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MŪS SVEIKINIMAI IR LINKĖJIMAI

Brangūs vyčiai, vytės!

Paruoškime savo sielas Kalėdų šventei!

Te Kalėdų žvaigždė nušviečia mums kelią, kuriuo turime eiti ir toliau savo gyvenimą tvarkyti.

Te šios Kalėdos būna paskutinės mūsų nariams, ir visiems kariams, karo frontuose, džiuaglėse, apkasuose, sausžemėje ir ant vandens. Kad sulaukė kitų Kalėdų jau savo šeimose Kūčių vakarą bendrai laužytų plotkelę ir džiaugsmą gyventų.

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Te mūsų gimtinis kraštas—Amerika šiame pasaulio sukrėtime išaina didžiausioje pergalėje ir garbėje, o mūsų tėvų, ir daugelio narių, gimtinis kraštas — Lietuva sušvinta vėl laisvu ir nepriklausomu gyvenimu.

Tai mūsų, vyčiai, vytės, sveikinimai ir linkėjimai šiose Kalėdose.

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PEACE ON EARTH

CHRISTMAS with its traditions of peace and love is once more with us. The Birth of Christ at Bethlehem over nineteen hundred years ago was heralded by choirs of Angels singing: "*Glory to God in the highest and on the earth peace to men of good will*". This year the spirit of that message of peace and good will seems an anomaly in a world of warring nations.

The whole world craves for peace. It is indispensable to human welfare, a synonym for health and prosperity in individual and corporate life.

Men have always striven for peace. The greatest statesmen and thinkers of all ages have discussed the means of establishing a lasting peace, which would embrace all men and nations.

Many solutions were proposed to obtain a permanent peace. Some of the measures set forth were sincere attempts to eradicate war. Others were decidedly shallow pretenses to gain profit, to usurp power. Yet all, though they stemmed from that same incitable desire for peace, were

doomed to fail, because their success relied on mere human strength.

With the world at war the angelic message of peace is that ray of hope shining amidst the darkness of war. It is for mankind to reach it and be guided by it.

The prospect of a permanent peace seems far off, for men have not abandoned their greed for power and wealth. The war is not over and some are dreaming of establishing vast empires. The independence of many countries have vanished with the winds.

This is the peace prospect that the conquered masses of people in many lands have begun to know. It is the peace offered by Russia to Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and Poland. It is the peace which many wish to impose upon the vanquished people of Germany. It is a peace founded on hatred and vengeance. Such a peace is a cradle for another war.

The planners of the post-war peace must bear in mind the fact that it cannot be limited to

A CHALLENGE TO OUR FUTURE EXISTENCE

THE present World War has become a blessing to all Lithuanians in America for it has awakened in American Lithuanian youth the desire to preserve the native land of their forbears. This war is a challenge to our future existence as a nation and we American Lithuanians are realizing that although we were born in America, educated here and acquired its customs, and perhaps dropped the use of the Lithuanian language, we are still Lithuanians. We can change our habits, our associations, our names and our speech but we cannot change the blood that flows through our veins. We will always be Lithuanians so long as Lithuanian blood keeps flowing through our hearts.

War brings havoc, sorrows and despair. Yet in all its strife, we find ourselves helping one another, in this war effort and that, without considering whether or not we will gain personal benefit. It has taken a major war to find ourselves, to live a true Christian life. It has drawn us closer together as brothers and sisters of a great nation.

The Knights of Lithuania has suffered greatly

any race or nations or be established within set boundaries. It must embrace all races and nations. It must be founded on justice and tempered with mercy. Failures of the past should teach the folly of other means.

The Prince of Peace was crowded out of the hearts of individuals. How then can peace reign in the heart of men! There was no room for Him in the Inn of Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago and there is no room for Him in the hearts of men today, because they gave way to hate and revenge.

Christ was scorned and repudiated by His fellow-men. His principles and teachings were rejected, and He Himself was nailed to the Cross. Instead of Christ men chose Barabbas. Today again, Christ's crucifiers seek to force upon us a peace without Christ.

The peace of Christ however which Angels announced, satisfies mens' search for happiness, because it rests on a stable foundation. It rests undisturbed in the very citadel of the soul. It is the peace of LOVE.

We can restore peace to warring nations, if all of us restore peace in our own hearts, the one place where it should reign supreme if it is to spread over the world.

Let the Prince of Peace establish His Kingdom in our hearts.

Francis J. Jančius, MIC.

PRO ŽVAKUČIŲ ŠVIESĄ

Pro žvakučių šviesą,
Pro eglutę žalią,
Ateini į žemę
Sidabrinės gėlės

Ant laukų pražysta
Tau ir Tavo Meilei,
Prakartėlės Kristau.

Skamba, skamba giesmės,
Gloria nuaidi —
Šventas džiaugsmas dažo
Piemėnių veidus.

Čia žalia eglutė,
Čia žvakutės liuli —
Leisk Tave pasveikint,
Mielasai Jėzuli.
Dieviškas Vaikeli.

L. Narbutas.



during this war. The cream of its youth has been drawn into this great conflict in large numbers, and in many places it has taken away our leaders and ardent workers so that the councils they have left, ceased to function. Yes, it looked very bad for our organization. Every draft call reduced our ranks smaller and smaller, and those of us who have been left have seen years of hard organizational work swept away.

Before our past Annual Convention held in New York the situation looked hopeless. We were running into deficits, we were exhausting the charity of our benefactors, yes, we were almost at our rope's end. But realizing that our very existence was at stake, we found ourselves and found a way to climb out of our predicament. We injected a new lease of life in the K. of L. press and we voluntarily raised our dues to help our organization remain solvent. We returned to our councils with new hope, new vigor, new life and a strong desire to exist and not become a casualty of this war. We have promised ourselves that we will build this organization bigger and greater than ever before to the joy of our returning members.

LET US UNITE OURSELVES IN A TREMENDOUS DRIVE TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our Annual Membership Drive starts with the New Year and ends on April 1st, and with its beginning a great responsibility faces each council and each member of our organization. The test of our loyalty, sincerity and ability will be marked by our accomplishments in meeting the quota the Supreme Council has set for this drive. The test is severe. The recompense will be measured by the amount of hard work each and every one of us puts into this drive.

I appeal to every Supreme Council officer, to every District President and their officers, to every Council President and every officer in our organization to redouble their efforts at this particular time to the end that we may together turn the tide of membership in the right direc-

tion. If every member enrolls but one new member or subscriber to the VYTIS we will have attained our goal with much to spare. Our goal is 1000 new members or subscribers. CAN WE DO IT? The answer is Y-E-S.

These are the 1945 Membership Drive rules:

Every council will be given a quota. The quota may be filled by new memberships or by new subscribers to the VYTIS. The minimum quota for each council is 10, the maximum depends on the size of your council. The amount of your quota will be determined by applying a fixed percentage to your present membership. The same percentage will be applied to each council so that each council will be on an equal basis.

The council attaining the highest percentage of its quota will be presented with a \$25.00 War Bond, and each council exceeding its quota will participate in a special money prize set aside for this drive.

Individuals are also in this drive and a special prize will be awarded to the member receiving the highest number of points on the following basis:

1. For every new member paying a full years dues upon enrollment (\$3.00) 20 points
2. For a new subscriber to the VYTIS for a year's subscription paid in advance (\$3.00) 20 points
3. For an old member reinstated with a full years dues paid in advance (\$3.00) 15 points
4. For a new member paying 1/2 year dues (\$1.50) 10 points
5. For a new subscriber paying 1/2 years subscription (\$1.50) 10 points
6. For an old member reinstated with payment

Senuosius Metus Palydint

Seniems Metams jau netrukus
Išmuš pusiaunakčio din, din...
Jie nyksta pamažu, lyg rūkas,
Jie tyliai žengia praeitin.

Juos amžių vieškely palikę,
Ryžtingai žengsime tolyn,
Be baimės jų audras sutikę
Ramiai juos lydīm nebūtin.

Erdvėj ir žemėj audrai kelią
Užstosim mes, jei ji atūš —
Į mūs plieninę kietą valią
Rūsti audra sugniuš, suduš.

Plieniniai vyčiai suka ratą,
Pakilę į dangaus erdves.
Patrankos, tankai ir granatos —
Plienu šarvuoti ramūs mes!

Languos ledų lelijos žydi.
Skardus pusiaunakčio din, din...
Senieji Metai, jus jau lydi
Prarajon amžių vis gilyn...

Naujųjų Metų aušrą matom,
Sargyboj ramūs budim mes.
Baltieji vyčiai suka ratą,
Pakilę į melsvas erdves.

L. S-nis ("K.")



Saint Margaret of Hungary, whose canonization was recently proclaimed in a decretal letter of His Holiness Pope Pius XII. Born in 1242, daughter of King Bela IV, she became a Dominican nun. A number of miraculous cures were recorded during her lifetime. She died in 1270. Her Feast Day is on Jan. 18, her birthday. (N.C.W.C.)

of 1/2 year dues (\$1.50) 5 points

District Presidents are chairmen of the drive in their District. They should appoint an effective membership drive committee that will keep in touch with each council in their district and encourage each council to fill its quota. The Supreme Council Secretary Miss Phyllis Grendal will supply each District President with a list of past members in their district. These names will be separated by councils so that sorting will be unnecessary. These past members are fertile prospects for reinstated membership or as subscribers to the VYTIS. We plan to organize within the K. of L. an OLD TIMERS CLUB. Anyone reaching the age of 35 becomes eligible to the OLD TIMERS CLUB. Our purpose is to attract the older members of our communities into our great organization. Our united efforts can accomplish this purpose.

Each council will receive its quota from the Supreme Council Fin. Secretary in sufficient time to get organized for the drive.

**LET US MEET THE CHALLENGE
TO OUR EXISTENCE**

Frank Razvadauskas

Supreme Council President.

In Defense of Lithuania

The *BALTIC QUESTION*

PART I

Russia's \$64 Question

THE claims of Soviet Russia to the Baltic States have been set forth in an article in the highly official newspaper, Pravda, (February 8, 1943), in which the Baltic States are declared to be "parts of Soviet Russia's own territory, bound by the Constitution of the country to the other republics of the Soviet Union". The same view has repeatedly been broadcast from the Leningrad and Moscow radio stations.

It is, however, clear beyond all possible doubt that these countries have been forcibly deprived of their sovereign rights and their self-government. The flagrant violations of International Law by means of which Soviet Russia proposed to transform the Baltic States into "her own territory" are far too well known to all who have followed the course of events on the shores of the Baltic. It may suffice if we quote only one publicly expressed judgement to show how these acts were appraised by well-informed neutrals. We cite the pronouncement which the Under-Secretary of State of the U. S. A., Mr. Sumner Welles made to the press on July 23, 1940, two days after the union with Soviet Russia had been proclaimed by the three Baltic "Parliaments", elected under the pressure of the Soviet military occupation. The declaration of Mr. Welles is as follows:

"During these past few days the devious processes whereunder the political independence and territorial integrity of the three small Baltic Republics — Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania — were to be deliberately annihilated by one of their more powerful neighbors, have been rapidly drawing to their conclusion.

"From the day when the peoples of these republics first gained their independent and democratic form of government the people of the United States have watched their admirable progress in self-government with deep and sympathetic interest.

"The policy of this Government is universally known. The people of the United States are opposed to predatory activities, no matter whether they are carried on by the use of force or by the threat of force. They are likewise opposed to any form of intervention on the part of one State, however powerful, in the domestic concerns of any other sovereign state, however weak."

Such are the views of the State Department of



KUN. FELIKSAS NORBUTAS,

L. Vyčių 1-mos kuopos, Brockton, Mass., Dvasios Vadas. Jo nuoširdumas ir uolus atsidavimas darbuotis su jauniu didžiai padėjo pirmai kuopai išbujoti ir taip pavyzdinčiai veikti šv. Roko parapijoje.

the U. S. A. on the attempt of Soviet Russia to lay her hands on the Baltic States. The course of events in the Baltic countries was witnessed and carefully watched by understanding and well-informed observers belonging to the Legations and Consulates of the U. S. A. in the Baltic States. It cannot therefore be doubted that the State Department of the U. S. A. had at its disposal the best possible information regarding the way in which the Baltic States were Sovietized and incorporated in Soviet Russia. Similarly, no one would dare to doubt the impartiality and honesty of that Government's attitude as expressed in Mr. Sumner Welles' Declaration.

How then is it possible that Soviet Russia, after having signed the Atlantic Charter and the similar declaration of the United Nations of January 1, 1942, nevertheless maintains her claims to the Baltic States as her own territory?

PART II

The Soviet "It Pays To Be Ignorant" Answer

Soviet propaganda in defiance of palpable facts, obstinately maintains the thesis that the Baltic peoples voluntarily renounced their freedom. In his address to the Supreme Council on August 1, 1940, Mr. Molotov declared that "free parliamentary elections based on the democratic franchise" had been carried out in the Baltic States and that "the peoples of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania unanimously voted for the delegates who decided in favor of introducing the

Soviet system and of the adherence of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia to the Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics" (Pravda, August 2, 1940).

According to the highly respected Dr. A. Garmus, a member of the Social - Democratic party, Mayor of the capitol, and President of the Lithuanian Red Cross, all the newly-elected members of Parliament were called to a private meeting on July 20, at 9 p. m., i. e., on the eve of the first meeting of the Parliament. They were compelled to listen to the announcement made by the Secretary - General of the Lithuanian Communist Party, Snieckus, that it had been decided in Moscow that the Parliaments of all the three Baltic States should vote their countries into the Soviet Union. Since this announcement caused great commotion among the assembly, Snieckus declared that every member of Parliament who dared to vote against this motion would be immediately shot. The same fate was to befall all the members of his family. In addition, the whole Lithuanian intelligentsia was to be subjected to terrible ordeals. This brutal threat makes it understandable that on July 21 the members of the Lithuanian Parliament voted "unanimously" without debate, for the resolution, sent by air from Moscow, that Lithuania was to be incorporated into Russia. What else could the poor men do save submit? Undoubtedly, the members of the Latvian and Estonian Parliaments were not ignorant, either, of the fate awaiting them if they should dare to vote against the motions proposed.

The statements of Dr. Garmus and his colleagues have been published in Lietuvos Archivas, Vol. III, Kaunas, 1942. The persons in question, Dr. Garmus, Prof. Kreve-Mickevicius, and others, are far too well known as highly respected and honorable men for us to doubt the veracity of the testimony given by them under oath, even though this happened in German-occupied Lithuania. Their veracity is by the way, confirmed by the fact that Dr. Garmus' description of the whole occurrence is already reported in precise detail in I. Scheynius' book Den roda floden stiger, which appeared in Stockholm in November, 1940, i. e., seven month before the outbreak of the Russo-German War and the occupation of Lithuania by the Germans. Naturally Scheynius was unable at that time to mention the names of the people who had remained in Lithuania, which was then occupied by the Russians. Since the publication of Dr. Garmus' account it has been declared by Scheynius that the patriotic member of the Seim dealt with in his book is no other than Dr. Garmus. Indirect corroboration of the report of this witness is also provided by the declarations which the three Parliaments made concerning the proclamation of a Soviet regime, the union with Soviet Russia,



Gražiausias Europos miestas, Vengrijos sostinė Budapeštas, prie kurios dabar grumiasi rusų-bolševikų ir vokiečių - nazių armijos. Kadangi tai ne Vokietijos ir ne Rusijos miestas, tai vieni puls, kiti ginsis ir gražus miestas gali būti sugriautas.

and the nationalization of property. All these absolutely identical declarations are manifestly translated from the same original into Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian. The translators had not even dared to introduce into them the slightest modifications to give them at least a certain amount of local color. It is consequently perfectly clear that these parliamentary decisions had nothing in common with the free spontaneous will of the Baltic peoples. The whole staging was directed by Moscow down to the very smallest detail.

The above two articles are extracts from a pamphlet written by August Rei, former President of Estonia and last Estonian Minister in Moscow. The pamphlet, well worth reading in its entirety, is entitled: "Have the Baltic States Voluntarily Renounced Their Freedom". It was originally published in Sweden and reprinted by the World Association of Estonians, Inc. 15 East 125th St., New York, N. Y.

These extracts were made by the Knights of Lithuania, Council I, Brockton, Massachusetts.

CHRISTMAS IN LITHUANIA

By V. F. Bellajus

Every holiday had its special attractions, particularly to us youngsters. In fact we awaited the holidays with greater anticipation than did our parents or elders. I and my two younger brothers, considered ourselves especially fortunate, because we lived next door to Auntie Skrupskas and Auntie Skrupskas was to us the symbol of all that is fine in womanhood. She loved the fields and the flower garden; she loved the cows, horses, pigs, sheep and the fowl; she loved humanity. She sheltered the wandering and fed the beggars and she loved us children. She loved every season and day of the week and the holidays, too. She somehow found time for the fields, the flower garden and her animals, to visit the sick and needy and amid all this busy activity, she also had time to make elaborate preparations for the forthcoming holidays in accordance with the required ritual, and never failed to hear Mass even though the nearest church was eight miles away in the town of Prienai, whereto, as a special precept, she walked to church to serve her Lord. For all of these reasons we considered ourselves fortunate in living next door to Auntie Skrupskas.

Her home was humble. It was a pleasant home, to be sure, with a thatched and moss grown roof and the cracks of the log walls were stuffed with moss to keep out cold drafts. The windows were small, and because of the winter, were doubly secured with storm windws. The main part of the house, occupying half of the cabin, contained very little furniture. A table, benches along the wall and a few chairs, very primitive in appearance, were all made by Uncle Skrupskas. Hearth, loom and spinning wheel took up practically two thirds of all the available space. On the walls hung a beautifully hand carved dish rack, a towel rack, pictures of Saints, the Virgin and various episodes of the life of Christ and a crucifix. The floor was not of wooden boards but of beaten clay, which naturally will not withstand continuous wear, so dents were frequent but everything was immaculately clean.

Wandering beggars found a generous hearth in the home of Aunt Skrupskas. Throughout the long cold winter months they lingered in the warmth of her shelter, partaking of the food she had to offer, and sung hymns and recited the rosary while their haggard bodies rested.

In Lithuania, we do not anticipate the Christmas Day so much as we do Christmas Eve, which we call "Kūčios" (kuchyos). This is the day of days and eve of eves. In our district, we never heard of Santa Claus, never received any Christmas gifts nor dressed Christmas trees. The latter was considered a Lutheran invention, so Catholics did not adorn their homes with them. Besides the Lithuanian love forest, and to cut an evergreen tree was unnecessary destruction. Nevertheless, there was still a great deal of color to Kūčios.

Way before sunset, we three brothers, Arejas, Julijonas and I, dashed over to Auntie's house. Shaking the snow from our "Klumpes" (wooden shoes), we entered, reciting the customary prayer, "Lai būna pagarbintas Jėzus Kristus" (Glory be to Jesus Christ) with much gusto, "Ant amžių amžinųjų" (for ever and ever) Auntie responded with a half hidden smile and without interruption her work about the stove. She had a good reason for smiling for she knew well our intentions. We sat down on a bench near the wall to be out of her way and at the same time observed closely her every move in the preparation of the meal for "Kūčios".



KRISTAU, GLOBOK MŪS ŠEIMOS NARIUS! Tai gražus puošimas katalikų namų, kurių lange matos vėievėlė su viena ar daugiau žvakučių.

With the rising of the evening star, the table was prepared with a pure white linen table cloth, whereupon hay was strewn. A sacred picture of the Nativity or the Madonna and the Child, predominated in the center of the table with figures of cows and donkeys surrounding it so that we might be brought closer to the understanding of the conditions at the birth of Christ. Now the family gathered about the table. Uncle Skrupskas and his two sons, Jonas and Antanas, Grandma Ona, Cousin Agota and her daughter Antose, Mother and we three youngsters. The dishes were set on the hay and a twelve course dinner, commemorating the twelve apostles, was served, a festive meal that only "Kūčios" could offer. First we prayed, then, a bis square wafer, bearing the image of Christ, was broken into as many pieces as there were persons at the table; each member kissed the wafer and ate their allotted piece. Then followed chopped herring mixed with seasoning, herring cutlets, rolled in flour and fried in linseed oil, fried fish, boiled potatoes, biscuits of "baravykų" — the king of Lithuania mushroom, "sliuzikai" — a batter biscuit, some plain, others mixed with poppy seeds, cut into dice to be eaten dry or in the milk of ground poppy seeds thinned with sweetened water or diluted milk. A hot porridge, "Kisielius" of oat flour, mixed with water and some times in the crust of rye bread leavened for about twelve hours, cooked and eaten with the poppy-seed milk, which gives a sharp but pleasant flavor, a fruit compote and "Midus" (mead — a sweet drink made of hops and honey) which completed the "Kūčios" meal.

According to custom, the meal lasts for three hours

Laukimas

Lekia vėjas pievom — didelis ir greitas,
Ir belapės šakos lenkiasi žemai.
Kaime prie langelio šypsosi mergaitė
Ir galvoja — gera būti mylimai.

Rašė josios Petras. Rašė ir žadėjo:
— Naujiems Metams būsiu vėl aš pas tave!
Tai todėl negirdi ji suokimo vėjo,
Sirpsta rausvi skruostai, sirpsta jaunatve.

Tolimame mieste Petras jos gyvena.
Petras — šaunus vyras. Petras jos — karys.
Ir širdy jai džiaugsmas tyliai suplazdena,
Ant tamsių blakstienų leidžias ilgesys.

Ilgesys ateina. Ilgesys praeina.
Tiktai nepraeina išdidumas jos.
Ta mintis skambesnė už skambiausią dainą:
Josios Petras saugo laisvę Lietuvos.

Kietos jojo rankos ir narsi krūtinė.
Taip, tėvelių šalį jis apgint mokės.
Jį juk didžiam darbui pašaukė Tėvynė,
Jai gi išdidumas gula ant širdies.

Tiesa, buvo liūdna, kai jisai važiavo:
— Mieste gal pamirši, Petrai, tu mane?
Tyliai tik pamojo, atsišliejus klevo,
Sunkiai atsiduso pilna krūtine.

Bet mėnuo praėjo. Gavo Petras laišką.
Rašė esąs linksmas, tiktai ilgis jos.
— Dabar mano kelias tiesus, lygus, aiškus:
— Dirbti — nepavargti labai Lietuvos!

and to make certain that it did, stories concerning the Nativity and kindred subjects, as well as of all the miracles, were told. Many were the wonders related and we children listened with open mouths and reverential awe. In relating a legend, Auntie Skrupskas, for proof would point one of the many "Abrozai", sacred pictures, that hung about the walls. "On this night, indeed, the waters turn sweeter and even the animals can speak with human voice, so that they may praise the glorious name of Him who brought peace on earth". The hours never pass more rapidly than the three hours on Kūčios night.

Carols were sung. "Šiandien Betliejū" (today in Bethlehem) being the favorite. Since "Kūčios" falls on the day of Adam and Eve, "Adomas ir Ieva" was one of the proper hymns to be sung. Because an apple is connected with the lives of Adam and Eve, a game of prediction is played with an apple. The apple is cut and divided among the members of the "Kūčios" party. If the apple was cut into an even number, all will be well until the coming "Kūčios", but if the apple was cut and an odd number resulted, then one of the guests will be missing during the coming "Kūčios". Another prediction game is also played with the sheafs of hay. Sheafs are pulled from under the plate and the one who's sheaf is the longest, will live the longest. After the dishes were cleared away the hay was gathered from the table and taken to the stalls and stys to be fed to the cattle, so that they might share in the feast activities sanctified through the holy presence of His spirit.

I can remember how reluctantly we would go home turning our eye skyward in search of the marvelous star of Bethlehem. Nor did we soon fall asleep either for we were thinking, while lying on our beds, only of the Christ-God who brought so much joy to the world; until we finally fell asleep in "heavenly peace".



Photograph by Bachrach

CHAPLAIN C. CHARLES JENKUS,

now in the U. S. Army Corps, has been the N. E. District K. of L. Spiritual Advisor, also of C-17, South Boston, Mass., several years.

—Dirbti, kad Tėvynėj vis aušra žydėtų,
—Spausti rankoj ginklą, kad būtų saugu.
—Kad tavuos darželiuos rūtos vis klestėtų,
—Ir kad tavo dainos plauktų vis dangum.

Jo liepsningi žodžiai ją džiaugsmu nugirdė,
Ach, tai jie sukėlė išdidumą jos.
Ir mintis svajinga jai užvaldė širdį:
Josios Petras saugo laisvę Lietuvos.

O čia dienos lekia. Praėjo Kalėdos.
Šiandien gavo laišką — Petras tuoj bus čia.
Lūpos tyliau šypsniu iškilmingai rėdos,
Ir veidai pablyškę rausta nejučia.

Ir galvoja: — Greitai Petrą pamatysiu,
Kaip jisai atrodo kario aprangoj?
Ir didvyrio vaizdas stoja jai akyse,
Drąsios mintys kyla širdyje jaunoj.

Lekia vėjas pievom — didelis ir greitas,
Perlipa per kalnus, griovius ir miškus.
Kaime prie langelio mąsto sau mergaitė,
Kad smagu mylėti karį Lietuvos!

J. P-nis ("K.")

Half of the total resources of the United States are now being devoted to waging war. Since Pearl Harbor war expenditures have amounted to about \$208,000,000,000. More War Bond money is needed.

The first U. S. Savings Bonds — then known as Baby Bonds — were sold nearly ten years ago. Next March the oldest of these bonds will reach maturity.

Next of kin may now send letters to American prisoner of war interned in Germany without waiting for their permanent internment address. Mail should be addressed as follows: Name and Rank, Prisoner of War in Germany, care of International Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland, via New York, N. Y. Buy War Bonds.

L. VYČIŲ NAUJOSIOS ANGLIJOS APSKRITIS

Iš savo prisiminimų, apie L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskritį, galiu parašyti tik nuo 1930 metų, nes nuo tų metų aš turėjau garbės būti vyčiu ir sekti organizacijos veikimą.

Pirmiausia su apskrities veikimu teko susipažinti 1930 metais, apskrities suvažiavime, įvykusiame Lowell, Mass., gegužės 11 d. Tais metais apskrities dvasios vadu buvo jaunas ir energingas, mylįs jaunimą, kun. Pr. Strakauskas, gi Apskričiui pirmininkavo, tais laikais daug vyčiams dirbęs K. Viesula.

Suvažiavimas buvo labai gyvas ir tas man teikė didelio malonumo, nes jaučiau, kad Amerikos lietuvių jaunimas, bus mūsų ateities vadai. Buvo plačiai apkalbėta Vyčių organizacijos reikalai ir Centru suteikta \$100.00 dovana.

Lietuviškas jaunimas — vyčiai jau ir tada gražiai veikė: surengdavo gražias gegužines, prakalbas ir kitus parengimus. Parengimams, o ypač gegužinėms, daugiausia dirbo: S. Čenkauskas, V. Vieraitis, D. Šimkus, O. Kudirkaitė (Červokienė), J. Zulonas ir kiti.

1932 metais įvykęs Apskričio Suvažiavimas gegužės 22 d., Brockton, Mass. perrinko visą Apskričio Valdybą ir žinoma tas daug įnešė į Apskritį gyvumo. Šiais metais dvasios vadu buvo kun. Pr. Juras, pirm. D. J. Averka, rašt. O. Velantukevičiūtė, išd. S. Griganavičius.

Šiame suvažiavime buvo plačiai apkalbėta visos galimybės, kaip sutraukti visą N. A. jaunimą į mūsų apskritį. Kas nors pasiūlė sportą. V. Babilas buvo išrinktas sporto vedėju. Kiek atsimenu jam įvairios sporto lygos sėkmingai pavyko suorganizuoti. Sporto sekcijos puikiai gyvavo vyčiuose iki šio karo. Dabar didžiama vyčių sportininkų, grumiasi karo fronte.

1933 metais apskr. dvasios vadu buvo kun. V. Puidokas, apskr. pirm. J. Antanėlis, (optometristas). Šiais metais veikimas šiek tiek sumažėjo dėl įvairių priežasčių, bet 1934 metais veikimas vėl ėjo pilnu tempu. 1934 metais valdybą sudarė: dvasios vadas kun. V. Puidokas, pirm. V. Kereišis, rašt. P. Antanėlytė.

Sportas šiais metais žymiai sustiprėjo. Vyrų sportu rūpinosi V. Babilas, o merginoms vadovavo E. Jasionytė - Perekšlienė. Tarp sportininkų būdavo įvairūs kontestai ir sutraukdavo daug žmonių į žaidimus. Sporto ir kitais reikalais daug patardavo kun. S. Vembrė.

Tuo laiku buvo surengta gan sėkmingų apskrities pasilinksminimo pramogų — šokių. Dažniausiai darbavosi Felicija Grendelytė, Ona Razvadauskaitė, A. Gaputis ir k.

Apskričiui per keturis metus, tai yra iki 1938 metų, pirmininkavo V. Kereišis, gi dvasios vadu buvo kun. V. Puidokas. Raštininkės buvo įvairios: M. Totilaitė, O. Veličkaitė, E. Jasionytė-



KUN. J. JUTKEVIČIUS,

L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskričio Dvasios Vadas. Jo didelis pasidarbavimas tarpe jaunimo sukėlė Vyčiuose didelio entuziazmo veikti netik Aušros Vartų parapijoje, Worcester, Mass., bet ir visame apskrityje.

Perekšlienė. Sportui vadovavo V. Babilas, Jasionytė, Karlonaitė - Skadauskienė, J. Butkevičius ir kiti.

1937 metais, Athol, Mass., rugsėjo 26 d., buvo įsteigtas Stipendijų fondas, kad pagelbėjus neturtingus siekiančius aukštesnį mokslą. Šiuo fondu daugiausia rūpinosi kun. J. Vaitekūnas, P. Rakauskas ir kiti.

1937 metais apskritis surengė puikų bankietą Providence, R. I., pagerbti savo organizacijos garbės narius: kun. K. Urbonavičių, kun. P. Virmauskį ir M. A. Norkūną. Šie garbingi asmenys, netik vyčių organizacijos garbės nariai, bet ir organizacijos įsteigėjai. Bankieto laiku buvo pasakyta gražių kalbų ir garbės svečiams įteikta dovanėlės.

1938 metais dvasios vadu buvo kun. J. Vaitekūnas, pirm. Pr. Razvadauskas, rašt. E. Jasionytė - Perekšlienė. Sporto: V. Kereišis.

Įvykęs L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskričio pusmetis suvažiavimas, rugsėjo 25 d., išklau-sė A. Skiriaus turiningo referato temoje: "Lietuvos katalikiškojo jaunimo uždaviniai" ir išklau-sė daugiau paaiškinimų apie lenkų žiaurumus okupuotoje Lietuvoje, išgirdę apie konfiskavimą Mokslo Draugijos turto, vienbalsiai nutarė ir pasiuntė Lenkų atstovybei Washingtone ir kitoms įstaigoms tokio turinio rezoliuciją:

"L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos Apskričio skaitlingas suvažiavimas, įvykęs rugsėjo 25 d., 1938 metais, So. Boston, Massachusetts, griežtai rei-



Panelė Teofilė Aukštikalnytė, Lietuvos Vyčių 26 kuopos, Worcester, Mass., išdininkė; L. V. Naujos Anglijos Apskričio prot. raštininkė; L. V. Centro Valdybos protokolų sekretorė. Jos didelis darbštumas ir nuoširdumas dirbti Dievui ir Tėvynei ir įpareigojo ją prie to jai mylimojo darbo darbuotis su jaunimu.

Panelė Teofilė Aukštikalnytė daug darbuojasi ir parapijos labui. Tik ką praėjęs parapijos Aukštinis Jubiliejus irgi buvo jos rūpesčiu, kad pasisekimas būtų užtikrintas. Šiame darbe ji buvo įėjus į parapijos aukštinio jubiliejaus Rengimo komitetą ir ten ėjo raštininkės pareigas. Mes ją matome ir didžiuliam parapijos chore.

Šia proga linkime p-lei T. Aukštikalnytei ir toliaus tęsti taip gražų darbą tarpe jaunimo!



**ADV. ANTANAS YOUNG
(JANKAUSKAS),**

L. Vyčių Naujos Anglijos Apskričio pirmininkas jau antri metai ir, labai pavyzdinčiai apskričiai vadovauja. Ne tik apskričiai jis vadovauja, bet ir 17 vyčių kuopai, jis pirmininkavo 1940-1941 metais ir, kaip gabus advokatas - magistras, į kuopą įnešė labai daug naujos dvasios ir gerą sistemą. Kaip apskrities pirmininkas jis įeina į Vyčių Centro Valdybą, ir pereito Seimo, buvo išrinktas į Ritualo komisiją. Linkime geriausio pasisekimo!



**ONA KUDIRKIENĖ
(Razvadauskaitė),**

L. Vyčių Naujosios Anglijos išdininkė jau treči metai. Vytė Kudirkienė būdama Vyčių 17-tos kuopos ribose, So. Boston, Mass., labai daug dirbo vyčiams ir buvo kuopos finansų raštininkė per tris metus. Veikė įvairiose komisijose ir visuomet parodė daug nuoširdumo organizacijai.

Du metai atgal, Onutė ištekėjo už darbštaus vyčio Br. Kudirkos. Dabar ji augina gražią dukrelę — Elzytę. Sveikiname ir linkime ilgai, ilgai su vyčiais darbuotis!

kalauja lenkų vyriausybės, gražinti Mokslo Draugijos konfiskuotą brangiausią turtą — literatūrą — ir vėl leisti lietuviškam jaunimui egzistuoti”.

1939 ir 1940 metais dvasios vadu buvo kun. V. Puidokas, pirm. Pr. Razvadauskas, rašt. E. Jasionytė, J. Norkūnaitė ir p. Alikonytė. Sportu per šį laiką rūpinosi: C. Patrick, E. Casman ir O. Manikaitė.

1940 metais Apskrities suvažiavime Westfield, Mass. buvo paskirta stambi auka Lietuvos pabėgėliams šelpti.

1941 metais Apskričiai vadovavo dvasios vadas kun. J. Vaitekūnas, pirm. Br. Kudirka, rašt. T. Aukštikalnytė. Šiais metais, apskritis surengė puikų balių King Phillip's salėje ir išleido įdomią apskrities "Vyties" laidą. Sportui vadovavo šiais metais: Pr. Civilikas, J. Butkevičius ir J. Navickas.

1942 metais valdyba buvo ta pati, išskyrus dvasios vadą. Juo buvo skirtas kun. Kazimieras Jenkus.

1943 ir 1944 metais apskričiai vadovauja ta pati valdyba, būtent: dvasios vadas kun. K. Jen-

kus, pirm. adv. Antanas Young - Jankauskas, išd. O. Kudirkienė, rašt. T. Aukštikalnytė.

Balandžio mėn. 30 d., 1944, Apskrities suvažiavime Worcester, Mass., vyčiai apsvarstė Kongresmano Robert Hale, išsireiškimus apie Lietuvą, vienbalsiai nutarė pasiųsti jam protesto - paaikškinimo laišką. Taip pat, šiame suvažiavime vyčiai išrinko komisiją, sekti įvairią spaudą ir pasiųsti protesto laiškus tiems, kurie netiksliai apie Lietuvą informuoja, gi padėkos laiškus tiems, kurie Lietuvos reikalus gina ir mus užtaria.

Baigiant, noriu sveikinti L. Vyčių Naujos Anglijos apskritį ir linkėti gražios ateities, vieningo darbo, kad kiekvienoje Naujos Anglijos parapijoje - kolonijoje gražiai gyvuotų vyčių kuopos. Kur jų dar nėra, kad susiorganizuotų.

Reikia tikėtis, kad mano troškimas išsipildys, nes apskritį turime labai daug nuoširdžių vadų — dvasiškių ir pasaulionių.

Tad, gyvuokit vyčiai! Užkariaukite širdis viso Naujosios Anglijos jaunimo po savo vėliava, vienam obalsiui: Dievui ir Tėvynei!

P. R.

HONOR ROLL

Sveikiname D. G. Kleboną Kun. K. Vasi, Dvasios Vadą Kun. Jutkevičių, mūsų tėvelius, Centro valdybą, visas Lietuvos Vyčių kuopas, Vyčius kariuomenėje, visus rėmėjus bei draugus organizacijos ir 116-tos kuopos su Šventomis Kalėdomis ir Laimingais Naujais Metais.

VALDYBA IR NARIAI

116-tos Kuopos.

Pavedame šį žurnalo puslapį garbėje visų 116-tos kuopos narių dabar tarnaujančių Dėdės Samo kariuomenėje:

EUROPEAN WAR THEATER

Sgt. Jonas Adomaitis	Army	Cpl. Antanas Leketa	Army
Sgt. Vytautas Atkocius	Army	Pvt. Juozas Leketa	Army
Sgt. Vincas Burokas	Army	Capt. Juozas Matacinskas	Army
Henrikas Burda 2/c	Navy	Pvt. Juozas Marcinkus	Army
Pvt. Jonas Butkevičius	Army	Sgt. Antanas Reinys	Army
Sgt. Juozas Jurgelionis	Army	Lt. Pranas Reinys	Army
Cpl. Antanas Gudukas	Army	T/sgt. Gabrielius Trumpaitis	Army
Lt. Vincas Kasperas	Army	Cpl. Juozas Varaska	Army

PACIFIC WAR THEATER

PACIFIC WAR THEATRE		Pfc. Jonas Overka	Marines
Albinas Glavickas 3/c	Navy	Augustas Pupelis 2/c	Navy
Cpl. Albinas Levansevicius	Army	Pvt. Albertas Pavolis	Army
Lt. j. g. Petras Matacinskas	Navy	Albinas Rakauskas 3/c	Navy
Pfc. Vincas Montvila	Army	Lt. Izabelle Vaitkunaitė	Army Nurse
Leo Misiunas 1/c	Navy		

UNITED STATES WAR THEATER

Pvt. Juozas Baliukonis	Army	Pvt. Edvardas Vaitkevicius	Army
Lt. Adomas Kudarauskas	Army	Lt. Vladas Zakaras	Army
Pranas Kudarauskas 1/c Coast Guard		Sgt. Jonas Pigaga	Army
Cpl. Charles Lapinskas	Army	Pvt. Petras Jonytis	Army
Konstantas Macionis	Navy	Pvt. Edvardas Siugzdinis	Army
Vytautas Ciras	Navy	Sgt. Antanas Trumpaitis	Army
Albertas Senkus	Navy	Pvt. Ona Sablinskaitė	WAC
Edmund Jonytis	Navy		

OUR PATRONS

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Walter Petcavage
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Gabriel Wiggins
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Joseph Romanauskas
John Phillips
A. Francis Puzas
Anne Mendle
Mr. & Mrs. Al Waiciulonis

Mrs. Valarie Povilaitis
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund White
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ignotas

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Greetings

Knights of Lithuania Council 103

Providence, Rhode Island



Thirty Years' Growth of Council 17 of the K. of L.

SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Council 17 Knights of Lithuania was organized in August, 1914. Practically all of the members were born in Lithuania and thus it was very appropriate that all conversations and business procedures be conducted in the Lithuanian tongue. Realizing the truth of the adage, "In union there is strength", these patriotic and God-fearing people organized themselves for purposes of mutual assistance and at the same time to instill those virtues and the spirit of Lithuania into their children. Some of the first members were Mr. Svagzdys, our first president, Rev. Francis W. Strakauskas, Messrs. Jakubauskas, Bruzga, Protozas, Juzivaitis, J. Vilkišius, Miss Alsevičiūtė, and others.

After the first World War, Council 17 made great progress due to the zeal and industry of many of its new members. Its enrollment took pride in having listed V. Medonis, Z. Gurkliūtė, Glineckienė, A. F. Kneizys, P. Milius, A. Ivaška, V. Tamulonis, V. Savickas, M. Žukauskaitė, and Z. Žukauskaitė and at that time Rev. F. Kemešys as Spiritual Advisor.

It was only natural to expect that with so many young men and women as active members there would be a great emphasis upon athletics and during 1925-1930 with the able coaching of Dr. Galvariskis and E. Batastini, Council 17 received its due share of publicity and prize. Some of the outstanding athletes of that period were S. Kabalinskas, J. Tamulis, J. Zapustas, S. Navickas, F. Lucas, P. Kazlauskas, and Naujokas.

Council 17 is especially proud of its deserved preeminence in the sphere of dramatics. From its earliest days the young men and women of this district shared their intellectual and historic talents by producing countless plays in the mother tongue for the delight and amusement of members and guests. Some of the never-to-be-forgotten dramas were, "Gedimino Sapnas", "Vytau-

tas Pančiuose", "Valdovas" and the melodramatic vehicle "Žmogžudžio Duktė". Even now a greater cast has been assembled for rehearsals for an extravaganza to be staged on the feast of Saint Casimir.

In the summer of 1925, the 13th K. of L. National Convention was held in Boston under the leadership of A. F. Kneizys, Tamulionis, and V. Savickas. That convention was one of the most successful. And not to be outdone, Boston again played host to the 20th National Convention of the K. of L. with some of the more prominent officer and members as: Father F. Virmauskis — spiritual advisor, President J. B. Laučka (now editor of "Amerika"), D. Averka, G. Zovyte, B. Kavoliute, J. Matulauskaitė, S. Griganavičius, F. Razvadauskas, P. Zasimavičius, J. Zulonon, A. Neviera, M. Matuzaitė, F.

Karlonaitė - Skadauskienė, B. Skrickus, J. Petrauskas and many more.

From 1938 until the present, the membership of Council 17 has steadily increased due to the esprit de corps of officers and members alike. Many Americans of Lithuanian descent joined the council and engendered much enthusiasm into its activities and many innovations. We cannot overlook such organizers and sincere workers as P. Rakauskas, S. Beleskas, V. Averka, B. Skrickus, F. Grendelytė, S. Mickevich, P. Veracka, and I. Norinkevičiūtė. Among those who introduced bowling activities and interests in running a bowling alley were J. Lesčinskas, A. Brasas, A. Gaputis, J. Chaplik, B. Yusavitch, A. Sidlauskas, A. Kleponis, F. Karlonaitė - Skadauskienė, A. Marcinkas, Onutės Petrušytė, B. Tamulis and so many more.

At present, council headquarters are located at the corner of Emerson St. and Broadway in South Boston, the site of the K. of L. Bowling alleys. The council is indeed fortunate in having the valued services of Martin Gaputis who has operated in the capacity of manager since the alleys were opened. Martin is Warrant Officer's Anthony "Tony" Gaputis' father. Tony has long been active member of the Knights of Lithuania and is on the C-17 rolls. Tony at present is in the service at New Jersey, but long before the outbreak of World War II he was in the government service.

During the period 1940-44 there were three active presidents. The president during 1940 was Anthony Young, practicing attorney, who instilled greater ideals and loyalty in the organization. The following year, popular, F. Razvadauskas was returned to office. The next two years he was elevated to higher office. First, as president of the New England District, and the following year was elected Center president. This office he still holds. The past three years Larry Svelnis has been president... During his first year of presidency, the 30th National Convention was thrust upon C-17 on very short



LONGINOS ŠVELNIS,
(LARRY SVELNIS)

Lietuvos Vyčių 17 Algirdo kuopos pirmininkas. Jis tas pareigas eina jau trys metai. Tai vienas iš pavyzdgingiausių jaunuolių. Jo didelė veikla su jaunimu visur yra matoma. Jis ir L. Vyčių seime, jis ir apskrityje ir kuopoje, visuomet dalyvauja ir gana gražiai orientuojasi visuose jaunimo organizacijos reikaluose.

**COUNCIL 17 MEMBERS
WHO ANSWERED
THE COUNTRY'S CALL -**

Chaplain C. Charles Jenkus
Victor S. Anchukaitis
Joseph Bernatonis
Alex Brasas
Joseph P. Brazauskas
Victor Bukauskas
Bronislaw J. Burack
Anthony V. Chetkauskas
John Contons
Stephen Contons
Robert J. Dixon
Edmund F. Gailius
Paul Gailunas
Anthony M. Gaputis
Kazimer Gaputis
Anthony Gedaminsky
Joseph Gedraitis
Louis Gedraitis
Peter Genevich
Alphonse V. Grabol
*Michael F. Grendal, M. D.
Francis V. Grigalunas
John Grigalunas
Victor Grigalunas
Edward P. Grigalus
V. J. V. Guzievyč
Albert Jarvis
Charles Karcauskas
Ann Kleponis
Albert Kniupis
Joseph Kibart
George Kudrick
Peter Kupraitis

HONOR ROLL



O Mary, our dear Mother of hope and consolation
Please take the boys under your loving protection.
Guide them along the road of salvation
And bring them home to a grand celebration.



Albin Marcinkus
Al P. Marakavitch
John J. Markavitch

Frank Markuns
Peter Martinaitis
Josephine Mason

William V. Meleski
Ernest P. Naudziunas
*Vincent Owirka
J. J. Pasakarnis
John Petkus
Paul Plevack
Anthony Pocius
Frank M. Seluk
Albert Shertick
Victor Sidlauskas
Joseph Shlazus
*Bronius Skrickus
Joseph Slanina
Anthony Strow
Alphonse Stakutis
Charles Stukas
Frank S. Svelnis
Joseph C. Svelnis
Fred W. Sykes
Vincent Trakimavich
John Tuma
Adolph Vallis
John P. Vallis
Teddy S. Vallis
Al Wachack
Jan Werbicki
* Elizabeth Westfield
Alexander Witkus
Vincent J. Yankauskas
Stephen Yuris
Anthony Zardeskas
John Zibutis
Julius Zilinsky
Alphonse Wadluga
* Honorably discharged

notice. With restrictions of war, the council fulfilled this task above expectation.

The past two years the council's activities were limited. True to the "Vyčių obalsio" for God and Country, forty percent of the members, including our spiritual advisor, Rev. C. Charles Jenkus entered the service of the Country. Here it might be mentioned, that Chaplain C. Charles Jenkus, through his untiring efforts and diligence, helped make our council members become more active than ever in our community.

It is pleasant to muse in retrospect on the happy memories of other days and though confronted with perplexing problems due to war time conditions Knights of Lithuania Council 17 is confident that its reputation as in the past will continue to be on the successful side of the ledger. Indeed with that glorious maxim and ideal. "Omnia ad maiorem Dei Gloriam", all for the greater glory of God, the future success of

South Boston Council 17 is a certainty.

Officers of Council 17 for 1944 —
President — Larry Svelnis; Vice-President — Joseph Keršanskis; Secretary — Joan Marculaitis; Treasurer — Albert Kleponis; Board Secretary — Ann Kleponis (WACS); Financial Sec. — Patricia Zibutis;; Sergeant-at-arms — Anthony Jakmauh; Trustees — Myra Antanelis and John Petrauskas.

MANHATTAN LUNCHEON CLUB

November 30th in the Weather Man's records is probably described as a day of chill winds and icy rain. But to the K. of L. members who toil around Times Square November 30th is the day that saw the inauguration of the Manhattan K. of L. Luncheon Club. By bus and subway they gathered at the Herald Square Hotel, 116 West 34th Street, to have

lunch together. It was altogether fitting, they thought, that this new idea should be launched on the eve of our venerable Mykolas Norkunas' 75th birthday. Represented at the luncheon were the K. of L. strongholds of Maspeth, Great Neck and Brooklyn. On hearing that the Center is planning to publish a booklet of Lithuanian songs, each one present, between courses, jotted down titles of his or her favorites, to be forwarded to those who might be wondering what to include in the proposed publication. By dessert time it was agreed that these noon gatherings should be continued regularly.

Because these meetings are primarily of business people, everything is extremely punctual. Luncheon starts promptly at 12:30 and is over by 1:30. The Club's next luncheon is tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday in January. Local and out-of-town members are cordially invited. But it would be a good plan to check a day or two before with either Joe Augustinas or Joe Boley. MNX.

IŠ L. VYČIŲ NAUJOS ANGLIJOS APSKR. SUSIRINKIMO

Lietuvos Vyčių Naujos Anglijos Apskričio pusmetinis susirinkimas įvyko spalio 1, 1944, šv. Kazimiero par. bažnytinėje salėje, Westfield, Mass. Vietinės kuopos pirmininkė Sophie Grigaliunas atidarė susirinkimą ir pakvietė apskričio pirmininką adv. Antaną Jankauską užimti vietą.

Maldai vadovavo vietinis klebonas kun. Puidokas.

Mandatų komisija, kuri susidėjo iš kuopų pirmininkų, buvo pakviesta užimti vietą. Į mandatų komisiją įėjo sekantieji:

Jonas Slavinskas, Worcester, Mass.; Stanley Karsokas, So. Worcester, Mass.; Nell Brazauskas, Hartford, Conn.; Bertha Savickas, Providence, R. I.; Sophie Grigaliunas, Westfield, Mass.; Larry Svelnis, So. Boston, Mass.; Alice Alinskas, Brockton, Mass.

Sugiedota Lietuvos, Amerikos ir Vyčių himnai taipgi God Bless America.

Sekantieji sveikino suvažiavimą:

Pirmininkas Antanas Jankauskas, So. Boston, Mass.; klebonas kun. Puidokas, Westfield, Mass.; kun. Jonas Jutkevičius, Worcester, Mass., savo ir kun. Vasio vardu; kun. Norbutas, Brockton, Mass., savo ir kun. švagždžio vardu; kun. M. Tamulevičius, Athol, Mass., savo ir kun. Juraičio vardu; M. A. Norkunas, Lawrence, Mass.

Kun. Jonas Jutkevičius buvo pakviestas į rezoliucijų komisiją.

Protokolas buvo perskaitytas ir priimtas.

Komisijų raportai sekė:

1. Ritualo raportą išdavė Antanas Jankauskas, kuriame pranešė, kad ritualo komisija buvo suėjus su kun. Juru, kuris pagelbės komisijai ritualo darbuose. Naujos Anglijos komisija sykiu su Centro Ritualo komisija dirbs sykiu sudarant naują ritualą.

2. "Vyties" išleidimo raportą išdavė A. Jankauskas. Nutarimus šiuo klausimu suteiks rezoliucijų komisija savo raporte.

3. Jaunimo Sekmadienio raportą irgi išdavė A. Jankauskas, kuriame raportavo, kad nieko nebuvo nuveikta. Dėlei dabartinių karo aplinkybių šis veikimas atidėtas iki pabaigos karo. Bet komisija palikta darbuotis tą kryptimi, kad karui pasibaigus būtų įvykdyti planai.

4. Apskričio šokių raportą išdavė Longinas švelnis. Nuostolis nuo šokių buvo \$150.25. L. švelnis, vardu 17 kuopos, prašė, kad apskritis atmokėtų tą nuostolį.

Pasveikinimo laiškas nuo Centro



Kun. Albertas Abračinskas,

L. Vyčių 17 kuopos naujai perėmęs Dvasios Vado pareigas. Jo linksmas ir malonus būdas padės jaunimui jų daugelyje klausimų sėkmingai išsiaiškinti. Kun. Albertas turi daug gabumų ir reikia tikėtis, kad jis juos pavartos vyčių labui.

Pirmininko Prano Razvadausko buvo perskaitytas.

Šiuo laiku suvažiavimą sveikino kun. Jonas Bakanas iš Worcester, Mass.

Mandatų komisija raportavo, kad susirinkime dalyvavo — 47 atstovai; 8 svečiai; 5 kunigai; 1 Centro Valdybos narys. Viso — 61.

Iždininkė savo raporte pranešė, kad ižde turima \$204.97.

Visuotinio Seimo raportą išdavė A. Norkūnaitė ir A. Jankauskas. Raportas buvo priimtas.

Sekė rezoliucijos:

1. Pageidauta, kad kiekviena kuopa išrinktų komisiją, kurios nariai rūpintūs suieškoti bile kokius straipsnius apie Lietuvą parašytus vietiniuose laikraščiuose ir žurnaluose ir nusiųsti apskrities komisijos vadui. Priimta.

2. Pageidauta, kad kiekviena kuopa aktyviai prisidėtų prie Lietuvai šalpos Fondo skyriaus savo parapijoje įsteigtos. Priimta.

3. Nutarta, kad kiekviena kuopa prisiųstų medžiagos ir finansiniai sulyg kuopos išgalės prisidėtų prie išleidimo vienos "Vyties" laidos, gruodžio mėnesį. Priimta.

4. Nutarta, kad N. A. Apskritis užmokėtų Algirdo 17 kuopai, So. Boston, \$75.12, padengtų pusę lešų šokių nuostolių, tos kuopos surengtų birželio mėn. Priimta.

5. Nutarta, kad N. A. Apskritis suteiktų \$10.00 auką savo Dvasios Vadui kun. Jenkui, įstojusiam į J. V.

Kariuomenės Kapelionus. Priimta.

Buvo įnešta, kad apskričio suvažiavime visi mirusieji Vyčiai būtų atminti maldose.

Sekantis apskričio susirinkimas įvyks Worcester, Mass. 26-tos kuopos globoje.

Susirinkimas buvo uždarytas su malda, kurią atkalbėjo kun. Norbutas.

Teofilė Aukštikalnytė,
Raštininkė.

CICERO, ILL.

COUNCIL 14

We're all very happy to see Ernie Kaminskas home from the Atlantic War Theatre in which he's serving as a Naval seaman. Ernie attended our recent meeting with his wife, Ann, and relayed some several interesting details about far-off places he had visited. Good luck and God's blessings to you, Ernie. We hope to see you again, soon.

Around Thanksgiving Day, Leo David was home from Ohio where he attended Engineering School, and Johnny Bart was home from Sampson, New York.

Members, won't you please leave the two Friday evenings of each month open for a "date" with us at our meetings? We've noted quite a number of absentees. We need your assistance and co-operation.

Recently, we had interesting motion pictures shown by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pavis, to whom we are most grateful. We also enjoyed the coffee and doughnuts served by our members.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Gobbler's Hop was a tremendous success. We wish to thank especially those members who were so co-operative and helped to make this affair to be long remembered.

Our four members — Stelle Brozas, Florence Juravicius, Aldona Sleinis and Emily Vaitiekus, gave interesting reports as to what had transpired at the National Convention held in New York City, which they attended. They also made special comment on the social events that took place. Our president, Stelle Brozas, was elected National Vice President of the K. of L.

Mr. and Mrs. Petkus recently rejoined. Mrs. Petkus is already active by having accepted to be cashier at our last Dance.

Just a memo to service members overseas and in the States — I DO wish all of you would try and jot a line or two to us when time permits so that we may take advantage of publishing more newsy comments about you. COME on FELLOWS, give us a helping hand.

God Bless everyone of you and may He keep you safe always. Emily.



WORCESTER, MASS., Council 26 — Front row seated — L. to r. — Claire Grigaitis, Fin. Sec.; Tillie Aukstikalnis, Treasurer; Mary Jurgelionis, Pres.; Mary Streimikis, Vice Pres. Sesond row — l. to r. — Adele Ivaska, Sgt at arms; Rev. John Bakanas, Spir. Advisor; Anne Burdulis, Auditor.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Lietuvos Vyčiai pradėjo organizuotis 1916 metais. Dr. A. Račkus buvo pirmas organizatorius.

Jaunųjų Vyčių skyrius buvo užmegstas 1920 metais. Tą darbą atliko Vincas Stankus. Skyrius gyvavo iki 1926 metų ir persikėlė į didesnę skyrių. Narių buvo apie šimtas.

Pirmą valdybą 1916 metais sudarė: Antanas Ciganskis — pirm.; Pranas Zataveckas — rašt.; Jonas Galiauskas — fin. rašt.; Juozas Bačys — išdininkas.

Ši kuopa gražiai darbavosi Bažnyčios ir Tėvynės labui per ilgus laikus. Per paskutinį kartą prisidėjo darbu ir aukomis prie Lietuvos šelpimo ir pirkimo su pardavinėjimu Laisvės Bonų. Devyni nariai tarnavo Dėdės Samo kariuomenėje: Tamas Migauckas, kuris žuvo Prancūzijoje; V. Ivanauskas, Petras Milius, Martinas Kazlauskas, Petras Stepnikas, P. Mingilas, P. Visminas, J. Kedaitis ir J. Naujokas.

Kuopa turėdavo savo Dramos Ratelį ir kasmet surengdavo kokį nors parengimą parapijos naudai. Čia matydavosi veikiant — Vincas Kereišis, Feliksas Puzara, Marijona Tamsoniūtė, Teofilė Aukštikalnytė, Pranė Paulauskaitė, Pranas Tamsonas, Adelė Bickiūtė, Kazimieras Kulikauskas, Adelė Gadiliauskaitė, Ona Lu-

kosevičiūtė, Adomas Taparauskas, Pranas Tumas, J. Sakaitis. Kadangi per dabartinį karo laiką daugelis išėjo į kariuomenę, dėl stokos talentų veikimas laikinai šioj srytyj nutrauktas. Prie parapijos Auksinio Jubilejaus prisidėjo savo gražia auka.

Iš kuopos priskaitome net 33 narius, kurie yra šiame kare. Keturi paaukavo savo gyvybę.

Nuo 1916 ligi 1941 metų Vyčių 26 kuopai pirmininkavo iš eilės šie nariai: Antanas Čiganskas, P. Steponkus, O. Vasilaitė, J. Bačys, P. Jurgelionis, P. Puišys, E. Baltrušaitė, J. Zakaras, M. Velyvis, V. Sankus, F. Puzaras, J. Vaitkus V. Kereišis, K. Jogminas. Kai kurie nariai pirmininkavo po kelis metus.

Dabartinė Valdyba — Kun. J. Bakanas — Dv. Vadas; Marijona Jurgelionienė — pirm.; Marijona Streimikienė — vice-pirm.; Ieva Jurgelionytė — prot. rašt.; Klara Grigaitė — fin. rašt.; Teofilė Aukštikalnytė — išdininkė; Jonas Slavinskas ir Ona Burdulytė — Kasos Globėjai; Aldona Jablonskaitė — koresp.; Adelė Ivaškaitė — tvarkdarė.

Vyčiai labai gražiai darbuojasi dėl Labdarybės. Prieš Velykas ir Kalėdas renka aukas ir kitais darbais remia didžiąją parapijos labdarybę.

Kuopa turi kelis sporto ratelius, būtent: Basket Ball, Baseball ir Bowling.

Kuopa didžiuojasi šiais žymesniais

savo nariais, kurie savo laiku puošė jos narių eiles ir kaikurie ir šiandien darbuojasi su vyčiais: a. a. kun. Dr. J. Navickas; kun. J. J. Jakaitis; profesorius K. Pakštas, ir jo žmona; Dr. A. Račkus; a. a. kun. Čaplikas; kun. A. Petraitis; kun. S. J. Vembrė; kun. J. Bakanas; adv. A. J. Mileris ir k.

Šiais metais merginų bowling rate-lij sudaro šios vytytės: Marijona Tamsonaitė, Teofilė Aukštikalnytė, Luce Tamošiūnas, Karolina Zumaitė, Adelė Kuzmickaitė, Ieva Jurgelionytė, Mikalina Jarusevičiūtė, Klara Grigaitė, Adelė Ivaškaitė ir Agnietė Law.

VALDYBOS NARIAI:

MARIJONA JURGELIONIENĖ: Pirm. yra veikli Vyčių kuopos narė. Šį metą buvo išrinkta vice-pirm. ir resignavus pirm. Adomui Kacevičiui, gegužės mėnesį, tapo išrinkta į tą atsakomingą vietą. Per visą savo maž-daug buvimą Vyčiuose, yra užėmus svarbias vietas valdyboje. Ponia Jurgelionienė yra sumani lietuvaitė ir gan pasekmingai vairuoja 26-tą kuopą šiais pirmais pirmininkavimo metais. Priklauso visose jaunimo organizacijose: chore (pirmininkė), Sodalietėse. Prie bendro parapijos veikimo vis ją rasi eilėse darbininkų.

ADOMAS KACEVIČIUS, buvęs pirm. iki geg. mėn., energingas ilgametis vytytis. Gabus žmogus, daug pa-

sidarbavęs Vyčiuose. Visose komisijose Adomas vis užimdavo svarbias roles. Mylėtojas kovoti dėl organizacijos labo. Šeimos reikalai privertė atsisakyti nuo pirmininkavimo. Visgi dar ir dabar stropiai darbuojasi kuopoje kartu su savo žmona (Būvydaite). Jam pavesta siuntinėti kas mėnuo organizacijos laikraštį "Vytį" visiems, kurie yra Dėdės Samo tarnyboje.

MARIJONA STREIMIKIENĖ: dabartinė vice-pirmininkė, ilgametė vytė, kartu su savo vyru, Juozu, yra buvus tankiai valdybos nare. Sumani vytė ir rūpinasi organizacijos gerove. Nors ir motina lankosi į susirinkimus.

TEOFILĖ AUKŠTIKALNYTĖ: Iždininkė. Apie ją nėra tinkamų žodžių aprašyti josios ypatingą pasišventimą dēlei Vyčių organizacijos. Josios dvasios sunku rasti jaunimo tarpe. Garbė 26-tai kuopai turėti ją savo tarpe. Ji yra Centro Valdybos narė (protokolų raštininkė). Ramiu savo būdu darbuojasi visur. Jubiliejaus parap. komisijos narė, raštininkė. Taipogi yra Apskričio Valdybos narė.

IEVA JURGELIONYTĖ: Protokolų raštininkė. Užima svarbią vietą kuopos gyvybės palaikyme. Yra buvus ilgas metus karšta darbuotoja šioj kuopoj. Tokį stropumą sunku bent kur rasti, nes ji irgi priklauso prie visų jaunimo organizacijų. Visgi randa laiko pašvęsti visas savo jėgas kiekvienai. Jos malonus būdas, ištvermė, yra apvainikavimas atsakomųjų vietų, kurias ji užima įvairiose draugijose. Baigus šv. Kazimiero parapijinę mokyklą ir Ascension Aukštesnę mokyklą su pažymiais. Darbšti jaunuolė, visur pirmiausia prie darbo, ar tai parapijos veikime, ar tai kokios nors draugijos parengimuose. Parapijos Jubiliejaus minėjimo komisijos irgi raštininkė.

JONAS SLAVINSKAS, kasos globėjas, kartu su Ona Burdulyte, seniai Vyčiuose darbuojasi. Abu gražaus būdo žmonės, veiklūs, buvo įvairių komisijų nariais ir smarkiai darbuojasi. Savo užduotį, kasos Globėjų, labai sąžiningai atlieka. Jono moteris irgi yra pavyzdinga vytė, darbšti moteriškė.

WATERBURY, CONN.

COUNCIL 7

In writing the history and social activities of the New England District of the Knights of Lithuania, one shouldn't miss a description of one of its most active and oldest councils located in Waterbury, Conn. Council #7 was organized in Waterbury, Conn. on March 31, 1916. From the first record available, we gather that the council from its very first existence, was very



STEPAS MICKEVIČIUS,
L. Vyčių 17-tos kuopos darbštus vytis. Jis šiam apskričio leidiniui paruošė 17 kuopos istorijos apžvalgą.

active and prominent in local social affairs.

The first organizers were: Rev. J. Valantiejus, present pastor, J. K. Kovas, Anastasia Petrauskas, Joseph and Anna Saliunas, Rev. Benedict Gauronskas, Curate, Bartholomew Gigris and Adele Lutkus.

After two years of its successful advancement, somehow the club began to slow down in its activities. It came to a point at one time where it was on the verge of complete disorganization. However, a few conscientious members began to reorganize and brought back the council to its former standing. With reinstatement of Lithuania's Independence, the Waterbury council strengthened itself by contributing

Tris Dienas

Tris dienas, tris naktis keleliu ėjau,
Ketvirtoj naktelėj girioj nakvojau.

Išgirdau, girdėjau girioj balselį,
Mislįjau, dūmojau—motulė šaukia.

Nei šaukia, nei laukia manęs motutė,
Tik gailiai kukuoja girioj gegutė.

Važiavau Dieną

Važiavau dieną, važiavau naktį,
Ir privažiavau žalią pievelę.

Toje pievelėj, toje žaliojoj,
Ten merguzėlė šienelį grėbė.

Oi mergyt, mergyt, mergyte mano,
Tai man patinka tavo darbelis,
Žalioj pievelėj grėbti šienelį.

financial and moral aid to our fatherland. Out of its meager funds, it bought \$100 worth of Lithuanian bonds and during the following few years it sent to Lithuania over \$900. This shows how close the fatherland was to their hearts.

St. Joseph's parish of Waterbury has also benefited by the K. of L.'s diligence in cooperation with other parish groups. During the first decade, it contributed \$2500.00 to help the parish. Seeing the necessity in helping the parish orphanage it also donated \$150.00 to this cause. For such generous financial assistance, the parish, in turn, gave the K. of L. its present club.

From that time on the club began to progress. Out of its ranks many athletic groups were formed. Tennis, golf, and basketball teams brought back to its club many trophies. It is only since the war that the basketball team has been disorganized due to the fact that many of its members are in the armed forces.

With the coming of Professor A. Aleksis to Waterbury, the St. Joseph's K. of L. choir was formed. Enough credit and thanks cannot be given to him for his untiring efforts — not only to the parish, but to the Knights of Lithuania.

With the coming of the war, the club lost 32 male members. The first to go was Charles Lee who presently is a prisoner of war. The first casualty was TN/Cpl. Edmund Mitchell. He was born on August 17, 1917, and joined the service January 6, 1940; fought in New Guinea and met his death March 5, 1944, on the island of Los Negros. Then Rev. Alfred Cabitor, who has been chaplain since 1942, applied and received his commission in the U. S. Army.

Yet, we must not forget our pastor, Rev. Joseph Valantiejus, who throughout all these years has been its chief mentor and guide.

Too numerous are the past members and present who have and are doing their bit for the good of the club. All one can say is thank you one and all. Each generation strives to leave the club a little better and stronger for the new members that are to follow.

Last but not least one must not forget the officers, past and present, who have managed the club's affairs well. Present officers are:

President — Al Waičiulonis

Vice-President — Frank Sharka

Treasurer — James Danauskas

Rec. Secretary — Emily (Gay)

Waičiulonis

Fin. Secretary — Frances Mazulaitis

Spiritual Advisor—Rev. Dr.

Joseph Bogušas.



ATHOL, MASS. — COUNCIL 10 members. Front row seated, left to right — Alice Watekewich, Antena E. Peragis, Margie D. Senk and Mylda Stasiunas. Second row seated, left to right — Adele Serapinas (fin. sec.), Antena Vatekunas (pres.), Sgt. Ed. Salkauskas, Rev. Michael Tamulevičius (spiritual advisor), Ellen Austin (rec. sec.), and Anne Melaika (treas.). Third row standing, left to right Geneva Grazis, Nellie Ladish, Paul Morkunas, Charles Pinigus, Frank Einoris, Virginia Bagdonas and Sophie Pierzielowski.

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

After thirty-one years of existence, Council 10 is still very active, despite the fact that its membership has decreased considerably due to the outbreak of the War. The small handful of remaining members, are trying to keep the council intact, until the fellow Knights return home. Hope our efforts are not in vain.

Rev. Pius Juraitis, our Pastor, who had served us faithfully for many years, has turned over his office as spiritual advisor to our new curate, Rev. M. Tamulevičius. He has already brought into our council, new hope for a better future.

Our spiritual advisor has organized a Study Club also. Many question on religion that arise, are discussed there. In addition to the above, Rev. Tamulevičius has suggested new ways in interesting other members to join the K. of L.

Activities which the Athol council was formerly noted for, such as bowling, baseball, picnics, winter carnivals, dances, etc., have been temporarily discontinued, due to the present conditions. However, our members are far from being idle. We have been aiding the War Effort in every way possible by raising money for the Servicemen's Christmas Gift Fund, wrapping bundles, purchasing War Bonds, and in var-

ious other ways assisting, too numerous to mention.

Many of our Knights have entered the U. S. Service since Pearl Harbor; thereby doing their bit "For God and Country".

COUNCIL 10—HONOR ROLL

Ladsie Baltren U.S.A.
Stanley Brasdis U.S.A.
Leon Bagdonas U.S.A.
Benedict Chastney U.S.N.
Vyto Dargelis U.S.N.
Louis Grigalunas U.S.N.
Frank Judiski U.S.A.
Bill Jouconis U.S.A.
Al Kabasaitis U.S.N.
Fred Moshure U.S.N.
Joe Salkauskas U.S.A.

Ed Salkauskas U.S.M.C.
 Albino Salkauskas U.S.A.
 John Salkauskas U.S.N.
 Stanley Shatos U.S.N.
 Peter Shatos U.S.A.
 Eugenia Wayzmuzis U.S.M.C.W.R.

We are particularly proud of the fighting Salkauskas family, consisting of Ed, Joe, Albino, Alphonse, Peter, and also their cousin John.

Eugenia Wayzmuzis is our first lady Knight to enter the Service. She is stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, Edenton, N. C.

IN MEMORIAM

Pvt. Peter Shatos is the first of our members who gave up his life in serving our country. He was killed in action in France on August 20, 1944. Peter has two brothers who are K. of L. members. Stanley is in the Navy (somewhere in the Pacific) and Paul is at home.

A BIT ABOUT OUR COUNCIL OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Antena Vatekunas — better known to all her friends as Tena, is indeed a hard, ambitious K. of L'er. Tena's vitality makes her the ideal officer that she is. Tena is a graduate of the local high school, and is employed as sales clerk at McKenney's Jewelers. Her favorite pastimes are letterwriting, needlework and bowling.

VICE PRESIDENT

Antena Stasiunas. Her former experience as president of our council has proved Tena to be an energetic and capable member. Tena is a graduate of the local high school, and is employed as bookkeeper at The King's Paint Shop. Her favorite pastimes include latest literature,



Albertas Kleponis,
 L. Vyčių 17-toš kuopos išdininkas. Jam didelis darbas visuomet yra lengvas ir jis maloniai nugali visas kliūtis. Reikia tikėtis, kad Albertas ir toliau sėkmingai dirbuotis su jauni-
 mu.

knitting, bowling and hiking; also theatre.

FIN. SECRETARY

Adele Serapinas. She has proven herself quite capable in this position. Adele is employed at the Unim Twist Drill office and is a graduate of the local high school. Her pastimes include reading, bowling and also the theatre.

TREASURER

Anne Melaika. Anne is employed at the Sears Roebuck mail order house, and her frequent handling of money makes her qualified in that capacity, as treasurer. She is a graduate of the local high school and her favorite pastimes are reading, bowling, and going to theatres.

REC. SECRETARY

Ellen Austin has held her office for sometime, which proves her capability. Her fluent speaking in the Lithuanian language makes her essential as recording secretary of our council. Ellen is employed as sales clerk at the Higgin Furniture Co. and her favorite pastimes include bike-riding, tennis, stamp collecting and hiking.

PATERSON, N. J.

COUNCIL 61

No, we didn't get lost! We were a little lazy, that's why you haven't heard from us. But, from now on, you will.

Plans are being made for a Winter Dance. Everyone be on the look out for the date, place, etc. The committee with your assistance and co-operation will make it successful both socially and financially.

I take this opportunity to greet all the newly-joined members and hope they enjoy being with us as much as we enjoy having them.

Here's a little bit of odds and ends I picked up about some of our members. Hope no one gets slighted:

We certainly miss a little lass around at our meetings. She is none other than ANNE BALTUSKA. She is now in the "wild and wolfy" west attending the University of Colorado. Lots of luck to you little one.

Congratulations on your birthday,

Pasisėjau žalią Rūtą

Pasisėjau žalią rūtą,
 bus mergelė man, man —
 Dar, dar, bernužėli,
 dar ne tavo valloj.

2. Ir išdygo žalia rūta...
 3. Ir pražydo žalia rūta...
 4. Ir nuskyčiau...
 5. Atsistojau prie grotelių...
 6. Ir sumainėm aukso žledus...
- Jau, jau, bernužėli, dabar tavo valloj.



Panelė Joana Marčiulaitytė,
 Lietuvos Vyčių 17 Algirdo kuopos protokolų raštininkė. Ji savo rimtu ir maloniu būdu labai sėkmingai veikia vyčiuose ir reikia tikėtis, kad jos pasidarbavimas jaunimo tarpe bus tęsiamas ir toliaus

HELEN BRADY. I understand you celebrated for two days. Let us in on it — why did you go to New York after you left the Jersey City dance?

With Anne gone, **DOTTIE DUTKUS** is a lonesome girl. From what I gather, she can't seem to get away from airplanes. Who knows — she may get bit by the flying bug, yet!

Why doesn't **IRENE STANULIS** come around? We haven't seen her for some time.

PAULINE STACHIELCZYK surely surprised us by attending our K. of L. Mass.

ANN VAICHAITIS is one of our new members. From what we already heard, she will be a great asset to our council.

JOE JACOBUS is teaching most of us how to read and write in Lithuanian. Keep up the good work, Joe. You'll make real Lithuanians out of us, yet.

Ever since the National Convention in New York City, all the Ladies have been asking about our singing maestro **EDDIE LAPINSKAS.** He sure made a good impression on the fairer sex.

Our president, **TONY SKUBUS,** is as busy as ever, running here and there and making it a point to see that everything is going along smoothly. We're wondering why he didn't go to the Jersey City dance. Does anyone know?

Many thanks to **JOHN SPRANAITIS** for his incessant help and assistance. We hope we shall see him more often at our meetings.

Let's not forget to pray for our boys over there.

Until next month, Adieu. M.T.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

COUNCIL 18

Rip van Winklė of Cambridge Awakes

Out of the starless night of the past, a council begins to grope back to light. It dimly remembers being big and strong and active; and wonders what has happened. Too bewildered and weak, it lets fall its head to sleep again; but not for long.

An awful force shakes it to its feet and the council wakes, blinking in the strong light. Stiff in joint, weak in muscle, it totters and almost falls but for the guiding hand of Father Francis Juskaitis. Nourishment donated by generous friends, Frank Janunas, Anthony Zaveckas and the Jankauskas sisters, is carefully fed to the emaciated body. Alex Marcin and Brenda Pilkons bring in the necessary stimulants.

Strengthened by the good nursing care of Margaret Grybaitė, the medical attention of Dr. Pauline Luzackas, it regains strength rapidly and on November 5th it calls together a mass meeting.

The council is elected; the meeting is a success thanks to the chairman, Father Anthony Baltrušiusas, and the assistance of sister council 17 of South Boston. At the meeting, the purposes and aims of the K. of L. were convincingly described by Frank Razvadauskas, national president of the K. of L., Larry Svelnis, president of the So. Boston council and Anthony Young further summarized the advantages and privileges derived from membership in the K. of L. Father Francis Juškaitis also spoke. In his customary interesting manner he extolled the K. of L. to such a degree that if one was not a member of this organization he was certainly missing something important in life. Miss Margaret Grybaitė accompanied by Stella McNeil furnished entertainment by singing a few songs in her own charming manner.

Incited by the success in its first attempt, the council braces its shoulders and calls an organization meeting. At this time under the medical care of its temporary chairman, Dr. Pauline Luzackas with legal advice from Anthony Young, it makes plans for the future and elects officers for the year. They are as follows:

President — Dr. Luzackas
 Vice-Pres. — Peter Puzin
 Fin. Sec. — Pauline Malin
 Treas. — Alexander Marcin
 Recording Sec. — Monica Grazulis
 Ass't Sec. — Mary Kirkutis
 Sergeant at arms — A. Staskunas
 Trustees: Genevieve Malin, Jean Jakutis.

Board of Directors: Margaret



Kun. Antanas Baltrušiusas,

L. Vyčių, naujai atgaivintos 18 kuopos, Cambridge, Mass., Dvasios Vadas. Reikia tikėtis, kad naujos jėgos pakilusios su energingu Dvasios Vadu duos gerų vaisių Nekalto Prasidėjimo P. M. parapijoje.

Grybaitė, Brenda Pilkons, Alice Strazdas, Alberta Jeskutis, Dorothy Skibauskas.

Lest this weak body go astray, Father Juškaitis is present at the meeting to give it the always necessary spiritual guidance. It receives more stimulants from the presence and support of Messrs. Švelnis and Mickevich, and the Misses Grendal, Žibutis and Marčiulaitis. With all this encouragement, the council improves greatly, especially when it receives a transfusion of four new, ambitious members. Let us hope they are compatible.

Strengthened, invigorated and standing squarely on both feet, Council 18 of Cambridge leaves the hall dreaming of brilliant days ahead!

The new members are:

Alexander Marcin, Anna Mockevich, Genevieve Malin, Pauline Malin, Theresa Malin, Anna Puzin, Peter Puzin, Alice Strazdas, Helen Ski-

Šią Naktelę

Šią naktelę miego nemiegojau,
 Palankėlėj žirgelius daboju.
 2. Palankėlėj žirgelius daboju,
 Nuo močiutės dukrelę vilioju.
 3. Vai mergele, močiutės dukrele,
 Oi ar eisi už manęs bernelio?
 4. Eiti eičiau už tavęs bernelio,
 Tik man gaila močiutės kiemelio.
 5. Vai mergele, močiutės dukrele,
 Mano tėvo dar didesnis dvaras.
 6. Apie dvarą jovarai žaliuoja,
 Viršūnėlėj gegutė kukuoja.

bauskas, Margaret Grybaitė, Dorothy Skibauskas, Anthony Staskunas, Genevieve Jakutis, Josephine Baksys, Alberta Jeskutis, Helen Luzackas, Mrs. Stella McNeil, Ruth Survilas, Brenda Pilkons, Monica Grazulis, Mary Kirkutis.

These two are questionable: Frances Marsh, Benedict Jakutis.

TRUMPA 18 KUOPOS ISTORIJA

Apie trisdešimts metų atgal L. V. 18 kuopa pradėjo savo gyvavimą. Tuomet jos nariai susidėjo vien tik iš ateivių. Jaunimas iš Lietuvos atvykęs buvo pilnas prakilnių idealų. Todėl ir įvairios organizacijos dauginos ir bujojo. L. V. 18 kuopa buvo viena iš skaitlingiausių ir ideališkiausių netik Cambridge'iuje bet ir apylinkėje.

L. V. 18 kuopa laikydavo savo susirinkimus reguliariai, įvairiose vietose. Nariai-ės buvo pasidalinę į įvairius veikimo ratelius: chorą, teatro vaidintojus ir kitokius veikėjus. Choras buvo vadovaujamas įvairių muzikų. Paskiausias buvo p. Varaitis iš South Bostono. Jis vėliaus laikų buvo ir parapijos vargonininkas. Teatro ratelis kas met suvaidindavo po vieną ar daugiau didelių veikalų. Kovo 29, 1925 perstatė "Fabelle".

Kuomet kun. P. Juškaitis tapo Nekalto Prasidėjimo parapijos klebonu, L. V. 18 kuopa daug darbavosi, kad greičiausiai būtų atmokėta parapijos didelė skola. Kuopos nariai netik patys uoliai darbavosi parapijos parengimuose: Field Days, piknikuose, programo vakaruose parapijos labui, bet ir yra aukavę \$100.00 iš savo išdo.

Jei taip L. V. 18 kuopos nariai buvo idealūs tai kodėl leido kuopai apmirti? Rodos 1932 metais, kuomet L. V. seime pasireiškė nesusipratimai tarp ateivių ir čia gimusių narių, nuo to laiko 18 kuopa nustojo veikusi, nes veikliausi ir ideališkiausi nariai liovėsi nariais būti.

Dviem atvejais buvo mėginama 18 kp. atgaivinti, bet nepasisekė. Valdyba buvo susidariusi, vienok veiklos neparodė.

Šiomet lapkričio 5, sušaukus visuotiną jaunimo susirinkimą, klebonui pritariant, p-lei Dr. P. Lužackaitėi vadovaujant tapo išrinkta laikina valdyba, kuri lapkr. 14 tapo papildyta ir ilgesniam laikui išrinkta. Nariais dabar jau tik čia gimusieji prisirašė. Tikimasi, kad dabar iš miego pabudusi L. V. 18 kuopa gyvuos kogeriausiai. Jos atgaivinimui daug prisidėjo Centro pirm. P. Razvadauskas, Centro rašt. p-lė F. Grendelytė, adv. Young ir vietiniai: Dr. Lužackaitė, Al. Marcinkevičius ir vietos kunigai. Lai gyvuoja ir bujoja L. V. 18 kuopa. Senas Narys.

BROCKTON, MASS.



P-lė Lena Matulis,

pirmos L. Vyčių kuopos finansų sekretorė. Laike pereito narių vajaus, ji pasiekė antrą aukščiausią vietą surinkdami daug taškų, prirašant jaunuolius prie L. Vyčių pirmos kuopos. Jos gražus pasidarbavimas vyčiams žada daug ir reikia linkėti, kad Lenutė ir toliau veiks pavyzdinčiai ir sumaniai.

COUNCIL 1

Quite paradoxically, we are the oldest and yet the youngest Knights. It was here in our small city that this ever-growing organization had its beginning, some thirty odd years ago. Of its past history we, the newly revived council, know very little. Charter members are few and scattered; old records have not come to light, but we do know that the K. of L. has returned to the hearts of our youth here in Brockton. We have shown our respect and love for the Knights, particularly at a crucial time such as we are living in now, by reviving this, the Charter Council and recruiting close to 100 members.

Last Christmas many of us here knew little or nothing of the K. of L. but through our beloved pastor, Rev. John J. Svagzdys, its existence was made known to us on February 27th of this year.

At a surprise gathering that eventful afternoon, he introduced to us a group of staunch K. of L'ers from Boston — John Kumpa, Frank Razvad, Atty Anthony Young, Phyllis Grendal and several interested members of C-17.

They spoke with such enthusiasm and vigor for the organization and

Sutems Tamsi

Naktužėlė

Sutems tamsi naktužėlė,
Nudrengs dargi dargužėlė,
Kur aš nukeliausiu,
Nakvynėlę gausiu?

Pails mano žirgužėlis,
Pails mano juodbērėlis, —
Kur aš pernakvosiu,
Nakvynėlę gausiu?

Ar ant bėro žirgužėlio,
Ar ant tymo balnužėlio,
Ar uošvės dvarely,
Margojoj klėtėlėj?

Greičiau, greičiau, žirgužėli,
Pasiskubink, juodbērėli,
Į uošvės dvarelį,
Į margą klėtele.

Išeik, išeik, uošvužėlė,
Atkelk vario vartužėlius,
Priimki žentelį,
Tėvelio sūnelį.

so inspired those of us who were present that immediately the NEW C-1 was born. My, but what those South Boston Beans can do! We've been growing ever since and have no intentions of ever stopping this time.

At our meetings, the female factor predominates; but doesn't it everywhere? Two of our new members, Al Gutauskas and Ed Gauzsis, have already left for Maritime and Army service respectively, but are kept in contact with the K. of L. activity through "Vytis" and our letters. P. F. C. Louis Druzinskas, recipient of the Presidential Citation also joined C-1 immediately. So did Pvt. Joe Adomaitis, veteran of the African and Sicilian campaigns.

Pvt. Vit. Mockaitis, now with a bomb squadron in England, through correspondence showed his desire to join. Recently he received his membership card and answered post-haste, "Gosh, but it's a swell feeling to know that I'm a part of an organization other than this G. I. outfit—I can hardly wait for that "Vytis" to reach me. Thanks su much for letting me become one of you".

Cpl. "Bunny" Norkus was another of our correspondence recruits and writes, "My membership card arrived today and boy, what a thrill! It may sound silly for a bruiser like myself to come out with the word "thrill" but that's just what it was. Here in New Guinea, mail service isn't any too streamlined, but when they see our magazine — yes OUR — "Vytis" coming along, I hope they toss it right at me. It'll certainly be swell reading about your doings back home, and will be just that

extra something to hurry up and come to."

Yes, it's true we're young and new and green but our spirit is sturdy and unwavering. We'll never let down — not while we have kids like Vit and Bunny, Joe and Louie to inspire us. We're still in our "second infancy" but growing stronger at each meeting. Just watch us when this horrible mess is over with. We'll get right up there with you "oldtimers".

Rev. Felix E. Norbutas, popular young curate of St. Rocco's Parish is presently inspiring us as our Spiritual Director.

Our lovely young President is Miss Ruth Ykasala, who accepted the membership prize at the New York Convention. Ah, would that the war were over today — boy would our male membership increase!

Mr. Anthony Peldzius, of the 'Darbininkas' Administration, serves silently as our Vice-President.

Mr. Charles Cirbulenas, treasurer of the original C-1 serves capably again in this same capacity.

Charlie's charming niece, Miss Lena Matulis, keeps the council's pecuniary worries in the family as our ever-efficient Financial Secretary.

For fear of over-working the official censor, we'll just keep mum in discussing our Correspondent and Secretary, Miss Anne Norkus — known better, even to her parents, as "Slim!"

Enough chatter for now — no, just a little more. "May God be with you all on the joyous Christmas morn and throughout the coming year".



Panelė Julia Adomaitytė,

Lietuvos Vyčių pirmos kuopos darbšti narė. Ji savo dideliu pasidarbavimu daug talkininkavo pirmos kuopos vyčių prirašymo vajuje. Ji priklauso prie par. choro ir merginų sodalicijos.

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History of Council 116

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1928 — Council 116 was organized by the late Rev. Julius Čaplikas. Albina Osipawich, a member of the club, won first place in the World Olympics as a champion swimmer.

1929 — A new pastor, Rev. Constantine A. Vasys, is assigned to the parish. Fellows won the baseball championship of the District.

1930 — Girls and fellows basketball teams were formed. Annual beach outings were started. Members take an active part in the annual Parish Minstrel Shows.

1931 — A new spiritual advisor, Rev. Vincent J. Puidokas, takes over. Musical Comedy, for the benefit of the parish, is staged under the direction of Mr. Mayo of Springfield.

1932 — Bowling teams are organized. Monthly card parties were started. Two Loving Cups were won by the Council for having the largest attendance at a dance in So. Boston, and at a District Convention in Norwood.

1933 — Guest speakers at monthly meetings were invited. Annual Communion breakfasts were started in conjunction with celebrating St. Casimir's Day.

1934 — Debating teams were organized. Annual St. Casimir's Day was observed with Council 26 as our guests. Clubrooms were started. New spiritual advisor, Rev. John J. Bakanas, is introduced. Annual semi-formal dances were started.

1935 — Council is host for the annual New England District Convention. Executive Council is organized. Volleyball team for girls was organized.

1936 — Council takes an active part in the Parish Annual Bazaar. Annual "deep sea fishing" trips were started.

1937 — Council donates 25 dollars for a window in our new Church. Annual bicycle rides with the Hudson Council were started. A Parish wide membership drive was organized.

1938 — Girls and fellows softball teams were organized. Weight-lifting team was formed. Tenth anniversary of the club was celebrated with a formal dance held at the Hotel Bancroft. Council takes an active part in the 25th anniversary celebration for the Pastor. Members staged a play. An annual Christmas Basket for a needy family of the Parish was started.

1939 — Joined Council 26 in sponsoring a testimonial dinner for Bill Osmanski, Holy Cross College, Football player. Annual District Convention was held. Lithuanian Classes were started.



LIUDVIKA TOTILAITĖ,

nuoširdi ir energinga Vytė nuo 1928 metų. Liudvika Totilaitė labai daug darbo ir triūso įdėjo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje. Ji yra viena iš įsteigėjų 116-tos kuopos ir nuo pat įsteigimo užėmė vieną ar kitą vietą kuopos valdyboje. Gana gera žinovė lietuvių kalbos, ji dar ir šiandien puikiai parašo protoklus lietuviškai. Jau kelintas metas kaip atlieka raštininkės darbą kuopoje. Jos gabumai, sąžiningumas bei pasišventimas yra visų Vyčių plačiai žinomi. Lai Dievas dar per ilgus metus palaiko Liudviką Vyčių tarpe ir suteikia jai daugiau energijos ir stiprybės toliau tęsti puikiai nuveiktus darbus organizacijos labui!

1940 — Ping-Pong table and set were purchased. Members take an active part in the 10th anniversary celebration for Rev. Bakanas. A dance is held for the benefit of the District. Rev. Vasys introduces our new curate and Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John C. Jutkevičius. An annual affair, "The Knightmares" is started.

1941 — Members leave for the Service. Members start to collect stamps for the Missions. A broadcast over Radio Station WTAG is made. At each meeting a section of the K. of L. Constitution is read and explained. Movies were shown by a member of the U. S. Secret Service entitled, "Know your Money", and also by the Worcester Chamber of Commerce.

1942 — An Old-Fashioned Lithuanian supper was held. Beano was held every month. "Round-Robin Letters" to members in the Service were started.

1943 — A set of records were donated to the Parish. The girls were asked to serve as USO Junior Hostesses. Council 26 and we sponsored

a picnic and dance for the benefit of the District. Bill Burdulis, new Organist, taught us the K. of L. Hymn, which is being sung at every meeting. Letters of Protest were sent to Rep. Hale and "The Worcester Telegram" in regards to Lithuanian Independence. Christmas Gifts to all members in the Service are being sent. Council won a 25 dollar War Bond as 1st prize in the Annual Membership Drive.

1944 — War Bonds are being registered. Members take an active part in the 4th and 5th War Bond Drive and The United Lithuanian War Relief Fund. We were Hosts for the annual District convention. The Council with the aid of Rev. Vasys and Rev. Jutkevičius sponsored the July issue of the "Vytis". A committee to study Lithuanian Cultural works and writings pertaining to Lithuania was formed. 40 of our members are in the Armed Service. The Council came in second in this year's membership drive.

"Pamarinčius".

116-tos KUOPOS VALDYBOS NARIAI

Per visą Lietuvos Vyčių istoriją, 116-ta kuopa buvo viena iš veikliausių kuopų. Nepaisant dabartinių nuokaro padarytų sunkumų, 116-ta kuopa vis dar veikia ir keliais atžvilgiais galima sakyti, kad ji stipresnė dabar negu kada nors savo gyvavimo buvo. Priežastis to gražaus veikimo yra, kad kuopai visada pasisekė turėti valdyboje gerų suprantančiųjų Vyčių.

Šiais metais pirmininkauja Stasys Karsokas. Jau antri metai kaip eina tos svarbios vietos pareigas. Lietuvių jaunimo mylėtojas, jis stengiasi kuopą sustiprinti ypač parapijos veikime. Jam daug gelbsti Vice-Pirmininkė Felicija Zakaraitė. Patyrusi vedėja, ji daug prisidėjo savo patarimais ir darbais prie kuopos gerovės.

116-ta kuopa jau gyvuoja nuo 1928 metų. Nuo tų metų ligi šios dienos puikiai darbuojasi Vyčių tarpe Liudvika Totilaitė, protokolo raštininkė. Ji nuoširdi Vytė, kuri nepasigaili daug liuso laiko pašvęsti Vyčių labui. Finansų raštininko pareigas dabar eina Edmundas Vaškas. Jis interesuotas Vyčių darbuote ir atsižymėjo savo gabumais dramos srityje. Jo energingumas kuopos teatrėliuose yra pavyzdys kitiems jaunuoliams.

Kad kuopa pasiliktų ant gerų pamatų, būtinai reikalinga, kad finansai būtų tinkamai vedami. Anielė Smolskytė, išdininkė, sugeba tą svarbų darbą gražiai atlikti. Jos nuoširdi darbuotė Vyčiuose yra visų gerai žinoma. Maršalkos darbą atlieka Eleonora Kvaraciejūtė. Jos darbš-

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tumas ir pasišventimas parengimuo-
se nevieną privertė panašiai dirbti,
kad kuopos vardas būtų iškeltas kuo
aukščiausiai. Elena Kašėtaitė apsiė-
mė pagelbėti šiais metais finansų
raštininkui. Ji jauna Vytė, bet jos
pasiryžimas veikti Vyčių naudai liū-
dyja, kad organizacija susilauks
daug vaisiaus nuo jos veikimo.

Štai koki yra dabartiniai 116-tos
kuopos valdybos nariai. Jie gražų
darbą atlieka ir visų narių troški-
mas ir malda yra, kad jie pasiliktu
darbščiais ir ištikimais Vyčiais dar
per ilgus metus. Auksas ir Sidabras.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

Greetings Fellow Members!

November 5th marked a day for
us at our parish. A concert featuring
the great Lithuanian pianist and
composer, Vytautas Bacevičius, was
given in honor of Father John Jut-
kevicius. Father John is Spiritual
Advisor of Council 116. The record-
breaking attendance at this affair
manifests the feeling which all
parishoners regard Father John,
many beautiful gifts were presented
to him. Several K. of L'ers partici-
pated in the program.

This has been a month of several
birthdays in our council. Among
those observing same, were: Nell
Smolsky, Betty Kaliūnas and Louise
Totilas. Uh... you gals must have
had some fun celebrating. How do
we know? Well... if you recall, you
looked kind of tired at the meeting,
remember?

Welcome back, Tony! Tony Trum-
paitis is back with us again (for



Panelė Patricia Žibutyte,
L. Vyčių 17 Algirdo kuopos finansų
raštininkė. Jos gražus veikimas kuo-
poje labai malonus ir duoda gražių
vaisių. Patricia turi ramų ir linksmą
būdą su visais gražiai dirbti jaunimo
tarpe ir jai tas sekasi. Reikia tikėtis,
kad ir ateityje ji savo gabumus pa-
naudos vyčių labui.

good, we hope) after having received
a Medical Discharge from the Army.
Tony has been in the service a num-
ber of years, several months of this
time being spent overseas, and is
the recipient of the Distinguished
Service Cross and the Purple Heart.

A good number of our members
attended the Halloween party given
by the choir on October 29th. Have
you dried yet, T. T., and J. B.? We
noticed you received quite a shower.
Oh... and Annette B. will be heard
talking aloud in the "chamber of
horrors" or any dark room... as the
case may be. Who knows... Annette?
Besides ghosts, there may be a priest
present! Need we say any more,
Annette?

At the last meeting, committees
were appointed and plans were made
for a Christmas party and for send-
ing baskets to the poor of the parish.

Holy Cross College has a special
cheering squad made up of C-116
Knigherettes. The four Balukonis
sisters and Kudzie have loaned their
vocal cords in support of H. C. at
every home game this season and
had gone to Boston for the H. C. —
B. C. game.

Brisk weather is supposed to keep
everyone on the go... so... I'm going!
"Un Bijau"

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

COUNCIL 103

Šv. Kazimiero Parapijos, Lietuvos
Vyčių 103 kuopa pirmą kartą suor-
ganizuota 1920 metais kun. P. Vaito-
nio. Dėl pačių narių nerangumo sui-
ro.

Atgaivinta antrą kartą 1924 m. di-
džio jaunimo mylėtojo, a. a. kun. Dr.
Jono Navicko, Marianapolio Kolegi-
jos Direktorius. Po kelių metų vėl
suiro.

Rugpjūčio 8, 1932 m. mirus para-
pijos klebonui, kun. Longinui Kava-
liauskui, Providence Vyskupas pas-
kyrė kun. Joną Vaitekūną parapijos
klebonu. Kun. J. Vaitekūnas, mylįs
ir suprantas jaunimą uoliai darbavos,
kad būtų suorganizuota čia Vyčių
kuopa. Taip trečią sykį liko suorga-
nizuota mūsų tarpe Vyčių kuopa.
Klebono pastangom ir nenuilstančiu
darbu kuopa nuolat augo ir didėjo
skaičium.

Parapijos darbams padidėjus, kle-
bonas paskyrė vikarą kun. Antaną
Kacevičių rūpintis Vyčių kuopos
dvasiniais reikalais.

Parapijoj, Vyčiai yra pavyzdingi
Katalikai, savo darbais ir aukomis
nuolat remia parapiją. Kasmet iškil-
mingai apvaikščioja Vyčių Patrono
šv. Kazimiero šventę ir taip pat Mo-
tinos Dieną.

Nuo 1932 m. šie asmenys ėjo Pir-
mininkystės pareigas: Mykolas Šve-
das, Jonas Kuprevičius, Juozas Vai-



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everything Lithuanian in the Eng-
lish newspapers — chairman of pub-
licity for the Worcester Lithuanian
War Bond Committee; for many
years took charge of all English
publicity for Council 116 and for
Our Lady of Vilna Church. This inter-
est in public relations springs from
the fact that it's part of her job —
in charge of all newspaper pub-
licity for the Worcester Department
of Public Health and have charge of
writing, editing and broadcasting the
department's weekly fifteen-minute
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tonis, Jonas Juknevičius, J. Parafi-
navičius, Al. Vaitkūnas, Jr. ir Flori-
nas Taraška.

Dabartinė Valdyba susideda iš se-
kančių narių.

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Taraška; vice-pirmininkė — Anne
Lucas; raštininkė ir kasininkė —
Helen Kachanis; išdininkė — Teresa
Juska; korespondentė — Bertha Sa-
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COUNCIL 36**

Our social of November 25th was something different and a very grand affair. Thanks to Mr. Kastas Zaromskis.

The sandwiches, "kugalis" and the liquid refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Val. Gedminas, Mrs. Helen Cherry and Philomina Rekašius. Music for dancing was furnished by Adam Stugis on his accordion. Songs by the members, a very comical sketch was rendered by Philomina Rekašius and then... movies, by our member Anthony Liakas, the "prop." of the Mid-West Jewelry and Music, 2049 W. 35th Street, Chicago.

Amongst the guests were, the newly elected Center Vice-President Stella Brozas of Cicero, our District secretary Aldona Sleinis, also of Cicero; Ann Radomskis, an active member of Cicero Council 14; Mrs. Cecelia Stulgaitis of Kenosha, Wis., and elsewhere, Miss Stugis of Monee, Ill., Mrs. Petrulis and Junior Petrulis (our youngest bar keeper) and others.

Our president, James R. Cherry, (as always) was M. C. and in behalf of the council presented a belated wedding gift to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stugis. And... to make this an evening of all evenings... there were no speeches.

Last, our sincerest "thank you" to Mr. & Mrs. John Nevedomskis, who not only rendered their home for our social, but also gave us "a grand Lithuanian welcome".



M. GAPUTIS,

If you were not there... you certainly missed something!

OUR BOYS

Pvt. Eddie Vyšniauskas is in Holland.

Sgt. Joe Vyšniauskas and Lt. Dominic Varnas are in Belgium.

Sgt. Pete Nevedomskis is sending home from France "a box of Nazi souvenirs, also a swastika flag".

Pvt. Tony Žilis is still in sunny (so they tell me) California.

Joey Verčinskis was last heard from Great Lakes.

Edmund (Clark Gable) Barkauskas has answered his "greetings"... no word from Vete Shilling, Anthony Putis and others...

"Red" Cherry's cousin Vince, was wounded in the Pacific, his cousin Tony is in the China - Burma theater, his cousins Bruno and Leonard are still in the States and at the start of this paragraph, you've read where his two brothers are... how about some news of your immediate family?

SYMPATHY

The council extends it's sincere sympathies to our members Joseph Verčinskis, U. S. N. and Kastas Zaromskis on the recent death of their mother and sister, Mrs. Anna Verčinskis.

Council condolences are also extended to Bill Klimas, U. S. Army (Overseas) on the recent death of his father, Nick Klimas.

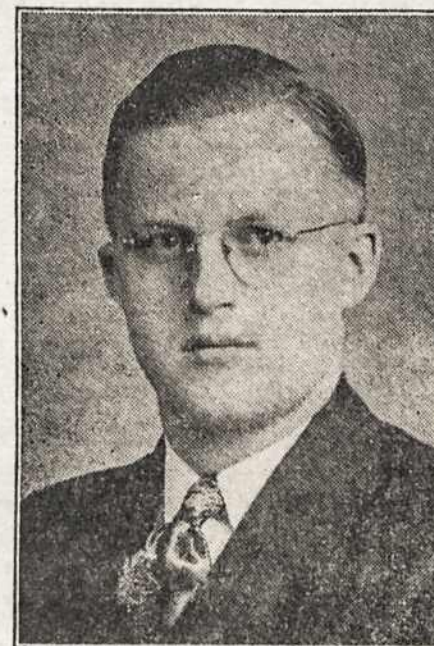
May their souls rest in peace.

SPECIAL NOTE

Interesting meetings are held the first Monday of each month in the

school-room at 44th St. and Fairfield Ave. at eight in the evening.

—GUESS WHO?



Naujas K. of L. Press direktorių pirmininkas — ZIGMAS VYŠNIAUSKAS (James Cherry), žinomas Chicago vyčių veikėjas ir pirmininkas 36-tos kuopos pastarame K. of L. Press direktorių posėdyje išrinktas nauju direktorių pirmininku. Sekretore išrinkta Stella Brozas, o knygvėde Irena Pakeltis. Kastas Zaromskis, buvęs direktorių pirmininkas, pasilieka spaustuovės (kol ji bus uždaryta) saugotoju - prižiūrėtoju.

DAYTON, OHIO**COUNCIL 96**

The council extends its condolences to Dorothy Miller, whose father passed away recently.

Council 96 will sponsor its annual January Jamboree, Saturday evening, January 6th, at the Holiday Inn. Charlie Marshall's orchestra will furnish the music.

The monthly council meeting will be held Thursday evening, January 4th, at the parish hall. Bank night has now been resumed. All members are invited to attend and do their bit for the good of the organization.

We also wish to remind our members that the K. of L. membership drive begins January 1st. Each member must secure at least one new member to reach our quota. We are asking for your cooperation to put Dayton Council 96 over the top in this drive.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, to you all. F.A.G.

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WESTFIELD, MASS.

COUNCIL 30

Westfield is located in Hampden County, in the western part of Massachusetts. The location is very appealing and is surrounded by beautiful hills and trees. Beside that, it is surrounded by many ponds and lakes. Many summer cottages are built around both the ponds and

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Ir sau turtus krauja,
O kaip mudu susipratę,
Tai sau tinginiaujam.
Ugnele kūrenam,
Atsigule krūmuos,
Ir sau bulvių prisikase
Skanius pietus ruošiam.
Kai tik lietus ima
Mums į kailį pilti,
Tai, va, mudu susitare
Einame po tiltu.
Kada ima pilve
Inžinierius šokti,
Tada žinom, kad jau laikas
Keptų bulvių lupti.
Taip sau ir gyvenam,
Kaip koki biznieriai,
Ir nenorim nė viens dirbti,
Kaip milijonieriai.

lakes and to these, both the young and old enjoy the summer.

Westfield's St. Casimir's parish is not the biggest parish in Massachusetts, but in its own way and activities, it is on the same level as a large parish. St. Casimir's Church is most beautifully located throughout western Massachusetts. Not only decorations beautify the church, but also the young people with their singing during the services. In the parish, there are various organizations both for men and women, especially the young people, who are very active. All credit goes to our Pastor, Fr. V. Puidokas, who is also National K. of L. Spiritual Advisor.

Before the formation of the present K. of L., the young people united into an organization known as the "Young People's Organization". From this, records show that the Knights of Lithuania was formed in July, 1934. The first president was John Kavalauskas. He was a very diligent worker and all the members felt a great loss on his passing away. Among the K. of L. activities were basketball, softball and bowling. The girls were mainly interested in bowling, while the fellows went in for softball and basketball. Not only did they compete with local clubs but also with out-of-town groups, such as South Worcester, who always were defeated when they came here. When they visited us, they came with great big smiles on their faces; but when they left, their smiles diminished. Most of their games were lost because they didn't watch the ball, but they were too much interested in the female audience. Hartford members always

said they were champions, but when they came to Westfield, they lost that title. In addition to the above, the young people in Westfield are very sociable and you can very well judge this by the attitude of the other councils toward our group. The first district convention held here was in October 1940. We made such a good impression on everyone, especially displaying our hospitality to the out-of-town Knights, that it was voted to have the convention in Westfield again this past fall. This convention turned out very well. Everyone seemed pleased. There was only one thing missing and that was the Knights who are now in the armed forces fighting for our country. It was disappointingly noticeable.

Sophie Grigalunas, better known as "Griggs" who is now the president of our K. of L. is one of our competent members in the council. No matter what goes on, "Griggs" always manages to take on the full responsibility of everything. She is very friendly and is known by everyone wherever she goes. One of the loudest noisemakers in our K. of L. is Julia Jonaitis, our vice president. Julia is a jolly sort of a girl and much fun can be had with her. She usually arrives late at the meetings but we say "better late than never". Gladys Jegelewicz, our secretary, is well known with her remark "Gerald, save my watch". She has a good sense of humor and she is always looking for something to get a good laugh at. Last but not least is our treasurer, Nellie Lingaitis. Nell is rather quiet at times but you really have to know her to get in on her good times. "S. and J."

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WATERBURY, CONN.

COUNCIL 7

Greetings and salutations from Waterbury.

Since Filibuster, Prof. Moriarity and others went out of existence I shall endeavor to take their place. All in favor say aye; the ayes have it. Thank you. Seeing as how the other councils have something to say each month about their activities I decided that its about time Council 7 woke up and did something about it, also. So — from now on, we shall have the honor of reading our column of news. First of all, thanks to Father Val, who so kindly appointed Rev. Dr. Joseph Bogusas, as our new spiritual advisor. So come on members, let's help the new chaplain as much as we can.

Second, from now until the first of the year, the club is planning a membership drive. Let's all pitch in and bring the Waterbury council up high.

Third, the New England district is asking for contributions. Come members dig. I'm sure that not one of us can refuse so worthy a cause.

Now — the Social Activities —

A dance and a New Year's Eve party. The dance after Christmas. The party, well—our annual affair, on New Year's Eve. Everybody is welcome.

Last of all I want to try out an idea of mine. Each month I shall take a few members' names and write up a few lines about them. If to your liking please say so if not well. —

AL WHITE — (Waiculonis) — President — a man who since his election to office has done quite a bit for the club. A witty sort of a person. One has to keep on his toes to out do him. Or as I say it, to get up at 2:00 in the morning to beat him.

FRANK SHARKA — Vice-President — practically a new-comer, not only in the club, but also to Waterbury. Hails from up around Boston way. The boy from Beantown.

EMILY WHITE (Gay) — Recording Secretary — a gal who has held down the job a couple of years. A charming person — charmed the president into proposing. Not bad!

JAMES DANASKAS — Treasurer — a swell fellow — a member for many years — one who has done many things for the club, not only as treasurer, but as our interior decorator, as well. Plays the piano and the guitar for the members. Whether to lull them to sleep or wake them up, I still haven't found out.

FRANCES MAZULAITIS — Financial Secretary — also a newcomer in the club, who in her quiet way

has done her share. Keep it up, Fran.

VINCENT LUKMINAS — Houseman — "Vinny" or "Minnie" as he is known, strives to please all the members, especially the gals. Good boy.

So as all good things must come to an end so shall I. Any complaints must be made to Filibuster, who I understand, is in the Navy. Or, our legal advisor, one called Pluto. Adieu. **Watson P. D. Q.**

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JONAS PETRAUSKAS,

L. Vyčių 17 kuopos izdo globėjas. Jis yra ilgametis vytis. Jam teko garbė būti L. Vyčių 17-tos kuopos čarterio nariu ir jis visuose vyčių reikaluose nuolatos budi ir pataria savo patyrimu daugelyje klausimų.

COUNCIL 17

From all reports, Lt. Charles Jenkins, Chaplain, U. S. Army, Council 17's former spiritual director, is doing a fine job at Camp Hood, Texas. Our prayers are with you Father.

Recent out-of-town visitors that were seen in Boston are: Stephen Strockus, from Council 24, Chicago; and Anna Klem, from Kearney, N. J. who was around for the Center's Meeting.

Our president, Larry Svelnis, won the booby prize at the Whist Party held recently at the K. of L. Clubrooms. Patricia Zibutis was the lucky first-prize winner.

The wedding bells will soon chime for Aldona Yakavonis and Charles Zarolis. Good luck to you both!

Do you know we have football heroes in our midst? Joseph Bakshis

gained fame as a Center at South Boston High this year. Also, one of our new members, Roy Glover, a halfback on the same team, scored 15 (yes I said 15) touchdowns this season! Bob Casper was on the Boston College High team.

Angie Mason is said to be cutting quite a figure on roller skates at the nearby skating rinks.

ATTENTION: SERVICEMEN OF COUNCIL 17: We would very much like to hear from all of you. So why not drop your council a note, also enclose a snapshot that we can put in our Servicemen's Album? We have not forgotten about you, and though we know you are oftentimes without a minute to spare, do try to write to us the first chance you get to tell us where you are and what you are now doing. Please don't forget about sending pictures if you can. The address is:

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We'll be looking forward to hearing from all of you soon!

To all of Council 17's members, at home and abroad, your correspondent wishes that the blessed Christmas Season iwll bring you brighter hopes and added happiness now and through the New Year.

Kalėdų Dėdukas.

LETTER FROM ALPHONSE V. GRABOL — C-17

"I just received the back issues of the "VYTIS" today: I wish to thank you all for them. They came in very good shape. In the same mail, I also received the August copy. It's sure a swell way to keep track of some of the doings back home. The mail takes a little longer to reach us now than it did while we were at Eniwetok. The island we're on now is really a beautiful place. The people that lived here before it was taken, did quite a bit of farming. They raised just about everything. There's a number of cows, goats, pigs, and chickens wandering about the island. It's a lot better here than it was at Eniwetok. Even the food is better. We're not feeding quite as many men, so the cooks can do a better job. It's sure nice to see so much green again.

"Thanks again for the magazines.
/s/ Alphonse V. Grabol"

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