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Lietuvos Vadų Nutarimai

Vasaros gale įvyko Europoje antroji pokarinė Lietuvos politikų konferencija, kurios nutarimus skaitančioji visuomenė jau matė Amerikos lietuvių spaudoje. Tie nutarimai susideda iš septynių paragrafų, kurių pirmasai bene bus svarbiausias, tad jį čia ištiesai pacituosime:

“1. Konferencija vieningai priėjo išvadą kad *tarptautinė politinė padėtis yra žymiai pasikeitus Lietuvos interesų naudai*, palyginti su perėtais metais. Vakarų Demokratijų palinkimui daryti nuolaidas sovietams mažėjant, *pramatoma Lietuvos interesams vis daugiau palankumo*.

Kintančios politinės sąlygos sustiprina viltis, o taip pat įpareigoja suintensyvinti veiklą stiprinant vieningumą savo tarpe ir jungiantis bendrai veiklai su visais tais kurie siekia laisvės, o politiniam pasauliui skylant į Rytus ir Vakarų visomis išgalėmis *jungiant lietuvių likimą su Vakarais bei su kylančiu Suvienytų Europos Valstybių sąjudžiu* iki pagaliau bus realiai įmanoma susijungė su herojiškai kovojančia tauta pačioje tėvynėje.

Galima sutikti su mūsų vadais, kad tarptautinė padėtis per pastaruosius metus linksta bent kiek pavergtųjų tautų naudai. Jei didžiosios demokratijos, ypač Amerika, apsispręs pavergtuosius gelbėti, tai jos ras ir būdų, kaip gelbėti lietuvių, latvių, estų ir lenkų pabėgusios kultūros likučius: universitetus, gimnazijas, mokyklas, spaudą ir meną. *Dabar eina didysis kultūros naikinimo karas Centrinėje Europoje*. Anglo-amerikiečiai dar tebesilaiko mums palankaus neitralumo. O tas jų palankumas šaltokas, neapgaltas ir neplaningas. Todėl ne tik baisiai skursta pabėgusi laisvųjų tautų siela, bet materialinis skurdas ir fiziškai žlugdo geriausius demokratijų sąjungininkus. Pavergtosios Centro Europos tautos yra *galingas žmogiškasai dinamitas*, kuris bet kurią valandą yra pasiruošęs veikti laisvojo žmogaus žutbutinėse kovose. Baltijos Universiteto (prie Hamburgo) uždarymas, nedavimas progų planingai veikti kitoms tremtinių kultūrinėms įstaigoms, baltiečių išbarstymas plačiose erdvėse—Amerikai ir Britanijai tik tiek tarnauja, kiek visiškas sanaikinimas Harvardo ir Oxfordo universitetų. Mes esame Amerikos fronto avangardas; mes esame pirmųjų apkasų nepermaldujami laisvės kareiviai. Jeigu mus apleidžiate, jeigu mums šiandien gailites laisvo judėjimo ir sotesnio duonos kashio, tai už šitą jūsų politikų klaidą netolimoj ateity verkiančių motinų skaičius Amerikoje ir Britanijoje bus apie 10% ar 20% didesnis. Mes laukiame, kad Amerika ir Britanija atkimš savo ausis ir pilnai atvers savo akis, kad suprastų, jog šventose laisvės kovose brangus kiekvienas kareivis. Apoko-

lipsinė bestija savo vaikus uoliai globoja visuose žemės kampuose. Kodėlgi Amerika negalėtų duoti globos trims Baltijos našlaitėms, *labiausia nuskriaustoms dabartinės audros?*

Lietuva — Vakarų Kultūros Šalis

Lietuvos vadų konferencija priminė mums visiems žinomą faktą, kad mūsų tauta priklauso Vakarų pasauliui. Amerikos vidutiniškoje šviesuomenėje yra kažkodėl prigijusi mintis, kad Baltijos respublikos priklauso Rytų Europai, Rytų kultūra ir išpažįsta pravoslavų religiją. Todėl visai “naturaliai” jos linksta prie Rusijos ir turėtų net priklausyti Rusijai. O gi tikrovė visai kitokia:

1. *Vilnius yra centriškiausia Europos sostinė*, nes guli lygiai pusiaukelėje tarp Šiaurės Rago (Nordkapp) ir pietinės Graikijos, tarp Airijos ir Uralo. Susikirtimas 54-tos paralelės ir 25-to meridijano yra geometrinis Europos centras, esąs truputį į pietus nuo Dzukijos miestelio Rodūnės. Taigi Lietuva yra pats Europos vidurys, tarytum jos geografinė širdis. Visi tai žinokime ir plačiai skelbkime pasauliui. Rytų Europa prasideda apie Smolenską, kur baigiasi istorinės Lietuvos ir jos statuto (įstatymų) įtaka.

2. *Lietuva, Latvija ir Estija tai Vakarų kultūros židiniai*. Šiose šalyse labai mažai pravoslavų ar kitų Rytų krikščionių. Lietuvoje jų vos 2%, o ir tie yra vien rusai kolonistai. Lietuvių tautoje vyrauja išimtinai Vakarų religijos: daugiausia katalikybė ir truputis liuteronų bei kalvinistų. Latviai ir estai daugumoje liuteronai. Vakarų religija davė mums Vakarų architektūros stilius: gotiką, baroką, renesansą, neo-klasicizmą. Nei viena baltiečių parapija nėra stačiasi bažnyčios rusų stiliuje su cibuliniais bokštais. Mūsų filosofija, mūsų menas ir galvojimas remiasi Vakarų pavyzdžiais. Mūsų individualinės laisvės supratimas irgi vakarietiškas. Mes nenorim turėti nieko bendra su Rytų despotizmu. Mes esame Vakarų kultūros ribose ir privalom tai sakyti visam laisvam pasauliui. Teneskiria mus Rytams.

3. *Mūsų gyvenimo standartas irgi vakarietiškas*, nes mes geriau valgome, puoškiau rėdome, sveikiau gyvenam už rusus. Mūsų vidutinis amžius 54 metai, o gi Rusijos tik 44 m. Taigi budami aukštesnės civilizacijos, lietuviai 10 metų ilgiau gyveno negu rusai. Tai kasgi pas mus norėtų rusišką skurdą įvesti ir 20% sutrumpinti žmonių amžių? Pasakykime tai per visą savo spaudą tukstančiams lietuvių ir dažniau tai priminkime pasauliui.

Amerikos Religinė Statistika

Judriai kunkuliuoja Amerikos gyvenimas jos miestuose milžinuose, jos fabriku ir įmonių gausybėje. Jos gyvenimas ultra-moderniškas, labai greitas, kuriame žmogui nebelieka laiko galvoti, medituoti, o vis reikia kaž kur skubintis, kažką veikti, turtus gaminti. Suprantama, kad tokiam gyvenime mažiau lieka laiko filosofijai, religijai ir menui.

Tai kaipgi su religija Amerikoje? Gal ji čia baigia nykti? Pirmiausia paklauskime ką kalba sausoji statistika. Pagal "The World Almanac" (New York, 1947 m.) 743 ir 744 pusl. štai kaip ji išrodo:

1945 m. Jungtinėse Valstybėse buvo 256 organizuotos ir registruotos religijos, žymioje daugumoje protestantiškos. Jos visos turi net 253,762 bažnyčias ar koplyčias ir 72,492,669 narius. Kadangi Amerika šiuo metu turi 143 milijonus gyventojų, tai atrodo, kad apie 52% jų priklauso kokiam parapijai ar bendruomenei. Čia pami-

Europos Federacija

Labai išmintinga, kad Lietuvos vadų konferencija aiškiai pasisakė už Europos Federaciją. Tik suvienytom jiegom Europa išvengs savo žlugimo nuo naujų barbarų nešamo teroro, skurdo ir chaoso. Šio autorius supratimu, Europos Federacijos branduolį pirmiausia turi paruošti estai, latviai, lietuviai, lenkai, slovakai, čekai, vengrai ir rumunai, vėliau pritraukiant ir daugiau tautų.

Lietuvos vadų konferencija skatina lietuvių visuomenę "jieškoti visų galimų būdų sugyventi su kitomis tautybėmis." Tai tikrai reikalingas paskatinimas nes šioj srity esame labai apsileidę, sustingę ir mieguisti, nors gyvename nuostabiai žiaurų ir pavojingą amžių. Ogi turėtume dabar tuojau Amerikoje ir Europoje organizuoti "Central European Federal Club." Tai būtų vytautinė ideja, mūsų išsigelbėjimo šventoji misija. Užsieniuose, neutralioj atmosferoj turime tinkamiausią progą gimdyti ir skleisti didžiasias išganymo mintis, nes nesijungdami mes labai atitoliname savo išvadavimą ir grįžimą į pažadėtąją žemę. Susiskaldžiusi Centrinė Europa nebeprisikels. Laikas jungti laisvės jiegas ir visais balsais, visuose žemės kampuose šaukti: vienykites, vienykites, nes kitaip vergijos retežiai pasmaugs visas mažas ir vidutines Centro Europos tautas. Vergų karalystė labai galinga, o gi mes be bendro Europinio plano ir net nebandom rimtai suderinti karo žingsnius. Patys gelbėkimes, tai ir kiti mums pagelbės.

PROF. K. PAKŠTAS.

nėsime tiktai dešimtį pačių stambiausių religinių susigrupavimų:

1. Katalikai	24,400,000
2. Baptistai	14,200,000
3. Metodistai	9,000,000
4. Liuteronys	5,200,000
5. Žydai	4,800,000
6. Kalvinistai arba presbiterijonai	3,000,000
7. Protes. episkopalai	2,250,000
8. Kristaus mokiniai	1,700,000
9. Kongregacionalistai	1,100,000
10. Mormonai	1,000,000

Dešimčiai stambiausių religijų priklauso apie 67 milijonai organizuotų narių, ogi likusius 5 ar 6 milijonus dalinasi du šimtai su viršum kitų religinių grupių, dažnai labai smulkučių. Štai, budistų Amerikoje esama tik 70,000, daugiausia japonų ir kiniečių; armenų ortodoksų 19,000, Assyrijos jakobitų 3,100, lietuvių tautiškų katalikų 3,325, ogi Vedantos narių vos tik 30. Religingų Mahometo sekėjų (arabų ir turkų) Amerikoje yra gal kelios dešimtys tukstančių, bet jų religija statistikoje nepažymėta, nes gal dar neorganizuota.

Kuomi laikyti Amerikos gyventojų antrąją pusę?

Kaip matome apie 70 milijonų Amerikos gyventojų nėra prisirašę prie jokių parapijų. Tačiau labai didelė jų dauguma vis dėlto nėra jokie bedieviai. Tai dažniausia indiferentiški krikščionys, nerandą lanko prie religinės bendruomenės prisirašyti ir reguliariai bažnyčias lankyti. Amerikos gyvenimas nuostabiai judrus, daug žmonių neapsigyvena ilgam laikui vienoje vietoje. Tokie, net budami geri krikščionys, dažniausia nepatenka į bažnytinę statistiką, nes jie kai kuomet nespėja tapti parapijų nariais.

Žinoma, tarp naujesnių ateivvių yra ir galutinai atkritusių nuo savų bažnyčių, ypač, jeigu su jais kartu neatvykdavo ir sava dvasiškija ir nesuskubo Amerikoje organizuoti savų parapijų. Pavyzdžiui, ankstyvesnės kartos lietuviams labai sunku buvo eiti į airių ar lenkų parapijas, kur svetima kalba ir keisti papročiai juos atstumdavo. Tad šiuo metu gal koks trečdalis lietuvių (buvusių katalikų) jau nebeprisiklauso sava tradicinei katalikų bažnyčiai. Tas pats atsitiko ir su daugeliu kitų tautų imigrantų. Tik vieni žydai nuostabiai vieningai laikosi savo religijos: apie 90% žydų kilmės žmonių uoliai priklauso savo sinagogoms ir labai duosniai joms aukoja. Jų paskira ir izoliuota religija labai jiems padeda nuolat gaivinti ir tautinius jaus-

mus. Per tai žydų nacionalizmas pasiekė labai didelės įtakos.

Mūsų kaimynams lenkams nedaug teatkrityno jų tradicinės katalikų bažnyčios. Tačiau, susikivirčijus su airių vyskupais, vis dėlto 250,000 lenkų atskilo nuo katalikybės ir sudarė neva tautišką lenkų bažnyčią. Taigi nauja lenkų atskala atskelė nuo katalikybės apie 5% visos lenkų visuomenės.

Bendrai, Ameriką galima laikyti gana religinga šalimi. Europoje religingumu ją pralenkia tik nedaugelis kraštų, kaip Olandija, Šveicarija, Airija, Lenkija ir gal Lietuva. Visa gi pietinė Europa yra mažiau religinga negu Amerika.

Dabar pravartu bus patiekti keletą trumpų pastabų apie šių religinių grupių įtakos svorį šalies gyvenime.

Katalikybė - vėlesniųjų ateivių religija

Prieš 1863 m. katalikų gan daug atvykdavo tik iš Airijos ir truputis iš vokiškų kraštų. Ta aplinkybė susijungusi su airių ambicingumu padėjo Amerikoje susikurti beveik monopolistinei airiškai aukštesnei hierarchijai. Nors airių kilmės katalikų Amerikoje yra tik apie ketvirta dalis, o bendras jų skaičius nedaug didesnis, negu lenkų ateivių, bet mišri naujų ateivių dauguma labai nedaug turi savo kilmės vyskupų.

Savo apatiniais sluoksniais Katalikų Bažnyčia yra visiškai tarptautinė. Nuo vieno milijono iki penkių milijonų katalikų turi airiai, lenkai, italai, vokiečiai, ispanai, prancūzai-kanadiečiai. Nuo pusės milijono iki milijono Amerikoje yra vengrų, čekų, mekskiečių, kroatų, slovakų ir lietuvių kilmės katalikų, kurių visų bendrai gal koks trečdalis nepatenka į parapiinę statistiką, nes kai kurie jų nereguliariai prisirašo į parapijas arba yra jau nutolę nuo religinės praktikos. Bet po keletą ar kelias dešimtis parapijų Amerikoje turi visos katalikiškos Europos tautos. Gera dalis indėnų, truputis kiniečių ir negrų (250,000) yra katalikai. Tad Amerikos katalikų etniškas margumas ir tarptautiškumas tikrai yra nuostabus, nors Bažnyčios vadovybė priklauso daugiausia airiams.

Šitas katalikų mišinys pradėjo Amerikon plaukti tik nuo 1863 m., ogi nuo 1902 iki 1914 m. pabaigos jis virto tikru žmonių tvanu. Vėlesniais laikais atvykę ir žymia dalimi kilę iš atsilikusių pietinės ir centrinės Europos kraštų, katalikai ligšiol buvo laikomi *biednesniu visuomenės sluoksniu*. Mišrumas, biednumas ir menkas išsimokslinimas kol kas neleido katalikams pasiekti savo skaičiams tinkamos įtakos. Federalinėje valdžioje, Kongrese, aukštuose mokslo ir literatūros sluoksniuose jie dar neužėmė sau tinkamos proporcijos. Bet pastaruoju laiku jau pastebimas katalikų stiprėjimas ūkiškame gyve-



MYKOLAS NORKUNAS

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos įsteigėjas — Garbės narys, gruodžio 1 d., š. m. minės savo 78 metų gyvenimo sukaktį. Šia proga Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba ir visi Vyčiai reiškia organizacijos tėvui, *Mykolui Norkūnui* nuoširdžiausią dėkingumą už jo ilgametį vyčiams pasišventimą ir darbą ir prašo Aukščiausiojo suteikti jam stiprybės, kad jis galėtų su mumis dirbantis dar daug, daug metų. Dieve jį palaimink!

nime, jaučiama šiokia tokia pažanga ir aukštuose moksluose. Katalikai ryškiai pralenkė kitas tikybas savo pradžios ir vidurinių mokyklų gausumu ir gerumu. Gi universitetų tyrimo darbams ir mokslinei kūrybai pakelti jie stinga pinigų ir gal but jų metodas šlubuoja: nesugebiama mobilizuoti pasauliečių talentų.

Pora desetkų privatinių katalikiškų universitetų savo jėgas irgi traukia žymia dauguma iš airiškos mažumos. Ogi airiai moksluose tik vidutinių gabumų žmonės, nors pasitaiko truputis ir žymesnių talentų. Tad mokslinių viršūnių *kūrybingumas* nukentė. Šiuo metu toji klaida butų labai lengva atitaisyti. Ištremime dabar yra labai daug stambių ir daug žadančių pajėgų, kurios dabar badauja Europos griuvesiuose. Lenkai, lietuviai, ukrainiečiai, kroatai, vengrai ir kiti benamiai mokslo ir meno žmonės nuostabiai praturtintų Amerikos katalikų mokslinę kūrybą ir spaudą. Bet tam reiktų plataus integralinio plano žūstančią Europos kultūrą Amerikon perkelti.

Baptistai ir metodistai

Stambiausios protestantų religinės grupės tai baptistai (14,200,000) ir metodistai (9,000,000). Abi grupės susideda daugiausia iš germaniškos kilmės amerikiečių ir abi jos didžiausią pasisekimą turi negrų tarpe. Šnekant apie negrų religiją, tenka pasakyti, kad tik apie 40% jų priklauso kuriai nors organizuotai religijai, butent: 5,700,000. Iš to skaičiaus tenka baptistams 4,000,000 ir metodistams arti 1,400,000. Jie pasižymi savo originaliomis, bet labai naiviomis, religinėmis giesmėmis: *Negro spirituals*.

Baptistai laikomi karingiausia Amerikos religija, ogi metodistams priklauso daugiausia turtuolių klasės žmonių. Abeji turi pačios didžiausios politinės įtakos šalyje. Beveik visi Amerikos prezidentai nerašytu įstatymu renkami iš baptistų, metodistų, episkopalų, kalvinistų ir kongregacionalistų. Visi jie kartu sudaro tik arti 22 milijonų žmonių, bet jiems priklauso didžiama aukštų valdžios postų ir daugiausia turto. Jų religinėje galvosenoje ir praktikoje Senasis Testamentas užima bent kiek svarbesnę vietą, negu Naujasis. Tokiu būdu jie labiausia susiartina su žydais, bet yra labai nutolę nuo Europos kultūrinių sentimentų, nes *Europos kontinente jie beveik ir neturi religinių giminių*.

Liuteronys (5,200,000)

Liuteronys (5,200,000) laikomi labiausia vokiška religija su skandinavišku priedu. Jie Amerikoje atvyko daug didesniais skaičiais, bet jų tikyba čia nelabai tarpo ir daugelis jų persimetė į kitas protestantiškas religijas arba ir visai nutolo nuo religijos.

Religijos reikšmė Europai ir pasauliui gelbėti

Baisenybės, kurios dabar ištiko Europą, pasitaiko pasauly tik vieną kartą per kokį tuksantį metų. Dabar vyksta kaž kas daug baisesnio negu didelis karas: tai naikinimas švelnesnės ir aukštesnės civilizacijos; ji žiauria jėga pakeičiama į žemesnę, šiurkščią vergų civilizaciją, kurią mes dažnai vadiname barbarija. Mediteranos pasaulis tai pergyveno tarp 632 ir 732 m., kuomet karingas dykumų Islamas žaibo greitumu užkariavo milžiniškus Azijos ir Afrikos plotus: nuo Kinijos ribų iki pat Atlanto. Užkariavęs tuos krikščioniškus kraštus, jis davė jiems pasirinkti *mirtį ar Koraną*. Ir išnaikinta tapo Krikščionybė Mesopotamijoje, Syrijoje, Palestinoje, Egipte ir visoje Šiaurės Afrikoje. Vakarų Europos krikščionys nesiskubino Rytų krikščionims į pagelbą, nes rytiečių tarpe vyravo atskalos, kaip nestorijonai ir įvairios monofyzitų sektos.

Dabar irgi kaž kas panašaus vyksta pasauly. Pirmose grumtinių eilėse dabar žūsta tik dvi religijos: katalikai ir liuteronys. Nei vieni, nei antri šiuo metu neturi net antraeilės galybės valstybės, kuri imtusi juos gelbėti nuo barbarijos Europos Centre: nuo Suomijos iki Adrijos. Tik anglosaksoniška krikščionybė turi dvi pirmaeilės valstybes: U. S. A. ir Britų Imperiją. Bet joms, ypač Amerikai, Europos kontinento religija ir civilizacija atrodo bent kiek svetimos, ne visai savos. Todėl Amerikoje vis dar tebeina ginčai: ar verta gelbėti Centro Europą? Amerikoje vyrauja dar strateginė Atlantinė ideologija, pagal kurią užtektų išgelbėti tik Vakarų Europos mažą pusiasalį ir strateginius sąsiaurius Mediterranoje.

Amerika dar nežino, kad išgelbėdama Baltijos respublikas, Lenkiją, Vengriją ir Rumuniją, ji tuomi išgelbės nuo barbarijos ne tik visą Europą, bet ir pačią Ameriką.

PALEMONAS

Russia to Be Ready for War In 10 Years, Gen. Eaker Warns

Los Angeles, Oct. 15—A sober warning that Russia will be ready to strike in ten years was given today by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, retired deputy commander of the Army Air Forces.

In an address before the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, General Eaker said:

"While America's war potential is dropping, Russia's is steadily rising. Within ten years the gap will be wide enough for them to strike.

"Russia's leaders are following Hitler's book, chapter and verse, in a war of nerves like that which started the Nazis off to war."

General Eaker said that these four decisive factors are against America in any war with Russia:

1. Our Arctic experiments have shown our equipment won't function under 50 degrees below zero.

2. Russia has but one leader. One man decides on war and they have war, what chance have we, when the initial blow, which well may be decisive, can be struck while Congress debates?

3. Our system of Government opens the way to a vital weapon—the fifth column. We have the makings of the greatest fifth column in history.

4. Russians work eighteen and twenty hours a day—without strikes!

The Wise Simpleton

Translated from the legendary folklore of Lithuania, by *Milton Stark*

At another time there lived three brothers, two of whom were wiseacres and the other a simpleton.

The brothers built themselves stables, the wiseacres fine stables and the simpleton one of rotten sticks. They agreed among themselves that when the animals had been herded home from the fields, they should belong to the owners of the stables into which they would go. The animals were herded home and all the best stock went into the stables of the wiseacres—all but a scrawny calf, which, not finding a place with the other animals, sought the simpleton's stable.

Some time went by and the brothers' mother died. The simpleton carried her away in a wagon to be buried. Driving along across a bridge, he descried the approach of some gentlemen driving. He stopped and seated the corpse on the wagon; then he passed a thread through its upper lip, dropping the free end through the fissure in the pavement of the bridge, and secreted himself under the bridge.

The gentlemen drove up and brawled: "Out of my way, hag!"

The simpleton under the bridge gave the thread a few hearty tugs, causing the corpse's lip to jerk vigorously. The gentlemen, thinking themselves the butt of some insolence, caused the driver to jump down from his seat and strike the woman across the back with his whip. The woman fell to the ground.

Now the simpleton came forth from his hiding place and demanded: "What have you done, killed my mother?"

The gentlemen, finding the woman really dead, supplicated the simpleton to quiet himself. They filled a poke full of money for him so he would not tell anyone that some gentlemen had killed his mother.

The simpleton took up the money, drove off and buried his mother and, returning home, went to his brothers to borrow a measure with which to seal his money.

The wiseacres scoffed: "Enough of your prattle, fool. Why do you want a measure? Is it that you have so much money?" Nevertheless they lent him a measure.

The simpleton sealed his money and returned the measure to his brothers, who afterward came upon several gold pieces lodged under the receptacle's hoops, which discovery astonished them greatly.

"Where did you get so much money?" they asked.

"Why, I killed mother, carted her to the city of K. and sold her. There is a demand there for dead women."

Hearing this the wiseacres killed their wives and hastened to the city of K. to sell them. But as it turned out they barely escaped with their own lives, having to abandon in their flight their horses and wagons.

Returning home on foot, enraged by the simpleton's cunning ruse, the wiseacres determined to drown him. Whereupon they captured him in a sack and hauled it to lake N.; but, finding the water frozen, they had to leave their burden and return home for an axe.

Presently the simpleton in the sack heard a Jew approaching in a wagon. As soon as the wagon drew near, he took to lamenting loudly: "I do not know how to read or write, yet they want to make me king!"

The Jew, overhearing the cries, thought to himself: "I know how to read and write; let them make me king." Therefore he called out, "Just you crawl out of that sack. I will take your place."

The Jew untied the sack, freeing the simpleton, who retied the sack after the Jew and, taking the latter's wagon, drove away.

The wiseacres came back with an axe and chopped a hole in the ice, wherein they cast the Jew.

Several days later the simpleton came home.

The wiseacres were aghast. "Where have you come from? Certainly we drowned you in the lake?"

"You did nothing of the kind. Why, as soon as you had thrown me into the hole in the ice I found myself in a great city. If you would go there yourselves you should see how plentiful and inexpensive things are. Drown? You will never drown there!"

"Well, then, throw the two of us in!"

Taking two sacks with them, the wiseacres and the simpleton went to the lake; where the simpleton, confining each in his own sack, first cast one into the hole in the ice, then made ready for the other, who, hearing the first one already gurgling, made known his anxiety to follow: "Quick! throw me in, for he is already haggling with the merchants!"

The wiseacres were drowned and the simpleton took their property and riches and lived happily ever after.

While the land of our fathers, its language and its customs are dear to us, it is sometimes difficult to maintain ties with them. But, by reading VYTIS, which is now available, can one be well informed on different subject matters.

Brangiausias Turtas Ir Gražiausioji Sužieduotinė

Tėv. Viktoras Gidžiūnas. O.F.M.

Vakaro prieblanda jau buvo apgaubusi mistiškąjį Asyžiaus miestą. Miesto sargai pamažu uždarinėjo vartus ir šen bei ten gatvėse uždeginėjo lempas. Visur viešpatavo tylą, tik prie valgyklų ir smuklių tebesigirdėjo linksmi šūkavimai.

Vienoje iš gražiausių miesto valgyklų viešėjo linksmas Asyžiaus jaunuolių būrys. Visoms jų išdaigoms, kaip visuomet, vadovavo turtingo pirklio sūnus—Pranciškus. Tą vakarą jis buvo išrinktas puotos karaliumi.

Danguje spindėjo milijonai žvaigždžių, o priešpilis mėnuo savo blankia šviesa buvo apšvietęs didžiulį Subasijo kalną ir nuostabią Spoleto lygumą, kai linksmas jaunuolių būrys apleido valgyklą. Jaunuoliai šūkaudami ir dainuodami itališkas trubadūrų dainas leidosi tuščiomis Asyžiaus gatvėmis. Pranciškus, iškėlęs puotos karaliaus lazdele, ėjo tylus ir susimąstęs. Jo sielos gelmėse vyko kas tai nepaprasto. Šį vakarą jis nenorėjo dainuoti . . .

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Pranciškus gimęs 1182 metais, turtingoje pirklio šeimoje, kaip kiekvienas mirtingasis jis buvo savo laiko žmogus. Laiko dvasios pasireiškimai turėjo rasti jame savo atspindžių, kad vėliau padarytų jį galingu savojo amžiaus apaštalu.

Tryliktojo amžiaus pradžioje viduramžių gyvenime vyko dideli pasikeitimai. Iro imperijos vienybė ir feodalizmo santvarka, o augo miestų galybė, kurie vieni su kitais lenktiniavo. Tas jų lenktinivimas baigdavosi ilgamečiais karais.

Asyžius taip pat nuo kitų neatsiliko. Asyžiečiai, besivaržydami su Perugijos miesto gyventojais, savo konkurentams paskelbė karą. Pranciškus, 19 metų jaunuolis, persiėmęs savo gimtojo miesto garbės troškimu, kartu su asyžiečiais vyksta pavergti Perugijos. Įvyksta kova ir asyžiečiai sumušti pasitraukia, o Pranciškus su kitais patenka nelaisvėn, kur pilies rūsyje išlaikomas ištisus metus. Nuostabu, išlepus pirklio sūnus nelaisvės dienose nenusimena, bet savo jumoru linksmina to paties likimo draugus. Jis troško garbės ir už tai kenčia kaip daugelis ano meto jaunuolių.

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Viduramžiuose buvo labai pagarsėję riteriai. Tapti riteriu buvo kiekvieno pasiturinčio jaunuolio svajonė. Iš tikrųjų, riterių luomas pradžioje turėjo gražių ir žavių idealų, bet laikų bėgyje išsigimė.

Pranciškus, kaip to laiko jaunuolis, troško taip gi riterio garbės. Tapti riteriu jį dar labiau

paskatino sapne matytas regėjimas. Regėjime jis matė puošnius turtingus rūmus, kurių sienos buvo apkabinėtos įvairiais ginklais. Tuose rūmuose jis matė taip pat puikią mergaitę. Tai matydamas jaunuolis stebėjosi, bet jo nustebimas buvo daug didesnis, kai jis išgirdo jam kalbantį balsą.

—Pranciškau, visa tai tau yra skirta!

Tada Pranciškus, norėdamas tapti riteriu ir pasiekti aukštą karierą, pasiryžta vykti į Puglie karą. Jo užmačiais didžiujasi patys tėvai ir todėl viską puikiai parengia kelionei. Ir taip Pranciškus vieną rytmetį palieka Asyžių. Jis nori pasižymėti, trokšta garbės, kaip kiekvienas jaunuolis. Bet štai, kelyje vieną naktį jį pažadina nuostabus balsas:

—Pranciškau, kur tu kelianči? . . .

—Į Puglie kariauti,—atsako jaunuolis.

—Pasakyk, kas tau daugiau gali atlyginti—ponas, ar tarnas?—Vėl pasikartoja balsas.

—Ponas!—atsako Pranciškus.

—Tai kodėl tu palikęs poną eini tarnauti tarnui? . . .

Jaunuolis dar labiau nustemba ir išsigandęs sušunka:

—Viešpatie, ko nori, kad daryčiau?!

—Grįžk namo ir ten tau bus nurodyta.

Tada Pranciškus suprato, paklydęs pasirinkdamas vadą, todėl rytmetį nesvyruodamas grįžta Asyžiun. Visi iš jo juokiasi. Tėvas iš gėdos ir pykčio miršta. Jis gi pats džiūgauja ir tiems, kurie stebėdamiesi jo klausinėja, kodėl jis toks linksmas atsako, kad netrukus jis tapsiąs dideliu kunigaikščiu.

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Pranciškui grįžus iš Puglie žygio, pradžioje draugai jį pašiepė, bet matydami, kad jis nepyks ta ir vėl mielai su jais draugauja, pamažu viską pamiršta. Jie net džiaugiasi, kad jie vėl turi linksmą, netuščiū kišeniumi, draugą. Pats Pranciškus, nesulaukdamas aiškesnio nurodymo, ką jis turi daryti prie jų prisideda ir jų jaunuoliškoms išdaigoms kaip seniau vadovauja. Tik retkarčiais, kaip aną vėly vakarą, kai jis puotos metu buvo išrinktas vaišių karaliumi, eidamas mėnesienos apšviestomis gatvėmis, susimąsto.

Jaunuolis, nekantraudamas, ilgisi tos valandos kada jis bus pašauktas tarnauti tikrajam Valdovui. Pranciškus darosi vis pamaldesnis. Jis dažnai išeina už miesto ir nuošaliose vietose mąsto ir meldžiasi. Draugų paklaustas, ko jis ten einas, atsakydavo, kad ten atradęs didelį lobį. Kam nors paklausus, kodėl jis nevyko į Puglie kariauti atsakydavvo kad čia tėvyškėje jo laukia dideli darbai. Kai kurie iš to darydami tolimesnes išvadas, manė, kad Pranciškus manęs vesti



Lietuvos Pranciškonų Naujo Vienuolyno Namas, Kennebunkport, Maine, kuris per didžiuosius Maine valstybėje gaisrus buvo pavojuje. Bet Apvaizdos buvo apsaugotos ir šandie pranciškonai siūnia padėkos maldas Aukščiausiam už Jo malones.

kokio garsaus didiko ar kunigaikščio dukterį ir tuo būdu pragarsėti. Tokiems Pranciškus drašiai atsakydavo:

—Taip aš vesiu mergaitę daug gražesnę ir daug aukštesnės kilmės negu jūs kada nors esate matę ar girdėję.

Jo vaizduotėje jau formavosi neaiškus pašaukimo vaizdas. Jis jau tada savo sielos gelmėse nujautė kad jo gražiausioji ir nekalčiausioji sužieduotinė turėsianti būti vienuolija, o brangiausias turtas, kurio jis su tokiu dideliu užsidegimu ieškojo turėsianti būti Daugaus Karalystė. Visa tą anuomet jis slėpė ir paklaustas atsakydavo alegoriškai.

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Iš šių kelių Šv. Pranciškaus jaunystės epizodų mes matome, kad jis buvo savo laiko žmogus, ir kad jis degė viduramžio jaunuolių aistromis. Jis kaip visų laikų jaunuoliai troško pasižymėti ir tokiu būdu prasimušti į gyvenimą. Tiesa ilgai jis klaidžiojo, bet kuris gi jaunuolis ar jaunuolė, ieškodamas savo pašaukimo neina panašiais klystkeliais pakol išklaidžiojęs didelius vingius ir išgėręs malonių vilionių kartumo taure, pagaliau, Dievo apvaizdai vedant, atsistoja ant tikrojo kelio, kuriuo jis eidamas visą savo gyvenimą pasiekia amžinosios laimės Karalystę.

Šviesi Žinia

Nors daug kam Lietuvos kultūra jau yra pažįstama, bet daugumai dėl suprantamų gyvenimo aplinkybių ji tebėra uždaryta. Susipažinti gi su savo gimtojo krašto praeitimi, nuveiktais darbais, pasidžiaugti pasiektais laimėjimais, apmąstyti lietuvių tautos bei valstybės ateities perspektyvas ir idejas, kiekvienam lietuviui—ir įdomu ir būtina.

Tačiau įprastas Amerikoje gyvenimo tempas, papročiai ir sąlygos neleidžia daug laiko skirti knygų ir laikraščių skaitymui. Visai bus kas kita, jei Amerikos lietuvis paims į rankas iliustruotą kultūros žurnalą (Magazine), kur jis per keletą ar keliolika minučių lengvai apžvelgs daugelį dalykų.

Senai jau Amerikos lietuviai pasigedo iliustruoto lietuvių kultūros žurnalo. Dabar tokį žurnalą išleidžia Kultūros Institutas. Naujasis iliustruotas kultūros žurnalas vadinsis "Naujoji Aušra." Jame bendradarbiaus visa eilė žymių foto reporterių. Dėl to, sklaidydami naujojo žurnalo puslapius matysite Lietuvos visuomenininkus, mokslininkus, menininkus bei kitus žymiuosius kultūrininkus ir pramonininkus. Matysite gražias savo gimtojo krašto vietas, naujai nutiestus kelius, gražius ir modernius pastatus, mokyklas, sodybas, ekonominę pažangą. Nauja-

THE DAKOTAS AND THE BALTIC DPs

North Dakotans are as hardy a group of individualists as you will find in the United States. They're the second and third generation of a stock which settled in the upper Missouri valley in the eighties and nineties after Indian hostility typified by such chiefs as Sitting Bull had been put down. It's particularly interesting, in view of this background, to find that a group of representative North Dakotans who were called into conference by Governor Aandahl to consider the European displaced persons question decided that the United States "has a responsibility to take the lead in solving this problem."

The representative citizens didn't get much farther than that collective judgment. They did not, for instance, specifically offer to take a quota of D. P.'s. As they recognized, the first move is up to Congress. Nevertheless, the isolationist shrug of the shoulders which might have been expected from these hardy Northern plainsmen did not occur; quite the contrary.

Perhaps their heritage has something to do with it. Their grandfathers came from the East to a harsh, rude land, expecting to wrest a liv-

ing by hard work. They were not after something for nothing, and they were not disappointed. Even today there lingers in the upper Missouri region a pioneer sense of space. The country is far from filled up and could, in fact, support a good many more people than it does. But they would have to be workers, willing to go it the hard way as the first settlers did.

If in the D. P. camps there are people with that kind of stamina they apparently would be welcome to North Dakota, to judge from the general attitude of Governor Aandahl's committee. And a lot of good might result for the region if a carefully screened selection of, for instance, husky Balts were allowed to emigrate from the camps in Germany to the Dakotas.

There are in the camps around 180,000 Balts to choose from—98,000 Latvians, 50,000 Lithuanians and 32,000 Estonians. In the main they are a stout-looking crowd, and among them would be found plenty of skilled and useful farmers, carpenters, bricklayers, mechanics and the like to build up the country. Minot, Bismarck, Aberdeen, Pierre, Sioux Falls, Grand Forks and other towns in the region could support larger populations and an increase in productivity.

All this is not to say that the Dakotas are the only part of the United States which might profit from the entry of vigorous, hard-working D.P.'s, nor that Dakotans are necessarily more conscientious than the rest of the country in acknowledging America's responsibility toward a D. P. solution.

What all Americans have to face is a fact which they have tended to lose sight of since the historic immigration flood was shut off after the first World War; that people no less than machines are economic units and that new people, if they are vigorous and willing, constitute an asset for increasing the country's productivity. In the overwhelming majority the D. P.'s are refugees from totalitarianism, they know what freedom means, and if selectively admitted their talents and loyalties would be valuable to the United States. This Governor Aandahl's committee appears to realize.

sis žurnalas plačiai vaizduos sunkią lietuvių tremtinių buklę: jų patalpas, ekonominę padėtį, susiorganizavimą, lūkesčius bei viltis, Balfo pašalpą ir t.t. Visi šie dalykai atvers jums naują gyvenimo puslapį, nes per juos daug nežinoto sužinosite. Vaizdai Jus labiau patrauks, nei sausas žodis.

"Naująją Aušrą" išleidžia Kultūros Institutas, o redakciją sudaro: prof. Dr. K. Pakštas, Kun. Dr. J. Prunskis, rašytojas Antanas Vaičiulaitis ir Eug. Tautginas. Bendradarbiais kviečiami visi lietuviai-Kultūrininkai: ir Amerikoje gyveną ir kituose pasaulio kraštuose.

Kadangi iliustravimas labai brangiai kainuoja, tai "Naujoji Aušra" yra reikalinga visų lietuvių nuoširdžios paramos, palaikymo. "Naujoji Aušra" yra pasirengusi pasitarnauti ir biznieriams. Todėl kas turi savo biznio įmones, maloniai prašomi garsintis šiame iliustruotame žurnale. Bus dedami ir kelių spalvų skelbimai.

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A Talk With Polyna Stoska

By Milton Stark

It was not long ago that Polyna Stoska, internationally known Lithuanian opera star, visited Los Angeles. "The Three Musketeers," Rudolf Friml's musical interpretation of the great Dumas novel, was capably handled and attained a new lustre in the repertory of light opera through the inspiring voice of Miss Stoska, who played the leading role. Although Miss Stoska's troupe did not stay in Los Angeles very long, it endeared itself in the hearts of the music lovers of Southern California.

It was my pleasure and good fortune to be able to meet the star of "The Three Musketeers," Miss Stoska. We had lunch together and talked things over. Our conversation touched many subjects: we discussed the weather, the opera, the food, and the Lithuanians. We spoke in Lithuanian and in English. I was pleasantly surprised at the facility with which Miss Stoska speaks Lithuanian. It is uncommon for Americans of Lithuanian descent to be able to retain their parents' fluency in that language.

But let me describe our meeting. I placed a call and was informed that Miss Stoska would see me. Immediately I left my Santa Monica home for downtown Los Angeles, the Biltmore Hotel, where she was staying. The heat of the day and the expectation of meeting a stuffier prima donna vexed me to the point of perspiration. I lingered about the lobby waiting for a lady in a kind of greenish-blue turban. Never in all my twenty-one years do I remember seeing and studying so many scarfs, veils, turbans, and assorted head pieces as I did on that fateful day.

Each time a page boy called out a name, I imagined it was my own, thinking that it had been mispronounced. Had I been there longer, I am sure I would have answered to the name Stein. Presently I saw someone who I fancied looked like Miss Stoska, descending the staircase. She was attractive, simply and tastefully dressed, and reminiscent of one of Dumas' countesses. Hardly without hesitation we recognized each other and strolled off to lunch. Strange to say, she, a visitor to Los Angeles, seemed to know more about the city than me, a resident of twenty-one years! Embarrassed as I was, I managed to eat with my new acquaintance and even ask a few intelligible questions. I soon found out that she was amiable and without the pompous airs I had expected — a genuine Lithuanian person with definite patriotic inclinations toward the mother country. In one hour's time Miss Stoska briefed me on the history of her career.

She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and educated there and in New York. As a child she wished to play the harp, but later, at the age of



POLYNA STOSKA

seven, she won acclaim as a prodigy on the violin. Then she turned to voice and studied for some time on scholarships to the Julliard School in New York, and Boston. Finally she got her big break: she traveled to Europe and became affiliated with the Berlin State Opera, where she sang major roles for four years, a feat few artists have accomplished. In Germany, Miss Stoska created a sensation with the critics, receiving extensive reviews in the German newspapers.

Back in the United States she toured the country with such symphony orchestras as the Boston, Minneapolis, and Chicago. She also sang for three years with the New York City Center Opera. In 1935 Miss Stoska represented the United States vocally at the Lithuanian World Congress in Kaunas.

While Miss Stoska is primarily a Wagnerian soprano, she is known for her versatility in almost every branch of vocal expression. She has sung church music, light and grand opera, singly and chorally. The part of Siegleinde in *Die Walkure* is her favorite role, and she masters twenty-six other roles.

During the late war Miss Stoska traveled the Pacific, performing for the men overseas. She was the first concert singer to play in the Pacific. Afterward she appeared in Greenland and Labrador, completing a trip of 65,000 miles, which was sponsored by the USO.

News have just reached us that POLYNA STOSKA, formerly of Worcester, Mass., has become a Star of the Metropolitan Opera Company and will make her debut November 7th in New York City. We now have two American Lithuanian Stars in the Metropolitan Opera — *Ona Kaskas* and *Polyna Stoska*. Valio, Lietuvaitės.

Apropos of Feminine Smoking

Rev. John C. Jutkevičius

At the risk of being called an old-fogy, out-of-date and old-fashioned, I write about a subject which I know is a touchy one. A good many of our Miss K. of L'ers will no doubt raise their arms in protest and some will even condemn me for it. Neither their protests nor their objections will deter me from writing what I believe is true. The truth remains the truth and more often than not it strikes where it hurts the most. I assure you that my purpose is entirely altruistic.

I have observed at K. of L. affairs how addicted to the bad habit of smoking some of our female members are. They are so addicted that they cannot refrain from smoking even during the sessions of our national and district conventions. Some time ago at the close of a K. of L. affair in another parish a group of young ladies, not one over 19 years of age, pulled out their cigarettes even before the prayer was completed. Where they obtained the cigarettes was a question for it was then at the height of the cigarette shortage. At a convention in a city, perhaps the most beautiful in New England, practically the same thing happened. Young ladies, who one would never have dreamed would make themselves slaves to anything, nonchalantly lit up and puffed away for all they were worth. It would be bad enough if they knew how to smoke but what makes it worse is that the majority of them don't know how. They indulge in a manner which is downright vulgar, if not positively revolting. It is my conviction that they do not realize the harmfulness of smoking and as a result labor under the belief that it is perfectly all right. It is for this reason that I write this article.

It is indeed strange that the human individual will battle for all he is worth to be free from one thing whereas at the same time will willingly become a slave to another. He will struggle for freedom from want and fear, for freedom of expression and the exercise of his inalienable rights but at the same time will completely subject himself to drink, smoking or some other bad habit. Therein lies one of the greatest paradoxes ever to strike the mind of man. Because of the exceedingly clever but highly deceptive advertisements of tobacco concerns, the tobacco habit has spread throughout the length and breadth of our land. For example, in 1943 the production of cigarettes was 59 times greater than in 1900. The per capita use of cigarettes in 1943 was 1877 a figure which does not

include the millions of tax free cigarettes sent that year to the armed forces. Gross misrepresentations, made in alluring tobacco advertisements, are, in my opinion, greatly responsible for the staggering increase in the number of female smokers in our country. One lady is not keen about putting another on a pedestal for admiration but there is one lady whom an increasing number of females do not hesitate to admire with all the admiration of which they are capable and that is LADY NICOTINE.

One point must definitely be made clear. Smoking in itself is NO SIN. One can smoke every day and it wouldn't be any more a sin than if one ate chocolates every day. Hence, we are not concerned with the sinfulness of smoking. What we are concerned about is its harmfulness and its unbecomingness to one who would class herself a lady.

Many Catholics go through life in a negative sort of way. Their primary concern is not one of trying to do good but one of avoiding evil. Before every action, they ask themselves: is it a sin or isn't it a sin? If it is, they avoid it. If it isn't, they do it. In other words to them it is all a question of choice between sin and that which is not a sin. Therein lies the great modern error. The choice for Catholics is not one between sin and no sin but between that which is good and that which is better. The sacrament of baptism gives us no other choice. St. Paul tried to teach this truth to the early Romans when he wrote:

"Know you not that all we, who are baptized in Christ Jesus, are baptized in His death . . . Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin may be destroyed and that we may serve sin no longer."

In other words, by baptism we have died to sin. We have nothing in common with it. It is a *nonentity* as far as we are concerned. The pagan, because he is not baptized, makes the choice between sin and no sin but we who are baptized must ever choose between the good and the better. Before an action, we must ask ourselves: is it good for me to do it or is it better for me not to do it? Is it good for me not to do it or is it better for me to do it? Right reason will tell us that we must choose that which is better.

Now let us apply this to smoking. A young lady is confronted with the question of smoking. Her friends may urge her to indulge or she may be tempted to do so by various other outside influences. She should, therefore, ask herself: is it good for me to smoke or is it better for me not to do so? If she thoroughly understands the



Council 90, Harrison-Kearny, N. J. commemorated its Thirtieth Anniversary last month. The council has 86 members at present, and is one of the most active councils in its district.

harmfulness of smoking, her right reason will at once tell her that it is better NOT to smoke. She then repulses the temptations and thereby avoids slavery to LADY NICOTINE.

What is the harmfulness of smoking? I do not profess to be a medical man and far be it from me to say that I am an authority. I can, however, give you the testimony of men who have given years of study to the problem and who have arrived at conclusions only after the most painstaking scientific research. Luther Burbank, the eminent botanist, made a statement which I believe even our young men ought to bear in mind. He stated:

"You have seen pictures of military cemeteries near great battlefields. Upon every headstone is chiseled the inscription, 'Killed in action'. If one knew nothing about war, these headstones would be sufficient to impress upon him that war is deadly — that it kills. How much would you know about tobacco if upon the tombstone of every one killed by it were inscribed, 'Killed by tobacco'? You would know a lot more about it than you do know but you would not know all because tobacco does more than kill. It half kills. It has its victims in the cemeteries and in the streets. It is bad enough to be dead but it is a question if it is not sometimes worse to be half dead—to be nervous, irritable, unable to sleep well, with efficiency cut in two and vitality ready to snap at the first great strain.

"Let me tell you how tobacco kills. Smokers do not all drop dead around the cigar lighters in tobacco stores. They go away and years later die of something else. From the tobacco trusts' point of view, that is one of the finest things about tobacco. The victims do not die on the premises. They go away and, when they die, the doctors certify that they died

of something else—pneumonia, heart disease, typhoid fever and what not. In other words, tobacco kills indirectly and escapes the blame.

"Nicotine, after you have used it a while, puts you in a condition to be 'bumped off' by the first thing that hits you. If you saw some men undermine a building until it was ready to topple into the street, and then saw a woman hit the building with a baby carriage and make it topple, you would not say the woman wrecked the building, would you? Yet when a smoker dies of pneumonia, the doctor's death certificate gives pneumonia and not tobacco as the cause of death.

"What a shock people would get if they went through cemeteries and saw tombstones declaring the fact that this man died of typhoid, made fatal by a tobacco-weakened heart and that man succumbed to nervous prostration because tobacco had shot his nerves to pieces and another one gave up the ghost because tobacco had ruined his stomach."

Dr. Daniel H. Kress writes:

"Cigarette addiction by parents makes its impress upon their offspring. In the past women have been conservers of the race in this respect, since smoking was confined to men, but this barrier of the past against decadence is disappearing as our girls, the future mothers, more and more fall victims to the cigarette habit."

Dr. Alexis Carrel, Nobel prize winner whose contributions to medical science have won him a niche in the hall of fame and who was forced to give up his professorship at the University of Lyons in France because of his belief in miracles, wrote in his great book "Man, the Unknown":

"Women voluntarily degenerate through alcohol and tobacco. They become easily tired, extremely selfish,

without intellectual acuteness, moral sense and nervous resistance."

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, Medical Director of the famous Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan, makes this observation:

"A cigar contains enough nicotine to kill instantly a man if all taken at a single dose . . . science has plainly shown that the nicotine of tobacco is a deadly poison to every living thing—vegetable as well as animal—except the tobacco worm, and may even blight the lives of unborn offspring of expectant mothers who smoke cigarettes."

Statistics show that, since smoking became common among women, there has been an enormous increase in the use of cosmetics. This is not surprising in view of an observation made by Sir Clifford Allbutt of England, an eminent practitioner, to the effect that smoking adds ten (10) years to the appearance of a woman's face. Perhaps this is the reason why the teen-agers were so eager to puff away at a cigarette at the affair of which I wrote earlier in the article.

Many other well-known medical men have reiterated the statement that the cigarette habit weakens one's will power, blunts one's moral sense and affects the mental faculties. Thus weakened, the feminine smoker finds no difficulty in going away from the straight and narrow path. She lacks backbone, obstacles become insurmountable and the inevitable result is often moral ruin. Hence the famous poem "The Cigarette Speaks" says:

*You've smoked one package, so I know
I've nothing now to fear;
When once I get a grip on girls,
They're mine for life, my dear!
Your freedom you began to lose,
The very day we met,
When I convinced you it was smart
To smoke a cigarette.*

*The color's fading from your cheeks,
Your finger-tips are stained;
And now you'd like to give me up,
But, sister, you are chained!
You even took a drink last night,
I thought you would ere long,
For those whom I enslave soon lose
Their sense of right and wrong.*

Hence, furthermore it is not surprising that Dr. L. J. Lemieux, organizer and administrator of the Montreal Juvenile court, reports: "In the female jail where we send the women over sixteen years up to 90% are cigarette smokers. As far as the common jail is concerned, almost every person smokes, and we have great trouble to prevent them introducing tobacco into the jail." Is it any wonder, then, that many doctors have

gone so far as to request that every package of cigarettes bear a skull and crossbones and be marked "deadly poison?"

I realize that some of the statements mentioned apply to smoking in general. *Its harmfulness strikes not only women but also men.* It should, therefore, be clear that if men are affected, all the more so are women affected because of the delicateness of their physical make-up. Why is it that today so many young women are without color, subject to sick spells, have persistent coughs and crowd the nation's tuberculosis hospitals? It is largely due to the cigarette habit. Tobacco puts rust on their lips, makes them lose their vitality and gradually dispossesses them of their charm. Is there a young lady, in our organization or elsewhere, who is willing to sacrifice her health, vitality and charm for a mere cigarette? Is there one who is willing to jeopardize the health of the future generation by exposing herself to the harmful effects of smoking? Is there one who dares to say that she hasn't enough "spunk" in her to break away from the habit? I hardly think so.

Some of you say: "But, Father, they all do it. They all smoke." I ask you, "Do they ALL smoke?" Isn't your statement greatly exaggerated? Perhaps the ones with whom you go out, smoke but that doesn't mean that ALL smoke. Many of our K. of L. girls not only do not touch a cigarette but even detest smoking. Then, too, why can't you start a reform in your group? Stop smoking yourself and in a nice, pleasant way exert your influence upon the others. Discuss with them the evils of smoking, recall to them what baptism has done for them. At first you may be laughed at and reviled but so wasn't Our Lord before the judgment seat of Pilate? He had "spunk" and changed the world for the better. Don't you believe that He'll help you if you try to do the same in the milieu in which you may find yourself?

Others say, "But my doctor said I could smoke." Of course you can smoke. No one can stop you if you insist upon it. If he sees that you want to smoke and that you insist upon it, surely he'll tell you that you can. But did he ever tell you that it would be better for you to smoke? Did he ever tell that it would do you a great deal of good? I doubt that very much. For every doctor who may say that smoking is not harmful, statements of ten to the contrary can be furnished.

So I say to you, K. of L. girls, there is not a single valid reason for you to smoke. Smoking does not elevate you and you know it. It does however, tend to lower and degrade you. Can you honestly say that smoking has helped you or

Whither The Lithuanian Sugar Bowlers?

By STANLEY BALBERIS

At last the season of berries (rah-berries) and bowl talk is in full bloom. The World Series (what is that anyway?) is over and we can settle down to the business at hand without fear of interruption.

Boston College is rapidly approaching the peak of its second postwar football season. The trend of conversation among the student body is something like this: "If we can get by those four, Louisiana State; Tennessee; St. Mary's; and

made you better? I doubt if you can. Christian women today are elevated to a high position in society and why? Simply because some 20 centuries ago there was a Lady who had "spunk" and governed Herself by the highest of ideals. Our Blessed Mother is your ideal and inspiration. Do you think that She would smoke if She were on the earth today? Do you think that She'd allow herself to become a slave to LADY NICOTINE? Surely not. So why not make Her your model? Keep your high place in society. Do nothing to lower yourself from that position. Smoking can and often does do that. Be young ladies. Keep that feminine charm and vitality that is so necessary for the world. Act in a manner becoming young ladies. You will act thus if you remain free of the influence of the tobacco habit.

If you do not indulge, all the more power to you. Keep it up. Remain firm and steadfast in your determination. If you do indulge, break yourself of the habit. It is never too late. It can be done and it's not as hard as you think. The habit may be conquered by resolutely setting your mind against tobacco and becoming patiently reconciled to a short period of discomfort. As Mark Twain once said: "The way to stop smoking is to stop wanting to smoke." Renounce the habit and you'll soon find yourself spiritually stronger and rid of the many annoying symptoms caused by tobacco. You need "spunk." Everyone does for no one will ever get anywhere without it. No saint ever entered heaven without it. No one ever joined the ranks of heroes without it. So you, also, must have "spunk" and get rid of the smoking habit. You'll never regret it. Ever remember the words said by our own beloved Bishop Bučys: "Nei tabako rūkymas, nei kuklumo praradimas neteikia moterims vyriško stiprumo bet sumažina jų žmogišką gerumą."

Holy Cross, we are almost certain to receive a bowl bid". That could well be. But talk like that is food for reminiscence. It recalls the golden days of before the war, and, while it had been said that when a person starts reminiscing it is a sign of old age, and we will take the chance of being called a "Bald Eagle" and turn back the calendar momentarily to 1940.

Those were the days of the "Phoney War". Hitler was on the brink of his rise to infamy. Selective Service was getting underway. And Boston College was in the middle of its rise to fame and fortune with one of the greatest group of football players ever to wear the Maroon and Gold.

Reckoned by football seasons that year of 1940 was a long time ago. In fact, it was so long ago that every one of the players on that team is now an all-American. But we wonder how many of you **Lithuanian fans** can rattle off the names of the **8 Lithuanian men on that team of that season?**

Sure, everyone remembers that big **Chet Gladchuck** was the center; and **Henry Woronicz** was left end of the team that came off the floor to beat Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl game of 1941. But how many can carry on from there? How many remember that **Little John Yauckoes 6'6"**, 274 lbs was the left tackle, **Steve Lavinitis**, right tackle, **Walter Dubzinski** played left guard and center, and **Adolph "Butch" Kissell** was a member of the backfield at full-back in that Sugar Bowl game?

No doubt, there are very few of you readers who can honestly say: "I knew them all the time". Yet those Lithuanian men helped to comprise the highest scoring team in the nation in 1940. They were the men who polished off Center, Tulane, Temple, Idaho, St. Anselms, Manhattan, Boston University, Georgetown, Auburn, and Holy Cross during the regular season.

It is no secret that **Chet Gladchuck**, is an important cog in the line-up of the New York Giants and since his return from the Navy, is bidding for recognition as the top center in pro football. And that **Woronicz** is back again with the Quincy Manets professional team. But what of the others? Are they here or there? In football or out of the picture completely? Briefly, some of them are still playing football more as a sideline than as a profession, others are coaching and still others are in business. But, one by one, this is what the Lithuanian stars of 1940 are doing today.

Henry Woronicz (Woronevicz) is in the garage business in his home town of Bridgewater, Mass., but he is still bitten by the lure of football and

plays each Wednesday and Sunday with the Quincy Manets.

Walter Dubzinski decided long ago that he wanted to coach and now is a successful head coach at Gardner High School, in his home town. By the way, Walt's younger brother John, also a B. C. athlete lost his life in World War II. Incidentally, Walt recently announced the arrival of an addition to his family. It's a boy.

Little John Yauchos spurned all pro offers since his return from the Navy, to settle down as a married man in his home town of Lexington, Mass. He is now in a position with the New England Telephone Company.

Big Steve "Glamour Boy" Levanaitis, the ex-Marine and former Philadelphia Eagles Pro star, is now an assistant football coach at Newburyport High school. The big Blond was also an assistant coach of Norwood High this past year, and he is still single.

Handsome Leo Strumskis's only connection with football now is as a spectator. Leo still has a bad leg as a result of sharpnel wounds received during his fighting in World War II as a Marine. But it doesn't hinder him in his position with a large insurance company.

Big Chet Gladchuck has continued his reputation as an All-American of the Sugar Bowl Team by becoming one of the top centers in pro football with the N. Y. Giants. Incidentally, Chet besides playing pro ball with the Giants, is also serving as line coach at New York University.

Adolph "Butch" Kissell, the former ex-Marine and Chicago Bears football star, is now coaching the Fargo Building football team. The Fargo team is one of the best service elevens in the East this year. He is married and the brother of Holy Cross' Veto, and B. S.'s tackle John.

Alex Lukachik, the former ex-Marine and Philadelphia Eagles star end, is still playing pro ball with one of the pro teams in his home town of Bridgeport, Conn. He is married and is connected with a large Brass Making Company in Waterbury, Conn.

There you have them. All of them back after long terms in the service and on their way to realizing their ambitions. Most of them are married and raising families, all of them adding to their reputations in their chosen fields, while pausing now and then to reflect on their old glories.

In appearance, they look just the same. Even those who are not playing football have managed to keep in condition, and they look as if they could step into uniforms today and give any team a hustle.

Some day another group of Eagles may come along to shatter the records set by the 1940 team and, when it does, these Lithuanian men will be there to shake the hands of their successors.

From the Asst. Editor's Desk

The editorial staff extends to everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

We also take this opportunity in wishing our K. of L. Founder, M. A. Norkunas, a HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1st). He will be 78 years of age.

We must positively insist that, to insure your material getting in, you must get it to the office by the *15th of the month* . . . There is absolutely no other alternative . . . Sorry!

In scanning through the past issues of VY-TIS, we find that several years back (prior to the 2nd World War), *C-66, Omaha, Nebraska*, was quite active. Is there any possibility in reviving it, Chicago, District?

We request that all councils which have their own bulletins published, to please forward us a copy, too.

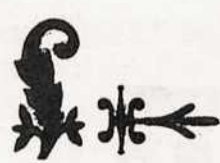
Have you read the sports article written by Stanley Balberis of Brockton, Mass. published in this issue? We are most grateful to Stanley in keeping us informed on Lithuanian-American sports activities.

There are a number of letters received by us weekly from displaced persons in Europe. They are eager in getting acquainted with American Lithuanians. These people are more hungry today for HOPE than they are of FOOD. To supply both HOPE and FOOD is our immediate and imperative task. Members interested, please contact us.

NOTE: Should there be any question in your not receiving VYTIS copies on time, please inform your Supreme Council Fin. Sec'y, Louise Totilas, 18 Montrose St., Worcester 4, Mass.

Also, have you noticed the change of address of our Chief Editor, Prof. K. Pakštas? All *Lithuanian articles* may be forwarded to him directly.

According to our 1948 Membership Drive Chairman, Joseph Lola (veteran), this coming year should be a successful one from the membership standpoint, principally on account of returned veterans who were not K. of L. members and are now eager to join our organization. Need just a little "pep" talk—they'll join.



Officialus Skyrius



Advance Notice Membership Drive

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Sound the tocsin to open the K. of L. membership drive for 1948. Beginning January first, each and every member of the K. of L. is urged to personally recruit new members for our organization. We often say that our organization aims at quality and not quantity. But it is a fact that we can accomplish much more for *God and Country* with a massive membership. Therefore, *let's strive for both Quality and Quantity.* Let's make this a one a month drive; each member to sign up one member each month.

Awards will be announced in future articles.

JOSEPH A. LOLA, *Chairman*

Iš Dramos Knygyno

Sveikinu naują valdybą ir linkių geriausių sekmių ateinančių metų darbuotėje. Taipgi dėkoju, kad man paliko šį kilnų darbą kitiems metams.

Tad, Brangus Jaunime, stokim į darbą. Vasara praėjo. Užsibaigė piknikai. Ateina ir žiema. Dabar jau laikas pradėti veikimą svetainėse. Vienas geriausių veikimų, tai suvaidinti koki gerą lietuvišką veikalą.

Montreal (Kanados) kuopa ruošiasi ir vaidintojai mokinasi "Balon kritęs sausas nesikel- si," trijų veiksmų komediją.

Ansonia (Conn.) Sodalietės mokinasi "Pra- žydo Nuvytusios Gėlės." Abu veikalai bus suvai- dinti prieš Adventus.

Kviečiu ir kitų kolonijų jaunimą paimti šį pavyzdį. Kaip būtų gražu, kad kiekvienoje lietu- vių kolonijoje būtų suvaidintas nors vienas lie- tuviškas veikalas. Jeigu neturite veikalų ir nega- lite jų gauti, tai kreipkitės pas mane. *Dabar mū- sų knygyne yra 96 veikalai vaidinimui—komedi- jų, dramų ir keleta tragedijų.*

Taip pat, jei kas turi savo spintose kokių veikalų ir nenori, kad jie nusimestų, lai prisiun- čia į mūsų knygyną. Mes labai įvertinsime ir su- naudosime.

ONA BAČIENĖ.

Lietuvos Vyčių Dramos Knygyno Vedėja.

P. S. Norintieji pasiskolinti veikalų vaidinimui, rašykite: MRS. ONA BAČYS, 65 Uxbridge St., Worcester 5, Mass.

Harvest Time Is Over

The growing season of summer is over and now it is time to reap the harvest. There is al- ways a harvest of good things happening at the K. of L-r's. New friendships to be made, old friends made stronger. When you read in the "Vytis" of the activities we have in the coun- cils, don't forget that our advertisers are always planting good seed within our pages in the hope that they too may deserve your friendship.

... Charles Bason

Nuoširdžiai Dėkojame

Šiomis dienomis Lietuvos Vyčių Centras ga- vo \$100.00 auką nuo Lietuvos Vyčių 3 kuopos iš Philadelphia, Pa., kurią prisiuntė kuopos Dva- sios Vadas, kun. Stasys Raila. Tą stambiają auką skiria "Vyties" išleidimui. Nuoširdžiai dėkojame L. V. 3-čiai kuopai už paramą.

F. A. G.

Emergency!

To save wheat for our hungry friends in Eu- rope, the Citizens Food Committee asks us to:

1. Use no meat on Tuesdays;
2. Use no poultry or eggs on Thursdays;
3. Save a slice of bread every day; and
4. Clean your plate at every meal.

SAVE WHEAT * SAVE MEAT * SAVE
THE PEACE.

Let's co-operate with our government.

A friendly smile, a friendly word and a good deed, will make today much brighter and better fit us for tomorrow.

Revive old friendships by attending your council meetings regularly and participating in K. of L. affairs.

UŽUOJAUTA

Ruošdami šį "Vyties" numerį spaudai, ga- vome liudną žinią, kad mūsų organizacijos 29-tos kuopos nario (Newark, N. J.) *Prano Vaško* brolis Jurgis mirė.

Liet. Vyčių organizacija—jos nariai, val- dyba ir redakcija reiškia gilią užuojautą *Pranui Vaškui*, mirus jo mylimam broliui.



Chicago District

Officers of Chicago District:

Rev. A. Zakarauskas	Spir. Dir.
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Vice-Pres. J. A. Bart and Jack Jatis	
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Treasurer	John A. Kass
Trustees- J. Pocius; Stanley Shimkus	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Anthony Petrulis

The Chicago district's BULLETIN was dedicated to our organization's honorary member, Kastas Zaromskis.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DISTRICT ACTIVITY:

1. The K. of L. District of Chicago should hold a mass meeting in Chicago having as guest of honor, Frank Sinatra.
2. The Supreme President should be invited to this meeting.
3. The Supreme Spiritual Director also should be invited to attend this meeting.
4. This meeting should be held during the coming Advent and it should begin and end with Church services. It should be well advertised, in advance.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1. Every K. of L. Council should have a Program Chairman. The duties of this chairman are to provide activities for the council during the year.
2. Have a Membership Committee. This Committee will see that the new members will get acquainted with the older members. Particular attention should be paid to the so-called bashful members.
3. Place all the members of the Council to serve on some committee.
4. Observe the national holidays: Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, by holding brief lectures, showing movies of interest and dancing afterwards.
5. On all these occasions distribute K. of L. membership blanks to prospective members.

WHO MAY BECOME K. OF L. MEMBER?

Membership is open to all (male and female) who are of Lithuanian ancestry and practising Catholics. Religion plays a great part in the K. of L. organization. In fact, that is what makes the K. of L. so strong and powerful.

In the K. of L. organization there is room for anyone who likes to play baseball in the back yard; who is able to sing in the parlor; who thinks he can recite. Our organization gives a chance for every one to develop potential qualities.

THE K. OF L. 34TH CONVENTION

The K. of L. 34th Convention took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on September 12, 13 and 14, 1947. The religious service was held in St. Casimir's Church.

This convention was a memorable occasion. It left an indelible mark not only upon the hearts and minds of the younger set of delegates, but also upon such veterans as Kastas Zaromskis, Leonard Šimutis, Victor Balanda and many others.

Leonard Šimutis, with two other members, was elevated to the highest honor that our organization can give. Now our own Leonard Šimutis is an Honorary Member. By elevating Leonard Šimutis to the Honorary Degree, this 34th Convention honored all the K. of L. members of the Chicago district. Leonard Šimutis from his very youth has devoted much time and effort for the good of the K. of L. organization. The elevation of Leonard Šimutis to the highest honors, should be an inspiration to the rest of the Knights to work and cope to the heights so that when the time comes, we may reap the endowments.

COUNCIL NEWS

C-4 through the efforts of their pastor Rev. A. Martinkus and Johnny Joncha will soon make a new debut.

C-5 is isolated. They are so far away that we are having difficulty in getting acquainted with them. In their own way, however, they are very active.

C-13 should be an unlucky number, but its members are fortunate having Sally Jesulaitis, who is a very active member. At the Philadelphia convention she made many boys stand up and take notice.

C-14, Cicero, Ill., has many active members. Rev. S. Gaucius is Spiritual Director and he is a person of no small ability. Jerry Kasulaitis performed a brave act by marrying a Bridgeport girl, Ann Mitchell, whom he met at a K. of L. Chicago District chorus rehearsal.

C-36 is full of active members. From this council Stanley Pieza had started his career on Journalism, and here is where he met Ann, his better half. They are now blessed with four prospective K. of L. members.

C-112's latest rumor is that John Vilkisius is romancing. That's the reason why John was missing at our recent National Convention.

It is to be noted that soon the Roseland, West Pullman, South Chicago, Bridgeport and West Side councils will be heard from.

The K. of L. Seniors held their Autumn outing on October 19th at Holy Family Villa. All members and friends enjoyed the get-together very much.

"All successful men are optimistic."

"I have noticed, also, that all successful men are intensely in earnest. Their intense earnestness is magnetic."

Chicago, Ill.

COUNCIL 112

In retrospect of our national convention in "Philly," it is gratifying to know that we are going to be led by a group of capable officers this coming year. All officers are of the finest caliber. They are hard workers, and have that "rare" true K. of L. spirit in their hearts. With these leaders we should make great strides toward building a greater and finer organization during the next year. If we fail in this regard we can only blame ourselves, because then, in all probability we have failed to support our newly elected officers.

Despite the discussion of several controversial issues where "ayes" and "nays" were frequent, yet after

the final balloting, the minority abided by the majority for complete unity of purpose. What was remarkable was that nobody pulled a "Gromyko," nobody carried a chip on their shoulders because a decision didn't go their way.

It is quite obvious that where disunity flourishes in an organization, progress is definitely impeded. In fact, an organization tends to retrogress and become mediocre. Could this be the reason why we are progressing so rapidly in the Chicago District?

Leonard Šimutis of Chicago was installed in an honorary membership. A well deserved honor to one of Chicago's first K. of L. organizers of more than twenty years ago. We are proud to have his son and daughter in our council.

The convention had many an eloquent speaker. One of these was Juozas Kazickas, who was born in Siberia, arriving in America in recent months and now is residing in New Haven, Connecticut. Although, his stay in the States has been brief, he spoke English fluently. His message was inspiring, and received a tumultuous ovation.

Philadelphia Council 3, who with a very small membership put on a wonderful convention should be lauded. Through the untiring efforts of a few, we had a great convention. Remember the old adage about "quality and not quantity."

Many worth while resolutions were introduced. The policies and activities of the K. of L. are determined by a majority vote of delegates present at the convention. Active members make an active organization, council, district or convention.

Notes at random

Our John Pocius has decided to wear bow ties after the "Ball," as soon as he learns to tie them. Johnny certainly did get around. He said he was promoting good will... Wonder why Ann Ambrose of Detroit was trembling so much on the night of the dance. Heard that dancing with her was like holding on to a fliwer... IF we don't see Johnnie Paulis of C-36 for a while, don't be surprised! His life's savings went with the convention.

Whenever an issue was presented, we invariably found a lassie from Manhasset, L. I. making a strenuous objection to the contrary... Can't remember seeing much of the Chicago delegation other than at sessions and the outing. In all probability, Philomena was re-writing her notes, having had the honor of being the recording secretary of the convention. Thanks a lot for remembering the "bundukies." They were delicious... Mrs. Pavis took quite a few movies. Jack Jatis was eating corn with his

hat on. Was he ready to take off for the airport?

Thank you, Philadelphia members, for a wonderful convention.

Andy Yuknis

New York, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

We extend our very best wishes to Joe Boley, our National President for another year, as well as the other elected Executive Board members. We also dedicate sincere thanks to the hosts (Philadelphia C-3) for their wonderful efforts in conducting the National Convention.

C-12 had an excellent Social following the Convention, and we hope that our visitors from Chicago, the charming Misses Lorraine Mack and Grace Zakaras (the pride of the Chi-White Sox), as well as our Maspeth and New Jersey neighbors, enjoyed themselves. Marcy from Kearney was down, so was Richie L., Frank Vaskas, Millie and Tony Razickas, and a good many other Conventionites. A word of thanks to Hank Kolesk and Vincent Yatkaukas for their hard work in getting the Parish Hall in order before the Social, as well as to Ed Samulenas for the potato chip sandwiches served and for getting the general refreshments.

Welcome Knight: Mary Lovinikaitis, Larry Janonis and Nellie Borus. A short, minute biog. of each might include that Larry is a swell dancer; Mary is a tres charmante mam'selle, and Nellie is Stanley Borus' better half. All are a fine contribution to our Council.

We missed Helen and Lillian Zindzius, and Nell Zalis at the meeting—I guess Tyronne Power and Joey Schultz were in town again.

There will be nominations of officers for 1948 at the November meeting, and elections at the December meeting. Don't forget, to be present at these meetings.

Our Annual Banquet had been indefinitely postponed. With our other activities processing, we felt that it would be best to have this gala affair held at a later date.

FALL DANCE: Our Autumn Frolic Dance will be held on Saturday, November 22nd, in the Parish Hall of our Our Lady of Vilna Church in New York City.

NOTES IN PASSING: Next year is Leap, Girls. (It's all right, girls, don't mention the thanks). Speaking of leap year, I can't understand how a certain bachelor keeps escaping—he's on the Walter Pidgeon type—I mean no one else but our own Charlie Bason!

Ed Samulenas reports that he has selected some worth while recreational equipment for the Lithuanian Group which we have adopted in a

D. P. Camp in Germany. We ought to throw Ed a couple of bouquets for his efforts, not only as Sports Chairman, but as an outstanding member. Ed has shown much initiative in getting together a fine Softball Team, and his general efforts at Socials and various other activities are really most commendable. Sounds like Executive Board material to me.

Happy Birthday to Al Wezwick, Eddie Baronauskas, and me!

Your reporter attended Bill Borus' wedding. Stanley Borus, Bill's brother and a C-12 member as well, was best man, while Stanley's pretty wife, Nell, was Matron of Honor. C-12 was well represented at the event. Oh, yes, I managed to save a bit of the wedding cake for under the pillow.

Our next two brides, Barbara Ginel and Ann Kolesk, were recently honored with Bridal Showers. We hear the gifts were lovely.

WEEK-END RUMBLINGS: Maspeth Council-110 Mardi Gras Dance of September 20th was indeed something to talk about. A compliment to the Dance Committee for its "atmosphere." Also a special compliment to the costumes of Chris, Flory, Charlie, Tony, Jean, Al, Wally, Julie and Tro--oo--dy. On the weekend of the 27th of September, we came home from Paterson via Mars. We returned from Paterson to New York in a gray rocket ship which was piloted by Steve Montvidas, accompanied by three other brave people. Frankly, I have no idea what made Steve stick to mere things like high-ways when his mph and rpm were absolutely perfect for a direct flight. Undisputedly, I am sure, Steve wore the speedway's crown. Since then, the only thing I've had courage to ride with are the birds heading South for the Winter. At any rate, we did have a fine time at the dance. Paterson members were fine hosts.—My private eye reports that Elizabeth's Dance on October 4th was a very worth while event.—On Saturday, October 11th, we were out Kearny way, helping C-90 to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. The affair was handled with usual Harrison-Kearny efficiency. Johnny Bell was out again on Sunday for the banquet which closed C-90 three-day anniversary celebration. By the way, Steve Montvidas, there's something I'd like to know. We left fog enclosed Kearny, way, way ahead of your car, and when we turned off Highland Boulevard in Brooklyn, we saw your rocket ship parked on Highland Hill. Confidentially, what made the sights so interesting from Highland Hill?

We'd like to add a serious word here. You will probably be reading

this column around Thanksgiving, which is a time when we should fully realize how fortunate we are here in America; and one good way to spread our doctrine of Americanism and to initiate others with it, is to share at least a part of our good fortune. During Thanksgiving Week, the American Catholic Dioceses will take up a food collection for the hungry, poorly-fed peoples of other nations. Answer the call when your Pastor makes an appeal for food to be sent to the less fortunate. Happy Thanksgiving!

Brenda Bell

Lewiston, Maine

COUNCIL 2

Election of officers was held recently. Following are the results: Anthony J. Rudokas, Pres.; Henry Reidman, Vice-Pres.; Elizabeth Marquis, Sec'y.; Anne Kalvelis, Cor. Sec'y.; Marguerite Shaban, Financial Sec'y.; Al Witonis, Treas.; Stanley Shaban, Marshall; Charles Witonis and Jennie Baltrus, Ritual Committee members.

Many members signed up for the bowling team, now being formed, and which is in charge of Anthony Rudokas, our president.

On Sunday, September 7th, members received Holy Communion "in corpore" at the nine o'clock Mass, St. Patrick's Chapel. Breakfast followed at the DeWitt Hotel.

Now that school is starting, some of our members are leaving for college. It seems that the majority of them will be attending the University of Maine. We wish all our college members the best of luck!

Annie

National Convention Bits

Adele, Mary, Alphonse, Tony and Algie are still talking about the convention. Algie, what is the blonde's name we saw you with at the convention? . . . Alphonse said he gained weight while in Phillie. He just couldn't resist taking all those good looking girls out for a mid-night snack . . . Ever since the convention, Tony has been flashing a new bow tie. Where did you get it, Tony? . . . Adele went home happy. While in Phillie, she saw her brother and boy friend. She certainly had a busy week-end . . . Tony, who was that cute brunette you had on your knee coming back from the corn roast? . . .

Plans are being made for our Hallowe'en dance. Mary Shaban and Jennie Baltrus are co-chairwomen.

Report on our picnic was given by Mrs. E. Marquis. It proved quite successful. Thanks to Jennie and Adele.

Delegates to the District conven-

tion, held in Hartford, Conn., were: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shaban, A. J. Rudokas, M. Stasiulis, F. Peseckis and M. Shaban. Stan and Marguerite stated all members should avail themselves of the opportunity in attending conventions. That's one way of getting acquainted with the organization's business.

District Convention Bits

Stan is now called the potato man . . . Tony just couldn't see leaving Hartford so early. What was the attraction? . . . Simple wants to know if Skinny has gained any weight? . . . Florence says, from now on, she is going to read the "Vytis" Sports articles . . . Mary Stasiulis was on the lookout for a certain some one from So. Boston. Did you see him? . . . Where was Mary Shaban on the night of Oct. 4th, Hartford??? . . . We understand our boys were singing in the choir at Hartford. How about helping us out in Lewiston? . . . Stella sure misses her Joe since he has gone up north. . . Johnnie Diringis thinks the boys from So. Boston are all right, ever since the party Tony had at the cottage . . . Dan Cupid shot his arrow into a couple of our members: Jennie and Charlie . . . Ever since Julie became Mrs. Jasud we haven't seen her. How about you two attending our meetings? . . . Joanne is quite happy with her new job . . . Henry doesn't like working nights because it limits his activities with the K. of L. . . . With new activities coming up, Ziggy, how about getting Rene into the K. of L.? . . . Best wishes to Algie in his new post as member of the faculty of Easton High School . . . Joe Vasilauskas has entered U. of M. . . . best of luck . . . Val is having quite a time in Boston while working in Filene's . . . Eddie Bichulius and Eddie Daunis are back to the grind at U. of M. . . . The choir has resumed its rehearsals . . .

MORE MALE MEMBERS WANTED . . . Frank Sabalauskas is anxiously waiting to get started on bowling...the reason?... he was one of our stars, last year . . . Three cheers for Peggy, one of our active members. Wish we had more like her . . . Mary Frankus is planning a trip to New York . . . Since Lena bought her new house, we just don't see her any more . . . Stanley Adams is working days, now. Expect to see you, Stanley . . . Frank Stasulis is one of our newest members. Welcome, Frank! . . . On October 12th, twelve of our members took a trip to the White Mts. and enjoyed it so much that it will have to be repeated, next year, with many more members.

"Simp"

Harrison-Kearny, N. J.

COUNCIL 90

30th Anniversary Highlights

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Council 90. Our organization is proud of its 30 years of existence and of its value to the Catholic Lithuanians in our community. We must give thanks to the prime members who in 1917 gave C-90 its start. May we live up to the great expectations of these men and women, who 30 years ago sowed the seeds of our great organization. With just a few members to begin with our council now boasts a membership of 86. Yes, 1917, the year of the founding of the Harrison-Kearny, Knights of Lithuania was a year of promise.

EI, VYČIAI! GYVENAM TAU-TAI, IR BAŽNYČIAI.

Our 30th Anniversary celebration started on Friday, Oct. 10 with an Old Timers' Get-Together and there was plenty of Lietuviško sūrio and silkių for all. It was good to see the older members getting together again talking over the good ole days. There were many old timers from neighboring councils, also.

The Anniversary Dance was held on Saturday, Oct. 11. Grand turnout! In fact, the walls were nearly bursting and everyone had a good time dancing to the good old Lithuanian "polkas."

Sunday morning, Solemn High Mass was held at 11:30 for the intention of the Knights. The whole council marched into church in a body. We heard two wonderful sermons. One was delivered by our pastor Fr. Leo Voicekauskas in Lithuanian and the other in English by our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Dominic Pocius.

That evening, a Banquet and Dance was held with Peter Velevas acting as M. C. Present at the affair and each giving very inspiring speeches were our National President Joe Boley, N. J. N. Y. District President Charles Bason, Fr. Kelmelis, Newark, N. J., Fr. Kemežis, Bayonne, N. J., Fr. Sharnas, Jersey City, N. J., Fr. Voicekauskas and Fr. Pocius, Harrison, N. J.

Present also were Councilmen Bernard Jenuss, Joseph Healey, Jack O'Neill, Judge Fred Law, Attorney Charles Paulis, Dr. Vito Kemežis, Jack Stukas, Asst. Editor of the "Vytis," Phyllis Grendal of So. Boston, and Anele Marks of So. Boston.

We were entertained by Doris Stralkus and Genevieve Moroses who rendered solos. They were accompanied by Elsie Pamper. It was good to see so many members present. The delicious meal was prepared by Mrs. Kazlauskas and Mrs. Juozupai-

tis. What would we do without our favorite cooks?

The committee that worked so unceasingly for these affairs deserve more thanks than we can possibly give them. The co-operation of the whole council was quite evident. Without them these affairs would not have been the success they were. Our hard working committee was headed by James Dasker as chairman and working with him were Ann Klem, Peter Velevas, Veronica Kemežis, Julia McShulskis, Charles Dasker, John Wilkie, Joe Balazas and Joe Praner. The wonderful music that you heard at all of the affairs was rendered by Eddie Derish and his Orchestra of Harrison, N. J.

On behalf of the committee and the entire council, we wish to express our deepest thanks to each and everyone who came to our affairs and helped us to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Many thanks also to those who sent us greetings and congratulations.

Brangūs Vyčiai—Mokykimės Lietuvių Kalbą

Council 90 has been very fortunate in obtaining the services of Father Karal, Assistant pastor at St. Michael's Church, Bayonne, N. J. to teach the Lithuanian language to all those who want to learn. The classes will not be restricted to K. of L. members only. A few of the neighboring councils have shown advance interest and plan to attend these sessions.

We wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes to Alice Zillis and Walter Pietrucha who were married September 20.

The three musketeers, George Kaitilus, Jack Borris and Walter Staskus, appeared at our last meeting licking Lithuanian lolly pops—1 red, 1 green, and 1 yellow.

Tag Day was recently held in N. Y. and sponsored by BALF to help our Lithuanian friends in need. Among the Tag Day volunteers there were a few from C-90 with some from the Church Choir helping out, too.

Now that the bowling season is here, our "Intra-Council Bowling League" is in full swing. There was a grand turnout for the first night a few weeks ago. Let's keep it up.

"Two Bits"

Detroit, Mich.

COUNCIL 102

With our November elections, C-102's social date book is filled with forthcoming activities. Among them is a return invitation received from Dayton for a week-end get-together. Approximately 25 Detroiters are planning to invade Dayton, in-

cluding Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slavin, newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson, ex-sailor Joe Petraitis. Vince Yurkunas and Tony Zyrer who played hosts to Dayton in September, will renew their friendships they established a short time ago.

Our first Hallowe'en Party was held October 30th. The committee was composed of Theresa Zaliagiris, Aldona Nausedas, Ray Medonis and George Sinkus.

We're told that a "little rocking chair party" which took place after our parish picnic was "pretty" good. Yes, Joe?

Our bowling season has opened with a bang, spirit full of rivalry and fun!

Our officers for 1947-1948 are: Eugene Zenk, pres.; Vito Zaliagiris, treas.; and Isabelle Zaliagiris, sec'y. Best wishes. We'll always be on hand to give them a helping hand.

The delegates to our recent Nat'l Convention returned full of inspiration. Have fun, Ann?

Should of heard the reminiscing going on after our Christmas Dance Committee meeting! Active participants were Joe Petraitis, Joe Bender, Vince Yurkunas and Tony Zyrer. Ann Ambose and Libby Wilutis just listened. What tales!

Our sincere sympathy expressed to Emil and Eugenia Podzius on the death of their beloved father.

J.

Marcy Matelitis

is the president of Council 90, Harrison-Kearny, N. J. Marcella is not only one of the few women presidents in our organization, but, believe it or not, she is a third generation Knight, her mother and father and even her grandfather having been members some years back. For her there seems to be no escaping the K. of L. influence, for her aunt, Sue Dasker, 3rd Degree member and her uncle, Peter Velevas, are still active and valuable members of the council.

Marcy is also distinguished on her own account. Besides trying to build up her council, she sings with the K. of L. chorus; is a member of the Council District and bowling leagues; together with another A-1 member, Anne Klem, edits the council's paper "Brite Lites" and last spring during our financial campaign she put most of us to shame by selling single-handed 29 books! Her ambition now is to be able to speak Lithuanian more fluently and she is diligently attending her council's newly-formed classes. That, in brief, is Marcy, the dynamo of energy that wields the gavel in Council 90. Would that we had more like her!

Brockton, Mass.

COUNCIL 1

Philly Memories

It may be several weeks since our return from the "city of brotherly love" but, oh brother, it'll be a long time before we forget what went on.

First off—rah, rah from Room 704, the miniature ballroom registered in the name of Lewiston's Tony Rudokas. Everyone from Chicago to little ole Brockton spent at least a few hours in the place. Thanks, Tony, for an extra pleasant memory.

The local send-off for our delegates started with the usual party at "Slim's famous penthouse. Norwood's jeep was there, too, with "skipper" Eddie Peredna flashing photos out in the backyard at midnight—oh murder!!

Room 1548 was occupied by the fun trio from this town—Aldona B., Slim, and Aldona C.—but could you ever find them there? "Bulkie" spent all her time battling with Southie's Johnnie Tumas; "Slim" divided her varied attention between playing "football" with Steve Contons, C-17 playboy, and breakfasting with "Beanie"; "Cookie" met Joe Svelnis and that's about all we saw of this gal!

Southie's Angie Mason, looking like the little queen she is, certainly was a happy eyeful at the formal—ask Lewiston's Al for confirmation of same.

Frankie "Chessy" certainly got to know one Dottie Miller of Dayton, didn't he???

Where did our illustrious Joe Lola keep himself once he left the sessions?

Adam Batakis and "Nick Hermie" spent most of their leisure time robbing Room 1548 and entertaining (??) the Providence delegation.

What was all the laughter about when Lewiston's Mary S. and "Cookie" got together?

Well, "Slim," what will it be, C-17 or C-2?? Remember, "I Have But One Heart."

Three cheers for Batakis, he faithfully attended sessions!

Tony R. hired Aldona B. as his official secretary for 704. A few aprons would have been appreciated!

What goes on???. Looks like Philly did it as far as Southie's Joe Svelnis and Aldona C are concerned. Boy, are they having fun!!

Sleeping at night didn't agree with "Slim," however, the daytime did.

Just to make things complete and add a little more "excitement" to the Convention, Brockton's vehicle broke its axle.

Southie's Steve Contons serenaded us with 'melodious' voice. Hmmm!!

Say, is this Brockton's column???

Southie and Lewiston seem to be our better half!

LOCAL NEWS

Although our recent monthly meeting was minus a few of our celebrities (for example, "Slim" and Joe Lola) Father "Mike" was present to carry on and aside of the hilarity going on, we did manage to get something accomplished.

Extra special notice to all you fellow knights—C-1 is getting ready for its annual Snowflake Ball, December 27th which promises to be simply "superb". Soooooooo bear the date in mind.

Congratulations "Tammie", it sure is pretty!

We are beginning to wonder if "Lil" has a monthly commutation ticket to Worcester.

One guess who took "Jo" to the B. C. game recently???

No doubt Aggie knows with whom she is going to the Snowflake Ball, don't you!

Big secret (or is it) why Alice A. looks forward to those week-ends.

Poor "Louie" he has such a hard time keeping away from those girls who are always "bothering" him.

"Al"

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There's plenty in the air these days about our coming "Snowflake Ball." It's Council One's annual "Snowflake Ball" on Saturday, Dec. 27th at St. Roco's Hall in the "village" section of Brockton. This year we're adding an extra feature — it'll be the selection of a Snowflake Queen" from among the lovely "ladies" present. Competition promises to be pretty close.

The usual hard working committee has Adam Batakis as its able chairman, assisted by Louis Drusinskas as co-chairman. Others on the roster include: Josephine Juzenas, Val Kavalas, Agnes Motekaitis, Aldona Bulkites, Florence Tamulevich, Al Sviklas, "Jo" Lola, and "Slim" Norkus.

It'll probably snow that nite. That's why we've named it in advance as "Snowflake Ball."

The Committee

Hartford, Conn.

COUNCIL 6

The New England District K. of L. Bi-Annual Meeting was held here on Oct 4-5. Council No. 6 extends its sincere thanks to all those who contributed toward the success of the socials and business meeting.

Adam Chase, our own boy, volunteered to be chairman of the New England Athletic Committee. That should give us the incentive to cooperate with him. Hartford has the material to work with.

President, Joe Becker, presided over a peppy meeting on Oct. 7. Three cheers for the Entertainment Committee. They served delicious refreshments at this last meeting. We are going to try something new this month—a mushroom hunt. It should be fun, especially for those who don't know a mushroom from a toadstool.

The K. of L. Fall Fiesta semi-formal was held at the Rockledge Country Club on Sept. 20th. It met with great success, thanks to our able committee and those attending the dance. The theme was quite different. The club was attractively decorated with huge sombreros, lanterns and balloons. Bea Kripas came in sporting that "New Look." The ladies seemed to be wearing a great deal of the new style. Lovely gowns were more outstanding at this dance than at previous affairs. Pete Knusto's bow tie matched his wife's gown. Mr. and Mrs. J. Dubin and camera were present as usual. John does all our photography and it's the best. Ma and Pa Radjunas enjoyed themselves. The first dance since they became parents. Ed and Eleanor Maslauskas jitterbugged when floor space permitted.

We have bowling every Monday night at the Park Alleys, 9 p.m. The gang is as enthused as ever about this sport. We have plenty of cheering and coaching!

Ann On Emos

District Convention Memories

The generosity of the people from Maine with their potato juice livened the dance Saturday—together with "Stinky" Stanulis' remarks to bring about some action. What was it that the Worcester crowd had at the Hotel Garde that kept them going until wee hours of the morning.

Agnes and "Skippy" did a good job of putting up some people at private lodgings. Two such hostesses, namely Wandie and Francie Ambrose didn't mind their company one bit with only one regret—it didn't last long enough.

I hear where a certain party will always remember not to eat apples. Dotty Y. would like to remind somebody from Boston that she wouldn't mind getting even-with-Stevens.

Paul P. certainly took good care of a certain redhead from Athol. Even took her all the way home.

Lil Budwick and her antics found a team mate in somebody who claimed he was part of the orchestra, a policeman and reporter. That man had talent!

Adam Chase is right in there now, to help out in athletic activities. Looks like Conn. is needed to uphold a tired Mass. boy.

Nice making the acquaintance of

Ed Vaskas. Another Ed "Butch" from Worcester may be added to the list. Any comments Irene Y.?

Can anyone picture Aggie K. making beds for three men? It's unbelievable.

Nice seeing Si Gedutis in circulation again!

Ed Mazlauskas, sorry to say, didn't get to dance with that blonde and did his wife get a chuckle out of that. As for Ed Radjunas, he's still in there keeping them all happy. Poor Val. K. had some time getting her husband to dance. The music, stopped very conveniently everytime he got up to ask her.

Did anyone ever taste such good food? Marion Kauklys claims it's all due to the way the carrots were diced. Many thanks is due though to the volunteer cooks and the home made cakes offered by the K. of L. members themselves.

Our President Joe Becker busied himself with details of the day but he was worried there for awhile when he thought he was going to have an opening speech to make.

Thanks again is due to Mrs. H. Mazotas for her work in keeping the tickets straight. Did you have fun anyway, Helen?

By the way, what happened to "money bags" from Athol, Sunday? First he was here and then he wasn't. Guess he skipped out early.

It was also learned that Norwood people like to walk and enjoy the fresh air—any time time of the day or night. The girls from Providencé haven't big appetites as was noted. Boston's Tony Jakmauh had a "weaving good time."

Tell me, did anyone see Dubin rocking on that imaginary horse? Can't find proof on this statement. Another stupendous remark was that Francis Ambrose knows how to make Fried Coffee. Patent it, Fran.

The Knustos were there to uphold the club once more. But as I see it, Pete was upholding more than the club that evening of the dance.

"Snoopy"

Cicero, Illinois

COUNCIL 14

Now that the past summer has left only pleasant memories among our souvenirs, members of Council 14 are once again bubbling over with vim, vigor, and vitality in taking part in our fall activities.

Our first "kick off" affair was the weenie roast held on October 11th at the beautiful and picturesque McCormack Woods. The weatherman must have talked it over with the chairman of this affair, the effervescent assistants, Lorraine Mack and Grace Zakaras, because the weather couldn't have been more ideal. The crowd be-

gan to gather "around the corner" about 7:30 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m. we were all on our merry way. When we got there, some kind member was ready and waiting with the fire, eager for all of us to get the ball rolling, but someone on the committee slipped up and forgot to put the forks in the basket so—as the saying goes—necessity is the mother of invention—slipped up and forgot to put the forks in the branches that would serve as forks. We found the branches all right, but we also worked up an appetite. When we got back to the shelter, everyone hurried to get their weenies into the fire. After each and everyone "put down" at least 3 weenies and buns garnished with relish and mustard and drank soda (for the ladies) and a can or two of amber fluid (for the gentlemen), we all sat around the fire to let the food digest a little before going on. Of course the evening wouldn't have been complete if there weren't any marshmallows to roast—so after a while everyone was around the fire again with their improvised forks decorated with crisp, burnt marshmallow tips. Before long, the radio provided dance music for the jitterbugs, community singing was begun by the more retired, and still others decided to walk off some of the newly accumulated poundage. So, Council 14 can once again chalk up their first fall event as a success.

Our maple maulers are once again feeling their collective ways through strikes and spares, gutter balls, and blows. Roy Bocunas, bowling league chairman and his efficient committee have done a superb job in organizing this year's bowling league. It seems as though every bowler anxiously awaits Wednesday evening. Since this is only the beginning of the season, no particular team has shown anything spectacular as yet.

Our biggest event of the year will have taken place on Thanksgiving Eve—that is our Annual Gobbler's Hop. The Committee was headed by our very capable Jerry Kasul, Co-Chairman Frank Higgins and their assistants Marge Allen, Johnny Bart, Stelle Bocunas, Roy Bocunas, Stelle Brozas, Ann Kasul, Frances Kishkunus, Aldute Mockus, "Kip" Pazniokas, Ann Shukes, Aldute Sleinis, and Bruno White.

At our last business meeting we were very pleased to increase our membership by three new members. They are Dorothy Kersnauskas, Sue Mack and Diana Satkus. We extend them a cordial welcome.

"Oh's," "Ah's," and "How wonderful" were some of the expressions of the listeners of our conventioners, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pavis, Lorraine Mack and Grace Zakaras. We also heard that Lorraine Mack had a won-

derful time in New York where she spent the remaining of her two weeks' vacation. Say, Lorraine, what's this we hear about you sitting in box seats to see the Chicago White Sox play? Don Calloway plays a pretty nice game, doesn't he, Lorry? Stelle Pavis gave the members a very fine detailed report of the events of the convention. Congratulations are in order to none other than Ed Pavis who was elected as 2nd Vice-President of the Supreme Office. We would also like to congratulate Council 112 upon the election of Andy Yuknis, as Trustee.

"Kip" Pazniokas walks around proud as a peacock handing out Dutch Masters—the reason—that's right, he's the proud Papa of a bouncing baby girl. We hear she has Emily's dimples.

Once again Council 14 has resumed the beautiful practice of attending Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion "in corpore" quarterly, followed by a breakfast served in the parish hall.

A Friend

South Boston, Mass.

COUNCIL 17

Our October meeting was held on the second Sunday of the month. Father Baltrusunas opened the meeting with a prayer. During the meeting he gave a good talk on cooperation. After the business part of the meeting was over, everyone enjoyed the tasty refreshments. I wonder how John Tumas manages to time it—for refreshments, only. Slim, Alice and the two Aldonas visited our meeting and were rewarded by a ride home by Joe Svelnis.

The district convention was held in Hartford, Conn. Southie's C-17 was well represented by Steve and John Contons, John Vallis, Tony Jackmauh, Joe and Marian Matachinskaskas, Larry Svelnis and Angie Masionis. Sunday sessions were held in the K. of L. clubroom. When the business was completed, all the delegates and guests enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner followed by dancing.

Our dance held for the BALF was not as successful as hoped. Neighboring councils of Norwood, Brockton, Providence and Cambridge were represented. Norwood's Stanley D., Ed Tarulis, and Vinny were there. But what happened to our Southie crowd?? Heard Worcester blew by but didn't drop in. How come? Marty T.'s gown caused quite a sensation at the dance.

Coming events include a gala dance on Nov. 22nd at the Continental Hotel in Cambridge. Music is to be furnished by Shep Wolan, the polka and waltz king. Don't forget to come and join in the fun.

Also C-17 is planning whist parties for the three Saturdays of Advent. Come on up and take home a prize. It's easy.

Wednesday nights are K. of L. bowling league nights. There aren't as many bowlers as last year it seems... Looks like Dan Cupid is breaking up that old bowling league of ours. How about some of the newer members coming down and joining in? We will be looking for you.

Newsies

Among the scholarly are Ann Kleponis, John and Steve Contons, and Johnny Tumas.

Noticed Frank Markunas and Virginia Petraitis walking along the beach the other Sunday holding hands.

Two of our active members Regina Glineckas and Julian Arlauskas recently announced their engagement. Best of luck to you both. Ditto to her sister, Leonore.

Did you see the cute picture of Ruthie Burbulis in the "Sunday Globe?"

Happy Birthday, Jeannie Glineckas.

Joe Svelnis seems to be wearing out the road to Brockton these days. Wonder why?

Congratulations to Joan Marculaitis who was married last month.

Sunshine

Linden, N. J.

COUNCIL 113

The topic mostly discussed at our last meeting was the coming dance of November 8th at the Club Linrose, Roselle Street, Linden, N. J. Music by the Grier Drake Orchestra, favorites of Asbury Park, N. J. Danny Joffe is Chairman and since he is one of our new members, let's show him how well we cooperate.

The bowling teams have started their season, and for the opening games, the girls won all three against the Elizabeth Dodgers. The social after the games was held here at Linden and from the comments afterward everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, eating (kapusta and Nockwurst), followed by dancing. Thanks goes to Eddie Sharkus and Joe Krotulis, and to Mrs. Zielenback for her cooking.

Our members have been invited to the Newark Council's Hallowe'en Party—costumes and all—for further developments as to this affair, read the next issue of the "Vytis."

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Things Seen and Heard

Bundonis boys driving the girls from Newark home from the convention—going by way of (only they know) and taking 8 hours to do it in!

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Eleanor S. calling "Gabe" from Maspeth "Gabby!"... Aldona C. after that special "drink" at the bowling alleys, only bowling 88!... Murphy K. telling the girls he's thinking of getting "hitched" soon! — we can believe that?... Helen G. and her brother Vic peeling potatoes for the last social!

Things Not Seen

Peggy Specher, Walter Galush, Anne Shaltis, Johnnie Shaltis et als at any of the meetings... Peggy Z.s boy friend around Linden... The match covers promised to certain people by Charlie B... The wedding invitation from Millie and Richie — when does it happen?

Paterson, N. J.

COUNCIL 61

Columbus Day holiday didn't hold anyone back from attending the meeting. We'd like to give thanks to all who attended Paterson's dance and to all who helped make it a success!

"Biznierius" the title of our play, will be presented December 14th at the parish hall. It is a comedy. Expect neighboring council members to attend.

Sense and Nonsense

Years of waiting finally did the trick! Smultz is seeing the day when he can again part his lovely locks. What happened to Bush? No More front teeth. Did you say you walked into a door? Huh?... Tire, tire, whose got it? John Zuras was robbed of a spare tire and jack and would like to get it back.

Been noticing that "Open the Door Richard" has been taking it easy for the past months. Could it be someone new in her life or is she just taking a good rest... The fellows got a pretty good start this bowling season. Gosh girls, come on, knock down some of those pins.

Flossie

Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 116

Our October meeting was well attended. The reports of both National and District Conventions were given and discussed. It was happy to hear that Louise Totilas was re-elected as Financial Secretary of the Supreme Council. Good Luck, Louise! Congratulations go to our president, Joseph Krasinkas, for being elected to the "Ritual Committee" of the N. E. District. Many of our members turned up at the Hartford convention to give us the largest delegation present.

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee reported that it is still doing its utmost in keeping in touch with Lithuanian refugees and looking out for any articles or columns written in Lithuania's behalf.

Our "Football Extravaganza" is going over with a bang. Here are the prizes being offered:

1. All-expense trip to Philadelphia, including two tickets to Army-Navy Football Game, 11/29/47.
2. All-expense trip to New York, including two tickets to Holy Cross-Columbia Football Game, 11/15/47.
3. All-expense trip to Boston, including two tickets to the H. C.-Boston College Game, Nov. 29, 1947.
4. Official Collegiate Football.
5. Two tickets to Holy Cross-Fordham Football Game at Fitton Field, Worcester, Mass., Nov. 22, 1947.

With such grand offerings, this should be truly the greatest "Sports" attraction ever put on.

Sunday, October 19th was a special day at our parish—the Blessing and Unveiling of the Memorial built by the parishioners to honor the boys of our parish who lost their lives in the last war. Our council took part in the parade and the ceremonies of the day. The new honor roll donated by the K. of L. was al-

so blessed and set in its permanent place.

NEWSETTES:

Word was received from Cleveland, Ohio from Eva Lukie, a former member, that she now has a son. Best wishes. We hope we shall continue to hear from you.

Ann (Kuzmickas) and Ray Luce have also become proud parents.

Louise, Vera, Charlie, Henry and Joe Chestna had a lovely motor trip to the National Convention. Except for a little radiator trouble the trip was de-lite-ful.

Letters of thanks were received from Frannie Kaliunas, Julia Katinas and V. Roman from Belmont Hospital for the nice Round Robin letters . . . they are looking forward to more news from our members.

Wedding congratulations are due Joe Marcy and Rita Ardowich (council 26)—since they shall live in our parish we are looking forward to seeing them at our meetings.

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