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Christmas Prayer

Christmas bells once more are ringing,
Peace to hearts of men are bringing,
Forgotten are our woes and fears
As back we tread to by-gone years.

Many years have flown since then,
Would that they'd come back again,
To bring once more in earth's sad hour
The peace that reigned that mid-night Hour.

For men have wandered far astray
From paths that once saw better days.
God give them courage to be brave
And live as brothers, not as slaves.

Dear Lord, from your celestial home on High,
Send us your blessing on this Christmas night,
Teach us to live and love and serve you well,
And bless and guard and keep our K. of L.

Contributed by **Nellie Kay Morkus.**



Christmas – A Manifestation of Love

Many attempts have been made to define the exact nature of love. In the fourth century before Christ, Aristotle defined love as the inclination or propensity to wish someone good. Sixteen centuries later St. Thomas Aquinas took Aristotle's definition and developed it into his great treatise on charity. Love is the desire or the wish that one has to do good to another regardless of the obstacles or circumstances involved. Hence the true character of love consists not in words but rather in deeds. That is why I believe that the best definition is the one which states that love is that imperious force by which one lays down everything at the feet of the one loved.

Bearing this in mind, we at once get an excellent picture of the meaning of Christmas with its mystery of the Incarnation. Man had sinned and the offense was an infinite one because the One offended is infinite. The gravity of an offense is always measured by the dignity of the person offended. For man to get back in the good graces of God, naturally satisfaction had to be made. Justice demanded that an infinite offense be satisfied by an infinite satisfaction. But man, being only finite, could at best make only a finite satisfaction for the honor of satisfaction made by a person is always judged by the dignity of the person who does the honoring or satisfying and not by the person who is honored or satisfied. As a finite satisfaction was hardly enough to satisfy for an infinite offense, man found himself in a terrible fix.

To him the problem was insoluble but to Infinite Wisdom Itself, the solution was simple, "God so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son"—John 3, 16. Yes, to make that infinite satisfaction, the Son of God left His place in heaven and became man by taking upon Himself a human nature without the human personality. "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"—John 1, 14. The divine plan called for a crucifixion, a bloody sacrifice on Mount Calvary. The Son of God, as such with His divine nature, could not suffer, hence the necessity of becoming man by assuming a human nature. Yet the person who was to suffer had to be infinite for the satisfaction had to be infinite. With a human person, the action of the human nature would be referred to that person and the satisfaction would, therefore, be only finite. Without the human person, the action of the human nature would be referred to the person possessing the human nature, in this case, to the who acts and is responsible but the person acts divine person, the Son of God. It is the person

through the nature. Since the Son of God possessed the human nature which suffered, it was of the Son of God Who suffered and the satisfaction became infinite because of the infinity of the Divine Person.

Therein lies the great mystery of the Incarnation. It is a mystery of love. God so loved man that He gave up His Son. The Son so loved man that He gave up heaven denied Himself and laid down everything, His body and blood, His soul and divinity, at the feet of man himself. Man sinned and sinned infinitely but God so loves man that He goes all out for him. What greater manifestation of love could God show sinful man?

St. Francis of Sales in his treatise on the love of God, states that love becomes charity when it is mutual and reciprocal. Since charity is the greatest of all virtues, we are ever bound to return the love that God has shown to us. Therein lies a lesson this Christmas ought to teach us.

God so loved us that He gave us everything that He possessed. So ought we to give Him everything that we possess: our minds, our wills and our hearts. Our K. of L. gives us the means or rather shows us how to increase our love for God. The constitution expressly states that its purpose is to instill within its members a deeper knowledge of the Catholic faith, to inspire them to the frequent practice of it and to safeguard their moral conduct through expedient means. By increasing our knowledge of God, by practicing our Catholic faith and faithfully fulfilling the commandments of God and the precepts of the Church, we increase our love of God because love always follows knowledge. Christ says to us: "If you love Me, keep my commandments, and St. John goes on to explain: "This is charity that we walk in His commandments". Thus by being better K. of L. members, we can learn to love God better.

It is only natural that when we love something, we want that something, the object of our love, to be better, more perfect and more appreciated and we are happy when that object does become better, more perfect and more appreciated. God loved man and, therefore, wanted him to be better by dying for him. Because our organization helps us to increase our love for God, naturally we love it but if we love it as we should, we shall ever strive to make it better known and loved by others. This love will push us, as it were, to go out and sell the K. of L. idea to those not yet privileged to be its members. It will impel us to contact this young fel-

Didžioji Tautų Migracija

Didžiaja Tautų Migracija vadina istorijoje 5-to ir 6-to amžiaus įvykusį didžiulį tautų persikėlimą iš vienu vietų į kitas. Lietuvių tautą toji migracija mažiau palietė, kaip kitas tautas, nes iš pietų šono Lietuva buvo sunkiai pasiekama per Pripeties balas, raistus ir miškus. 6-me amžiuje lietuvių tauta gyveno abiem šonais Dniepro, po kokius 200 km. į abu šonu tos upės. Jų teritorijos centre buvo toji vieta, kur dabar stovi Mogilevas. Pagal mūsų garsiausio kalbininko prof. K. Būgos tyrinėjimus, slavai jau 6-me amžiuje prasiveržė Dniepru iš pietų į lietuvių žemes, iš ten pradėjo lietuvius stumti į vakarus, į dabartinę Vilniją, kur tuomet latviai gyveno. Tai buvo anų laikų "Drang nach Westen". Tuo metu lietuviai išstumė latvius iš Vilnijos ir bendrai iš visos Aukštaitijos. Palengva, iki tryliktojo amžiaus vidurio lietuviai jau atžygiavo ir apsigyveno prie pat Baltijos krantų nuo Šventosios iki Labguvos. Visa lietuvių tauta pasistumė į vakarus nuo 200 iki 400 kilometrų. Tai visai nedaug, jei lyginti su gotų migracijomis, ar net bulgarų ir vengrų, kurie nuo Uralo ir Volgos nusikėlė net į Dunojaus baseiną, t.y. su savo gyvulių bandomis padarė kelionę apie 2500 iki

low or that young lady and convince them of the lofty ideals of the K. of L. We will not be satisfied until they do become members. As they do become members, we ourselves will love the K. of L. more because it will be loved by more and more people. Only thus can we really show our love for our organization.

This is the lesson we ought to learn this Christmas. It is a lesson of love and charity. It will drive us to be better members, therefore better Catholics, better lovers of God. Goodness is diffusive of itself. Our lives will shine forth and attract others who will strive to be like us. They, too, will increase in the love of God and the Knights of Lithuania. As a result, there will be a greater love among us. We'll have a greater love for our councils and consequently for the entire organization.

May I, as your spiritual advisor, wish all of you as K. of L. members a most holy and joyous Christmas. May the Divine Child, Who manifested so obviously His love for us by coming upon this earth, instill within us a similar love, a love which will blossom forth in testimony of our love for God, of our true Catholic lives and of our devotion to the K. of L. and everything it stands for.

REV. JOHN C. JUTKEVIČIUS

3000 kilometrų į vakarus, kardu prasimušdami sau kelią per kitas ten gyvenusias tautas.

Tautos tuomet beveik nesiskaldydavo, bet keliaudavo ištisomis bendruomenėmis su visu savo turtu. Betgi tuomet net žymios tautos vargiai ar siekė iki pusės milijono; dažniausia jos budavo daug mažesnės. O vietos, laisvos erdvės tuomet dar buvo iki valios. Dabar vėl kartojasi Didžioji Tautų Migracija. Tik ji apima didesnius skaičius ir dar daug didesnio masto keliones.

Naujųjų Amžių Laisvoji Migracija

Su Amerikos atradimu 1492 m. prasideda milžiniška europiečių migracija dar toliau į vakarus, į Vakarinių Pusrutulį. Kadangi šiuo metu stambesnės Europos tautos jau pasiūgėjo gan žymiai, jau turėjo po keletą milijonų gyventojų, ir kadangi nauji žemynai buvo pasiekiami tik per labai plačius vandenis, tai ištisų tautų persikėlimas jau nebegalėjo būti vykdomas. Bet kelėsi vis dėlto labai dideli skaičiai, ypač 18-me ir 19-me amžiuose. Per tuos du šimtmečius Europą apleido bent 60 milijonų žmonių, kurių apie 38 mil. teko Jungtinių Valstybių teritorijai. Iš vienos Britanijos išvyko bent 17 milijonų, gal arti tiek iš Ispanijos, bent 10 milijonų iš Vokietijos ir kiek mažiau iš Portugalijos.

Naujomis žemėmis labiausia pasinaudojo ankstyvi emigrantai iš Atlanto pakraščių. Be kolonizacijos angliškas pasaulis šiandien susidėtų gal tik iš 50 milijonų gyventojų, ogi dabar angliškai kalbančių žmonių keturiuose kontinentuose yra apie 220 milijonų; jų gimtoji kalba yra angliška; bet ne vien kalba: taipgi įstatymai, matai, saikai, galvosena ir papročiai sudaro iš jų vieną anglišką bendruomenę.

Be kolonizacijos ispaniškas pasaulis turėtų gal tik arti 30 mil. žmonių; dabargi jis apima apie 120 milijonų gyventojų nors ir prarado anglo-amerikiečiams Florida, Texas, Arizoną, Kaliforniją ir kitas milžiniškas sritis. Ispaniškas pasaulis dar bent trigubai padidės žmonėmis.

Mažutė Portugalija be kolonizacijos gal višiemis laikams but likusi 8-nių milijonų šalimi, bet jos duktė Brazilija jau turi arti 50 mil. gyv., ogi ateity turės gal bent 200 milijonų.

Rusai, kolonizuodami seniau Uralą, Sibirą, Centrinę Aziją, Kaukazą ir pietinę Ukrainą, padidino savo skaičių bent trigubai (dabar jų esama apie 103 mil.), ogi savo erdvę bent dešimteriopai.

Rusų valdomoje erdvėje (1938 m. ribose) dabar gyvena arti 170 mil. žmonių, bet nepaprastai didelis jų prieauglis (nuo 3 iki 4 mil. gryo pelno per metus) leidžia manyti, kad 21-mo amžiaus pradžioje ten jau bus 400 milijonų gyventojų. Tuomet nebeturės saugumo jokia Europos, Azijos ir Afrikos tauta.

Žiaurių Formalumų Sustabdyta Migracija

Iki 1914 m. vidurio (t.y. iki Pirmojo Pasaulinio Karo) beveik viso pasaulio žmonės turėjo teisę labai laisvai judėti, kur tik nori išvažiuoti ir apsigyventi. Laimingas tuo atveju buvo žmogus, nes dar nebuvo pasų. Pasus turėjo Europoje tik dvi primityviškos valstybės: Rusija ir Bulgarija. Pirmas Pasaulinis Karas apkretė net moderniškas valstybes naujų laikų raupais: *dideliu nepasitikėjimu žmogumi*. Skubotu tempu pradėjo augti užsieninių pasų ir net vizų voratinklis. Bet visas valstybes šiuo atžvilgiu pralenkė Jungtinės Valstybės, ypač nuo 1924 m., kuomet tapo sugalvotos kvotos affidavitai ir kiti nuostabiai painūs formalumai. Dabar gal nei pats Jurgis Vašingtonas, nei Abromas Linkolnas nebegalėtų lengvai Amerikon sugrįžti. Kitos mažai apgyventos šalys irgi nedaug teatsiliko nuo Jungtinių Valstybių.

Antras Pasaulinis Karas dar labiau pritrenkė žmoniškumo jausmus. Dabar kiekvienas bėglys nuo diktatūros turi demokratams įrodyti, kad jis ne dramblys. Tokiam įrodymui dabar reikia visokiausių popiergalių nebe tuzinais, bet beveik svaisais. O ir tai nepadeda, nes bendroji įstatymų dvasia yra stačiai nukreipta prieš vargingą žmogų. Amerikos kvotų tvarka labai rasistinė. Ji leidžia atvykti daugiausia germaniškomis tautomis, ypač britams, kurie erdvės turi daugiau negu jiems reikia ir todėl savo kvotos negali ir sunaudoti. Argentina irgi pradeda sekti rasistinius pavyzdžius lygiai kaip ir Australija, kiekviena pasirinkdama ateivius iš sau etniškai artimų tautų ir apribodama kitų europiečių imigraciją.

Apie Imigracijos Kvotų Padorumą

Iki 1914 m. pasitaikydavo kai kada, kad per metus į Jungtines Valstybes atvykdavo nuo vieno iki dviejų milijonų žmonių iš Europos. Šiais laikais Amerikai nebebutų patogu be ribos ateivius įsileisti. Bet kai dabar visos imigracijos kvota yra numušta iki 153,879—tai jau didelis kraštutinimas. Amerika be vargo galėtų įsileisti bent du kartu daugiau per metus, ypač per keletą pokarinių metų, kad nors laisvę praradusių tautų tremtiniai galėtų prieglaudą rasti. Reiktų pagalvoti ir apie įstatymų padorumą, jų pritaikymą laisvajam žmogui gelbėti. Be Amerikos pagalbos Rusija juk nebut galėjus užkariauti Baltikos respublikų, Lenkijos ir Jugoslavijos. *Komunizmas ir jo žiauri diktatūra Centro Europoje įsigalėjo su didele parama Lend-Lease ir UNRRA, ir per amerikiečių didelį nuolaidumą Yaltos ir Teherano konferencijose.* Komunizmui gelbėti Amerika juk papylė keliolika bilijonų dolerių. Komunistinė Lenkija juk negalėjo gimti be Amerikos pritarimo Stalinui ir jo gudrybėms.



Lietuvos Ministras pulk. Povilas Žadeikis, New Yorko miesto Valdybos priėmimų salėje aukoja BALF aukų rinkėjai p-lei Rūtai Averkaitei. Stovi: p-lė Adelė Daužickaitė, p-lė Joan Jacobi. Prie ministro stovi ponija Bronė Brundzienė, BALF New Yorko apskrities pirm. Jono Brundzos žmona, p-lė Aldona Valaitytė, p-lė Adelė Garbanauskaitė ir dešinėje su dėžute rankoj Ona Valaitienė. Photo by Peter Urban.

Šiandien Amerika jau pradeda po truputį suprasti kad ji klaidingai darė remdama Rusijos diktatoriaus užgaidas. Dabar jau net bandoma senas klaidas taisyti. Bet jas taisant pirmoje vietoje reiktų parodyti krikščionišką pasigailėjimą sugriautų demokratinių lizdelių našlaičiams, žmonėms be tėvynės. Juk tie žmonės 7-8 metus kovojo prieš abi diktatūras kentėjo skriaudas nuo abiejų diktatorių: rudojo ir raudonojo. Kovoti prieš abi despotijas yra juk dvigubai didesnis heroizmas ir didesnis nuopelnas demokratijai, negu kova tik prieš vieną despotiją. Tad pirmoji Amerikos pagalba turėtų eiti Baltijos tautoms, lenkams, ukrainiečiams ir jugoslavams. Šitų visų tautų tremtinių Europos kontinente dabar yra apie 900,000. Amerika labai lengvai galėtų prisiimti bent pusę šitų našlaičių, o jos gražus pavyzdys tikrai paragintų kitas mažesnes abiejų Amerikų šalis priglausti antrąją pusę.

Negrįžtuolio Dainelė

(Redakcijos Pastaba)

Pirmiausia, kas gi tie negrįžtuoliai? Ogi tai Sovietų piliečiai, legaliai išvykę kaip aukšti valdininkai, arba slapta iš melo, priespaudos ir skurdo karalystės pabėgę į užsienius ir apsisprendę nebegrįžti "rojun". Rusų spaudoje jie vadinami sunkiu žodžiu "nevozvraščency"; lietuviškai gal tikėtų jus vadinti negrįžtuoliais. Tai įvairių laisvų ar demokratinių pažiūrų žmonės, nustoję vilties, kad Sovietijoje bent kiek laisvės artimu laiku atsirastų, ar kad gyvenimas ten bent kiek pagerėtų.

Negrįžtuolių likimas dar liūdesnis, negu lie-

Iš Imigracijos Amerika Daugiausia Laimėtų

Žinoma, kaip Amerika, taip ir kitos šalys, daug galvoja kaip greit nauji ateiviai asimiliuos su vietine mase, t.y. ištautės. Bet Amerika jau turi ilgą praktiką su Baltijos ir Centrinės Europos tautomis: pirmoje kartoje suaugę ateiviai tik paviršutiniškai kiek suamerikonėja, antroje kartoje tik maža jų dalis dar *truputį* moka savo tėvų kalbos, ogi trečioje kartoje jie galutinai pasineria anglo-amerikoniečių mariose. Išimtis esti, bet labai retos. Be to, jau gerai ištirta, kad pramokslinti ateivių sluoksniai greiteliau asimiliuojasi. Gi dabartiniai ateiviai kaip tik ir sudarytų pačią mokyčiausią imigracijos srovę, visų laikų rekordą.

Amerika nenori laikinų imigrantų. Bet ji jau žino, kad ilgiau pagyvenę Amerikoje ir čia patogiausiai įsitaisę ateiviai juk tik labai mažu procentu atgal begrįžta. Tad šiaip ar taip galvosi, vis vien Amerika išsina laimėtoja, o ne kraštas ateivius duodąs.

Ateiviai neištautėja tikrai retai apgyventose šalyse, kur maža miestų, mažiau progų mišrioms vedyboms. Amerikoje tautinės vedybos ne labai madoje, ogi mišrios vedybos ir ateivių grupėse sudaro daugumą. Tą pasakys kiekvienas lietuviškos parapijos klebonas. Tad Amerikai nėra jokios reikalo bijotis net ir stambios europiečių bangos. Kas kitą su kitos spalvos žmonėmis, kurie čia vedybiniu atžvilgiu laikomi izoliacijoje. Bet ir jie nustoja savo kalbos, o išlaiko tik odos spalvą. Amerikos plotų begalybė irgi žymi pagelba ištautėjimui. Juk visų tautų ateivių spauda, draugijos ir teatrai Amerikoje be jokios priespaudos kaž kaip savaime tirpsta. Sociologai, gyvenimo stebėtojai juk tai žino. Todėl gan sunku suprasti Amerikos egoizmą, nukreiptą prieš pačios Amerikos interesus. Kuo patriotiškesnė organizacija, tuo labiau ji nenori stiprinti Amerikos naujais gyventojais, netgi tokiais, kurie jai bus labai pravartūs busimose kovose prieš diktatūras ir despotizmą. K. PAKŠTAS

tuvių tremtinių, nes jie visur Vakarų Europoje gaudomi ir atiduodami Sovietų inkvizitoriams. Šie demokratai dažnai turi keisti savo pavardes ir net tautybę, kad išgelbėti savo gyvybę. Jų gaudymu daugiausia užsiima britų, prancūzų, amerikiečių ir kitų kraštų policijos Europoje. Dažnai rusų spaudoje rašoma, kaip tragiškai slapstosi, vargsta ir kai kada nusižudo drąsūs ir herojiški negrįžtuoliai. Vienas tokių negrįžtuolių matomai apsimetė lenku ir gavo prieglaudą lenkų stovykloje Romoje su pagelba registratoriaus Komisarzewskio. Jam tad jis, kaip poetas, ir pašvenčia puikiai parašytą rusišką eilėraštį, kurio menką vertimą čia patiekiame, nes jis gerai vaizduoja milijonų laisvųjų žmonių baisias tragedijas, kuomet Sovietai laimėjo karą prieš nacius, apgavo Vakarų demokratijas ir beveik užvedė sovietišką tvarką Vakarų Europoje. Bet leiskime negrįžtuoliui dainuoti savo liūdną dainą "Vyties" redaktoriaus vertime.

"Visi turkai važiuoja į namus,
Ir ten jiems duos dokumentus.
Duos teisę jiems laisvai gyvent,
Tad nusprendžiau aš turkum tapt.
Radau aš progą ir momentą,
Ir štai gavau jau dokumentą:
Turkijoje gimęs, kaip matai,
Ten motina mano ir tėvo namai.
Bet apsirinkau aš, kvailys:
Juk Turkijoje SSSR įlys;
Turkus juk gali "išliuosuoti",
Tad neagalėsiu turką nuduoti.
Štai negrai Afrikoje gyvuoja,
Bananus valgo ir dainuoja.
Ten galima visur laisvai vaikščiot,
Ir nusprendžiau aš negru pabuvot.
Suodimi išsitečiau aš veidą,
Nosin įverčiau stambų žiedą;
Raudonas Kryžius parašą davė,
Kas pas Negusą esu tarnavęs.
Bet gazetose skaičiau neseniai,
Kad Molotov kalba gan uoliai:
Buk Stalin's kolonijas renkas,
Tad negru tapti man netinka.
Dvasia-gi mano visai sunyko,
Nes du kartu jau nepavyko.
Jiegoms jau krintant visiškai,
Lenkai priglaudė draugiškai.
Dievulio žemė man nejauki:
Ko tik meldi — vis apsirinki.
Klausė Jis manęs gan ilgai;
Galop paklausė: "Kas tu, kur tavo namai!"
Senelis mano — Javos ukrainietis,
O mano tėvas — mongolas susirietęs.
Motina mano — vergė iš Madagaskaro,
Ogi bobutė — iš kalnuoto Gibraltaro.
Apie save aš ir užmiršau . . .
Iki to karo graikas buvau,
Šitame kare tyfu sirgau
Ir per tai, rodos, turkum tapau.
Bendrai gi, noriu būti nors pelėda,
Kurios ir Juozapas neėda.
Bet nėra laimės mano prigimty:
Tokios šalies nerasiu ir ateity.
Rusas aš buvau ir busiu.
Rusijos niekam neparduosiu!
Bet, kad išvengti nagų "tėvelio",
Aš apsiliksiu net velnio švarkelį.

Roma

Nevozvraščenc

LOVE

by Milton Stark

Monsieur Jean Bordeaux was a dapper little man who invariably dressed in the same clothes. His entire wardrobe consisted of four pairs of trousers, two waistcoats and a shiny topcoat. It was his custom to wear one waistcoat three days consecutively and to alternate trousers daily, so that in a single week's time he never presented himself in exactly the same suit of clothes twice. It was during the second week's acquaintance with Monsieur Bordeaux that people began to notice something repetitious about his person.

In manner, Monsieur Bordeaux was punctilious and affable, and always so when in the presence of older ladies, who became immediately fond of him because of his scrupulous attention and his youth. Monsieur Bordeaux was scarcely thirty-three years old. What with a graceful carriage and a pale face rendered more pale by a flawlessly-kept coal-black Vandyke beard, he was the first week the subject of many a subdued comment among the bulkier matrons of Parisian bourgeois society.

No one knew where Monsieur Bordeaux came from. He had simply come. But he knew about rare wines and business matters. He could sketch tolerably well and often quoted from the poets, preferring pantheistic verse to any other. All of which served to strengthen his general popularity, even with the gentlemen, who remarked—"Bordeaux? Ah, yes, that fellow—yes, he is up on matters."

At this time there lived in Paris a certain Madame de Narcisse, a widow of some years, who was considered to be well-endowed financially and culturally. Her husband had been a prosperous manufacturer of candlesticks and was rumored to have left his widow a fortune amounting to close to a million francs. Since his death, Madame had changed her name to de Narcisse—for phonetical reasons, she said—and took to wearing only the most fashionable attire, an unheard of extravagance while the late candlestick-maker was yet alive. Madame de Narcisse was known to write for a number of Provincial newspapers; moreover, she took an active role in affairs of the day, being a secretary of one of the most distinguished women's clubs in Paris. Her apartments were host to newly arrived personages from foreign places.

Now it happened that in the course of his social adventures, Monsieur Bordeaux came to meet this fabulous Madame de Narcisse. At once these two were attracted to one another, the one with his profusion of good taste and fragments of verse, the other with her riches and social prestige. However, the public eye could

not detect any sort of amorous alliance between them; wild speculations arose as to their probable relationship. Some said the imperious Madame de Narcisse was indulging in an intellectual alliance; a few pointed out that Madame's cheeks had developed a peculiar flush since her introduction to Monsieur Bordeaux. Paris was baffled.

At last an event took place, the consequences of which left no doubt in the minds of the inquisitive. Monsieur Bordeaux and Madame de Narcisse left the city on an excursion, accompanied only by Madame's personal maid and the driver of the coach.

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"Ah, my dear, you are charming," whispered Monsieur Bordeaux as he took Madame de Narcisse's pudgy little hand into his own and gave it an imperceptible squeeze there in the quiet of a little park in the countryside near Paris. "Are you sorry that you and I have come here to escape that dreadful tedium of Paris? Is not the grass green and the breeze fresh? Oh, what joy it is to sit here close to you and breathe the fragrance of your hair as it is combed by the capricious zephyr!"

*'A violet by a mossy stone
Half hidden from the eye!
Fair as a star, when only one
Is shining in the sky.'*"

Really, Madame's curls had become quite dishevelled. There were clots of mustard on the down of her upper lip, and bits of grass clung to her dimpled elbows as she leaned back to allow Monsieur's nose to inhale better the scent behind her ears.

"Oh, Jean," she sighed.

Madame's hair whipped into Monsieur's face with the rapidity of a hummingbird's wings. His eyes were smarting from the flaying. But he was not so coarse as to betray his distress to Madame.

Fortuitously a natural phenomenon intervened at this point. Madame developed a leg cramp.

"Here, let me assist you to your feet, my dear," Monsieur was relieved to say. "By the tree, by the tree," he directed her. "You will see. I know about these sudden muscular contractions—a little massage and they are gone."

Holding on to Monsieur's firm arm, Madame began hobbling over to the gnarled giant of a tree beside their outstretched cloth strewn with the remains of what had been a wholesome snack—half empty jars of pickles, pigs feet, stewed fruits and jams; slices of two kinds of bread, a leg of lamb, squares of spiced ham, olives, crackers, a flagon of claret and a mixed salad. Madame succeeded in avoiding all but the salad

bowl in the attempt to reach the tree. Despite Monsieur's strenuous efforts, she plunged her aching limb into the mush of creamed vegetables and stained her stocking.

Monsieur labored a long time in solacing Madame's anguish. With his initialed handkerchief he wiped clean her shoe and stocking; with his fingers he relieved the tension in her calf. She even laughed when Monsieur remarked that the salad was now properly flavored for eating.

The scene of these mishaps was in a grove of towering poplars which grew over the upper part of a knoll looking out to a rocky pasture on one side and a tiny lake on the other. On the hilltop itself, cropped blue-green grass lay at the foot of the trees, criss-crossed by white pebbled paths, dapple in the light of the sun permeating the mesh of leaves high up. It was still and cool. Fountains and rustic benches were erected in shaded nooks, and lovers found it a soothing atmosphere in which to cool their ardor. They would sit there the day long, holding hands, whispering quietly and throwing bread crumbs from their lunches to the birds, the sole spectators. It was possible to pass by the very fringe of the park along a roughly hewn fence, up and down on banked paths, over stream beds and through plots of crimson and yellow and white flowers. One could linger and gaze out at the rolling grazing lands below and the haze hovering above them where they met other hills far away; one could look down at the lake, too; a silver basin set in the dark-green leafage bent over it and nodding in its waters. One could sleep under a tree.

Towards evening a coach drawn by two husky horses passed down the sloping hillside of the little park and turned into the main road leading to Paris. Monsieur Bordeaux and Madame de Narcisse sat in the coach. Joan, Madame's maid, was conspicuous bundled up on the box beside the driver.

A sprightly wind jostled the leaves in the thickets on the roadside. The pool of the sky in the west was flooded with red and looked like a bloody wound in the flesh of the horizon. The end of the day was at hand. Great shadows smeared their chilly darkness over the fields, beginning to eclipse even the hills and the trees. Singly and in pairs, sparks of a different kind of light were showing themselves in the sky.

The coach was clattering down the road. Joan and the driver were huddled together in the cold smart of the wind. Inside the coach Monsieur and Madame rubbed cheeks in a continuous embrace because of the excessive heat.

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Monsignor Robert Mazarin, pastor of Paris' Saint Michele Cathedral, stood smiling at the stone steps before which stood grand archways

marked the entrances to the church vestibule. The cobblestones in the yard sounded like cannon under the iron-shod wheels of the carriages which drove in and out in monotonous procession. Fat merchants, dressed in Sunday black, conversed in tight knots on the church steps and blew their noses into neatly ironed handkerchiefs; while their wives, in prim ruffles, rummaged through diminutive handbags and glanced fitfully at Madame so-and-so's increased bulk, or flitted about dispensing tickets for coming fetes for the benefit of this and that club. Little boys and girls bounced against their fathers and mothers, playing their inevitable games.

The groom was standing at the Monsignor's right hand, paying respects and receiving congratulations. He was beaming and bowing.

At last the bridal carriage drew up to the steps; a footman jumped off to fix a stool under the door. The bedecked bride stepped out. She wore a brocaded gown displaying all manner of frilly attachments. Her face was white with powder; her eyes roamed nervously in sympathy with the crowd's appreciative reaction now a crescendo in the hollowness of the archways. She suppressed a desire to scratch an almost intolerable itch on her flank. Into the throng she went together with her retinue to be welcomed by the Monsignor and the groom. "Oh, I am so happy!" she cried again and again. The onlookers milled and chattered—the tumult! but here there was no strife; everyone was happily disposed even though the day was getting hotter and the men wished to return home as speedily as possible to relax and read the morning newspaper. Monsieur Bordeaux and Madame de Narcisse were married.

Monsieur Bordeaux announced that he and his wife would honeymoon in Provence at the Bordeaux family estate. So, he was of the landed gentry! Madame herself was so immensely pleased at this revelation that she urged Monsieur to journey at the earliest convenience to their new home.

The newspapers devoted much space to this marriage. "Bordeaux, Rich Landowner, Weds Socialite de Narcisse," headlined every social page.

"I knew it from the beginning," spoke up one prominent lady. "He was so intelligent and gallant. I knew him to be a wealthy, distinguished kind from the very start. Did I not tell Madame Collette the very same thing last—"

Madame Bordeaux settled what few business connections she had and transferred her money to a bank in Marseille. She was no longer to return or call Paris her home. She sold her house and gave away her cat. All was in readiness for the departure.

"Goodby, goodby!" called out Madame Bordeaux from the train window when a week later

she and her husband bid final adieu to Paris, to the boulevards, shops and clubs. She waved her handkerchief at a group of intimate friends on the platform. The train pulled out.

During these last few days Monsieur Bordeaux had been describing constantly his home and property to Madame. He spoke of a green forest and secluded glades; there was a lake full of fish, and the view was beautiful from Madame's bedroom window in the west wing of the mansion.

"I'm so happy!" Madame always exclaimed.

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The noisy little train came to a momentary halt at Rideault in Provence. Two passengers got off. They found themselves in one of those rural communities where the post office and barber shop are the crux of social and political activity among the inhabitants. The streets were dusty and spotted with horse dung. The old clerk in the depot seemed to be the soul living thing around. It was a lazy, hot midafternoon.

Madame Bordeaux asked in a soft voice, "Jean, this is Rideault?"

"Charming, is it not?"

"Oh—yes, yes." Madame felt her old jubilation diminishing in intensity, but she took heart so as not to hurt Jean. She asked a question relative to the baggage.

Fascinated by it all, Monsieur Bordeaux surveyed the surroundings, obviously experiencing acute happiness in the drab dwellings and the thickness of the air in the deserted streets. He stared at and even fingered a grimy lamp post.

Madame felt tremulous misgivings. Was this Monsieur Bordeaux? "Oh, but it is nothing. He is so glad to be near home. Every object however insignificant has a sentimental value in his homesick eye." With these silent thoughts she dismissed her doubts and forced a feeble smile.

"Yes—oh, of course, the baggage," Monsieur remembered suddenly. "My dear, the servants will come for it later. Now we go home, what?" He grasped Madame's arm and ushered her into the main thoroughfare just beyond the depot. "It is not far; we will walk."

Madame followed automatically. It was awkward for her to walk the ruts underfoot with her high-heeled travelling boots. She was very brave. But when her ankles began to hurt she let out one or two whimpers.

"It is not far. It is not far," Monsieur Bordeaux insisted time after time.

Several miles having gone by, with Madame in a lather, blubbing at every step, her petticoats soiled and wrinkled, they saw an austere-looking building situated behind some trees a hundred yards to one side of the road. A tall iron fence encircled it. Within the fence was a square of gravelled ground, bleak and tidy. A

flag waved from a pole in the middle of the square.

Monsieur Bordeaux reached the gate first and rang a bell at its side.

Madame was so weary and disconcerted that she flopped herself down on the closest stone to rest. She held her head in her hands. She saw nothing and no longer cared to see anything. She sobbed.

"We are here, darling!" choked Monsieur Bordeaux in the act of brushing a tear from his cheek. "Do you hear? We are here!"

Presently a white-clad figure came out of the building across the gravel. It was a man, and he was outfitted with a military type jacket. He carried a whistle suspended from a black cord. The hair on his head was cut short. He walked swiftly; in the space of a minute one could already hear the ring of keys jingling in his hand.

At first the man in white looked at Monsieur Bordeaux with the expression of a stranger. Then, like a bomb, he exploded: "You—no! Never! Jacques! Just a moment!" He fumbled with his keys.

Monsieur Bordeaux pranced with glee at having been remembered. "See! See! He remembers!"

These loud ejaculations jarred Madame out of her stupor. The locked gate, the man in white, Jacques—what did all this mean. Wild conjectures shot through her mind. By chance she happened to avert her eyes to the top of the gate. Her mouth opened and closed spasmodically; the saliva dribbled out on her chin. She screamed and collapsed in a faint. A bronze plaque on the gate read: "Rideault Institution For The Insane."

In a Paris newspaper, on the fourth page, appeared one morning this item, under the caption *Madman Apprehended*: Jacques Bidault, monomaniac, was recaptured late yesterday afternoon by attendants of the 'Rideault Institution For The Insane' at Rideault, Provence. With him was an unidentified hysterical woman. Bidault had been missing for a number of weeks."

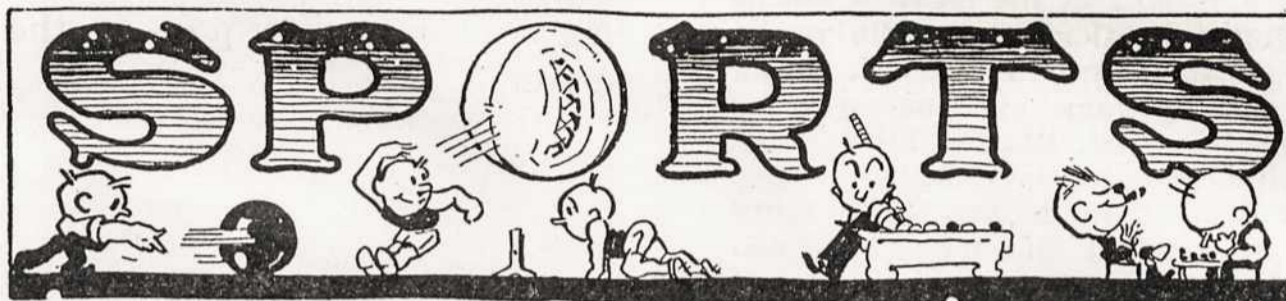
Meanwhile and thereafter Parisian circles periodically toasted the whirlwind romance of Monsieur Bordeaux and Madame de Narcisse. "Oh, they must be happy, those two!" was the concensus of opinion.

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If there is righteousness in the heart there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there be harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

—Chinese proverb, quoted in SUNSHINE MAGAZINE

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I have never had a policy. I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day, as each day came.

—Abraham Lincoln



1947 K. of L. All-Lithuanian American Football Team

By Stanley Balberis, Brockton, Mass.

Hold tight! Here's the team you have been waiting for, your *All-Lithuanian American football choices for the 1947 season*. After eight solid weeks of corresponding with various big-name coaches throughout the country, the Knights of Lithuania is prepared to publish its annual All-Lithuanian American eleven.

Because of the relatively small number of Lithuanian players on the rosters of the major college teams, it wasn't difficult to single out the eleven men who occupy positions on my first team. These selections are based on three standards; quality of play, amount of work, and team value.

The 1947 Lithuanian American eleven's power is concentrated in the line, offsetting the lack of a super backfield unit. There is plenty of talent behind the line, but that forward wall is really loaded. There isn't a college coach in the country who wouldn't jump with joy if this collection of gridiron material was assembled on his campus. Every Lithuanian-American should be proud of his nationality's contribution to the football wealth of this nation.

In passing, I would like to thank the various College and University sports publicity directors who were so obliging and co-operative.

Head Coach, Bill Kern, West Virginia; Asst. Coaches, Ed Krause, Notre Dame; Al Kawal, Drake U.; Chet Gladchuck, New York U.

Player	College	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Home
Alfred Russas, Tennessee		RE	6:2	202	Prov., R. I.
John Kissell, Boston Col.		RT	6:2	230	Nashua, N.H.
Leo Yarutis, Kentucky		RG	5:8	120	Gary, Ind.
Ed Kennedy, Boston Col.		C	6:6	255	Tamaqua, Pa.
Al Jancauskas, Marquette		LG	6:	196	Cicero, Ill.
G. Savitsky, Capt., Penn.		LT	6:4	264	New Phila. Pa.
Bill Wightkin, Notre D.		LE	6:2	205	Santa Monica
Binnie Reiges, UCLA		QB	6:1	206	Worcester
V. Yablonski, Columbia		LHB	5:11	196	Worc., Mass.
John Nork, Columbia		RHB	5:10	184	Shenan., Pa.
Veto Kissell, Holy Cross		FB	5:11	210	Nashua, N.H.

Second Team

Walter Gregonis	Penn	RE	Shenan., Pa.
Gasper Urban	Notre Dame	RT	Lynn, Mass.
George Pavelko	Villanova	RG	New Phila., Pa.
Viictor Banonis	Georgetown	C	Detroit, Mich.

Ed. Kaminsky	San Francisco	LG	Kulpmont, Pa.
Alvin Wistert	Michigan	LT	Chicago, Ill.
Albert Butkus	Rutgers	LE	Newark, N. J.
Tony Ragunas	Temple	QB	Plymouth Pa.
Bennie Babula	Cornell	LHB	Gr. Ringe, Pa.
Walter Platukis	Duquesne	RHB	Hazelton, Pa.
Rudy Regan	San Francisco	FB	Berwick, Pa.

Honorable Mention

LINEMEN: *Yacina*, Duquesne; *Kersulis*, Illinois; *Smolhenskis*, Temple; *Sandusky*, Villanova; *Stankevitch*, Colgate; *Jusko*, Marquette; *Gryska*, Cornell; *Saksa*, Washington U.; *Berkowskie*, Pittsburgh; *Kubilius*, Syracuse; *Bacauskas*, Columbia; *Gabsewics*, San Francisco; *Kissell*, Minnesota. **BACK:** *Abromaitis*, Navy.

RIGHT END

Al Russas (Tennessee). Down in Tennessee they'll tell you there hasn't been a better defensive end than Al Russas of University of Tennessee in many a year, which speaks well enough for this six-foot 2 inch 202-pounder.

Although playing with a below par Tennessee line, Al's playing on defense has been unequalled by a teammate or an opponent; he is seldom taken off his feet and is almost impossible to run a play around his flank. On offensive playing Al has a habit of snagging passes for long gains and touchdowns. New England fans had a chance to see this ex-Army Air Force hero from Providence, R. I. operate in a game against Boston College last year. Al, gave a fine account of himself in the Orange Bowl against the victorious Rice Owls a year ago.

RIGHT TACKLE

John Kissell (Boston College). Although hampered by injuries most of last season, Kissell, a Junior, has come into his own this year. Weighing 230, all bone and muscle, the handsome Lithuanian was largely responsible for the "Eagles" successful running attack. Against the powerful Wake Forrest team and three other major opponents, Kissell played terrific football. After playing freshman and varsity football at the Heights in '41 and '42, he saw 38 months of service with the Fourth Army. Served in England and France. While there, he played three games with the Fourth Army eleven. Is the third member of the family to wear the Maroon and Gold. Two older brothers, Jim and Adolph, preceded him to B. C. A younger brother, Veto, is starring for Holy Cross.

RIGHT GUARD

Leo Yarutis (Kentucky). I have never seen Yarutis in action, but the school's publicity director assures me that he ranks with the greatest best-pocket guards in the school's history. A stocky ex-marine, packing 180 pounds on a five-foot eight-inch frame, he mixed that weight with the biggest and toughest of them all through-

out the season. He was a master at his position and is known as the "Little Tiger." A fiery player, he was a great leader in the "Wildcats" forward wall. He broke his arm in last year's opening game and thereafter he played in every game with a cast. Started his football career at Polleston High School in Gary, Indiana. Last year, he played for the South team in the North-South game. He is majoring in pre-med and plans to coach football when he graduates this year.

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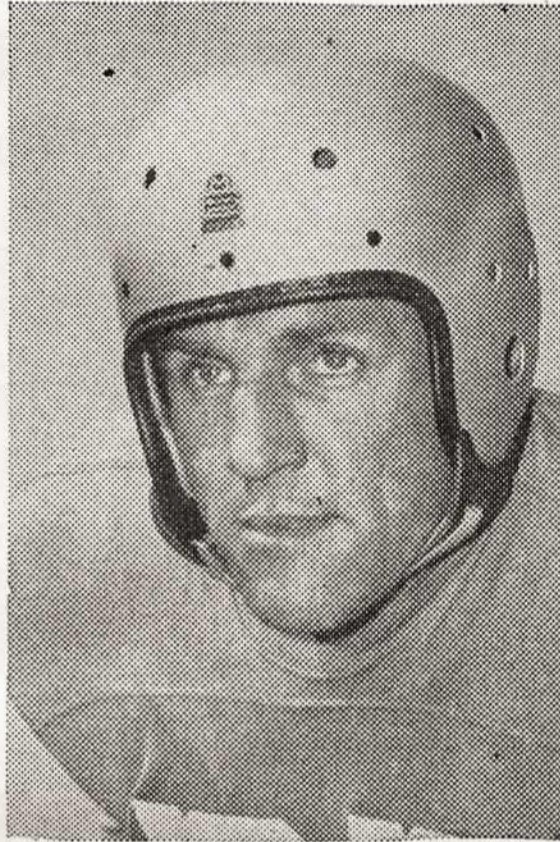
Ed Kennedy (Boston College). There were comparatively few outstanding Lithuanian centers this year, but **Big Ed Kennedy** of Boston College, an 18 year old, six-foot six-inch, 255 pounder, towered over the rest. This sophomore giant backs the line and ranges from sideline to sideline. He plays the game the way B. C.'s immortal Chet Gladchuck did. He's a teeth rattling tackler, and he calls the defensive set-ups and then personally supplies most of the ingredients. He played 50 minutes of every major game and is apparently indestructible. A varsity veteran at 17, he earned a letter at center as a freshman last year. Ed, prepped at Tamaqua High School in Pa., where he earned All-State honors as an end for two years.

LEFT GUARD

Al Jancauskas (Marquette). This left guard of Marquette's "Golden Avalanche" is one of the two youngest players representing this year's K. of L. All-Lithuanian eleven. A varsity veteran at 18, he earned a letter at guard as a freshman, two years ago, when only 16. Jancauskas was an instinctive player with uncanny ability to capitalize on opponents' mistakes. Al, is always steady and dependable rather than spectacularly brilliant. He never plays for the crowd but invariably wins the commendation of his coach. While at St. Ignatius High, in

VYTIS — SEVEN

Chicago, he won letters in football for three years and earned All-State honors for two. He is the baby of the family, having two brothers age 30 and 32. The older is a Jesuit Father now studying for a Doctor of Economics degree at Columbia University, while the other brother is married and is completing his Doctor of Chemistry studies at the University of Chicago. He is an honor student, majoring in mechanical Engineering.



Ventan Yablonski, Columbia Halfback



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LEFT TACKLE

Captain George Savitsky (Pennsylvania). A prodigious six-foot three-inch 264 pounder, wearing a size 14½ shoe, Savitsky has been described to me as the greatest tackle ever to wear the Red and Blue of Pennsylvania. Good natured and easy going off the field, he plays such a smashing game that on one occasion his opponents complained he was "simply too rough." Amazingly light on his feet, Savitsky is so quick and so resourceful that his tremendous bulk is almost invariably in the right place in any play. In 1944 the ex-marine hero became the first freshman to captain a Penn varsity team. The following year he became Penn's first All-American tackle since 1927 when Ed Hake and John Smith were selected. This great natural athlete, has the honor of becoming the school's first player ever to wear the triple All-American crown. For three years he was selected to play on the East team in the annual East-West game. Won a track letter at shot-put last year.



Al Russas, Tennessee End



John Kissell, Boston College Tackle



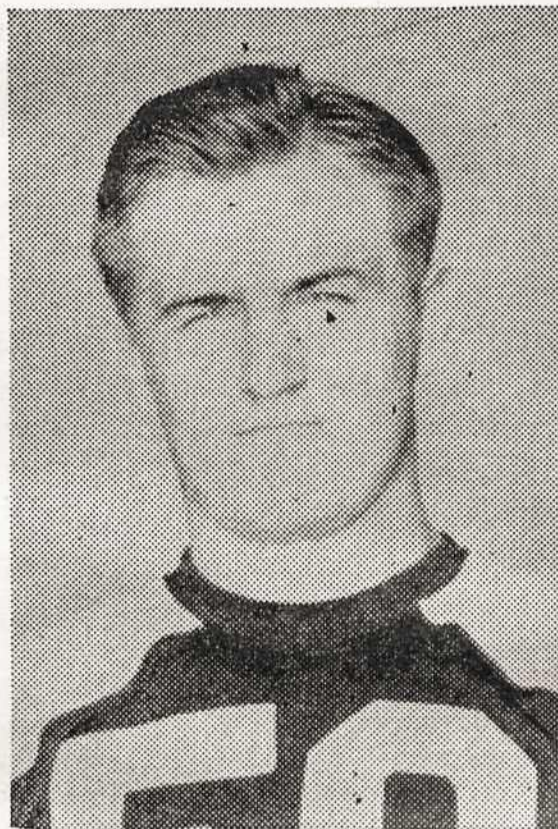
Leo Yarutis, Kentucky Guard



Edward Kennedy, Boston College Center



Columbia Halfback



Veto Kissell, Holy Cross Fullback

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LEFT END

Bill Wightkin (Notre Dame). A great defensive wingman, Wightkin rarely is blocked out of a play. On offensive, he is an exceptionally fine blocker. Big and smart, this six-foot two-inch 205 pound end has been called by his coach Frank Leahy, as one of the finest defensive wingmen he's seen in many a year. He showed tremendous improvement this spring, his being awarded the Hering Award as the "best Blocking end" in spring practice. Won a letter last season as a freshman after a year with the Coast Guards. Bill won two letters in each of the three sports, football, baseball, and basketball at Catholic Central high school in Detroit, captaining the footballers. His folks moved from Detroit to Santa Monica, Calif. last year.

QUARTERBACK

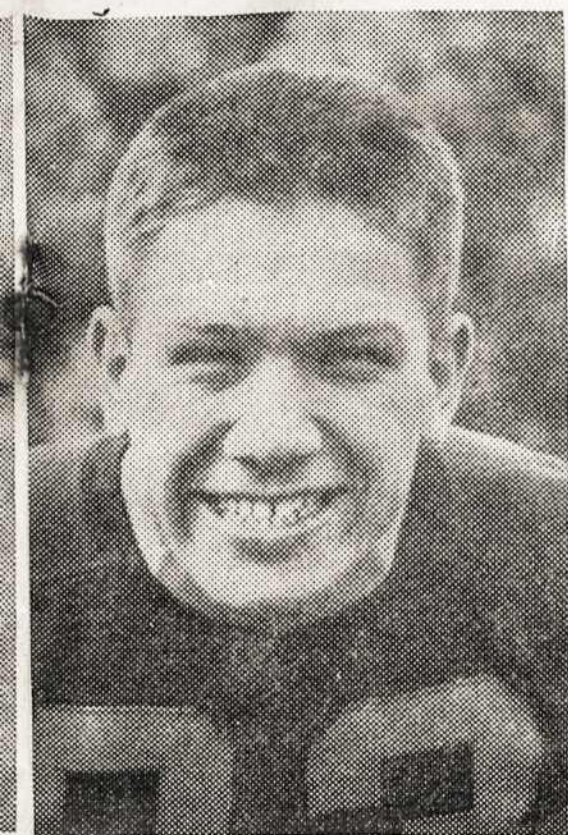
Bennie Rieges (U.C.L.A.). The field general is big Bennie Rieges, U.C.L.A.'s great all-around athlete. His coach labels him the finest punter he has seen in some time. Spearhead of the Bruins offense which has been a national feature two solid seasons, his passing, kicking, and running were all outstanding and his defensive play of the very highest order. Played freshman football at Georgetown in 1940 and on the varsity there the following year. Served 38 months with the Army Air Forces as a first Lt. While at Georgetown, he earned letters in football, baseball, and basketball. Married, he is a Junior from Worcester, Mass., and is majoring in mechanical engineering.

LEFT HALFBACK

Ventan Yablonski (Columbia). Yablonski has been his team's sparkplug all season. He carried practically the entire burden of the Blue and White attack until after the season was well underway. His terrific plunges averaged better than 7 yards a game. For a man his size, his speed and agility are amazing. Was his team's leading ground gainer, and leading place kicker. Probably his greatest grid thrill of all came in N. Y. against Army when the chips were down and Columbia was behind, he came through with three most vital points after the touchdowns from his educated toe. Thus he earned a 21 to 20 victory for the Lions, and snapped 22 consecutive winning game streaks of three years. Played as a freshman at Fordham in 1942 and spent 32 months as a corporal with the Third Air Force. Played football for the Third Air Force team and also played for the North team in the North-South game in 1945.

RIGHT HALFBACK

Jack North (Columbia). This 19-year old lad is a truly great back. Can run, pass and is the team's leading kicker. Jack has mastered a puzzling change of pace and was used on sweeps and slants off his left flank whereas his teammate Yablonski took care of the territory on the right. He is respected and feared by his opponents. Comes from Shenandoah, Pa., prepped at Seton Hall in N. J., where he won football and track letters and was All-Jersey State halfback. His uncle played for Lou Little some 25 years ago at Georgetown.



Al Jancauskas, Marquette Guard



George Savitsky, Penn. Tackle



Bill Wightkin, Notre Dame End



Benny Rieges, U.C.L.A. Quarterback

Garbingoji Lietuvių Kalba

Kun. V. Karalevičius

Nėra abejojimo, kad viena iš svarbiausių lietuvių nutautėjimo priežasčių yra nepakankamas pažinimas ir įvertinimas savo tėvų kalbos. Iš kalbos spindi tautos dvasia. Jos nemokėdami, mes virstame tautos atžvilgiu lavonais.

Ne kartą galima išgirsti iš čia, Amerikoje gimusių: "Ką man duos jos mokėjimas; ar aš duoną iš jos valgysiu?" Aišku, kad toks sanprotaavimas paeina iš ekonominės šio krašto sistemos, nes pagal ją "tik tai yra gera, kas duoda naudą", suprantama—medžiaginę. Su tokia pažiūra nė vienas, rimtai galvojęs žmogus nesutiks. Medžiaginės šio krašto gėrybės yra taip daugelį paverę, kad jie per tai neįvertina kitokių gėrybių, kurių tarpe yra tėvų kalbos mokėjimas. Tėvų bei protėvių kalba turi būti žinoma ne naudoms sumetimais, bet *moralinės pareigos* bei *pagarbos*. Kiekvieno, iš lietuvių tėvų gimusio, asmens yra pareiga savo tėvų kalbą mokėti ir ją gerbti.

Su apgailestavimu turiu pareikšti, kad daug šio krašto lietuvių labai mažai žino apie lietuvių kalbą ir jos vertę šiandieniniam kalbų mokslui—filologijai. Ne vienas mano, kad lietuvių kalba yra slavų kilmės, kaip: lenkų, rusų, čekų ir t.t. ir dėl to gėdiasi ją vartoti, kad ji nepavadintų "polaku" ar kitaip. Norėdamas lietuvių kalbos vertę ir užimamą vietą pasaulyje atskleisti, ypač Amerikos lietuvių jaunimui, pasiryžau šį straipsnelį parašyti, tikėdamas, kad jis padės sustiprinti lietuvišką dvasią jo tarpe ir uždegs meilę jai ir pasididžiavimą savo lietuviška kilme.

Rašydamas šį straipsnelį, nesinaudojau lietuvių rašytojais, nes norėjau pašalinti vieną kliūtį, kuri dažnai neįtikina skaitančio, būtent, jei rašo lietuvis, apie lietuvių kalbą, tai aišku, kad jis ją ir girs, nors šitoks galvojimas yra kuo mažiausiai pateisinamas. Tačiau imu medžiagą iš ne-lietuvių, kad parodyčiau, kaip gražiai apie lietuvių

kalbą atsiliepia žymūs mokslininkai, manydamas, kad šitas kelias labiau padės įtikinti nieko apie lietuvių kalbos vertę ir jos grožį nežinančius.

Šitam straipsniui medžiagą ėmiau iš žymių veikalų, kuriuos radau didžiausiame New Yorko knygyne (library), savo miestelio bibliotekoje, viename iš žymiausių Amerikoje išleistų veikalų "The Loom of Language" ir ypač didžiulėje Amerikos enciklopedijoje "Encyclopedia Americana".

Garsusis filologas B. W. Dwight savo veikalė "Modern Philology", atspausdintame New Yorko 1877 metais, štai kaip atsiliepia apie lietuvių kalbą:

"This is a language (Lithuanian) of very great value to the philologist. It is the most antique in its forms of all the living language of the world and most akin in its substance and spirit to the primeval Sanskrit. It is also at the same time so much like Latin and Greek, as to occupy to the ear of the etymologist in a multitude of words not otherwise understood, the place of an interpreter: with its face fixed on the Latin and its hand pointing backward to the Sanskrit.

It is like a universal interpreter seeming to have a gift of tongues, since its tongue is so greatly like all the rest in preserving the pure primal model, from which they are all corrupted derivatives, as to seem in whatever language you hear the chime of its words very much like an old-fashioned brogue of the language, ringing down loud and clear from ancient times." (pages 131-114)

Autorius toliau paaškina, dėl ko pavyko lietuviams išlaikyti savo kalbos formą, sakydamas:

"The Lithuanians, living as they do on the southern shore of the Baltic Sea, have been from the first as much as ever the Icelanders themselves, out of the successive tides of emigration that so much crushed and bore away the forms of other languages." (page 113)

Kitas rašytojas Whitney savo veikale "Language and the study of Language", išleistame New Yorko 1892 metais, sako:

"Its (Lithuanian) interest lies chiefly in the fact that under the operation of causes in its history which are yet unexplained and probably unexplainable, it has preserved many of the original forms of Indo-European speech in a more uncorrupted condition than any other known dialect of the whole family." (page 215)

Labai gražiai apie lietuvių kalbos senumą kalbas kitas žymus rašytojas Vendreys savo veikale "Language", išleistame New Yorko 1925 metais, kuriame jis taip sako:

"As a rule, languages that do not travel, are conservative. Those spoken within definitely limited areas, far from cosmopolitan centres and the great routes of communications, are often remarkably archaic in character. Lithuanian, for example, the rural language of a poor forest region cut off from the great European nations is the most archaic of all the Indo-European languages." (p. 353)

Kitas rašytojas Sclauch savo veikale "The Gift of Tongues", išleistame taip pat New Yorko 1942 metais, rašo:

when Little was coach at the school then. Is a pre-med student.

FULLBACK

Veto Kissell (Holy Cross). The power in this backfield is furnished by the 210-pound Veto Kissell, Crusader fullback. He is a powerhouse runner and an exceptional blocker, who is fast enough to be elusive and usually plunges through tackle for consistent gains. He is a 60-minute man in most games, is never hurt and in short, is one of the best fullbacks in the land. Was a regular fullback on the 1945 team as a freshman until he entered the Navy, where he served as a seaman first class. Was aboard the "Monterey," an aircraft carrier, and the "Pocomoke". Spent eight months in the service. Is a member of the famous Nashua, N. H., athletic family and is the first of the boys to matriculate at Holy Cross.

"Lithuania can boast an extraordinarily archaic language, similar in many ways to ancient Sanskrit, but its territory is poor in archeological remains, those mute witnesses to the daily living of people like ourselves who 'flourished' (if that is the proper word) in prehistoric times. Lithuania may have been settled early in the age that saw the spread of Indo-European . . ." (p. 59-60).

Ne kartą man teko išgirsti asmeniškai iš pasikalbėjimų su įvairiais lietuviais nuomonę, kad lietuvių kalba yra savo kilme slaviška, t.y. ji priklauso prie tos grupės kalbų, prie kurios priklauso: lenkų, rusų, čekų, slovakių ir panašios. Kad šią perdėm klaidingą nuomonę iš galvos tų asmenų išmušus, pacituosiu keletą vietų iš Frederick Bodmer veikalo "*The Loom of Language*", išleisto New Yorke 1944 metais. Iš cituojamų vietų bus aiškiai matyt, kad lietuvių kalba sudaro su latvių kalba atskirą kalbų grupę. Štai ką jis sako:

"Besides the Romance or Latin and the Teutonic languages mentioned in the preceding pages, the Indo-European family includes several other well defined groups such as the Celtis (Scots, Gaelic, Erse, Welsh, Breton) in the West, and the Slavonic (Russian, Polish, Czech and Slovak, Bulgarian and Serbo-Croatian) in the East of Europe, together with the Indo-Iranian languages spoken by the inhabitants of Persia and a large part of India. Lithuanian (with its sister dialect, Latvian), Greek, Albanian and Armenian are isolated members of the same family." (p. 186)

Kitoje vietoje sakoma:

"Of languages spoken in modern Europe, the Baltic group which includes Lettish and Lithuanian stands nearest to the primitive Aryan and the Slavonic, headed by Russian, stands nearest to the Baltic group." (p. 410)

Iš šių pareiškimų aiškiai matyti, kad lietuvių kalba nieko bendro neturi su slavų kalbomis, ir kad ji sudaro su latvių kalba atskirą kalbų grupę.

Mokslininkai jau yra daug kalbų ištyrę ir jos suskirstę į atskiras grupes, tačiau šis darbas dar nėra užbaigtas ir, pagal Bodmer tvirtinimą, dar apie šimtui kalbų pasaulyje nėra sudarytos grupės. Vis dėl to, iš tų kalbų, kurių kilmė yra iširta, yra jau sudarytos grupės. Čia pat paduodu lentelę kalbų grupių, pagal mūsų laikų filologų klasifikavimą, iš kurios taip pat aiškiai matyti, kad lietuvių kalba neįeina į slavų kalbų grupę. Ši lentelė paimta iš Bodmer veikalo "*The Loom of Language*" ir randasi 187-188 puslapiuose.

I. Indo-European:

(a) Teutonic

(German, Dutch, Scandinavian, English)

(b) Celtic

(Erse, Gallic, Welsh, Breton)

(c) Romance

(French, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Italian, Rumanian)

(d) Slavonic

(Russian, Polish, Czech, Slovakian, Bulgarian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovene)

(e) Baltic (Lithuanian, Lettish)

(f) Greek (g) Albanian (h) Armenian

(i) Persian (j) Modern Indic dialects.

II. Finno-Ugrian:

(a) Lappish (b) Finnish (c) Estonian

(d) Chere messian, Mordvinian (e) Magyar (Hungar)

III. Semitic:

(a) Arabic (b) Ethiopian (c) Hebrew

(d) Maltese

IV. Hamitic:

(a) Cushite (Somali, Galla) (b) Berber languages

V. Indo-Chinese:

(a) Chinese (b) Tibetan (c) Siamese

(d) Burmese

VI. Malayo-Polynesian:

(a) Malay (b) Fijian (c) Tahitian

(d) Maori

VII. Turco-Tartar:

(a) Turkish (b) Tartar (c) Kirghiz

VIII. Dravidian:

(a) Tamil (b) Telugu (c) Camarese

XI. Bantu:

Kafir, Zulu, Bechnana, Sesuto, Herero, Congo, Duala, etc.

Baigdamas šį straipsnį, palieku apie lietuvių kalbą prabilti Amerikoje išleistai 1945 metais garsiai enciklopedijai "*Encyclopedia Americana*," kurioje apie lietuvių kalbą ir jos grožį taip sakoma:

"The Lithuanian language is more ancient than Greek, Latin, German, Celtic and the Slav tongues. It belongs to the Indo-European group and is the nearest idiom to Sanskrit. The resemblance, indeed, is so close that Lithuanian peasants can understand Sanskrit sentences pronounced by learned scholars. Hence philologists are generally agreed that Lithuanian is the most ancient of all the living languages. It is not easily possible to compare it with the Arabic, the antiquity of which has not been fathomed. A remarkable feature of Lithuanian is also the fact that it has as much likeness to Greek and Latin as to Sanskrit.

The invaluable service of the language to philologists was recognized by Kant (1724-1804) who was born in Prussian Lithuania and acquired a knowledge of it. In his preface to a Lithuanian grammar he wrote: 'Lithuanian having a royal character, deserves the protection of the State. She must be preserved for her tongue possesses the key which opens all the enigmas not only of philology but also of history.' This statement was scientifically supported and confirmed by the great philologist Schleicher in his work on that language, while Reclus in his monumental "*Geographie Universelle*" says: 'If the value of a nation in the whole of humanity were to be measured by the beauty of its language the Lithuanians should rank first among the inhabitants of Europe . . .

If the soul of a nation is revealed in its songs, then the Lithuanians deserve to be classified as the

←*→ Oficialus Skyrius →*←

Packages to Germany

The Supreme Council President of the Ateitininkų Student Association in Germany, Vyt. Žvirzdys, in a letter dated September 27, says that other student groups in Germany, upon hearing that some have been lucky to receive games and sports equipment parcels from the K. of L., have literally been bombarding him with pleas and questions as to when they, too, will receive a parcel. He tries to pacify them, he writes, and tells them to have patience.

Small though our aid is, yet seeing how much happiness it brings to our homeless brothers and sisters who are victims of Soviet aggression, may I urge that those councils that have not sent their parcels yet, do so as soon as possible. Otherwise your particular group will wait in vain. Let us not disappoint them.

That these packages are really appreciated can be seen from this letter, signed by A. Sabaliauskas, president and D. Vėlaviciūtė, secretary of a student branch in Eichstatt:

"Nuoširdžiai dėkojame Jums už dovanėles, kurios mus labai pradžiugino. Džiaugėmės ne vien dėlto kad gautos sporto priemonės yra mums reikalingos, bet ir dėlto kad Jūs Mielieji, mūsų nepamiršate, būdami ten toli, už Atlanto. Kai žinai, kad yra pasauly ir daugiau lietuviško jaunimo, siekiančio tų pačių idealų įgyvendinimo, darbas atrodo lengvesnis ir ateitis šviesesnė; nes argi yra jaunimui kas nors nepasiekiamą?"

"Mes, gyvendami ir mokydami Vokietijoje, niekada negalime pamiršti savo senosios tėvynės, ilgimes jos, bet kartu ir ramina, galvodami, kad

most harmless, peaceful race in the world.' Even the German poets Goethe and Herder are said to have borrowed inspiration from the Lithuanian "dainos" of which many thousands exist, adapted to all phases of life excepting war . . ."

(Volume 17, pages 482-483).

Jei kitataučiai taip gražiai atsiliepia apie lietuvių kalbą, tai aišku, kad mums nieko kito nebelieka daryti, kaip tik dėti visas pastangas ją gerai patiemis išmokyti ir žiūrėti, kad būsime kartos ją taip pat mokėtu.

mokomes, dirbame ir auklėjame jai, kad vistiek netrūkus grįšime ten kur senos 'pilys griūva ant kalnų aukštai', 'kur sesutės rūta dabina kasas nuo mažens' . . .

"Mūsų kuopa lavinasi ir stengiasi subręsti ideologiškai, siekia įgyvendinti savo idealus praktikoje, turi dramos ir sporto sekcijas, leidžia laikraštėli."

"Eichstatt'o apylinkės (kur gyvename) yra gražios: iš abiejų pusių kalneliai su uolomis ir miškais, netoliese—šv. Valburgos pilis; bet mes nesusižavime svetimos gamtos grožiu, nes juk ne čia mūsų tėvynė ir ne čia 'Nevėžio mėlyna juosta banguoja plati.'"

How to address the packages: Because of frequent shifting of DP camps, your package will reach its destination easier, if it is addressed to either the Supreme President or the Supreme Secretary of the Ateitininkai, while enclosing the name and address of your specific group for which the package is intended in a note with the package. On the outside of the package please use one of these two addresses: Vyt. Žvirzdys, Herrenberger 67. (14b) Tubingen, French Zone, Germany; or, J. Petrošius, Hallstatt 5. (14b) Tubingen, French Zone, Germany.

Jonas Bulerius

L. Vyčių Centro Pirm.

L. VYČIŲ NAUJŲ NARIŲ VAJUS

Kaip kas met, taip ir šimet skelbiame L. Vyčių naujų narių vaju pradėdant su sausio mėnesio 1 d. Vajus bus dvilypis: **suaugusių ir jaunumečių vyčių.**

Tad šia proga nuoširdžiai kviečiu **dvasios vadus, kuopų valdybas ir visus vyčius į darbą.** Laikas patogus, tikslas kilnus — sujungti lietuvišką jaunimą po Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos vėliava, kad Amerikos Lietuvių jaunimas savo darbais veiktų **DIEVUI ir TĖVYNEI!**

Apie vajaus taisyklės ir dovanas skelbiame šiame "Vyties" numeryje. 1948 m. Vajaus Pirmininku yra J. Lola, L. Vyčių Centro Vice Pirmininkas.

Joseph Boley,

L. Vyčių Centro Pirm.

1948 POST WAR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 1948

Jan. 1st, 1948 is the opening date of our annual membership drive and March 31st is the closing date.

1948 Post War Membership Drive 1948

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January 1st, 1948 is the opening date of our annual membership drive. Has your Council elected a lively Committee for the competitive drive? Have plans been made to insure success? Now is the time for the planning and discussions so that when the starting day comes, we will be ready to effect our plans. Don't put off preparations until a later date. Begin now. Every member is duty bound to take an active part in the coming campaign. You can't afford to be passive. Don't leave it up to the next person. The more members in the K. of L. the more can be accomplished, so go out and get them. We must surge ahead, so let not one of us sit back.

Each council president should follow the drive energetically. Exchange plans and views with other councils. Don't wait to be urged. You've got the ball — carry it and don't let your Council be thrown for a loss.

Results of the drive will be published each month. Let's all join the member-a-month club.

PRIZES

1. — Council prize

The council attaining the highest percentage of its quota will receive a beautifully inscribed GAVEL. It is a very practical item.

2. — Individual prizes

The three highest individual campaigners will receive a handcarved cross made by a displaced person. It is something to strive for and which will be cherished by you a life time.

RULES and REGULATIONS

THE INDIVIDUAL PRIZES WILL BE
AWARDED TO THE 3 MEMBERS
RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER
OF POINTS ON THE FOLLOWING
BASIS:

- a) For every new member or subscription paying a full year's dues on enrollment (\$3.00) — 20 points;
- b) For a reinstated member (out of the organization 1 year or more) with a full year's dues paid in advance (\$3.00) — 15 points;
- c) For a new member or subscription paying one-half year's dues in advance (\$1.50) — 10 points; and
- d) For a reinstated member (out of the organization 1 year or more) with payment of one-half year's dues in advance (\$1.50) — 5 points.
- e) Application card, duly filled out, must accompany the dues of each new member.
- f) Financial secretaries are kindly asked to keep record of new members joining and names

of sponsors, so that the same may be checked with at the end of the drive.

Remember that the results of your drive will be in direct proportion to the effort put into your drive.

ONLY EXISTING COUNCILS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1948 WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ABOVE PRIZES.

Joseph Lola, Chairman.

Vytis for Christmas

The answer to your *Christmas gift problem*, You can give great pleasure to many friends and relatives this Christmas and actually save time and money doing it.

Giving this *Vytis*, the family magazine, solves your gift problem quickly, easily and economically. A year's subscription to the *Vytis*, will give your friends the valuable, stimulating reading that you always find in every issue. There's no other way you can give so much for so little. And each issue during the coming year will remind your friends and relatives anew of your thoughtfulness at Christmas and at the same time play a part in helping to increase the *Vytis* circulation. Every member a friend, make every friend a member.

Charles Bason, *Circulation Manager*

TIME OUT FOR CHRISTMAS

Peace on earth, good will toward men seems a rather ironic expression at present. We look eastward and see Spain in chaos and a whole continent seething with distrust and fear. In the Orient the Communist war on the poor Chinese, and Russian boycott on peace. Some nations are poised for a plunge for Communist destruction.

But as the Christmas nears in America, we don't find people we know talking about such conditions; our friends, as always are eager to give and receive gifts as tokens of affection and love, the main attraction of the Yuletide season. Since that night when the Three Wise Men first sighted a brightly glowing star in the sky the true meaning of Christmas has been greatly changed. From a period solely devoted to religious thought, unfortunately, this season has been commercialized in a thousand ways. Weakly we submit to the various phases of this commercialization and find ourselves part of tired, jostling, annoyed, angry, rushing throngs. We are so fatigued when the great day comes, that sheer exhaustion prevents us from considering the significance of the day. One aspect of Christmas however, has remained unchanged through the ages— *the joyous spirit which everyone, young and old, rich and poor has as the twenty-fifth of December approaches.* MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

... Charles Bason

SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW IN THE DISPLACED CAMPS IN EUROPE . . .

is interested in the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, wants to know what's taking place in the United States; will remember you 12 times in the year when the 1948 issues of

VYTIS

is delivered to him or her. Why not present a Christmas present in the form of a subscription?

BEFORE YOU FORGET

fill out the coupon below, and send it to us. The January issue of the magazine—first of your twelve gifts—will be delivered to a Lithuanian displaced person with an appropriate note bearing your greetings.

Knights of Lithuania

366 W. Broadway

So. Boston 27, Mass.

Please enroll a displaced person and notify him that (his) (her) subscription of VYTIS is a Christmas Gift from:

Name:

Address:

Enclosed is my check (money order) for \$3.00 for one year's subscription.

LET'S GET AN EARLY START

1948 Membership Drive begins January 1st. Councils should form membership committees this month.

From last year's report, we find that the councils that were properly organized for the drive before it began, were the ones that lead the race and finished among the leaders. They met or exceeded their quotas.

Worth while prizes are being offered to the winners of the contest!

ATTENTION, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCILS

At the N. E. District Convention held in Hartford, Conn., *Council 26, Worcester, Mass.* (well known for dramatics), graciously accepted to help out during the coming MEMBERSHIP DRIVE by putting on a *Lithuanian play* in each and every council in the district. *The Dramatic Group will be ready to begin its "maršrutas" January 4, 1948.*

All councils are asked to send in their bids, most suitable date when they could sponsor this group, immediately. In replying, also include a second choice in order not to conflict with other council dates. For further data and information, write to:

Mary R. Jurgelonis,
55 Ellsworth St., Worcester 3, Mass.



N. E. DISTRICT OFFICERS CONVENED AT HARTFORD, CONN. — Front row, l. to r. — Rev. Juv. Liauba, O.F.M., spir. dir., Greene, Maine; Joseph Lola, president; Anne Norkus, Brockton, Mass., Sec-y; back row — Stephen Contons, South Boston, Mass., trustee; Casimir Pinigis, Athol, Mass., treasurer; and Joseph Krasinskas, Worcester, Mass., vice president.

"INFORMATION PLEASE"

Please submit name of Spiritual Advisor and names and addresses of newly-elected officers for the year 1948, also date of meetings.

Please forward the names of people whom you know might become subscribers.

LOUISE TOTILAS,

Supreme Council Fin. Sec.

CAN WE BEAT LAST YEAR'S DRIVE?

This year's mark will result in the successful attainment of our goal—1,000 new members. How much do we think of our organization—Knights of Lithuania?

From the Asst. Editor's Desk

This Christmas Issue is specially endowed with several interesting articles, written by our Spiritual Director, **Rev. J. C. Jutkevičius**; **Fr. Karalavičius**; **Milton Stark**, young journalist; and sports writer **Stanley Balberis**. During the holiday season, take time out and read these well-written articles.

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Los Angeles, Knights of Lithuania. Members were recently honored by the presence of our former editor of VYTIS, Attorney Joseph Peters, at its meeting. He gave an inspiring address. The newly-elected president of Los Angeles, California, is **Peter Kupraitis**, veteran and formerly of Boston, Mass., who makes his permanent residence there. Linkime geriausio pasisekimo, Petrai.

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The N. Y. and N. J. District Chorus under the direction of Miss Marie Slekaitis, was featured on the Lithuanian Program at the 24th Annual Women's International Exposition on November 9th, at 71st Regiment Armory, New York City. It is reported that the chorus was well received by the non-Lithuanians.

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Have you or your folks relatives in DP Camps, in Europe? Read the editorials by our Editor, Prof. K. Pakštas.

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The Baltic American Society of New England at a recent meeting at the International Institute, 190 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on November 18th, had several Lithuanian numbers on the program. Among them were **Larry Svelnis**, former N. E. District K. of L. president, who described his experiences and observations in Germany and Miss **Amelia Tataronis** with her "Daina" group. The president of the Society, Dr. Carl Selmer, Latvian, displayed his courtesy to the Lithuanians in having our Honorary Consul of Lithuania at Boston introduce the guest speaker.

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Convert Makers of America have recently reorganized their nation-wide activities. To date, there are 8 CMOA Information Centers actively operating, 4 are preparing to open, and 13 new inquiries were received during this past fall. 250 converts have been received into the Church since the beginning of these Centers, just two years ago! Information Centers are now in operation in the following cities: Niagara, N. Y.; Pelham, N. Y.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Burlington, Vt.; Green Bay, Wisc.; New Albany, Ind.; Detroit, Mich.; and Philadelphia, Pa. Four new ones preparing to open are in New York City; Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; and Meridan, Conn.

The **Blackfriars Guild**, well-known throughout New York in producing great actors recently sponsored a play entitled "Hoboes In Heaven". In the cast is our president, Joseph Boley. A large delegation of Lithuanians from New Jersey saw the play November 13th, and enjoyed it immensely. We wish you continued success, Joseph!

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On December 1st, our Founder, Mr. M. A. Norkunas of Lawrence, Mass., celebrated his 78th birthday. His interest in the Knights of Lithuania never ceased, and by the grace of God still gets around to our national conventions and meetings. Perhaps it is time we thought of forming a Founder's Day.

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CURRENT SITUATION: One of the most serious problems facing the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force today is the continuing need for manpower. To meet this problem every American must be informed on the enormous responsibilities of our Armed Forces — to man occupation areas, to train for national defense, and to maintain a long range research and development program. To accomplish this worldwide assignment, the United States needs a steady flow of 30,000 volunteers a month — 21,000 for the Army and 9,000 for the Air Force. The Army, and Air Force offer unusual opportunities for interesting careers or training for future civilian jobs. Pay is high, retirement benefits are unmatched. Medical and dental care, food, lodging and clothing are free. Enlisted men are also eligible to compete for Officer Candidate Schools. More than 5,000 Aviation Cadets will be needed in the year beginning March 1, 1948 for training as pilots. Graduates are commissioned and assigned to active flying duty for 3 years. All personnel may advance their education by enrolling in any of the hundreds of courses offered by the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. Any K. of L'ers wishing further information, write directly to **Military Personnel Procurement Service, Room 5D 675, Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D. C.**

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

I shall attend meetings more frequently and be more active in council affairs.

I shall pay my dues for twelve months, in advance, and thereby receive "Vytis" regularly without interruption.

I shall be sponsor to at least one new member during the **1948 Membership Drive**.

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To Everyone — May the choicest blessings of the Christ Child be showered down upon you during this Holy Season and throughout the coming year!



Cicero, Ill.

COUNCIL 14

Harmony

For weeks the dance committee had been working diligently under the capable chairmanship of Jerry Kasul and proof of this statement was very evidently recognized on the night of the dance, November 26th. Many of our guests were from the Marquette Park, Brighton Park, Northside, and Town-of-Lake Councils. We also saw a few of our friends from out-of-town Councils, namely: Kankakee and Indiana Harbor. The true brotherly spirit that prevails among the Chicago Knights of Lithuania was manifested at this affair. It has been proven again that cooperation from each committee member and members at large, seasoned with much diligence, courage, patience, and harmony is the guaranteed test proof "recipe" for all of our organizational endeavors.

Pin Tumblers

Our bowling league is setting a pretty torrid pace, as young as the season is, and there are great possibilities of a knock down stretch finish by some of our contending quintets. Jerry Kasul continues his hectic pace to gain first place in the individual standings. Roy Bocunas is a very close runner-up. Fr. Stanley Gaucas, our Spiritual Adviser, and Fr. Paul Marcinkus do a pretty good job of "tree shinning" for themselves. Ernie Kamin rolls them for hot dogs now. By no means can we forget the "fairer sex". Our top "pin-up" is Anne Shukes. Close runners-up are Marianne Eisen, Bernice Cerks, and Stelle Bocunas. If you'd like a little extra "pin" money, girls, why not conduct a bowling class for some of us less fortunates—we would learn a few pointers and you would earn a few pennies.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Stanley Kishkunas, Ann Kubelis, Lorraine Mack, Albina Baumil, Dorothy Kersnauskas and Diana Satkus who celebrated, or will celebrate their birthdays during November and December. Congratulations to our newly-weds, Eleanor and Al Jaskunas.

ORCHIDS to our social committee for the month of November. Mr. and Mrs. Pavis and Mr. and Mrs. Kasul did a superb job in serving a very appetizing breakfast after our quarterly Communion. A graduate dietician couldn't have arranged a better menu. Approximately 40 members attended. Let's increase this number to 50 in December, members.

ACTING PRESIDENT Johnny Bart has been doing a fine job as "head" of Council 14 since the resignation of our president, Tony Stankus. Due to pressing outside obligations, it was necessary for Tony to take this step. Johnny also holds office in the Chicago District.

A HEARTY WELCOME to our new members—Sophie Vikrikas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Zakaras, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Good. Council 14 has already started a membership campaign. Let's keep bringing 'em in. There's strength in numbers, you know.

DIS and DATA

What's this we hear of Ernie Kamin getting a ticket from the Law for parking in front of a "no parking" sign at the bowling alley? Take it easy, Ernie!... Well, Ann and Jerry Kasul have finally succeeded in finding a roof to cover their heads. We no sooner take care of one of our married couples when we hear that Stelle and Roy Bocunas are on the look-out for rooms. The \$64 question: Does anybody have a flat for rent? Dan Cupid is wasting no time in tying that perpetual knot. This time it's for Tony Stankus and the charming young lady from the near West Side. Not to be left out of the picture are Peter Kulis and Frances Rupslaukis. Congratulations!.. Orchids must be Bernice Cerks' favorite

flower as she was sporting one a few Sundays ago, and walking along side of her was a very handsome gentleman, who by the way walks her home every bowling nite. That means only one thing to us, Bea... The latest about Lillian Santi is that she is the proud mother of a baby girl. If baby looks anything like "mommy," Powers modeling agency can start booking baby right now.

DISTRICT ITEMS

On November 13th the dance committee met to make plans for the District Dance, proceeds of which will go toward the Youth Center Building Fund. The big date is set for Saturday, January 24th. Cicero, Council 14 will act in the capacity of host by obliging the use of the parish hall, 15th and 49th court. The committee chairmanship is headed by the very competent Andy Yuknis of Marquette Park, assisted by Lorraine Mack, Sue Mack, Grace Zakaras, all of Council 14; Eddie Dalgirt, Northside; Johnny Paulius and Tony Putis, of Brighton Park.

Vim, vigor and vitality are possessed by our members, lately. A fairly large number of members have been attending the meetings. Ideas, suggestions and motions have been filling up our minute book to no end. It gives great pleasure to the officers to see so much interest among the members and the willingness of wanting to do that much more for the benefit and welfare of the members is quite evident among the officers. Let's keep up the wonderful work that has been going on but then too, let's look for improvement, namely: contact some of our inactive members and inspire them to come back—familiarize them with our affairs and plans for the ensuing year. If your salesmanship is as good as you have convinced us at the meetings, members won't hesitate to see what the score is by becoming active again. Try and do the same with your friends who you think would be interested in joining.

With the Christmas Season just around the corner, may all the joy and all the dear ways of an old fashion Christmas bring happiness to you and yours.

A Friend.

Members in business or professions — why not advertise in VYTIS, at little cost?

Council advertisements are acceptable at a minimum rate of \$5.

For further information, write to: Knights of Lithuania
366 W. Broadway,
So. Boston 27, Mass.



N. E. District K. of L. two-day conference culminated with a banquet tendered by Council 6, Hartford, Conn. At the head table fifth from left is Monsignor J. J. Ambotas, honorary member of our organization; left to right: Mr. A. Pateckis, hon. member of the local council; Mr. M. A. Norkunas, founder; Rev. A. Sabulis, local spir. adviser; Rev. J. Liauba, O. F. M., district spir. advisor of Greene, Maine; Rev. V. Puidokas, district pres. of Lith. R. C. Priests' League of America, Westfield, Mass.; Rev. J. C. Jutkevičius, nat'l spir. director; Joseph Lola, district president; Anne Norkus, sec'y; Stephen Contons, pres. of C-17, S. Boston; also Mr. and Mrs. B. Kudirka, former district officers, of Norwood, Mass. (directly in front of Rev. V. Puidokas.)

Brockton, Mass.

COUNCIL 1.

Things are "perking" but good in this South Shore community in preparation for our annual **Snowflake Ball, December 27th**. Yes, even if it snows on that "famous evening" the dance will take place, as scheduled — December 27th.

"NAUJIENOS"

Our "detectives" are on the lookout for our president Joe Lola, who has become quite a stranger in this neck of the woods. We do hope you make it for the 27th! **Steve Carlan** is back with us looking like a "million" after his long stay at the Cushing General. We'll be looking for that familiar face, at our meetings for some action which we have been longing for. Congratulations are in store for Mr. and Mrs. **Eddard Poskus** on the birth of a son. Everyone had a roaring time at our Halloween party, didn't they "Southie"??? Little do we have to mention that Norwood's "gang" also had a good time. Lewiston's **Tony Rudokas** was a "special guest" on the evening of November 8th. It was such a stormy night that Southie's merry group of twenty or so became "stranded" at Aldona K.'s house. **Al Chet**, **Beanie**, **Tony R.** and **Willy B.** greatly appreciated **Alice A.** version of Lithuanian speech. Before the night was over, one of the quartet had it pretty well mastered, and gave **Alice** strong competition... **Joe S.** says he had a very "quiet" evening. Delica-

cies made by **Angie M.**, **Nellie S.**, and **Suzie B.** were luscious. **Anne Norkus** has undertaken a new position (out of town no less) and will be passing out her cards shortly! **Adam Batakis** says his "dream boat" (19??) model is running quite smoothly! **Beverly Akstin** can't resist doing the "Chelsea hop". When **Lil K.** and that "striking **Van Johnson**" pass by, no wonder we say "ooh and aah!"

Live Wire.

Providence, R. I.

COUNCIL 103

October twenty-fifth is a night that will be remembered by many of the girls and fellows that attended the "Masquerade Ball". We want to thank the committee for decorating the hall so beautifully. Special thanks to **Eileen Lewis** for bringing down such pretty leaves to help make the hall look more attractive. We were pleased to have with us a representation from our New England District councils, viz.: **Norwood**, **Lowell** and **So. Boston**, Mass. It has given us some encouragement to plan other social affairs. What time did the **Norwood boys** get home that night?

Lots of luck to **Julia M.** on accepting her new position at **Guam**. We'll be waiting for some news from the **Guam territory**.

I wonder why a certain young lady is staying up nights lately. Could the reason be because she has a certain young man on her mind???

Happy Twosome.

South Boston, Mass.

COUNCIL 17

Our monthly meeting was held Sunday, Nov. 9, at the K. of L. club-rooms. In the absence of **Steve**, our president, **Joe Mat. chinskas**, our vice president, presided. The meeting dealt mostly with nominations for new officers. **Al Palaima** brought one of the B. C. priests to the meeting who spoke about the fund B. C. is raising for new buildings. He asked that the K. of L. as well as other Catholic organizations, help with the work. It is good to see that our K. of L. members are helping out the D.P's with their donations of canned goods and money. After the business meeting refreshments were served, followed by dancing.

Our first bowling tournament was held at our Alleys November 13th with Council 116 of Worcester. Although Worcester gave us some pretty good competition, our three teams came out on top. Don't forget, bowling is held every Wednesday evening at 8:30. So come and join us in a healthy sport.

That was some party "Slim" had at the church hall in Brockton. Southie was very well represented, especially the "Lodge Boys." Our three 'steady' couples were there, namely: **Joe and Ruthie**, **Al and Beattie** and **Joe and Aldona** from Brockton. **Tony Rudokas** from Maine, was also there. We wonder if he came down for the party or the football game? "Slim" was a wonderful hostess.

Newsies

A party was held in honor of **Father Al's** feast day, November 13. Congratulations, Father, and may you have many more... What is the attraction that is bringing Brockton girls to Council 17 meetings? What ever it is, you're always welcome. **Johnny T.** seems to be forming a habit of taking **Ann K.** home from bowling these nights. Hm-m-m-.... Lady drivers can certainly be dangerous! Can't they, **Beannie**?... It seems like **Joe Svelnis's** car is always up for repairs lately. Is it because of those frequent trips to Brockton?... I wonder if **Arnold P.** and **Gibby G.** starve themselves before meetings so that they can fill up on the refreshments or is it just because they liked the way **Angie** and **Gennie** make the sandwiches... Lately a couple of our College girls have been taking an interest in playing pool. How are you making out **Mary**, **Gennie** and **Millie**... I noticed that **Pat** and her boy friend **Al**, have taken to holding hands in between bowling turns.. Absent at K. of L. affairs lately are **Lucy M.** and **Charlie G.** How come?... Happy Birthday, **Nellie Svelnis**.

"Sunshine".

Elizabeth, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

First of all we wish to extend a hearty welcome to all of our new members.

At our recent meeting which was presided by Xavier Josephs, former Pres., the following 1948 officers were elected:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Kasper; Pres., Vincent Zakarevich; Vice-Pres., Ann Mitchel; Fin. Sec'y., Veronica Plungis; Treasurer, William Senkus; Trustees (3 yrs.) Helen Pinkin; (2 yrs.) Helen Lukash; and (1 yr.) John Oskutis. Ritual Committee, Josephine Adams; Sgt.-at-Arms, Vincent Locius and Frank Pukevich; Correspondent, Joseph Degutis.

William Senkus and Helen Pinkin delegates to the National Convention gave a very interesting report on what had transpired. Through Father Kasper's initiative a Lithuanian Affairs Committee was formed. A detailed report will be published next month.

Our 10th Anniversary Dance which was held in October was a huge success. Bill Senkus and Anthony Yudd were co-chairmen. It was also noticeable that our newly joined members George Butkus, Frank Pukevich and "Baby Face" L. Mack gave assistance with a smile.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matuza upon the arrival of a new baby boy and Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Josephs who were blessed with a baby girl.

Wedding bells rang for Helen Kraus and Anthony Yudd on October 25, 1947. Happiness to you both.
Pinky.

Harrison-Kearny, N. J.

COUNCIL 90

Our November meeting was well attended by our members—hall filled to capacity. Gen Miliunaitis and Mary Waskis were officially sworn in; Ann Kiernan made application for membership. C-90 is growing by leaps and bounds.

The Bowling Season is in full swing. Under the captaincy of Marcy Matelitis, the girls have done pretty well, winning 10 and dropping 2 games. But, men what happened to you? How about that, Capt. Joe Kasper.

Intra-Council bowling, under the leadership of Sue Dasker is going pretty strong. Our four teams are really battling one another and using very odd methods to knock the pins down. Can anyone help us—is it "cricket" to drop the ball and jar the pins down or to throw it like a baseball? That's what some of our prize bowlers have been trying. Any comments are invited and will be



JOSEPH LOLA

Goal of 1,000 New Members being plotted by chairman of the 1948 membership drive, Joseph Lola. The official opening of the drive is January 1st.

greatly appreciated. Marcy amazed everyone the other night by bowling a 192 game. Congratulations!

Charlie Dasker has volunteered to take care of sending sports equipment to Lithuanian refugees in Europe. Having received a letter from a Lithuanian priest in a camp, our council is sending equipment, uniforms, etc. to the people who are asking for it.

Best wishes are sent to Ann Slekaitis, Marie's sister, who will be married very shortly. Though not a member of our council, she often attended meetings and always attended our affairs. Good luck, Ann!

Lithuanian classes, under the direction of Father Karalevičius of Bayonne are under way. Although they are supposed to be an hour long, the students refuse to go home when the hour is up, clamoring to learn some more. Classes continue to grow larger each week and everyone enjoys going to "school". We appreciate Father Karal's Patience in teaching us the language, history and background of our ancestors.

It seems as though you don't have to look for excitement, it always seems to find you. Mary Grinevich, waiting for a bus to take her to work, witnessed an accident between the bus and a huge truck. Being a practical nurse, Mary went to work and administered first aid to the number of people who were hurt. Indeed, the demand for nurses has sky-rocketed in the last few years, both during and since Word War II. We should encourage more members entering this profession.

As 1947 draws to a close, we of C-90 think of all the wonderful affairs and gatherings that we have at-

tended and our grand 30th Anniversary Celebration which we, and we hope many others, won't forget for a long time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Eleanor Katilus.

Dayton, Ohio

COUNCIL 96

With Christmas only a few weeks away, I, on behalf of Council 96, would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a New Year that holds a promise of greater happiness, faith and love for all of us.

The first Sunday in Advent we all received Communion in a body at 8:00 o'clock Mass, followed by a breakfast at the Kittyhawk.

In Sept. we gave a dance "Starlight Stroll," for the purpose of entertaining our Detroit guests, and raising money to buy sports equipment. This equipment is to be sent to our adopted council in the Displaced Persons Camp in Bavaria. Also the names of these people in the Camp Council were divided among our members, in order that we may correspond with them.

Every Thursday night we have our Lithuanian Class. In this way, we will learn to read, write and speak it properly. For in this day and age, we tend to hurry along and carelessly combine Lithuanian and English. Thus, we neglect the proper use of our ancestral tongue.

Following are the members to represent us at the scheduled meeting in Detroit, for the purpose of forming a Detroit Council: Mike Petkus, Kitty Zubrick, Pat Zelinskas and Elinor Ambrose.

Dayton Doings

Seems like Joe Manse has really popped the question by the looks of that ring on Eleanor Petkus's third finger left hand. Congratulations Eleanor and Joe... One of our loyal members has chosen to leave the flock. Yep, Joe Petkus has left us for a job in Tokyo—we'll miss you Joe. I wonder why Pat Zelinskas is walking around in a daze since Detroit has left us? Heart trouble Pat?.. Ruth Douglas, where have you been keeping yourself? We've missed you. Don't tell me Jimmy has confiscated all of your time!.. We have finally found out why our meetings always seem to be in an uproar—the reason being Kitty Zubrick, Pat Zelinskas and Elinor Ambrose... We have heard that Pete and Paulet Petkus have purchased a new home. When are we having a house-warming party?.. I have enjoyed writing for you, and I wish my successor all the luck in the world. Remember, Elinor spelled backwards is - - - -

Ronile.

Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 116

What a grand turn-out for our November meeting! Many new and old ideas were brought up and put into action. The Lithuanian Committee reports it is still doing tremendous research work and aiding all refugees who come within its reach. Under the direction of Pres. Joe Krasinskas, refugee packages are being sent to the youth organizations in Germany. He has been receiving a great deal of assistance from Charlotte Mitchell, Nellie Smolsky, Marion Lucason, David Vaskas, Ann Shablin and Constant Alinskas.

The social committee gave a favorable report on the Halloween Party. The costume prizes were awarded to Charlie Thompson, (well-dressed Hobo from head to foot); Joe Varaska, (ravishing red head — so well disguised no one knew who this tempting young lady was until the masks were removed); Red Butkevich, (a baby—nightie, bottle and all). Although Emmy Jonitis was not awarded a prize he was noted as a perfect dressed Satan. It was good to see so many in costume, as the party called for.

The football raffle was a success. Following were the lucky winners:

- 1st. Fred J. Smith
6 Florence St., Worcester
- 2nd. Ed Mikolaitis
Hood's Milk Co., Auburn, Mass.
- 3rd. Sophie Panis
8 So. Harlem St., Worcester
- 4th. Tony Novice
36 Edward St., Worcester
- 5th. Helen Barber
9 Clapp St., Worcester

The following members did exceptionally well in disposing of books and were rewarded for their untiring efforts:

- 1st. Charlotte Mitchell sold 32 books and won an all-expense paid trip to the N.C.-Columbia Game to New York;
- 2nd. Stanley Karsok—25 books and won on all expense trip to Boston to the H.C.-B.C. game;
- 3rd. Ann Leketa; and
- 4th. Al Rakauskas.

As an extra prize for the books sold, Felix Jesekevich was the lucky name to be drawn and was also awarded tickets to the H. C. and B. C. game. Johnny Andriuska vowed he would never take charge of raffles, again. As chairman of the Football Extravaganza he was awakened all hours of the night by special deliveries and telegrams....good work, John!

Naujienos

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainis were recently blessed with a baby girl... Our bowling teams took a trip to Southie for their first bowling match—even with all the good strings they



PHYLLIS ZAKAR

Phyllis Zakar, active member of C-116, Worcester, Mass., and former holder of the offices of president and vice president of the council, left for Japan, November third, to take a position with the Government. She is to be stationed in Okinawa for one year. We shall be looking forward to hearing from her about the new venture and experiences during her sojourn.

still were defeated. Practice makes perfect, so by the end of the season we hope to be on TOP!... It was good to see Mr. and Mrs. Carroll at the meeting—we hope they keep attending. How about more of our young married K. of L'ers putting in an appearance—we'd love to see you at the meetings.

A nice attendance was made by Council 116 at the Harvest Dance put on by Council 26—a good time was had by all.

“Vištukē”.

Chicago, Ill.

COUNCIL 112

C-112 offered a Mass on November 9th for the World War II dead. Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, our spiritual director, officiated. The services were followed by a breakfast at Mickelberry's. It certainly is wonderful to see so many young people spiritually inclined.

Vyt Lubert is our discussion club chairman. With such capable leadership our symposiums and panel discussions should be very interesting as well as educational.

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee has acquired some basketball uniforms. We are now endeavoring to get other sports equipment and indoor games to send to Lithuanian college students in Europe. What better way to stress the democratic way of life than through sports and sportmanship?

Our lovely Sylvia Miller was mar-

ried on November 2nd at Nativity B.V.M. Church. Best of luck and all the happiness in the world to you both.

Eleanor Mozeris and her Al recently announced their engagement. The wedding will take place next year.

Al Grebliunas presented his favorite girl with a stunning marquis cut diamond. Congratulations, Al.

Council 112 wishes the heartiest of Season's Greetings to all Knights and Ladies and may God bless the coming year with peace for this strife torn world. Lu.

New York and New Jersey District

The N. Y. -N. J. District K. of L. Choir under the able leadership of Miss Marie Slekaitis made a successful appearance at the Women's International Exposition on November 9th, held in the 71st Armory, Park Avenue and 34th Street in New York City.

Thirty-four K. of L. members in the choir fulfilled the Lithuanian Folk song program on the half-hour allotted the Lithuanian group at the exposition, while Mrs. Brundza's young group of dancers from Brooklyn interpreted the Lithuanian folk dances.

The Armory is a very difficult place for any singer or choir to appear, especially while thousands of people are moving about viewing the thousands of articles on display at the hundreds of booths. It was very inspiring to note that the K. of L. Choir attracted the attention of people. This was the choir's first appearance before a non-Lithuanian audience. Favorable comments were received.

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The choir has started its rehearsals every Tuesday evening at 8:30, St. George's Hall in Newark for its concert to be held on January 25, 1948. There is still time for other members in the district to join the choir. The choir has made a wonderful start and all councils are urged to encourage members to join.

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At the last business meeting of the choir, the following new officers were elected: President—Steve Bundonis, Linden, N. J.; Vice-Pres.—Vera Lang, Newark, N. J.; Sec'y.—Genevieve Malakas, Newark, N. J.; Treasurer—Veronica Kemezis, Kearney, N. J.; Librarian—Al Bundonis, Linden, N. J.

Remember—the big N. Y.—N. J. K. of L. District concert—January 25, 1948 in St. George's Hall in Newark, N. J.

Hartford, Conn.

COUNCIL 6

At our regular meeting, held the first Tuesday of the month, some important business matters were discussed. Adam Chase, our Athletic Chairman, reported that a men's basketball team has been organized. The players already boast of strict competition.

Here's good news for our members who have time on their hands! The clubrooms are available week-ends. Members are invited to play ping-pong, dance to radio music, play piano and enjoy a game of cards. Don't pass up this opportunity.

Our members contributed much toward the success of our Holy Trinity Church Bazaar. For five eventful evenings, our members worked at booths while others tried their luck at the various wheels, thus helping out in a financial way.

The Sisters of St. Francis, while celebrating their 25th Jubilee, were remembered by our council with a monetary gift. The Sisters have done much in our community, and therefore are dear to the hearts of our council members, many of whom are former pupils.

Our bowlers in the C.L.C. league took three games from the New Haven Men's Club B team. Though the New Haveners lost, they were grand sports and most hospitable.

Pauly Pagirskas is quite anxious to return to New Haven! What's the attraction, Pauly?... We are most proud of "Skippy" Stanulis and Al Petraitis, who were Sponsors at our recent Confirmation exercises which took place in our parish. Both are our foremost exemplars... Aggie Kadis went wild the last two bowling nights. This "low" man hit one mark after another. What do you eat on Monday nights, Aggie?... Did anyone see a green car with four girls? They started out for Ansonia one night a long time ago, or so it seems to them. It's a five-hour trip, one way! "Ann On Emos".

New York, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

Council 12 extends to all our friends and Fellow Knights warmest greetings and best wishes for a most Merry Christmas and Happy New Year crowded with Happiness, Good Deeds and Good Fortune!

IN THE MAIL BOX: Frieda and Frank Samulenas sent a nice note of thanks to the council for the wedding gift. Also Sylvester Surowitz sends his regards to us from a country club at Lake Placid, N. Y.

WEEK-END RUMBLINGS: Your reporter attended the wedding of Ann (nee Kolesk) and Peter Garbin-



PETER KUPRAITIS
Newly-elected president of C-133,
Los Angeles, Calif.

čius on October 25th. It was a gala event.... Saw George "Yank" Yatkaukas at one of the dances and learned that he is now working for one of the national airlines. Lots of luck to you!... On November 8th some of us attended C-113's dance. It was an evening well spent. Those Linden people make fine hosts!... Paul Douglas is so overjoyed these days that he isn't talking to anyone but himself (and it couldn't happen to a better person). It's all on account of the beautiful new Pontiac he's perambulating!

A "little bird" told us that Steve Montvidas and Vinnie Zalis were out in the Long Island woods stringing leaves as decorations for our Autumn Frolic Dance... Aside to Jules Kleizo out C-110 way: Please don't forget those pictures!

NOVEMBER MEETING: Our meeting was quite an active one. Nomination of officers were held. The following accepted: President: Henry Kolesk and Ed Samulenas; Vice Presidents: Eldy Simulinas, Stanley Borus, and Al Yatkaukas; Secretary and Treasurer: to be filled at our December meeting; Sgt.-at-Arms: Vincent Yatkaukas and Will Kaleda were nominated.

Ed Samulenas, Sports Committee Chairman, announced bowling on Sundays will be resumed. It's 3 P.M. Sundays at Kannen's Bowling Alley, Corner 4th Ave. and 13th St.

The Social Locker Committee for our next activity consists of Stella Kaulius, Will Kaleda and Henry Kolesk.

C-12 Delegates to the District Convention at Newark will be Vincent Zalis, Vincent Yatkaukas, Henry Kolesk, Elizabeth Banunis and Steve Montvidas.
Brenda Bell.

Cambridge, Mass.

COUNCIL 18

Welcome and greetings to you all, For here comes "Old Rip" to spill all!

Last month marked the third year for our revised C-18. Much has been achieved during these three years. In commemoration of our council's revival, an Anniversary Dance was held November 29th at the Hotel Commander. Our own member and his orchestra — "VAN ALLEN", THE SOCIETY KING AND HIS ORCHESTRA rendered beautiful music on this occasion. Our neighboring councils were well represented. The dance committee was headed by our capable Al Jakutis and his assistants — Mildred Wilcinski, Helen Zukas, Jean Malin, Albert Yankauskas, Viny Zukas, Peter Puzin and Al Marcin.

Our Hallowe'en Party will long be remembered. Following served on the committee: Frances Burt, Wanda Yankuns, Peter Puzin, Eddie Puzin and Al Marcin.

Elections are over and with our newly-elected officers in power, much will be accomplished this coming year. "Old Rip" predicts great developments in 1948.

Just a reminder—the 1948 Membership Drive opens January 1st. Let's all try and recruit one member for our organization.

From observation "Old Rip" notices our members' keen interest in bowling this season, which takes place every Thursday evening.

It's good to see the Zukas sisters and Aileen (Wilcinski) faithfully attending the meetings, though for short. Wonder where they go afterwards?

Our LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE has been doing some remarkable work, — sending food, clothing and literature to DP persons in Europe. The committee sees to it that a short greeting by the sender and packer goes along with the package. This committee's chairman is Al Marcin and assisted by Al Jakutis, Mildred Wilcinski, Ann Zukas and Helen Zukas.

Don't forget our Christmas Party which will take place this month. Bring a friend and let's all have a grand time at Yuletide.

OUR REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH in the church hall, 8:15 p.m. We can only produce results by a good attendance. Will be looking for you at our meetings.

"Old Rip".