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Balandžio 1 dieną, saulėtekio spinduliuose susiūbuos bažnyčių varpai ir pasklis garsas: Velykos... Velykos... Velykos...

Pakils žmonių dvasia, nulinks visų galvos, visų links keliai ir visi dideliu džiaugsmu tars: Velykos... Kristus prisikėlė...

Taip, Kristus prisikėlė, palaimino mūs širdis ir mums amžinas džiaugsmas.

Per miestus, miestelius plauks tasai džiaugsmo aidas: Kristus prisikėlė... Mums amžinas džiaugsmas... Jam amžina garbė...

Kurių širdyje nėra išblėšę jausmai, kam neišseko siela dėl žemiškų, medžiaginių dalykų, tą pažadins Velykų varpų gaudesys ir jis drauge su varpų aidu garsiai tars:

Prisikelkime... Prisikelkime... Prisikelkime...

Taip, brangūs vyčiai, vytės! Prisikelkime dideliems darbams, naujiems žygiams savo organizacijos garbei: auginti jos eiles (narių skaičių kuopose) ir plėsti jos ribas (steigti, naujas kuopas ir gaivinti apmirusias).

Prisikelkime iš tinginio patalo, nubuskim iš dvasios apsnūdimo, ištieskim rankas į plačius darbo laukus. Tegul būna mūs akys pakeltos į dangų, širdyje amžinas džiaugsmas, o mintį ir silpnas savo rankas tieskime į darbo dirvonus ir prašykime Jo palaimos mūs visuose darbuose.

Kristus nugalėjo mirtį. Kieno širdys yra paaukotos Prisikėlusio garbei, kieno vaidai yra nušvitę prisikėlimu, kieno širdys liepsnoja prisikėlimo džiaugsmu ir didele Prisikėlusiam meile, tasai nugalės visas kliūtis; nugalės visus, kurie mūs darbams yra pastoję kelią.

L. Vyčiai, visi prie didesnio atgimimo ir prisikėlimo dideliems darbams!

Balandžio 1 d., sugaudus Velykų varpams, būkite visi pasveikinti nuo —

CENTRO VALDYBOS ir
"VYTIES" REDAKCIJOS.

EINA GARSAS

MAIRONIS — FOLK SONG

Translatel by V. F. Beliajus

Rumors of war from fair Vilna,
Call me to horse and away,
The Threat'ning Cross-Knights of Malburg
Force us to battle today.

Sudiev', to thee most beloved
Refrain from all tears when I leave,
Conquered our enemy shall be,
I'll claim thee when this we achieve,

Riches, the Cross-Knights of Malburg
Obtained in their conquests of old,
Coffers filled with the finest silks,
Their city towers gleamed with gold.

For myself, I'll bring from Prussia
A hard beaten glittering spear,
For thee, silk shawls and a girdle
Of gold, set in gems bright and clear.

At sunset the battle ended,
Pools formed of blood that was shed.
On Lietuva's field of honor,
Her most beloved lie dead.

Now all my friends are so happy,
And they dance in silken array.
While tears are the gems that adorn me
As I kneel by his grave, and I pray.

Ne'er again wilt thou speak, my loved one,
No word of thy love comes from thee,
Nor shall I wear on my finger
The ring thou didst promise me.



ŠV. KAZIMIERAS, Lietuvos Karalaitis ir L. Vyčių Globėjas

(1458—1484—1945 m.)

Pasaulyje tur būt nesiras ne vieno krašto, tautos,
Iš kurių tarpo nebūtų kilęs vienas-kitas šventasis,
Ir tokie garbingi sūnūs tautos yra skaisai pažiba josios
Viengenčiams, taipgi ir didis džiaugsmas Bažnyčiai visai.

Kaip Palestina yra vadinama krikščionijos lopšys, Išganytojo žė-
Kaip Anglija, Austrija, Italija turi daug savo šventųjų, [mė,
Arba Prancūzija yra pragarsėjusi Liurdo stebūklų vieta,
Taip ir mūsų brangi Lietuva—turi šv. Kazimierą ir Aušros Var-
[tus.

Matyt jau buvo toki Dievo valia ir karštas troškimas Marijos,
Kad 1387 m. visai pametusi stabmeldybę, krivaičius, vaidelutes,
Ir Lietuva sustiprėtų, augtų prakilnia katalikybės dvasia,
Tat ir siuntė jai garbingą šv. Kazimierą, Lietuvos Karalaitį.

Prakilnus mūsų šventasis užgimė šiam pasauliui lapkr. 3, 1458 m.
Krakuvos mieste, iš garbingai galingų valdovų šeimos, kurio tė-
vas buvo

Kazimieras III, narsus Lietuvos-Lenkijos karalius, o jo pamaldi
Motinė, augintoja—skaisti Austrijos karalaitė Elzbieta.

Jis buvo 3-sis kūdikis iš 13 vaikučių karaliaus šeimoj,
Jaunystėje atsižymėjo uoliu ir karštu pamaldumu viešai,
Ypatingai gerbė, mylėjo V. Jėzų švenčiausiame Sakramente,
Taipgi ir Dangaus karalienę Mariją Vilniaus Aušros Vartuose.

Augdamas labai tobulose savo gyvenimo aplinkybėse,
Ypač vadovaujant jo dvasios vadui kanaun. Jonui Dlugošui,
Jis kasdieną stiprėjo šventume ir kitose dorybėse, tuomi ir
Sužavėjo netik visą karališką dvarą, bet ir vargdienius žmones.

Nestebėtina tat... kad matome jį nakties vėluoju laiku,
Dažnai net basą, žiemos metu karštai besimeldžiant prie durų
Užrakytos Aušros Vartų bažnyčios, arba pamaldžiai slankiojant
Su krepšiu maisto, drabužių, pinigų tarpe ligonių, beturčių.

Vietoj karališko stalo skaniųjų valgių ir gėrimų,
Jis dažnai pasninkavo, nevalgė, negėrė, marindavosi;
Kasdienis maistas jo buvo: duona, daržovės, vaisiai, vanduo,
Ir vietoj šilko, drabužių brangių—AŠUTINĖ dengė jo kūną.

Visa širdimi jis mylėjo vargdienius, ligonius, našlaičius-tes,
Nes juose visuose imetė tikrąjį kentančio Kristaus paveikslą;
Kiekvieną jų saldžiais žodžiais paguosdavo, suramindavo,
Užtat Vilniaus ir Lietuvos žmonės jį vadino Vargdienių Tėvu.

Didesnės meilės išreiškimui Marijai, jis pats yra sustatęs garsųj
Himną Jos garbei: "Omni die dic Mariae mea laudis anima —
Ir kasdieną mano siela garbin' Tave, o Marija!",
Kuris yra giedama Lietuvoj ir Amerikoj lietuvių bažnyčiose.

Sykiu su karšta malda širdyje prie Jėzaus ir Marijos,
Jis ypač brangino, mylėjo nekaltybės - skaisybės dorybę,
Užtat ir paveiksluose jį matome: besimeldžiantį prie Aušros Var-
Marijos su giesme, lėlija ir karaliaus karūna rankose. [tuose

Jis taip numylėjo nekaltybės brangų turtą ir žinodamas,
Kad tik nekaltos širdies žmonės, skaisčius gali tarnauti
Jėzui ir Marijai, tat ir prieš savo mirtį, gydytojų patariamam
Apsivesti, tarė: "Geriau mirti, negu nekaltybę prarasti!"

Ir taip, gražiausias Lietuvos krašto žiedas, nekaltybės visiems pa-
vyzdys,
Sunkios ligos—džiovos ir askėtinio gyvenimo suvargintas, išpra-
našautoje
Sau mirties valandoje, ir prispaudęs kryžių, rožančių prie krū-
tinės
Jaunos, saldžiai užmigo Viešpatyje kovo 4 d., 1484, Gardine.

Taigi, vos pragyvenusio 24½ metų savo jaunystės amželio,
Jo šventas kūnas ilsis ramiai sidabriniam grabe
Nekalčiausios Marijos altoriuje, Katedros bažnyčios
Marmūro koplyčioj, amžinoj Lietuvos sostinėj, Vilniuje!

Tuojau po mirties pradėjo garsėti stebūklais didžiais:
Gražindamas mirusiai mergaitei gyvybę, akliams—regėjimą,
Kurtiesiems—girdėjimą, klubiesiems—visišką pasveikimą,
Ir nuo daugelio nelaimių Lietuvą apsaugojęs: karo, bado, maro,
ugnies.



Tūkstančius jo stebūklų čia galima būtų išskaitliuoti,
Net ir pati Lietuvos istorija aiškiai pažymi tuos faktus garsius,
Kuomet karuose su rusais, totoriais-turkais, ypač vokiečiais,
Jisai pasirodęs dangaus aukštumoje, pergale suteikė lietuviams.

Dėl visų jo geradarysčių—stebūklų, jis yra gerbiamas plačiai
Ne tik gimtame savo krašte, brangioj Lietuvoj, bet ir svetur,
Užsienyje, gausios lietuvių išeivijos tarpe: Anglijoj, Argentinoj,
Brazilijoj, Kanadoj, o ypatingu būdu Amerikoj laisvoj.

Šioje brangioje Washingtono-Lincolno šalyje, šv. Kazimieras
Užima tikrai garbingą sau vietą visose lietuvių širdyse:
Jo vardu yra krikštinta daug tėvynainių, bažnyčių, draugijų,
Mokyklų, taipgi ir mūsų lietuvių tvirtovė—šv. Kazimiero Se-
serų Vienuolynas.

Šiomet apvaikstant prakilnią ir brangią jo šventę—kovo 4 d.,
Ir prisiminus jo pomirtinių 461 metus, sykiu su Amerikoj
"Lietuvos Vyčiais" garbingais, kurių jis yra globėjas nuoširdus,
Dėkokim Aukščiausiam karštai, kad Jis davė mums šv. Kazimierą

Savo gi kūno, sielos ir gyvenimo visuose reikaluose, mes eikim
Nužemintai karštoje maldoje prie jo, mūsų garbingo Tėvynainio,
Ir nėra jokios abejonės, kad Dievas viską suteiks mums,
Nes šv. Kazimieras yra galingas danguje prie Jojo sosto.

Mes taipgi maldaukim jo stebūklingos ir greitos pagalbos,
Rusų vergijos nusikračius, atsteigt Nepriklausomybę kraštui
Lietuvos, gražinti tikrąją laisvę mūsų tėveliams, broliams ir
sesutėms,
O taipgi tėvynėn sugrįžti nekaltai vargstantiems lietuviams
šaltame Sibire.

Tat, šv. Kazimierai, mūsų brangios tautos galingas Globėjau,
Garbingas Lietuvi dangaus karalystėj, pas Dievą, Mariją, —
Maloniai išklausk mūsų maldavimų, troškimų karštų,
Ir pribūk su savo pagalba prie kiekvieno besišaukiančio į Tave
lietuvio.

Ypač subūrdamas skaitlingan būryn visą Amerikos lietuvių
Jaunimą po L. Vyčių garbinga vėliava, stiprink tu juos savo
Prakilnioje dvasioje, šventume ir padėk mums jį auklėti
Tikrai lietuviškai - katalikiškoje dvasioje, nes... šiandieną
Jis yra tikras žiedas tautos, o rytdieną—bus mūsų tautos
išeivijoje ateitis!!!

Padangės Aras—Kun. S. J. Vembrė.

Kovo 4 d., 1945 m.

The K. of L. Organization—

The Bulwark of Our Youth, The Pride of Our Veterans
IT LEADS THE WAY TOWARD AN AUSPICIOUS FUTURE

WITHOUT fear of contradiction, it can be said that the Knights of Lithuania organization, throughout its thirty years of meritorious existence, has achieved a higher degree of noteworthy and worthwhile accomplishments than any other Lithuanian youth organization. Fundamentally based on high principles and a wide scope of objectives, the K. of L. organization offers our youth a golden opportunity to gain not only needed experience in activities benefiting our Lithuanian - American life but in their own interest to better themselves and thus advance along the illustrious way toward an auspicious future. This is the reason that our K. of L. Veterans (old timers), having received invaluable experience which they directly benefited through our organization, highly evaluate the K. of L. organization, its principles and traditions, take pride for their part in its accomplishments and hold in high esteem the organization for its importance in the role it plays in Lithuanian - American life.

There is no question as to the importance of the role that our K. of L. organization plays in Lithuanian - American life. Our youth is our problem and the future of our national entity rests in the hands of our youth. Unorganized youth has little opportunity to uphold our par-

ents' ideals and national traits, their traditions and aspirations which they treasure so dearly. Being engulfed within an atmosphere of various nationalities, their customs and ideas, this type of youth begins to sway and tends to lean toward an uncertain future. The reason for this is lack of proper leadership, which could lead this youth along a normal - healthy path engendered in high principles and ideals of Lithuanian - American national - religious life. This proper leadership our youth will only find within the K. of L. organization.

A glance at the roster of our present Lithuanian - American leaders and prominent personages, names well known in practically every Lithuanian - American home, of persons who have achieved eminent prominence in various walks of life — in civic and political leadership, various professional and business careers, in the field of culture and learning and in various other public activities, will show a surprising fact that but few are strangers in our organization's ranks. Practically all at one time or another have been active members of our organization, where in their younger days they gained that needed experience in the affairs of our Lithuanian - American life, were inspired in the ideals and aspirations of our parents and thus step by step

Eik šen, mergužėle,
Prie mano šalelės,
Mudu pakalbėsime
Daug meilių žodelių.

Atsimink, mergele,
Ką tu man kalbėjai,
Trylikos metelių
Man pasižadėjai.

Trylikos metelių
Tave pamylėjau,
Aukso skaisčių žiedą
Aš tau pažadėjau.

Netiesa, berneli,
Baltas dobilėli,
Kita jau saugoja
Tavo žiedužėlį.





VASARIO 16 CHICAGOJ ATGARSIAI — Mīnint Lietuvos nepriklausomybės sukaktį Chicagoj, vasario 18 d., Amalgamated unijos salėj, Chicago Herald-American padarė šią nuotrauką. Žiūrint iš kairės į dešinę: J. Daužvardienė, Lietuvos konsulo P. Daužvardžio žmona; Akvilina

Macke; kun. Ig. Albavičius, Am. Lietuvių Tarybos Chicago skyriaus pirmininkas; kun. dr. K. Gečys, vienas kalbėtojų paminėjime; ir dr. K. Drangelis, programos vedėjas. (Herald-American - Draugas photo).

they progressed the ladder of noteworthy success. Their number reaches into the thousands.

The K. of L. organization in all aspects meets the demands of our present modern youth. Striving always to instigate new ideas, stream-lined programs of activity using as a motive the highest ideals and purposes arising in our American life with the ultimate purpose of molding its members into good American citizens in character and action, yet it fosters to inculcate a true appreciation and reverence of the highest ideals and beautiful traditions brought from the land of our fathers — Lithuania. In brief, the K. of L. organization fosters love and loyalty for our country — the United States of America, and at the same time a reverence for the land of our fathers.

Since there is no illness or death-benefit functions attached to our organization, which would require a major portion of our organization's time and energy to administer, the activity of our organization is directed toward other important purposes. Activity is directed in the fields of art, culture, religion, sports, public service and planning of various social entertainments for its own membership. A new member upon joining is received into their midst by a friendly group of Lithuanian young people who sincerely appreciate his or her companionship and do every-

thing within their power to make things pleasant. There this new member is little urged to participate in the various activities of the organization. Thus slowly but surely, amidst an atmosphere of enthusiasm and live-wire activity this new member begins to gain needed experience in organized activities, is inspired with the true Lithuanian - American spirit and thus gradually joins whole - heartedly into all phases of organizational work. Thus starts the beginning on the road to an auspicious future. The K. of L. Veterans (old timers), well-experienced in all this, act as a "Big Brother" unit, carefully observing the activity of the younger group, lend a mature helping hand in matters of greater importance or come to the aid of the K. of L. organization wherever they are needed. The K. of L. organization's activities can be summarized as predicated upon our organization's supreme motto: GOD AND COUNTRY.

The K. of L. New Membership drive is now in full progress. There is an old saying that "in unity there is strength". This axiom is true today as ever before. Let each and every one of us make it a point to resolve to bring into our organization at least two new members. The organization will be only what we make of it. So let's all — everyone of us — do our share. Make it a point to bring in at least TWO NEW MEMBERS.

TRADITIONAL LITHUANIAN CUSTOMS

(Palm Sunday to the Feast of St. George).

by
V. F. Beliajus

Beginning with Palm Sunday until the day that honors St. George, Lithuanians throughout their native land are busily engaged performing the detailed and arduous, but interesting tasks that their holiday activities involve.

Palm Sunday is called *Verba* in Lithuania. I can remember how on the Saturday before *Verba* my cousins Agota and Antanas, my brother Arējas and I went wading through the muddy roads that led to the forest. Gleefully we went about, carefully selecting the extra fine full grown branches of *verba*. In Lithuania the name Palm Sunday is a misnomer. Most natives there have never seen a palm; consequently, utilized in its stead is this *Verba* or "dwarfed spruce", a "juniper type" bush. It is with *verba* branches that people go to the church to re-enact the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Here too, lies the chief differences between the observance of Palm Sunday ritual in Lithuania and its observance in all the rest of the Catholic world. However, in Lithuania we transform the juniper branch into a thing of artistic beauty, before it is ready to serve our special purpose.

The *verba* grows all the year around. One is at liberty to cut these branches at any time, but on this particular Saturday we took special delight in the choosing and the cutting; for after all, only one day remained before these *verbas*, all decorated and groomed, would be exhibited and exposed to the scrutiny of our church brethren.

Upon reaching home with enough branches for attending church members of our family (and who would not go to church on *Verba*?) the women folk hurled themselves into the task of assisting us youngsters. Sheets of colored paper, bought in town on a previous Sunday visit to church had to be fashioned into lovely paper flowers of many colors. By sundown, in the light of a taper, we were all sitting about the table busily working. Clicking our scissors, paper streamers were made and the pleasant task of making roses, lillies and other flowers was in full swing. The flowers once made were neatly tied and artistically arranged on the *verba* branch. It seemed as if we were busier at this task than any we had ever done before, but what did we care? We knew our effort would be more than remunerated in the three-fold purpose the *verba* served.

The town church appeared colorful on Palm Sunday and the refreshing pine odor that prev-

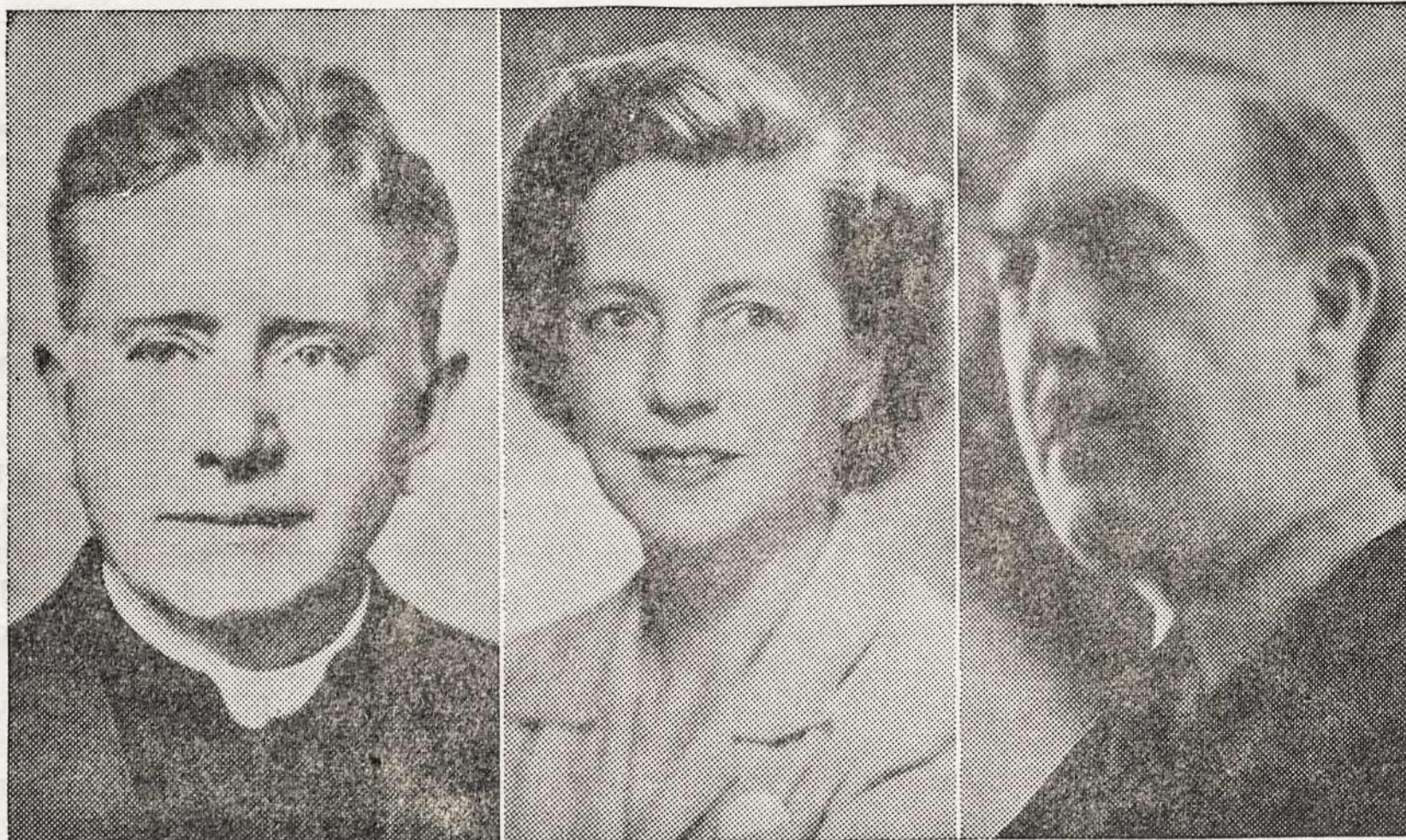
ailed throughout the services not only served as an air purifier but as incense as well. The place, literally looked like a flower conservatory. It was amusing to us to note that when the *Verba* services were performed many of the worshippers (especially the so-called *verba* artists) did not hear; neither did they wish to hear. They glanced about, here, there and you, scrutinizing the *verba* that "so and so" made to see what flowers she imitated and what hues had been used. Then, when the services are over the *verba* was blessed and brought back home where each masterpiece decorated one of the sacred pictures that always hang on the walls of all good Lithuanian homes.

Another busy day is the Saturday before Easter — Saturday following Palm Sunday. On this day our entire household was bent to the task of making Easter eggs — or *Margutis*, as we called them. This was a very painstaking detail but eager as we were, we hardly minded sacrificing a few hours sleep before dawn to do it. This was absolutely necessary because Holy Saturday is a shortened day as the later part of the afternoon and the night are spent in church.

The house that morning was so busy you would have thought it a market place. Here one was doing the Easter cleaning, there another prepared food for the day marking the end of Lent with its inevitable fish diet. For us Lithuanians that meant herring. To cap the turmoil, the rest of us were busy around the table processing the *margutis*.

This we called the batik process. The boiled eggs were bedecked with designs of molten wax applied rapidly, so as not to give the wax a chance to cool. We had to be diligent workers because the process required skill and speed. Then eggs were dipped into boiling dyes, taken out and the wax wiped off. Where there was wax the dye did not take. Re-dipping the egg dyed the remainder of the egg which previously had been waxed, but not dyed. In this manner we were able to get several different colors on one egg. It was intriguing work and time passed quickly.

Almost before we knew it the late afternoon hours stole upon us. It was already three P. M. The road by our homestead led to the parish church. Pedestrian traffic increased to new heights for the day. Although it was nearly eight miles to the church, it was more fun to walk than to go by cart. Most every one had a horse and cart, but somehow the crude vehicles did not enhance the dignity or the grace of gaily clad femininity. The maidens delighted in lifting their skirts to their knees! No doubt it was



NATIONAL JUDGES IN C. P. A. STORY CONTEST — Named as national judges in the magazine section of the short story contest, sponsored by the Literary Awards Foundation of the Catholic Press Association are: Rev. Edward F. Murphy, S. S. J., of Xavier University, New Orleans, author of "The Scarlet Lily;" Dorothy

Fremont Grant, convert - author of *Manhasset*, Long Island, N. L.; and Eddie Doherty, of the editorial staff of the "Chicago Sun." The contest, which closes at midnight, March 12, offers prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$75 for entries submitted through Catholic magazines participating. (NCWC).

thrilling to reveal those dainty under - things!— could this have been the reason they preferred walking? How else could you appreciate their pure white linen, lacy underskirts, or their exquisite headkerchief? Certainly, not when riding in the cart!

On Easter morning, before we children had a chance to rise, "Teta" (Auntie) Skrupskas would come to our house with an abundant supply of Easter eggs. Ruthlessly indifferent to, and ignoring the arduous task preparing those works of art, that one would deem worthy exhibition in some museum, the famished youngsters proceeded at once to break the eggs, treating themselves to a hearty breakfast.

People went to Confession on Holy Saturday, and received Holy Communion on Easter morn. The folks remained in the church all night.

With the ending of Easter gaiety, we eagerly which falls on April 23rd. St. George is the warrior saint who killed a dragon. The Lithuanians harbor an affection for the saint, manifesting it in various ways. There are the usual celebrations accorded him in certain parishes of the land, and Lithuanian nationals eulogise this saint with special ovations. It is likewise the day of the first spring planting.

The stately dahlia is named after this saint, and in Lithuania they are called "Jurginiai". On that day the dahlia bulbs are brought out from the cellar and planted.

My love for flowers was not unlike most of my countryman's and many flower beds surrounded my bedroom. Aunt Skrupskas had a large garden with so many varieties, that it was the envy of the villagers. Early on the morning of St. George's day, spade in hand, I was at her door. After the formalities were done I can remember how we lost little time in getting into the garden, starting immediately to work very diligently with spade and hoe. Now that I review these incidents I smile at the method by which I relieved her of surplus flowers. I maintained they were doing her garden no good, or overcrowding, and claimed them for my own.

Because of St. George, I, too, was fond of the stately dahlia, and I had a collection of many hues of dahlias — and peonies — carmine, red, heliotrope, dahlias almost black, and white and cream peonies. When done with the planting of all flowers, special prayers, *Tēve Mūsū* and *Sveika Maria* (Our Father and Hail Mary) were said with the intention that St. George should bless the garden with a profusion of bloom.

ORGANIZUOKITĖS, VEIKITE, SUSILAUKSITE PARAMOS!

(Kun. A. Linkaus paskaita Liet. Vyčių Chicago apskrities seimeliui, Sausio m., šių metų).

Gerbiamieji Lietuvos Vyčiai!

Koks gražus jūsų vardas: Vyčiai — Knights; Lietuvos, senutės, garbingos tautos ainiai! Koks gražus ir prakilnus tikslas jūsų organizacijos! Tikslas, išlaikyti lietuvių tautybę šiame krašte, darbuotis Kristaus Bažnyčiai, būti gerais piliečiais šios šalies ir pavyzdingais jaunimo pasaulyje.

Lietuvis gimęs, lietuviu jausis ir pasiliks kur jis nebūtų ir kuom jis nebūtų. Pavyzdžiui, kad ir šio pasaulinio karo toli nuvežti į Pacifiko salas, sutikęs lietuvis kitą lietuvi, džiaugiasi; kaip malonu jam nors pasikalbėti su lietuviu. Jiems rodosi susitiko tikrą savo brolių.

Taip, mes, lietuviai, esame broliai ir seserys, savo pirgimtoje tautoje ir Kristaus Bažnyčioje. Negarbingas tas, kuris išsižada ir paniekina savo tautą. Visi gerbia tokį, kuris gerbia ir dirba savo tautai.

BroLIAI ir seserys yra vienos šeimos nariai. Šeima yra organizacija. Šeimos nariai vienas kitam pagelbsti, vienas kitą užtaria, vienas kitą apgina, ką turi visi dalinasi ir vienas kitą moka.

Taigi, kad geriau atsiekti tikslą, reikia visiems jauniems lietuviams susiorganizuoti kaipo broliams ir seserims į Liet. Vyčių organizaciją. Organizuotas jaunimas gali daug gero padaryti Tautai, Bažnyčiai ir patys sau.

Jūs patys, vyčiai, jaučiatės ir kaip ir aimnuojate, kad jūsų organizacija nestiprėja, taip pat, kad lietuvių visuomenė nebemato tiek reikšmingumo jūs organizacijoje. Nenorėkite, kad vienu kartu visoje organizacijoje atsirastų naujas galingas gyvumas ir jos išaugimas. Mano patarimas, paimkite tik vieną Chicago, kur yra lietuvių metropolis, kur yra visos galimybės jaunimo organizacijos židiniui, iš kur galima užkurti iš naujo organizacijos ugnį, suraskite kiekvienoje lietuvių parapijoje nors po tris, kurie užsiinteresuotų ir idealiai darbuotųsi Liet. Vyčių organizacijos uždegimui iš naujo. Prie tų trijų atsiras ir prisidės daugiau. Žinokite, jog kas nebeįkruta, nebeveikia, nyksta ir nebegyvena. Bile organizacija be veikimo ilgai negyvuoja, o jaunimo organizacija negali nurimti, negali gyvuoti; ji nuolatos privalo turėti užsiėmimo ir veikti visi jos nariai.

Kokį gi veikimą bei užsiėmimą vyčiai gali turėti? O gi tik pildyti savo organizacijos obalsį — dirbti Tautai ir Bažnyčiai.

Argi šiomis dienomis nėra ko susirūpinti lietuvių tautos likimu? Juk Lietuvos lietuvius dabar užgulė tamsi ir baisi padėtis, kokios, gal, nebuvo lietuvių tautos istorijoje. Čia gal daug priklausys nuo šios šalies lietuvių susipratimo ir pasidarbavimo lietuvių tautos išlaikymui. Augesnieji vyčiai turi įeiti į bendrą lietuvių veikimą už Lietuvą ir už tautos reikalus. Dalyvaukite kartu su kitomis organizacijomis, kuomet kas daroma Lietuvos ar tautybės reikaluose. Įeikite ir kartu aktyviai veikite su L. Kat. Federacija. Būkite savi ir susidomėję savo tautos reikaluose. Kas savo tautą gerbia ir jai darbuojasi, tas yra visų gerbiamas ir aukštinamas.

Kad gyventi Bažnyčiai, pirmiausia reikia būti pavyzdingais katalikais, o ne metiniais bažnyčion atsilankytojais. Antrą, reikia prisidėti prie parapijos veikimo ir jos išlaikymo. Suroškite parapijos išlaikymo naudai parengimus. Pasidaruokite pagelbėdami parapijos parengimuose.

Nemanykite, kad vyčiai turi vien tik rūpintis ir dirbti Tautai ir Bažnyčiai. Jaunimas turi turėti smagesnių laiko valandų, k. t., pasilinksminimų ir sporto žaidimų. Pasilinksminimai reikalingi, kad pasidžiaugti jaunyste, kad draugiškumą su savaisiais palaikyti ir kad susipažinti su jaunystės dienų bendraminčiais. Sportas jaunimui yra ne tik geras, bet ir reikalingas. Kol jaunas, jis nori išbandyti ir parodyti ką jis išmoko, išsilavino, kiek spėkų ir miklumo jis turi. Sporte jaunimas dorai praleidžia laiką, išmilkina, išstobulina sveikatingumo žvilgsniu kūno sąnarius, išmoksta neapsileisti kitiems, tas veda prie pažangumo gyvenime.

Lietuvių jaunimas yra energingas ir gabumais pasižymi visokiose sporto srityse. Tad, vyčiai, turėkite mintyje sporto reikalingumą savo organizacijos gerovei. Sportu galite darbuotis, kelti savo tautos vardą ir pavilioti jaunimą į savo organizaciją.

Tad imkitės darbo organizuoti jaunimą. Patys dirbkite, kiti padės. Prisidėkite prie lietuviško bei tautinio veikimo, būsite gerbiami ir gausite paramos. Būkite arti prie Bažnyčios, ir juskite, kad ir jūsų yra pareiga padėti parapijos reikaluose, turėsite pritarimo ir savo organizacijai. Kadangi lietuvių jaunimas yra tinkamas ir gabus sporte ir kadangi be sporto jaunimas negali apsieiti, tad visokiame sporte darykite taip, kad Lietuvos Vyčių vardas garsiai skambėtų. Jaunimas tada dėsies prie vyčių, o inteligentija ir lietuvių visuomenė jus parems ir jums padės.

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

Lietuvos Vyčių 31-mo Seimo PROTOKOLAS

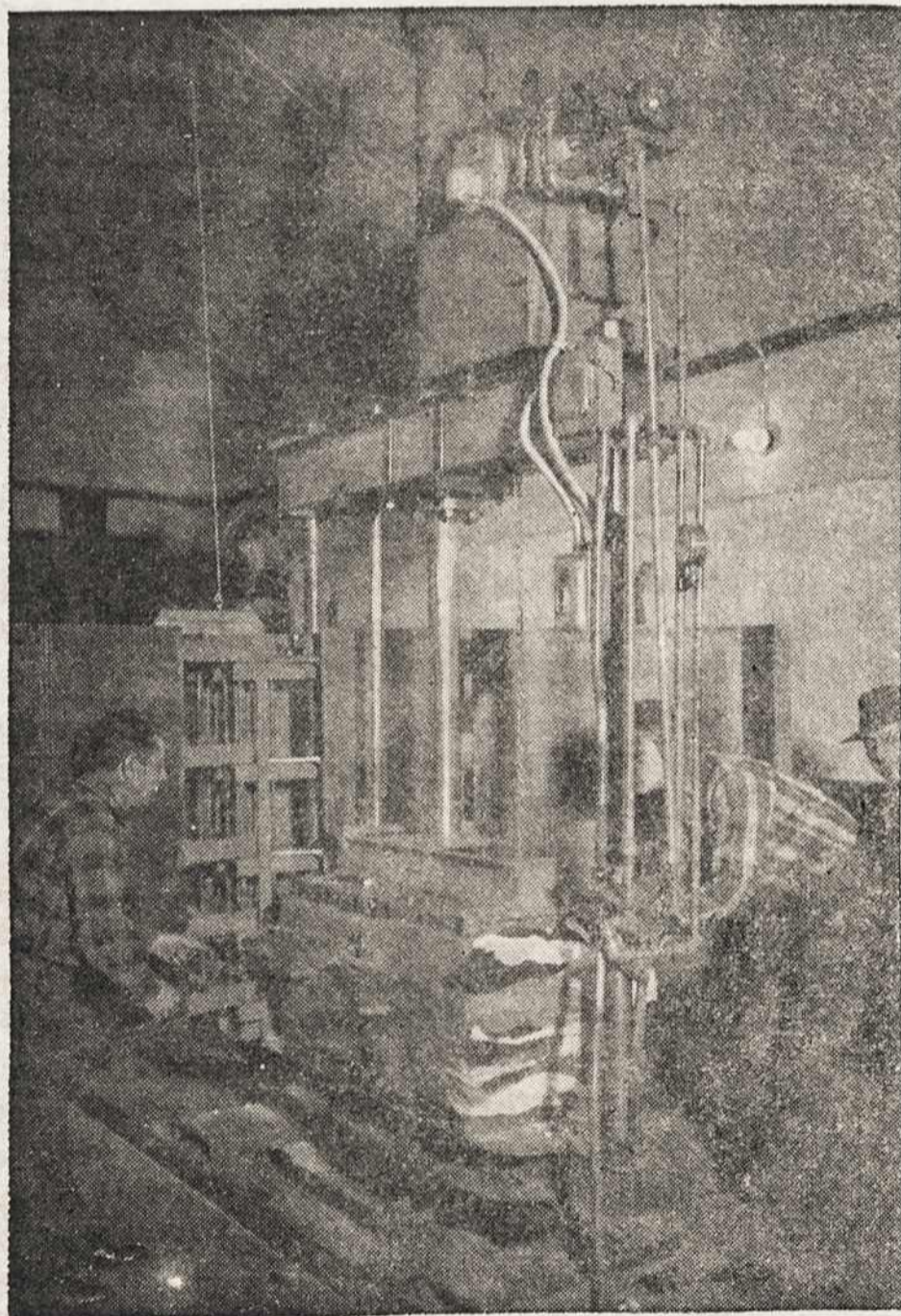
PIRMOJI SESIJA

Lietuvos Vyčių 31-mas seimas įvyko Rugpiūčio 23 ir 24 d. New England Room, Lexington viešbutyje, New Yorke.

Centro pirm. Pranas Razvadauskas pakvietė kun. F. Norbutą, Brocktono 1-mos kuopos dvasios vadą, atkalbėti maldą.

Po pamaldų, susirinkusieji atgiedojo Amerikos, Lietuvos ir Vyčių himnus, po kurių pirm. P. Razvadauskas trumpai pasveikino seimo dalyvius ir linkėjo, kad šis seimas būtų sėkmingas.

Po kalbos jis skyrė Nominacijų komisiją, būtent, Joną Kumpą, Oną Klimašauskaitę ir Louise Totilaitę, siūlyti asmenis į prezidiumą ir komisijas. Išrinkti sekantieji: seimo pirm. — Juozas



Nuotrauka iš BALF sandėlio, Brooklyn, N. Y., kur suvežti iš visos Amerikos lietuvių kolonijų surinkti drabužiai nukentėjusiems nuo karo Lietuvos žmonėms, spaudžiami Hydraulic mašina, 1,000 svarų jėga, naftaliuojami ir vyniojami. Taip paruošti drabužiai užims laive maža vietos. Jie gali išsilaikyti ilgą laiką.

Bulevičius (Boley), I vice pirm. — Felicija Grendelytė, II vice pirm. — Louis Ketvirtis, raštininkės: Ona Mendelinskaitė, Ona Norkiūtė.

Rezoliucijų ir sveikinimų komisijon: Kun. F. Norbutas, Ignas Sakalas, Marijona Bigenytė, Danielius Averka, adv. Antanas Jankauskas (Young), kun. Stan. Raila, Mykolas Norkūnas.

Mandatų komisijon: Louise Totilaitė, Ona Klimašauskaitė.

Centro rašt. Teofilė Aukštikalnytė perskaitė seimui sveikinti laiškus ir telegramas. Su kuriais laiškais prisiūsta ir aukų Centro ir "Vyties" reikalams.

Sekamai peržvelgta pereinusių dviejų metų ir seimo ir konferencijos nutarimai. Taipogi ir dviejų pastarųjų metų finansų raportai. Nutarta, kad finansų raportai būtų įtraukti į abu pilnus raportus.

Kun. Dr. Juozas Bogušas, iš Waterbury, Conn., skaito referatą, tema — "Family Life". (Referatas tilpo "Vytyje").

Mandatų komisija pranešė, kad pirmojoje sesijoje atstovaujama 17 kuopų. Atstovų yra 46, jų tarpe 5 kunigai; užsiregistravusių svečių 14.

Po raporto sekė vardošaukis. Nutarta, kad per visas sesijas būtų laikomasi tos tvarkos.

Seka Centro Valdybos raportai: dvasios vado kun. St. Railos (raštu), pirm. P. Razvadausko (raštu), vice pirm. J. Boley (raštu), antro vice pirm. A. J. Mažeikos (raštu, vėliau prisiūstas), sekr. T. Aukštikalnytės (raštu), fin. sekr. F. Grendelytės (raštu), išdininko P. Gudelio (raštu). Visi priimti kaip skaityti. Išdininko raportas apie "Namo Fondą" taip pat priimtas.

CENTRO VALDYBOS RAPORTAI

Kun. Stan. Railos, Centro Dvasios Vado Raportas

Mielieji Centro Valdybos nariai ir visi seimo dalyviai:

1. Pirmiausia nuoširdžiai noriu padėkoti Centro Valdybos pirmininkui ir visai Centro Valdybai už taip malonų bendradarbiavimą ir visą pagalbą vyčių veiklos varyme. Negalėdamas dalyvauti valdybos posėdžiuose, būčiau mažą ką gero padaręs be valdybos pagalbos.

2. Šiais metais mano veikimas buvo labiau laiškais, kuriuos rašiau dvasios vadams, vienuolijoms ar šiaip asmenims.

3. Rašinėjau straipsnelius į "Vyti" ir kitą katalikiškąją spaudą vyčių rūpimais klausimais. Parašiau keletą aplinkraščių.

4. Daugiau galvojau ir parengiau jaunųjų vyčių veikimo projektą.

5. Svarbiausia, kad savo malda niekuomet nepamiršau vyčių, kaip tikiuos, kad ir jie manęs nepamiršo.

6. Baigdamas noriu pareikšti, kad mano nuo-

mone vyčiams sveikiau ir naudingiau būtų turėti dvasios vadą iš artimesnės apylinkės kaip ir visi Centro Valdybos nariai, kad visi daugiau galėtų nuveikti.

Kun. Stan. Raila.

Centro Pirmininko Raportas

Didžiai gerbiamieji kunigai, atstovai ir svečiai!

Kada žmogus esi paėmęs atsakomingas pareigas ir žinai, jog savo darbą būtina turi atlikti, tai stengiesi, atlikti kuo vertingiausiai organizacijai ir visuomenės labui. Bet idejinio darbo niekuomet negali užbaigti; vieną užbaigęs, tuoj griebiesi kito ir viskas paskęsta praeities jūroje. Todėl ir šiandien, kada turiu jums patiekti metų savo veiklos raportą, jaučiuosi išsiblaškęs ir tų darbų - darbelių nuoseklų raportą vargiai jums patieksiu. Prisipažinsiu, kad teko dirbti labai sunkiose aplinkybėse, nes didelė mūsų organizacijos dalis grumiasi su priešų karo lauke už laisvę, už tikėjimą, už žmogaus laisvę, gi organizacijoje liko tuščios vietos, be vadų ir darbininkų. Vienok, kad ir sunkiose aplinkybėse, bandėme judinti tuos, kurie da organizacijos ribose ir organizacija palaipsniui progresavo.

Grižę pernai iš konferencijos, turėjome įvairių minčių, gražiausių sumanymų, būtent: atidaryti savo spaustuve, tuo reikalu nusiuntėme ir atstovą į Chicago; manėme padidinti žurnalą "Vytį", surasti jam galimybės rėmėjų, garbės leidėjų; žodžiu, pastatyti žurnalą "Vytį" įdomiausiu visuomenės laikraščiu. Tam darbui ir komisiją buvome išrinkę, bet komisija susidūrė su įvairiomis sunkenybėmis. Žodžiu, šiais metais darbas buvo labai sunkus ir todėl liko ir spaustuvė neatidaryta, nei "Vytis" nevirto tokiu, koku jį išivaizdavome per konferenciją Newark'e.

KĄ GI, PAGALIAU, NUVEIKĖME?

Įvykęs L. Vyčių 30-tasis seimas, Bostone, suteikė teisę Centro Valdybai spaustuve sutvarkyti sulig jų geriausios nuomonės. Daugiausia buvo minčių ją likviduoti. Buvo įvairių susirašinių, spaustuvės reikalu, bet neradome jokių būdų ją atidaryti, gi žygį likviduoti kas-žin kodėl nevykdėme. Manau, kad čia jautėme per didelę atsakomybę. Todėl, spaustuvės galutiną likimą turėsite išspręsti jūs, gerbiamieji atstovai, per šį seimą.

Savo raporte per konferenciją aiškinau, dėlko spaustuvė užsidarė — stoka darbininkų. Bet po konferencijos, kada grįžo mūsų siustas atstovas iš Chicago ir pareiškė, kad su pagalba Chicago vyčių suorganizavęs komisiją, kuri bandys surasti spaustuvei darbininkų ir atidarys biznio pagrindais. Dar pabriežė, kad Chicago vyčiai reiškia didžiausi, norą, kad spaustuvė pasilikėtų vyčių nuosavybė. Deja, Charles Bason - Basanavi-



*Prel. J. Mačiulis — Maironis,
Tautos Dainius.*

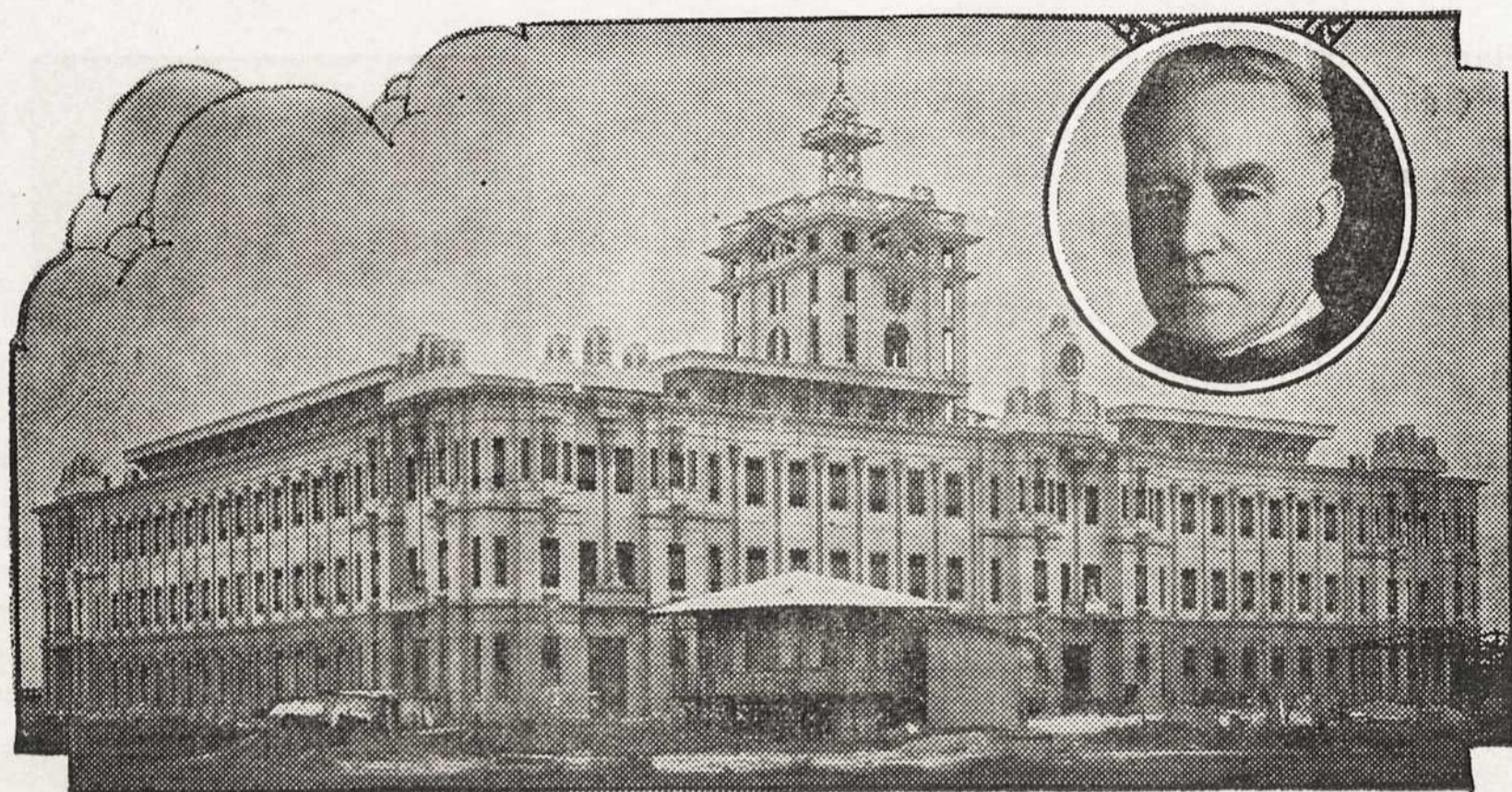
Maironis užsidegęs karšta tėvynės meile, dvasia maištinga verždamas iš krūtinės, kėlė prispaustuosius į kovą už laisvę. Jo gyvas žodis suskambėjo galingai. Pranašingas jis buvo. Nuaidėdamas per plačiuosius Lietuvos laukus, atsimušė į išvargintą lietuvių sielą. — O vienok Lietuva juk atbus gi kada, ne veltui ji tiek iškentėjo... nes kryžius gyvatą žadėjo... Ir Maironis šaukė: Į darbą broliai, vyrs į vyrą! Šarvuoti mokslu vien giliu! Paimsim arklą, knygą, lyrą ir eisim Lietuvos keliu!...

čiaus sudarytoji komisija nieko neįstengė nuveikti. Aš pats rašiau tuo reikalu laiškus: kun. J. Griniui, S. Brozaitei, A. Valaitytei, red. Ig. Sakalui, K. Zaromskiui ir dar kitiems, bet rezultatas buvo kad: Chicagos vyčiai spaustuvės reikalą gerai apsvarstė, laikinai atsisako spaustuve rūpintis ir viską palieka Centro valdybai. Tokį jų pranešimą gavome kovo 26, 1944. Centro Valdyba, negavus darbininkų, nutarė da spaustuve palaikyti iki šio seimo, bet būtina reikia atidaryti, ar likviduoti, nes organizacijai ji neša didelių nuostolius.

KITA ORGANIZACIJOS VEIKLA

Tuoj po konferencijos, parašėme įvairius atsišaukimo laiškus gerb. kunigams ir pasaulionims, iš kurių tikėjomės vyčiams nuoširdžios paramos ir pritarimo. Šiuo kartu buvo parašyta per penki šimtai laiškų. Į laiškus gavome daug ir atsakymų, pasižadant vyčiams pagelbėti. Dalis jų savo pasižadėjimus vytiškai išpildė.

Paskelbėme naujų narių vajú. Čia ir labai daug darbo įdėjome. Noriu pabrėžti, kad, turint mintyje šiuos laikus, mūsų naujų narių vajú buvo sėkmingas. Vajaus laiku su nuoširdžiu prita-



WHERE 3,700 CIVILIANS WERE INTERNED BY JAPANESE — Underlines: The “Stars and Stripes” has returned to the oldest university under the American flag, — Santo Tomas University, in Manila. Pictured is one of the buildings

on the campus, where 3,700 civilians were interned by the Japanese and are now reported liberated by Gen. MacArthur’s forces. Insert shows the Most Rev. Michael J. O’Doherty, Archbishop of Manila. (NCWC).

rimu gerb. kun. J. Švagždžio ir asistento kun. F. Norbuto atgaivinome buvusią pirmutinę Vyčių kuopą Brockton, Mass. Šia proga noriu Brockton Vyčių kuopą sveikinti laimėjus naujų narių vajaus kontestą.

Dvasios vado kun. Stan. Railos iniciatyva, buvo paruoštas jaunamečių organizavimui statusas, bet dėl įvairių pakeitimų, nesuspėjome jaunamečių vajaus praveisti. Jaunamečių organizavimas labai svarbus reikalas ir manau, kad dvasios vadas tars žodį plačiau šiuo klausimu. Čia reikia tarti nuoširdus padėkos žodis Centro dvasios vadui kun. Stan. Railai už jo nuoširdžią darbuotę ir nuoširdžią pagelbą.

“VYTIS” IR FINANSAVIMAS

Kaip žinote, “Vyti” spausdiname “Darbininko” spaustuvėje Bostone. Pasikeitus laikams, pasikeitė ir “Vyties” finansavimas. Viskas pa-brango: darbininkai, popiera ir įvairios kitos reikmenys, gi mūsų įeigos nepadidėjo, bet sumažėjo. Čia jau problema, kaip įstengsime išleisti ir dar pagražinti “Vyti”? Bet nenusiminau. čia atėjo į pagelbą nematyta jėga. Prisiminau konferencijoje kun. Malakausko iškeltas mintis — ieškoti “Vyčiui” garbės rėmėjų - leidėju. Pirmą kontaktą darau su savo gerais draugais — vyčiais Antanu ir Anele Gapučiais. Gerai žinodamas, kad vyčiai Gapučiai labai nuoširdūs ir, vyčių reikalai jiems visuomet prie širdies, todėl juos pakviečiau būti pirmais “Vyties” garbės leidėjais. Sutiko. Vėliau “Vyties” garbės leidėjais buvo šie nuoširdūs vyčių prieteliai: kun. Pr. Juras, iš Lawrence, Mass.; kun. Pr. Virmauskis,

iš So. Boston, Mass.; kun. J. Vaitekūnas, iš Providence, R. I.; kun. Pr. Juškaitis, iš Cambridge, Mass.; L. Vyčių 17-ta kuopa, iš So. Boston, Mass.; L. Vyčių Chicago Apskritis; L. Vyčių 116-ta kuopa, su klebono kun. Vasio ir kun. J. Jutkevičiaus pagelba, iš So. Worcester, Mass.; New York ir New Jersey apskritis; prel. J. Ambotas, iš Hartford, Conn. su \$50.00 — auka. Daug “Vyties” finansavimui pagelbėjo ir skelbimai, kur “Vytyje” tilpdavo. Skelbimais man pačiam daugiausia teko rūpintis.

Nuoširdiems vyčių prieteliams: didž. gerb. kunigams ir pasaulioniams, reiškiu nuoširdžiausią padėką! Patarlė teisingai sako: pažinsi draugą tik nelaimėje. Ačiū jums!

Per pereitus du metus vyčiai padarė pažangą, ypač moraliniai. Pakliuvę į karo tarnybą mūsų nariai pasijuto, kad neteko savo organizacijos ir žurnalo “Vyties”, kurio pirmiau neįvertino; mes, likusieji, daug intensyviau sukcentravę savo jėgas organizacijai dirbti, gi mūsų garbingi visuomenės vadai, matydami mūsų pasiryžimą ir, organizacijos naudingumą, mus nuoširdžiai remia ir ateina į pagelbą.

Tad malonūs vyčiai, mūsų organizacijai perspektyvos ateičiai giedrios, tik prašykime Aukščiausiąjį Dievą, kad greičiau baigtųsi šis žiaurusis karas, kad vėl grįžtų mūsų broliai vyčiai į bendrą, su mumis darbą, o organizacija iškėlus savo vėliavą triumfuos pirmyn!

Tvirtai tikiu, kad šis seimas, nuoširdžiai išspręs visus svarbiuosius organizacijos klausimus, padarys reikalingas reformas, užpildys trūkumus ir vieningai su naujai išrinkta valdyba

Press Needs Religion, Secular Editorial Says

NEW YORK: In an editorial concerning "The Press and Religion," the magazine Editor & Publisher comments: "People are getting away from the scoffing attitude toward religion so prevalent before the war. It is time for our newspapers also to throw off the old taboos and oldtime cynicism."

Observing that the "role of the press in religion has not been very clear to many newspapermen", the editorial continues: "It has been the subject of magazine articles and convention

smarkiai žengs pirmyn organizacijos gerovei. Vyčiai, mūsų ateitis, bet dirbkime, kad ji būtų garbinga.

Baigiant norisi tarti padėkos žodis, visiems organizacijos nariams, visiems mūsų rėmėjams, o ypač Centro valdybos nariams, su kuriais buvo taip malonu dirbti. Buvo toks vieningumas, sutartis; žodžiu — viskas vyčiams. Negalima būtų pamiršti ir spaustuvės direktorių, bei legal advisor J. J. Grish, kurie tiek daug darbo ir vargo įdėjo, ypač mūsų garbės narys K. Zaromskis. Ačiū jums visiems, broliai vyčiai!

Jūsų

Pr. Razvadauskas,

Centro pirm.

speeches which have advocated a greater degree of leadership on the part of newspapers in religious thinking.

"Still, many editors believe religion is something to be covered in a news way through church activities, overlooking the more basic philosophy of religion in the hearts of the people.

"We have witnessed," the editorial states, "a resurgence in religion in the last three years. Some call it a wartime phenomenon. Perhaps it is, but this interest in the Holy Gospel has not been confined to our service-men about to go into combat. It is just as strong on the home front, where churches of all faiths are more actively supported than ever before and where we have seen an entire nation at prayer on D-Day.

EVERYDAY RELIGION

"With such interest in the Scriptures and prayer on the Sabbath Day there certainly must be considerable religious thinking every day. Unfortunately, most of our churches are silent institutions except for certain periods.

"Here, in our opinion," the editorial says, "lies an opportunity for the daily newspaper, which reaches the people every day in the week, toward greater participation in the spiritual uplift of its community."



Lietuvių Kareivių Motinų ir Moterų D-ja, Providence, R. I., prirengia dovanėles kariams Dėdės Samo tarnyboje. Jos siunčia kariams netik dova-

nėles, bet ir kas mėnuo išsiunčia apie 200 laiškų. Gilumoje matosi ir jų dvasios vadas kun. Jonas Vaitekūnas, tos parapijos klebonas.

OFFICIALUS SKYRIUS

COMING ACTIVITIES of K. of L.

Membership Drive is Extended to May 30, 1945.

30th Anniversary of the publishing of our official magazine "Vytis" to be commemorated by a Dinner Dance held at the Hotel Touraine, Renaissance Room, Boston, Mass., on June 6, 1945. Keep this date open for a gala-day. Reservation may be made now by contacting the Supreme Council officers. Further details to be published in the next issue.

Letters are being mailed out to all members re: K. of L. Fund. Prompt replies will be greatly appreciated.

"OUR GREATEST REWARD - PROGRESS"

The spirit has been kindled within us and is slowly burning in an all consuming flame. That is my observation of the 1945 membership drive. I am deeply moved by the spirit that is shown by the participating councils in this drive and it instills a feeling of confidence — that we are going to reach our goal.

The enthusiasm displayed by the Chicago District is a challenge to the rest of the order and it brings back to mind the beautiful harmonious council activity and leadership which existed in that district a decade ago. It is my fervent desire to again see the Chicago District take its rightful place in our fraternal activity.

The New England District is not to be outdone and with the able district committee functioning it promises to meet its goal. It has revived the slumbering council in Lawrence, Mass. and reports that Waterbury council has acquired about 40 new members and has merely begun to roll in this drive. The New York - New Jersey District is showing substantial gains and we expect to hear Joe Boley announce over the radio that the NY-NJ District has surpassed its quota.

Many councils have requested an extension of time in which to meet their quotas because of difficulties in organizing for this drive. The Supreme Council Executive Board in session Sunday February 25th acceded to the wishes of these councils and voted to extend the Membership Drive to MAY 30th — Memorial Day.

Memorial Day will be a memorable one for the Knights of Lithuania. It will be the cornerstone of our stability in time of stress and greatness in our work as a leading national Catholic fraternal organization. It will be the joy of every American of Lithuanian origin to know that the Knights of Lithuania is ready, united to fight and uphold the principles of Christendom.

The membership record of our organization

since the first of January has shown considerable improvement. The activities of the various membership committees are demonstrating the earnestness in which they take the challenge to our future existence. To be completely successful this program needs the wholehearted cooperation of every member in every council. It needs the fullest share of encouragement and stimulation which can be mustered by all the clergy and the Spiritual Advisors of our councils. It is not a job for one man.

Have you asked your classmate, your fellow worker, your friends and your relatives to join the K. of L. or to subscribe to our worthwhile monthly magazine the "Vytis"? One new member, one new subscription to the "Vytis" and you will have doubled your quota. I am earnestly asking each loyal member to demonstrate to the officers and committee chairmen that he or she is willing to do his or her share in making the Knights of Lithuania a powerful influence of good in your community by strengthening the membership of your council in this drive. Why not begin now by asking your associates and their friends to join the K. of L.?

The Supreme Council Executive Board plans to climax this membership drive with a gigantic Victory Dinner Dance the 6th of June at which time results of the victorious drive will be announced. I am exerting my fullest ability and effort in this great task fully realizing that OUR GREATEST REWARD is PROGRESS — the progress of organized Christendom through the Knights of Lithuania.

May your efforts reap the reward which we seek so that my report in our next issue can be greater than an expression of confidence — a report of success achieved.

Frank Razvadauskas,

Supreme President.

“Vyties” Jubiliejinių Metų Rėmėjai:

L. Vyčių organizacija šiais metais mini savo organo “Vyties” 30-ties metų nuo jo pasirodymo ir sėkmingo gyvavimo jubiliejų. Kad šis jaunimo žurnalas daug nuveikė savo gražiomis mintimis nešdamas į lietuvių namus patriotingus ir katalikiškus straipsnius nėra reikalo čia įrodinėti, nes tai buvo tos rūšies vienintėlis Amerikoje žurnalas ir kaip tokis pasiliko su mumis ligi šių dienų ir dar žada ilgai tęsti savo misiją. Tik paskelbus “Vyties” jubiliejinių metų fondą, tuoj su savo auka prisidėjo šie nuoširdūs vyčių rėmėjai:

Kun. Pranciškus Virmauskis, So. Boston,	5.00
Kun. Alb. Abračinskas, So. Boston, Mass.	5.00
Adv. C. J. Kalinauskas, So. Boston, Mass.	2.50
Kun. F. Norbutas, Brockton, Mass.	2.00
Dr. E. F. Yurkanis, So. Boston, Mass.	2.00
Adv. F. J. Bagočius, So. Boston, Mass.	1.20
Larry Svelnis, So. Boston, Mass.	1.20
P. Puzin, Cambridge, Mass.	1.20
A. Staskūnas, Cambridge, Mass.	1.20
P. Pilvinis, So. Boston, Mass.	1.20
Kun. C. Žvirblis, O. P., Providence, R. I.	1.00
L. Unaka, So. Boston, Mass.	1.20
Miss Mary B. Bigenis, Philadelphia, Pa.	1.00
James Strigūnas, So. Boston, Mass.	1.00
Joseph Gottlich, So. Boston, Mass.	1.00
Stasys Griganavičius, So. Boston, Mass.	1.00
Jonas Kumpa, Dorchester, Mass.	1.00
Feliksas Simanavičius, So. Boston, Mass.	1.00
James McNally, So. Boston, Mass.	1.00

Už gausią paramą širdingai visiems dėkoju.

Jūsų,

Pr. Razvadauskas,

L. Vyčių Centro pirm.

Poll Censures Bob Hope

CHICAGO — Bob Hope, radio and film star, was named the radio comedian who “most consistently violates” Christian principles, according to a national poll conducted by Novena Notes, the magazine of the Sorrowful Mother Novena, the publication announced this week.

The weekly magazine, published here by the Servite Fathers with Father Terence A. Seery, O.S.M., as editor estimates its circulation at more than 250,000 copies weekly.

It made no comment on the announcement of the poll. Eddie Cantor and Milton Berle were also listed in the category. Hope received 89 per cent of the votes.

Fibber McGee and Molly were the comedians who “most consistently respect Catholic Marian principles”. They received 74 per cent of these votes, with Fred Allen, Edgar Bergen and Jack Benny also mentioned.

Aiškumo deliai

“Vyties” lapkričio mėn., 1944 m., laidoje, aprašyme mano 75 m. gimtadienio proga, tarp kitko pasakyta:

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

“Darbininko” sausio 19, 1945, aprašyme apie atgijimą L. Vyčių kuopos skamba: “Pirmas seimas įvyko Brockton, Mass.”

Sumanytą bei projektą organizuoti jaunimą pirmiausiai iškėlė a. a. kun. A. Kaupas per LRKSA seimą 1912 metais, So. Boston, Mass.; taip pat a. a. kun. A. Milukas ir tuometinis “Kataliko” redaktorius; klierikas K. Vasys, dabartinis Aušros Vartų parapijos, Worcester, Mass., klebonas. Iš pasauliečių buvo pirmieji: S. Bugnavičius iš Lewiston, Me., J. Vaitekūnas, dabartinis Providence, R. I., parapijos klebonas; iš So. Boston K. Urbonas (kun. Urbonavičius? — Red), iš Lawrence, Mass., S. Maciulskis ir k.

Pirmas seimas įvyko balandžio 27, 1913, Lawrence, Mass., Lewiston, Me., ir Brockton, Mass., kaip ir Hartford, Conn., buvo jau ankščiau suorganizuota jaunimo rateliai, kurie įsiskuto į vyčius ir tai jau apie birželio mėnesį klierikui Virmauskiui sugrįžus iš seminarijos atostogų.

Brockton, Mass., įvyko antras seimas Liepos 7, 8 ir 9 dienomis. Šiame seime dalyvavo ir Lietuvos Pavasarininkų atstovas kun. dr. M. Gustaitis ir adv. J. Gabrys iš Paryžiaus. Per šį seimą kun. M. Gustaitis parašė ir vyčių himną, kuriam vėliau komp. A. Aleksis parašė muziką.

M. A. Norkūnas.

PALENGVINK MANO NAŠTĄ

Siųsdami savo kuopos istoriją, kaip medžiagą L. Vyčių istorijai, nesigailėkite paduoti ir savo pilną adresą. Kaip kurie tik pasirašo.

Pasitaiko, jog būtina reikia kreiptis dėl kai kurių neaiškumų. Bet kur, jei adreso nėra.

Taipgi malonėsite daryti su dublikatu ir abu prisiųsti. Šis aiškinimas buvo daug sykių kartotas.

Su gilia pagarba,

M. A. Norkūnas,

Box 371, Lawrence, Mass.





New York and New Jersey District Highlights

The January 21 convention was very impressive and entertaining. Delegates and guests convened at Transfiguration Parish Hall, Maspeth, New York. The convention was open in the usual, formal manner, being welcomed by J. Augie, pinching for Al Thomas, President of Maspeth Knights. The delegates manifested keen judgment and appreciation of values when they retained the following officers. Louis Ketvirtis, of Jersey City, President; Charles Vaskas, of Newark, 1st Vice-Pres.; Helen Pinkin of Elizabeth, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Barbara Cinel, of New York, Rec. Sec.; Charles Bason, of Jersey City, Treasurer; Dorothy Dutkus, Membership Secretary; and Sgt. John Bray, Mary Augie, John Sittis and Mary Rusas as Trustees.

A very elaborate and complete report of minutes from the previous convention was read by the newly-elected secretary, Barbara Ginel. Well deserved thanks and praise goes to Barbara for a swell job on her first attempt. The Mandate Committee consisting of Ann Klem, John Vainis, Frank Vaskas, and John Masalskis, reported thirty-five delegates and twenty-five guests representing nine councils. During the session many proposals were discussed that would benefit and strengthen the District, and increase the membership.

The President, Louis Ketvirtis, submitted a ten-point program which was adopted at a District Executive Board meeting held at Newark in the K. of L. meeting rooms.

Refreshments and entertainment brought the convention to a pleasant ending. Pat Kersulis acting as Mistress of Ceremonies introduced Joe Augie who initiated the program into being with his memorable rendition of Shakespeare immortal passage, "All the world is a stage".

After this, Joe & Cholly harmonized with their ukuleles. More music followed with a girls' quartet composed Hankie & Frankie Wez, Helen Yocis and Millie Cereniejus, while

Mary Augie played two classical numbers. This was followed by that long awaited "Pin-Up Boy" Contest with Joe Augie, Al Thomas and Happy Girnius, representing Maspeth; Charles Bason and John Sittis Jersey City; "Bing" Tomasionis, Brooklyn; Vincent Yatkaukas and Frank Lauraitis, New York; Johnny Vainis, doing a Billy Watson, and Johnny Novitt, singing "Dont Fence Me In". Happy Girnius fascinated us by looking like "Atlas". He won the contest. Joe Krotulis, behind the wings, greeting each contestant in the proper fashion... All in all it was an excellent convention and impressed all who attended most favorably. If we can only keep all our conventions interesting — if we can present something over and above the necessary dry, routine business affairs — we can rest assured that more delegates will come and will bring new members with them. Our thanks and gratitude to Maspeth Knights, and to all who assisted to make the day most pleasant. ...OPIE.

SIELOS RUDUO

Ošia beržas svyruonėlis
Liūdnas ir kraupus,
Kad beširdis rudenėlis
Skyna jo lapus,
Ir nuo šalčio apšarmojęs
Laukia jis dienų,
Kai klausys įsidūmojęs
Vasaros dainų.

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Liūdi siela palydėjus
Savo godeles,
Ašarėlė nuriedėjus
Puošia akeles,
Sužeista skaudžiai širdelė
Blaškos kančioje,
Bet skaisti vilties žvaigždėlė
Vėl masina ją.

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Skelbia vasarą gegutė,
Čiulba vyturiai,
Žydi gėlės ir saulutė
Juokiasi kaitriai;
Pasipuošęs svyruonėlis
Ošia vėl jaunai,
Vien tik širdžiai rudenėlis
Liko amžinai...

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

Hear Ye, hear ye! The council crier again makes an appearance to report council activities.

Congratulations must be extended to the Rainises who had a very welcome visitor on February 4, bringing with him a charming little girl. Mrs. Rainis is the former Blanche Dallalis, a K. of L'er from Norwood.

Knights Vittie Rakauskas and Joe Buchyn, playing accordin and saxophone respectively, are doing quite a bit of work with orchestras in town. Who knows... we may soon have a name-band in our midst.

Oh, and yes, I mustn't forget the skating party and weenie-roast C-116 put on January 28. Br-r-r, I'll admit it was kinda cold, but it was worth being there. One of the big surprises of the day (and a most pleasant one) was Fr. John on skates! Yes, I said skates!!! He was quite the attraction of the day, whizzin' around the pond.

At the last meeting prizes were awarded to members who had worked outstandingly, during the year, for the betterment of the club. First prize went to Vera Jurgelonis; second, Helen Gvazdauskas; third, Lil Smolsky; fourth, Mary Kaliunas; and honorable mention went to Helen Bulonis, Charlie August, Mary Balukonis, and Lucy and Marcella Miskinis.

Our serviceman home on leave and attending the meeting this month was Al Rakauskas, just back from 18 months on a troop carrier in the Pacific. Also home on leave was Ed Jonitis, who has just finished boot-training at Sampson, N. Y.

We take this opportunity to extend our warmest wishes for a fast recovery to Vitty Atkocius, wounded a second time in France, and John "Red" Butkewicz who accidently broke his leg in France. Also in the above category is Lt. Isabelle Vaitkunas of the Army Nurse Corps, home on sick leave with a broken back. Please get well soon, all of you, and hurry back to your old friends waiting at home. Until then, God watch over you and keep you safe.

"Un Bijou"



Dr. Pauline Luzackas of Council 18 heads the Entertainment Committee for the Spring Frolic being held at Hotel Kenmore May 12.

SO. BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

After finally digging ourselves out of the many inches of snow we seem to have accumulated, we managed to salvage a few news items that may interest our members at home and on foreign shores.

On January 31, a party was held for Larry Svelnis the outgoing President. Larry has successfully held office for three years, so he thought it was time to retire — at least — from that office. As a token of appreciation for his efforts Larry was presented with a very handsome wallet.

The bowling tournament, that was held on February 5, turned out very well for the "Southern" Boston Council. The Cambridge Council will have a chance to redeem itself at the next match which will be held in Cambridge in the very near future.

Many of Council seventeen's members attended the Valentine Frolic in Cambridge, in spite of the many obstacles that confronted them — snow, snow, more snow and slippery ice.

Congratulations go to Tony Zardecas on his promotion from Sergeant to Second Lieutenant. Tony has also started a fine collection of medals: four bronze and one silver for gallantry.

In our "Lost and Found" department we have discovered that Albert Grenis, one of our "K. of L'ers" has been in the service secretly for a year and a half. Now that we know his whereabouts, he shall soon be receiv-

ing his "Vytiis" like our other service members.

Overseas in England, Steve Contons was one of the four lucky winners of a drawing. His prize? — A thirty-day furlough.

At our last K. of L. meeting we were visited by, Tony Pocius — another K. of L'er service member.

Plans were being formed at our last meeting for St. Casimer's Day, Mother's Day, and our next monthly whist party. The whist party is to be held March thirteenth, and the committee for the whist party consists solely of "Knights" no "Ladies".

NOTICE!! The quoted suggestion, "Time Waits for No One", should be taken up by all dance lovers — for now is the time to decide just who you would like to attend the Spring Frolic with, and just what you would like to wear. It will surely be a gala affair with both Councils seventeen and eighteen working together. May twelfth is the date, and we shall expect to see you all there — dancing under the beautiful, multi-colored lights of the Crystal Ballroom at the Hotel Kenmore.

We hear that Phil Carter, Council seventeen member, shall come out of hiding in the hills of Providence and shall attend the coming dance.

"Bubbling Couldon"

Lietuviško Meno Kalendorius

KEARNY, N. J. Kovo 18, 7:30 val., "Piršlybos". Vaidins L. Vyčių 41 kp., Lithuanian Am. Citizens Club. PHILADELPHIA, PA. Balandžio 8, 6-tą val., šv. Kazimiero Parapijos salėj, "Karolio Teta". Vaidins L. Vyčių 3 kp.



Larry Svelnis of Council 17 is handling the Publicity for the Spring Frolic.



Miss Joan Marculaitis Secretary of Council 17 is Chairman of the Ticket Committee for the Spring Frolic.

ELIZABETH, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

Election Day has come and gone and here are the results: President—Helen Pinkin; Vice President — Ann Mitchell; Treasurer — Lee Papalis; Secretary — Helen Zwingle; Financial Secretary — Ronnie Plungis.

Our last meeting was held on a Sunday afternoon, on a trial basis, but, since we had such a wonderful turn-out, possibly all future meetings will be held every fourth Sunday of the month. Keep that in mind members.

Joe Matuza has been promoted to First Class Petty Officer, "Shorty" Oskutis is now also a Chief Petty Officer. These boys don't fool around, do they? We are definitely proud of them.

Better brush-up on your card tricks for we intend to have a card party in March. Hope to see you all there.

"Zig-zag".

Annual Spring Dance

Sponsored By

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SATURDAY EVE.

April 7, 1945

ST. GEORGE'S HALL

180 New York Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Music By Anthony Pavydis

Tickets 65 cents—Including Tax
K. of L'er's Service Members stationed in these parts are invited for free.

Glimpses of the Chicago District Convention

The District Convention was indeed a success. The response from the various organizations and individuals of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs was even larger than the most optimistic committee members hoped for.

A great deal of the credit for this success must be given to I. Sakalas, K. Zaromskis and the other members of the convention committee.

Judging from the enthusiasm of the attending members and delegates, it won't be too long before we have a K. of L. Club House here in Chicago. Isn't that what we've all been waiting for?

The talk given by Reverend A. Linkus, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Chicago, (Council 13) met with such approval that a suggestion was made to have it read yearly in all the parish churches. Consul P. Daužvardis was also commended for his inspiring and constructive advice.

The Marian Father were well represented. They constituted 62½% of the religious present.

Council 36 (Brighton Park) and Council 14 (Cicero) vied for attendance honors. No official roll call was taken but rumors have it that Council 14 was the winner.

Reverend J. Grinius is certainly kept busy with the activities of the organization. Besides being the spiritual director of the Chicago district and Council 14, contributor to the "Vytis" and "Draugas", he took an active part in the discussions of the convention.

A bouquet of roses (red ones of course) go to Mr. James R. Cherry, Council 36. He conducted the affairs of the convention as only "Red" Cherry can.

Miss Aldona Sleinis, Council 14, took the fashion award. Dress, hat, nails and lips were perfectly matched. I think they called it 'Pink Lightning' Mm.

Sally Jesulaitis invited all members and benefactors to Holy Cross Parish for St. Casimir Day.

A final thanks to all those who contributed to the success of our convention.

Eleanor Kandrotas.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

Here we are once again with our chatter and doings of our council. Before anything else is said, our new executive board was installed. It is follows:

President — Ann Kolesk

Vice President—Joseph Kscientatis

Žuvo Vakarų Fronte



LT. DOMININKAS VARNAS, narys L. Vyčių 36 kuopos, buvęs Chicago apskrities pirmininkas, Chicago vyčių tarpe pasižymėjęs rimtu veikimu ir šauniu vadovavimu jauniui, žuvo Vokietijoje. Jis buvo paimtas vokiečių nelaisvėn, bet toji stovykla buvo subombarduota ir su kitais amerikiečiais ir mūs idealusis narys žuvo.

Velionis buvo gimęs vasario 2, 1915 m. Baigęs Kelly-Lindbloom aukštesnę mokyklą. 1943 metais, jau būdamas kariuomenėje, vedė Eleną Juozaitytę. Prieš išvykdamas į kariuomenę dirbo Standard Federal Savings and Loan Assn. — lietuvių "spulkoj".

Liet. Vyčių Chicago apskritis pastarame susirinkime nutarė už jo sielą užprašyti šv. Mišias, kurios bus atlaikytos jo — Nekalto Prasidėjimo šv. Panelės parapijoje. L. Vyčių 36-ji kuopa taip pat yra užprašius šv. Mišias, kurios bus atlaikytos Kovo 18 d.

Tėvams ir žmonai kaip 36-toji kuopa, taip ir Chicago apskritis reiškia giliausios užuojautos.

Treasurer: — Elizabeth Baunius
Secretary — Ann Savitski.

Now that we have the executive board installed, once again the sleeves are rolled up and the task starts to recruit new members for our council. We did it in '38, we'll do it again! So far we have one new member with the hope of more to come.

The blare of bugles and the sound wishing of ruffles serols as an announcement of our Annual Spring Dance. Come one, come all, it's the event of the year, door prize and all. You will dance to the music of Joe Gaibo as he swings it out for you gals and gays, hep cats, rug cutters etc., etc. The date — Saturday, April 14, 1945, 8:30 P. M. at Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall, 568 Broome Street, New York, N. Y. "At the entrance to the Holland Tunnel". Admission totals sixty cents including tax. V. Y.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

Back again with lots to talk about.

First of all, the Christmas party at the Town Club was enjoyed by all who attended.

I would like to extend the Council's condolences to "Mickey", whose father passed away recently.

Christmas greetings were received from Joe Rauptis now serving with the Armed-Forces in China.

For the benefit of you who do not already know, we have a big membership drive underway from Jan. 1 to May 30th inclusive with the new executive board as the General Committee. We have a quota to fill and we need the co-operation of each and every one of you. One way we can fill this quota, is for all of you to bring a friend at the next meeting. What do you say? We need new members to replace the boys who have left to serve in all the branches of the Armed-Forces, so come on, let's really work to give the boys something to come back to after the war — a bigger and a better K. of L.

Reminding you that the next District Convention will be held here in Worcester, with our Council in charge, this means more work, and hard work. The executive board was chosen to the the General Committee for this affair and this is one affair where everybody will have to work, so you see we shall be quite busy right up to Spring. Let's all start this New Year with just a little more enthusiasm and sincerity in the Council.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Miss Rita Ardowich will not be able to take over the duties of Recording Secretary; therefore, Miss Adele Ivaska volunteered to do so.

We hear you won't be with us much longer "Mickey", we understand you are planing to live in Virginia. If you do go, here's wishing you loads of luck and happiness and we hope that you do not forget the K. of L. and that when you do come back, you and your husband will be just as active as you had been before. If you get lonesome just have Al put a stamp on you and send you back.

See you all again in the next issue.

"Sunshine Sally"

**AMERICAN
RED CROSS**



PHILA., PA.

COUNCIL 3

Although Council 3 itself is a young organization, nevertheless, it does not imply that there is not a lively animated enthusiasm among its members. This is developed and directed by the counsel of our dear spiritual director. His efficient guidance is clearly seen in the loyal members who participate diligently in all its activities.

In the year of '44, he together with the help of the officers, has labored incessantly to impart culture, knowledge, and those moral standards so necessary to our individual and national well-being.

Last year, we began with Mass and Holy Communion for the intention of the servicemen. Every member attended and received Holy Communion in a body. Each member, I'm sure, has gained profit from the talk about Catholic Action delivered by Rev. Hallman.

Another guest speaker, Rev. Gerald, gave us a few pointers on sociability.

"Something new has been added", was the exclamation that was heard when the members walked into the clubroom one day in February. Yes, a new piano was set in the corner of the room waiting to have its ivory caressed.

Now what good is a piano if it's not used? So we organized a glee club.

Our glee club furnished great delight to our mothers on Mother's Day.

He also had a presentation of our dramatic talent last February. Our talented members enacted a drama, "Lieut. Anthony", under the capable direction of Rev. Stan. Raila. In May, the cast visited New York with its talent and fine work.

The K. of L. members displayed an excellent showing at our Pastor's Silver Jubilee. We had the privilege of having one of our brilliant members, Frank Mazeika, give a touching speech about our most beloved Pastor.

A couple of "Greetings from the President" were received in the latter part of the summer. Of course, we had to leave these boys with a memorable picture of their friends which we did with parties. They were presented with gifts from the Club.

To keep warm on the nights of cool weather which were again rolling back, the Knights made their way out of the city to a big, cool forest gathering before a blazing fire, feasting themselves with weenies, sauerkraut, potatoes, marshmallows, and apples. Warm rolls, hot coffee,

potato chips, pickles, and peanuts completed the menu. As it grew deeper into the night, the Knights revelled in singing their favorite songs around the dying embers of the fire.

Oh no, the Christmas party wasn't forgotten either. Didn't you all have a grand time? Why of course we did — servicemen were invited.

Well, I suppose that about closes our activities for year of '44.

Now before we close our book of memories may we all of Council 3 extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our spiritual director and to the Supreme Council officers and to you who publish the "Vytis".

We are sure that this year of Victory will prove to be more successful than the years which preceded. "KNIGHTmare".

This is Council Three reporting. Yes, our Council is still going full force. Thanks to our Sp. Director, Rev. Father Raila.

Although I was elected quite awhile back to write to the 'Vytis', I haven't fulfilled my obligation. But as the saying goes "Better late than never", here I am.

The Vyčiai are very busy preparing for our Show and Dance to be held on April 8th, 1945. The name of the

show is "Karolio Teta" — "Charlie's Aunt". The boys that are still with us are a great help. Baldi plays the leading role in this play. If it weren't for the pants that he wears, you'd think it was a woman speaking during rehearsals. But what about the night of the show? He'll be dressed as a woman then. Better watch out Baldi! All of the players are giving their full co-operation to make this affair a success. Those posters announcing the play, displayed on the bulletin board in church are very nice. Thanks to the hard workers, Alice and Alberto.

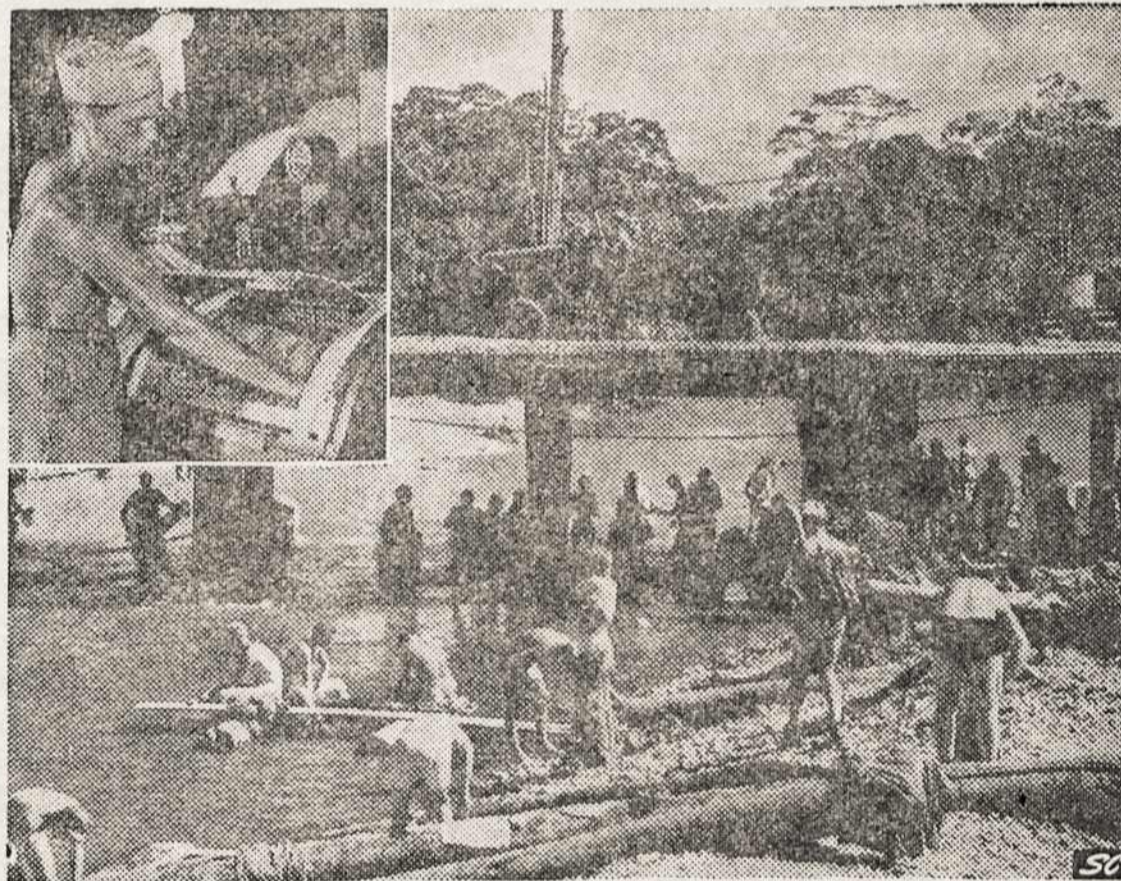
There are a few new additions in our club-room. A Ping Pong table, dart board and chess table.

Our Servicemen are still keeping in touch with us. Frank Mazeika writes from France. One of our former Pres. Frank Jankauskas writes from Italy. Our last Vice-Pres. drops us a line quite often. He is in Camp Blanding, Florida.

The K. of L. basketball team is going places. Out of 11 games, they last only two. The stars on th team are, John Pupis, Edward Timinskis, and George Pallionis. Keep up the good work boys.

I'll be signing off for now, but will be back with more news for the next edition. "Binney"

Before and After



Official U. S. Marine Corps Photos

GUADALCANAL — (Passed by Censor) — Can you picture a modern laundry in a jungle 7,000 miles from home? Here it is. Only a few months ago, U. S. fighting men on this South Pacific island had to knuckle-scrub their clothes in open streams, as shown in the large photo. Then Uncle Sam rushed out a small-scale laundry-on-trailers, which provides same sanitary job furnished by laundries at home. Small photo shows marine private putting clothes in stainless washer cylinder used today. The mobile unit supplies 10,000 men weekly with fresh, clean clothes

Manhattan Luncheon Club

For the fourth time in as many months members who work in Manhattan met on March 1 to have lunch together. Present were representatives of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Jersey City and Maspeth K. of L. councils. Topics that came up for informal discussion were even more varied than the menu, for they included everything from our "Vytis" publication to the recent Yalta conference. Some thought that the Republican wing was unduly prejudiced about the latter, but the whole session was so enjoyable that the 60 minutes allotted for this monthly get-together went much too fast for everybody.

This Luncheon Club, to which every K. of L. member is welcome, will next meet on Thursday, April 5, at the Herald Square Hotel. As usual, the menu will be passed for everyone's thoughtful consideration promptly at 12:30. J.

WATERBURY, CONN.

COUNCIL 7

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you a member of this club
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home
And crab both long and loud?

So attend the gatherings regularly
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.

Think this over member
Are we right or are we wrong,
Are you an active member, or
DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Congratulations to the committees which worked so hard on all occasions required.

Ditto for all who worked on the membership drive and are still doing so.

At the top of this article is a poem, read it and take heed. Don't let's turn out like that, but each and every one of us, pitch in and do your best; I'm sure that with the cooperation of each and every member we can once more put our council on top. Let's make the club a place that, when the boys come home again, will be able to say that we upheld its standard and traditions.

Watson P. D. Q.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

COUNCIL 18

Once again I would like to remind our inactive members that bowling is still continuing every Tuesday Evening at the Bay St. Alleys. The gang and I have loads of fun and laughs plus music supplied by "jakey". There's plenty of rhythm around; you ought to see Pauline Malin throw that hook of hers when the juke box plays, "There goes that song again". Don't see how Pauline can jive, bowl and sing — all at the same time! Our member Tileen, from them there Jamaica Plains woods, sure gets some high scores, especially when the boys watch her. Her No. 1 song is: "I've got my eye on you". Genevieve Malin, better known as, "Jeanie with the light brown hair", always wanted a strike. She finally got one the last time and from the way she screamed I thought Frank Sinatra was behind me. There always seems to be stiff competition between a laddie and a lassie, one Al Marcin vs. Monica Grazulis. Both Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grazulis were our honored guests one evening. It was a private affair but later I found out that Mrs. took Mr. Peter Puzin and Anthony Staskunas as their bowling instructors & are doing a splendid job too. If you have any doubts concerning this fact, consult Dorothy and Helen Skibauskas. Don't see any more of Anne Mackevich and Josephine Baksys these past weeks — come now, girls, our sewing circle doesn't start until Spring. Ruth Survilas is present every Tuesday night and she's just going to get that 120 score, she so dreams of — perhaps, if Rip puts his score with yours — (on the Q) you'll have it. We were honored to have as a guest at our bowling session. Father Anthony receives 100 for his splendid attendance at each of our Tuesday Evening gatherings. Just between you and Me, he's a sharp shooter and Tom Mix had nothing on him. By that, I mean he loves to pick off one pin at a time. Dr. Luzackas bowled a high score one evening which surprised us all. P. S. Later, I found out she knew the pin boy. So Come On — Fellows and Girls join us Tuesday Evenings and choose your own pin boys.

On the Sunday of January 21, Dr. Luzackas, Ruth Survilas, Peter Puzin Tony Staskunas and Al Marcin attended So. Boston's monthly meeting and talked over plans for the Spring Dance. Between the minutes of their meeting Ruth Survilas and Tony Stashunas sold many tickets to our Feb. 10's dance. Our sincerest thanks to So. Boston for their co-

operation and in the future we hope we may repay them and show our gratitude. Hope to see you all at the dance!

A gentle reminder, dont forget the big membership drive that is now in progress!

"New Members from you are friends of ours." Rip.

BRONX, N. Y.

COUNCIL 130

HELLO!!!!

Our inactivity these past few months is due mainly to the fact that the majority of our members are in the Service: but the few members that do remain are not only striving to keep the home fires burning but are kindling the club fires as well till the boys come home and we can again resume our normal activities.

The second informal monthly meeting was held at the home of Miss Wanda Waskiewicz at 760 E. 158th St., Bronx, 56, New York on Friday, February 26, 1945 — and a very appropriate day for a group of Lithuanians to meet — for it also was the 27th year of Lithuania's independence. Amongst those present were: Mr. Charles Chingas, Mr. Edward Saldis, Miss Lillian Saldis, Miss Emily Budarf and 2 guests: the very distinguished Mr. Joseph Boley of New York City and our new member Miss Ann Aleba. Mr. Boley was a most delightful guest; his amusing stories and experiences had us laughing all evening long. But what I'm sure brought him more attention and admiration was when he read some fine Lithuanian literature. Now, watch the crowd go hunting the department and book stores for a Lith-Amer. book of Common Phrases. We wish to extend a most sincere welcome to Miss Ann Aleba and hope that she'll soon feel very much at home with us and the K. of L. organization. Ann is a fluent speaker of Lithuanian — and that, my fellow K. of L'ers, is an asset to any Council... boy, are we glad she's a member of 130.

Now, that I've refreshed your memory in regards to Bronx Council 130 and have served the purpose of this column... I'll not ask for your attention any longer. So-long for now. By the way, hope you don't mind if I ask you this question: BUT TELL ME, HAVE YOU WRITTEN HIM A LETTER TODAY? There's nothing, so they tell me, that can quite take the place of a letter when a fellow is away from home, so besides your daily prayers for him... how about writing him a nice, cheery letter too?

THE SPIRIT.

K. of L. SENIOR MEMBERS ORGANIZE ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ "BIG BROTHER" MOVEMENT IN CHICAGO

Just at a time when a spark was most necessary that would rekindle that grand old fighting spirit of the K. of L. organization here in the Chicago area, it materialized and in no uncertain terms. The jammed-packed quarters of the Directors room in the Darius-Girenas American Legion Memorial auditorium (Sunday afternoon, February 11th) was the inspiring scene of this momentous occasion, when a representative group of leaders in various walks of life within the American - Lithuanian orbit, composed of senior members, former members and those desiring to affiliate with our organization, met, earnestly deliberated and formulated the nucleus of an important cog in the structure of our K. of L. organization.

Something new has been added toward constructive and long-lasting progress within our organization — the creation of a formidable body that will give experienced directivity, material as well as moral support and needed stamina to the whole K. of L. movement, especially in the Chicago area. This new Senior body, in every respect within the sphere of our organization and an integral part thereof, will serve as a 'Big Brother' movement having as its chief objective — the moral and material welfare of our American-Lithuanian youth through the K. of L. organization. Acting in every sense as an organized 'big brother' contingent it will aid in strengthening existing K. of L. Councils, exert its efforts in reviving those councils that are decidedly weak or that have ceased to exist, thus aiding directly the K. of L. Chicago District organization in this its main problem of today. Its immediate material purpose is to provide ways and means toward the fulfillment of the long-cherished dream of establishing and maintaining a K. of L. Centre — a home to be built and designed so as to accommodate all the facilities of local K. of L. needs, housing recreational, cultural and other facilities.

This historical conclave of senior members was opened by Mr. Ignatius Sakalas, who in his opening remarks explained the solemn purpose of this gathering. At first an opinion was brought forward to organize a regular K. of L. Council composed of senior members but another opinion was brought in counseling against formation of a regular council due to the fact that it would cause conflict and misunderstandings in relation with existing councils. It was proposed that this group organize as an integral unit of the K. of L. organization but not as a council, consisting only of senior age members. The

selection of a name and a more concise definition of its organizational status to be decided at a later date. A vote call resulted in acceptance of the latter proposal. Mr. Sakalas was elected Chairman and Mr. Victor Balanda as secretary of the meeting.

Having decided the *modus operandi* of the movement a Board of Directors consisting of nine members was elected, who in turn meeting in executive session after the general meeting elected the following as officers of the new unit: Honorary President — Mr. Leonard Šimutis, Editor in chief of the Lithuanian Daily "Draugas", President of the Lithuanian American Council, President of the Lith. R. Cath. Alliance of America and active in many other organizations; President — Stanley Pieža, Religious Editor of the Chicago Herald-American and also its correspondent, and active in various American-Lithuanian organizations and a leader in the Holy Name society groups; Vice President — Dr. Al. M. Račkus, first Editor of "Vytis" and noted author of several books, his best work entitled "Guthones"; Vice President — Ignatius Sakalas, present Editor of the "Vytis", City Editor of the "Draugas", active leader for many years in K. of L. circles and also in various other Lithuanian organizations; Recording Secretary — Vincent

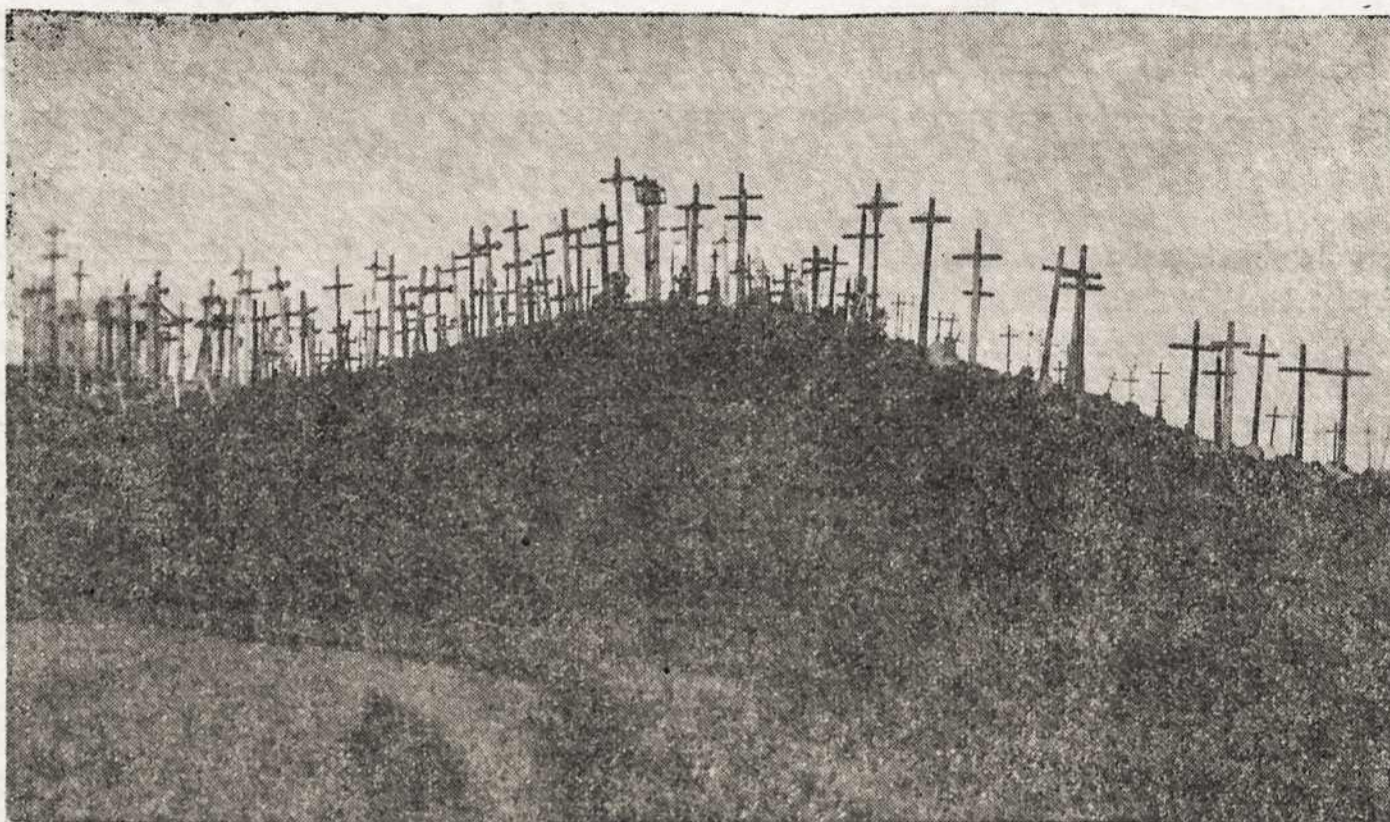


Bendro Amerikos Lietuvių Šalpos Fondo Mt. Carmel, Pa., skyriaus buveinė, kurioj rūšiuojami ir paruošiami siuntimui lietuvių suaukoti drabužiai nukentėjusiems nuo karo Lietuvos žmonėms.

LIETUVOS GYNĖJUS ATSIMINUS...

Klausiau, kaip miškas siaudžia,
Aušros belaukdamas liūdėjau
Ir į dainelę tylia, graudžia
Džiaugsmus ir ašaras sudėjau.
Ir ta daina, sesute miela,
Maniau aš guosti tavo sielą.

Staiga man širdį susopėjo,
Kakta paniurus apsiniau, kė,
Neramūs pirštai suvirpėjo
Ir vargšę stygą jie... nutraukė...
O nuo stygos gailaus verkimo
Man amžinai daina nurimo...



Ed. Pavis, vice-president of the K. of L. Chicago District organization, Advertising manager of the "Draugas", and active in various other Lithuanian circles; Financial Secretary — Vincent Rekus, former active leader in K. of L. affairs, now associated in various Lithuanian circles and activities; Treasurer — Kastas Zaromskis, distinguished K. of L. member, a real veteran and signally honored by the K. of L. organization which bestowed upon him the highest honor that of "Garbės Narys" in recognition of his many great deeds that he has accomplished for the organization; Trustee — Anna Aleliūnienė, formally very active in K. of L. circles and at present active in various Lithuanian organizations especially in Ladies' organized activities; Trustee — Victor Balanda, formerly very active in K. of L. circles and at present President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation Chicago District organization.

The Board of Directors was instructed to proceed in preparing plans and means of operation in the work of the new K. of L. Senior division, for submission at the next meeting of the group. The board designated a special committee to draw up tentative by-laws for this group under which it will operate. These by-laws are not to be in conflict with the supreme constitution of the K. of L. organization.

Great deeds are anticipated of this new movement. No doubt the eyes of all K. of L's throughout the nation will be centered on this Chicago Senior division. Its progress will be closely followed and if successful will be patterned throughout the whole nation. Here's wishing the new unit great success in its gigantic enterprise. Its success will not only benefit local K. of L's but it will also bring great success and laurels to the whole K. of L. organization. *Cicero Vytis.*

THE HILL OF BIRUTĖ

It is a hill of about 70 meters in height, overgrown with pine. It is the only real hill for miles around. From the oldest times it was considered sacred. There burned the sacred fire of oak-wood, tended night and day by the "vaidilutės" — vestal virgins. Towards the middle of the XIV-th century was a beautiful novice called Birutė amongst there virgins. On the very day that she was to be consecrated a "vaidilutė", Kęstutis, son of the reigning Grand Duke of Lithuania met her, wooed her and asked her to be his wife. Birutė refused, but Kęstutis was not to be balked. That night just as the High Priest prepared to throw the sacred white robe over Birutės head thereby vowing her to eternal virginity, Kęstutis appeared threw the robe in the sacred fire and seizing Birutė, carried her off to be his wife.

The horror stricken priests prophesied that the direst woe would result because of the sacrilege, that with their children would end the glory of Lithuania. The prophecy, alas, was amply fulfilled — their son Wytautas was Lithuania's great ruler.

After Kęstutis' death, Birutė returned to Palanga to die and was buried on the hill which bears her name. Kęstutis and Birutė lived and died pagans. Since they and their son symbolized the national spirit of Lithuania, Birutė has always been revered as a saint. The hill was especially loved and tradition has it, that no matter how deep the snow, there is always a pathway to its top where today stands a chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Žmonės, skandindami alkoholyje savo vargus, skandina patys save, savo šeimą ir savo laimę.

SERVICE MEMBERS LETTER BOX

This Department has been established for our members in Service. We are calling the attention of all our Service members (whether on land, sea, or air) to become an active participant of this Department, by writing to the "Vytis". Service members may express their opinion, viewpoints, or discuss question that may of common interest to us American Lithuanians.

Every Service member is welcome to make the most of this Department. May it be stimulating and informative, and at the same time informal.

SERVICE MEMBERS' LETTER BOX DEPT.

% Miss Phyllis Grendal

366 W. Broadway, So. Boston 27,
Massachusetts.

V-MAIL from Lt. Zorski,
J. J. — C-109, Great Neck, N. Y.

"Dear Friends:

"I'm a member of Council 109 — Great Neck, N. Y. and at present am periodically visiting Germany from my seat in a B-17. It usually seems that higher authorities request I take my crew along to help drop some bombs and stuff.

"However, my reason for writing is that I wish some of you young ladies would do me a favor and look

DAINA

Sudie tau, mylima mergaite;
Sudie, ir verksmas nepadės.
Jau laikas priešai eit varyti
Iš savo gimtinės šalies.

Sudie ir tau, miela šalele,
Keliauju, skirsimės mudu.
Vai skauda, skauda man širdelę,
Palikti mylimą graudu.

Nusiraminki bernužėli,
Kam šitiek sielvartų juodų.
Prauž ir karas, gryši velei
Prie mergužėlės ir draugų.
Kažin ar gryšiu mergužėle,
Gal reiks svetur jaunam pražut.

Pamirši mane, mergužėle,
Aš tau linkiu laimingai būt.

Oi nešnekėk taip, bernužėli,
Aš būsiu tavo amžinai.

Kas rytas, mielas vakarėlis
Maldausiu Viešpatį karštai.

Prašysiu juodą juodvarnėlį
Kad skristų diena ir nakčia,
Nuo mano mielo bernužėlio
Parnešt žinelę nors slapčia...

Išauš, išauš pavasarėlis;
Gegutė girioj sukukuos.
Nėra žinios nuo bernužėlio, —
Ar jisai gyvas ar kapuos...

up the address of: EDWARD KUBETCZKO. He's a polish kid from the heart of Chicago. He joined the Air Corps and I believe is now a Bombadier.

"So do me this little favor and I guarantee a great big hug to every little gal that helps (that is — if they can stand my face). I could write a book on flying etc. but there'll be another day. Any Lithuanians in London or Cambridge? Let me know — I haven't spoken the language for two years.

"Vyčiaiai Broliai!

"Love to all Johnny".

Lt. J. J. Zorski
381st Bomb Gp. Sqdn 534
APO 557 % PM, New York, N. Y.



RŪTELĖ KILMONYTĖ

iš Montreal, Canada.

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Letter from Pfc. Ed. F. Gailius,
Member of C-17, S. Boston, Mass.

Somewhere in New Guinea

"Dear Members:

"As long as I've been in the Army, I've never taken time out to write to you. I should have done this long ago.

"First of all, you might wonder whatever got into me to drop you a line. Well, to begin with, the main reason is, because I haven't received a copy of the "Vytis" for about eight or nine months. I really miss reading the "Vytis". What started me off on this letter, was receiving a copy of the magazine from my Dad. So, before I go any further I'd like to have you forward a copy of the "Vytis" to me monthly — that is, if it is at all possible.

"What news back in Council 17? Has there been any changes in the club? I wonder how it will look when I get back? I really miss the old place and good old Southie!! Have you held any Polka dances, lately?

"I hope all the members had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year's. I'll bet none of you could guess what I had for a Christmas dinner? It was corned beef and cabbage!! I used to like that dish at one time, but now my taste for it has entirely vanished.

"I've made the rounds of quite a few of the islands in the Southwest Pacific and I'm now located Somewhere in New Guinea. 'Lovely place!' They ought to give it back to the Japs. I cannot mention the names of the other places I've been as much as I'd like to due to Army censorship rules. This is the first island I could mention. I was really surprised.

"As to what I'm doing right now, well, I'm pulling numerous kinds of details, seven days a week.

"There is much more I could write about my doings, but time does not allow me to continue.

"Here's hoping I here from you real soon, and here's wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

/s/ Eddie Gailius".

Somewhere in Belgium

"Dear Knights:

Would like to hear from any of the old gang in the service. I have been in England and France. How about dropping me a line?

Your slug, /s/ George."

NOTE: Here's a service member from C-17 that would like to hear from others, and exchange experiences. His name and address is: Pfc. George Kudrevich, ASN #31428129, 832nd OBD Co., APO 228, % PM, New York, N.Y.

National Convention of 1945

Submitted at

Chicago District Knights of Lithuania
Conference,

On Sunday, 21st of January, 1945,

By Aldona Sleinis of Council 14

At the National Convention held in New York in 1944 attending delegates and guests accepted with much enthusiasm the Chicago District's invitation for the 1945 National Convention. The Eastern districts and councils have anxiously awaited the time a National Convention shall again be held in the Chicago vicinity; but whether or not their anticipation shall be realized this year, depends on the decisions made at today's conference.

During the past week an unexpected ruling regarding conventions was issued by the Office of Defense Transportation which prompted many groups to cancel their planned meetings. However, these were meetings which would have necessitated the attendance of perhaps a hundred, or several hundred, out-of-town representatives; thereby, adding greatly to the problem of already congested passenger transportation. The out-of-town representation attending our National Convention would consist, probably, of about 50 person. But, even the most informative of the press releases regarding the convention ban did not indicate the maximum amount of out-of-towners permitted to enable an organization to hold a convention. Instead, organizations are urged to submit applications to the War Committee on Conventions located in Washington, D. C. If the convention is found not to interfere with the war effort, the Committee will approve the convention, or meeting.

In attempting to clear this hurdle if we succeed in attaining an approval, the next decisive

point is the date. The month would be, undoubtedly, either August or September as in past years; but, is it to be on a week-end or a set number of days during the week?

A week-end convention would attract perhaps a larger attendance as more people would be able to secure time-off from work; but also, a week-end may not be sufficient time in which to complete convention matters *unless a planned schedule is pointedly followed*. Three or four days of a certain week would result in a more satisfactory handling of convention business and allow for deviation from the schedule. But, in this case would enough members from distant councils be able to obtain the necessary time to attend and make it a worth-while convention?

In conjunction with the date the decision must be made as to where the sessions are to be held. The Chicago District is to be the host, but the host has no "home" — no established center for convention sessions.

These three points — approval, date, and place — are, I believe, the most important. If we can make an agreeable decision to these three this afternoon, then the details of registration fee, meals, convention socials, etc., can be planned satisfactorily by the convention committee.

To make it an enjoyable and successful convention we would need not only cooperation of the present members but also advice and suggestions from you, who at one time have been very active members and had experienced the planning for previous conventions. Also, the helping hands and new ideas of the young people who come to realize the aims, ideals, the friendship and sociability of the Knights of Lithuania organization. We would need your assistance and cooperation to presene a foundation for the successful 1945 convention.



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