromskis*, Organizacijos Garbės Narys, spaustuvės (K. of L. Press) direktorių pirmininkas, žymus Chicago vyčių tarpe veikėjas ir ilgametis 36 kuopos išdininkas; *Helen Cherry*, buvusi Centro finansų sekretorė ir per tris metus ėjusi kuopos finansų sekr. pareigas; *B. Lekienė*, žymi kuopos veikėja ir sportininkė (bovlerė) kuopoj ir apskirty. Ji su savo vyru yra savininkai Jewelry krautuvės, 2049 West 35 St.; *V. Spirauskaitė*, jau ketvirtus metus einanti kuopos

nutarimų sekretorės pareigas ir Chicago apskrities vice pirmininkė; gabi scenos lošėja ir žymi veikėja; *R. Jankauskaitė*, buvus veikli kuopos narė; *J. Cherry*, Organizacijos Ketvirto Laipsnio Narys, Centro Ritualo Komisijos narys, jau trečius metus einas kuopos pirmininko pareigas ir daug veikia įvairiose komisijose. Kuopa ji stato kandidatu į Garbės Narius.

Trečioj eilėj taipgi žiūrint iš dešinės į kairę: *B. Kvietkus*, buvęs du metus vice pirm. ir du metus pirm., buvęs žymus veikėjas ir scenos mėgėjas, dabar kariuomenėj; *A. Žilius*, daug pasidarbavęs įvairiuose kuopos parengimuose; *D. Varnas*, Organizacijos Ketvirto Laipsnio Narys, buvęs tris metus pirmininku ir kuopą išauginęs iki 200 narių. Dabar tarnauja kariuomenėj ir jau pakeltas į antrus leitenantus; *J. Brazauskas*, Organizacijos Ketvirto Laipsnio Narys, treči metai eina kp. vice pirm. pareigas, yra nenuilstantis veikėjas ir scenos mėgėjas; *A. Cherry*, buvęs kuopos vice pirm., keletą metų ėjęs išdo globėjo pareigas ir nenuilstantis veikėjas.

Šiuo metu L. Vyčių 36-ji kuopa veda naujų narių vaju. Rezultatai to jau matomi. Pastaruoju laiku prie kuopos prisirašė Jonas Kazakauskas, savininkas Jewelry krautuvės, adresu 4216 Archer Ave.; *F. Urnezaitė*; *Ant. Rudokas*; *A. Kazlauskas*; ir varg. *J. Kudirka*.

Zaromskį kitam veikale? — Would you like to know the answers to the above queries? Well, I would too! If you can supply the replies, please do so; but, don't expect any \$64.

Not having any more questions nor any gossip, and having divulged all the latest information about the Chicago District, this is all for now.

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“Anti-Fifth Columnist” postage stamps are being sold in Cuba.

BRIGHTON PARK (Chicago)

COUNCIL 36

The Knights of Lithuania Council 36 held its pre-annual meeting, December 20th. The meeting came to order with a prayer for the Boys in Service by president James R. Cherry.

Honorary Member Kastus Zaromskis presented the Drama Circle report. He informed those assembled that John Brazauskas, P. Rekašius, V. Gedminienė, V. Spirauskaitė and others agreed to accept roles in the coming play.

John Brazauskas delivered the K. of L. Chicago District meeting report. The council was informed that the District is planning to reorganize the District Choir, that our recording secretary Violet Spirauskas is a vice-president of the District, and that John Brazauskas is one of the trustees of the district.

V. Spirauskaitė informed those assembled that the Cicero Ladies are planning a banquet for Rev. Julian Grinius, the K. of L. District Spiritual Director, January 9th. The Council decided to attend and present a small gift. (From reports since then, a large delegation attended the banquet and all had an enjoyable time. Father Julian thanks all who attended.)

The Council decided to attend the "Draugas" Concert, January 16th. (From reports since then, a very large delegation attended and all had a very nice time. Rev. Činikas extends his "thank you" to all the members.)

During the Christmas Holiday the council decided to present their annual Christmas donation to the Parish. Rev. A. Briška is very grateful to the council.

The elected 1944 Council Officers are as follows: Rev. A. Briška, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish and organizer of the Council, is our Spiritual Director.

James R. Cherry was re-elected president for the third consecutive year. Though he tried very hard to refuse and let others assume these duties, he was re-elected by acclamation to continue as president of the council for the fourth term. Jim, for the last four years, is the K. of L. Center Ritual Committee Secretary, is also secretary of the Lithuanian Citizens Workmen's Benevolent Club since 1937, secretary of Archbishop Quigley Knights of Columbus Bowling League and the same council's 4th Degree Quadrangle Club secretary. He is a 4th Degree Member of both the Knights of Lithuania and the Knights of Columbus organizations. He also is a member of the Draugas Correspondent's Club and the La Salle General Assembly.

John Brazauskas was re-elected vice-president and Violet Spirauskas was re-elected recording secretary — both for their third consecutive year.

Philomena Rekašius was elected financial secretary. After four years of faithful service, Mrs. Helen Cherry, because of other undertakings, was unable to continue as financial secretary. Helen is a 3rd Degree Member, a past financial secretary of the K. of L. Center and a past secretary of the K. of L. Chicago District Ladies Bowling League.

Honorary Member Kastus Zaromskis was re-elected Treasurer. Trustees elected were P. Zakaraitė and F. Urnežius.

P. Zakaraitė, Adele and Anthony Cherry were elected on the Revision of Books Committee. (From last reports heard, the revision of books was made at Mr. & Mrs. James R. Cherry's home. As usual, a party followed and then we all went to the "Draugas" Concert.)

The New Membership Drive Committee is composed of James R. Cherry, Kastus Zaromskis and Francis Urnežius.

Kastus Zaromskis remains our Drama Circle Director. John Brazauskas was appointed as our Back dues Collector — one who visits members who forget or have no time to attend meetings to pay their dues.

The council extends their best wishes to the past president Miss Sophie Gimbut, the K. of L. Center Ritual Committee Treasurer who on January 22nd becomes Mrs. John Šarkauskas. John is a past member of West Side Council 24.

From far-off England Corp. Joseph Vyšniauskas inform us that he has met his brother Pvt. Ed Vyšniauskas, who was a star of various council teams. He has also run into our past president, Bernard Kvetkus.

Lt. Al Manikas is now doctoring at Dwight, Ill.

Lt. Dominic Varnas is back at Ft. Leonard Woods, Mo.

Sgt. Peter Nevedomskis is on his way "across the pond".

We still have to hear from other members serving Uncle Sam in various services. Let's hear from you boys!

The stork visited Bernice Liakas, wife of Knight Anthony Liakas, proprietor of Mid West Jewelry and Music, 2049 W. 35 St., and left a baby daughter, Bonnie Elaine. So now, Anthony, Jr. has a sister!

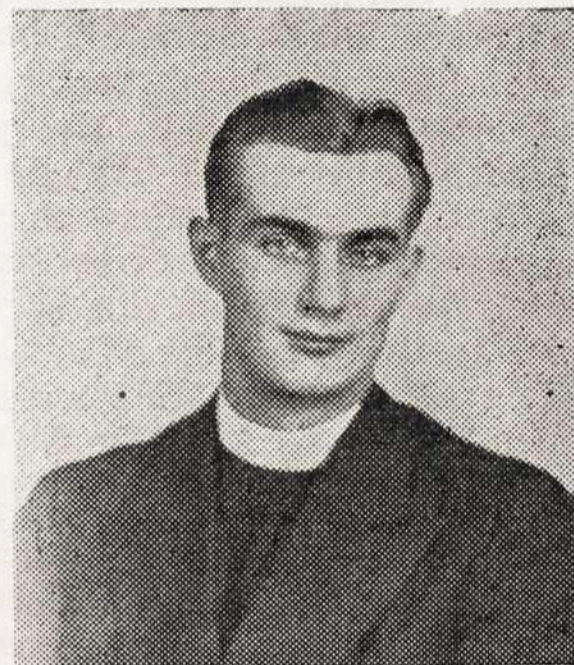
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: — Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kass jewelers on Archer Ave. across from the Brighton Theatre; Justas Kudirka, the local church organist; Anthony Rudokas; and Anthony Kazlauskas. We hope you find your stay as enjoyable as we have found during the many years working "for God and Country". That's all... next time more and more and more.

The Shadow.

BOOM TOWN "CICERO"

Council 14 is still on the beam — and hopes to stay on it, because its members have pledged themselves to be good navigators and set the ship's course on waves of smooth sailing and help pilot the traditions of the K. of L.s until our boys come home from high seas, to hear S1/c Jerry Kasulaitis again bellow a hearty "GOD BLESS the K. of L.'s". It seems these words have lost their significance, unless of course — Jerry says them. To hear MM I. P. Mockaitis's infectious laugh, and say "Iggy, has the Navy toned your color scheme down a bit? We mean your pajamas, the loud ones you use to frighten unexpected visitors with. Like those special ones you once wore when someone barged in on your celestial siesta, and it wasn't Casey either. Do you miss Casey's cold feet way out in Minnesota? Who heckles you now?" To hear AS 3/c John Seputis squeeze the linings of his famous accordion at our social gatherings — weenie roasts and outings that we sometimes have. Johnnie, have you taken faithful accordion along on the "Sea Dog"? To Hear Ernie Kaminskas greet everyone with "Happy Birthday" — to hear more pipe dreams, dreams that have seen reality — from a Seabee, whom we always called Raysinstein. We wonder if some of Ray Eisin's buddies overthere have found another pet name for him; if they did — maybe we'll hear about it. Eh, Ray? And to see another Navy man, AMM 3/c John Anglickis ask us — "Hey fellahs, cut the kidding, start the bowling." Johnnie's secretarial job of the men's bowling section is still open. To have our boys come home from the Army and have Ray Bociunas condescend approvingly in the food department. The entertainment committee certainly misses his knowledge of price control and the low down on all the grades and quality. Besides the entertainment committee missing Roy, we think Stelle also misses him, 'cause there's no one to drive her to meetings from Marquette Park. To see and hear SS Dedinskas, who was recently decorated with an Oak Leaf Cluster, for SS Joseph Dalangauskas alias "Joe Dolan", steps it up with a Lithuania polka. Even tho' Joe is famous for a Jiving Jamboree, now we hear he's received a prize as the best waltzer "Somewhere in England". Altho' Joe has been to Scotland, London and several other places in the British Isles, we've yet to decipher his exact whereabouts, probably he'll run into Joe Kasulaitis, who has been shipped from Iceland to "Somewhere In England". Joe Kasul's famous reiterations were always, "Have another beer?" Now that you say them away from home, Joe, do they still carry that stacatto of buoyancy and have that jovial, flip-pant air fun at hand? Yep, the Army, Navy, and Marines have claimed many other members —

Mūsų žymus bendradarbis



KUN. ANTANAS SANDYS, MIC., nuolatinis "Vyties" bendradarbis, yra vienas Amerikos lietuvių tarpe jaunųjų žiburių, kurie pasiryžę ne tik neduoti užgesti čia mūs tautinei sąmonei, bet, priešingai, ją persunkti visą jaunąją Amerikos lietuvių kartą.

Baigęs kunigo mokslus Tėvų Marijonų Kongregacijos mokyklose, buvo išsiųstas į Laval Universitetą, Kanadoje, socialogijai studijuoti. Aplinkybėms susidėjus, buvo atšauktas Chicagon or paskirtas redaktorium populeraus savaitraščio "Laivas" (adresas 2334 So. Oakley Ave.). Kitais metais, atatrūkęs nuo pareigų, žada sociologijos mokslus tęsti.

Kun. A. Sandys, MIC., yra ne tik kruopštus redaktorius, bet žymus misionierius, geras kalbėtojas, turįs platų žinyną apie Lietuvą, jos praeitį ir siekimus, Liet. Vyčių ir kitų organizacijų narys, visuomenininkas ir vienas tų jaunųjų, kurie kila į Amerikos lietuvių katalikų vadus.

we miss the faces of Jimmie Boyd now of the Air Corps and his constant ride to La Grange when driving Ernie to a defense plant — our rides always detoured thru lonely, dark highways — 'cause during those drives listening to Inner Sanctum our blood would curdle and we'd relax only when the spooky drama was over. To hear Al. Jaskunas ask the chairman if a party isn't out of question for all. Al always made provisions for everyone's comfort in transportation and managed with certain little intricacies that others were unable to secure. To see quiet Charles Mizger and Al. Tumavich nod their heads of approval when favoritism is gained as the chairman echoes — "Another weenie roast comin' up members, so fellahs come early and get your car working on all gears" — then we could see John Syrewice scuttle off and ask a pretty lass, "be my gal for that night?" To hear

another good suggestion from Leo Zuke. Leo, we still wear those sweaters. Remember the struggle you and Jerry had when measurements were taken and colors were chosen? The girls miss Leo's (Stancukas's) smooth dancing. Leo, are you still asking your C. O. for special leave permits to run weenie roasts — like you did in Texas? We hear the girls didn't kinda like your friendly move, especially under those Texas stars, could it be that they were jealous? Lastly, we can see Marine Ray Katch side in with Peter Kulis's invite to the gang for a horse back ride and promising all to show off Vince's horse in the escapade somewhere near Emmett's Stables.

Probably our wishful thinking of peace forever more will gain cadence to the almighty — 'cause Adolph Staisiunas thought it befitting if all members be led in a special prayer "for the boys over there" by our best of spiritual advisors, Reverend J. Grinius, and so mutual consent mounted in higher altitude when the erstwhile secretary of C-14 (now Chicago District President) Marianne Daunis submitted a special prayer for the lads for whom we've all got our fingers crossed. The only time those fingers are uncrossed, say the guys and gals, is when they write to the our soldiers, sailors and marines. (of-course, C-14 only ????). Oh! sometimes Emily Waitekus pulls a sneaker and writes to a Massachusetts K. of L.r, who is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific; she says she's only trying to keep his morale up, but his morale should have gained topmost peak — because those letters travel at frequent intervals. Oh! she also has time for our own K. of L"rs, too, we hear. Our new member Vincenta "Aldute" Mockus also has a sideline of happiness — we hear he hails from "Overthere" and is Somewhere in...., and the lassie who introduced our new member is the ever popular and tireless worker — Aldut Sleinis — (now Assistant Rec. Sec. in the Chicago District.) who also, has a chronic headache when Norwood Massachusetts is mentioned. The hounding mystery to us, is — "what has Massachusetts got that we haven't got?" Violet Miller, Flo Deveikis, Flo Juravicius, and Elenore Kondrat claim Illinois is okay for them, (or is it?). Am I tellin' tales out of school now? If more is told on other lads and lassies, methinks a certain member will be afraid to go to the next meeting, No? Okay, other secrets will not be revealed — but be on your best Sunday School behavior. Lorraine Zaura, Emily Kulis, Grace Zakar, Frannie Olbikas, Flo Kaminskis, Bernice Aleksionas, Ann Radomskis, Loretta Paulaitis, the Kishkunases and the Arbir's — Casey (we wonder) 'cause he specializes in pictures taken in the dark only and Vince the Rider, (he, too — helps Casey in a special negative), and Cleo the Flyer have nothing to worry about if

they promise to be good. All members have sincerely promised Father Julius; the club and officers to keep the wheels rolling smoothly, if not rapidly. Will Joe Miller join us too? We haven't seen him lately. Joe, has the leap year something to do about it? Maybe your pal Johnnie Kasul will coax and convince you that it isn't too dangerous, so come along sometime!

Traditions will always live, therefore Father Julius's name will be traced down in the annals of C-14 as the instigator or the solemn installation of officers by the main altar in candle light. The new officers for 1944 are Stelle M. nancial Sec.; Vincenta "Aldute" Mockus — Ser-Vice President; Walter Arbir — 2nd Vice President; Florence Arbir — Treasurer; Flo Juravicius — recording Sec.; — Lorraine Zaura — Financial Sec'; Cincenta "Aldute" Mockus — Sergeant at Arms; Aldut Sleinis, Adolph Staisiunas, Frances Kishkunases — Trustees; Marianne Daunis, Emily Kulis — Correspondents. *SMB.*

GREAT NECK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 109

HI-LITES FROM LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE —

(From Johnny Zorski, who after studying aviation in colleges in Florida, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, and Tennessee, now writes from Arkansas):

"Today, it happened! I solo-ed! And if you didn't pray for me it never would've happened. I get on my knees every night too. When the instructor asked me if I wanted to take the plane up — well, you knew what my answer would be. So, I taxied down the field, turned her around, opened the throttle full, probed the stick forward, lifted the tail, eased the stick back and Mrs. Zorski's son was on a wing with a prayer. Just wanted you to know when I got back to the barracks, 8 letters awaited me and when I saw yours I felt good. Write and tell me what Mom said and what she looked like when she saw this. I wish I was there to tell her myself.

"Here it is Sunday — just went to church, communion and had breakfast over at the hotel. Almost like home — eating breakfast about noon. We're supposed to play golf this afternoon."

(From Stanley "Tookey" Bukunt, who after training in such vacation spots as Miami Beach, Atlantic City, now writes from the beautiful vacation land of Hawaii):

"Well, here goes another letter from that paradise in the Pacific. How's everything in G. N.? Do the boys still go on tears or is everything dead since I left? I'm still a good

boy and think will be for quite a while to come. Sometimes think maybe I'm sick or should go into priesthood. Here are three pictures recently taken — hope you like 'em.

"I was going to write more but I stopped to sing the song about the three Hebrews to the guys here and forgot what I had intended to say."

(From Albie Lazaunik, who so far has travelled thru 24 of our states, now writes from a place unknown):

"This will be my last letter from here — it'll seem funny not to be home on those hurry-up weekends anymore. Censors work on our mail now so can't say much, but boy, you should see the scalping I got from the barber here. Honest, these "butchers" must've clipped sheep before they came her because that's just the way they clipped the majority of our heads.

"Wotta Sunday. Upon completion of KP had to complete marking my clothing and equipment, then got ambitious and washed a barrack bag full of clothing since we have no laundry service here. Busy days.

"Oh, say, while working on a gun detail the other day, I came in contact with a fellow Lith and K. of L. member from Connecticut. He belongs to the Hartford council and says his sister sends him clippings from the "Vytis" every month. Well, we had quite a chat about our councils' activities and mostly about the subject of basketball. Kiddingly, he challenged our team to a post war game, which I naturally accepted. At present I can't recall his last name but expect to see him again."

(From Stanley Sosaris, who after training in Florida and Illinois, now writes from Fresno, Calif.)

"Gee, it was good to see you all again. When I asked you to check my car mileage, knowing I did a bit of travelling while on furlough, never thought it would reach 300. Had a good time and it was worth it. I'm right on the ball again — now washing a few pieces of clothing.

"Received your package today but as yet haven't touched it — saving it for after the movies. Mmmm! Mmmm! The boys here all thank you for thinking of me — they're also in the party."

A LETTER TO OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Say, fellers, your letters have been swell — so eagerly awaited for. At our get togethers they're exchanged, passed around and read over and over again. Golly, when you travel, you really go for it in a big way, don't you? From the East Coast to the West, then back again and across country — how do you expect us to keep up with you. Gee, fellers, we ain't got a chance. And don't for a minute think that we don't envy you.

Congratulations, Johnny, we knew you'd make it. Golly, imagine flying a plane in so short a time. All that studying was really worth it, eh? Your mom's thrilled, as we all are. Honestly hope your wings will be forthcoming soon — don't fail us now. You know, you'll be the first flyer from our group then. (Cont'd)

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