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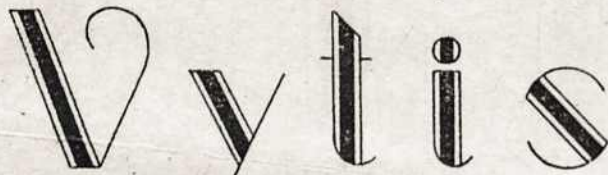
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United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Boston Chapter No. 17, which is a member of the National War Fund, participated in the parade of the Greater Boston United War Fund marking the opening of the drive for funds in the 1945 campaign. Among the 400,000 spectators were the Governor, Mayor of Boston, City Officials, Clergymen, Consuls stationed in Boston and officials of the Greater Boston Community Fund, who viewed the impressive Lithuanian parade headed by a float — **HELP LITHUANIA**.

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Lietuvos Vyčiai nutarė: GYVENTI, NE MIRTI!

35-sis Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos seimas, įvykęs Rugpiūčio 23-24 dienomis, New York, N. Y., visais atžvilgiais buvo toks, kokio, gal, net nei Centro Valdyba bei jo ruošėjai nesitikėjo.

Jis buvo nuotaikingas religiniu atžvilgiu, patriotinis tautinių reikalų akyvaizdoje, oldtaimeriškas vidaus seiminiais išpūdziais ir pravedęs eilę naujų gairių organizacijai gyventi, o ne mirti.

Reikia pažymėti, kad į seimą suvažiavo patys rinktiniai organizacijos veikėjai ir veikėjos, kurie kuopose ir apskrityse vairuoja veikimą, kurie pasišventę ir kupini kilnių norų ir pasiryžimų darbuotis organizacijos ateičiai užtikrinti.

Atstovų tarpe gausu buvo taip pat mūsų dvasiškių, ypatingai iš jaunosios kartos, kurie labai daug įnešė į seimą kūrybinės dvasios ir konstruktyvių sumanymų. Kun. F. Norbutas iš Montello, Mass., kun. M. Kemežis iš Bayonne, N. J., New York ir New Jersey apskrities dvasios vadas, ir L. Vyčių Organizacijos veteranas kun. C. Paulionis iš Brooklyn, N. Y., per visas sesijas ne vien sekė seimo darbus, bet daug patarimų išgainingų organizacijai nuolatos teikė.

Prieš šį seimą stovėjo eilė klausimų. Kaip jie buvo išspręsti ir kuria link pasukti, matysime iš seimo protokolo. Šiuo tarpu čionai sustosime tiksliai prie vieno svarbiausio nutarimo, kuris palies kiekvieną narį, kuris ne vieną, gal, blogai nuteiks. Tai — pakėlimas nario mokesčio, kuris įsigalės nuo Naujų 1945 Metų. Apie šį klausimą teks dar nesyki "Vytyje" rašyti ir atremti kai kurių negalvojančių narių priešingą pažiūrą.

Sustojus prie šio klausimo, nereikia pasiduoti jausmams. Reikia žiūrėti ir svarstyti, ir kitiems nariams visa perduoti, šaltai ir galvojančiai.

Ir taip. Nuo Naujų Metų bus pakeltas narių mokestis: nuo 15c. iki 25c. į mėnesį, arba nuo \$1.80 iki \$3.00 į metus. Iš to mokesčio \$2.20 eis į Centrą, o 80c. liks kuopos išde. Gi šeimose, kur randasi du ar daugiau narių, kurie nori, kad tik vienas "Vyties" egzempliorius pareitų į namą mokės \$2.00 į metus, iš kurių \$1.60 eis į Centrą, o 40c. paliks kuopos išde. Imant bendrai, iš visos tos "sunkios aritmetikos" klausimas eina tiksliai apie *vieną dešimtuką daugiau į mėnesį, arba dolerį ir dvidešimts centų daugiau į metus.*

Būkime praktiški ir praktiškai žiūrėkime į gyvenimą

Narys, kuris priklauso organizacijai dėl idėjos, kuris ją myli ir trokšta, kad ji gyvuotų, kad jos ateitis būtų užtikrinta, kad mūsų Centro Val-



Marijai — Malonių Tarpininkei

Motin' malonės ir širdies duosnios,
Prašom' malonių iš Tavo rankos.
Prašom' nuolankiai, ir Jėzaus vardan,
Kviesdami visus vieningan darban.
Prašom' per Tave, nes visa gali,
Maldoms gi širdingoms esi paklusni.
Prašom' mes Tave, nes Tu mus myli —
Negaun' žmogus kit's, ką Tu mums gauni!
O ko gi mes prašom', Tu mus klausi?
Trumpai suglaudus, štai punktai visi:
Prašom' mes meilės, pastovios taikos,
Tikybos laisvės ir laisvos Tautos,
Laisvės nuo bado, nuo užpuolimo,
Teisėto vado, teisių gynimo.
Duok tat, Marija, per Tavo rankas,
To ko mes prašom' per maldas šventas.

K. Žvirblis, O. P.

dybai nereiktų dienomis ir naktimis galvoti, kaip išvedus organizaciją iš finansinių sunkumų, privalo pažiūrėti aplink save į gyvenimą ir pasvarstyti.

Pirmiausiai sustokime prie šiandieninio atlyginimo už darbą ar tai dirbtuvėje, ar bet kurioje įstaigoj. Kas pasakys, kad darbininkas šiandien gauna tokį pat atlyginimą, kokį gavo prieš karą?

Toliau, eikime prie įvairių dalykų, be kurių

YOUTH AND THE NEW AMERICA

WITH the end of this war will come the end of old America. On its foundation will be built a New America. Our nation will be confronted with many problems, colossal problems, much more colossal than those which arose out of the first World War. Just what these problems will be is difficult to foresee, for the future is always veiled in mystery. But the past is known to us. History, then, is a good guide to the solutions of problems because history repeats itself; not under the same forms, it is true, but basically with regard to the fundamentals of all problems. Human nature never changes despite changing circumstances. We can learn the lessons of history and draw from them conclusions that will prevent the mistakes of the past.

Since problems, basically the same, confront us again and again, the only sensible way to solve them is to prepare for them, and this throws a special challenge on youth. It is youth who will have to face the New America. Youth already stands at the crossroads of one of the most important periods of history. Shall it be the road with the varied "-isms" of shallow thinkers, fanatical prophets, or shall it be the road, obstructed no doubt, but leading to order, peace, and prosperity?

The New America will require a cool-headed, thinking youth. Why? Because there are propagandists at work who have set themselves the task of having people feel rather than reason; they play on the emotions and passions of the masses. Youth must not allow itself to be deceived by this emotional propaganda. Youth must look

gyvenime negalime apseiti. Kas pasakys, kad krautuvėse prekių kainos yra tokios pat, kokios buvo prieš karą? Imkime kad ir tokį bereikalingą ir nuodingą žmogui daiktą, kaip cigaretai. Kiek sveikas ir sveika (kurie rūkote) mokėjote už pakelį cigaretų prieš karą ir kiek mokate dabar? O jei da kur jau cigaretai yra patekę į "black market"?

Kas liečia cigaretus, visus kitus dalykus, tas liečia rašalą, spaustuvės darbininkus, popierą ir t. t. Jei popiera pabrango, jei rašalas pabrango, jei darbininkui atlyginimas pabrango, aišku, kad pabrango ir "Vyties" išleidimas - atspausdinimas. Kaip tada Centro Valdyba gali išleisti "Vytį" nepakėlus nariams mokesčio? Gali argumentuoti kas kaip nori, bet dalyko nepakeis.

Seime vienas atstovų pažymėjo, kad šiais laikais jaunuolis vieną subatvakarį išėjęs su mergina į teatrą, ar šokių salę, kartais praleidžia net dešimtis dolerių ir nepyksta ant savęs, kad per daug reikia mokėti.

Tikras vytis, kuris myli savo organizaciją; kuris nori, kad ji gyvuotų, netik pats "neprotuos", bet dar, kiek galėdamas, aiškina kitiems nariams, dėl ko seimas mokesčius pakėlė. Reikia nepamiršti, kad ir suvažiavusiems į seimą tas dalykas buvo nemalonas, bet kitokios išeities nebuvo.

Kitais seimo pravesiais nutarimais pakalbėsime kitą sykį.

S.

fear square in the eye and with cool disdain put it in its proper place. Youth must sift truth from falsehood. Youth must learn to reject fiction and dig for facts, though the digging may be hard.

Enemies Within

The New America will require an intelligent youth. Demagogues will arise as they did many times in the past to peddle their petty but glistening wares. Europe will be plagued with a foodless, homeless, workless people, having hatred in their hearts and wielding terror in their hands. These the demagogues will rouse to revolution. Ideas will be born in their minds and will reach out far across the Atlantic and like rain drop on our land. Nazism and Communism have already rained on our soil, and many discussions have arisen as to which of the two is America's No. 1 enemy. Our educational system has been permeated with Nation Socialism. It has extended its tentacles into the social service field, which are now grasping the nation's business enterprises. Its arms are drawing tighter and tighter around every phase of American life. American democracy is slowly turning into a totalitarian democracy. National Socialism is a menace, but so is Communism. Communism has penetrated into our schools, colleges and universities. It is using every means to manipulate itself into labor organizations to make them vehicles for riding into power. It is already in the departments of the government, and we can brand Americans by the thousands as Communists.

Against Nazism and Communism American youth must take a hold stand, an intelligently bold stand. Both Nazism and Communism are species of the same thing. There is no need to discuss which is America's No. 1 enemy. Both are and both must be eradicated from American life to preserve American democracy. Youth must not allow itself to be misled by their appealing promises lest youth suffer disillusionment. To prevent disillusionment youth must think for itself; not wait for a governmental agency, bureau, or department to do the thinking for them, for this is nothing else than totalitarian thinking.

American youth, the evils of the day must not be discussed; rather see how they can be overcome. With an intelligent realism plan the New America, facing all the facts and shying away from none. Plan it like you would a building. Problems and difficulties will arise; but what undertaking has ever been without them?

Catholicism — Haven of Security

Catholic American youth, you have a tremendous advantage over others. You have the guidance and experience of the Church. The Church has confronted tyrannies and dictatorships before, in every age, and still lives. The Church has kept the flame of civilization alive with its Eternal Light. The Church holds in her rich treasures of faith and morals — principles with which a new order can be built safely and securely in the New America.

American youth has a great mission to perform. While it must go to work with an intelligent purpose, it must face its problems with a strength of character that has been hammered out on a forge of hardship and sacrifice. The New America must not be built by soft, sensual, wordlings who bend to the wind like reeds, who

wear soft garments, and who live in palatial homes. On the howling edge of a wilderness pioneer America was built. The dangers that reached out then were not feared. Strong and staunch hearts built America in those days. By men of such character must the New America be built.

A Moral Defense Must Be Built

Today the vast resources of America are being brought into the production lines for the purpose of maintaining an adequate defense. But guns, warships, planes are of no value for defense if these are not manned by strong hearts. In the defense of a nation nothing is more important than its moral defense built on the bulwarks of devotion, sacrifice and duty. America's democracy today is in jeopardy because its sense of duty has been weakened. Too much emphasis has been placed on rights. Is duty ever spoken of in any of the definitions of democracy broadcast to the nation? American youth cannot build and secure the New America if it does not build on the foundations of duty. Duty is not a pleasant word, for it connotes self-command, self-discipline, mastery over oneself, over one's passions, over creatures. But it is necessary if the freedoms are to be preserved. If it has been difficult to make democracy work, it is largely due to the fact that too much emphasis has been placed on rights rather than duties. Rights are claims, and when these have been clamored for continuously, the clamorers become hard, inconsiderate and selfish. Duties, on the other hand, recognize claims, and therefore lend an ear to principles of social justice and charity alike.

Only when duty is again given place of honor will the New America be safe, for duty has a respect for the old-fashioned virtues of honor, truthfulness, and fidelity to the pledged word. This has been one of the great losses of civilization in the present day — the loss of regard for the pledged word. It has been lost in the divorce courts, in politics, in international relations. Why shouldn't it be lost if there are no distinctions between right and wrong? How can there be such a thing as right and wrong? How can there be such a thing as right living if there is no reality to principles of moral conduct?

A Challenge

All this is a challenge to youth. Youth must take a battle-stand on the eternal grounds of right and wrong; youth must fight for every inch of it; youth must make war on professors in schools, on demagogues of the "soap-box", on liberals of the press. They teach that morality is old-fashioned, out-of-date; that ethics like fashions must change with the ideas of the day. The youth of the New America must force the distinction between right and wrong, which, when disregarded, has been the downfall of mighty nations and which, when upheld, has meant order, peace, and prosperity. America needs a God-fearing, serious, intelligent youth to achieve this task. Has America such youth? It has. In such youth rests the hope of the New America.

Religion Must Take Its Old Place

The New America must reaffirm its loyalty to God. If religion is not brought back into the minds and hearts of the people of our nation, knowledge nor morality will be of any value. The hearts of the people must be filled with a dynamic spirituality. Institutions do not need reform, but rather the heart and mind of man, for, to merely conform outwardly to the forms of religion is not enough; there must be a living spirit of Christendom.

J. V. Prezidentas Ir Aukščiausias Krašto Karo Jėgų Viršininkas



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, tris terminus garbingai vedęs Amerikos Jungtines Valstybes laisvės ir gerovės keliu, ir pergalėi priešų užpuolusių Amerikos interesus, Lapkričio 7 d. išrinktas ketvirtam terminui. Dieve, padėk jam sunkiose ir atsakomingose pareigose toliau vadovauti kraštui ir žmonėms į laimę ir gerovę vesti.

Christ must come into the homes, fields, factories, even the theatre. The world is materialistic because it believes only in the profit and enjoyment that comes from matter. The world is sensualistic because it caters to the senses, feeds and pampers them, as if the body and not the soul were to live forever. The world is secularistic, because it rejects religion for it interferes with its selfish aims, ambitions, and interests.

The New America must not be made religionless. Pioneer America was not made in this way, but on the contrary, it was built on religion. Our first president once said, "Both reason and experience forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail to the exclusion of the religious principle". So too, may it be said once more of our future presidents. It was true then, and it is true now. For democracy to survive it must be founded on a spiritual basis. Legislation is not enough for a secure democracy because it cannot supplant moral standards. Religion is the only security for democracy because religion teaches the inner worth and dignity of man upon



STUDY PAPAL PROGRAM FOR PEACE — Underlines: The peace program outlined by Pope Pius XII is the subject of intensive study by these members of the Committee for Peace, formed in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles by Archbishop John J. Cantwell. Believed to be the first of several similar committees to be organized in Dioceses throughout the United States, the committee is composed of leading Catholic business and professional men and priests of the Archdiocese. Left to right: seated, Rev.

Michael O'Dea; Rev. Donald McNeil, C. M.; Rev. John Ryder, S. J.; Rev. Edward J. Zeman, S. J., chairman; Msgr. Martin Keating; Rev. Patrick Roche; standing, Joaquin Fraters; John T. Coleman; Bernard Flynn; Harry W. Flannery, radio news analyst; Fred Niblo, Jr., motion picture producer-writer; Attorney J. Howard Ziemann and Rev. Thomas J. McCarthy, editor of "The Tidings", archdiocesan weekly. (N.C.W.C.)

LITHUANIANS, LATVIANS AND ESTONIANS APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

The Honorable
Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your loyal constituents of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian extraction fully realize that

which rests the rights and freedoms. Religion proclaims the existence of a law that emanates from the Eternal Legislator, to which all are subject, both ruler and the ruled alike. Religion provides democratic institutions with ideals, motives, and the greatest possible sanction for good government.

In the hands of youth there is a noble mission — the mission of carrying the firebrand of morality and religion to light the pathway toward the making of the New America will be what youth makes of it. We believe in youth. We have confidence in youth — a youth that takes an intelligent interest in the problems of the times; a youth that does not compromise with "-isms"; a youth that takes Christ along as companion into public and private life.

Catholic youth of America, your American Catholicism is a precious heritage. Use it and take your stand against a new atheism that is undermining your democracy and your government. Show men that you believe not in words alone, but also in deeds — strong, apostolic deeds — in the building of your New America. A. J.

you, as a representative of the most integral morally and most powerful country in the world, are the only person who is able to help their relatives in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia now facing a complete extermination and dispersal from their homelands at the hands of Russian NKVD troops following in the wake of the liberating Red Army.

A memorandum and petition were transmitted to you and to the secretary of state on July 21 asking for an immediate intervention to forestall the repetition of communist terror and installation of alien communist regimes in the Baltic States. New facts and developments were called to your attention with due dispatch as soon as the facts were made available. On September 26 a supplement to our earlier memorandum and petition was presented to the secretary of state by our delegation received by Mr. Long and a request was made to bring the horrible facts to your personal attention.

We are not in a position to know what steps have been taken by our government to compel Russia, the beneficiary of American Lend Lease, to live up to the rules of international law governing military occupations and to respect the

basic human rights and political life of occupied neutral peoples.

Regardless of the intervention that may have been made by the United States, all fractional news escaping through the blanket of Soviet imposed blackout of all contacts with the outside free world depict the picture of unprecedented terror in the Baltic States. Baltic populations are being murdered, tortured and driven on foot to distant parts of Russia. Soviet regimes are being brought from Russia and installed in the Baltic states, Russian settlers are being colonized on confiscated depopulated estates. No attention whatsoever is being paid to the commitments of the Atlantic Charter nor to any other subsequent declarations. Finns are compelled to handover Baltic refugees from Red terror to NKVD commanders although armistice terms provide for handing over only of allied citizens taken to Finland by force.

The continuing terror calls for an immediate intervention of the United Nations to respect the solemn undertakings of Russia to create conditions in liberated countries in accord with the Atlantic Charter and other declarations of the United Nations. Our country has been and continues to be the leader in planning a future world. You, Mr. President, are the author of the basic statement of our war aims, the Atlantic Charter. We are all proud of our government for its steadfast adherence to the traditional American policy of nonrecognition of territorial acquisitions by force of arms or under threats of using force. We are all proud of the American policy of nonrecognition of Russian claims to the Baltic States and condemnation of Russian devious processes in attempting annihilation of peaceful Baltic Nations. We are all proud that in the capital of our country Baltic legations continue to represent their countries officially and without restrictions.

However we fear there will be no indigenous native Baltic peoples left on the Baltic shores to enjoy the benefits of peace envisioned in the declarations of the United Nations, unless our government, the leader of the United Nations and savior of many Allied Nations including Russia, intervene immediately to save the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians from extermination now being conducted since July 1944 by Russian police armies.

During their independence the Baltic States punctiliously observed all of their international obligations, including even the pacts of mutual assistance imposed on them by Russia following the Molotov — Ribbentrop agreement in 1939. The Baltic peoples always had a strong feeling for private property, religious freedom and individual rights and differ from the Russians in

every way: origin language, religion and ways of life. The Baltic peoples revolted against the Russian terror and suppression of independence in 1941 and opposed German annexionist plans ever since the German invasion in 1941. They want to be free. They fought for their freedom and are continuing to fight for their freedom, believing that the Atlantic Charter is their hope, and that the declaration of the United States government made public on July 23, 1940 and subsequent declarations of the United Nations entitle them to fight their freedom in full confidence that the victory of the United Nations will mean their liberation from German and Russian yokes. They know that the United States is their friend and protector. They expect the United States finally to prevail upon Russia to respect their aspirations for independence.

We are once more appealing to you, Mr. President to restate the policy of the United States insofar as it affects the Baltic States and to intercede with the Russian government to stop the terror and deportations, to place the occupied Baltic Republics under an inter allied control pending the restoration of their selfgovernment and independence.

Your intercession will save the six millions of innocent Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians whose only fault is that they are loyal patriots of their homelands lying in the path of German and Russian imperialism. The American people are with you in winning this war and the peace to follow, and it is up to you to safeguard the traditional American banner of protecting the weak by saving the Baltic peoples from annihilation.

Unanimously voted at the conference of representative Organizations of Baltic Americans at Hotel McAlpin, New York. October 17, 1944

Leonardas Šimutis,

President, Lithuanian American Council

Richard Hermanson,

President, United Latvian American Committee

Hardy Nurmsen,

In Behalf of United Estonian American Committee.

PADEKOS ŽODIS

Garbingam kunigui Augustinui Petraičiui, Šv. Kazimiero parapijos klebonui, Worcester, Mass., reiškiu nuoširdžią padėką už \$50.00 auką "Vyties" leidimui.

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Pr. Razvadauskas,

L. Vyčių Centro pirm.

VYČIUI No. 1 75 METAI

KAIP kiekvienas gyventojas turi žinoti istoriją krašto, kuriame jis gyvena, ir visus jo didžiavyrius, taip ir kiekvienam nariui reikia žinoti istorija organizacijos, kuriai jis priklauso, ir jos steigėjus - organizatorius.

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija šimet eina 32-sius metus. Imant žmogaus amžių, tai pačiame stiprume, pačiame kurybingume ir pačioje jaunystėje.

L. Vyčių organizacijos lopšys — Rytai — Naujoji Anglija — Massachusetts valstybės miestas Brockton (Montello), o jos organizatoriai M. A. Norkūnas, kun. P. Virmauskis, S. Bugnavičius ir k.

L. Vyčių organizacija gimė kaip tik tuo metu, kada dr. J. Šliupo paskleistoji laisvamanybė ryžosi apimti visas Amerikos lietuvių kolonijas. L. Vyčių tikslas buvo — suvienyti visą lietuviškąjį-katalikiškąjį jaunimą į vieną organizaciją, kad ji apsaugojus nuo bedievybės, kad jis veiktų Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Tuo metu Lewiston, Maine, gyveno S. Bugnavičius, o Lawrence, Mass., asmuo, apie kurį šiame straipsnelyje kalbame. Vasaroti į Boston'o apylinkes parvykdavo ir studentas - klierikas P. Virmauskis, dabartinis So. Bostono lietuvių parapijos klebonas. Pastarasis, nusiziūrėjęs į YMCA, Brocktone įsteigė jaunimo kuopelę. Tuo pačiu metu M. A. Norkūnas susipažįsta su S. Bugnavičium ir pasiryžta suorganizuoti jaunimo organizaciją.

Minčiai pribrendus ir Lewiston, Me., kitą jaunimo kuopelę suorganizavus, sekančiais metais (1913) Lawrence, Mass., įvyko pirmas tos organizacijos steigėjų suvažiavimas—seimas, kuriame buvo priimta M. A. Norkūno patiektoji konstitucija. Nuo tada ir prasidėjo Lietuvos Vyčių gyvenimas ir veikimas.

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija nuo įsisteigimo dienų daug yra turėjus veikėjų, kurie buvo sušvitę, lyg meteorai padangėje, bet po to dingo ir šandie nieko apie juos nežinome. To negalime pasakyti apie jubiliatą M. A. Norkūną, delto ir tinka jam vyčio No. 1 vardas. Nuo pat organizacijos įsisteigimo jis nei žingsnio neatsitraukė nuo jos; ne tik neatsitraukė, bet visuomet veikė, kiek galėdamas. Jis dalyvavo seimuose su dideliu bagažu sumanymų. Jis buvo nuolatinis bendradarbis "Vyties" nuo pat jo užgimimo. Jis yra autorius Lietuvos Vyčių ženklelio. Jis yra sudaręs projektą organizacijos vėliavai. Jis daug yra laiko pašventęs kelionėms, prakalboms jaunimui organizuoti, daug lėšų pašventęs organizacijos labui. Ir šandie, nors senatvė jau lenkia pečius, nors yra netekęs girdėjimo, tačiau nesiliauja sielojęsis L. Vyčių organizacijos gyvavimu ir rūpi-



MYKOLAS A. NORKŪNAS,

"nenuilstantis keleivis" į L. Vyčių Seimus. Šiuo momentu šypsosi New Yorke prie Aušros Vartų par. bažnyčios, kur įvyko L. Vyčių seiminės pamaldos, rugs. 22-23, 1944.

nešis jos palaikymu. Kad mūsų organizacija skaidriai būtų nušviesta būsimoj Amerikos Lietuvių Istorijoje, jis kruopščiai dabar renka medžiagą Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos istorijai. Apskaitęs kišeniuje išteklius jis ir dabar važiuoja į seimus ir seka visus šių dienų jaunimo darbus.

Šio jubiliejaus proga, M. A. Norkūnui, vyčiui No. 1, linkime sveikatos, kad dar galėtų ilgai sykiu dirbuotis. I. S.

Švenčiant Septyniadešimt Penktąjį Gimtadienį

L. Vyčių organizacijos įsteigėjui, Mykolui Norkūnui, gruodžio 1 d., sueis septyniadešimt penki metai amžiaus. Šitos, taip garbingos sukakties išvakarėse, turiu sau už didelę garbę, Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos ir savo vardu, širdingiausiai sveikinti mūsų tėvą-vytį M. Norkū-

Mykolui A. Norkūnui, Lietuvos Vyčių Patrijarkai, Diemantinio Jubiliejaus proga, 1869—1944 m.

Kaip puikios gėlelės malonaus darželio
Vylloja ir džiugina širdį keleivio kiekvieno,
Taip lygiai ir atskirų tautų jaunimas gražusis
Atkreipia žmonių akį ir širdį į save kasdieną.

Kuomi yra darželio įsteigėjas, ar šaunus jo vedėjas,
Gėlėmis kurio taip džiaugias jaunimas, ypač mergaitės,
Tuomi lygiai yra ir paties jaunimo organizatorius, vadovas,
Bičiulis, nes jaunimas yra darželis tautos ir jos ateitis.
Lietuvių jaunuomenės išėivijoje, prakilniųjų LIETUVOS VYČIŲ
Garbingu įsteigėju, net ir po šiai dienai nenuilstamu globėju
Yra mūsų šaunus tautietis, garbingas, žilagalvis veteranas, tai—
Mykolas A. Norkūnas, šiemet švenčias savo 75 m. gimtadienį.

Nors kilnaširdis Jubilias nėra baigęs jaunystėje
Mokslų aukštų, specialybių, bei universitetų garsių,
Tačiau savo įgimta širdyje meile jaunimo srytyje,
Nusipelnė būti pirmaeilių didvyrių tautos lietuvų.
Mykolas A. Norkūnas šio pasaulio skaistų slenkstį išvydo
Gruodžio mėn. 1 d., 1869 m., garsioje, istorinėje Dainavos šalyje,
Poėtingame Verseckos upės klonio Krūminių kaime,
Valkininkų parap., Trakų apskr., Vilniaus Lietuvoje.
Jo mylinti tėveliai—Andrius ir Ona Lasauskaitė—Norkūnai,
Nors buvo visai neturtingi, bet labai dori, dievoti,
Išmintingi tėveliai, tat ir savo tauriosios širdies ir skaisčios
Sielos perlų dorybes sugebėjo įskiepyti ir savo 6 vaikeliams.
Vyriausis jų—Mykoliukas jaunystėje buvo jau linkęs
Prie mokslų, dailės amato ir bendrai į apšvietos srytį,
Tat neužilgo jį matome didžiausiu "knygnešiu", pagelbininku
Kanaun. Silverstro Gymžausko, garsaus Vilnijos lietuvų švietėjo.
Anais laikais gyvenimas Lietuvoj buvo ne pyragai:
Uždrausta apšvieta, lietuviški laikraščiai, ir maldų knygos,
Nenuostabu tat, kad ir jaunam mūsų liaudies švietėjui tenka
Pabūti kalėjime... ir už ką?—už lietuviškas knygas, spaudą.
Nustojęs vilties sulaukti laikų geresnių ir laisvės pragiedrulių
Taip skaisčiai numylėtoji tėvynėj Lietuvoj, ypač Dzūkijoje,
Skausmų perverta siela, ašarota širdimi, jis atvyksta drąsiai
1892 m. į laisvės U.S.A. kraštą, į garsųjį Boston'ą stačiai.

na ir linkėti geriausio pasisekimo, geros sveikatos ir dar ilgai, ilgai mūsų tarpe gyventi!

Septyniasdešimts penki metai tai jau ilgas amžius ir nedidelis skaičius jį sugyvena, o kad ir sugyvena, tai jau gyvenimo nuvarginti bet Norkūnas dar stiprus, pilnas vytiškos energijos, linksmas.

Kur tik, vyčių Seimas, ar apskrities suvažiavimas, tai vis matai jį dalyvaujant ir tėviškai vyčiams pataria. Sulaukęs tokio amželio, o vyčiams dar daug dirba, ypač dabar rinkdamas vyčių istorijai medžiagą. Jis nenori vyčių palikti be dokumentalių faktų, todėl ir stengiasi, kad vyčių istorija būtų gerai priruošta-pilna. Kad jaunimo nuveikti darbai būtų Lietuvos istorijos lapuose.

L. Vyčių organizacija, tamstai brangių dovanų nesuteiks, bet nors kukliai, jūsų garbei skiriame šį "Vyties" leidinį. Tikiu, kad kuopos ir pavieniai vyčiai tamstą prisimins jūsų gimtadienio dienoje.

Tad, dar kartą priimkite mano nuoširdžiausius sveikinimus ir linkėjimus jūsų gimtadienio proga.

Jus didžiai gerbiaus,
Pr. Razvadauskas,
L. Vyčių Centro pirm.

Svetimas kraštas, sunki kalba, keisti valgiai, papročiai,
Privertė mūsų drąsuolį imtis net "devynių amatų..."
Jis daug yra nuveikęs platinant lietuviškas knygas,
Laikraščius, uoliai dirbo Fed., Susiv., blaivybės dirvose.
Tuomi jis dar nepasitenkina, matė didelę spragą mūsų jaunuomej,
Tat su Dievo pagalba, dvasiškijos ir gerų, rimtų draugų parama,
Jis siekia pačios išėivijos širdies—mūsų prakilnų jaunimą,
Ir pagaliau bal. 27 d., 1913 Lawrence, Mass. organizuoja

"LIETUVOS VYČIUS".
Organizuoti jaunimą, važinėti į kolonijas su prakalbomis,
Ypač anais laikais smarkiai veikiant šliupo laisvamaniams.
Tai buvo milžiniškas darbas, vertas tikro didvyrio pečių...,
Bet didvyriai tam juk ir užgimsta, kad eiti prie garbės per
skausmus!

Rūpestingai jis pasėjo mažytį garsyčios grūdėlį —
Karštą meilę tėvynės ir lietuviybės jaunimo širdyse,
Iš kurio šiandien po 32 metų išaugo Amerikoje medis didysis
Su daugeliu kuopų ir narių, garbingų-šaunių L. Vyčių.
Iš to sunkaus prakaito, rūpesčio ir ašaromis laistyto darbo,
Prakilnios L. V. organizacijos išėjo jau daug visuomenės

veikėjų:
Kunigų, daktarų, advokatų, inžinierių, profesorių ir kareivių,
Tai vis diemantiniai žiedai mūsų jaunakartės lietuvų.
Šiandieną L. Vyčiai plačiai ir visur skleidžia katalikybę,
Lietuviybę savo gyvenimu ir per gražųjį laikraštį "Vytis" nuo

1915 m.,
Šiandieną iš jų tarpo jau yra susidarę daug-daug pavyzdinių
Lietuviškų šeimų, tai tikros, plieninės tvirtovės tautos ateityj.
Nors Vyčiai šauniai, iškilmingai pagerbė savo Patrijarką,
Pakeldami Mykolą į savo pirmuosius garbės narius 1920 m.,
Apdovanojo jį aukso medaliu, kuris garbingai yra patalpintas
Lietuvių tautos šventovėje—Marianapoly, bet jis tuomi nepa-

sikėlė puikybėn.
Visuomet jis nuoširdus, prietelingas visiems ir tikrai pamaldus,
Lietuviškos dvasios tvirtovė, visiems, visur ir visaip įkalba
Pasilikti uoliais katalikais ir kurti tik lietuvių šeimas,
Nes juk "Vilnius su Varšava niekad niesugyveno ir amžiais
nesugyvens".

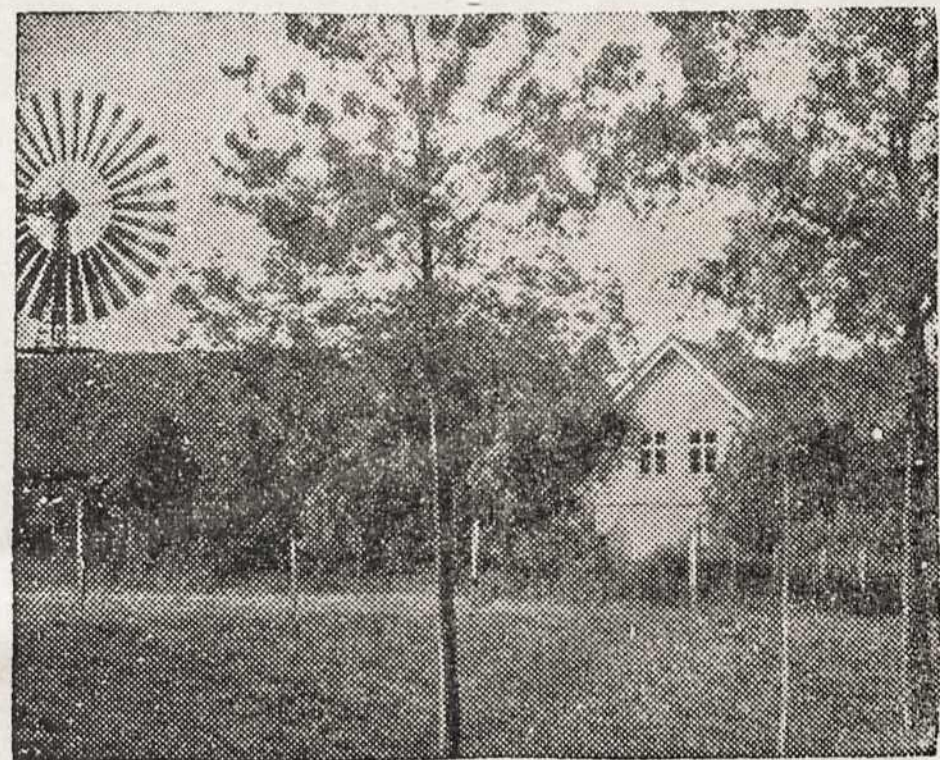
Šiandieną sulaukęs visiems mums sektino amžiaus,
Nepaisant, kad akys ir klausos nebetarnauja, kaip kad seniau,
Jis ruošia visgi kelių tūkstančių lapų, "L. Vyčių Istoriją".
Ir krauna nuveiktus darbus Vyčių aruodan ir Tautos avilyn.
Tat, brangus-kilnaširdi Jubiliate! pasistatei sau paminklą
Ne iš aukso-sidabro, ar akmens, bei plytų greit gestančių, bet
paminklą
Amžiną, garbės vainiką—tavę mylinčių jaunuomenės skaisčiose
širdyse,

Tas paminklas gyvuos taip ilgai, kol lietuviai išliks šioje šalyje!
Taigi, gruodžio mėn. 1 d., 1944 m. apvaikstant Diemantinio
Jubiliejaus metus,

Sykiu su brangiais tavo širdžiai Vyčiais ir tauria, prakilnia
Visuomene lietuvių, širdingiausiai kiekvienas tau linkėjame:
Ilgiausių-ilgiausių ir laimingiausių dar daug metelių!
Valio! Valio! dar syki tikrą lietuviškai-vytišką Valio!
Garbingam liaudies švietėjui, lietuviybės jaunuomenėj gaivintojui,
Geležinės energijos tautos darbininkui, L. Vyčių įkūrėjui-patri-
jarkui,

Diemantinio amžiaus visų vyčių Vyčiui — p. MYKOLUI A.
NORKŪNUI!!!
PADANGĖS ARAS

Gruodžio 1 d., 1944 m.



Kur bakužė samanota... vargas vien tebēr...



A letter from Sweden, the only source of communication available, tells of children in Lithuania, who had to walk great distances barefooted and without coats, during the cold winter months last year, to get their daily ration of milk and soap from a feeding station. Shall these children suffer again this winter?

Give that sweater Johnny has outgrown, the worn-out baby blanket, Dad's red flannels or his second-best leather jacket, anything warm and practical, to the Clothing Drive of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, a member agency of the National War Fund. Send your donations to your local chapter.

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Lietuviai ir American Council

Mes priklausome prie "American Council for Foreign Service". Šioji organizacija yra valdžios žinioj ir ji parūpina tinkamus žmones vykti į Europos, Azijos ir Afrikos šalis, atstovavimui šalpių organizacijų. Į šių organizacijų skaičių įeina United Nations War Relief Agencies ir United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. American Council dažnai pasiūnčia vieną iš delegatų į bei kurią šalį, kuriam pavedama atstovauti kelių tautų šalpos reikalus. Be to, American Council parūpina ir rekomenduoja atatinamus asmenis tarnybon į UNRRA, bei atskirų tautų šalpos įstaigoms. Lietuvių kilmės asmenys, mokantieji keletą kalbų ir norintieji šioj srityj dirbti, prašomi kreiptis su aplikacijomis sekančiu adresu:

Dr. Joseph B. Koncius, President of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc., 19 W. 44 St., New York 18, N. Y.

Help the clothing drive!

THE PEOPLE OF LITHUANIA, WHICH IS NOW A MAJOR BATTLEFIELD, have no choice. They have not been able to purchase any clothing for over 4 years. They have no soap to wash their old clothes; nor ways of having them dry-cleaned. Lithuanian women have had no materials, needles, or thread with which to make new clothes.

The United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc., a member of the National War Fund, is conducting a nation-wide campaign for a million pounds of clothing for Lithuania. Bring or send in your gift of clothing to your local Lithuanian Relief chapter or forward it to The United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc. Warehouse, at 101 Grand Street, Brooklyn 11, N. Y.



Kai karo šmėkla paliečia nekaltą šeimą karo linijų ugnyje, tuomet paliekama viską ir einama, kur akys veda... Tas atsitiko ir su lietuviais...

FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY AND WAR FUND AWARD OF MERIT

MRS. Peter Daužvardis, Chicago Chairman of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund, was presented with the Community and War Fund Award of Merit at War Fund Campaign Headquarters Friday, October 27th. Robert E. Coburn, Executive Director of the Community and War Fund, gave high praise to Mrs. Daužvardis' outstanding accomplishment in publicizing Chicago's 1944 Campaign for \$12,980,000.

Appointed Chicago Chairman of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund late last summer, Mrs. Daužvardis has been working almost 12 hours each day to organize and direct a large group of Lithuanian men and women who have done a wonderful job of bringing the message of the Community and War Fund to over 100,000 people of Lithuanian descent. This group has been responsible also for letting the people know that the United Lithuanian Relief Fund is one of the important beneficiaries of the Community and War Fund or Metropolitan Chicago.

Mrs. Daužvardis enlisted the wholehearted support of the editors of Lithuanian daily and weekly newspapers which have given the current Community and War Fund Campaign the largest amount of space ever devoted to a charitable campaign.

A group of eight Lithuanian men and women have addressed 76 different meetings of Lithuanian organizations, to tell the members of these organizations that the Community and War Fund includes not only the United Lithuanian Relief Fund, but includes also U.S.O. and U.S.O. Camp Shows, War Prisoners Aid, United Sea-



men's Service, and all Allied Nations recognized war relief and refugee relief organizations.

Mrs. Daužvardis herself, has addressed 23 meetings and has spoken five times on the radio. She organized two mass meetings and attended 17 conference, and has personally urged 280 organizations to make treasury contributions to the Community and War Fund. These treasury contributions were to be in addition to any funds which members of these organization would contribute personally through their places of employment or through their neighborhood War Fund Campaign groups.

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Dalykas, kurį pasaulis laiko reikalingiausiu, yra — jaunystė su teisinga dvasia, aukštais idealais, su idėjomis buitį pagerinti, toliau pasaulį kreipti teisingumo linkme. (O. S. Marden).

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Daug išmoksi iš mokytojų, daug išmoksi iš žmonių, bet daugiausiai išmoksi iš knygų.

Mahatma Gandhi.

Burtai

TUPI šarka ant tvoros,
Nenustabdo uodegos,
Riečia, kraipo mandagiai.
Po dvarus visur lakioji,
Tai atspėk-gi man, margoji!
Kokio vėjo bus piršliai?
Uodegytę pakraipyk,
Visą tiesą pasakyk,
Iš rytų? Ar vakarų?
Va, į kairę! Ten Baturas;
Fi, ne ponas! juodas buras!...
Bet daug turi pinigų.
Oi, šarkyte, tu kvaili,
Kam į dešinę suki?
Tas be grašio, nors gražus!
O į vakarus, margoji,
Uodegytės ar ne moji?
Ar nuo mylimo nebus?

Maironis.

Council 18 Knights of Lithuania Is Reborn

Cambridge, Mass.

THROUGH the efforts of Dr. Pauline Luzackas, of 400 Broadway Cambridge, Mass. and Rev. Francis F. Juskaitis, Pastor of the Immaculate Conception (Lithuanian) Church of Cambridge a large gathering of earnest parishioners assembled in the Immaculate Conception parish school hall Sunday afternoon Nov. 5, 1944 at 3:00 P. M. for the purpose of hearing speakers explain the purpose of the Knights of Lithuania.

The Reverend Father Anthony Baltrusinas, curate of the Immaculate Conception church acted as Master of Ceremonies and addressed the assembly with his endorsement of the real need for reviving the K. of L. He related his efforts to reorganize the council on two previous occasions but met with little success. "I feel that this is an opportune time to make a fresh start and with the interest that is manifested by the splendid attendance of you young men and girls of the parish I am confident that we will succeed this time.

"I have been appointed, by the Pastor to be the Spiritual Advisor and I will do all I can to help the council in its work and endeavors."

Frank Razvad, President of the Supreme Council was called on to speak in behalf of the Supreme Council. He expressed his gratitude to the Pastor and all the parishioners for their interest and said he was not at all surprised at the interest manifested for Cambridge had a large and glorious council in the years past. A few of the older parishioners who were present were recognized by Mr. Razvad and he brought back memories to these men, of their splendid record.

The K. of L. has over 900 members in the armed forces and we have suffered greatly because these boys in service were our most active members in many of our councils. In spite of great losses we are holding our organization together for the boys so that they may resume their activities in the K. of L. when they return from the various war fronts. It is no wonder that we are meeting with warm reception in the many communities in our organization work. The people are now realizing the benefits their youthful children received as members of the K. of L. because these members in the armed forces write home to their folks and friends expressing



L. Vyčių 18-ta kuopa, Cambridge, Mass., 1921 metais su klebonu kaitlingame susirinkime kun. klebonui Pranciškui Juškaičiui pritariant, perdirvoje. Sveikiname!

in no uncertain terms the values they are missing while away from home. In closing he felt confident that all the young people in attendance will become the nucleus of the newly organized council and will go further in their accomplishments than their predecessors.

The Rev. Juskaitis related to the parishioners the history of the K. of L. in the parish and its successes and failures. The enthusiasm shown by the people in the parish by their attendance, the desire of many of the youth to have an organization of their own together with the work already done by such prominent parishioners as Dr. Pauline Luzackas and Mr. Al Marcin in getting this gathering together encouraged him to do all in his power to see that this revived council shall have the full support of the Rectory as well as all the kind parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Church of Cambridge.





in. Pr. Juškaičiu. ši kuopa buvo nustojus veikus, bet lapkričio 5 d., siorganizavo - išsirinko darbščią valdybę ir drąsiai stoja į darbą Vyčių

Mr. M. Norkunas, the original organizer of the Knights of Lithuania, and called the Father of the Knights was also present. To this kindly old man, who is in his 75th year, the activity of the K. of L. is the life blood in his veins. He never fails to attend every convention and our many large organization activities. Mr. Norkunas with emotion related the high ideals of the organization and how gratifying it was to him to attend this important meeting of the reorganizers of Council 18.

Mr. Anthony J. Young, New England District President of the K. of L. welcomed the new council back into the fold. In his remarks he assured the prospective members that the District would give the new council all the assistance it will need in their efforts. Distribution of the monthly organ the "Vytis" was made with the

Juvenile Delinquency Called Imitation of Adult Behaviour

CHICAGO: A series of conferences on the increase of juvenile delinquency commanded attention of teachers, Religious and laymen at the closing session of the Summer School of Catholic Action here.

The Rev. J. Roger Lyons, S. J., associate director of the school, earlier in the week told more than 2,000 students that juvenile delinquency is just an imitation of adult delinquency.

"When two or three teen girls", he said, "sit down at a bar in a cocktail lounge, they don't do so because they are thirsty but because they think it's the smart thing to do. They get that notion from older women, older sisters, family friends, even from their mothers. Today's delinquency is not caused by war but accentuated by it."

The Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, urged young people to prepare to solve post-war social issues. "If society is going to solve the problems uppermost in every man's mind," he said, "it must consider the individual man and it must learn how to reconstruct family life".

explanation that it is the work of the members of our organization of which this new council will be a part.

Miss Grybas, vocalist accompanied by Mrs. McNeil rendered a few selections of Lithuanian songs.

Miss Phyllis Grendal, Secretary of the Supreme Council, very ably explained to the group the cooperation she needs with all council secretaries and instructed the new members on the filling out of membership cards. She was pleased to see such an enthusiastic group of young people and encouraged them to start their activities at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Larry Svelnis, President of South Boston Council expressed his greetings and invited the new council to visit the So. Boston Council club-rooms and bowling alleys and hoped that they could arouse competition in bowling and other sports.

Dr. Luzackas called for a show of hands from the young group and all present unanimously became members of Council 18. The next meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday evening Nov. 14th at 8:30 P. M. The Doctor urged all present to have their friends come to this meeting and to bring at least one new member.

Before the meeting adjourned announcement was made that 16 new members had enrolled.

The Lithuanian Family In America

DR. J. BOGUŠAS

(Read at the 1944 K. of L. Convention)

AT present there are approximately 125,000 Lithuanian-American families in the United States. To have a reasonable understanding and intelligent appreciation of their relative position in American life, one must know the background and present circumstances or social conditions within which they live.

Being ourselves Lithuanians we don't have to analyze the background of our national group. We all know, that in Lithuania family life was organized along patriarchal lines. Parents exercised strict control and discipline over their children who in turn manifested a deep reverence, respect and obedience towards their parents. Being farmers they led a simple, close to nature life and were bound by the closest ties.

Lithuanian-American Family Background

In America the the Lithuanian family had to undergo a certain period of transition. This called for a dual change: first, it had to assimilate the general pattern of American life which was quite different from that in the Old Country; and secondly — the constant changes that are going on within the American society had also influenced Lithuanians, and this necessitated a second readjustment on their part. The natural inclination of the Lithuanian immigrants was to preserve and hold on to the traditions and customs of their race. But as time went on there appeared quite a lot of changes that sprang out of a new life and different environment.

The first and fundamental change manifested itself within the family circle, and that was a gradual deminution or modification of the awe and piety of children towards their parents, a loosening therefore of the traditional tie between children and their parents. Certainly the new generation has much respect for parents, but that comes more or less out of the heart and good feeling than from fear or forced obedience. For instance, if a girl goes out Saturday night on a date, she may tell her mother where, with whom and how long she will stay, but even if she didn't, her mother will tolerate it anyway. Another example, is the choice of a mate in life. In the Old Country it was largely dependent upon the guidance and direction of parents, while in America it is definitely a personal matter for the young people to settle for themselves.

As much of the old tradition in the selection

of a mate in life gave way to the influence of the American way, so also in actual courtship many of the strict Lithuanian conventions and customs were supplanted by the new and greater freedom. Likewise, similar changes could be traced in the mode of marriage celebrations. The introduction of honey-moons, establishing of the home, etc., all of which show an entirely different trend in the family life of the American born Lithuanians. (Up to the present war there were no showers or honey-moons known to the young people of Lithuania. And almost 99% of the new families had to live with either of their parents.) This gives an additional proof that American - Lithuanians are well on the road of a complete assimilation into the American pattern.

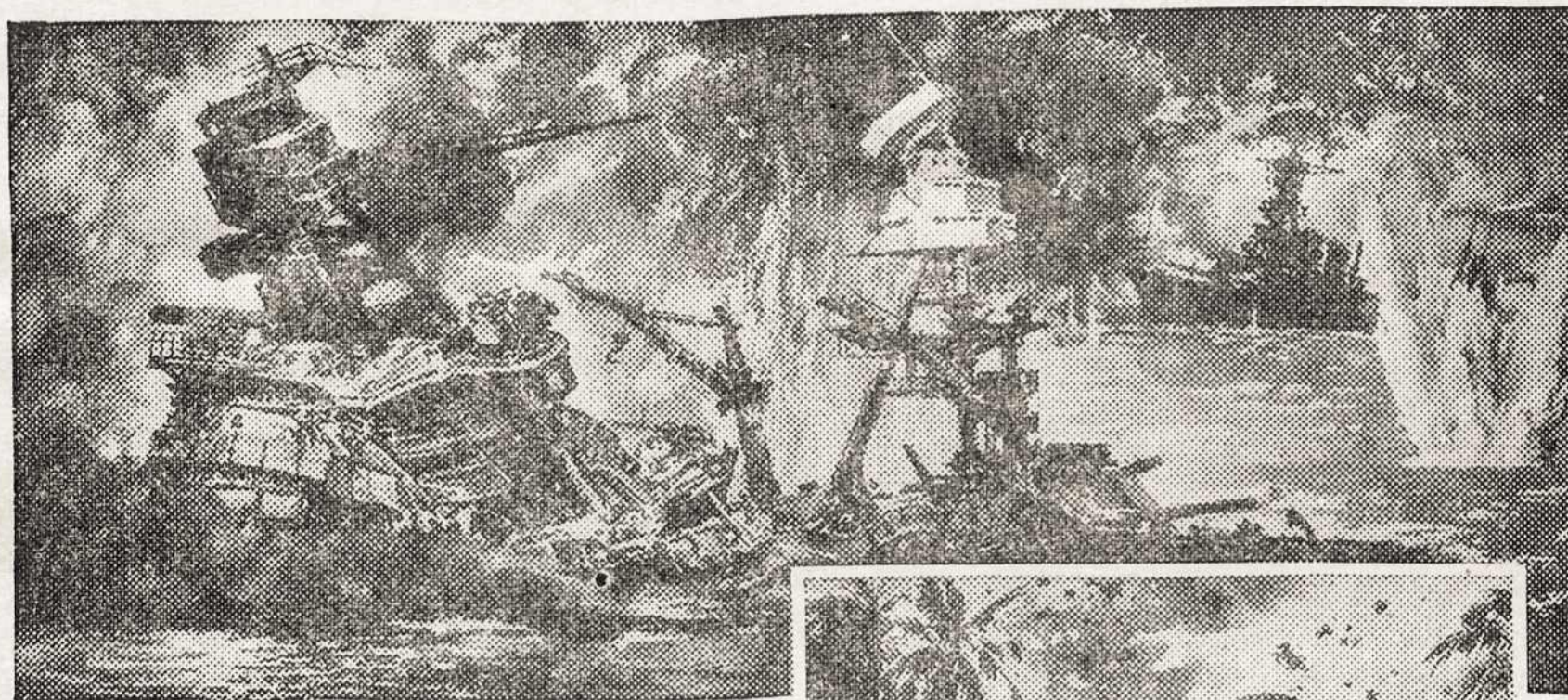
Structure of the Lith.-American Families

So much for the general trend and the background of the young American-Lithuanian family. Now, let us take a look at the very structure of the present Lithuanian family in America. By family structure I mean, the actual status, the form and the organization of the family unit. First of all, how large is the Lithuanian family in America? To our surprise, the American-Lithuanian family is very small. It is only 3.8 persons per unit, whereas the average American family has 3.7. This of course differing for various localities. This is an alarming situation, for it shows that our families just as the rest of American families are not even reproducing themselves. Slowly, but gradually we are dying, because to stay on the level we would have at least 4.2 persons per family. If present conditions prevail in a few decades we shall have only an extremely small group of people of Lithuanian descent in this country. Hence, some might say, "What's the use of preserving our language, customs, and national organizations, if we are dying out anyway?"

Another interesting point regarding the Lithuanian family structure is its duration and stability. Lithuanian-Americans usually marry at an early age. According to available statistics (1,055 cases) the average age of males at marriage is 27.5, and that of women, 23.5. This of course varies according to the social conditions and different localities. For instance during the last and present war, the age of marriage had substantially increased because of some much delayed marriages.

The average duration of the Lithuanian-American family up to 1930 was only about 20 years,

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but from 1930 on, it lasts about 30 years or more. However, lately due to a lot of prematurely broken families its life span has been greatly diminished.

The analysis of the family life would be incomplete without discussion of its stability and solidarity. The Lithuanian family in the homeland as we saw — was of the patriarchal type; very stable, strong and well balanced. Divorces and desertions were practically unknown. In America, however, the immigrant family finds itself in an entirely different environment. Living in large cities where people hardly know their next door neighbors' public opinion could no longer force families to live according to their standards. Then again, the laws and their manner of enforcement were generally more lenient. All these factors tended to encourage rapid disorganization.

Weakening Factors

Among the most disorganizing influences affecting the Lithuanian-American family are inter-marriages. There are 3 types of inter-mar-

riages: 1st — the inter-racial; 2nd — inter-nationality; the 3rd — inter-faith marriages. The inter-racial marriages are very few and we won't discuss them. The inter-nationality and inter-faith are quite common and they often become problem marriages. Formerly, most Lithuanians feared to marry a person of different nationality, thinking that such union would necessarily prove unhappy. Now, due to more frequent social contact this barrier has been completely neglected. For instance, there are some communities where up to 80% of young Lithuanians inter-marry into different nationality. A careful analysis of inter-nationality marriages has shown that the majority of them usually run into many difficulties. For instance, difference in language, customs and traditions quite often create a hindrance to a happy family life. Very often inter-nationality marriages are also inter-faith marriages. This of course puts additional strain on the family ties and often brings about a complete family breakdown leading to divorce.

As we all know divorce is quite a common thing in the American family life. The analysis

In Defense of Lithuania

The Baltic States

FREDERICK J. Libby of the National Council for the Prevention of War, in a pamphlet condensed from six radio talks he gave in Washington, D. C., studies the Russian intention to absorb into the Soviet Union the independent Baltic states, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, with parts of Poland and Finland.

"Russia claims the Baltic states as being legally hers on the basis of plebiscites held in

of the United States Census data shows that in the U. S., in 1910, there were 85 divorces per 1,000 marriages; in 1920, 134 divorces; in 1930, 170; and in 1940, approximately 180. During this war they have reached already in some communities up to 200 and over.

Lith.-American divorce rate low

The last figure expressed in plain terms, signifies that there is one divorce for every six marriages. This percentage, undoubtedly, is very high and it shows that American family life is very disorganized. As for Lithuanians, they are still in somewhat better standing. My study of some 500 Lithuanian marriages, that have ended in divorce, shows that there are between 42.3 and 33.0 divorces per thousand marriages, which comes to an average of 38.4 divorces per 1000 marriages. Comparing the above percentage with the general U. S. divorce average, we find that the divorce rate among Lithuanians is only one fifth of the general U. S. average. This figure appears to be comparatively small. But considering the very rapid increase in the last decade, in a short time it will definitely be on an equal percentage with the general United States divorce rate.

The above survey shows that our American-Lithuanian family life is in an extremely precarious position. First, the birth rate is far below normalcy and with the increase in divorces it won't be long before American-Lithuanian family life will be greatly imperiled. What therefore, should be done in order to avert this situation? First, avoid as much as possible inter-nationality and inter-faith marriages. Second, do everything possible to prevent divorce. Third, have much larger families. This will enable us to perpetuate ourselves and to keep within religious sanctions, and it will definitely bring happiness to our homes. If the Knights of Lithuania organization can help in this matter, and if it is really trying to do its best to overcome this greatest of all modern problems, it has achieved its aim and it really stands up to the ideals of its founders.

June, 1940. But there were no such plebiscites. There were elections of the type we associate with Hitler, who was her ally at the time. Only one list of candidates was permitted. The elections took place while these countries were overrun by the Red army — in flagrant violation of treaties of non-aggression. The election platforms called only for 'friendship' and — for Estonia, for example — "a close union between the Estonian *republic* and the USSR." No sooner had these totalitarian elections been consummated, however, than Communist demonstrations were organized demanding immediate entry into the USSR, and the three rubber-stamp parliaments convened promptly and passed the resolutions requesting admission.

"Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State at the time, refused to recognize this forcible annexation and said on July 23, 1940: "The people of the United States are opposed to predatory activities... The United States will continue to stand by these principles". "This 'predatory' act, Libby writes, is the sole basis of Russia's claim to the Baltic states. She refuses to recognize "the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned," as pledged in the Atlantic Charter she signed, he asserts.

Russia offers two arguments — the fact that this territory was once under the rule of the Czars, and that its confiscation is necessary to assure the integrity of her borders. The first argument is worthless: under it England, France, and Spain could claim North America. The second has decided limitation; under it, every time a nation extended its borders it could claim new land to protect the new borders.

Unless the peace is built on moral principles it will not last. Every nation, large or small, has a right to its own integrity.

September 24, 1944)

(THE REGISTER, Denver, Colorado,



Absolution Before Battle In New Guinea

OFFICIALUS SKYRIUS

Attention Members

Dear Members:

No doubt, by now, your delegates have reported at your council meeting as to what had transpired at the NATIONAL CONVENTION which was held Sept. 23-24, 1944, at the Hotel Lexington, New York City.

However, as Supreme Council Financial Secretary, I would like to advise you that, beginning with *January 1, 1945*, there will be an increase of dues. In the October issue of VYTIS, p. 9, you will note an article, which explains in detail why the Convention delegates saw the need for increasing our dues. Here, I should like to call your attention to the following points:

1. Member's annual dues will be \$3.00.
 - a) \$2.20 to be sent to the Center.
 - b) Balance of 80c. remains in the council treasury to cover expenses, etc.
2. Member's semi-annual dues will be \$1.50.
 - a) \$1.10 to be sent to the Center.
 - b) Balance of 40c. remains in the council treasury to cover expenses, etc.
3. In families having several members in the same council, *only one pays full dues*. The other members, whether it be husband, wife, brother or sister, may pay at a reduced rate, namely, \$2.00 per year, of which \$1.60 is sent to the Center (or \$1.00 for half year, of which 80 cents is sent to the Center). These members, however, do not receive the "Vytis". But if he or she is the only member from his or her family, the full standard rate is applicable, without exception.
4. Where a member has married another member, one is exempt from dues, though both remain members.
5. A member's organization dues begin from the date of admission. Dues, therefore, should be sent to the Center immediately.
6. Dues are payable for at least 6 months at a time, in advance. This is no longer optional. As much as the Center Office would like to accommodate the one or two councils that prefer to send in dues for two or three months at a time, the cost in time and money in handling the dues in this manner is prohibitive. Therefore, **ALL PAYMENTS AFTER JANUARY 1, 1945, MUST BE FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS**. We cannot allow any more exceptions in this matter **EXCEPT** in the case of servicemen. (Because of the uncertainties of war and to make it easier to councils and individuals wishing to have their servicemen receive the "Vytis," servicemen's dues may be sent into the Center every three months, in advance, in the sum of 55 cents).
7. **"VYTIS" WILL BE MAILED ONLY TO FULLY PAID-UP MEMBERS**. Due to the increased cost of publication, we are forced to adhere to this rule rigidly.

Complete understanding of, and strict adherence to, the above rules, some old and some new, will help your officers enormously in having the organization function as efficiently and as economically as possible. Especially I, who am weighed down with considerable clerical work and hundreds of little details in the performance of my duties, will appreciate every little aid you can give me.

Fraternally yours,

PHYLLIS GRENDAL

Supreme Council Financial Secretary
366 W. Broadway, S. Boston 27, Mass.



SO. BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

Imagine having to split one prize six ways! That's what Father Al had to do with the can of sardines he won at the very successful Whist Party held at the K. of L. clubroom.

The Armed Forces were well represented at the Whist Party. Charles Zirolis of the U. S. Army was seen with his fiancée Aldona. John Contons, U. S. Navy was also present. Joseph Slanina and Tony Chetkauskas of the USCG helped make a good stag line for the dancing afterwards. Even a Marine landed at the clubroom — Charles Stukas who is studying electrical engineering at a college in Philadelphia, Pa.

The committee did such a fine job at the Whist Party — Pat Zibutis, Millie Vallis, Mary Kleponis and Nellie Pechulis.

The mail box at the foot of the stairs in the K. of L. bowling alley is begging for contributions. Just a few lines from everybody would help a lot. So don't be afraid. Put in suggestions, grievances and news items for your column.

During the recent illness of our bowling alley manager, Martin Gaputis, the K. of L. Ladies came through gallantly. Lucy Markuns and Aldona Yakavonis proved themselves capable. Our president, Larry Svelnis also took a hand at it. That's the right spirit!

Whisperings — rumor has it the following see quite a bit of each other — Millie and Al; Al S. and Adeline.

With nominations and elections coming up, every member should make it a point to set a side that one Sunday a month to be present at the monthly meeting. This is your club, and your vote will help make it the kind of club you want. So take advantage of your privilege — come and vote!

The goblins and witches were at work at the Hallowe'en Party. The committee which included Bob Casper, Virginia Petraitis, Jeanie Gli-

neckis, Millie Zard and Lillian Akestinas among others did their share.

Guess who dropped in at the Whist Party in their Civil Air Patrol uniforms to cause young hearts to flutter? None other than Eddie Marcinowskas and Paul Bratenas.

A Marine and a Sailor were the convoy that took a certain young lady home from the Whist Party.

Now you know the Whist Party was a success. So be sure that you come to the next one.

Here's another feather in our cap! Our members took an active part in the rebirth of the Cambridge Council 18.

What a laugh!!

Our past treasurer, Bronis Skricus, still receives the bills.

Our loss is the WAC's gain. You were an efficient secretary Anna Kleponis and we know you will continue to be a big success as a medical technician. Don't forget to write us.

Kalakutas.



KUN. VINCAS PUIDOKAS,

lietuvių parapijos klebonas, Westfield, Mass.

Kun. Puidokas labai nuoširdus vyčių prietelius. Vyčiai džiaugiasi, kad jis yra paskirtas jų Dvasios vadu.

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

Council 10 is once again on the job and ready to report on their social activities. The social committee, consisting of Adele S., Virginia B. and Ellen A. have plans for a pretty busy season.

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Father Michael and all officers of the council attended the convention in Westfield. A good time was had by all.

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Did you see the Lieutenants that Tina Vat and Tina Stas were with in Springfield? Come girls, what's the matter with Privates?

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South Worcester was very well represented at the picnic held early in the month. Did you have a nice time, boys?

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Adele and Ann are planning not to give any more introductions of their boy friends. Everytime they do, "Dimples" just, ups and away with them.

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Come "Zosh", who's the dark-haired friend that drops by each time you walk on a certain secluded street? How can you keep him a secret, in these times?

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Council welcomes another new member, C. Pinigas. Glad to have you with us, Charlie.

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Tina S. Mylda St., Quilly Y. and Nellie Ladish, were in charge of the entertainment and refreshments for the month of October. F. Anoris and C. Pinigas are taking over the responsibilities for the next meeting.

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It looks like our next meeting will have to be held in some hospital. First, it's Geneva, then Sophie and now Tina S. Please be just a little more careful girls.

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Several of our service members were home on leave recently — J. Salkaus and L. Grigalunas, the Navy and "Ginger" Wezmus, the U. S.



K. of L. DANCE ENSEMBLE, Waterbury, Conn. — Reading from left to right: Adele Golas, John Kalinauskas, Aldona Bukauskas, John Lusas, Prof. Aleksis at the piano, Joan Lušas, Edward Kushlis, Marcelle Andrikis and Raymond Vaichus.

Women's Marine Corps. At our last "get-together" we had the pleasure of having Eddie Salkaus, U.S.M.C. veteran of the South Pacific with us.

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A fellow Knight, Laddie Baltren, was wounded in France. Here's hoping that by the time this issue reaches you, you'll be well on the road to recovery. Cheerio! "Vicky".

WATERBURY, CONN.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

The feast of Christ the King, October 29th, 1944, has been indelibly etched in the minds and hearts of Waterbury Lithuanians as the day of cherished, golden memories. An elaborate, diversified all-day celebration climaxed a three-fold anniversary commemoration. It marked the 50th year of the founding of St. Joseph's parish, the 30th year as minister of God and 25th year as pastor of St. Joseph's church for Rev. Joseph J. Valantiejus.

The Most Reverend Maurice F. McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, presided over the solemn religious services in the morning. Also attending were Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Krušas of Chicago, Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Ambotas of Hartford, Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Miliauskas of Scranton, Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Valdambri, Rev. J. Balkunas of Maspeth, N. Y. (delivered the sermon), Rev. J. Bobinas of Montreal, Rev. J. Bakšys of Rochester, Army Chaplains Capt. J. Vilčiauskas

and Lieut. A. Cabitor, La Salette, Marian, Franciscan and Passionist missionaries and other local and visiting clergy from throughout the state.

In the evening, more than 600 guests (50 clergymen) attended the jubilee banquet in the spacious parish auditorium. Principal speakers were Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Krušas, Congressman Joseph E. Talbot, Mayor John S. Monagan and Rev. J. Valantiejus, pastor. The many speakers multitudinous words of praise for the splendid and lasting achievements of St. Joseph's parish may be summed up as follows — "they have been fifty fruitful years for God and Man, they attest loyalty to God and Country".

Because "mūsų vargonininkai ir mūsų chorai Bažnyčios ir Tautos iškilmėse yra tikroji širdis", special musical programs (for church and banquet) were rendered by the St. Joseph's Knights of Lithuania choir directed by Prof. Alexander Aleksis. Two Lithuanian folk dances — 'Jonkelis' and 'Kalvelis' provided a delightful interlude (See Photo). Guest artists were Barbora Darlys, dramatic soprano; Mary Kizis, contralto; concert pianists V. Bacevičius and T. Šidlauskas of New York.

The Knights of Lithuania choristers particularly pride themselves in their magnificent parish, their beloved pastor and musical director. Both Father Valantiejus and Mr. Aleksis are Honorary Members of the Knights of Lithuania organization.

Besides having been most active in organizational work and in various other fields of endeavor with the K. of L., Mr. Aleksis is also the music author of "Vyčių Himnas".

Because of our noble heritage and because we are Knights of Lithuania — mes, dainuojantis jaunimas, mylime ir mylėsime, niekuomet neužmiršime tėvėlių gimtąją, gražiąją lietuvių kalbą... M.A.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

COUNCIL 41

Things are brewing in Brooklyn. Pavyzdžiui —

L. Vyčių 41 kp. susirinkime, sekmdienio popietę, spalio 29, buvo apkalbėta įvykusių seimas; išrinkta delegatai į sekantį apskrities suvažiavimą ir į metinį A. L. Tarybos, New York'o skyriaus susirinkimą; nutarta ieškoti kuogreičiausiai gero teatro vaidinimui; perskaityta Lietuvos rašytojo V. Krėvės gražus rašinys; nutarta prie kuopos suorganizuoti BALF (United Lithuanian Relief) skyrių; prisiekdyta keturi nauji nariai: Andrew Bičiukas, B. K. Kaveckas, Edward Tumasonis ir Connie (Miss) Karpus. Taip pat išnaujo įsirašė į kuopą Jonas Masalskis.

Kadangi susirinkimas įvyko namuose, pas pp. Karpus, tai visi nariai, Grieg'o muzikai grojant, buvo pavaišinti skania vakariene. Pavalgius buvo lietuviškai padainuota ir taip, linksmam ūpe, baigta susirinkimas. Viens.



DR. PAULINA LUZACKAITĖ, nuoširdi vytė, daug dirbusi atgaivinant 18-tą vyčių kuopą Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Luzackaitė yra atgaivintos kuopos pirmininkė. Sveikiname!

So. Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 116

This is the gal with the Pepsodent smile to report the activities of C-116.

Among our boys recently home on leave were Sgt. John Adamaitis, Sgt. Joe Marcinkus and Lt. Frank Rainis. Sgt. Johnny Pigaga of the Army Air Corps, also included in the above group, attended our September meeting and gave us highlights of his travels, answering any questions that may have been asked by fellow knights. Billy Kasper has been promoted to 1st Lt. and Peter Jonitis was awarded wings after graduation from Army Gunnery school. Congratulations to both of you, and best of luck always.

One of our newer members, Millie Kosky, is quite the envy of most of the girls here. The reason? She works at the R.O.T.C. office at the Naval Station at Holy Cross. Couldn't you do something about getting more of us a job there, Mil?

Wedding bells tolled for John Andruska (the young man who was to make all girls happy) as he took those very important steps down the aisle on Sept. 30. Congratulations!

Many of our members had that patriotic streak and were doing their share by picking apples over the weekends. How goes it, kids? No back aches? Still feel right up to par? But it's really grand of them to help the farmers out in the shortage

and besides, the exercise did some of them a lot of good.

A new month and new news! Yes, C-116 has been pretty busy this month, what with two conventions and all. But before the convention there were a few other goings-on.

Ann Shablin, a active Knightette, entered the WAC in early September and is now stationed at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Sgt. Joseph Jurgelonis was present at our October meeting and is now due to be shipped to the Pacific area. Cpl. Joe Balukonis was also home on leave, having graduated from radio gunnery school at Yuma, Arizona. Congratulations are in order for Capt. Joseph Maticinskas and wife... the proud parents of a lovely little daughter. Joe is the highest ranging officer in service from our council and is in the European war area.

Goodbyes were said to Benny Kaveckas who has gone to New York to take up a new position with the Bell Telephone Co. Good Luck in your new job, Ben.

At the meeting we had splendid reports on the National Convention in New York by Louise Totilas. A very humorous report on the convention social activities was given by Nell Smolsky. The members were very much amused by the very comical way in which it was written.

Aldona Dubickas gave a grand report on the District Convention in Westfield. Five cars went and about 30 members attended. "Un Bijou".

IŠ KANADOS

Jaunimo Gyvenimo

P. ir E. Jarašiūnai savo dukrelei Vandai surengė puotą 16-tam gimtadieniui paminėti. Atsilankę ir svečiai ir klebonas suteikė brangių dovanų ir linkėjo Vandai ilgiausių metų. Vandos buvęs lietuvių kalbos mokytojas S. Balčiūnas savo kalboj pažymėjo Vandos visame pavyzdingumą. Kas sekmadienis neapleidžia šv. Mišių ir dažnai eina prie šv. Komunijos. Nors čia augusi, bet bažnyčioj visuomet meldžiasi iš lietuviškos maldaknygės. Ji visuomet didžiuoja, kad yra lietuvaitė ir moka savo tėvų kalbą. Meno srityj taipgi pasižymėjus. Nebuvo koncerto, ar veikalo, kad Vandą nedalyvautų ir visuomet žavi publiką. O kiek ji pasitarnaudavo įvairiuose parengimuose ar pokyliuose. Ar virtuvėj, ar prie stalų, visuomet su šypsena, be jokio atsikalbinėjimo. Linkėjo jai ir toliau tokia pasilikti.

Jaunesnioji Vandos sesutė Valerija lietuviškai padeklamavo, o jos broliukas, irgi padeklamavęs, įteikė gėlių nuo buvusio lietuvių kalbos mokytojo S. Balčiūno.



ONA V. NORKIŪTĖ,

Lietuvos Vyčių 1-mos kuopos raštininkė. Ji dideliu uolumu, kai pirmoji L. Vyčių kuopa atgimė, ėmėsi darbo ir laimėjo narių vajaus konteste pirmą vietą. Ji dalyvavo L. Vyčių metiniame seime New Yorke ir ten turėja garbės sekretoriauti seimo posėdžiuose.

Ona V. Norikiūtė yra baigus Brockton High School 1941 m. Taipgi studijavo vienus metus Post-graduate kursą ir laimėjo 20th Century Catholic Club Scholarship. Mokinosi Mass. College of Pharmacy, ir dabar užsiima toje srityje specializavimu W. L. Douglas Shoe Co. office, Brocktone.

Tik neseniai įvykusiame Naujos Anglijos Sodaliųjų suvažiavime Onutė išrinkta Apskričio Prefektė.

Vanda Dervinytė baigė komercijos mokyklą. Yra lankiusi lietuvių kalbos parap. mokyklą. Gerai vartoja lietuvių kalbą ir priklauso prie lietuvių parapijos choro. Pavyzdinga lietuvaitė, veik kas sekmadienis eina prie šv. Komunijos ir visuomet dalyvauja scenoj, jos tėveliai yra geri visuomenės veikėjai ir veiklūs katalikai. Vandos mamytė turi taipgi gerą balsą.

Petrė Vilkelytė baigė komercijos mokyklą. Yra lankiusi lietuvių kalbos parap. mokyklą. Labai gabi artistė vaidinimuose. Prieš karą per DULR susirašinėdavo su Lietuvos vaikučiais - mokiniais.

Genovaitė Žaliaduonytė taipogi baigė komercinę mokyklą. Lankė ir lietuvių kalbos parap. mokyklą. Labai gabi, susipratus ir mandagi lietuvaitė. Nesigėdina kalbėti lietuviškai kad ir svetimtaučių tarpe.

Adelė Matjošaitytė baigė vieną gar-

siausių Kanadoj šv. Mykolo slaugių mokyklą. Iš 74 baigusių ji vienintėlė gavo geriausį pažymėjimą ir dovaną už (highest standing in obstetrical nursing). Adelė yra lankiusi lietuvių kalbos parap. mokyklą. Labai gabi lietuvaitė. Prieš įstodama į slaugių mokyklą, keletą metų vargonininkavo lietuvių bažnyčioj ir turėjo gerai išlavintą chorą. Kaip ir kitos lietuvaivaitės, yra daug pasidarbavus prie visokių parengimų ir scenoj. Adelės tėveliai yra geri katalikai ir žymūs veikėjai lietuvių parapijoj.

Gailutė Frenzelytė ir Regina Strazevičiūtė taipogi baigė aukštąją mokyklą ir jau užima geras vietas valdiškoj įstaigoj. Jos irgi gerai vartoja lietuvių kalbą yra susipratusios lietuvaivaitės.

Aldona Pauliūtė baigė aukštąją mokyklą. Kaip gera artistė greitai laiku turės apieisti Torontą, nes kviečiama į Hollywood.

Studentas Vaclovas Mioldažis antrus metus Toronto Universitete studijavęs chemiją pašauktas į kariuomenę. Yra baigęs lietuvių kalbos parapijos mokyklą. Scenjoj buvo labai pasižymėjęs kaip gerai artistas.

Koresp.

Blozis 'Shot-Puts' Grenade For New World's Record

(From the "Century Sentinel" published by the 100th Infantry Division, May 27, 1944)

Although there is no official listing of a record for throwing a hand grenade, the Century Division is laying claim to the world's No. 1 tosser. And the claim is no idle boast, for this "pineapple-tosser" is known to the four corners of the earth for his ability to throw things further than any other man.

He's big Al Blozis, whose name has been written in the Hall of Fame more than once and who was recently assigned to the Century Division. The holder of four world's records for the shot put, a former All-American tackle at Georgetown and an ex-star of the New York Giants, Blozis could be depended on to do something sensational when he first put his hands on an Army M1 grenade.

He was running through Chemical Warfare basic training at Camp Siebert, Alabama, back in January when he made his record heave. And what a heave! The average GI is known to be able to throw the 20-ounce grenade about 35 yards, which is a more than liberal average. Blozis, however, merely stepped up to the line and with the best form prescribed by the

Your Home
By Frances Ainsworth SC



What about those small suitcase-size furnaces weighing less than 25 pounds which are supposed to be able to heat homes as large as 20 rooms? I have been hearing about them, the same as you, so I put the question to the chief engineer of the world's largest installers of home heating equipment.

This authority told me that there was no trick to building a vest pocket furnace; several companies have already done so, but for purposes entirely remote from home heating. The trick isn't in making the miniature heating unit; it's in making it practical for home use.

These small heaters, as perfected for wartime usage, generate their terrific heat by burning high octane airplane fuel under great pressure, with a high velocity blower fan to propel the heat. Of necessity, the noise is a mighty roar. Furthermore, the hot air is of a degree altogether too high for home comfort. Then, too, there is the high cost of the fuel, as well as the short life of the heater (probably not more than 1,000 hours) under its concentrated generation of blast furnace heat. All of these objections would have to be overcome before the miniature heater could be adapted to home use.

And so, without meaning to throw cold water on the idea, I'm afraid we shall have to wait quite a long while before the engineers have succeeded, if ever, in practically adapting the much publicized suitcase heater to our homes. In the meantime, however, we do have some mighty fine improvements and advantages to enjoy in the heating units that are to be made available when factory production is permitted.

training manual, threw the grenade far into the distance. Officials of the grenade course were so amazed at the toss, they immediately applied the measuring stick. When they finally got to the grenade, the heave was found to be 65 yards. That's really big league stuff.

But the 6-foot-6 255-pound powerhouse believes he can still top that mark with a little more practice.

And that just about sums up the overall picture of Blozis' climb to fame. Constant rapid improvement toward a goal that few reach. He was a high school star back in North Bergen, N. J., just as soon as he decided to toss the shot. And he climbed quickly, winning scholastic titles and snapping records as he corrected his flaws and gained more distance with the iron ball.

Later he entered Georgetown University, destined to become one of the greatest weight-tossers of all time. And he lived up to all his advance notices and even went them one better. He broke all kinds of records, including the world indoor marks for the eight, twelve and sixteen-pound shot, and the outdoor records for the eight and twelve. He also holds all the American records for these weights, plus the out-door 16-pound mark, and the IC-4A and NCAA marks for the discus throw.

As if this wasn't a big enough job for one man, Blozis roamed other fields. He draped his huge frame with grid togs in 1940 and immediately became a standout tackle on the Georgetown eleven. In 1941 he reached a point of perfection and was selected on the All-American team for that year, tabbed as one of the outstanding tackles of recent years.

His success on the gridiron brought him a handsome contract with the New York Giants' pro eleven, but it also ended his brilliant track and field career. Last season he was picked on the All-League team, which is a tribute and testimony to value of any football star.

Just as soon as the season ended, Blozis was inducted. After completing his basic training, he was assigned to the Walter Reed Hospital as a physical instructor. He is currently assigned to the Division Special Service Office where he serves on the athletic staff.

Poeto Pranašystė

(Aolfui Hitleriui)

Kaip kadaise Katakombos
nugalėjo Romos kaliją,
Kaip Enrykas išpuikėjęs
atsiklaupė ties Canossa,
Ir prie Aleksandro kojų
nusileido Barbarossa;
Kaip Bismarckas negalėjo
nugalėt šventos Bažnyčios,
Taip ir tu to negalėsi!
Nors turėtum velnio galią,
ir šetonišką jo drąsą;
Nors pajungtum visą jėgą
parsidavusių tau žmonių,
Vis tik tiek nesugebėsi
nugalėt Kristaus Bažnyčios,
Bet viešai pareikšt turėsi:
Kristus yr' visų Valdovas,
O Jo Bažnyčia — amžina! K. Z. O. P.



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Lithuanians Appeal to President Roosevelt

QUEBEC, Can.: The Lithuanian American Consul has written a letter to President Roosevelt describing Russian atrocities in Lithuania, and declaring: "Decisive action by the United States in conjunction, if possible, with Great Britain, becomes imperative for humanitarian if no other considerations. We appeal to you, Mr. President, to discuss the means of protecting lives, basic human rights, freedom and sovereignty of the Baltic peoples, and to take some immediate measures to protect those peoples from complete extermination."

Noted Literateur, Henri Gheon, Dies

LISBON (CIP): The news of the death of Dr. Henri Gheon, at the age of 69, has been confirmed. Henri Gheon who, together with Paul Claudel and Gabriel Marcel, has been one of the great pioneers of modern expression of Christian ideas on the stage, was born in Bray-sur-Marne, not far from Paris, and died in Paris shortly before the liberation of the French capital.

Henri Gheon was not only the author of many dramatic works, some of them translated into

foreign languages and famous the world over, but went himself on the stage with the "Compagnons de Notre Dame", which he founded and frequently directed in person.

The most famous of Gheon's plays are the religious ones, such as "The Profound Life of St. Francis of Assisi", "The Triumph of St. Thomas Aquinas", "The Meeting of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica". Henri Gheon has also written pieces for the secular theatre, for instance "Le Pain" and "Eau-de-Vie", as well as fairy plays. Among his essays may be mention "Man Born from the War", among his novels "Plays of Earth and Heaven", among his poems "Songs of Tomorrow", "Faith in France" and "Algeria".

(The Tidings).

Red Terror Strikes Over Lithuania

Reports telling that the Russian regime is being strengthened in Lithuanian occupied lands, and that drastic measures are being taken in exterminating its inhabitants, have reached Lithuanian newspapers in this country through neutral Sweden.

The more active Lithuanian leaders are being shot down or mobilized into the Red Army, the reports state. Still others are being exiled into Russia.

Into all the Lithuanian lands occupied by the Germans, the Russians are storming. Conditions are terrifying. People who are able run for safety; others seeing no way out, commit suicide. Mass murders have been committed by the Soviets in small towns such as Utena, Ukmerge and Zvyria.

In spite of great obstacles, many people have reached safety by crossing into Sweden, the report concludes.

THE BAD HABITS

I never kiss, I never neck.
I never say hell, I never say heck.
I'm always good, I'm always nice.
I play no poker, I shake no dice.
I never drink, I never flirt.
I never gossip, or spread the dirt.
I have no line, or funny tricks.
But you know — I am only six.

Mrs. Colney.

Town Burned Down For Assault On Two SS Men

WASHINGTON — Germans burned down the entire town of Parciupiai in the Vilna area of Lithuania in reprisal for the assault near Parciupiai against two SS men. Many persons were burned to death. The burning, which occurred on June 5, 1944, is now coming to light through the work of the Liberation Committee in Lithuania, reported to the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter and in turn relayed to the Office of War Information.

The Archbishop of Kaunas, J. Skvireckas, and the Bishops Brizgys and Podolskis, were forcibly sent to Germany by the occupation troops, the committee revealed. The committee also quoted a reliable report that Bishop Matulionis was executed by the Germans in Kaišėdoriai. The fate of the Archbishop of Vilna, M. Reinys, and the Bishops Paltarokas and Karosas are unknown.

In Landsberg, East Prussia, the committee reports, 14 Lithuanian Patriots are being kept in prison on charges of high treason. Their crimes consist of activity during the German occupation for the reestablishment of Lithuanian independence. The report adds that the 14 probably will be brought before the German Peoples' Court.

A Night In An A. A. Gun Pit

In A. A. gun pit, on this cold damp night
I see flashes of gun fire of another flight
And the play of searchlights with their silvery beam,
Makes me ask myself "Is this a bad dream?"

Then from out there, a buzzing drone
I snap to alert, and grab the phone.
"Attack in progress!" "Guns stand by!"
Let's blast this bastard out of the sky.

Closer and closer, it's heading this way
In a minute now, there'll be hell to pay.
"A" on target, "B" on the beam!
Let's go, let's fire, I hear someone scream.

Then shouts the captain "Give it hell, boys",
And I brace myself for the deafening noise.
"Cut one, cut two", I hear as they fire.
Step lively, you men, this ain't choir.

The target flies on through a hail of lead
"Lord, let us hit it, we want no more dead.
A motor cut short, a tremendous flash
A downward plunge, then a final crash.

More buzz bombs they will no doubt send,
But A. A. will blast them to the final end.

Pfc. Joseph Mickey-Mikalasuskas,
Somewhere in England.

DŽIAUGIAS MŪS LAIKRAŠČIU

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"Garbė jums, viengėniai, už tokį kilnų pasišventimą. Telaimina Visagalis Dievas jūsų kilnius darbus ir tesuteikia geros sveikatos ir ištvėrmės.
S. Balčiūnas".



Bet kam gi tu, budrus Dievuli mano,
Prie lygaus kelio rūpestėliu rymai?
Prie lygaus kelio, kur vargų vargeliai
Vieni per dienų dienas dūšaudami vaikšto... P-s

KAZIMIERAS VĖSULA

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