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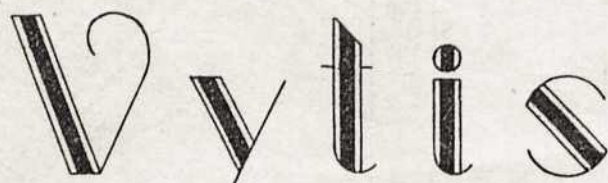
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Bishop Cushing's Eulogy

(Excerpts from Bishop Cushing's eulogy preached at the pontifical rites for William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston and Dean of the American Hierarchy).

"Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found just; and in the time of wrath was made a reconciliation."

These inspired words are taken from the Book of Ecclesiasticus of the Old Testament. Chapter XLV: 16, 17.

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Behold a great priest. He, whose mortal remains lie here before the altar of this Cathedral, whose soul has gone forth attended by our prayers and the prayers of millions all over the world, could ask for his extraordinary endowments and surpassing achievements no more satisfying recognition. That was his ambition, that was his triumph, — to be a great priest.

Sixty years ago, when the sublime dignity of the priesthood was conferred upon him, he harnessed the leaping energies of a keen mind and powerful personality for the race to his goal—to full accomplishment of his vocation. Never a moment did he loosen the rein or slacken the pace till the day came when he could say with St. Paul: "I have finished the course."

The eleven years of his parish service saw him crowding his scant hours of leisure with earnest study. As Rector of the North American College in Rome, he pursued perfection in new fields, administration, diplomacy, a wider experience of men and affairs. The famous Embassy to Japan he executed with the same unbending concentration, learning at every step and in the end achieving a brilliant success.

After years of distinguished work in Rome, amid the deep currents of international relations, in contact with the high and the humble of many lands while ever close to the heart of Christendom, he returned to America, to preside first over the Diocese of Portland and then over his native Archdiocese of Boston. Here he found a complete contrast — a society economic in its structure and its standards, a people scarcely at all concerned with world politics, provincial in outlook, a religious frontier where the concept of Christendom was unknown and diverse groups held their particular beliefs, each hidden behind its own stockade of exclusiveness.

He had known this frontier of old. He could measure the gains of his own garrison. Aware of the approaching crises that would tax its strength, he felt that the time had come to organize it on a larger and permanent basis, and to reveal the fact of world-wide Christianity, the dignity of the Spouse of Christ. The undertaking was vast and beset with difficulties; the manner of its doing had to be chosen; the man who saw the vision had to win others to it in his own way. Not always understood, even by his own, but always steady of purpose and strong of execution, he has been justified by the severe tests of eventful years.

"If you seek his monuments, look around."

Look around! The fruits of his labors multiply to our gaze. In the churches he planned, how many will find the abiding solace of religion! At the altars he raised, how many will gain grace and eternal salvation! In the schools he sanctioned, how many will imbibe the true philosophy of life! In the hospitals, homes, and charitable institutions he fostered, how many will attain health and refuge and blessed peace! And from the devoted priests of God whom he trained or ordained—as well as from the hundreds he helped to ordination in distant mission lands—how many souls will receive the heavenly mysteries and life everlasting!

"Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God."

The cause of God was his consuming passion, and he defended that cause with life-long devotion and singleness



*Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, D. D.,
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston
Administrator of the Archdiocese.*

of purpose, with a rare freedom from human respect, and we dare add, with the fighting spirit of a crusader. He attacked evils and wrongs, not persons; he hated the sin, but always helped the sinner. And his charity to those who erred knew no bounds. To one to whom nature had given a rock-like resoluteness and a certain stubborn inflexibility of character, and who was by temperament strong, vehement, commanding, that is no small tribute. This great zeal for the cause of God and for the preaching of His Gospel was not merely diocesan nor even national. It reached out into every land, so that today in every corner of the vast mission fields of the world his name is blessed. Missionaries are keeping his memory sacred before the crude altars of jungle chapels and in the stately sanctuaries of Oriental cathedrals. "Remember," he frequently admonished me, "this is God's work, and keep it in God's Hands."

God's work is the salvation and sanctification of souls everywhere, the work of universal charity. Universal charity is, therefore, the key to the life of William Cardinal O'Connell. It was the concept he had formed of the priest as universal in charity and absolutely detached in judgment, that kept him deliberately and consistently outside of all secular concerns, outside of every partisan movement, every controversy, even ecclesiastical, save only when the spiritual welfare of the community seemed to call for a pronouncement. He did much—more than the world could know—to remove the sources of injustice, to replace with a spirit of mutual understanding and friendliness the old and unwholesome divisions among the people of New England. What our first Bishop, John de Cheverus, had endured with the courage and wise forbearance

of a pioneer, this great successor of his, taking up the crozier nearly a century later, attacked with no less courage but with the power and skill of a diplomat. The sturdy character, the ideals and accomplishments of the Puritan and Pilgrim Fathers, he admired. Their resentment and hostility toward other races and religions, he understood. Giving honor to the leaders on both side who, before his day had succeeded in narrowing the gulf, he resolved to leave nothing undone in order that in his lifetime the gulf might be completely closed.

Surmounted Obstacles By Faith and Patience

By faith and patience and good will, by dint of example and counsel, he strove to destroy the ignorance which breeds prejudice, the misconceptions which perpetuate dissension. The odds against him were enormous, obscure, increased by the active operation of forces which a generation earlier had been only speculations and theories. Perhaps the task he set was too long for even his long life time and giant strength. But what one man could do he has done, so that now we live our lives and fulfill our destinies on an equal footing with our fellow citizens of all faiths in an atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance.

"Behold a great priest, who in his days pleased God and was found just; and in the time of wrath was made a reconciliation."

It is not surprising that civil as well as ecclesiastical authorities recognized the power and influence of this eminent prelate. Widely traveled, deeply versed in the history, the customs and the governments of many nations, he was ever filled with a profound love of his native land and institutions.

The highest officials of State and Nation recognized in him not only a true patriot but also a leader in the defense of the principles upon which our nation has risen to greatness. He was an eloquent teacher of civic virtue, of justice and honesty and respect for authority. He taught his people to know their civic duties and practice them, and to know their civic rights and demand them.

In every crisis of our country he hastened to place his services at the command of the government. In the truest sense, he inspired patriotism, for the hope of the country no less than the hope of the Church lies in the democracy that he envisioned and urged; men of principle, men of honor, men of faith and men of God.

Complete Dedication of His Life To Priesthood

All the friendship, the flaming love of his soul was given to God, and his private life was an unceasing integration of his every endowment and every attainment into the perfection of his priesthood. Oh how exacting, how all-absorbing, how supreme is that spiritual life to which the priest, any priest, commits himself. Sanctus—Sanctus—Sanctus. Holy—Holy—Holy—that is the Priesthood of Christ. His Eminence expressed it at the close of his Autobiography in words that echo the utterance of St. Augustine, and across the centuries identify our present-day priesthood with his:

"The life of the spirit, unquenchable, can never be completely content until the soul has found repose in the possession of God."

There speaks even now the wisdom of our late Cardinal Archbishop. He knew with the certainty gained from

a lifetime of experience with the souls of men that the true priest can never in this life find rest. This lesson he leaves us as a legacy. We have no right to bury it and forget it. All the rest of the wealth he has left us — charitable institutions, Christian education, financial security, churches, religious communities, lay societies, mutual trust, peace and a love for the Holy See and the Sovereign Pontiff, these depend for their welfare and progress upon that one priceless legacy, the secret of his method, — his spirit never rested.

Well did he change his family motto — "Victor in arduis", triumphant over difficulties, to the humble and even more energetic, "Vigor in arduis", strength amid difficulties. For victory won means fresh combats ahead, but strength is the source and the sword of every new accomplishment.

Cardinal Possessed Extraordinary Strength

He possessed extraordinary strength. Even physically he towered among men. That was nature's gift to him. Intelligence shone on his wide brow. Large, deep set, scrutinizing eyes bore witness to his penetrating mind. Intellectually he also excelled. His powerful pen constantly flashed out in defence of Christian Faith and morality. That was the result of his own efforts in enriching his mind and training his intellectual powers. Spiritually he was irresistible. That was the grace of God for which he prayed and which he employed to the best advantage. From the very record of his years he was unique. Eighty-five years a Christian, sixty years a priest, forty-two years a bishop, thirty-three years a Cardinal. Here, indeed, was an illustrious man, "a great priest who in his days pleased God."

Not every priest can be physically powerful, not every priest can be an intellectual giant, not every priest is called to a long life of high ecclesiastical honors, but the grace of God is for all of us and the vocation to the priesthood means the unrelenting activity of the soul. We are forever grateful to our venerable and beloved Cardinal Archbishop for this priestly bequest—"The life of the spirit, unquenchable, can never be completely content until the soul has found repose in the possession of God."

Today the life of his spirit, unquenchable, is at last content. His soul has found repose in the possession of God. He has attained his ultimate goal. He has won the only crown he ever really prized and sought, the crown of God's glory. His death, never to be forgotten by his loved ones, was an inspiring testimony of faith. He passed from this life blessing his priests and people and kissing a crucifix that he had cherished from his student days in Rome. The prayers of his flock were generously answered: God gave to our Good Shepherd a beautiful Christian death.

Here before the altar of the God he loved, and to whom he consecrated his long life and great talents, in the Cathedral Church of the Archdiocese he raised to such preeminence, lie his mortal remains. But to his diocese, his country, his Church, he is not dead, he still lives.

In the words of the poet:

Were a star quenched on high
For years would its light
Still streaming downward from the sky
Fall on our mortal sight.

So when a great man dies
For years beyond our ken
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.

So the life-work of our beloved Shepherd is not yet done. In a broader sense it is only beginning. He was, above all else, the apostle, who taught the word and law of God to his fellow-men, that the noble and the eternal in our nature might be nourished, that the ties that bind us to God might be strengthened.

Such a teacher never dies. In lesson and example, in service and remembrance, he is as truly with us today as he was before he passed beyond the ivory gates of sleep.

JO EMINENCIJOS KARDINOLO
WILLIAM O'CONNELL AMŽINĄ
ATMINTĮ PAGERBTI, ŠI "VYTIES"
LEIDINĮ SKIRIA,
JO NUOŠIRDUS GERBĖJAS N. N.



The Crypt on the grounds of St. John's Seminary, dedicated by His Eminence in 1928, which becomes his final resting place.

The light of his long life is only a brief candle in comparison with the enduring light of the inspiration he has bequeathed to us. Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow we shall be enriched and ennobled by the abiding influence of his myriad of lasting works.

William Cardinal O'Connell is no more. "Behold a great high priest, who in his days pleased God, and was found just, and in the time of wrath he was made a reconciliation." In a spirit of Christian resignation to the Will of Almighty God, bear away his body, lay it reverently in its final resting place on the grounds of our Diocesan Seminary where every future priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, and where, at every annual retreat we, the priests

whom he has left behind, may breath a golden Ave Maria in honor of our Immaculate Mother, the Queen of the Clergy, that our departed Shepherd may be joined in eternal fellowship with the Apostles of Holy Mother Church forever and ever.

Then and only then can his great soul rest, for "the life of the spirit, unquenchable, can never be completely content until the soul has found repose in the possession of God." This is the legacy bequeathed to us by a "great priest," His Eminence, William Cardinal O'Connell, "who in his days pleased God, and was found just; and in the time of wrath was made a reconciliation."

May he rest in eternal peace. Amen.

The Gateway of Truth

Q Why are not all of our prayers answered?

A. If we pray humbly and perseveringly for spiritual blessings that will ensure our soul's salvation, — the grace to resist temptation, the pardon of sin, and the grace of final perseverance, — God will infallibly answer us.

If we ask spiritual blessings for others, God will pour forth His grace in abundant measure, but the sinner we pray for may resist God's grace even to the end. God will never force the human will to love and serve Him, for He demands a free, not a forced service.

If we pray for temporal blessings, such as health, success, and fortune, God may grant our prayer by denying what we ask. We must always pray in accordance with the divine plan. Our Lord gave us the example in the Garden of Gethsamani, when He prayed: "My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from Me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." If sickness were to bring us close to God and health make us forgetful of Him; if failure were to humble us, and success puff us up with pride and arrogance; if poverty were to make us followers of the poor Christ, and riches cause us to abandon our faith, ought not God in His mercy and love refuse us what we in ignorance crave?

And yet, He said: "If you ask anything in my name, that I will do". Some may turn to the ouija-boards, others will go the fortune-tellers, some may seek for the answer in numbers or in the stars; we however, can always visit our loving Lord, and in the intimate privateness of His home lay open our hearts with its crosses, trials, aches, and tars. He will do the rest.



The Passing Parade

They were a pair of street urchins, dirty, a little raggedy, but as real as you and I. We stopped to watch and grin and then to think when we heard the little girl say to her brother: "Johnny, don't you ever say that again. That is God's name".

The second commandment obliges us to reverence for God, the Name of God, and all things sacred. Reverence is like a fence around a victory garden. Take away the fence and trespassers will soon ruin the garden. Take away reverence for God and things sacred to Him, and in time all other virtues will suffer and be tarnished in the soul. I do wish that Raggedy Ann will always protect that fence; don't you?

To Lithuania — 'Mary's Land'

MAY MARY KEEP THEE KNIT TO CHRIST!



*O "Mary's Land", thy cross is back once more!
A "double-cross" afflicts thee sore.
O "Mary's Land", thy trial-hour awaits:
Merciless foes rush through thy gates.*

*Wild warring hordes unchecked, with dev'lish
Oppress thee now, on land and sea. [glee,
To-day, thy fairest shrines sad faces see,
Whence joy once beamed desplendently.*

*MAY MARY KEEP THEE KNIT TO CHRIST,
Full-strong in love, this hour of tryst!
May she preserve thy faith secure,
Help lift thy cross with love most pure,*

*And thee inspire, this hour so meet,
To praise thy Lord, embrace His feet,
And through this hour, His Word repeat:
"My burden's light, My yoke is sweet!"*

*C. M. Zvirblis, O. P.
Providence College, R. I.*

Is it a sin to use the Ouija-Board?

One notices from the newspaper advertisements that the Ouija-Board has become a best-seller on the market. It would be very uncharitable to say that the very grown up people who buy it, get it merely for a party game. The word that so and so got a message all about her boyfriend is passed on and so others buy it to learn all about themselves and their friends (come to think of it, who does?) from a little wooden board. It is not sinful if one regards the ouija board as a play thing and believe that its message

PRISIMINIMAI MOTINOS DIENAI ATĖJUS

Šioje žemėje kas brangesnis už motiną? Į ją mes krepiamės ištardami pirmąjį žodį, prie jos glaudžiamės patyrę pirmus gyvenimo nemalonumus ir nusivylimus. Suaugę, gyvenimo rūpesčių ir sielvarto spaudžiami, pas ką kitą galime tikėtis rasti tiek nuoširdžios užuojautos, raminančios paguodos, jei ne pas savo tikrąsias motutes. Gali būti visų atstumtas, paniekintas, bet motina, nors su plyštančia širdimi, visuomet priglaus tave, ir tuo daugiau parodys jautrumo, kuo pikčiau kitų būsi puolamas.

Tūlas poetas savo eilėraščiuose išsireiškia, kad pasaulyje jis pastebėjo tik vienintele nuoširdžias ir šventas ašaras — ašaras motinų, kurios apverčia savo žuvusius vaikus. Šis poetas sako, kad geriausias draugas gali pamiršti savo ištikimą draugą, net žmonos kai kada apsidžiaugia netekę savo vyrų, bet vien tik motina niekuomet negali pamiršti savo vaikų, kaip kad gluosnis negali pakelti savo palinkusių šakų... Lieja jos karčias ašaras ne tik be laiko žuvus savo vaikams, bet ir jiems nuklydus nuo tiesaus kelio. Kaip jai nemylėti, neatsiminti ir neverkti tų, kuriems ji yra atidavusi dalį savęs, iškentėjusi tiek vargo, paaukojusi tiek sveikatos, pergyvenusi tiek rūpesčių ir nemigo naktų...

Ar ne nuolatiniai rūpesčiai apie mus išvagojo jos veidą, palenkė jos pečius? Kiek mūsų motinos iš mūsų laukė sau paguodos, kiek gražių vilčių dėjo, kiek gražių svajonių sukūrė, berymodamos per naktis ties lopšiu bei besidžiaugdamos pirmais mūsų žingsniais!

Gal ne vieną išvykstantį iš namų pūslėta ir raukšlėta motinos ranka laimino ir virpančios lūpos meldė būti doru ir geru žmogumi, o riedanti suvargusiais skruostais ašara tvirtino, kad čia jos vienintelis brangus jai šioje žemėje prašymas.

Mes visi be savo motinų dar turime vieną stipriai pavergusią mūsų širdį visų mūsų bendrą motiną — Tėvynę. Joje gimę ir auge, jos duona išsimaitinę, jos gamtos grožiu sužavėti, mūsų vargingų motučių tomis pačiomis raudomis ir daino-

is produced merely by the unconscious movements of the one operating it. But it is sinful if one takes the answers seriously, and superstitiously consults the planchette as he would a fortune teller. That is the evil from playing with it; a person is dissatisfied with the results and wants to learn more and will go to others to satisfy that craving and thirst for the knowledge of the future. It is much safer, and wiser, and in the long run less expensive, to buy a parchesi board.

Rev. Julian Grinius.



*Mama! Mano mama miela,
Tavo meilei — tau paskyriau šitą dieną.
Išbučiuosiu rūpestėliais išvagotą tavo veidą,
Kur vargai ir didi meilė tau galias vagas išraižė.*

*Mama, mano miela mama!
Išprašysiu pas Dievulį tau dienele ramią,
Sveikatėlę, ilgą amžių,
Ir gyvenimą vis gražų.*

*Mama, mano miela mama!
Nepalik mane tu vieną — nepaliki, mama.
Be tavęs aš mažas visad šitam sviete būčiau.
Kaip jauna šakelė, vėjo supama, liūdėčiau. "M."*

mis užlinguoti, mes jaučiamės taip artimi vieni kitiems, nors ir plačiai būtume išsisklaidę po visus pasaulio plotus, mes kaip vienos tautos sūnūs gyvai atjaučiame vieni kitų vargus, rūpesčius ir siekius. Ar atsirastų tarp mūsų nors vienas susipratęs lietuvis, kuriam neskaudėtų širdis dėl priespaudos ir persekiojimų mūsų brolių brangioj Lietuvoj ar ištrėmimo kraštuose?

Kam nėra brangi gimtoji žemė su jos gamtos vaizdais, kieno širdyje negimsta malonus jausmas, pamačius berželius svyruonėlius ir kitus medelius, puošiančius tėvų sodybas bei kelius?

Taigi, tikrai drauge su dainium galėtum nuoširdžiai tarti — "Čia prakaitu mūsų aplaistyta žemė, čia tiek atminimų atranda širdis!"

Kun. K. Jenkus.

Vaižgantas—didysis lietuvių tautinės kultūros kūrėjas



Šių metų balandžio 29 d. sukako penkeri metai, kai mirė vienas iš žymiausių lietuvių rašytojų ir vienas iš didžiausių lietuvių tautinės kultūros kūrėjų kan. Tumas-Vaižgantas. Tur būt nėra nė vieno lietuvių inteligento, kuris nebūtų pažinęs Vaižganto arba bent nebūtų daug ko apie jį girdėjęs. Jis, pasak prof. V. Mykolaičio, gyvas ir judrus, jaunatvės entuziazmu degęs, kaip obelis baltas žilaplaukis, kur tik pasirodydavo, visur patraukdavo akį ir širdį. Vaižgantas buvo vienas iš mylimiausių Lietuvos žmonių. Ypač jį mylėjo jaunimas, su kuriuo jis kuo glaudžiausius santykius palaikė ligi pat savo gyvenimo galo. Jis buvo daugelio jaunimo organizacijų garbės narys.

Susipratęs Lietuvis

Nuo pat "Aušros" pasirodymo Juozas Tumas-Vaižgantas buvo susipratęs lietuvis, domėjosi lietuvių spauda ir stropiai skaitė lietuviškus laikraščius. 1888 m. Tumas pabaigė realinę mokyklą ir tų pat metų rudenį įstojo Kaune į Žemaičių Kunigų seminariją. Čia klierikų tarpe jis rado ir daugiau susipratusių lietuvių. Žemaičių kunigų seminarijoje Tumas pradėjo lietuviškai rašyti. Į tą darbą jį įtraukė pagyvėjęs lietuvių tautinis judėjimas. Veiklesnieji ir labiau tautiškai susipratę klierikai įkūrė Lietuvos Mylėtojų Draugiją, o jai pakrikus, šv. Kazimiero Draugiją. Juozas Tumas abiejose tose draugijose veikliai dalyvavo. Tų draugijų narių pastangomis 1890 me-

tais buvo pradėtas leisti "Žemaičių ir Lietuvos Apžvalgos" laikraštis, kuriame uoliai bendradarbiavo ir Juozas Tumas. 1893 m. Tumas pabaigė kunigų seminariją ir tų pat metų lapkričio 28 d. buvo išventintas į kunigus.

Platina Lietuvišką Raštą

Pabaigęs kunigų seminariją, Juozas Tumas kaip veiklus ir susipratęs lietuvis, buvo paskirtas vikaru į Mintaują. Nors jis gyveno ir ne Lietuvoje, tačiau greit suėjo į pažintis su žymesniaisiais vietos lietuviais ir energingai pradėjo dirbti lietuvių tautinį darbą. Susipykęs su lenkuojančiu Mintaujos klebonu kun. Valentu, Juozas Tumas 1895 metais buvo perkeltas vikaru į Mosėdžio parapiją, tolimame Žemaičių užkampyje. 1896 metais Juozas Tumas įsteigė "Tėvynės Sargo" laikraštį ir kelerius metus jį redagavo. Be to, jis taip pat organizuotai platino lietuvių draudžiamąją literatūrą. Beplatindamas draudžiamąją literatūrą jis su savo broliu 1897 metų rudenį pakliuvo žandarams į nagus. Už tai juodu Vilniaus generalgubernatoriaus buvo žiauriai nubausti: kunigas Juozas Tumas buvo nubaustas penkerius metus ištremti iš Lietuvos, o jo brolis Jonas — trejus metus kalėti ir dvejus metus būti ištremtam policijos priežiūroje. Kai kurie kunigo Juozo Tumo draugai ragino jį nuo bausmės bėgti į Ameriką ir ten ramiai sau dirbti tarp lietuvių. Tačiau Juozas Tumas paklausė kun. Aleksandro Dambrausko, buvusio už lietuvių ištremto į Užciušnos guberniją, ir niekur nebėgo. Bausmę atlikęs Juozas Tumas greit tikėjosi po penkerių metų sugrįžti į Lietuvą.

1898 m. iš Mosėdžio buvo perkeltas vikaru į Kulius, ir čia toliau dirbo slaptai laikraštinko ir draudžiamosios lietuvių spaudos platintojo darbą. 1900 m. įsteigė ir redagavo pirmąjį inteligentams skiriamąjį žurnalą "Žyntyčia". Po to kunigas Tumas buvo dar keletą kartų iškeltas dėl savo lietuviško veikimo. Vadakčiuose, Panevėžio apskr., kunigaudamas veikliai dalyvavo 1905 m. judėjime: pašalino iš vietų rusų valdininkus ir mokytojus, į valsčiaus raštinę vietoje rusų kalbos įvedė lietuvių kalbą ir visus nutarimus į knygas surašė lietuvių kalba. Praūžus 1905 metų revoliucijai, Juozas Tumas už savo žygius buvo tardomas ir teisiamas, tačiau išteisintas. 1906 metų pavasarį Juozas Tumas buvo iškeltas į Pamiutuvio Stakius, Raseinių apskr.

Spaudos Laisvė Gražinta

Spaudą leidus, lietuvių kultūrinis gyvenimas pagyvėjo. Juozas Tumas buvo pakviestas dirbti Vilniuje. 1906 m., dvasinei vyriausybei pritarus jam leista įkurti ir redaguoti pirmąjį lietuvių kalba "Vilniaus Žinių" dienraštį. 1907 m. rudenį

kun. Juozas Tumas ir buvęs Lietuvos prezidentas Antanas Smetona suorganizavo "Vilties" laikraštį. "Vilties" laikraštis nutiesė lietuvių tautinės ideologijos pagrindus ir subūrė žymiausias lietuvių intelektualines pajėgas prie bendrojo tautinės kultūros darbo.

Vilniuje kun. Juozas Tumas veikliai dalyvavo visuomeniniame lietuvių gyvenime. Dėl savo tautinės veiklos jis buvo ypatingai nemėgiamas lenkų, stengėsi kun. Juozą Tumą iš Vilniaus išstremti, ir, pagaliau, po ilgų pastangų pasisekė tai padaryti.

Vyksta į Ameriką

Kun. Juozas Tumas-Vaižgantas išstremtas iš Vilniaus, Žemaičių vyskupo Gasparo Cirtauto 1911 m. buvo paskirtas Laižuvos klebonu. Trims mėnesiams praslinkus po jo paskyrimo Laižuvos klebonu, jis buvo pakviestas į Ameriką vykti rinkti aukų statomiems "Saulės" namams. Į Ameriką jis nelabai linko važiuoti. Bet mylėdamas savo kraštą ir trokšdamas jam gero, Tumas vis dėlto nugalėjo savo baimę ir nutarė važiuoti į Ameriką, nesigailėdamas nei sveikatos, nei laiko, nei pagaliau, nuostolių, kad savo akimis pamatytų, kaip iš tikrųjų ten gyvena ir verčiasi lietuviai; ar iš tikrųjų tai laimės, neišsemiamų turtų, laisvės ir visokio gero kraštas. 1911 m. birželio 27 d. jis iškeliavo į Ameriką ir liepos 5 d. pasiekė New Yorką. Amerikoje Tumas išbuvo 90 dienų ir per tą laiką aplankė daug Amerikos lietuvių kolonijų ir surinko daugiau kaip 34,000 rublių "Saulės" draugijos namams.

Atgal į Lietuvą

Amerikoje Juozas Tumas visur lietuvių buvo maloniai priimtas ir jis savo paskaitomis gero kai sustiprino Amerikos lietuvių ryšius su savo tėvyne Lietuva. Sugrįžęs iš Amerikos, Tumas pradėjo važinėti po Lietuvą su paskaitomis apie savo įspūdžius Amerikoje. 1912 m. savo įspūdžius, patirtus Amerikoje, aprašė knygelėje: "Ten gera, kur mūsų nėra", arba "Neapleiskime savo Tėvynės". 1914 m. pabaigoje, Tumas, raginamas vyskupo Pranciškaus Karevičiaus, išvažiavo į Rygą "Rygos Garso" laikraščio redaguoti. Be redakcinio darbo, Rygoje jis taip pat daug dirbo įvairiose lietuvių organizacijose. Prasidėjus Didžiajam karui ir nuo karo pabėgėlių miniomis užplūdus Rygą ir kitus tolimesnius nuo fronto miestus, Juozas Tumas rūpinasi nuo karo nukentėjusių šelpimu ir toje srityje jis labai daug padarė.

Už Nepriklausomybę

Iš Rygos Tumas buvo pakviestas į Petrapilį Centralinio Lietuvos Komiteto nuo karo nukentėjusiems šelpiti reikalų vedėju. Petrapilyje Tumas dalyvavo Lietuvių Seime ir jame griežtai stovėjo už tai, kad lietuviai savo tautai reikalau-



Kai caro valdžia uždraudė lietuviškos knygos bei laikraščių spausdinimą, tai lietuviai veikėjai pradėjo spausdinti lietuviškas knygas užrubežyje (Tilžėje) ir pasišventę knygnešiai slapta pargabendavo į Lietuvą, o rūpestingoji motinėle vakarais verpdama linelius mokindavo mažyčius lietuvių - tėvų kalbos. Per keturiasdešimt metų taip vargo mūsų broliai ir sesės lietuviai. Ir štai gegužės 7 d., 1904 metais rusai padėjo ginklus ir leido vėl lietuviškai spausdinti knygas. Šiandien, kada jau sukako nuo to milžiniško mūsų tautos laimėjimo 40-tis metų, reiktų nuoširdžiai paminėti tą faktą, kad tas laimėjimas atžymėtas tauria lietuvių asmenybe ir nulaistyti anie knygos gabenimo takai knygnešių krauju. Įvertinkime mes šiandien tas kovas ir lietuvišką spaudą.

tų visiškos nepriklausomybės. Reikia pabrėžti, kad jis tuo metu veikliai dalyvavo lietuvių politiniame veikime, visur griežtai stovėdamas už Lietuvos nepriklausomybę. Atsikėlęs iš Vilniaus į Laižuvą, Tumas, be publicistinių straipsnių, daugiau ėmė rašyti dailiosios literatūros kūrinį. Laižuvoje jis pradėjo rašyti "Aukštaičių Vaiždelius", o Petrapilyje ir Stockholme gyvendamas parašė vieną iš didžiausių savo veikalų "Pragiedrulius". Šiame savo kelių tomų didžiuliam veikale Tumas vaizduoja lietuvių kovas dėl savo tautinės kultūros.

Gyvendamas Rusijoje, Tumas labai pasiilgo savo tėvynės ir, žūt būt, norėjo į ją sugrįžti. Jis

laukė Lietuvos nepriklausomybės paskelbimo, kaip kokios saulės. Viename savo laiške Lietuvos Tarybos generaliniam sekretoriui Dr. Jurgiui Šauliui jis rašo: "Lietuva, nepriklausoma, tai mano Saulė, duosianti man gyvybės ir ūpo. Lietuvos širdis ir galva, Vilnius, toli nuo manęs. Vis dėlto jo ir mano minčių ir jausmų vilnys nepalieka manęs nutolus, riša sielos substanciją su jų."

Laisvoje Lietuvoje

1918 m. Tumas sugrįžo į Lietuvą ir įsikūrė gyventi Vilniuje. Kurį laiką dirbo "Lietuvos Aido" redakcijoje, vėliau, lenkams užėmus Vilnių, 1919 m. balandžio mėn., įsteigė griežtai opozicinį "Nepriklausomosios Lietuvos" dienraštį. "Nepriklausomoji Lietuva" smarkiai ir drąsiai kovoja su okupantais. Tumas kasdieną parašydavo po vieną, o kartais ir po keletą straipsnių. Jo straipsnių temos įvairios, o jų tonas griežtas. Skaitant tuos jo straipsnius, krinta į akį didelė Tumo drąsa. Taip drąsiai gali rašyti tik tas, kuris yra pasiryžęs ginti iki paskutiniosios savo idėjas, kuris yra pasirengęs kiekvieną valandą nukentėti už savo idėjas savivališkus okupantų žiaurumus.

1920 metų pradžioje Tumas persikėlė į Kauną ir pirmojo Valstybės Prezidento Antano Smetonos buvo pakviestas redaguoti "Tautos" laikraščio. Be to, jis daug rašė kituose tautiniuose laikraščiuose, 1921 m., įsteigė ir redagavo istorijos medžiagai rinkti "Mūsų Senovės" žurnalą, kurį laiką redagavo "Trimito" žurnalą. 1922 m. buvo pakviestas lietuvių literatūros dėstyti į Lietuvos Universitetą. Iš pradžių buvo lektoriumi, o vėliau buvo pakeltas į docentus. Per septynerius metus savo vaisingo darbo Lietuvos Universitete Tumas išleido kelioliką monografijų apie žymesnius spaudos draudimo gadynės lietuvius rašytojus. 1920 m. vyskupas Karevičius kunigui Tumui pavedė Vytauto Didžiojo bažnyčią. Jis tą bažnytėlę gražiai atrestauravo ir šiandieninė Vytauto Didžiojo bažnyčia, anot prof. Mykolaičio, yra mistinės Vaižganto dvasios iškelta brangenybė, kuri, kaip ir visa jo kūryba, auklėja tautą, kad jai būtų gražu ir šviesu, dora ir gera.

Juozas Tumas-Vaižgantas už savo didžius nuopelnus mūsų tautai buvo ne tik visų mylimas ir gerbiamas, bet tinkamai ir dvasios ir pasaulinės vyriausybės įvertintas. Žemaičių vyskupas Pranciškus Karevičius jį pakėlė į garbės kanau-ninkus, Lietuvos Universitetas už jo mokslo darbus suteikė literatūros garbės daktaro laipsnį, vyriausybė jį apdovanojo Gedimino ir Vytauto



*Daug nuo žemės netroškau, tu geriausiai žinai;
Mano sąžinė tau atvira;*

*Daug vargau ir kentėjau, gal Aukščiausias už tai
Man atleis, jei suklydau kada.*

Didžiojo ordenais ir buvo paskyrusi jam pensiją, o daugelis įvairių organizacijų jį buvo išsirinkusios savo Garbės Nariu.

Iš šios trumpos Juozo Tumo-Vaižganto darbų apžvalgos matome, kad jis buvo plačiai pasireiškęs įvairiose mūsų tautinės kultūros srityse. Jis veiklus visuomenės veikėjas, didelis organizatorius, vienas iš žymiausių laikraštininkų, vienas iš didžiausių Lietuvos rašytojų, žymus lietuvių literatūros ir kultūros istorininkas ir taip toliau. Juozas Tumas Vaižgantas su jaunatvišku entuziazmu dirbo ligi pat savo gyvenimo pabaigos. Jis mirė 1933 m. balandžio 29 d. ir palaidotas laikinoje Lietuvoje sostinėje Vytauto Didžiojo bažnyčioje. (Tsb.)

L. Vyčių Metinis Seimas įvyks rugsėjo 23–24 d. d. (viešbuty) New York City, New York. Ruoškimės dalyvauti!

Kas tai yra tauta?

(Tęsinys)

Kad tauta galėtų pasireikšti kitų tautų tarpe pasauliui, būtina sąlyga yra, kad ji pasiektų tam tikro kultūros lygio. Yra tautų ir tautelių Azijoje, Afrikoje ir Amerikos žemyne, kurios turi savo atskiras kalbas, yra atskiros kilmės ir padermės ir turi kitokių skirtingumų nuo aplinkinių tautų, bet vis dėlto jos dar nesudaro tautų — apie jas negirdėti, jos nevaicina žmonijoje jokio vaidmens, nes jos dar nepareišė savo valios, savo sąmonės ir kultūros ir noro jas išskelti ir apginti. Čia mes prieiname bene prie svarbiausio tautai pasireikšti daikto — tai jos susipratimo, jos sąmonės. Be tautinio susipratimo negali būti tautos, nors būtų labai daug vienos kalbos, kraujo, kilmės ir net kultūros žmonių. Kad tie žmonės būtų susieti į vieną tautą, reikia kad juos sutrauktų į krūvą viena sąmone, viena ideologija. Mus, lietuvius, sunku buvo pavadinti tauta iki mūsų "Aušros" ir "Varpo" laikų. Mes tuomet

Amerikos lietuvaitėi

Atmink, sesute, tą mūsų kraštą,
Atmink tą Lietuvą dainų,
Kur neša broliai sunkią našta,
Bet kur taip miela ir gražu.

Nėra čia miestų, kaip Chicago
Ir kaip New York'as didelių;
Čia broliai verčia plačią vagą,
Ir pėdus renka nuo laukų.

Nėra čia mašinų užimo,
Nėra šėlimo, prabangos.
Prie kelio čia smutkelis rymo, —
Malda tik širdį čia paguos.

Nėra dangoraižių didžiausių,
Nei žemės turtų nuostabių, —
Rankas ir kojas rasos prausia,
Lankoj nusninga daug žiedų.

Ir nepakeis nieks daržo rūtos,
Dangaus mėlynės nepakeis,
Nes gimtas kraštas koks nebūtų —
Širdin ilgėdamas ateis.

Ir nors į auksą keisi dalia,
Dienas praleisi sau lengvai,
Širdis minės tą tėvų šalį —
Visad namai paliks namais.

Nors broliai kelia vargo našta
Ir nors vargelių čia apstu,
Atmink, sesut, tą mūsų kraštą,
Atmink tą Lietuvą dainų.

Paulius Jurkus (Nepr. Lietuva).

greičiau buvome tautai medžiaga, nors ir turėjome Daukšą, Duonelaitį, Daukantą, Baranauską. Bet, kuomet "Aušra" ėmė skleisti mintį, kad mes nesame nei rusai, nei lenkai, nei vokiečiai, bet atskira tauta su garbinga praeitimi, sena brangia visai žmonijai kalba, kad mes esame verti patys rūpintis savo krašto reikalais, būti laisvi, tuomet atgimė naujoji mūsų dienų lietuvių tauta. Tas atgimimas dabar toliau eina. Mūsų tautinis susipratimas dar auga, dar eina gilyn į mūsų kaimo ir miesto žmonių minias, mes vis labiau iškeliamė savo tauresnes, geresnes žmonių ypatybes — mūsų lietuvišką kultūrą ir rūpinamės ja labiau pasiimti — tai mes esame jau tikra tauta. *Todėl mes čia dar kartą pabrėšime, kad mes tautos sąmonę, jos valią būti tauta, jos kultūrą laikome pirmutine ir pagrindine tautos ypatybe, savumu ir privalumu.* Kad tautos sąmonė, jos atskira kultūra ir jomis pagrįstas vidujinis tautos vieningumas yra svarbiausias tautų privalumas, dar įrodo ir tautų narių skaičius. Gali būti didelė tauta, turinti savo atskirą kalbą, kilmę, padermę ir kita, bet jos reikšmė kitoms tautoms maža, jos kaip ir nėra. Pavyzdžiui, kai kurios juodosios Afrikos tautos yra gana gausingos, bet jos yra nežinomos; tas pat — malajų ir pietų Amerikos indėnų tautos.

Iš kitos pusės yra, palyginti mažų tautų: norvegų tėra apie pustrėčio miliono (mažiau, negu lietuvių), suomių ir danų po keturis milijonus, švedų, olandų po šešis milijonus, bet kas jų nežino? Jos savo kultūra daugiau žmonijai yra padariusios, negu kitos didžiosios tautos, ypač veikiosios jėga — ginklu ir daug išnaikinusios mažesnių tautų, kultūrų ir turtų.

Tauta — tai nėra smurto — prievartos ar jėgos padaras, tik žmonių įsisąmonėjimo, jų dvasinio ir medžiaginio kilimo — kultūros vaisius. Tai yra pirmutinės sąlygos tautoms būti ir gyvuoti.

Padarę šias pastabas, mes dabar galime grįžti į pirmutinį savo klausimą, kas tai yra tauta ir duoti jau galutinį atsakymą.

Tauta, tai yra vienas žmonių kūnas — visuomenė, sulieta į krūvą vienu susipratimu — sąmone, viena kultūra, turinti vienus ir tuos pačius reikalus ir siekimus, bendrą būdą ir dažnai, bet ne visados, dar bendrą kalbą, kraują, padermę, ir vieną bendrą kilmės vietą — tėvynę.



Every naval vessel, from the smallest destroyer or submarine to the largest battleship is equipped to take care of the wounded. On small vessels such facilities are necessarily limited to not much more than first aid equipment. On adequate for even the most difficult and delicate battlechips the equipment and personnel are surgical operations.

In Defense of Lithuania

The Curzon Line

Vilnius was also assigned to Lithuania by the Moscow Treaty of July 12, 1920. When the military quarrel about Vilnius flared between Poland and Lithuania, on the 20th of September, 1920 the League of Nations established the so-called Curzon line, as a temporary line of demarcation, by which Vilnius remained on the Lithuanian side. The Polish army was forbidden to cross the line and urged to respect the neutrality of the territory in Lithuanian control. But the Poles pushed over the established line. On October 7, 1920, with the League of Nations Military Control Commission participating the Suvalki Agreement was made, whereby the line of demarcation extended to Bastunai, with the intention that once the Bolsheviki retreated, it would be changed to a point further east. Vilnius and its environs were left on the Lithuanian side. However, but two days elapsed after the signing of the treaty when Zeligovski, the Polish General, occupied Vilnius. Pilsudski himself later confessed that this occurred without his knowledge. (The former Italian Ambassador to Poland gives some interesting revelations about this incident). The late M. Leon Bourgeois, then president of the Council of the League of Nations which dealt with the question at the end of October, denounced the Polish action as a violation of the pledges Poland had given to the League. To give their act of force some sort of cover-up. The Poles sought to legalize the 'fait accompli' by local elections, by a plebescite. In regard to this measure, Hymans, then spokesman for the League of Nations, at the seventh sitting of the Council at Brussels said:

"In the opinion of the Council, the plebescite should be taken in conditions of absolute freedom. It should be sincerely and quickly done. But this has become impossible on account of the coup de force of General Zeligowski. The League of Nations did not desire a camouflaged plebescite or the maintenance of the troops in Vilna region." (Anicetas Simutis, op. cit. p. 8; E. J. Harrison, "Lithuania", pgs. 42-43).

Lithuania's Cultural Progress

Throughout the twenty-two years of her independent existence Lithuania exhibited a marked progress in her cultural life as well as a deft management of her political structure. This is clearly demonstrated by Prof. Pakstas bit of statistics in "The Lithuanian Situation", p. 14:

LITHUANIA	1911-19	1939
Illiteracy among the population over 10 years	64%	15%
School attendance by the school		

Bostono Lietuviai Jaunamė



So. Bostono šv. Petro lietuvių par. Jaunamėčių gegužės mėn. šių metų dalyvavo Tautų Festivalyje, tai, kaip ši grupė p. Onos Ivaškienės vadovybėje kėlė džiaugtis, kad jaunoji karta myli visa kas lietuviška. Lietuviškais meniškais šokiais supažindina svetimą, nė kiek neatsilikęs nuo kitų tautų. Valio, jaunimui!

age population	31%	99%
Pupils in the grammar schools	74,000	400,000
Students in high schools and colleges	5,000	30,000
Students in special schools (agricultural, technical, commercial)	1,600	11,500
Number of universities and institutes	0	8
Students in universities and institutes	0	6,000
Number of books published (volumes) about	200	1,400
Number of Lithuanian periodical publications	25	260

Lithuanian scientific and literary periodicals like the philosophical LOGOS, the literary ZIDINYS, could have competed with the better European periodicals. Lithuania was editing and publishing its own encyclopedia at a fast tempo; the theater was lauded by many a visiting critic from abroad. Mrs. Ciurlionis' Art Gallery, the Art and



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Jaunamėčių šokėju
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čiai National Folk Festival' yj



šokėjų grupė, kuriai vadovauja p. Ona Ivaškienė ir Academy of Music, Philadelphia, Pa. Jau penki metai lietuvių vardą liaudies meniškais šokiais. Reikia ir drąsiai didžiuojasi esą Lietuvos ainiai bei savotaučius, kad ir Lietuvos liaudis savo kultūra yra!

Music Schools indicated the nation's efforts to create an active cultural life.

Agriculture, Trade, Commerce, Finance

One of Newly-freed Lithuania's first problems was more just social order. With the full support all political parties in Lithuania, Rev. Krupavičius, of the Christian Democratic Party organized the first basic "land reform". Up to the year of 1939, 1,131,728 acres of land were distributed to the people for direct ownership and 190,937 acres were turned over to the people for temporary use: in all 1,774,099 acres of land were distributed. Through the land reform, over 45,000 new farms have been established and over 200,000 have been provided with regular homes and occupations.

Lithuania had a large number of manufacture,

credit and trade co-operatives. "Pienocentras" which includes most of the milk farmers of Lithuania in 1927 had a turnover of 5,981,000 litae and in 1939 the same organization with great expansion did business to the extent of 67,745,000 litae. In 1924, Lithuania exported 24,966 metric tons of grain; and in 1938, 132,379,000 metric tons of wheat were exported from Lithuania. Although Lithuania is small in territory it was third in flax exports; Soviet Russia and Poland were first and second. Lithuania also produced large quantities of butter for export; in 1927 2,051,000 metric tons were exported; and in 1938 the same country exported 17,413,000 metric tons. The butter was really of high quality because only the Danes received higher prices.

Lithuania took long strides in the commercial world. Large sugar, rubber, food processing, etc. factories were in full operation.

Lithuania was able to establish its own gold standard and it withstood the press of circumstances and world events up to the Soviet occupation of Lithuania in 1940. (Extract from "The Economic Reconstruction of Lithuania" pages 18-115).

The Fight For Freedom During The Soviet and Nazi Occupations

On June 15th, 1940 the Soviet armies occupied Lithuania. All Patriotic organizations were banned. Censure of the press was instituted and it was by far worse than the pressure used by the Czaristic regime and caused the extinction of all patriotic newspapers. All businesses were nationalized and the land was taken over by the Soviets. The right of fathers to will properly to their heirs was abrogated. With these new restrictions the farms of occupied Lithuania produced 40% less produce.

Soviets inaugurated the Popular Seimas elections in which only the Communist Party could present candidates. There was no choice of candidates because as many candidates were presented for election as there were offices to be filled.

There were gigantic Soviet deportations of Lithuanians to Siberia. Partial lists of those deported to Siberia were compiled by The Lithuanian Red Cross in Kaunas, Lithuania under the supervision of Dr. Garmus and this list has reached the American shores and were printed in the various Lithuania daily papers. It is estimated that some 60,000 Lithuanians were deported to Siberia.

The Soviets stripped the Churches of all their valuable objects and confiscated many Lithuania monasteries.

Kadangi žmogaus siela yra dalis žmonijos sielos, todėl kas kitus skriaudžia, pats save skriaudžia.

Ivaškienė,
amečių
grupės
dėja.

OFFICIALUS SKYRIUS

Convention Announcement

The Knights of Lithuania will hold a National Convention on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24 at New York. It will be a concentrated two-day meeting, with evening sessions, if necessary.

All active councils are urged to send a strong representation. We must redouble our efforts to advance the name and the ideals of our organization in every Lithuanian community. It's a hard pull without so many of our boys, but we must persevere for their sake and ours. Members are asked to start making all necessary arrangements to participate in this Convention. Further details will be announced later.

Frank Razvadauskas, President.

Annual Membership Drive

To date, the following councils are co-operating in making this year's Membership Drive most successful: Brockton, Mass. (revived); Westfield, Mass.; Harrison - Kearny, N. J.; S. Boston, Mass.; Linden, N. J.; Chicago, Ill.; Kankakee, Ill.; Cicero, Ill.; Hartford, Conn.; Worcester, Mass. (both councils); Brooklyn, N. Y.; Waterbury, Conn.; Paterson, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Dayton, Ohio. WHAT'S BECOME OF OTHER COUNCILS?

Our loved ones fighting on the battlefields have expressed repeatedly the longing to come home — after the Allies' victory — to the American way of living. Meanwhile, we should zealously guard their rights here on the home front — keep our councils active — increase the membership in our council. Let's pledge ourselves to do our utmost in upholding the ideals of the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA organization which our boys desire to come home to.

ON WITH THE DRIVE!

Phyllis Grendal
Supreme Council Fin. Sec.

C-1, Brockton, Mass.	Sponsor	Credit
7. Julia Adomaitis,	Rev. J. Svagzdys	5 pts.
8. Alice B. Alinskas,	Rev. J. Svagzdys	5 "
9. Adam Bataikis	Rev. J. Svagzdys	15 "
10. Josephine Juzenas	Anne Norkus	15 "

11. Valerie Kavalauskas	Anne Norkus	15 "
12. Diana Shats	Lena Matulis	15 "
13. Anna Thomas	Anne Norkus	15 "
14. Charlotte Warabow	Lena Matulis	15 "
15. Bertha Yezukevich	Lena Matulis	0 "
16. Margaret Yuskaitis	Lena Matulis	5 "

C-3, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Alice Azaranskis	Rev. Stan. Raila	5 "
2. Alberta Poskevičius	Rev. Stan. Raila	5 "

C-6, Hartford, Conn.

2. Lillian Budwick	Theresa Jankauskas	0 "
3. Betty Winsky	Anna Stanulis	0 "

C-14, Cicero, Ill.

9. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Buck, Mr. & Mrs.	
	S. Kishkunas	15 "
10. Helen Gudauskas	Helen Garmas	15 "
11. Lawrence Mikolaitis	?	15 "
12. Grace Zakaras	Florence Kaminskas	15 "

C-17, South Boston, Mass.

4. Joseph Bakshis	Alphonse Bakunas	15 "
5. Paul Bratenas	John P. Chetkauskas	15 "
6. John Jankauskas	Larry Svelnis	15 "
7. Koletta Kaspar	Anthony J. Young	15 "
8. Anna Kudarauskas	Virginia Petraitis	15 "
9. Eleanor Lansky	Nellie Svelnis	5 "
10. Alphonse Luinis	Joseph Bakshis	15 "
11. Charles Mikalonis	Mrs. E. Mikalonis	5 "
12. Algirdas Mitkus	Alphonse Bakunas	15 "
13. Alphonse Palaima	Edwin Slanina	5 "
14. Dr. Charles J. Seymour, Frank Razvad		15 "
15. William Svirsky	Larry Svelnis	5 "
16. Virginia Vesbergaite, M. Vesbergaite		15 "
17. Mrs. Anthony J. Young, A. J. Young		5 "
18. Mildred Zardeskas	Virginia Petraitis	15 "
19. Mary Zilinskas	Albina Yankun	15 "
20. Stella Zulon,	Anthony J. Young	15 "

C-26, Worcester, Mass.

1. Ruth Bliudzius	Aldona Yablonskis	5 "
2. Caroline Zuma	Anna Burdulis	5 "

C-30, Westfield, Mass.

3. Frances Coach	Gladys T. Jeglewicz	20 "
4. Anna Jeglewicz,	Gladys T. Jeglewicz	20 "
5. Bertha Salaveicik,	Gladys T. Jeglewicz	20 "
6. Anna Zvalonis	Gladys T. Jeglewicz	20 "

C-41, Brooklyn, N. Y.

3. John Kaminskas	Joseph Boley	
	Genovaitė Zovyte	15 "

C-61, Paterson, N. J.

1. Helen Brady	Dorothy Dutkus	5 "
2. Joseph Jocubus	Dorothy Dutkus	5 "
3. Edward Lapinsky	Dorothy Dutkus	5 "
4. Irene Stanulis	Dorothy Dutkus	5 "

C-90, Kearny-Harrison, N. J.

5. Mary Curienska	Mary Churins	15 "
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Vezuvijaus šešėlyj, arti Neapolio, Italijoje, kai Amerikos Raudonojo Kryžiaus atstovai veždami Švč. Panelės stovylą sustojo kelyje, kur buvo būrys pabėgusių italų iš po Vezuvijaus pakraščio, tie išgąsdinti žmonės suklauptė galingai maldai prie Marijos.

6. Mary Grinevičius	?	15 "
<i>C-96, Dayton, Ohio</i>		
1. Pete Petkus	Frank Gudelis	5 "
<i>C-116, Worcester, Mass.</i>		
5. Edmund Butkevich,	John Butkevich	5 "
6. Albina Chiras	Victoria Chiras	5 "
7. Albert J. Laucis,	Eleanor Dagilis	5 "
8. Vite Pigoga	Dolly Pigoga	5 "
9. Vitty Thompson	Charles Thompson	5 "
10. David Vaskas	Edmund Vaskas	5 "
<i>C-132, Kankakee, Ill.</i>		
6. Martin Yuška	Frank Barisa	5 "

SUPREME COUNCIL

Eva Lukas	Ig. Sakalas	15 "
Antanina Navikaitė	Ig. Sakalas	15 "
Mrs. Stella F. Pavis	Ig. Sakalas	15 "
Vincent Ed Pavis	Ig. Sakalas	15 "

Padėka

"Vyties" rėmimo fondą parėmė:
 Kun. K. Vasys, So. Worcester, Mass.. \$25.00
 Louis Ketvirtis, Jersey City, N. J. 1.00
 John Kaminskas, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1.00
 Connie Kazlauskas, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1.00
 Vincas Valatka, So. Boston, Mass. 2.00

Liet. Vyčių Centro Valdybos vardu
 nuoširdžiai tariu lietuvišką ačiū,

Pr. Razvadauskas, pirm.



Nuoširdžiam L. Vyčių prieteliui N. N., reiškiu širdingiausią padėką už finansavimą šios "Vyties" laidos. Ačiū!

Pranas Razvadauskas,

L. Vyčių Centro Pirm.

Nebūsi tikras Vytis, jei prie savo kuopos neprirašysi draugų, su kuriais nuolatos draugauji.

Gauk nors vieną narį, ar narę zacijai ir būsi veiklus organizacijos kuopai, o pasitarnausi savo organi-narys.



Highlights Of The New England District K. Of L. Convention

The New England District's Annual Convention with C-116 as host, took place at Our Lady of Vilna Parish, So. Worcester, Mass., on Sunday, April 30th. In the morning, all delegates and guests attended Mass which was offered for the members in Service. Following Mass after a few hours' lapse, the first session was opened with a prayer by our District's Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Charles Jenkus, who later extended his greetings to the Knights and Ladies.

The Convention was presided over by Atty. Anthony J. Young, President.

The meeting was attended by delegates from almost every council in the New England area and by a great number of distinguished guests and priests, among whom were: Rev. J. Jutkevičius, Spiritual Advisor of C-116, Worcester, Mass.; Rev. Felix Norbut, Brockton, Mass.; Rev. V. Puidokas, Westfield, Mass.; Rev. J. Bakanas, Worcester, Mass.; Mr. M. A. Norkunas, Lawrence, Mass.; Rev. J. Vaitekunas, Providence, R. I.; members in Service on furlough — A. Trumpaitis and Joe Sakaitis; and Supreme Council of-

ficers — Misses Phyllis Grendal and Tillie Aukstikalnis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Razvadauskas, and many others.

The Mandate Committee consisted of the following: Eve Jurgelionis, Worcester; Sophie Grigalunas, Westfield; Longinas Svelnis, South Boston, Ruth Ykasala, Brockton; Antanina Vaitekunas, Athol; Theresa Juskaite, Providence, R. I.; and Stanley Karsok, Worcester, Mass.

Reports from the various councils and committees were of an optimistic nature. It had been also reported that a District Dance will be held in Boston, Mass., this spring, under the auspices of C-17.

Delegates to the National Convention (Sept. 23-24) elected were: Mary Thompson, Worcester, Mass. and Anne Norkus of Brockton, Mass.

It was reported that Rev. K. Vasys donated \$25.00 to the "Vyties Fondas", which was graciously accepted; also that C-116, So. Worcester, Mass. is sponsoring the July issue of "Vytis".

The newly-elected officers for 1944 - 1945 are: Rev. Charles Jenkus, Spiritual Advisor; Atty. A. J. Young, President; Louise Totilas, Vice President; Tillie Aukstikalnis, Secretary; Mary Thompson, Asst. Secretary; Mrs. Anne Kudirka, Treasurer; Irena Kersis and Anne Lukas, Trustees.

During a short intermission, the delegation assembled in the Church, where Benediction Services were held and prayers offered for the Independence of Lithuania and speedy return of our boys and girls in service.

The next Convention is to be held in Westfield, Mass., on October 1st.

Council 116, under the able leadership of its Spiritual Advisor, Rev. J. Jutkevičius, Stanley Karsok, President, officers, members, and Mr. Burdulis, Organist, are to be commended for the lovely reception given our delegates and guests, preceding the Convention Saturday night by putting on "The Knightmares of 1944" and the buffet supper which was served following the Convention. Those of us who seldom miss a Convention of the K. of L. were delighted to observe the growing interest and enthusiastic spirit displayed particularly among the new members.

PRIZES

- 1) Council having obtained the greatest number of new members will be presented with a War Bond worth \$25.00.
- 2) Member having obtained the highest points, will receive a book, LITHUANIAN SELF-TAUGHT — London publication.

FOLLOWING COUNCILS PAY FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION OF "VYTIS", WHICH IS MAILED EACH MONTH TO SERVICE MEMBERS: C-6 Hartford, Conn.; C-14 Cicero, Ill.; C-17 South Bosto, Mass. C-26 Worcester, Mass.; C-29 Newark, N. J.

NOTE: A member serving in any branch of the U. S. Military Service is exempt from the payment of dues during the period of such service and maintains full membership with the exception that he does not receive VYTIS upon the expiration of his subscription.



PRIE MOTINOS KAPO... —

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Ėjau šiandien triumfuojančiom, žaliom alėjom,
bet žaidė ašara many:
prisiminiau abi tuomet kai ėjom,
kai beržas sviro pakely.

Tu drebančia ranka paglostei kakta,
į mane žvelgus pravirkai...
Aš sau nuskynus "švento Petro rakta" —
juokiaus, kad dangų nupirkai...

Buvau aš kūdikis — atleidai;
nepriminei man niekad tų klaidų.
Vėliau. Kai bėgo ašara tavuoju veidu.
verkiau drauge iš didžio sielvarto gaidų...

Ir ėjome toliau pro seną uosį,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION

Although the streets were laden with snow and the West wind was wrapping his icy fingers around all who dared to venture outdoors, Ole Sol sent down his bright, warm rays to dispel the chilly atmosphere in Cicero on Sunday, March 5th. We realized the coldness reached only the doors of St. Anthony School for upon entering the building we were surrounded by the warmth of friendship shown by friends, neighbors, acquaintances, all who had arrived from

pro girkždančias triobų gonkas...
Ir kam tarei: "Dukrele, tu man jau nesiguosi",
Kam davei kryžių į rankas?..

Vėl drebančia ranka paglostei kakta,
kuri raukšlėjosi nuo audrų...
...nustojo kojos mušę taktą
ir pajutau, kad jau viena einu...

Ėjau... slinkau šaltom alėjom
bujojo sielvartas širdy...
O kaip senai abi mes ėjom,
...tas beržas mirė pakely...

Ir ateinu artyn į šalį,
kurioj jau liksim amžinai...
O motina mano, o motin!
norėčiau vieškeliu eiti tenai...

"M."

various colonies with the purpose of celebrating the Feastday of St. Casimer.

At 9:00 o'clock we were all in church whereupon Father Albavicius, assisted by Father Sepulta, M.I.C. and Father Grinius, celebrated Solemn High Mass. Tribute was paid to St. Casimer by the choir of school children raising their voices in tune to a song of St. Casimer, and Eleanor Kondratas of Council 14, beautifully and effectively sang, "Lord, I Am Not Worthy" during Holy Communion. After hearing Mass we returned to the Parish Hall to partake of breakfast.

When all were seated and "noses" were count-

ed, the result amounted to 100 happy and smiling members and guests. As soon as everyone had gulped down their tomato juice and at least one cup of coffee, Stelle Brozas, president of host Council 14, proceeded with the program.

Words of welcome and best wishes were extended by Rev. Pastor Albavicius; and Father Šeputa, MIC., after explaining his unexpected presence, proceeded to inform the attendance how to conclude a speech in a short and snappy fashion. Mr. Frank Kay, young professional of Cicero, added mirth to his well wishes by relating a humorous "airplane" story.

The highlight of the program was provided by Eleanor Kondratas who, capably accompanied on the piano by Mary Mondeika, enthralled the gathering with her singing but, much to our regret, limited her part in the entertainment to only three songs.

It was with great pleasure that our guests of honor were introduced and received — Navy man Joe Rachenske of Council 36; Joe Sakevich member of the Newark, N. J. Council but stationed at present at Great Lakes Naval Training Station; and Stephen Contons whose home council is in So. Boston, Mass., but at the time was a cadet of the Army Student Training Unit at Ball State College in Muncie, Ind.

The good wishes of the large delegation of Sodalists who joined us on this day were expressed by Dorothy Faiza, Prefect of the Union of Sodalists of Chicago; and further introductions included prefects of each parish sodality, officers of the Chicago District K. of L.'s, presidents of the District councils.

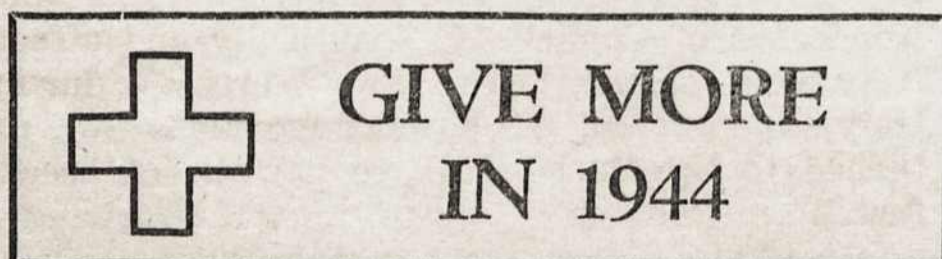
To conclude the program Father Julian Grinius, Spiritual Advisor, delivered a few inspirational ideas and thanked all guests and members for participating in this traditional celebration of the K. of L.'s patron saint.

The formal order of the morning being brought to an end everyone commenced to exchange greetings and ideas, to renew acquaintances, and extend invitations to meet again. *Ay. Ay. Ess.*

Reigalingas Spaustuvės Vedėjas

Asmuo, kuris nusimano nedidelės spaustuvės (Chicagoje) administravime, turėtų progą užsidirbti gerą algą. Interesuoti asmenys prašomi kreiptis į: —

Lietuvos Vyčių Centras
366 W. Broadway, So. Boston 27, Mass.



BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY

COUNCIL 67

In spite of all efforts, time passes by... Spring is here. Entirely in whispers and capital letters, activity begins with charley-hosses, rings around the eyes and late Saturday nights! All silly worries simply leap off our shoulders and up into the clouds. Yes, SPRING!

And Ole' Rip is back again with cobwebs pushed aside. One who knows you through and through, and understands the things we do. Keeps on pulling just for you. Grips your hand and shares a smile. Bears no thoughts that are not worth while... Just me Rip.

The gaiety which once flowered through our meetings, is sort of gone, at present at least. Now it's business and "keep the home fires burning for our boys — who soon will be returning." With the boys away, everything looks as black as a patent leather shoe with too many "jirls". But we do have fun, and Johnny N, Stan J. and Micky G. are wonderful to keep the bevy of damsels happy in C-67. A-men!!

Nice having Joe Boley at one of our meetings. His ideas on Lithuanian appeal to us. Thus, we started a Lithuanian class and it should be fun learning more about our beautiful language. Thanks, Joe! Visit us more often.

Congratulations are in order to Helen Rodgers who became "Mrs." in a recent middle-aisle strut. Also John Cherins heard Weddin' Bells. Lots of luck! Best wishes to Edward Kalanta and Vincent Jusilis, who left us to serve Uncle Sam in Navy Blues. It's an old story, but we'll miss you, too, with the rest of our boys. Twenty in all!

Recently seen "Hyster" Novitte as usual with a bevy of damsels. How he does it? The gals gave John a Leap Year treat and paid the bill for a choc-malt. Ann Zemaitis (Mrs. Cedron) was mighty shinny these days. No wonder — her hubby was home on leave. Stan J. looks mighty good, lately. Can it be because of the wonderful cookie baker Sis Connie he has? Or is it love again? Anne G. looks happy, too, with a sparkler from her Lt. Bill, although not a diamond. Some day it will be. A ticker on her wrist also keeps time with Bill's and her heart. Lucky gal! What's become of Agnes R? Always seems to be hurrying home to write to a certain someone. Wonder who the bonny cutie Micky G. was holding hands with in the movies?

With everyone working various shifts, your truly doesn't get a chance to learn the newsiest things about all; perhaps next time. Until then, I remind you gals and boys, don't forget our meetings. Come and show your faces every other Tuesday about eight.

Be good and remember... yours,

Rip.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

Greetings to all members in the Service and to those who are still administering the affairs of C-17.

The gals of the Sewing Circle undertook the administration of the Spring Dance last month. They are to be complimented for the excellent work. All who attended the dance at the Kenmore Hotel, had a most enjoyable time, even though the man power shortage was noticeable. Alas, what a time the servicemen missed! One comment — the New England councils were better represented than our local council. Were you one of them?

The selected representatives from the New England Councils held their pre-convention meeting at our clubrooms, and discussed matters of importance.

C-17 is increasing its membership by leaps and bounds. At the April meeting, following joined: Stella Zulon, Kollette Casper, Virginia Wesberg and Al Palaima.

Fr. Abračinskas is coaching the K. of L. girls' and boys' teams for the CYO Bowling Tournament in Boston. The teams have been organized and the results of the practise sessions have been most promising. The K. of L'ers will undoubtedly place themselves in the upper division of the League... here's hoping for good luck. We will gladly accept meets with other councils. C-17 is accepting the challenge from Worcester; name the date. It has been observed that Worcester has already sent their scout Fr. Bakanas to look over the alleys and the bowlers.

John Bernatonis and Al Janus were present at one of the practise sessions. It was unfortunate that John played on the team called Bush Leaguers captained by Father Al. Why? They lost, but there is consolation in the fact that they chose an appropriate title. Al, known better as Mike, hit a mighty score for the victors, the Mighty Warriors, led by John Jankauskas. The contest was closely fought and a photo finish was required. It was unfortunate that Ben Rusteika was not present to aid his fellow pals.

The gals also conducted a bowling contest but the results have not been allowed for publication. Pat Zibutis claimed that it was merely a practise session. Virginia Petraitis and Milly Zardeskas have progressed rapidly at the practise sessions. It is not unusual to see them bowling at a 90-point clip or is it beginner's luck? Larry is also to be complimented on his bowling stance. Some day, he might slip aid then... well Mike Holovak could not a better start.

S/Sgt Tony Zardeskas was home on a furlough. He enjoys reading the VYTIS. Being a great

bowler he also enjoyed teaching his big sister Milly a few tricks of the game. Vic Anchukaitis came bristling into the club in his usual superior manner. He is stationed at Norfolk, Va. We are proud to see him covered with campaign bars. Tony Jakmauh is now chairman of the coming whist party. His magnetism will attract a good committee, no doubt. Say fellas, do you know that Tony is singing a new song? Well it is 'Sweet Adeline'. Virginia Wesberg and Veronica B. are continuing their friendly disputes while Marion acts as referee.

C-17 extends Birthday Greetings to Lucy Markun, Stella Augustin and Regina Glineckis. Julia, Jenny and Alice, the musketeers, gave moral support at the formers' birthday socials.

Steve Contons had a little necking trouble in camp. Larry, I tell you it's broken collar bone. Josie Grimas stays home and reads her magazines. What! Josie must be complimented for selling quite a number of tickets for the K. of L. dance.

Fish Genevich was home on a furlough with Joe Bernatonis now a benedict.

Tony Gaputis, our former president, now Chief Petty Officer with the paratroopers, passed out cigars recently. It's a boy. Congratulations Tony and Nella!

Third Class Petty Officer Joe Zelvis and his mate visited C-17 during one of our illustrious meetings. We have to congratulate Leonora and Reggie for introducing the fellows to the members. Joe is a member of the K. of L. in Chicago. Anchors aweigh mates, let us see some of the boys from fraternal councils. Servicemen, you are heartily welcome to C-17 whenever you are in Boston. Joe Shlazaras formerly of the A.S. T.P. was home on a furlough. We do not know much about him; but if his sister would only tell us of these things! Charly Karr enjoyed the Easter Holidays with his Dorchester friends. Charly, how about visiting the club on your next leave? We haven't forgotten you; don't you forget the club. Tony Jak was seen with his buddy Joe Kershenskis, Vice Pres.

Peter Martinaitis S 1/c stationed at Great Lakes Training School spent a most enjoyable time on his 72 hour pass, bowling with the gals. His personality sure attracts them. He talked cheerfully about salty Ted Vallis S 1/c. Ted has been nursing a Klondike beard... Oh man! Al Vallis had a one-way journey on his last trip. His ship did not complete the return voyage. There is no place like home, eh Al?

Apprentice Seaman John Contons, formerly a student at B. C., is now receiving his Basic Training at Harvard. Upon completion of his course, he will become an active member of the Naval Air Corps. This is information for the inquisitive.

Šešėlis II.

CICERO, ILLINOIS

COUNCIL 14

Picking a few odd and ends from Council 14, we find it something like this. Our meetings have been hitting a new pitch these days under the leadership of Stel Brozas. We have already plans underway for our "Bingo Party" which will be held in the Spring. And what an event it will be! We recently passed a Valentine Party held at the home of the Arbirs, with the help of their friends Kishkunas, it was indeed a "good time had by all". Father Grinius has a few words to add. Speaking of our Spiritual Advisor, (Father Grinius to you) he is tops. His co-operation and ambition is beyond comparison. Ah yes, what would we do without him, he's too modest to admit it though.

All our new officers are really in pitching to make this the best of all years in Council 14, and to do all we can for the boys serving in the Armed Forces, of whom we're so proud of.

What's this about (Lorraine Zaura's) eyes sparkling each time "Prairie Avenue" in Brookfield is mentioned? Pardon me, he's stationed in California; isn't love grand! Anyway, ask her.

Our meetings are missing Loretta Devekis. Has Melody Mill anything to do with that, or is it St. Mel's H. S., we wonder! Of course, her sister's left hand (Florence), is sparkling with a lovely friendship ring these days. Now which one was it Flo? Don't think V. Miller isn't doing her part in keeping servicemens' morale up at the Trianon! She is definitely.

Whose the "Southern Belle" Pvt. Peter Kulis of Camp Clairbourne wrote about to Vince the other day? It wasn't that certain dark haired banker's daughter was it? Wait until his next furlough!

I'm wondering if Johnny Seputis S 2/c of New Jersey can keep his correspondence up with all those nice Cicero girls. Concentrate on exams now, Johnnie.

Can you imagine Aldut Vincenta Mockus running down 15th St.? All I caught a glimpse of was a "red streak" at the District meeting, or was it at Isabelle's for gum.

Who's that "little boy blue" from New Jersey seen around in Cicero in Emily's company & Inc.? Say, what is this about Eleanore Kandrat? Hot water at Tuffy's house, puzzling isn't it? Well, ask Eleanore to explain it in her "inimitable way".

Did Marianne's sun tan from California which she carried back to Cicero strike a blizzard?

Welcome a new cog in the wheel, Miss Marge Gudas. Proud to have you in Council 14.

Johnnie Shepard arrived in Cicero on leave, and we were all happy to see him. He graduated from Radio school in N. J. Another member who

rarely frequents these parts is Johnny Dedinskas. He certainly related some interesting stories at our last meeting. To both of you, we wish the best of everything.

Lorraine, our Fin. Sec. was missed deeply by devoted friend, for about 13 days. Now it wouldn't be that a "special army man" was home on furlough from California? Lowe is so grand in the springtime!

The Annual K. of L. Day, which falls on the feast day of St. Casimir, was celebrated by our members and leaders of Chicagoland. We received Holy Communion in a body, then had breakfast together. The breakfast was enriched with Eleanore Kandratas' singing and servicemen's presence.

Rounding up another month now, and saying last but not least especially to our servicemen whom we're extremely proud of, we'll always write and the "Vytis" will be coming to you as a note from home. "God Bless Everyone of You".

E. S. K.

HARRISON - KEARNY, N. J.

COUNCIL 90

Recently, we as a group inspired and interested in the well-being of our members serving the Armed Forces, received Holy Communion in a body. This was to beseech our Patron Saint, St. Casimir, to watch over those members serving our country. The turnout of so many members was an inspiring and gratifying sight to see, especially with conditions the way they are.

We have now Pvt. Bertha Bachanas in the WAC Air Force. She is at the 3rd WAC Training Center, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. She writes: "I'm in the pink—this Army life fits me to a "t", and I don't mean maybe." Bertha was our recording secretary. We certainly miss her. Here's wishing you all the luck in the world at this new venture, Pvt. Bachanas.

We have started off the Membership Drive with three new members. Welcome to Alma Balnanosis, Mary Curienska and Mary Grinevičius.

Watch for the coming information of our Victory Polka Dance, May 27th.

May seems to be our busy month. On the 14th of this month, it being Mother's Day, we plan to receive Holy Communion "in corpore" in honor of our mothers. Following Mass, we will assemble in the Holy Name Hall for the Communion Breakfast.

Spring fever is not effecting our social functions. On Saturday night, May 27th, we cordially invite everybody to attend our "Victory Polka Dance", to be held at the Lithuanian Political Club, 134 Schuyler Ave., Kearny, N. J. We hope to see all of those familiar faces we eagerly look forward to seeing each year.

"Rover".

CHICAGO, ILL.

BRIGHTON PARK COUNCIL 36

Interesting meetings first monday of each month at 8 P. M.

Sense and non-sense... St. Casimir Day, March 5th as guests of Cicero Council 14 at St. Anthony's Church, was greatly enjoyed by the noisy Brighton Bunch!

Thank you Cicero! Especially thank you Emily Waitekus for being so concerned and giving a glass of milk to our "very much in need of vitamins" president James R. Cherry.

Shame Peggy Zakaras... two teaspoons of sugar... your lucky Aldonytė Sleinytė of Cicero was too busy to notice this... OK, so it was for two cups of coffee!

Yep, the entire Cherry Clan was out as usual... Helen, Jim, Adel and Tony.

Huh - huh! Garbės Narys, Kastas Zaromskis, delivered "his car-load"... Joe, of Great Lakes Naval Training Station (our new member), Frances Urnezas (our trustee), Pilomina Rekašiūtė, (our fin. sec.) Peggy Zakaras and our new member Lucille Dagus, the secretary of the large Keistutis Club and the Brighton Park Lithuanian Citizens Club.

Our rec. sec. and Chicago District vice-pres., Violet Spirauskas blamed "the snow" for parking on the side-walk... I just have my doubts... that's all.

Irene Pakeltis checking up on the soldier from So. Boston, Mass., to see with what unit he was... so she said to us... no foolin.

Agnes Saučiūnas and her sister... say, how about signing up your sister to the council at the next meeting?

The "BIG SURPRISE" of the day was Jess Vilkanskas.

Ed (the actor) Barkauskas was looking for a leading lady.

Ernie Sutkus and his wife said they'd join the council... well, we're still waiting.

Town of Lake's Mrs. Harriet Kaminskas and Miss Sally Jesulaitis, and West Side's Miss Mary Brazauskas ought to join our council now that these two parishes have no councils therein. Ok so the sailor from Newark, N. J. is cute! Now, will you join?

"Did you ever see apples growing on a lilac tree?"... Just like a girl... but the soloist was good, even our vice-pres. John Brazauskas, cracked a smile, then tried to explain how this was possible, but the singer... gave him the answer... he-he-he...

Yeah! We better mention that the "Vytis" editor Ignas Sakalas spoke (or else, he won't print this stuff and such).

Rev. Julian Grinius said something that our

president liked... so-o-o-o-o we noticed him talking to the Bridgeport Sodality girls... uh-uh! and we overheard the girls are interested in K. of L. activity... Yep, we think he could organize a council there and he'd get the blessings of Monsignor Krušas he did this... but girls I'm single... ask me! Aw, come on girls!

The Cicero Council 14 president Miss Stella Brozas did a fine job of MC-ing.

Last but not least... a sincere "thank you" to the pastor Rev. Ig. Albavičius for extending a royal welcome to the K. of L., B. V. M. Sodality, Holy Name, Choirs, etc.

Then too, it was very nice to see Cicero's "old-timers" present and specify that their children are now taking their places in the K. of L. activities.

"KATRUTĖ"

Step by step and "Katrutė" will be in Brighton Park on Mother's Day about May 14th. All are invited to meet "Katrutė" the Council's new play being directed by Kastas Zaromskis. We assure you it will be good!

VICTORY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Council 36 inaugurated the Victory Membership Drive suggested by our president James R. Cherry with January, 1944 and to continue till the end of the year and every year till the war ends.

The plan is very simple: 1) A new member will be considered a person who pays his or her dues for 1 year in advance, or two persons who pay their dues by 6 months in advance. 2) For the first 10 new members, each sponsor receives a 10c War Stamp for each new member. 3) For the next 10 new members, each sponsor receives a 25c War Stamp for each new member. 4) For each new member over 20 new members each sponsor receives 35c. in War Stamps.

Example: For the first 10 new members who pay their dues for 1 year in advance or 20 who pay for 6 months each, the sponsor would receive \$1.00 in War Stamps, for the next 10 — \$2.50 and for the next 10 thereafter \$3.50. In other words if a sponser signed up 30 new members who paid their dues for 1 year in advance or 60 new members who paid by 6 months in advance, he or she would receive \$7.00.

Those who will not claim these prizes can donate same to the council who will purchase bond or bonds in the council's name from these donated stamps.

To date Kastas Zaromskis and Jonas Brazauskas are leading all other members. Let's go Brighton, let's see if we can break our over 400 membership record??? Our Boys in Service would be very happy to receive this news...

And that's that kiddies... till next time...

— GUESS WHO?

BROCKTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 1

Those of you K. of L'ers who are at all familiar with this fair city of ours know that all we need is a suggestion of a challenge and we're off — as evidenced by our advances in industry, athletics, and now K. of L.!

In last month's "Vytis" we announced our infant membership, a grand total of 13 members; but at the time of scribbling these notes, we've already hit the 50 mark. How's that for fast campaigning?

First off, congratulations are in order for the athletes of our parish. To date this year the boys have garnered 6 championships. In baseball they've walked away with the city, Plymouth county, Lowell, and Lawrence top honors. In basketball, they've just retired as city and Plymouth Deanery champs. The line up for Fr. Norbutas' Villagemen included Ed Povilaitis and Dick Sharycz at forward, Ralph Kasperovich at centre, and Tony Piscuskas and Ace Chilauskas at the guard slots. Available receives Bill Bielskis, Vito Piscuskas, Ed Zamaitis, and Bob Kondracki deserve a well earned hand for their valuable subbing.

As in every other parish, our interests these days lie in following the whereabouts and activities of our boys in the service...

Pvt. Frank Chesnul, ex and honorary choir treasurer, is taking a busman's holiday at the Army Postal Training School at Camp Lee, Va. As a definite morale booster, our "village" mailman "Chessy" writes, "The Southern girls are pretty nice, but I'll take Montello's feminine pulchritude anyday." Ahem!

Joe Cook, U.S.C.G., stationed at Gloucester, Mass., is "cheffing" for his crew. Say, does the name have anything to do with it?

Aviation Cadet Francis P. Yuskaitis, after having completed over 16 months of extensive study at Michigan State College has received a transfer to San Antonio, Texas.

Al Gutauskas is our first new K. of L'er to enter Service. He left recently for active duty in the Maritime Service. Best of luck, Al!

News of our "baby" council has already reached England and has been enthusiastically received by Pfc. Vit Motekaitis.

"Art" Belevicz, Ph/M has been home for a few days from Portsmouth, Va. Pvt. Walter Kuleises, U.S.M.C., stationed in the South Pacific for nearly two years recently greeted scores of his friends back at home via a news photo in the local paper.

Pvt. Joe Adamaitis, is now recovering at a So. Carolina hospital from wounds received in Italy, last November. A speedy recovery, Joe!

The Council's deepest sympathies go out to

the family of Pvt. Frank Sharkis, recently reported killed in Italy, thus adding the fifth Gold Star to our parish flag.

As we turn away from the Service corner, we bump smack into Cupid. And here he is with his latest bull's eyes...

Florence Puidokas R. H., at St. Elizabeth's, Brighton, and Al Miskinis, who recently received his Master's from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, were married Feb. 20th at a beautiful early spring wedding at St. Rocco's. They are now residing in Baltimore, Md. where "Erskine" is a Federal Foods and Drugs inspector.

Proof of Lillian Lolis' engagement to "Shorty" Aleckna is her beautiful one carat solitaire. Lil has already been feted at a bridal shower but still refuses to disclose any definite date for the happy event.

"Slim".

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

The Popcorn Ball, held recently, was a huge success, in spite of the heavy downpour. It was good to see Pauline and Alice. Mary and Joe Staney were crowned queen and king of the Ball in the Waltz contest. Joe Marcinkus, C-116, and his partner were close seconds.

Betty, how's your steve? Please keep in mind that our treasury can't afford a new one right now. Did the Nurses' Aide take care of your blistered finger, Clara? And yours, Adele? Ruth S., Adele I., Claire G. and Josie K. seem pretty "stuck-up" lately — (with molasses). Anne, were you elected supervisor, or did you volunteer? Even our newly-joined member, Ruth B. was working on the Dance Committee. Benny K. gave us a helping hand with the decorations and folk dancing. Rita, is that the way you encourage members to join the K. of L.?

We are now undertaking another affair — an Outing, which will be held at Maironis Park, on Father's Day. Casey is elected General Chairman of the outing, with Anna Burdulis, assisting him. Also on the committee are: Adele Ivaska, Mary Thompson, Tillie Aukstikalnis, Eva Jurgelionis, and yours truly.

Thanks to "Jurgy" for the enlightening talk given at our last meeting. It encourages us to carry on.

Get well, soon, "Morky". We're waiting to see you up and around. You're probably interested in learning more about "Vetra". If you must know — it's one of the newer members in our council.

We hear that Vitty Sepavich is stationed somewhere in Florida. Don't get too much sunburn, Vitty!

Dreaming of Florida, I'll be breezing along, until next month.

"Vetra".

Linksmi ir naudingai

jaunimas mėgsta iš anksto galvoti ir planuoti, kur važiuos pasilsėti, kur linksmiau galės praleisti keletą savaitių, kur daugiau turės "good time". Mokyklos darbas ir vienodas kasdieninis gyvenimas jaunai mergaitei nusibodo. Ji nori ką nors nauja pamatyti, susipažinti su naujomis vietomis, naujais žmonėmis, gal ką nors nauja išmokti.

Labai gera yra vasaros poilsį ir malonumus sujungti su koku nors geru tikslu ar nauju naudingų darbų. Toks naudingas tikslas mūsų jaunimui galėtų būti pramokti, arba mokant, geriau išmokti savo tėvų kalbą.

Mes, lietuviai čia Amerikoje turime daug lietuviškų parapijų, prisistatėm daug didelių ir gražių bažnyčių ir mokyklų, leidžiame daug laikraščių, turime įvairių draugijų, bet visa tai gali greit nustoti savo prasmės, jei neįkvėpsime jaunimui savo dvasios ir tinkamos pagarbos ir meilės visiems tiems dalykams. Jie turi savo prasmės tol, kol yra žmonių, mokančių lietuvių kalbą ir gerbiančių savo lietuvišką kilmę. Todėl tėvų šventa pareiga yra išmokyti savo vaikus lietuvių kalbos ir įkvėpti pagarbos ir meilės savo tautai.

Suprasdamos tėvų ir jaunimo troškimus, N. Pr. Švč. P. Marijos Seserys, Putnam, Conn., šią vasarą rengia *lietuvių kalbos kursus jaunoms mergaitėms*, "camp" pagrindu. Jie prasidės liepos mėn. 5 d. ir baigsis rugpiučio mėn. 6 d.

Mergaitės turės progą pagyventi arti gamtos, daug vaikščioti ir žaisti gryname ore, gerai pasilsėti ir drauge, būdamos lietuviškoje aplinkoje, pasimokyti savo tėvų kalbos. Kalbos bus stengiamasi mokytis ne tiek per pamokas, kiek dainuojant, žaidžiant, vaidinant ir pačia kalbos praktika.

Į tuos kursus kviečiamos mergaitės nuo 7 iki 16 metų. Kalbai mokytis mergaitės bus suskirstomos grupėmis pagal amžių ir kalbos mokėjimą. Labai laukiamos ir tos; kurios lietuviškai visai dar nemoka. Joms bus stengiamasi duoti žinių ir parūpinti literatūros apie lietuvių tautą anglų kalba.

Seserys stengsis auklėti mergaites tikėjimo dvasioje ir ruošti gyvenimui pašnekesiais ir atitinkamomis praktiškoms lavybomis.

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WESTFIELD, MASS.

COUNCIL 30

Hi! Lo! everybody. Here's Council 30 again still on the ball, and this time we're right in front of the 8 ball too. Two more of our members have left to join the Armed Forces. Benny Coach being our next Sailor and Frances Mikelis to do her part in the WAVES. Good luck to both of you. Frances was given a Farewell Party before her departure, and what a celebration was had by all who attended. What do you say Fran, Anne, Griggs and Gladys, how did you girls make out with your Sergeant and Corporals? Another thing I looked in upon was to see Anne and Griggs walk off with one of the Corporal's stripes. Next time, girls, pick the Sergeant's stripes, they are more noticeable.

Usually "Liths" are hard to find but we Westfield girls are having good hunting now. Well, Anne J., did you finally accept the date with that Lith Corporal Frank from Norwood stationed in your home town, and then what about Westover Field, Bertha, Sophie, Anne and Gladys? Watch out you K. of L.'s from Chicago, Norwood, and Pennsylvania. These girls are having a "Whale of a time" meeting these Lith Soldiers from your home towns. Too bad, I don't belong to the U. S. O.

What say, Cookie, do you miss your hubby since he's left? I'm sure Uncle Sam will take care of him for you. And what about Frances C. and Anne Z., we don't see much of you nowadays? How about coming out of hibernation now that winter is over?

The K. of L. boys are going to bowl the girls, and the loser buys a steak dinner. You boys had better have a lot of money on hand for we girls are really going to be hungry. Before I start drooling over that future steak, I think I had better sign off, so remember you K. of L. boys, "You keep 'em flying and we girls will keep 'em sighing".

P. S. We girls can do it too. *Lolly Pop.*

Širdingai Ačiū!

Mūsų kuopa taria ŠIRDINGAI AČIŪ visiems tiems, kurie mums linkėjo viso gero per laiškus ir per organą "Vytį".

Negalima apsaityti kiek šie velijimai reiškia mūsų naujai ir jaunai kuopai — dar kartą dėkui visiems!

Anne Norkus, sec.

C-1, Brockton, Mass.



Anna Kaskas

The "Darbininkas Radio Program" celebrates its tenth anniversary this month. It is in the interest of this radio program, directed by the editor of "Darbininkas", Mr. A. F. Kneizys, that the Concert is to be given at Jordan Hall, Boston,

Mass., on Sunday, May 21, 1944 — 3:30 p.m. The participating artists, ANNA KASKAS and LUDWIG JUHT, are both well and widely known in Europe as well as in America.

Anna Kaskas, Star of the Metropolitan Opera, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., of Lithuanian parentage, and made her operatic debut in Kaunas, capital of Lithuania. Since 1936 Miss Kaskas has been on the regular roster of the Metropolitan where she is an established and popular member of the company. During the past two years, before the opening of the Metropolitan where she is an established and popular member of the company. During the past two years, before the opening of the Metropolitan season, Anna Kaskas has sung with the Chicago Opera.

Ludwig Juht, contra-bass virtuoso, is internationally known, and stands preeminent. He is a son of the Baltic States, his birthplace being Estonia and has played in many of the leading cities of both continents. The last few years he has been with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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