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*Likime Lietuvos sūnų...
 Laikai atėjo: nematai
 Kaip marių krašto — verksmų galo
 Kraujuos', ugnį šalis visa!..
 Baisybėse širdis užšalo...*

*O Dievulėli, susimylėk!
 Tos Lietuvos pasigailėk,...
 Nejau už tai, kad ji karštai
 Tarnauja Dievui, jos skruostai
 Per amžius ašaromis rieda!*



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Taken For Granted

"With liberty and justice for all." Sounds good, doesn't it? It is good, provided it's the right kind of liberty and justice, and provided it's for all. How many times have we, as children, uttered these words in the morning before school-time, when we said: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America... with liberty and justice for all." We have heard and said these words so often, that we have perhaps forgotten the price that was paid by those who toiled, fought, and died to make a reality for us. Perhaps, even today, we do not realize the price that is still being paid to keep it a reality for us and future generations.

Our country is a great land, and our people are great, but we have a fault that children usually have — the fault of taking things for granted. We seldom attempt to determine the price paid for many things which we take for granted. Suppose, now, that we take into account a few of these things, and try to appreciate better the debt we owe to others.

About 150 years ago, there lived a man in this country (and this is not a fairy story) who had a dream — liberty and justice for all. So influenced was he by this dream that he banded a handful of men together and marched against the great armies of the British Monarch. The battle was fought against great odds — human and natural. Many fell never to rise again. And yet success seemed never to be near. At first, to follow the man with a dream seemed like a glorious adventure, but continual defeats tempered their enthusiasm. Wives, mothers, sweethearts, all suffered, waited, and wept, all because of a man with a dream of "liberty and justice for all". Was it worth it? They wondered. The dream-man must have often thought this question over to himself as well. The outcome was so hopeless at one time, that he cried out: "This liberty will seem easy by and by when there is nobody who has to die for it." The man with a dream was George Washington, but he never knew how true these words were to be.

The story is not ended, for, during all the years since, there have been Americans who were ever ready to sacrifice themselves for the preservation of this American dream. "Liberty and justice for all". This should not be taken for granted. It is one of the most precious possessions that Americans have, and it will be preserved only as long as there are Americans who are willing and prepared to make sacrifices to keep it.

Near our home, there is a church, to which we go regularly. There we worship God freely, quietly, whenever we please. Wouldn't you feel



"Sauliau, Sauliau, kam mane persekioji". — (Ap. 9).
Atsikėlusis Jėzus pasirodęs moterims, apaštalams ir po to kai įtikino netik tikinčius į Jo prisikėlimą, bet ir netikinčius, kaip Tomą, po keturiasdešimties dienų šviesybėje pasikelia ir išnyksta. Jis ne galutinai pasitraukia. Jisai jau tyko kryžkelėje iš Jeruzalės į Damaską ir slapčiomis seka Saulių, numylėtąjį savo persekiotoją. Jis savo balsu iššaukia Sauliaus sąžinėje atsivertimą ir štai užgema naujas žmogus — Povilas. Nuo tos valandos kiekvieno žmogaus likime Dievas tavęs lauks, nes Jėzus ir dabar tebėra su mumis.

a sense of loss if that church were not there or if it were locked against you? Wouldn't you resent those who closed those doors? You have taken that open church for granted. It is as important to you as your daily food. Have you ever thought of what it cost those who went before you to make that church possible? To make that church possible a God-Man hung on a Cross. To make that church possible His followers went underground to live like hunted rats. To make that church possible hundreds have died, and none but God and they will know what it cost them to make that church possible for you. What good is liberty and freedom, if there is no God to worship, no morals and standards to guide our actions? If it were not for others, where would Christianity be? Where would there exist moral law? Liberty without moral law, God's law, is a mockery. Liberty without God's law would be exercised by the powerful; a liberty to rule and govern at will, to

In Defense of Lithuania

Lithuania's Status

To the Editor of The Times:

On Feb. 16, 1918, the Lithuanian Council met in the historic city of Vilnius and proclaimed independence for the Republic of Lithuania. This

destroy the weak. Liberty without the restraint of God's law would quickly turn into license.

Others have fought and died to keep the true concept of liberty for us. What have we, who enjoy the fruit of their sacrifices, done to show gratitude to them? To Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson, we have erected monuments. To others we have erected rolls of honor. To Jesus Christ, we say: "We thank Thee, Lord, for all Thy Mercies unto us, Thy people." Our gratitude ceases there for the most part. Is this all that we can do for those who have given us liberty and justice which we take for granted? What can we offer? Those who gave us civic, cultural and religious freedom gave their all so that we might have the Christian and American way of life. They paid a high price for it. There is only one way we can repay them. That is: to live the way of life they gave us.

Our Lord came down from heaven to teach us His way of life, and He demands that we put it into effect in our daily lives. The great Americans who gave us the American way of life, expect us to be faithful to it, and conform to its principles.

"With liberty and justice for all". This sums up the American way of life. But it must be true liberty; liberty exercised under God's law. Liberty must not interfere with the rights of others. This is justice, and this is fundamental to our American way of life.

"Love God and your neighbor". This sums up the Christian way of life. This needs courage, for to love God is to keep the Commandments. To do this in a world that knows little or nothing about God needs determination and courage. To love your neighbor is sometimes a bitter task in these days, and it needs divine help. Loving your neighbor may be difficult, but at least we can start by refusing to hate. If we can't find a reason for not hating him, we can at least find an excuse. Christ Himself gave us one: "...forgive them for they know not what they do."

To live Christian and American lives is the most practical, most effective, and the best way we can show our gratitude to those who gave us our ways of life. It will be our payment to God and man in deeds, for the debts we owe. Loyalty and gratitude in action is the real test. May we never lack either as we walk the way. A. J.

year Lithuanians throughout the world will mark that date but will find little cause for rejoicing with conditions taking on a tragic aspect in present-day Lithuania.

In the summer of 1940, June 15, to be exact, Soviet troops crossed the borders of this small republic, thus ending her more than two decades of cherished and hard won freedom. From that date until this present one, although not an active belligerent in this world conflict, Lithuanians have been inflicted with more than their share of the ravages of war.

Following the Soviet occupation of 1940 came the German invasion of 1941 with its typical form of Nazi brutality and then finally the Russian reoccupation in 1944. So at present the Lithuanians, after five years of war, still find themselves under the jurisdiction of a foreign power.

During the period of her freedom after World War I, Lithuania had compiled an amazing record of achievements, especially in the agricultural field. Taking in an area of only 21,489 square miles and inhabited by an estimated 3,000,000 persons; the courage and stamina they have displayed proves that where there is a will there is a way.

All that has been destroyed now and the main concern of all Lithuanians is to relieve the suffering that has overtaken the country. During the Soviet retreat of 1941, thousands of Lithuanians were forced to flee with the Red Army; so, too, with the German withdrawal of 1944, many thousands were compelled to accompany the Nazis back into the interior of the Reich. Countless others perished during the severe winters and with the retreating armies applying a scorched earth policy, starvation became an everyday reality.

Besides the thousands now in Siberia and in the labor battalions in the Reich, over 30,000 Baltic refugees, among them many Lithuanians, have sought sanctuary in neutral Sweden. The Jewish population of Lithuania prior to the German occupation was approximately 154,000. After the Nazi withdrawal it can safely be said that it has been decreased considerably.

Lithuanians today are deeply concerned over the fate of their country and although the future looms uncertain and foreboding, they still cling to the Atlantic Charter in the hope that its principles may soon be applied to them to restore the independence they cherish so dearly.

J. Belazaras, Jr.
(Hartford Times)

East Windsor Hill.

The cost of feeding U. S. soldiers is 62 cents per man; in World War I, 33 cents. For sailors, the cost is 52 cents; during World War I, 49c.

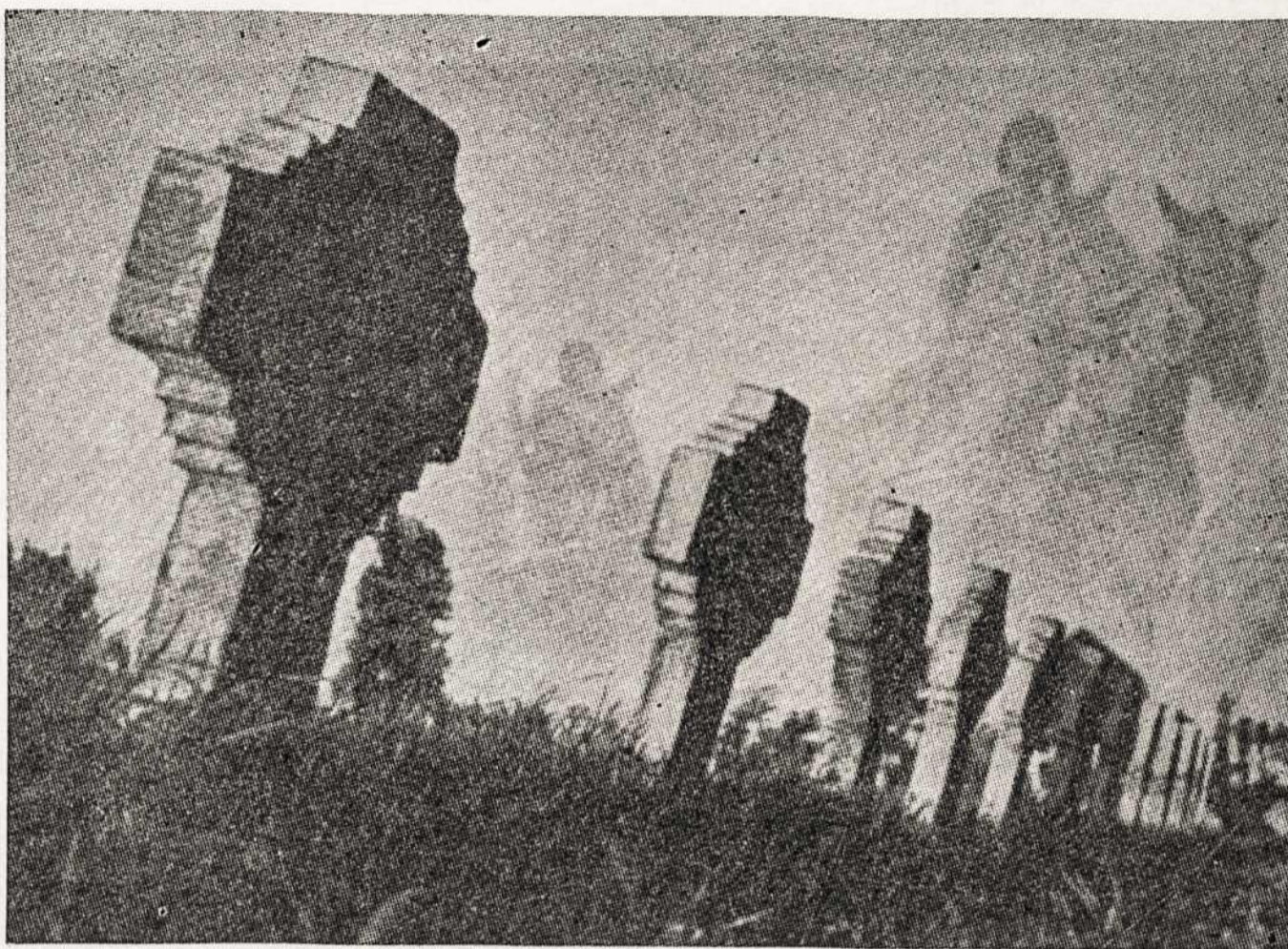
Neverkit pas kapą

Neverkit pas kapą narsiųjų draugų:
Kas krito kovoj, tie didvyriai,
Kiekviena kova reikalinga aukų —
Laimingi už laisvę numirę.

Nelaistykit kapo gailiāja rauda,
Bet tęskit pradėtą jų žygį:
Pasiektas jo tikslas minės visada
Paguldžiusį galvą karžygį.

Minėkit ne pragaištį, mirtį, kapus,
Bet kovą, vien kovą be galo:
Geresnio paminklo didvyriams nebus,
Kaip vykdymas jų idealo.

Vaidilos Ainis.



Orphans of the Baltic

By William Henry Chamberlin

THE population of the three Baltic Republics, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, is less than that of Greater New York. Before the war there were about two and a half million Lithuanians, about two million Letts and about a million and a quarter Estonians.

But these countries on the shore of the Baltic furnish an interesting testing ground for the fulfillment of the Atlantic Charter principles which President Roosevelt recently pledged himself "to secure so far as is humanly possible." Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are orphans of the storm of the present war.

They have been subjected to three waves of conquest and foreign occupation. In July, 1940 the Soviet Union overran the small countries with its military forces and imposed a Soviet form of government and Communist economic measures. Puppet governments, appointed from Moscow, functioned until the German attack on the Soviet Union in June, 1941. German puppet regimes succeeded the Soviet. During the last months of 1944 the Soviet armies again occupied the Baltic area, except for some territory around Liepaja (Libau). Here German and anti-Communist Baltic units are still holding out, despite the present great Russian offensive.

It should be noted that the Baltic states are not historically, culturally or ethnographically an integral part of Russia. Their languages have no affinity to Russian; their peoples have never belonged in any large number to the Russian Or-

thodox Church. The architecture of such typically old Baltic towns as Riga (capital of Latvia) and Tallinn (capital of Estonia) is distinctly un-Russian.

The independence of the three new republics was given every conceivable confirmation by their powerful eastern neighbor. The Soviet Government recognized the independence of Estonia on February 2, 1920, of Lithuania on July 12, 1920 and of Latvia on August 11, 1920. Far from treating these new states as territory lost under duress, the Soviet Government, on its own initiative, concluded treaties of non-aggression and neutrality with Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. These treaties remained formally valid until 1944.

The United States recognized the Baltic republics on July 28, 1922. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, offered the following sharp comment on the Soviet annexation, on July 23, 1940:

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

"The policy of this Government is universally known. The people of the United States are opposed to predatory activities, no matter whether they are carried on by the use of force or by the threat of force. They are like-



CABANATUAN'Ė NEBUVO TOKIO GYVENIMO

Pfc. Louis Zelis, Chicago lietuvis, Bataan didvyris, dalyvis visiems žinomo "Death March". Jo šiurpulingi pergyvenimai prasidėjo Balandžio mėnesyje, kuomet pateko į japonų nelaisvę, kurioj katorginiam Cabanatuan liogeryje išbuvo nuo Birželio 12, 1942 iki sausio 30, 1945, kuomet Amerikos kariuomenė išlaisvino. Šiame atvaizde jis savo žmonos prieglobstyje.

wise opposed to any form of intervention on the part of one state, however powerful, in the domestic concerns of any other sovereign state, however weak."

II.

"Devious" was a suitable adjective for describing the process by which the Soviet Union swallowed up its smaller neighbors. Early in October, 1939, utilizing a few rather patently manufactured "incidents", the Soviet Government compelled the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian Governments to sign so-called pacts of mutual assistance. These provided for the stationing of Soviet military, naval and air units on the territory of the Baltic states. But there was no immediate change in the form of government or administration. Foreign Commissar Molotov declared, on October 31, 1939:

"We stand for the scrupulous and punctilious observance of pacts on the basis of complete reciprocity and we declare that all nonsense about Sovietizing the Baltic countries is only to the interest of our common enemies and of all anti-Soviet provocateurs."

What Molotov had dismissed as "nonsense"

became a reality in June, 1940. There was a complete military occupation of the Baltic countries and "elections" were held on the peculiar Soviet model. A single list of candidates, composed of Communists and non-party persons who were considered "reliable" from the Communist standpoint, was presented. There was no opportunity to criticize this list or to present alternative candidates. People were compelled to vote on pain of losing their ration cards.

Contrary to a general impression in America, these "elections", farcical as they were, did not raise the issue of union with Russia. This was forced on the subservient parliaments after the elections by three prominent Soviet Communists who were directing the annexation procedure, Zhdanov in Estonia, Vyshynsky and Dekanozov in Latvia and Lithuania.

III.

Soviet administration in the Baltic states followed the pattern of Eastern Poland, with mass deportation and a number of political executions. As soon as the Germans launched their offensive on June 21 there was a mass popular uprising in Lithuania, which drove the Soviet forces from the larger cities, such as Kaunas. The speed with which the Germans overran the Baltic area was at once a proof of the unpopularity of the Soviet regime and of the hollowness of the argument that this region was essential to Russia for defensive purposes.

The Nazis in the Baltic countries followed their usual cruel and stupid methods. They started out with some negative goodwill on the part of the population because of the intense dislike aroused by Soviet methods. But oppression and pillage led to the revival of nationalist underground movements, aiming at the recovery of independence.

The Soviet reoccupation has brought not independence, but a new wave of pillage and terrorism. Except for one or two conducted tours to alleged Nazi horror camps, foreign correspondents have been excluded from the area, so that detailed reports by independent observers are meagre. However, it is known that hundreds of thousands of Lithuanians have fled across the border into Germany. Most refugees from all the Baltic countries who able to escape have found an asylum in Sweden.

The "Liberation Committee of the Baltic States" in Sweden, including representatives of the national councils of the three republics, issued an appeal to Roosevelt and Churchill containing the following references to the two Soviet occupations:

"Our peoples disapproved of this (incorporation in the Soviet Union), but our protests were suppressed by reprisals unprecedented in

Chicago vyčių pasiaukojimas Šv. Kazimierui

(Viešai pareikštas Šv. Kryžiaus bažnyčioje per dvasinę puotą kovo 4 d., š. m.)

Viešpatie, priimk mūsų vytiškas širdis, mūsų gerus troškimus ir pasiryžimus Tavo garbei ir mūsų krašto bei Tėvynės naudai. Šventasis Kazimierai, mūsų Globėjau, saugok ir vesk mus or-

the history of civilized peoples. Tens of thousands of our people were murdered without trial, more than 100,000 were deported in cattle trucks to Siberia and Central Asia...

"With the re-occupation of our countries the Soviet armies do not bring us the promised freedom, but fresh oppression with more murders committed on thousands of our best citizens and mass deportations of our population".

Refugees declare that the Soviet authorities are circulating the following general questionnaire among citizens of the Baltic countries: "1. Why have you not retreated with the Soviet Army in 1941? 2. What employment have you pursued under the Germans? 3. What anti-German sabotage have you done? 4. Name three accomplices. 5. Name three collaborators of the Germans." It is easy to imagine the atmosphere of general fear and mutual denunciation that would be the result of such an inquisition.

IV.

Legally and morally the case of the Baltic States for independence is strong. They took no part in Nazi aggression. They are "peaceloving," on the basis of their record. Indeed, they are too small to be anything else.

But their prospects of national survival are slight. It is their misfortune to be the desired prey not of the defeated Nazis but of one of the victorious "Big Three." Recognition has not been formally withdrawn from the governments of the Baltic States. The American Government has not yet recognized the legitimacy of this territorial change achieved by force. Mr. Welles's severe condemnation is still on the record.

But there has been a conspicuous absence of pressure on Stalin to consent to an honest plebiscite. Such a democratic measure would be the only convincing and satisfactory method of implementing Point 3 of the Atlantic Charter, to which the Soviet Union is also a signatory:

"They respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them."

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ganizacinio veikimo kilniais keliais. Mes norime įdiegti pirmiausia į savo sielą Dievui ir Tėvynei obalsį, bet norėtumėm, kad ir visi kiti mūsų broliai ir sesutės degtų tais pačiais idealais. Tegul taip įvyksta.

MALDA UŽ KAREIVIUS

O Dieve, meldžiame Tave, saugok tuos, kurių gyvybės yra pavojuose — kareivius, jūreivius ir lakūnus. Suteik jiems tokį tvirtą tikėjimą, kad jokia blogų žmonių įtaka jų nesuklaidintų, nepriverstų prie tikėjimo išsižadėjimo ar baimės viešai savo tikėjimą išpažinti. Suteik jiems savo malonių ir stiprink juos, kad neužsikrėstų blogu pavyzdžiu, kad būtų apsaugoti nuo nedorybių, kad ištikimai gintų kraštą ir kad pavojų akivaizdoje savo sielą visados laikytų malonės stovyje.

O Nekaltai Pradėtoji P. Marija, Dievo Motina ir mūsų mylimiausioji Motina, Neperstojančios Pagelbos, būk su jais karo lauke, užtarki prieš savo kentėjusį Sūnų tuos, kurie šioje valandoje skiriasi su šiuos pasauliui, o sužeistiesiems gražinki sveikatą; ypatingai meldžiu tavęs, o Motina, kad savo maloninga globa saugotumei mano artimus karo tarnybon pašauktus žmones. Teikis juos laimingai sveikus išvesti iš visų pavojų ir vėl gražinti į jų šeimas.

Šv. Juozapai, melski už juos.

Angele Sarge, saugoki juos.

Šv. Kazimierai, melski už juos. Amen.



ĮTEIKIA \$1,000 ČEKĮ RAUD. KRYŽIUI — Nuotraukoj iš kairės į dešinę: P. J. Pankus, Darius-Girėnas Post 271, American Legion, Chicago, Ill., Finance Officer; Past Commander A. H. Kasper, Lietuvių Grupės Komiteto narys; ir Commander Jos. Rachus, kuris įteikia Darius-Girėnas Posto \$1,000 auką Raud. Kryžiaus Karo Fondui, Helen Kareivienei, Lietuvių Grupės Komiteto vice pirmininkei. Šalė jos stovi J. Daužvardienė, Raud. Kryžiaus Karo Fondo kalbėtoja, ir adv. A. Olis, posto adjutantas. Darius-Girėnas postas savo rūmuose šalę duoda nemokamai laikyti Lietuvos Vyčių Draugovės (K. of L. Seniors) susirinkimus.

THE REVIVAL OF AN ORDER

(A Brief Life Story of Archbishop George Matulevicius, the Reviving Spirit of the Congregation of Marian Fathers)

P. P. ČINIKAS, M.I.C.

I.

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries the Marian Fathers, a religious congregation of men instituted by Venerable Stanislaus Papczinski in the late seventeenth century, led a hardy life doing great charitable work amongst the Lithuanian, Polish, White Russian people of the Grand Duchy of the Russian people. Those same sections are now Lithuania proper and conquered Poland.

Under The Marian Spell

The people of that time were economically impoverished and the religious clergy endured many sacrifices to educate the youth and to administer the sacraments. In 1864 even those sacrifices were forbidden to the religious in the Grand Duchy, for at that time Czar Alexander II of Russia issued a mandate disbanding all the Catholic religious monasteries, all the property was confiscated, and many restrictions were placed on those who insisted on living a religious life. All men observing their religious vows were herded into two monasteries without the expressed permission of the Czar. The Franciscans and other monks were housed in the Kretinga monastery and the Marian Fathers were ordered to live in the monastery of Marijampolis. The Russian government moved all the Marians into that monastery with the hope that the Poles, White Russians, Lithuanians, and a few Slavs would make it unpleasant for one another and disband that much sooner. If a religious ever hinted at wanting to leave the country, he was given a pass and told never to return. The Marian Fathers found their way to America and did pioneer work amongst the immigrants.

The Russian plan certainly worked and by 1909 the congregation's monastery housed but one lone survivor, Father Vincent Senkus, the last of the old Marians. He was the last Marian Father to wear the distinguishing white habit and it was he that passed on the banner of Mary Immaculate to Archbishop Matulevicius, who was then a young priest with the burning desire to live a more perfect life for the good of his persecuted people. Archbishop Matulevicius knew what he was getting himself into, for he had long observed the Russian attitude towards the reli-



Archbishop George Matulevičius

gious communities. He certainly realized the hardships such an undertaking would demand, since he was one of the most promising young professors on the Theological Faculty of the St. Petersburg Academy in Russia. The zealous attitude that marked the last days of his life must have been the distinguishing mark of character even in the early part of his teaching career. But that is getting ahead of the story, for the zealous early years of the Archbishop are the most important chapters of his life and the history of the restoration of the Congregation of Marian Fathers.

The Humble Beginning

Within a walking distance of the Marian monastery of Marijampolis along the banks of Lithuania's picturesque river Sesupe is the well-to-do farm of the Matulevicius family. The farm was well known to all for the congenial owners were always ready to help their struggling neighbors. Times were indeed hard with the Russian officials constantly issuing new restrictive decrees for the Lithuanian landowners. The people were especially troublesome when in 1864 the Czar banned the use of the Lithuanian language to all inhabitants. Simple farmers kept their

Lithuanian prayer books well hid in the hay lofts and secretly prayed.

April Fool's Day in the year 1871 the neighbors gathered at the Matulevicius farm to congratulate Andrew and Ursula Matulevicius upon the birth of the eighth child, a boy, who was christened George. The boy was baptized the very day he was born. Andrew Matulevicius proudly took the child to the Marijampolis monastery chapel where a white-cassocked Marian Father poured the baptismal waters. Father Cesna, while baptising the boy, did not make any prophecies as to the great things the newly born child was destined to achieve, but his mother was offering him to Mary Immaculate.

During the three years that followed little of any importance happened to the baby and favorite of the house. On the Feast of All Saints in 1874 the entire family mourned the death of their father. Soon after his death George's mother became ill and remained in bed until her

Duetas

- JIS: Nesegk sau rožės prie kasų:
 Ji širdį jauną pavilios;
 Dėl tavo meilės nebilio
 Kas neužmirš vargų visų?
 Ji širdį jauną pavilios.
- JI: Duok ranką man, jei tau sunku!
 Aš vesiu ją žvaigždžių keliais,
 Vainikais pindama žaliais,
 Erškėčius raudama taku,
 Aš vesiu ją žvaigždžių keliais.
- ABUDU: Naktis graži! Kvapai žiedų
 Svaigina alpstančius jausmus;
 Liuliuoja, supa, neša mus
 Augštai nuo žemės valandų!..
 Svaigina alpstančius jausmus.
- JIS: Svajonių mano ir kančios
 Tu nesuprasi niekados;
 Tik gaila bus tau valandos,
 Kaip mano ašara, skaisčios!
 Tu nesuprasi niekados.
- JI: Ant tavo vyriško peties
 Duok pasiguost žmonių varguos!
 Augštai girdi?... Balsai danguos!
 Tu neužmirši tos nakties!..
 Duok užsimiršt žmonių varguos!
- ABUDU: Naktis graži. Kvapai žiedų
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Maironis.

death in 1881. While young George was near his mother's bedside, he did his share in performing a few of the many little jobs that are ever turning up on the farm. Since his mother was able to do little for him, Emily, the oldest daughter of the house, took a maternal pride in caring for the needs of the family's pet. When the mother died on May 15, 1881, John, the oldest of the family, took full charge of the homestead and future of all members of the motherless home.

A Life of Study Begins

Life was much harder on the young orphan after his mother passed away. Everyone at home was rather busy and preoccupied with the farm chores, so he also helped out by tending the cattle in spring and by doing odd jobs which his age and strength would permit. During those days and even while he was attending the primary school, the youngster was never clothed sufficiently, but he did not complain of the strange pains that were beginning to afflict his legs. The summer of the year his mother died, George's elder brother Andrew came home to spend his vacation. Those few months were indeed happy days for George. The two brothers took long walks into the woods and they had long delightful conversations. Andrew was a student at the Moscow University and always took an active interest in his studies. Soon he found himself answering many intelligently asked questions about the various sciences and classical languages. George was so serious and intent upon knowing the answers that Andrew decided something ought to be done about the youngster's education.

The elder brother talked to John about launching the young fellow upon his career. John, who was then married and was shouldering the burden of the two families, promised to send George to the upper school. He decided to pay the tuition by advancing George's share of the estate that was to be given to him when he was of age.

The latter part of that summer was indeed a very eventful period for Andrew, the university student, and George, the ever hopeful farm lad. Andrew immediately set about preparing his brother for the comprehensive examination which would allow him to enter the upper school or gimnazija. So the two studious members of the family put their heads together and lengthened their daily walks. A week before the opening of school George passed the examination. When Andrew returned to the University of Moscow where he had won a rich bursary, George happily anticipated studying in the Marijampolis gimnazija.



LIETUVOS JŪROS VARTAI | PLATŪJ | PASAULI—

Tai ne visad ramios jūros,
 Tai ne visad siela tyli.
 Drumščia sielą juodos mintys, —
 Drumščia audros jūrų gylį.

Apsiniaukė štai padangė,
 Kriokia, užia okeanas —
 Ir iš tolo, iš tamsybių
 Audrios šmėklos vėtroj genas...

Putinas.

The Road of Suffering

George's eldest brother, John, had promised to pay tuition only; so the youth had to walk back and fourth to school every day. The distance to the gimnazija was four kilometers and that distance was magnified by the constant leg pain he was experiencing. Since only his tuition was being covered, he kept borrowing text books for his classwork constantly. These were trying times for a boy of ten or eleven. Still, his pleasing personality and kindness made him popular and always well supplied with books. It was then that books became his constant companions. And it was then that he realized that books and their contents were the only things powerful enough to keep his mind off the leg ailments which were becoming worse every day.

During the second year of his study at the gimnazija, George was forced to miss many school days. The family at home was gradually increasing and he was sleeping in damp places or even camping in the open when tending the horses and cattle at night in the pastures. Later he admitted that prayer, books, and work pulled him through those early years of his schooling.

He suffered and studied until his sixth year, when his brother John refused to send back to school because of his ill health. During his fifth year at school he spend much of his time on cru-

tches. Some time later the doctors were called in and they began treating his legs. As soon as he could be up and around he took his place in the regular round of farm duties.

The Will to Win

As the summer was waning George began to look forward towards a very dull year. His legs were gradually becoming stronger, but John was of the opinion that an education would be of little use to an ailing cripple. Now, prayer and books were his only consolation. Everyone pitied the youngster and admired his piety. Providence was preparing him for great things!

As always when important things happen suddenly, they sweep those involved off their feet and bear them on to unexpected experiences. That is exactly what happened to George. Unexpectedly one day a family cousin dropped in to spend a few days with the Matulevicius household. This unexpected relative was John Matulevicius, a teacher in the Gimnazija of Kelcius. He was so impressed by George's piety and intelligence that he immediately promised to finance his education if he intended to study for the sacred ministry. It seems that was one of George's secret desires and this proposal by his generous cousin was certainly a godsend. From that day on, the youngest Matulevicius boy was definitely on his way towards a goal. The state

of his health did not deter him for he had developed a deep trust in God's goodness — the future was clearly marked.

The Young Seminarian

His first few years in the Kelcius Seminary were greatly influenced by his benefactor. He at once gave his name a Polish ending, since he was advised to do so by the seminary authorities and because his generous cousin thought that to be the wisest thing to do.

Even though George was the only Lithuanian in the seminary he won the student body and was everyone's friend.

His seminary days were happy and full of hard work even though his talents allowed him more time. He was everyone's friend when it came to solving the difficult questions. The pleasant surroundings of the seminary increased his efficiency, deepened his piety, and formulated his habits of orderliness and neatness.

When George returned to his brother's home for the summer vacation, he reluctantly asked for a little money if it could be spared. As he was preparing to return to the seminary in the fall, John said goodbye and handed him thirty Russian rubles in small copper coins, his entire profit from the sale of the fruit from the farm orchard. That sacrifice became an eloquent reminder to George of the great things that were expected of him in the future. Yes, his big hearted brother was staking his all on him!

New Scenes—New Triumphs

In 1893 the Russian government closed the Seminary of Kelcius. George Matulevicius and a few other more talented seminarians were sent off to the Warsaw Seminary.

New scenes were new triumphs for the young seminarian. There in Warsaw George again became the favorite and leader of his class. In 1895 the seminary authorities advised the bishop of Kelcius to send George Matulevicius to the chance to acquire some academic degree. The Petersburg Academy where he could have a bishop agreed and sent him to Petersburg to specialize in theology. After a brief visit home the young cleric quietly assured his brother that he would no longer be a burden for the future was indeed certain and soon he would have the means to repay him for all the good and kindness shown him. All of George's relatives and friends had gathered to see him off, so there were many greetings expressed and each handed him a gift to show their sincerity and affection.

Vyčių Vėliavos Klausimu

Vyčių vėliavos galutinas nustatymas įvyko IV seime Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1916 m.

1917 m. V. seimas, Brooklyn, N. Y., vienbalsiai priėmė.

1918 m. VI seimas Cleveland, Ohio, tą reikalą galutinai pripažino ir užbaigė.

Nors šis reikalas būtų kaip ir įstatatai bei įstatų priedas, vienok, dėl nepatyrusių ankstyvesnių vadų, nebuvo įstatuosna įvestas. Net protokolų knygos ir kiti dokumentai yra žuvę. Visgi vėliavos klausimas buvo laikomas baigtu iki XV seimui. Vėliau užmirštas. Vėlivesnės kuopos, nežinodamos apie vėliavą, pakėlė klausimus ir bemaž kiekvienam seime buvo renkama komisijos, bet tos komisijos rinkimu ir pasibaigė. Prieš karą buvo patekęs į komisiją kun. M. Urbonavičius ir tik jis pradėjo rūpintis, bet išvažiavo Lietuvon, o kiti komisijos nariai, kaip ir pirmiau, tenkinosi išrinkimu.

Šis reikalas tilpo daug sykių "Vytyje". Vėliausiai pateko į Ritualo Komisiją; ši, gal, užbaigs.

Pagal IV seimo nutarimą vėliavos sudėtis sekanti. Taikinta prie apdainuotų spalvų. Viršui raudona, viduje balta, apatinė žalia. Ant baltos viduje turi būti Vytis, tautos amblema ir taip pat Vyčių.

Lietuvos ir Amerikos vėliavos atskiros. Ant pusės galima patalpinti Šv. Kazimiero paveikslą.

IV seimo nutarimą gali paliūdyti dr. Al. Račkus, K. Pakštas, L. Šimutis, Al. Aleksis, A. Visminas ir daug kitų, kurių vardų neatmenu, bet jie dar gyvi.

Vėliavos sudėtį sudėstė kun. F. Kemešis.

Protokolą minėto seimo turiu.

M. A. Norkūnas.

Isidēmėtinios Sukaktys

18 metų nuo mirties dr. Jono Basanavičiaus, Tautos Atgimimo Tėvo, "Aušros" Kūrėjo ir Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Akto Signataro.

144 metų nuo gimimo vyskupo Motiejaus Valančiaus, Tautos Auklėtojo, Knygnešių organizatoriaus, Ganytojo, Rašytojo.

23 metai nuo įsteigimo Lietuvos universiteto Kaune, kurio likimas šiandie abejotinas.

22 metai kaip ambasadorių konferencija Klaipėdą paskyrė Lietuvai.

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

Lietuvos Vyčių 31-mo Seimo PROTOKOLAS

PIRMOJI SESIJA

CENTRO VALDYBOS RAPORTAI

ANTROJO VICE PIRM. PRANEŠIMAS

Brangūs Seimo Dalyviai:

Su apgailestavimu ir dideliu nusivylimu esu priverstas pasiųsti šį savo raportą, kadangi asmeniai ir vėl negaliu dalyvauti savo brangios L. Vyčių organizacijos seime. Iš priežasties dabartinių karo veiksmų, mano įstaiga, War Department, sudarė tokias sąlygas ir taip suvaržė pasiliuosavimą iš darbo, jog tik serga, su gydytojo paliūdymais, gali išlikti iš darbo. Kitaip, nei vienos dienos iš darbo negalima pasiliuosuoti, ir iš priežasties to, su jumis negalėsiu būti seime, vienok mano mintys, mano širdis bus su jumis visą laiką.

Visų pirmiausiai sveikinu šį taip nepaprastai svarbų Lietuvos Vyčių seimą ir visus dalyvius ir linkiu mūsų Aukščiausiam padedant sėkmingai išspręsti mūsų organizacijos reikalus "Tautos ir Bažnyčios" labai. Atjausdami centro finansinius reikalus nuo savęs ir žmonos įdedame kartu \$10.00 auką.

RAPORTAS

Atsižvelgiant į šio seimo svarbą, ir ypač taip trumpą laiką šiam seimui skiriamą, mano raportas yra gana sutrumpintas. Be to, per pereitus du metus, dėl darbo sudarytų sąlygų ir kitų priežasčių neturėjau progos savo organizacijai pasidaruoti ant kiek mano širdis troško ir buvau planavęs:

1. Į centro valdybos posėdžius stengiausi savo raportus prisiųsti, nors nekuriems posėdžiams neprisiunčiau savo raportų, kadangi nebuvo kas raportuojama arba sąlygos nedavė progos tai atlikti.

2. Kiekvienai progai pasitaikius turėjau pasitarimų organizacijos reikalais su Centro Valdybos nariais bei klebonais. Tokius pasitarimus, ypač kas liečia jaunamečių organizavimą į vyčius, spaustuvę ir t.t., turėjau su kun. Raila ir J. Bulevičium.

3. Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos reikalais rašiau į vietos laikraštį, ir prie progos, į platesnę spaudą. Parinkau "Vyčiui" garsinimą.

4. Atstovavau Lietuvos Vyčius Federacijos ir Lietuvių Tarybos posėdžiuose ir konferencijoje.

5. Daug rūpinausi palaikyti Pittsburgho 62-ąją Vyčių kuopą. Bet pasekmės iki šiol nekokios. Iš šios kuopos, išskyrus du, visi vyriškiai pašaukti kariškon tarnybon, gi iš mergaičių dauguma turi dirbti vakarais bei naktimis, kitos išvyko į kitus miestus, taip kad iš buvusių narių liko tik



THEY STOP TO PRAY ON IWO BATTLEFIELD — Kneeling in a moment and empty shell cases, three U. S. Marines stop to pray during a ground keep on the alert for the enemy attack. Kneeling are: Pfc. Edn While their fellow Marines in the background push on in their drive across the three men kneeling on the battlefield. There was no time to set up an were not given by the war pool photographer who took this picture.

keli, ir tie neturi noro veikimui. Vienok su naujojo klebono kun. Lunskio pagelba turime vilties atgaivinti kuopos veikimą šį rudenį. Darysime žygius suorganizuoti ir jaunamečių vyčių skyrių, jei šis seimas tai užgirs.

6. Pereitas seimas mane paskyrė į komisiją rinkti informacijas apie Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos narių bei kuopų pasidarbavimą rėmimui šios šalies karui laimėti pastangas. Dažnai tuo reikalu buvau susirūpinęs, vienok nieko konkretaus neįvykdžiau, nes atrodė vis dar per anksti ir neįmanoma, ir būtų mažos vertės. Mūsų organizacijos nariai vis dar šaukiama karo tarnybon, bonai vis dar perkama, Raudonajam Kryžiui dar aukojama, ir tt. Mano manymu tos informacijos naudingiausia bus rinkti baigiantis karui, kada bus galima vienu užsimojimu, be duplikacijų, rezultatus gauti atsišaukiant į kuopas bei pavienius narius. Jei seimas matys reikalą tą komisiją ir vėl išrinkti, su malonumu sutiksiu tai





On the sands of Iwo Jima Island, surrounded by their own equipment, a lull in the battle for the Motoyama airstrip. Buddies in the background L. Fadel, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Pvt. Walter Sokowski. Across Iwo Jima a Catholic Chaplain gives Holy Communion to an altar, the Chaplain followed his troops. The names of the men Acme photo. (NCWC)

komisijai pagelbėti, o reikalui esant ir jos nariu pasilikti.

Baigiant šį raportą noriu padėkoti vyčių organizacijai abelnai už suteikimą progos man jį tarnauti kaip II-as Vice pirmininkas per pereinamus du metus, ir jei šis seimas numatys reikalo pavesti man pareigas bent kokioj komisijoj ir toliau tarnauti, dėsiu pastangas savo pareigas, ant kiek tik aplinkybės ir sąlygos leis, tinkamai atlikti.

Su tikra pagarba,

A. J. Mažeika.

P. S. Mano manymu sekanti sklausimai ypatingai turėtų būti svarstoma šiame seime:

- a. Jaunamečių organizavimas į vyčius.
- b. Ryšių palaikymas su nariais kariuomenėj.
- c. Grįžtančių narių iš kariuomenės priėmimas ir įtraukimas vyčių veiklon.
- d. Kuopose veiklos gaivinimas.

e. Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymas ir šelpimo reikalai.

e. "Vytiš", spaustuvė ir kitoki organizacijos reikalai.

CENTRO SEKRETORĖS RAPORTAS:

Rugsėjo 21, 1944

Gerbiamieji dvasios vadai, atstovai ir svečiai:

Savo pareigas, kaip protokolo raštininkė, stengiausi atlikti pagal savo išgalės.

Išskyrus vieną, užrekordavau kiekvieną posėdį ir protokolus išsiunčiau Centro Valdybos nariams.

Atstkinėjau visus laiškus, kuriuos pirmininkas įsakė, taipgi išsiunčiau visoms kuopoms laiškus kas link šio seimo.

Buvo man labai malonu dirbti su visais organizacijos nariais, Laikau už garbę, kad galėjau pasidarbuoti del Vyčių.

Su vytiška pagarba,

Teofilė Aukštikalnytė,

prot. raštininkė.

FINANSŲ RAŠTININKĖS RAPORTAS

Gerbiamieji Dvasios Vadai ir Delegatai:

Per pereinamus tris metus Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba sunkiai darbavosi ir šiame karo seime gali drąsiai ir teisingai pasakyti, kad dėtos pastangos pakelti organizacijos stovį nenuėjo vel-tui.

Tuose darbuose man irgi reikėjo įdėti ypatingo darbo. Suglaudus faktus jie skamba sekant-čiai: —

Per tris karo sunkius metus išlaikiau savo ofiso pareigas kiek galėjau garbingiausiai.

Naujų narių vajuos propagandą ir rekordus tvarkiau su visais detaliais ir tas davė man daug darbo, bet jį atlikau ir šiandien pranešu, kad kaip pereinamų metų raporte - buvo pažymėta 92 nauji nariai, tai šiais metais jau laimėjome 232 naujus narius ir kaip minėjau atgaivinom pirmą kuopą Brocktone. Brocktono pirmoji Lietuvos Vyčių kuopa ir skirtą dovaną — Karo Boną \$25.00 vertės, laimėjo. Taipgi Brocktonietė Miss Anne Norkus laimėjo naujų narių vajuje antrą dovaną, surinkdama aukščiausį skaičių taškų.

Vedžiau "Vytyje" skyrių — SERVICE MEMBERS' LETTER BOX; susirašinėju su kariais tarnyboje ir jų kaikuriuos laiškus įtalpinau "Vytyje".

Daug smulkesnių, bet būtinų susirašinėjimų finansų raštininkė turi su įvairiais organizacijos nariais ir pašaliniais, bet jų nėra reikalo nei protokoluoti nei raportuoti. Nors tų susirašinėjimo laiškų būta šimtais. Atsakymai į laiškus pasiūsti visoms apskritims, kuopoms ir nariams. Nariams siuntinėta priminimai dėl narystės mokestių užvilkimų.



ATŽYMĖTAS BRONZO MEDALIU — Pfc. Benny Pieža (dešinėje), Chicago Signal Corps didvyris, savo pulkininko atžymėtas Bronzo Medalium. Jis tarnauja gen. Patton Trečiojo Armijoje. Einant dideliems mūšiams vienoje vietoje Vokietijoje jis, statydamas savo gyvybę į didelį pavojų, sutaisė labai svarbią telefono liniją. Jo brolis Frank taip pat kare ir kaujas su japonais Pacifiko fronte. Vyriausias jo brolis Stasys Pieža yra žinomas Chicago veikėjas, korespondentas ir religinio skyriaus redaktorius Hearst dienraščio Herald-American ir pirmininkas nesenai įsisteigusios Chicagoj Lietuvos Vyčių Draugovės (K. of L. Seniors). (Klišė Herald-American).

Lankiaus visuose valdybos posėdžiuose — Worcester, Bostone ir vietinės kuopos bemaž visuose mėnesiniuose susirinkimuose.

Dėjau pastangas palaikyti tamprią kooperaciją pirmininko žygiuose organizacijos gerovei.

Gelbėdavau kiekvieno "Vyties" numerio išleidimą, kai jis buvo ir yra spausdinamas "Darbininko" spaustuvėje.

Kiekvieną mėnesį surinkus narystės duokles pasiūsdavau su raportu Centro išdininkui.

Turiu padaryti pastabą dėl kaikurių kuopų nevykusio įpročio mokėti narystės duokles mėnesis nuo mėnesio, kas begalo vargina ir apsunkina vedimą knygvedystės. Mano manymu ir manau visi delegatai tam pritars, kad narys mažiausiai turėtų mokėtis, bent nors kas šeši mėnesiai (toks yra ir seimo nutarimas), o jeigu už metus užsimokėtų, tai būtų *excellent*.

Mano manymu dabartinis "Vyties" redagavimas užsitarnauja ypatingo pagyrimo, o ypač noriu pastebėti, kad per pastarąjį metą, kai "Vytis" spausdinamas "Darbininke", tai iš "Darbininko" štabo parodyta didelis ir nuoširdus kooperavimas išleidžiant "Vytį". Taipgi prie to prisideda ir p. Igno Sakalo įtaka "Draugo" štabe. Pavyzdžiui iliustravimas paveikslais kiekvienos "Vyties" laidos ir yra kreditas "Darbininkui" ir "Draugui", nes naudojamos jų klišės, kurių padarymas kainuotų gana apščiai.

BOOKS IN REVIEW

SUPPLEMENT TO THE APPEAL TO FELLOW AMERICANS ON BEHALF OF THE BALTIC STATES — The Lithuanian American Information Center, New York; \$0.20.

This booklet of thirty-one pages deals exhaustively with present-day conditions in the Baltic States and the action taken by various organizations to improve them. The United Organizations of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian Descent herein declare: "Unless the civilized world intervenes immediately, we fear there will remain no point in discussing an application of the noble principles of the Atlantic Charter and other solemn declarations by the United Nations to the People of the Baltic States, inasmuch as there will be no Baltic peoples left in their ancestral homelands."

Information garnered from numerous reliable sources, principally in Sweden, reveals the present ghastly conditions so as to leave no doubt as to the suffering this war has brought to the Baltic peoples. Though merely a brief booklet, this is crammed with vital information. Every American interested in the future of Europe should undertake to acquaint himself with this publication.

J. B.

(Hartford Courant)

Centro valdyba per visą karo laiką ragino ir ragina prisiūsti finansų raštininkei visus vardus tų narių, kurie išėjo į karo tarnybą, kad užrekdavus ir pagarsinus "Vytyje". Tas darbas buvo vykdomas kiek buvo gauta žinių, bet ar tai visi buvo suregistruota, tikrai nežinoma.

Linksma pastebėti, kad Chicagos apskritis nutarė užmokėti visas prenumeratas anų savo narių, kurie tarnauja Dėdės Samo karo tarnyboje.

Kartas nuo karto stengiamės garsinti "Vytyje" vardus mūsų narių karių.

Palyginus trijų metų rekordus organizacijos stovio randame, kad neatsižvelgiant ir į karo tarnybą išėjusių narių pasitraukimą iš aktyvios veiklos organizacijoje, organizacija šiandien daugiau, kaip dvigubai sustiprėjusi nariais. Finansiniai irgi, galima sakyti, kas mėnuo stiprėja, kai garbingieji mūsų rėmėjai ateina su dosnia parama. Iš to seka, kad L. Vyčių organizacijos stovis yra pakankamai geras. Nors gali būti dar geresnis ir jis bus, jei mes visi vieningai dirbsime Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Felicija Grendelytė,

Centro finansų raštininkė.

(Bus daugiau)

● Neapsiimk to, ko negali išpildyti. Kitaip bus tau sarmata ir kitiems gal nuostolis.

Officialus Skyrrius

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.

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

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(extended to May 30, 1945)

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| 2. Agnietė Talakauskaitė | A. Vaitekūnaitė | 10 |

C-12 — New York, N. Y. —

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| 1. Freda Andryauskas | Elizabeth Banunis | 20 |
| 2. Johanna Macukas | Stella Kaulius | 20 |
| 3. Rita Stankowitz | Elizabeth Banunis | 20 |

C-26 — Worcester, Mass. —

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| 1. Frances Mazukna | Claire Grigaitis | 10 |
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C-29 — Newark, N. J. —

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| 1. Mae Matulis | Josephine Demskis | 20 |
| 2. Helen Pachiura | Josephine Demskis | 20 |
| 3. Mickey Sneider | Josephine Demskis | 20 |

C-36 — Chicago, Ill. —

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| 1. Liza Norvaišaitė | Kastas A. Zaromskis | 20 |
| 2. Eleanore Tauras | James & Helen Cherry | 10 |

C-90 — Harrison-Kearny, N. J. —

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| 1. Ann Adams | Veronica Kemezis | 20 |
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C-113 — Linden, N. J. —

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| 1. John Bingle | Anne M. Zurlis | 20 |
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C-116 — Worcester, Mass. —

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| 1. Vitie Chunis | Kun. Jonas C. Jutkevičius | 10 |
| 2. Mary Gvazdauskas | Nellie Gvazdauskas | 10 |
| 3. Virginia Patchulis | David Vaskas | 10 |
| 4. Casimer Sarafinas | Kun. J. C. Jutkevičius | 10 |
| 5. Helen Swedis | Frances Kaliunas | 20 |
| 6. Rita Zakas | Irene Guzauskas | 10 |

“Vyties” Jubiliejinių Metų Rėmėjai:

L. Vyčių organizacija šiais metais mini savo organo “Vyties” 30-ties metų nuo jo pasirodymo ir sėkmingo gyvavimo jubiliejų. Džiugu pažvelgti į praeities jaunimo veiklą, kuri kėlė lietuvių vardą šioje šalyje per savo organą. “Vytis” tikrai užsitarnauja ypatingo sveikinimo, nes savo gražiomis ir kilniomis mintimis skelbė gražią misiją savo obalsiu — DIEVUI IR TĖVYNEI. Tad visiškai suprantama, kodėl šiandien taip gražiai remiamas jaunimo žurnalas “Vytis”. Štai vėlesnieji jo rėmėjai: —

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| Kun. Pr. M. Juras, Lawrence, Mass. | 26.00 |
| Kun. A. Tamoliūnas, New Britain, Conn. | 11.00 |
| Kun. Dr. K. Urbonavičius, So. Boston, Mass. | 10.00 |
| Kun. Dr. Jos. B. Končius, Mt. Carmel, Pa. | 10.00 |
| Kun. J. Vaitekūnas, Providence, R. I. | 10.00 |
| Kun. C. E. Paulonis, Brooklyn, N. Y. | 6.00 |
| Motina M. Juozapa, Šv. Kazim. A., Chicago | 5.00 |
| Kun. J. Jutkevičius, Worcester, Mass. | 5.00 |
| Kun. Emil. Paukštis, Chester, Pa. | 5.00 |
| J. B. Gailius, adv., So. Boston, Mass. | 5.00 |
| Kun. S. Saulėnas, So. Boston, Mass. | 5.00 |
| Kun. K. A. Vasys, Worcester, Mass. | 5.00 |
| Sisters of Immaculate Conception, Putnam, | 5.00 |
| Kun. V. Puidokas, Westfield, Mass. | 5.00 |
| Klier. deakonas Jonas Bernatonis, S. Boston | 5.00 |
| Dr. J. Antanėlis, So. Boston, Mass. | 3.20 |
| Kun. L. Peciukevičius, Frackville, Pa. | 3.00 |
| Kun. M. Tamulevičius, Athol, Mass. | 3.00 |
| Juozapas Kuncevičius, So. Boston, Mass. | 2.20 |
| B. Starkienė, W. Hollywood, Cal. | 2.00 |
| William Senkus, Elizabeth, N. J. | 2.00 |
| Pr. Janulevičius, So. Boston, Mass. | 2.00 |
| M. A. Norkūnas, Vyčių įsteigėjas | 2.00 |
| F. Zaleskas, So. Boston, Mass. | 2.00 |
| Šv. Kazimiero Seserys, Baltimore, Md. | 2.00 |
| Miss Teresė Zareckis, Dorchester, Mass. | 1.20 |
| Victor Olevičius, So. Boston, Mass. | 1.20 |
| Mrs. Ališauskas, Scranton, Pa. | 1.20 |
| Miss Marion Blackwell, Boston, Mass. | 1.20 |

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| Eleanor Kishonis, Waterbury, Mrs. M. Colney | 20 |
| Albert Spring, Jr., Waterbury | 20 |
| Marion Pranaitis, Waterbury, | 20 |
| Anne Bogush, Waterbury, | 20 |
| Mrs. S. Vaiginis, Brooklyn, N. Y. C. Bason | 20 |
| Pfc. Jos. Pavis, overseas V. E. Pavis | 20 |
| Peter Davidon, Lawrence — Center | |
| Mrs. Veronica Deksnis, Bridgewater — Center | |
| Rev. A. Tamolunas, New Britain, Conn.—Center | |
| Steffy Zagreck, Hoboken, N. J. — Center. | |

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| Charles August, Worcester, Mass. | 1.20 |
| J. Juskaitis, Providence, R. I. | 1.20 |
| M. Yuškaitis, Brockton, Mass. | 1.20 |
| Sophie Katauskas, Chicago, Ill. | 1.20 |
| A. Miškinis, Cambridge, Mass. | 1.20 |
| Josephine Juzinas, Brockton, Mass. | 1.20 |
| F. Barry, Brockton, Mass. | 1.20 |
| W. Mickevich, So. Boston, Mass. | 1.20 |
| M. Ausikaitė, So. Boston, Mass. | 1.20 |
| Alex Marcin, Cambridge, Mass. | 1.20 |
| K. Vilaišis, So. Boston, Mass. | 1.20 |
| Mr. & Mrs. W. Kachanis, Providence, R. I. | 1.20 |
| Mrs. Helen Valatka, Norwood, Mass. | 1.20 |
| D. Šilauskas, Elizabeth, N. J. | 1.20 |
| Mrs. K. Aleksionienė, Norwood, Mass. | 1.20 |
| Mrs. F. Džervienė | 1.20 |
| Miss Sophie Piušalawski, Athol, Mass. | 1.20 |
| Vyt. F. Beliajus, Alabama | 1.20 |
| Kun. Fr. Vasiliauskas, Newton, Pa. | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Petronėlė Peldžius, Brockton, Mass. | 1.00 |
| M. Jackson, So. Boston, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Mrs. B. Rainis, Norwood, Mass. | 1.00 |
| S. Juišė, Scranton, Pa. | 1.00 |
| F. Viesulienė, Norwood, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Anna Sidabras, Chicago, Ill. | 1.00 |
| D. Juksavičius, Scranton, Pa. | 1.00 |
| Kun. Ig. Albavičius, Cicero, Ill. | 1.00 |
| J. Stasilionis, Newark, N. J. | 1.00 |
| Charles Bason, Jersey City, N. J. | 1.00 |
| J. Boley, New York, N. Y. | 1.00 |
| Ann Andrickson, Worcester, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Šv. Kazimiero “Aidai”, Chicago, Ill. | 1.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bazilus, Jersey City, N. J. | 1.00 |
| Kun. Pr. Juškaitis, Cambridge, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Miss Veronika Plungis, Elizabeth, N. J. | 1.00 |
| Peggy Dundulis, Norwood, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Anthony Staskevich, Elizabeth, N. J. | 1.00 |
| J. Bolasky, So. Boston, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Elena Rusienė, Dorchester, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Mrs. F. Grenis, So. Boston, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Miss Ruth Matulis, So. Boston, Mass. | 1.00 |
| Sgt. George Levinskas, Hartford, Conn. | 1.00 |
| Anna Kundrot, Chicago, Ill. | 1.00 |

Už nuoširdžią paramą širdingai visiems dėkoju

Jūsų,

Pr. Razvadauskas,

L. Vyčių Centro pirm.

Veterans' Jobs Information Compiled By New York Times

Comprehensive material on the machinery and plans for providing job preference and opportunities for war veterans is contained in “A Peace Program for Veterans”, published by the New York Times. Copies may be obtained free of charge from the Times, 229 West 43rd Street, New York.



Council 116's Committee on Lithuanian Affairs

"It would be better if Russia took over the Baltic States..." began an Associated Press dispatch last year, and it was this newspaper story which was responsible for the creation of Council 116's Committee on Lithuanian Affairs. These infamous remarks of Rep. Hale, Congressman from Maine, so aroused the ire of all freedom-loving Lithuanians, that a plan of action had to be mapped out — Lithuanian youth, especially, could no longer remain apathetic to the injustices done to the beloved country of their fathers. It was only fitting that as "Knights of Lithuania" they should launch a crusade to enlighten other nationalities of the rightful place of Lithuania amongst the sovereign nations of Europe.

The first important task accomplished by the newly-formed committee was the sending of letters of protest to Rep. Hale and the newspaper in which the story appeared. These people had to be impressed that Lithuanians in this country are not sleeping, but are ever on the watch for any attempts which might be construed as infringements on the sovereignty of this little country of their forefathers. Rep. Hale and the newspapers received a rude jolt of awakening when they received these letters of protest. They, in turn, sent letters in which they attempted to justify their arbitrary views on the Lithuanian question, but this time showed greater respect for Lithuania and Lithuanians, which they had not previously shown.

Naturally, this committee has to have a proper background if it is to function as efficiently as possible; it has to have a working knowledge of Lithuania, its history, its people, its customs — if it is to accomplish its purpose. This means long hours of research — hours spent delving into volumes and books at the library, the reading of numerous magazines, newspapers, and periodicals, listening to the radio, ever on the alert for remarks and stories which are either to the advantage or disadvantage of

Lithuania. All this is done under the guidance of Rev. John C. Jutkevicius, spiritual adviser of the Council, whose knowledge of international affairs has steered the committee through many a political tempest.

Committee members have most recently done research work on Kosciuszko, Pilsudski, Mickiewicz, St. Casimir and the ancient capital of Lithuania, Vilna — just to name a few of the controversial subjects which they have had to defend with other nationalities. The committee's activities in taking exception to a story of Polish origin in a local newspaper which stated that Kosciuszko was Polish, has created a furor among the Polish inhabitants of this area. Quoting from Kosciuszko's last will and testament, in which he very clearly states his Lithuanian birth, the committee proved conclusively that Kosciuszko was not Polish. For this work, the committee has received a letter of commendation from the Lithuanian Consul in Boston.

Council 116's Committee on Lithuanian Affairs works at its never-ending job with all the zeal and enthusiasm of the most highly paid lobby in Congress, for its stakes, too, are high — the liberation of the land of their heritage — Lithuania!

"Lietuvaitė".

Plaukė žąselė

Plaukė žąselė per ežerį,
Gir, gir, gir, gir, gar, gar, gar. (2)

Plaukė žąselė per ežerį,
Plauk, plauk, plauk!

Paskui žąselę ir žąsinėlis.
Paskui žąselę ir žąsinėlis.

Ėjo berniukai į mokyklėlę,
O čia, očia, opapa, o čia, očia, opapa.

Ėjo berniukai į mokyklėlę
Op, op, op...

Ne vieni ėjo, ir mergužėlės;
Paskui bernelius ir mergužėlės,
Op, op...

NEWARK, N. J.

C-29

Newark Knights of Lithuania C-29 had their annual Communion and Breakfast on Sunday March 18. Mass was celebrated at 9:30 A. M. in Holy Trinity Church by the pastor and spiritual adviser of the Knights, Father I. Kelmelis. It was offered for the members in the armed forces. Father Kelmelis congratulated the members on their nice turnout, urged them to keep together because they were the only active youth group among the Lithuanians in our section. He also thanked the Council for their recent donation to the Church improvement fund. After Mass the members went to Childs' restaurant on Broad St. for breakfast. Among those who spoke at the breakfast were: C. Vaskas, council president, who also was toastmaster, Louis Ketvirtis, New York and New Jersey District K. of L. president, Charles Bason, National Executive board trustee, Miss Helen Pechiura, Sgt. Joseph Grimalauskas and Avn. Ord., M. 1/C. Bernard Kaminskas. The latter two were the first service persons of our members ever present at our observances since the war began.

The gathering of the knights attracted the attention of other diners present in the restaurant. Especially at the end of the breakfast, when Council president C. Vaskas and the members and guests recited the Hail Mary and St. Casimir pray for us.

As we were going out a few people stopped the writer and wanted to know the name of the group having the breakfast. One of those who had asked, said: "You are a credit to your religion, organization and to the Lithuanians as well".

Sgt. John Diedalis wounded in action in France, returned home recently on furlough. While home Sgt. Diedalis was married on March 4 to Miss Marie Piatek. Congratulations and best wishes to the newly weds.

Lt. Paukštaitis who was wounded in France, returned home on furlough.

The district will have their annual picnic this year on Sunday June 10, 1945, at St. Michel's parish grounds 23rd St., Bayonne, N. J. F. V.

SO. BOSTON, MASS.



LUCY MARKUNS
of Council 17 — Ticket Committee
states, "I will be seeing you".

COUNCIL 17

How the wedding bells did chime on the beautiful spring evening that our gracious President of Council 17, Palmyra Antanelis became Mrs. Alukonis. Now Mrs. President, you will have to bring your sailor-husband up to the K. of L. when he's home on leave, so that we can get to know him better. Here's wishing you both every happiness from all the members of Council 17.

Ralph Jusko helped make the wedding ceremony a memorable one when he sang and accompanied himself on the church organ.

One of Council 17's most noted members, John Grigalus, Esq., was the very capable chairman of the March 17 — Evacuation Day Prog-



RUTH SURVILAS
of Council 18 — "Say it with posters"
Come to the Spring Frolic.

Spring Frolic

— Sponsored by —

Knights of Lithuania Council 17-18
SATURDAY EVE.

May 12, 1945 at 8 o'clock

CRYSTAL BALLROOM

HOTEL KENMORE

Music by BARTHOLEMEW

Dress Optional

Admission \$1.—Tax .20—Total \$1.20

ram this year. Father Al Abracinskas was an honored guest on the stage that evening.

We're glad to hear that Mrs. Eugenia Razvadauskas is feeling much better after her illness.

Our bowling league did us proud when it came out the winner against the Cambridge league.

Council 17's Junior K. of L. ran a very successful Beano Party. This was mostly due to the efforts of their president, Al Palaima and vice-president, Virginia Petraitis.

Come one, come all, ye members of Council 17 to the monthly meetings — Our Council has big plans for during the coming spring and summer months. Among the doings are the following:

Mother's Day Program sponsored in cooperation with the Sodality and the Choir.

May 12th Dance in coordination with Cambridge Council

A big Picnic.

A Penny Sale.

The 30th Anniversary "Vytis" Dinner-Dance is another thing to look forward to. South Boston is going to be well represented there.

John Zibutis sends his greetings from the Pacific.

Coastguardsman Tony Chetkauskas is now on duty in Belfast, Maine. But according to him Boston is still first in his heart.

Sveiki, Broliai

Sveiki, broliai, dainininkai,
Mielos seselēs,
Drauge visi uždainuokim
Linksmas daineles.

Kaip vasarą girios skamba
Nuo paukščių dainų,
Ir per dienas visur girdis
Balseliai anų.

Tai ir mes dainuokim, broliai, —
Vasara daili,
Kad mūs dainos būt girdėti
Arti ir toli.

Jauni esam, tai dainuokim,
Kolei mums patink,
Kol drauge pasauli visas
Linksmas aplink..



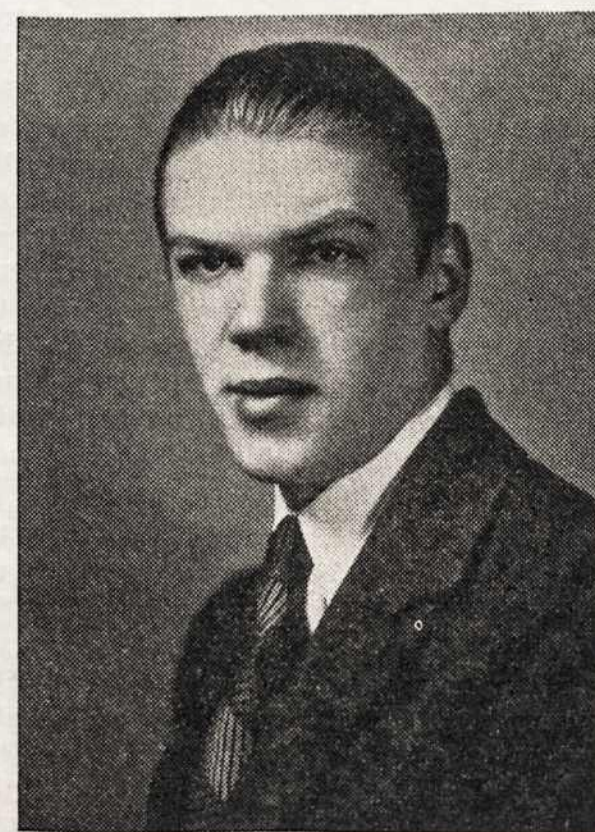
JULIA NEVRONIS
of Council 17—Tickets for the Spring
Frolic — "See me."

Edward Grigalus who was recently commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy, is now aboard an LST somewhere in the Pacific. Good luck to you, Ed!

Attention: C-17 Servicemen, we are still having difficulty reaching you. Please keep us posted with your latest address and drop us a line.

K. of L. Council 17 Bowling Alleys
137 Emerson Street
South Boston 27, Mass.

Lelija.



ANTHONY STASKUNAS
of Council 18 — expects a great
Cambridge turnout for the Spring
Frolic at Kenmore Hotel.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

COUNCIL 103

Hello again! True, you haven't heard from us for several months now but "no news has been good news" as far as Council 103 activities go.

To show you what we mean — the first and most important item is the wonderful response to the current membership drive. At present writing the total number of new members is twenty-four. Possibly to the larger councils that doesn't seem impressive but to us it means our council is practically rejuvenated. Let me introduce the new "Knights" in our group: — In the service of their country are Lt. John Kacevicius, Ralph Avizinis, William Belconis, and William Ciocys. The other new members are Adam Alukonis, recently discharged after service in the United States Army; Daniel and Helen Cyronak, Mildred Chesek, Agnes Savickas, Elizabeth Ciurila, Valerie Stonis, Alice Klemo, Estelle Alukonis, Nellie and Helen Nameika, Rose Spokas, Ann Naslenas, Ruth Savickis, Mildred Avizinis, Ellen Russas, Helen Avyzinis, Irene Miklulis, Diana Juska, and Vito Kapiskas.

On March 4, Saint Casimir's feast day, the Council attended Mass and received Holy Communion in a body in our parish church. Each member wore a flower as a special mark. After Mass there followed the reception and a breakfast for the new members in the church auditorium.

Also, never let it be said that we of the Providence council are not socially inclined — to wit, our weekly bowling get-togethers in the parish bowling alleys and such affairs as the Roller Skating Party held on the evening of March 20. This party was well attended and even though a few members were picked up and brushed off during the course of the evening, there were no serious casualties due to the spills. The only thing — our president, Walter Avizinis is puzzled as to why his hand hurt for several days because when he fell, well, — he didn't fall on his hand. In the final report 'tis to be noted that "fun was had by all."

Remember those cold winter days a short while back? Well, it seems that not all shivered and shook according to the tales told by two of our members, the misses Helen Gumaskas and Bertha Ciocys. Recently returned from Miami, Florida, where they spent several weeks, the well-browned girls reported the joys of basking in the sun and swimming daily in southern waters. Guess they really

Norbert Aleksis Promoted to Rank of Major



NORBERT ALEKSIS

entered the service July 2, 1942. After completing his basic training at Miami Beach, Fla., he was transferred to Atlantic City, N. J., where he served in the personnel department as a classification interviewer. He returned to Miami Beach where he was graduated from an Army Air Corps officers candidate school Jan. 20, 1943. Commissioned a lieutenant, he went to West Palm Beach, Fla. and then to New York City where he finished an advanced training course and was assigned to the U. S. Army Air Transport Command headquarters at Washington, D. C. and later to New York. Was made first lieutenant July 20, 1943, and transferred to India, December 1943. Was elevated to the captaincy January 12, 1944 and is now as of March 1, 1945, Major in the Air Transport Command in the India - China - Burma theatre of war.

Before entering the service, Major Aleksis was a former announcer of radio stations WBRY (Waterbury) and WNEW (New York) and in former years was very prominent in parish choir and Knights of Lithuania activities, organized the Melodians orchestra and performed in many successful plays. Major Aleksis is a graduate of St. Joseph's parish school, Crosby High School, Notre Dame University and attended Columbia law school. He is the son of composer Alexander J. Aleksis, organist of St. Joseph's church, Waterbury, Connecticut.

had that traditional "wonderful time."

In closing, it is with regret and sorrow that we note the recent passing of Mr. Alexander Vaitkunas, father of two of our members, Josephine and Alex, Jr. We humbly offer our prayers and sympathy at this time.

"Biruta".

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

March 4th was quite an eventful day for our Council. The Annual Communion Breakfast held at the Coronado Hotel was quite successful, with Constance Paulukonis as our toastmaster, Charles T. Tagman, Atty. A. Miller, Rev. A. Petraitis and Rev. J. Bakanas as guest speakers. Among our Breakfast group we had Connie P. Daucunas A. M. M. 2/C, who is home on a thirty-day leave after duty overseas. The afternoon was devoted to recruiting new members for our council. A Mass meeting was held in the school-room. Our guest speakers at the meeting were Rev. V. Puidokas of Westfield and Rev. J. Jutkevicius. Refreshments and entertainment following the meeting, in the club-room. Our Westfield guests proved grand sports in our little game of "Truth and Consequences". One of our members, Joe Gerulis will tell anyone of you fellows how to go about in proposing to your girl-friend in Lithuanian. According to Joe you do not need any money to get married, you live on "love". Sincere thanks goes to the Committee and Rev. J. Bakanas who arranged such a pleasant afternoon, and to our President Ann Luckasavage whose recent headaches over the affair were not in vain. Ann has gone out whole-heartedly in all her duties as the new president, it is a serious job with her. Your hard Anne is certainly appreciated by all of us.

For you, who have not read it in our local paper, Lenny Matulis is at Iwo Jima, and he had his picture in the paper. Johnny Bender and Tony Morkunas were home on furloughs. Joe Sakaitis at the Phillipines writes how gracefully the Native women walk. It would not be Joe, if he did not notice the women. Eddie Grigaitis serving in France was made a Corporal. That is all we have for news about our Service-men.

At our March meeting, it was really wonderful to see so many people attending, not only did the ones that had signed up at the Mass Meeting come, but also several others came and joined. We have heard that more are planning to join. We urge everyone to bring a friend at the next meeting so that we can reach our quota.

The club will start a Dramatic Circle and a K. of L. Chorus soon after the District Convention. Many have signed up for both and we hope that many more will.

Well, you all know April is the month for the District Convention so we hope we shall be seeing you all there. "Sunshine Sally"

WORCESTER, MASS.**COUNCIL 116**

I sat me down with pen in hand,
I had a job to do
So here it is—the Council news
From 116—to you.

We had a Communion breakfast in the church hall on March 4 in honor of St. Casimir. Most of the members were present and it was enjoyed by all. Swell cookin', gals. We had a couple of our boys with us that day — Mickey Saurusaitis, who was wounded in France and Ed Sundin of the Army Air Corps. Also home on leave this month were Vitty Thompson and Joe Balukonis. The former has just finished boot training at Sampson, N. Y., and Joe is a radio - gunner on a B-24 Liberator at Mitchell Field, N. Y.

Speaking of our "Knights" who have left for the line of duty, John Bukewicz and Lt. Bill Kasper have both received the Purple Heart. Bill, incidentally, also has the Bronze Star and good conduct and character medal.

Just in case some of you didn't happen to know it, we have in our midst the star reporter, Ed Vaskas. You've probably seen some of his columns in the Gazette lately. Yes, it's really our own Ed Vaskas and we are proud of you "Star".

Have you heard the news? Irene Balukonis is going to Washington to give some important advice to Mrs. Roosevelt. While there, she will also confer with the President. Bon voyage, you lucky(?) girl. Seriously though, she is considering taking a job with the government. If you do go, Irene, I hope you like it. But I prefer the Waves. "Un Bijou".

WESTFIELD, MASS.**COUNCIL 30**

Undoubtedly, the first impression you receive is: "Well, Westfield has finally scraped up enough money to buy some ink". But, that is not true. We had really lost our fountain pen and had finally recovered it.

At our recent election, who, of all people should be elected as President, but Julie Jonaitis, who was our former Vice President, to the title.

Clinching next highest honors was Nellie Lingaitis, who received a promotion from Treasurer to Vice President.

Resuming her duties as Secretary is Gladys Jegelevicz by popular demand.

Now we really can't forget our beloved member, who was elected as Treasurer. He is Frank Zvalonis, a recently discharged Navy veteran.

"The Wildew Wabbit"



SGT. JOSEPH BERNATONIS, AAF,
member of C-17, South Boston, Mass.,
is now stationed in the South Pacific.

PATERSON, N. J.**COUNCIL 61**

Easter greetings from all the members of Council to all the Knights, especially to those in service.

Orchid's go to Stella D. and Fottie D. for being such grand hostesses at the card socials.

Council 61 thanks Bayonne Council for the good breakfast and social held in March. We'll be looking forward to going to Bayonne again.

THIS AND THAT

Ask Tony S. about the broken spoon and leaky glass. Is that why he doesn't trust the girls in Maywood anymore?

Why did Eddie L. refuse to render a few songs when he was coaxed so nicely?

What happened to John S.? We haven't seen him in a long time. Has the cold weather been keeping him away?

Anne V. just learned how to play a new game of cards. But when her instructor isn't there, she isn't so lucky.

Congratulations to Pauline S. on her birthday.

Is Pauline L. baby keeping her busy? We haven't seen her for a long while. Why don't you bring the baby along.

Stella D. was learning a new Lithuanian word and kept repeating it on the subway. I'd find out the meaning first Stella before saying it again.

Anne B. writes from Colorado how she misses us.

We'll be seeing you all at the Spring Dance. M. & T.

CHICAGO, ILL.**COUNCIL 36**

Greetings Knights and Ladies,

Council 36 extends to every reader of "Vytis" the late greeting of a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Though the attendance of members at our meetings, which are held every first Wednesday of the month at 8 o'clock, has been small, we, who do attend, do have a lot of fun and certainly do a lot of laughing. At our latest meeting, the girls were amused by the statement that the men would take care of "things" for our weanie roast to be held in April. This idea was one of Mr. Brazauskis's, who claims it will be something different. Some of the girls seemed to think that it would still be too cold, but after finding out that Council 116 had one in January, I'm sure we'll all agree that we can take the April weather with its showers, wind, and changing temperatures. According to Mr. B., we are to go whether it "rains or shines", but we are almost sure of coming home wearing a coat of mud. I'm sure we'll have a swell time; we usually do.

The members of the cast for the comedy "Ponas Daugarnoris" have been busy. Two rehearsals were had under the capable direction of Mr. K. Zaromskis. The comedy will take place in late April or early May.

The membership committee, E. Paukštis, D. Talmont, and V. Kvietkus, won't let on what they had discussed at their meeting, except that the refreshments were delicious — thanks to Dolores.

One member has decided to find out for herself about Cicero's Council 14. She claims that all the members are "swell" and that Father Grinius is "tops". Are you wondering who it is? Just listen for the gal who talks the most about Cicero.

Frances Urneza has been all smiles lately and no wonder — her brother, Johnnie, is home after being overseas for three years.

We had enjoyed a visit from Ed Cherry who was home on leave after more than two years overseas. Jim Cherry, president, is the proud brother.

Corporal Bernard Kvietkus, former president, says "hello" to all members of the K. of L. from France. His sister, Cecilia and husband, 1st Lt. Charles Stulgaitis, send their greetings to the members from Carlsbad, N. Mex.

Enough for this time until next month. To you, members in the service, we say, "May God bless you and bring you home safely and soon". "Vee Kay, Bee Ess"

BROCKTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 1 FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The fastest growing council in the K. of L. organization on February 26 celebrated its first anniversary. Yes, the Brockton council has at last reached its first milestone.

Let us review some of its sparkling accomplishments.

The 13 members who were present at that first meeting smashed old traces of superstition by increasing their membership to the 100 mark.

The entire active youth of the parish was banded under the K. of L. True enough we have a Sodality for those of our girls who are interested in religious activities; the choir for the musically inclined; CYO unit our will heralded athletes. Fundamentally however we are all Knights of Lithuania.

The distinct units of our council have their separate gatherings. Yet when a general meeting is called, its purpose is usually to plan some social or charitable affair. It is something definitely designed for the enjoyment and pleasure of our youth.

So, in May our social calendar began, First, there was the banquet and dance in honor of our basketball team, who were our championship Plymouth Desnery.

On Mother's Day it was a Communion Breakfast, dedication of our Service Flag, and on evening concert. All in tribute to Mom. The proceeds of the musical program went to the fund for our new Convent.

Weekly Saturday night "record pops" for the youth of the entire city continued to draw favorable comment from all.

With July comes our first picnic. Rival picnics on the same date, plus an afternoon downpour didn't add to its success. We survived and used the meager proceeds to send 3 delegates to the National Convention.

In August we welcomed the Sisters of Jesus Crucified to our parish with an informal reception and musical program.

September and October found our delegates hurrying off to both the New York and Westfield Conventions. At New York, C-1 walked off with both first and second prizes on the annual membership drive.

With the fall the "pops" returned. They were more popular than ever.

On Christmas Eve 137 youngsters of the parish were our guests at a holiday party, with games, gifts, swell refreshments and a real good time for each and every happy and eager lot.

And then... Well, it was the "Snowflake Ball". Surely you all heard and read about that Anne Peskus and

Adam Batakis, our chairman, are still taking their bows.

THE NEW YEAR

After a month of well-earned rest we are off again.

With February came our elections and the victors in the close contest were: Pres. Adam Batakis, Vice Pres. Ruth Ykasala, Treas. and Fin. Sec. Ruth Staupas, Rec. Sec. and Coresp. Anne Norkus. Sgt.-at-arms Thomas Pileski.

A rising vote of thanks was given the 1944 officers for their fine work during their trying first year. Let's do as well in 1945!

ATHLETES

St. Rocco's Basketball team, sponsored by the local council, is well on its way to clinch the county championship in the CLO circuit for the second year. To date, they have taken 14 victories in 15 games. Included among their victims was the Marianapolis College team.

We doff our hats to these fellows, who have maintained the constant good sportsmanship and prowess traditionally accredited to the Lithuanian athletes of our city. Coach Stan Balberis and the boys — "Pro" Kašėta, Eddie Žemaitis, Joe Krush,

Ed Blazeovich, Dick Sharycz, Ed Coz and Bob Kondracki have more than earned any compliment we could toss their way.

WELCOME HOME

First a hearty welcome to both Joe Adomaitis and Louis Druzinskas who have recently received Army medical discharges. Both are veterans of many months of meritorious overseas duty — Joe in the Mediterranean and Louis in the So. Pacific theatres.

BRONX, N. Y.

COUNCIL 130

REPATRIATED

We have the long-awaited word from the War Department. After being listed as missing in action, S/Sgt. Albert Yatkauskas has been repatriated and come back on the exchange ship Grispholm. Albert was a tail-gunner on a B-24, completing forty-one mission before being shot down over Germany in August 1944. He had participated in some of the most daring raids of the 15th Air Force.



WHEN the tanker Virginia was struck by enemy torpedoes and exploded, Mike Kuzma, seaman, suffered severe burns in the blazing gasoline. He ignored his hurts, however, when he saw two shipmates worse off. He succeeded in towing both men out of the flaming area and supporting them until picked up by a rescue crew. Kuzma was awarded a Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in War Bonds must be sold to replace that tanker and the fuel.

U. S. Treasury Department

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

The monthly meeting of Council 96 and election of officers was held February 20th at the parish hall. The following are our new officers:

Pres., Pete Petkus
 V. Pres., Frank Gidjunis
 Rec. Sec., Martha Birbal
 Fin. Sec., Mary Ann Ambrose
 Treas., Ruth Douglas
 Sgt.-At-Arms, Eleanor Petkus
 Chm. Sick Comm., Eleanor Ambrose.

The council arranged to have Holy Mass offered on St. Casimir's Day, March 4th, for the intention of the council's members, living and deceased.

A dance will be held Saturday, May 5th, at the Holiday Inn. The council's officers will be in charge of arrangements.

It was also decided to have a party at the parish hall for the members' parents on Mothers' Day, May 13th. Details of this affair will be worked out at the following meeting.

We wish to remind our members that the membership drive is still underway, and we want everybody's cooperation to reach our quota and place Council 96 on the road to its rightful place in the organization.

F. A. G.

PHILA., PA.

COUNCIL 3

OBSERVES FEAST DAY

St. Casimir's Day was intensified by C-3 this year by a deeper, holier readiness. Beginning on Saturday night, March 3, with vespers, and ending the following evening too with vespers, the Mass, sermon, prayers, etc. accomplished a rejuvenation in every heart.

Rev. C. Malakauskas, our guest speaker from New York City, was the celebrant of the Mass. Two of our very own members served father at the Mass — George Palilonis and Edward Timinskis.

Following the Holy Sacrifice, the Knights, comprising about 40 strong, were addressed by our most welcome guest, our spiritual director, and our reverend Pastor at the breakfast.

The day came to a fitting close with a Holy Hour dedicated especially in memory of all dear to us in the service of our country, and those who have perished serving it. C-3 did not forget.

JUST FOR YOU 'N ME ARE YOU

coming with us on our weenie-roast — our first outing for this season?

DON'T MISS

our next swimming meet. Ask



STASYS PIEZA

yra žinomas Chicago veikėjas, korespondentas ir religinio skyriaus redaktorius Hearst dienraščio Herald-American ir pirmininkas nesenaį įsisteigusios Chicagoj Lietuvos Vyčių Draugovės (K. of L. Seniors).

those who have gone how they enjoyed it.

WE WISH

to thank Rev. W. Vezis, together with our boys, Francis Barcius, George Mazeika, John Pupis, and all the others which may have contributed a helping hand in painting the Mothers' Club.

WE ARE HAPPY

to congratulate Capt. Joe Utkus on receiving a trophy for bowling.

DID YOU KNOW

that George Palilonis was awarded a gold football for his fine work for the last season?

HOW ABOUT

our two "said to be" shy Joes — Uki and Kurtz — asking two of our attractive young maidens, Alberta and Jo Anne, to their prom. But we wonder who Timins is planning to ask? Have a good time, children!

WHY DON'T YOU

bring a new member to our next meeting?

WILL YOU

write at least one extra letter to one of our Knights in the service?

"The KNIGHTmare"

Correction, please

Relative to the poem "Conversion" which was published in the February issue of "Vytis", an error was made by accrediting it to Frances Angermayer. It was through her efforts that this poem was brought to the attention of the press. However Frances Angermayer is not the author.

Editor.

Boston—The Leading Terminal for Air Commerce to Europe in the Post-War World

By EDWARD A. ZALESKAS

Student of 8th Grade

So. Boston, Mass.

Let us take a trip to one of the many air ports located in or around Boston. Look at the business men getting ready to board the planes to the different European countries on runaway four: also the many other planes scattered all over the field carrying the bulky freight that are built to carry, to all parts of the world.

Of course this is only an imaginative preview of the post war which will affect us in many ways. However the thing that will affect Boston the most will be the problem of by-passing New York in future air commerce to Europe. This difficulty no matter how serious, can be overcome through the advantages we have over New York.

The first of these advantages is distance. To London especially we are two hundred miles nearer. We are two hundred miles north of New York therefore having that much advantage to all important cities north of Spain. This distance from New York can be a great advantage to all New Englanders because New England is a great manufacturing section and when the goods are manufactured they can be shipped to Boston instead of New York to be put on giant planes for transportation to all the huge markets scattered over Europe.

Proceeding to location we see that many of the sons of Boston have joined the air force and are learning the trades of mechanics, pilots, navigators, engineers and many other positions connected with aviation. When they return I am sure that they would like to continue in the same line of work, or if they are not able physically, they could teach somebody else to carry on for them.

Adding these two advantages together we see that Boston can become very important in the future age of air. We also see that we must be steadily alert to anything which threatens two of our essentials. They are direct service to the rest of this country and transatlantic service to Europe.

WE FORGET

The knights of Lithuania Ritual was adopted by the XXVI National Convention at Chicago, Ill., August 10th, 1938.

The original Center Ritual Committee was Rev. M. Urbonavicius, Jack L. Juozaitis and Charles Stulgaitis.

In 1939 the present Center Ritual Committee Secretary James R. Cherry replaced Charles Stulgaitis.

Sophie Gimbut (Sarkauskas) replaced Rev. M. Urbonavicius and in turn was replaced by the present Center Ritual Committee Chairman, Joseph Boley.

Jack Juozaitis left for the Army and was replaced by Sophie Gimbut (Sarkauskas), who in turn was replaced by the present member Anthony Young.

To date there have been issued 459 First Degrees, 321 Second Degrees, 131 Third Degrees, 36 Fourth Degrees and two Honorary Memberships to Fourth Degree Members, Kastas Zaromskis and Stanley Simulis, both of Chicago.

Out of the 36 Fourth Degree Members, Rapolas Andreliunas, a organizer of Brighton Park Council 36 was the first to pass on to his Maker.

Then came reports that Joseph Goldick, a very active member and officer of Council 96, Dayton, Ohio "had gone to his God".

Now, come the sad news that Lt. Dominic Varnas, past president of Chicago's Brighton Park Council 36 and the Chicago District, was killed in a German Prison Camp.

May their souls rest in peace.

A fine interesting activity well begun, has "fizzled out". Rules and Regulations were made and decided on. The Center Ritual Committee has carried them out. Appeals were made for suggestions but none have come. Still the Center Ritual Committee is condemned for not rendering Degrees, members are angry because they do not receive the Degrees due them.

Less we forget... the First and Second Degrees are rendered by the councils. Let's hear from the Council Ritual Committees.

The Third Degree is rendered by the Districts. The Districts also prepare and make applications for the 4th Degree and the Honorary Memberships.

A few issues of "Vytis" ago, Chairman Joseph Boley announced a decision granting a concession to all members who before August 10, 1938 had attained a higher Degree but who to date were not rendered it, that they may obtain it now... results... none.

How about all the 1st Degree members who are eligible for their second degree?

How about the 2nd Degree members now ready for their 3rd Degree?



"ANGEL OF BATAAN" IS HOME — Affectionately greeting her mother upon arrival home in Los Angeles is Lieut. Gwendolyn L. Henshaw, ANC, liberated Army nurse, who told of nursing the wounded Americans on Corregidor and life in the prison camp of Santo Tomas in Manila, where Mass was said daily. Lieut. Henshaw, a convert to the Catholic Faith, received three Presidential citations and the Bronze Star.

(Los Angeles Times photo)

How about the 3rd Degree members now worthy of their 4th Degree?

Last, how about all the new members who have joined our organization and yet have not received their 1st Degree?

Then too, in the Center Ritual Committees Files are some 4th Degree Members who have credits enough for two or more 4th Degrees, worthy of their Honorary Memberships, but nothing is done for them.

The specifications to attain these Degrees have been proven are not hard to attain. It isn't a question if it's possible, but the question now is when is your council or your district to render these degrees?

The Center Ritual Committee will appreciate hearing from all of you. Won't you aid to continue this fine interesting activity well begun... or do we forget it?

James R. Cherry.

A Visit to Washington Market

The Washington Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Market is situated in downtown Manhattan on the West Side. It is the greatest fresh fruit and vegetable market in the world. Of the 200,000 or more carlots handled annually in the New York City markets, about 150,000 carlots move through the Washington Street outlet. It is important as the price-setting market for the rest of the country. It covers a section of 25 blocks.

All the work of getting fresh fruits and vegetables to the people metropolitan New York is done at night. To see this big operation, I decided to give up a night's sleep. Along with a friend who works there I made the rounds.

We began with north Washington Street — a narrow street with rickety, dirty, rat-infested buildings. Canopies breached over the sidewalks to help protect the merchandise from rain and snow. The many and varied display of fruits and vegetables was a revelation. It was novel to watch the dealers, wholesalers, commission merchants, bargain with the buyers of chain stores, independent stores, hotels, restaurants. The dealers are shrewd men, and the experienced buyers are equally as shrewd. The battle of wits is heavy.

I learned an interesting fact. The buildings in this market are one to ten stories high, averaging four, with the store on the street level. Since there are no elevators to hoist the heavy packages of produce, only the store and the second floor are used for offices and selling. The rest of the floor are a dead loss in almost all of these buildings. To show how little the buildings are worth, here is a contrast: The land on which they are located is valued at \$7,700,000, while the buildings themselves merely \$2,200,000. There are no rear

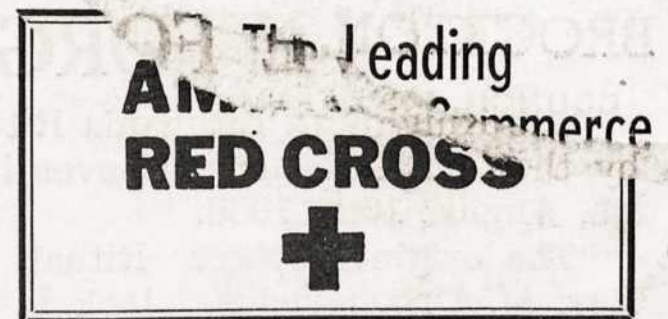
entrances nor loading platforms because they are built solidly against the rear of the other buildings of each block.

The confusion of motor traffic is unbelievable! The narrow streets help congest traffic. On a busy night between 3,000 and 4,000 big trucks pass through. I saw many of them jammed in the thick of this traffic and the drivers waited hours before they could start again. To save time and to keep the produce moving from store to trucks — which sometimes are stalled four or five blocks away, porters trundle the packages of fresh fruits and vegetables on hand trucks, jostling them over the big cobblestones. Much of the fruit is damaged because of this manhandling. Sometimes the loads of fruit and vegetables are dumped. There is much confusion. Everybody is shouting, the horns blaring, the drivers swearing and squabbling for parking space!

I visited the piers where freight cars which have been ferried across from New Jersey are unloaded and the merchandise is sold at private sale. Here, too, all is confusion! Trucks of all kinds race up and down the long piers picking the sold merchandise.

Just before going upstairs to the auction rooms where citrus and ripening fruit are sold we inspected the displays on the pier. All the fruit offered for morning sale is stacked on the pier floor in line number for the prospective buyers' inspection. They are given catalogs showing the line number, the shipper's name, and the brand. After inspection The buyers make notations in these catalogs just what line number they like. The long rows of the vividly contrasted colors of the fruit disappearing toward the end of the pier are eye-catchers.

We went upstairs to the auction rooms. The bell clanged warning us that the auction sales were about to



start. The rooms have a seating capacity of about 100. The auctioneer is on a stage along with the shipper's representative on his left, and the price reporters on his right. The auctioneer sells the fruit with a jargon similar to that of the tobacco auctioneer; the newcomer never knows what is being rattled off.

A particularly good car of fruit comes up for sale. The auctioneer calls bids fast. The buyers who want this fruit flip their catalogs excitedly, each flip representing a 5 cent higher bid in some Auctions, and 12½ in others. The competition is hot! The buyers standing on the seats and gesticulate wildly, almost falling off them in their excitement to catch the auctioneer's eye. The shipper's representative exhorts the crowd to bid higher. He tells them that he can't sell this car of quality oranges at so low a price. Everybody seems mad! Yet out of all this welter of din and confusion comes order when the transactions are settled later in the day. Sales are made in lots of 20 packages or more. There are 10 such auctions over the country. This, I think, was the most interesting part of my visit.

New York is a modern city. But this dirty, narrow Washington Market is far from being such. There are too much handling of commodities, too many delays, too much rough treatment, too much damage and waste, and too many parties involved in a single transaction. All this adds up to higher costs for the consumer! It is an outmoded system of distribution and definitely should be modernized.
Joe Augustinas.



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