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VASARIO 16

K. Mockus

Lietuvių tauta turi labai garbingą savo istoriją. Ne veltui ir lietuvių tautos himne yra sakoma, kad "iš praeities tavo sūnūs te stiprybę semia". Ištikrųjų toji praeitis duoda pagrindo didžiutis sava tauta kiekvienam lietuviui — ir tėvų žemėje išaugusiam, ir tos žemės niekada nemačiusiam.

Garbinga praeitis

Buvo laikas kada nedidelė lietuvių tauta buvo sukūrusi labai didelę valstybę, vieną didžiausiųjų Europoje. Ir tai buvo tada, kai Europa gyveno viduriniųjų amžių pabaigą, kai buvo daromi pirmieji žingsniai surasti Naująjį Pasaulį, mūsų visų šiandieninę antrąją Tėvynę. Ano meto Lietuvos valdovai nerūšiavo savo pavaldinių, nevaržė jų papročių, neprimetė tikėjimo. Prijungtųjų prie Lietuvos valstybės kraštų gyventojai jautėsi pilnateisiais valstybės piliečiais be tautybės, tikybos ir kitokių skirtumų. Savąime aišku, mūsų to meto valstybėje buvo luomai tokie pat, kaip ir visuose kituose to meto kraštuose. Tačiau kol stipriau ėmė reikštis svetimųjų įtaka, ir luomų santykiai yra buvę palyginant žmoniški. Per šimtmečius Lietuvos valstybės

vyrų yra gynę Europos sienas nuo iš rytų besiveržiančių mongolų totorių, vėliau nuo turkų, kurie grėsė Europos krikščioniškajai civilizacijai. Tą uždavinį jie atliko labai sėkmingai ir todėl jų nuopelnai ano meto krikščioniškajam pasauliui yra nepaprastai dideli.

Tautos nelaimė

Kai kaimyninės tautos ėmė stipriau organizuotis, kai didžiosios mūsų kaimyninės tautos ėmė kurti savo valstybes tautiniu pagrindu, mažai lietuvių tautai sunku bebuvę išlaikyti didžiulę valstybę. Teko su kuo-nors jungtis, norint apsiginti. Kovai su iš vakarų besiveržiančiais germanais buvo darytos sąjungos su pietiniais kaimynais lenkais. Vėliau kartu su tais pačiais kamynais teko kovoti prieš vis stiprėjančius rusus, kurie savo ginklu nešė prievartą — užimtuosius kraštus jie rusino ir pravoslavino. Kadangi kaimynas, su kuriuo kelis šimtus metų teko glaudžiai bendradarbiauti, atnešė į mūsų kraštą ir daug pavojingų ydų, laikui bėgant darėsi vis sunkiau beapginti ir savąją valstybę. Naujai išaugę galingi kamynai ją spaudė, slopino, o pabai-

goje aštuonioliktojo amžiaus ir visai panaikino nepriklausomą gyvenimą. Nuo tada prasideda daugiau kaip šimtą metų trukęs svetimųjų okupacijos laikotarpis. Mažosios Lietuvos lietuviai jau anksčiau buvo patekę į vokiečių kolonistų priespaudą, o Didžioji Lietuva nešė rusų vergijos jungą. Šis laikotarpis yra liūdnas mūsų tautos istorijoje, tačiau jis kartu yra ir pamokiantis. Pasirodo, kad ir šimtą su viršum metų nešus vergijos jungą mažai tautai, didžių kaimynų spaudžiamai, galima buvo išsilaikyti gyvai. Aštuonioliktame šimtmečiu Lietuva, ypač Mažąją Lietuvą, buvo ištikusi dar viena baisi nelaimė — siautė nuožmi liga maras. Tat būta įvairių pavojų tautos gyvybei.

Tautos prisikėlimas

Tačiau visi tie pavojai praėjo, o lietuvių tauta kėlėsi iš naujo nepriklausomam gyvenimui. Kadangi lietuviams tenka gyventi tarp dviejų didelių kaimynų, todėl ir buvo galima tikėtis atkurti savo nepriklausomą valstybę tik tokiu momentu, kada abu didieji kaimynai nusilps. Taip atsitiko 1918 metais, kai karas ir revoliucija paklupdė mūsų kaimynus, o mūsų tautos atgimimo žadintojai buvo spėję suorganizuoti tautą naujam gyvenimui. Be abejo, skelbdami 1918 metais savo valstybės atstatymą, mūsų ano meto veikėjai nebemanė atkurti ją tokią pat didelę, kokia yra buvusi prieš kelis šimtu metų. Šiuo metu buvo svarbu į savo valstybę sujungti visas tas žemes, kurios nuo amžių buvo pačių lietuvių gyvenamos ir sudaryti sąlygas lietuvių tautai savarankiškai reikštis su savo kultūra kitų pasaulio tautų tarpe. Toji kova buvo laimėta. Kad ir ne visos lietuviškos žemės buvo spėta apjungti, vis dėlto visų lietuvių bendra kova ir pasiaukojimu buvo sukurta Nepriklausoma Lietuva.

Mus jungianti diena.

Toje kovoje aktyviai dalyvavo ne tik Lietuvoje tuo metu buvę lietuviai. Visame pasauly išsi-barstę lietuviai subruzdė. Ypač Amerikos lietuvių nuopelnai toje kovoje yra nepaprastai dideli. Kova bent dalinai buvo laimėta. Vasario 16 dienos aktas, kuriuo paskelbtas Vilniuje 1918 metais Lietuvos valstybės atstatymas, tapo kūnu. Užtat toji data—VASARIO 16—yra tapusi visus mus lietuviško kraujo žmones jungiančia data. Kur mes bebūtume ir ką bedarytume, tą dieną mes atkreipiame savo žvilgsnius į Lietuvą ir jos reikalus.

Kova prieš smurtą.

Turime prieš akis skaudų faktą, kad antrojo pasaulinio karo įvykių eigoj Lietuvos valstybės nepriklausomas gyvenimas be jokios pačių lietuvių kaltės buvo sutrukdytas. Įsibrovė į mūsų tėvų žemę raudonieji rusai su savo be galo kruvinu komunizmu. Kurį laiką juos buvo pakeitę rudieji žiaurūs vokiečiai, o dabar štai jau aštuntuosius metus mūsų Lietuvoje vėl šeimininkauja raudonieji rusai oku-

pantai, istorijoje ligi šiol nežinomu žiaurumu plėšdami mūsų brangiąją Lietuvą, šimtais tūkstančių žudydami ar tremdami mūsų brolius bei seseris krašte likusius tautiečius. Amerikos vadovaujamas pasaulis šiandien, ačiū Dievui, jau atvirai rengiasi kovai su dvidešimtojo amžiaus pabaisa —bolševikiniu rusų imperikalizmu. Kartais ima baimė, kad reikalas per ilgai neužtruktu ir kad okupantai per tą laiką nespėtu likviduoti visos mūsų tautos. Tačiau žvelgdami į praeitį matėme, kad ir sunkiausiais laikais mūsų tautai pasisekė išlikti gyvai, kad ji po to vėl kėlėsi ir didžius darbus dirbo. Todėl negalime abejoti, kad ir ši pati baisiausia ligi šiol kada buvusi okupacija nepajėgs palaužti mūsų tautos. Mūsų žmonės anapus geležinės uždangos turi pakelti okupaciją ir vesti su ja labai nelygią kovą. Toje kovoje miršta didžiuliai skaičiai mūsų kraujo brolių, brangiausių savojo krašto sūnų bei dukterų.

Didysis frontas.

Gyvendami laisvajame pasaulyje, mes nesame ir negalime būti abejingi šių baisių įvykių stebėtojais. Mes turime jungtis visi į vieną didelį lietuviškąjį frontą ir daryti visa, ką galime, kad prisidėtume prie kovos už Lietuvos laisvę, kad sustabdytume nekaltų žmonių žudymą, kad grąžintume žmogiškojo gyvenimo sąlygas Rytų Europoje, kad panaikintume geležinę uždangą ir kad tuo pačiu realiai vėl galėtų lietuvių tauta naudotis tomis teisėmis, kurias ji išsikovojo po vasario 16 d. akto paskelbimo.

Sektina vyčių veikla.

Amerikos lietuvių jaunimas taip pat aktyviai toje kovoje dalyvauja. Vyčiai yra nepaprastai vertingas tos kovos dalyvis. Kai ateis laikas, visi lietuviai, galį vartoti ginklą, be abejo, stos po Amerikos vedama laisvės vėliava ir neš ją ligi savo tėvų krašto. Tačiau svarbu yra ir šiuo metu, kol eina tai kovai pasirengimas, budėti ir daryti visa, kad palengvinus okupacijoj esančių savo tautiečių dalią ir pagreitinus Lietuvos išlaisvinimą. Vyčiai savo laiškais įvairiems Amerikos pareigūnams daro ir darys didelį darbą. Yra eilė panašių darbų. Galime rašyti laiškus bei protestus ne tik valdžios pareigūnams. Galime rašyti straipsnius Lietuvos reikalui amerikiečių spaudoje, galime skelbti viešus protestus bei ruošti tam reikalui mitingus.

Parengimai Amerikos visuomenei.

Ligi šiol vasario 16 mnėjimai rengiami tik lietuvių visuomenei ir tik lietuvių kalba. Nepaslap-tis, kad dalis čia išaugusių mūsų tautos žmonių jau sunkiau supranta tėvų kalbą. Tokiems ir iš viso net ne savo tautos amerikiečiams vyčiai galėtų imtis rengti programas anglų kalba. Amerika laisvių kraštas. Ligi šiol čia esama labai daug laisvės ir mūsų tautos okupantų agentams. Žiūrėkime, vienoj vietoj per Amerikos radiją kas savaitė vedama bjauri Lietuvos okupantų propaganda, kitoj vietoj

TRUMPAI KALBANT

(Tęsinys)

I'm sorry. I beg your pardon vietoj lietuviškai sakome: **Atsiprašau! Labai atsiprašau! Atleiskit.** Pvz. Labai atsiprašau, kad pavėlavau. Atleiskit, kad negalėjau išpildyti savo pažado. I am sorry I could not keep my promise.

Unfortunally ar **I am sorry to say** vartojame reikšdami apgailestavimą. Lietuviškai sakome: **deja** arba **gaila**: **Deja**, aš negalėjau jo pamatyti. **Gaila**, kad taip įvyko. I am sorry it has happened so.

Priešingą reikšmę turi **fortunately**. Lietuviškai sakome: **laimė, laimei**. Pvz. **Laimė**, kad jis laiku sugrįžo. **Laimei** manęs ten nebuvo. — **Fortunately** I was not there. Pasitenkinimą reikšdami, sakome dar: **aciū Dievui**. — **Thank God!** Ačiū Dievui, kad viskas laimingai pasibaigė.

By the way vietoj lietuviškai sakome: **beje, tarp kita ko**. **Beje**, kur jie dabar gyvena. **Beje**, turiu tau vieną dalyką pasakyti. **Tarp kita ko**, kas jums apie tai pasakė?

In my opinion lietuviškai **mano nuomone**: **Mano nuomone** reikėtų visai kitaip daryti. (Daug galvų, daug nuomonių — Many men, many minds.)

Frankly speaking — atvirai kalbant. **Properly speaking** — tiesą sakant, tikrai sakant. **Strtly**

speaking — griežtai kalbant, tiksliai kalbant. **Roughly speaking** — apytiksliai kalbant. Pvz.: **Atvirai kalbant**, šis paveikslas man nelabai patinka.

In any case — kiekvienu atveju. Kiekvienu atveju mes turėsime keltis į kitą miestą. **Šiuo atveju** — **In this case**.

That is not my business — **Tai ne mano reikalas**. **What is that to me!** — **Kas man darbo!**

To keep in mind — **Turėti galvoje** arba **ome-nyje**. Pvz. Reikia turėti galvoje ir tą dalyką, kad...

Rathe good, prety good — **gana geras, gana gerai**. It looks rathen good — tai atrodo gana gerai.

Look out! With care! — **Atsargiai! Wet paint!** — **Atsargiai! Dažyta!**

Partly, in part — **iš dalies**. Pvz. Iš dalies ir jis pats kaltas.

Usually — **paprastai**. Gulti paprastai mes einame vienuoliktą valandą.

As for me; for my part — **Dėl manęs jūs galite daryti, kaip norit**.

What is the matter? — **Kas čia yra? Kas čia dedasi? Don't bother me!** — **Palik mane ramybėj!** (Bus daugiau)

L. Dambriūnas

koks raudonųjų įtakai pasidavęs Amerikos mokslininkas skelbia mums kenksmingas knygas, spausdina neteisingus žemėlapius ir pan. Vyčiai savo tarpe turi daug išlavintų žmonių, kurie savo protestais galėtų prisidėti prie tokių reiškinių panaikinimo.

Tautos gyvybės išlaikymas.

Nepaprastos svarbos yra dabar reikalas išlaikyti susipratusiais ir Lietuvai ištikimais ko daugiau lietuviško kraujo žmonių. Kai pačioje Lietuvoje diena iš dienos, metai iš metų mažėja dėl žudymų ir deportacijų gyvų lietuvių skaičius, o jų vietas užima rusai kolonistai, labai rūpinkimės kad laisvame pasaulyje išsibarstę lietuviai išliktų gyvi ne tik kūnu, bet ir dvasia, kad atėjus momentui būtų kam ir kelti balsą už Lietuvą ir jai laisvę atgavus, kad būtų kam tą laisvąjį gyvenimą atkurti bei jam vadovauti. Tais rūpesčiais imasi rūpintis kuriamoji Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenė. Yra labai džiugu, kad vyčiai iš karto jungiasi į tos bendruomenės darbą.

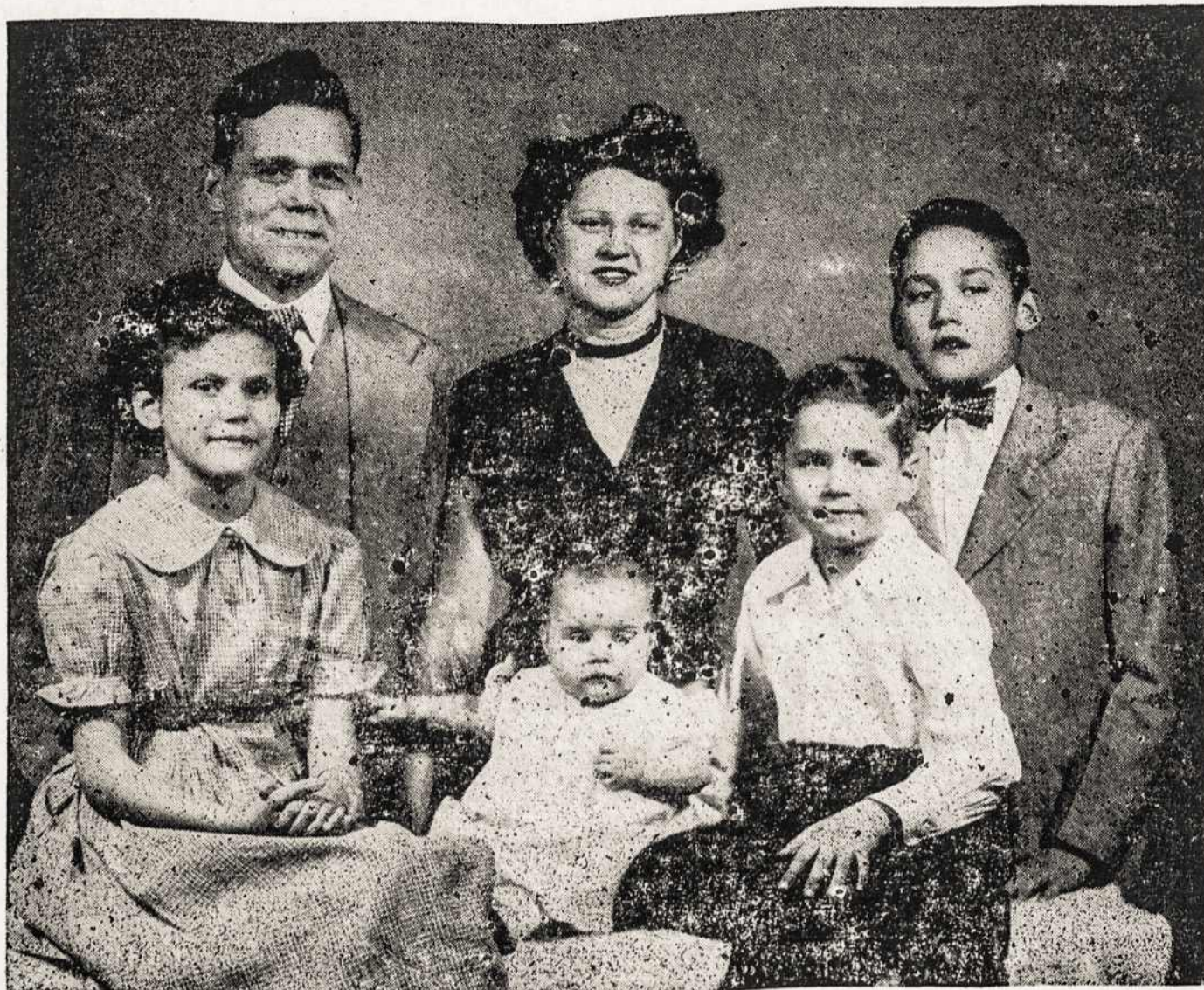
Vyčiai ypatingai yra pamėgę antrojo mūsų tautos himno pradžios žodžius. Jie tikrai gražūs ir reikšmingi. Juos kartodami minėkime ir šią reikšmingą dieną.

Lietuviais esame mes gimę,



Algirdas Mitkus yra Vyčių 17 kuopos narys. šv. Petro lietuvių bažnyčioje, So. Boston, Mass. išvyksta iš bažnyčios.

Algirdas Mitkus yra Vysių 17 kuopos vytis. Naujavedžiams linkime geriausios kloties!



Inž. Antanas Mažeika su šeima.

NEPAILSTANČIOJI VYČIŲ BITELĖ

(Vyčių Garbės Narys Inž. Antanas J. Mažeika)

Inžinierius Antanas Mažeika yra gerai pažįstamas ne tik Pittsburgho lietuviams kaip judrus, iškaltas, geraširdis, maloniai besišypsas, kaip sumanus organizatorius ir nepailstąs veikėjas; jo vardas yra plačiai žinomas ir iš viso lietuvių tarpe, o ypač tarp vyčių, kuriems jis yra vienas didžiųjų šulų.

Mes nesilaikome pasenusio principo, jog žmogų reikia pagerbti tik po jo mirties. Todėl ir apie Antaną Mažeiką rašome dabar, kada jis dar pats gali pasiskaityti ir savo širdyje vertinti kitų žodžius apie save, tebesantį pačiose žydinčiose jėgose.

Bręsta kovų sukuriuose Lietuvoje.

Antanas Mažeika gimė 1906 metais spalio 22 dieną Brooklyne, N. Y. pirmuoju kūdikiu šeimoje. Jo tėvai, Antanas ir Veronika, ūkininkų kilmės, buvo atvykę į Ameriką iš Lietuvos ir čia susituokę.

Mažąjį Antanuką, beinantį antruosius amžiaus metelius, jo tėveliai 1908 metais parsivežė į Lietuvą.

Grįžę Lietuvon Mažeikos apsigyveno Šiaulių apskrityje, Pašiaušės valsčiuje, Pašiaušės kaime, kur jie nusipirko stambų ūkį (apie 30 hektarų — apie 75 akrus).

1914 metais Mažeikos rengėsi parduoti savo ūkį ir grįžti atgal į Ameriką. Bet kilo pirmasis pasaulinis karas ir jie, nebegalėdami išvykti, pašiliko Lietuvoj. Per karą sudegė jų ūkio trobesiai, ir jie

tada apsigyveno Sidarų kaime.

1917 metais Antaniukas pradėjo lankyti jų apylinkėj įsteigtą pradžios mokyklą, teveikusia vos 7 mėnesius. Uoliai pasimokęs pats sau vienas namie, 1919 metų rudenį jis išlaikė stojamuosius egzaminus į Šiaulių gimnazijos 1 klasę ir rugsėjo pirmąją dieną jau pradėjo trokštuosius gimnazijos mokslus.

Bet tada, nors jau ir laisvoj, brangioj Tėvynėj Lietuvoj, laikai dar nebuvo ramūs: įvairūs jos priešai visais būdais stengėsi sunaikinti jos vos gimusią laisvę. Lietuvoj pasirodė ir plėšikaują bermontininkai, kurie, be kitko, užpuolė ir Šiaulių gimnaziją, turėjusią apie 500 mokinių, kuriuos jie žvėriškai išvaikė, iš jų apie 50 net sužeisdami. Ir mūsų Antanėliui taip pat teko nukentėti. Lietuvos priešų bermontininkų išvaikytoji Šiaulių gimnazija vėl susirinko į krūvelę tik 1920 metų sausio mėnesį, kai narsioji Lietuvos kariuomenė ties Radviliškio galutinai sumušė bermontininkus. Į gimnaziją grįžo ir Antanas Mažeika.

Grįžta Amerikon ir veržiasi į mokslą.

1925 metų pavasarį, gavęs Šiaulių gimnazijos 6 klasių baigimo pažymėjimą (bendru pažymiu "labai gerai"), Antanas Mažeika, tėvų raginamas, kaip Amerikos pilietis, išsirengė grįžti atgal į Ameriką, ir jos krantuose išlipo 1925 metų birželio 20 dieną.

Antanas Mažeika Ameriką pasiekė su tuščia, bedolerine kišene, tačiau su liepsnojančiu noru mokytis toliau, kiek tik jėgos leis.

Kad užsidirbtų mokslui pinigų, Antanas vienerius metus dirbo viename dėžių fabrike. Po to, 1926 metais įstojo į Columbijos universitetą studijuoti statybos inžinerijos. Šiame universitete mokslas vyko dienos metu, tai vakarais darbštusis pasiryžėlis Antanas uždarbiavo įvairiais atsitiktiniais darbeliais ir mokymu lietuvių kalbos, Lietuvos istorijos bei katekizmo trijose Brooklyno parapijose (Karalienės Angelų, Apreiškimo ir Šv. Jurgio).

Bet jis negalėjo čia iki galo išsiversti finansškai. Todėl, po trijų studijinių metų Columbijos universitete, jis persikėlė į New Yorko vakarinį universitetą (kad dienos metu galėtų pakankamai užsidirbti pinigų).

Ir pagaliau 1932 metais Antanas Mažeika baigė šį universitetą, gaudamas statybos (civil) inžinieriaus diplomą. Vadinasi, visas didysis vargelis, šimtai nemiegotų naktų tapo viešai apvainikuoti verta garbe.

Veikla vyčių tarpe.

Inžinieriaus Antano Mažeikos asmenyje liepsnojo ne tik noras pasiekti trokštamo mokslo viršūnę. Dar labiau ir skaidriau jame liepsnojo ir tebeliepsnoja Lietuvos meilė, ir dėl to visas savo jėgas jis tebeskiria lietuviškajam darbui čia, Amerikoje. Iš visų kitų jo dalyvaujamų organizacijų jis daugiausia yra pasireiškęs Lietuvos Vyčiuose, kurių organizacijai jis turi didžiulių, retų nuopelnų.

Antanas Mažeika, besimokydamas Lietuvoje, priklausė Šiaulių Ateitininkų organizacijai. Atvykęs Amerikon, jau nuo 1926 metų įsijungė į didžiai aktyvų darbą Vyčiuose, įstodamas į 12 kuopą New Yorke. Dėl savo energijos ir organizacinių gabumų jam teko eiti įvairių įvairiausių pareigų Vyčių organizacijoje; jam teko būti Vyčių Centro Valdybos: pirmininku (per 5 metus), vicepirmininku (per 3 metus), izdo globėju (1 met.), įvairiose Centro komisijose per 10 kartų; New Yorko ir New Jersey Vyčių apskrityje: pirmininku (3 metus), vicepirmininku (3 met.), izdininku (2 met.), board of directors (3 met.) ir kitose pareigose; Brooklyno 41 ir Pittsburgho 62 kuopoj: pirmininkas, vicepirmininkas, finansų sekretorius, izdininkas, sporto vedėjas ir t. t., ir t. t.

Antanas Mažeika įsteigė ar atgaivino: Pittsburgho (šv. Vincento parapijoj) 62 kuopą, Brooklyno 41 ir 44 kp., Elizabeth 52, Bayonne 67, Cliffside Ill., DuBois, Pa., Pittsburgho North Side kuopą, Clevelando 25; jis padėjo suorganizuoti per 10 kitų kuopų. O kur dar kiti jo vytiški darbai! Jis suorganizavo New Yorko ir New Jersey apskrityje Dramos Ratelį ir vadovavo 8 veikalų vaidinimams net 50 kartų. 12, 41 ir 62 kuopoj jis surežisavo apie 15 veikalų, kurie buvo apie 30 kartų su-

vaidinti. Jis įsteigė 62 kuopoj (Pittsburghe) tautinių šokių šokėjų grupę, pats joje aktyviai dalyvaujdamas. Jis suorganizavo Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Namų Fondą ir vadovavo beruošiant 2 Vyčių seimus: 1931 metais Brooklyne ir 1941 metais Pittsburghe. 1948 metais jis įkūrė Pittsburgho Vyčių apskritį. Dar čia pridėkime daugybę jo paskaitų, referatų, daugybę straipsnių Vyčių jaunimo reikalu katalikų spaudoje.

Vytiška šeima.

1934 metais birželio 3 dieną Antanas Mažeika susituokė su vyte Zuzana Unguraityte, Amerikos lietuvaitė. Yra malonu pažymėti, kad jo žmona Zuzana yra taip pat veikli, daug nusipelnusi vyte. Į vyčius ji įstojo 1929 metais. Čia, vyčiuose, Antanas su Zuzana susitiko ir bendrai veikdami viens kitą geriau pažino, pamilo ir apsivedė. Taigi, kaip matome, šis gražus vyčių judėjimas taip pat sudaro progos kurtis lietuviškoms, katalikiškoms šeimoms, kas, esant už savo tautos kamieno Lietuvos, turi begalinės reikšmės lietuvių tautai. Apie Zuzanos Mažeikienės vytišką veiklą galima būtų daug gražių dalykų parašyti, nes ji visą laiką, kaip ir Antanas, nenuilstamai vyčiams dirba! Tai įvertindama Vyčių vadovybė 1950 m. Vyčių Seime Chicagoje iškilmingai pakėlė ją į ketvirto laipsnio narius. Kad pavaizduoti Zuzanos pasišventimą vyčių veikloje, teks prisiminti, kad ji, turėdama gausią šeimą, uoliai dalyvauja su Antanu vyčių 62 kuopos tautinių šokėjų grupėj ir atlieka svarbias roles vyčių ruošiamuose lietuviškuose vaidinimuose.

Ryšiai su Lietuva ir Pavasarininkais.

Tuojaus po vestuvių, jau sekančią dieną, Antanas su Zuzana išvyko povestuvinei kelionei į Lietuvą. Aplankė savo tėvelius ir brolius (du iš jų yra jau seniau mirę, o tėvų ir kitų 2 brolių likimas pavergtoji Tėvynėj — nežinomas).

Lietuvoje išbuvo 4 savaites ir dalyvavo Tautiniame Lietuvos Eucharistiniame kongrese Kaune, pasirašydamas Vyčių vardu, kaip jų Centro pirmininkas, Prisikėlimo Bažnyčios kertinio akmens pašventinimo dokumentą. Pažymėtina, kad šio savo buvimo Lietuvoj metu jis užmezgė glaudžius santykius su Dr. Juozu Leimonu, Pavasarininkų vadu (dabartiniu "Vyties" Redaktoriumi), pakviesdamas jį atvykti į Ameriką. 1936 metais Dr. J. Leimonas su J. Laučka, kaip pavasarininkų atstovai, atvyko į Ameriką aplankyti vyčius, atveždami vyčiams vertingą dovaną, didelį pavasarininkų rankdarbių rinkinį. Jų kelionės maršrutui po plačiąją Ameriką vadovavo ne kas kitas, kaip tik jis pats.

1938 metais jis suorganizavo Vyčių ekskursiją į Lietuvą, atstovaudamas juos, kaip Centro pirmininkas, Pavasarininkų Jubiliejiniame kongrese ir Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės 20-ties metų įvairiuose minėjimuose Lietuvoje.

Alfa Sušinskas

MES KELIAVOME Į ROMA

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Šv. Jono Bazilika. Jubiliejiniais atleidams gauti reikėjo aplankyti ir šią garsią Baziliką. Ji yra vadinama "Motina ir galva visų bažnyčių". Ji turi ir kitą žinomą vardą — Laterano, nes buvo pastatyta prie garsių Laterano Rūmų. Tie Rūmai buvo padovanoti popiežiui Silvestrui I. Čia gyveno visi popiežiai lig pat 14 amžiaus. Pirmoji nedidelė bažnyčia čia buvo pastatyta Išganytojaus vardu, kuri sudegė 9 amžiaus pabaigoj. Vėliau buvo pastatyta nauja Šv. Jono Krikštytojo vardu, kuriai sudegus 14 amž., vėl atstatyta ir pagražinta nuo 17 amžiaus.

Ši bazilika yra netik garsi savo istorija ir statyba, bet ji turi jubiliejinės duris, kurios yra atidaromos tik jubiliejiniais metais. Čia visi atleidų gavėjai turi ateiti ir pelnytis atleidus per jubiliejus. Didysis bazilikos altorius yra privilegijuotas popiežiui ar jo įgaliotam. Čia yra brangios relikvijos — šv. Petro ir Povilo galvos, stalas iš katakombų, kurį šv. Petras turėjo altoriumi. Labai gražus holidays with relatives. He expressed ir brangios mozaikos iš 13 a., padarytos garsaus Jokūbo Torriti. Žinomiausia mozaika yra virš alto-

riaus, kuri atvaizduoja dangaus ir žemės susivienijimą per krikštą. Ilgus amžius šioje bazilikoje buvo popiežių vainikavimas, jų laidojimas, bet čia buvo ir labai svarbūs visuotini Bažnyčios susirinkimai. Šioje bazilikoje laikomas pagal padavimą stalas, ant kurio buvo valgoma paskutinė Vakarienė. Lankant šią gražiąją Baziliką, negalima neaplankyti ir gretimai esančios Krikštinyčios. Tai yra aštuoniakampis pastatas, kuris kai kurią laiką buvo vienintelė krikšto vieta visoje Romoje. Manoma, kad čia ir Konstantinas Didysis buvo pakrikštytas.

Šioj gražioj Bazilikoj turėjau progos atlaikyti šv. Mišias kelis sykius, nes ji buvo labai mėgiama ir kan. Z. Ignatavičiaus bažnyčia. Su juo mes čia ir atvykdavom per visą mano buvimą Romoj. Prieš pat baziliką yra didelė aikštė, kurioj nuolat matai keliaujančių maldininkų procesijomis ir pavienių. Toj didingoj bazilikoj gali melstis, stebėtis, grožėtis, pergyventi, atsiminti istoriją ir t. t. Prie daugybės altorių nuolat laikomos šv. Mišios, daugybė šv. Komunijų. Čia dar matyti tikras gyvas tikėjimas. (Bus daugiau)

Grižęs į Ameriką, 1939 metais su šeima persikėlė gyventi į Pittsburghą.

Už didžius nuopelnus Vyčių organizacijai 1947 metais jam buvo suteiktas Vyčių garbės nario laipsnis.

Nepailstančioji bitelė.

Be Vyčių, inž. Antano Mažeikos veikla plačiai apima ir kitas visuomeninio darbo sritis: Dariaus-Girėno skridimo komiteto sekretorius, specialių šio skridimo oro pašto ženklų incijatorius, Dariaus-Girėno paminklui statyti Brooklyne komisijos pirmininkas, įvairios pareigos ir darbai BALFe, ALTe, LRKFe, ir t. t., ir t. t.

Šitokia yra bendrais bruožais, nors toli gražu ir nepilna, Antano Mažeikos veiklos fotografija. Jo nueitas didelis lietuviškosios kultūros kelias. Jei tokių Antanų Mažeikų čia, Amerikoje, būtų buvę kiek daugiau, lietuviškasis kultūrinis Amerikos veidas kitaip atrodytų...

Nuo 1939 metų Antanas Mažeika dirba Pittsburghe potvynių tvarkymo ir kariškos statybos tarnyboje. Dabar jis auginą gražią lietuvišką šeimynėlę: Antanuką (11 metų), Joaną (9 metų), Dėnį (7 metų), ir Marytę (7 mėnesių).

Pernai jam suėjo 25 metai nepailstamo darbo Vyčiuose.

Dar daug daug tokių našių, darbščių metelių!



Gražioj Lietuvoj

"I CAN HEAR IT NOW"

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P.

(The following is a little sketch that could be used as is, or adapted to the needs of the council or circumstances. The CAST includes a narrator who should be seated at a small table toward the front of the stage, while the other speakers can be seated around a larger table somewhat to the rear. There should be some suitable musical background interspersed as the narrator finishes his lines just before the other speakers begin.)

INTRODUCTION: "Lietuva Tėvynė Mūsų" is played and slowly fades away.

NARRATOR: Friends, we present "I Can Hear It Now", — a sketch from Lithuanian history.

Perhaps the greatest pages in the history of the land of our forefathers were those that were illuminated with the golden letters of UNITY—VIE-NYBĖ.

As a matter of fact, the very first pages of recorded history place before our eyes the struggle for that great ideal. We take you back in time, and across space, across the Atlantic Ocean and the Baltic Sea to the hills and lowlands of Lithuania. We take you back to the Lithuania of the thirteenth century!

FIRST SPEAKER: Here we are in the palace of Duke Mindaugas. We are in the library, and around this long oak table are the historians and chroniclers. Let's ask and find out what they are writing. Tell me, sir, what record is that?

SECOND SPEAKER: I'm copying down the details of the last war that our great Duke Mindaugas fought against the invaders from the East.

FIRST SPEAKER: And what record is that?

THIRD SPEAKER: I am setting down the facts about the never ending battles with the Knights of the Sword and the Knights of the Cross. Here I have written that they are united in their purpose to crush the peoples of Lithuania. They plan to defeat each of the dukes of Lithuania and take possession of the lands.

NARRATOR: Yes, Lithuania of the thirteenth century was in constant turmoil. Every page of its history is punctuated in red... the blood of its valiant defenders. Things looked hopeless. But there was a leader ready to lead the Lithuanians to victory. One of the five dukes that ruled over separate sections of Lithuania was Mindaugas in whose palace was to take place a meeting of the five chieftains. Let's listen in to their deliberations. It is Duke Mindaugas who is speaking:

FIRST SPEAKER: Our land cannot long endure the united attacks of our enemies, the Christians. The Knights of the Sword and the Knights of the Cross are united now. No one of us can stand up and fight a minning battle against them. I pro-

pose that we unite our men at arms, lure the enemy into a trap, and destroy them so thoroughly that their name would disappear from the face of the earth. Who is with me in this plan?

SECOND SPEAKER: I fear you are right. I pledge my loyalty to you.

NARRATOR: This was an historic moment. Lithuania became united against a common enemy. The Lithuanian Kingdom was founded, but her king was uncrowned. Mindaugas became Grand Duke, and began a series of battles that won him many a victory. Again Mindaugas faces almost certain defeat. Again we find him in council with his advisers:

FIRST SPEAKER: My nobles, what kind of beasts are these Knights of the Sword? They preach of peace, but come with fire and sword. They speak of justice and plunder and pillage our villages. They say they want to convert us to what they call Christianity, and hasten to drive us to death with their bloody swords... We cannot accept such a religion.

THIRD SPEAKER: Grand Duke, I have heard the Good News, as the doctrine of the Christians is called, from the lips of poor and humble men, men dressed in white wool, who go about preaching this new religion. These men are not warriors. They live the poverty and love and peace that they preach. And they perform miracles like their founder. The doctrine they preach is noble, divine, I would say, true wisdom on earth. We must defend our lands against the robber Knights but let the humble men in white and brown explain more of their truly marvelous teachings.

NARRATOR: Mindaugas was perplexed. How could followers of such a noble teaching act so shamefully. He was wise enough to understand that the new doctrine was truly beautiful, and he was shrewd enough to see that if he were Christian, the hated Knights of the Cross and the Knights of the Sword would not molest him. So he begged the missionaries to come into his country, to teach him and the people the doctrines of Christ. Soon he and his family and many of his nobles were ready for Baptism and seven hundred and one years ago this month he was received into the Catholic Church.

(Music: Hymn — Marija, Marija...)

(This brief sketch, conceived as a 'radio narrative' with musical introduction and conclusion, is suitable for presentation during a monthly K. of L. meeting. The Program Committee is grateful to Fr. Jurgelaitis of Providence College for preparing it)

JAUNIMAS IR NELAIMINGI ATSTITIKIMAI

Prof. Dr. K. Valteris, Birmingham, Anglija

Civilizacija suteikė žmonijai daug patogumų ir malonumų, už kuriuos žmonės, ypač jauni žmonės, moka labai aukštą kainą savo gyvybėmis. Čia nekalbėsiu apie pasakiškai išstobulintus ginklus, užgesinančius milijonus gyvybių karo metu. Tas jau per daug gerai visiems žinoma.

Mažiau krinta į akis tie, kuriuos, dirbančius visų labui, fabrikuose, kasyklose išstinka nelaimingi atsitikimai. Aukštai išvystytos pramonės kraštuose tūkstančiai darbininkų įmonėse žūva, o šimtai tūkstančių ar net milijonai sunkiau ar lengviau sužeidžiami ir didelė jų dalis tampa invalidais, o tuo pačiu ir našta sau, savo artimiesiems ir valstybei. Ar tai ne per aukšta kaina už gyvenimą aukštos civilizacijos amžiuje?

Gal skaitytojas pakraipys galvą, patraukys pečius ir pasakys: "Nieko nepadarysi — toks jau jų likimas!"... Bet dar taip netolimoj praeity įvairius kraštus (įskaitant ir mūsų vargšę Lietuvą!) kartas nuo karto nusiaubdavo maras, cholera, šiltinė... Ir tais laikais žmonės žiūrėjo į tas nelaimes kaip į neišvengiamybę, likimą, Dievo bausmę... Medicinos mokslo pažanga pažabojo anas baisybės ir civilizuota žmonija jau spėjo pamiršti tuos šiurpius laikus, jei kada ir prisimena, tai su pasigailėjimu žiūri į anų laikų žmonių tamsumą ir atsilikimą.. Bet galima tvirtinti, kad būsimosios kartos, žvelgdamos į mūsų laikų aukų nuo nelaimingų atsitikimų skaičius — laikys mus, išdidžius XX-jo amžiaus atstovus, neišmanėliais ir atsilikėliais...

Ar galima sumažinti nelaimingų atsitikimų skaičių? Remiantis paskutiniųjų metų stebėjimais, tyrinėjimais ir patyrimais — drąsiai galima sakyti: **t a i p !**

Jau senai pradėta kovoti su nelaimingais atsitikimais kasyklose, įmonėse ir kitur. Buvo įvesta daug patobulinimų, griebtasi visų galimų apsaugos priemonių, bet, deja, nelaimingų atsitikimų skaičius labai nežymiai keitėsi geresne prasme... Mat, visas dėmesys buvo sukonzentruotas į mašinas, aplinką, o buvo pamirštas... žmogus ir jo vidujinis pasaulis! Statistiniai duomenys rodo, kad tik 10—20 nuoš. visų nelaimingų atsitikimų būna dėl mašinų netvarkos ar kitų nenumatytų išorinių priežasčių, o 80—90 nuoš. dėl pačių darbininkų kaltės.

Statistika rodo, kad nelaimingų atsitikimų skaičius nepaprastai padidėjo paskutiniojo karo metu. Šiuo reiškinio buvo susidomėta ir nustatytos jo priežastys. O tų priežasčių rasta daug: nuovargis dėl ilgesnių darbo valandų, antplūdis jaunų bei nepatyrusių ir nepastovių darbininkų, asmeniškų rūpesčių padaugėjimas ir nežinomas rytojus karo metu, nepatenkinama sveikatos būklė ir tt. Pasirodo,

kad ir tokie menki negalavimai kaip sloga, galvos skausmai, virškinimo sutrikimai ir kt. žymiai pakelia nelaimingų atsitikimų skaičių.

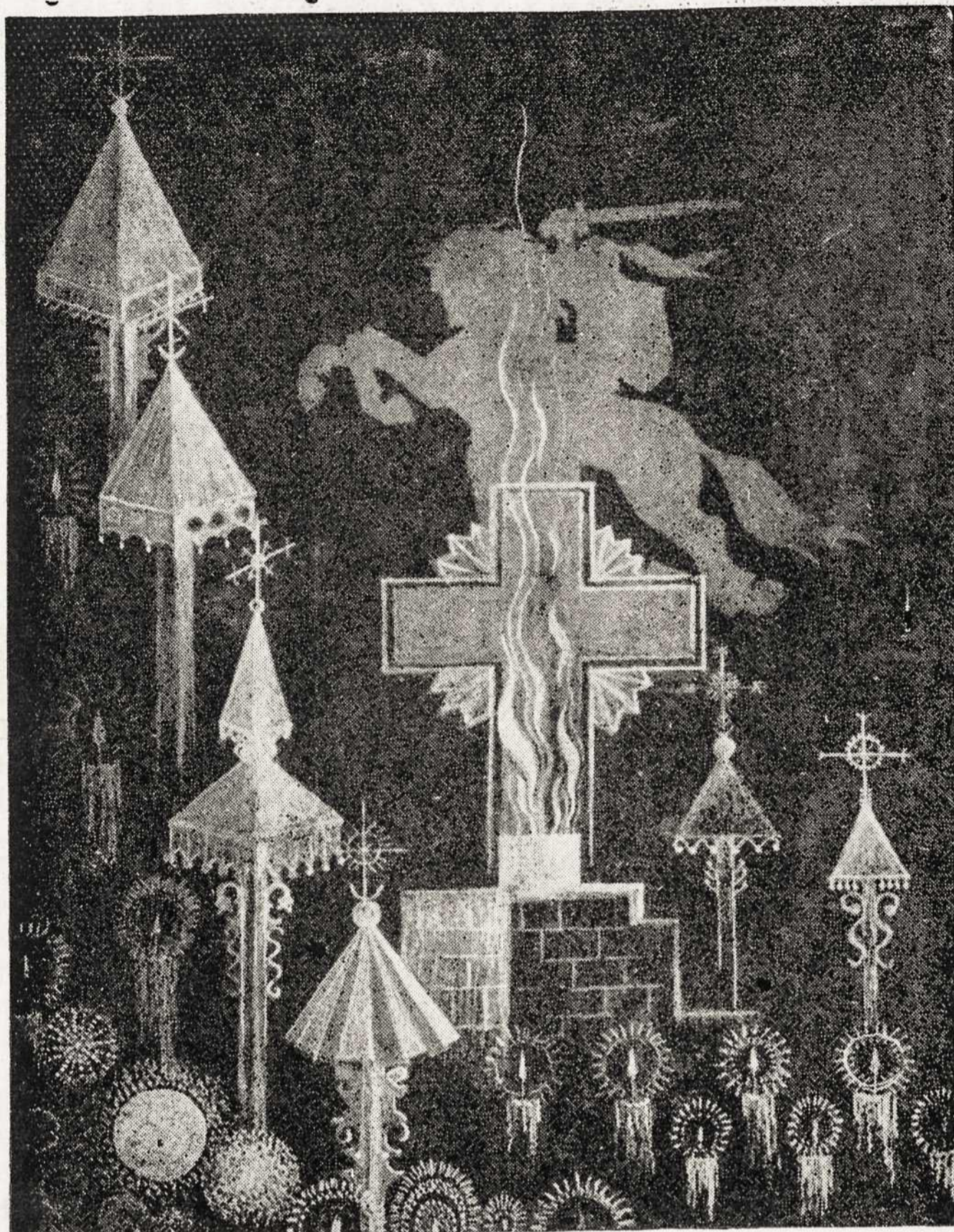
Aplinkos, kurioj dirbama, temperatūra irgi turi daug reikšmės. Stebėjimai parodė, kad metalo, ginklų pramonėj susižeidimai būna dažnesni prie žemos temperatūros (nes rankos būna nerangios, sugrubusios) ir temperatūrai kylant — susižeidimai retėja. Bet per daug šiltoje aplinkoj darbininkų atydumas menkėja, pastebimas greitesnis pavargimas ir nelaimingi atsitikimai vėl būna dažnesni. Aukštesnę temperatūrą jaunieji geriau pakelia už senius.

Čia ypatingai norėjau pabrėžti jaunumo ir nepatyrimo reikšmę nelaiminguose atsitikimuose. Jaunuoliai būna ne taip patvarūs darbe — greičiau pavargsta, o svarbiausia — pasižymi neatsargumu, lengvabūdiškumu — kas dažnai ir būna nelaimių priežastimi.

Stebėjimai parodė, kad pradedančių pramonėj dirbti jaunuolių tarpe per pirmą pusmetį nelaimingų atsitikimų būna apie 50 nuoš., per antrą pusmetį jau tik apie 23 nuoš., o po dviejų metų — tik apie 3 nuoš.! Bet gal nepatenkintas skaitytojas čia sumurmės: "Matai — patyrimas įgyjamas tik per kančias ir aukas"! Iš dalies taip, bet iš kitos pusės praktika parodė, kad mirtingų nelaimių skaičių galima sumažinti ligi 50 nuoš., o lengvesnių — iki 40 nuoš. vien tik tinkamu jaunuolių supažindinimu su mašinomis, darbo įrankiais ir galimais pavojais darbovietėj, o taip pat ir jų instruktavimu ir stropiu prižiūrėjimu pirmomis darbo dienomis.

Didžiojoje Britanijoje nelaimingų atsitikimų skaičius žymiai sumažėjo nuo 1945 metų kada buvo įvestas privalomas mokslas jaunuoliams ligi 16 metų amžiaus, o ne ligi 14 metų kaip buvo prieš tai. Tokiu būdu jaunuoliai įsijungia į pramonę 2 metais vyresni, o tuo pačiu ir... protingesni. Geri rezultatai gauti ir skiriant nepatyrusius jaunuolius iš pradžių į nepavojingas ar mažiau pavojingas vietas.

Bet yra dvi rūšys žmonių, kuriems kol kas sunku duoti patikimą receptą. Vieni jų yra **klajūnai** — keičią dažnai darbovietes ir tokiu būdu esą visada naujokai darbe, o kiti — turį **įgimtą** palinkimą nelaimingiems atsitikimams... Jų rankose viskas lūžta, dužta ir jie bematant vienaip ar kitaip susižeidžia. Tai taip vad. "griozdavoti" žmonės. Vienintelė šiuo metu žinoma patikima priemonė apsaugoti juos nuo nelaimingų atsitikimų — neprileisti jų prie pavojingesnio darbo. Dabar jau yra gana patikimų priemonių nustatyti kas šių nelaimingųjų



Atgimstanti Lietuva

kategorijai priklauso. Dar tikslių duomenų nėra, bet tokie "griozdai" sudaro ne mažiau 10 nuoš. visų žmonių!

Nuostabą kelia duomenys, rodą kad naktinėse darbo pamainose būna žymiai mažiau nelaimingų atsitikimų negu rytinėse. Tas faktas aiškinamas tuo, kad naktinių pamainų darbininkai dieną ramiai išsimiega (nes į šokus ir šiaip pramogas dieną paprastai neinama!...), laiku atsikelia ir tinkamai pavalgę ramiai atvyksta į darbovietę. Gi daugelis rytinėse pamainose dirbančių jaunuolių po darbo linksminasi, lėbauja ligi vėlos nakties, o rytą mieguisti, nepasilsėję, skaudama galva ir dažnai nespėję pavalgyti pusryčių — išsiskubina į darbą. Tokius nelaimės mėgsta!...

Čia norėjau ypatingai iškelti asmens reikšmę nelaiminguose atsitikimuose, bet tuo nenoriu pa-

neigti ir išorinių apsaugos priemonių reikšmės. Atitveriamas pavojingų mašinų, dėvėjimas atitinkamų batų, pirštinių ir tt. žymiai sumažina nelaimių skaičių. Ypač saugoti akis! Didžiojoje Britanijoje 10 nuoš. vis aklųjų sudaro nelaimingų atsitikimų įmonėse aukos, U.S.A. — net 13,5 nuoš. Kokią milžinišką reikšmę akims turi tinkama jų apsauga rodo ir šis faktas: United States Steel Corporation vadovybė savo darbininkams parūpino 44,000 specialių akių apsaugai akinių ir akių sužalojimų skaičius sumažėjo 60 nuošimčių!

Ir taip griebiantis tinkamų išorinių ir asmeninių apsaugos priemonių nelaimės įmonėse galima sumažinti iki nereikšmingo skaičiaus. Ne veltui Lietuvoje žmonės mėgo pasakoti, kad Dievas yra pasakęs: "Saugokis, žmogaus — tada ir aš padėsiu"...

LITHUANIAN PARTISANS BEHIND the IRON CURTAIN

(The true story of the Lithuanian Underground)

It Did Happen Here...

It was on a Sunday in July, 1944. It was noon time and we were at table eating dinner. Father was at the head of the table, mother sat beside him, and then the rest of us, five brother, completed the circle. We were eating cold beet soup.

Overhead in the sky, we could hear the drone of airplane motors, and in the distance, on land, there was shooting of cannon and machine-guns. No one spoke. The house was filled with uneasiness. With every spoonful of soup we swallowed our own uncertainty grew.

Then, outside our farmhouse, right outside our door, we heard the sound of soldiers' footsteps. A group of Germans barged in. One look at them and we could tell that they were starving and tired, and they, too, were uneasy and pressed by fear.

One soldier, rather politely said, "Essen" (Food). But several others came right over to the table and helped themselves. We got up from the table and left the rest of the meal to them. Soon there was nothing left. A blond-haired fellow looked around and shouted: "Mutter, Speck!" — which meant "Lady, bacon!" and before anyone could make a move he was right beside my mother, poking her ribs with his revolver. When she led him to the storeroom he put away his weapon, sliced off a huge chunk and left the house. There was still one soldier left in the kitchen. He was seated in my father's chair at the head of the table. He was a rather elderly man, an officer, and what made us smile in spite of our fears, was the fact that he was only half shaved. When he noticed our half-hidden smiles, he smiled, too; in fact, he laughed out loud, as he explained:

"Those darn fool Russians wouldn't let me finish shaving. They're snapping at our heels today, all right." Then he, too, left.

We were alone again. And suddenly the shooting seemed to stop. No one dared go outside, but we kept watch at the doors and windows. Maybe there were other Germans lurking about. But we soon found out that we had seen the last of the Germans.

Enter... the Reds.

"Here comes another soldier! He's mounted!" my younger brother exclaimed.

We all ran over to his window, and we saw for ourselves. Mounted on the poorest looking beast you could imagine was a dirty-looking and bedraggled rider, with a pack on his back that looked like a folded tent. We saw the star on his cap and our

hearts sank. He rode right into mother's garden and began shouting all over the yard.

"Hello, there! Come on out. The Germans are gone. Come on out. You're saved."

Of course, we all went outside and the cavalry scout repeated his message and added, "I suppose you got tired of waiting for us, right? But we've come. We have come to liberate Lithuania."

Then he changed the subject. "Have you got anything to drink?"

Our hired girl, Anne, brought him a pitcher of milk.

The Russian tossed back his grimy head and greedily emptied the pitcher.

"Boy, we can even get fresh milk here!" me exclaimed as he gave back the pitcher and rode off.

Beyond our rye field we heard I more shouting. We could hope that it was still a German detachment holding out, but we knew it was the Reds. The Communists were back in our country.

A month ago, when our town became a battle ground for the two gigantic armies, German vs, Russians, we could see that we had to prepare for the worst. Both armies brought Lithuania only destruction, misery and famine. Several weeks ago we had to make up our minds whether to stay with our country and fight its enemies now within its boundaries, or go Westward and beg to be admitted into the sphere of democratic nations. We knew that Lithuanian would become a slave.

We chose to stay in the land that we loved. It was the hope that at the end of this World War Lithuania would be free again, that gave us courage to make this decision, while others packed up and left. I accompanied one caravan to Kaunas, to find out what was going on in the capital. It was frightful. The streets were jammed with German soldiers and civilians, all tramping Westward. The stores were crowded; long lines outside extended around the block, lines which did not move an inch, because the military personnel was buying up whatever it could lay its hands on, and carting it away through back doors. No one could give me any information.

While I was journeying homeward, the Russians were cannonading the German positions along the Nemunas River. The Germans were preparing to withdraw, destroying everything in sight.

During the night of July 24th, the Red Army constructed an underwater pontoon bridge, thinking that it would pass unnoticed by the German air patrol. The Germans soon discovered this ca-

mouflage and sent out a few bombers to destroy the bridge. Red anti-aircraft artillery drove them back. Then began the assault. Over the underwater bridge, in boats, clinging to logs, the Red Army crossed the river. The first waves were composed of half-drunken soldiers, many of whom did not make the other shore. There were women in the ranks of the soldiers; disgraceful creatures swore, pillaged, murdered just as brutally as any of the half-crazed men.

The Germans kept retreating, blowing up bridges, buildings and railroads. Soon we heard rumors that the Red terror was about to strike. Some had it that all German collaborators would be shot. Others heard that all men not in the ranks of the Red militia would be executed. Still others claimed that all the government officials under the German rule would be imprisoned and deported. Then there were those that came back from the Russian side with far different stories.

"The Russians are not so bad after all. They're quite friendly."

Most of us did not believe these last stories. We immediately gathered together our more valuable possessions, buried them in the ground, dug out underground hideaway and spent the nights in them. All this activity and preparation was made some time before that Sunday afternoon with which we begin our true story of the Lithuanian Underground.

Our "Liberators"

A group of thirty cavalry scouts had taken over our village. They were all shabbily dressed and appeared completely worn out. Evidently they had been in the front lines for a long time. They were the filthiest group of soldiers we ever laid eyes on. They know nothing about cleanliness: they would wash in the muddy duck pond and lie down to rest in the pig pen. They did not bring with them a field kitchen, so they went about the gardens pulling up the vegetables they wanted and eating them without washing them. At night they would rob the bee hives of their honey. And did they love to drink whiskey! They would barter their military equipment and clothing for a bottle. Later, they would ride back to the farmhouse and steal back what they had given in exchange for the liquor.

Within a day or two arrests began. Mayors, police chiefs, sheriffs were the first to be imprisoned. Soon everyone who had been in any position of note or prominence took to hiding in any secret place they could discover. As for me, I almost never slept at home. I had two or three "rabbit holes" into which I would crawl at night, to be safe from arrest. During the day time I could go

about unmolested when I would take every opportunity of getting a closer look at the "Liberators".

There was an enthusiastic spirit among the invaders as they moved across Lithuania, chasing the German rear guard. They were confident that in two months they would be in Berlin.

One day, making my way back home from Kaunas, I thumbed a ride on a military transport—truck. The soldiers were cordial enough. After riding a few kilometers we reached a checking station and I had to get off: the truck with me aboard was just about 170 pounds too heavy! I had to walk. Trucks were for military use only. As I was hiking along, wondering what time next morning I would reach home, if I ever did reach home, a jeep came whizzing by. As I turned to give a look, the jeep driver and his companions, Russian officers, of course, stopped and asked:

"Where are you heading?"

"Home. Where else?" I responded.

"If we take you home will you round up some whiskey?"

"Sure I guess so". was my reply. So I climbed in and off we sped. It was not long before we were at our house.

My mother was in the garden and the sight of me seated in a jeep with three Russian officers must have given her quite a scare, but before she could let out the shriek that I felt sure was on her lips I said,

"Hello, Mom, don't be afraid. I picked up a few slaves to the bottle on the road. They gave me a ride for a bottle of whiskey.

"Thank God", she said. "I thought for sure that you were arrested." Then she and Anne began to fix up a meal for the officers while I went to the store room and came back with two bottles of whiskey one of which we opened, and the other I presented to the captain for another day.

They spent two hours with us talking to us about the plans Russia had for us. They could not understand that in Lithuania there was a real prosperity, every farmer owned his own land, his own tools, could buy and sell as he pleased.

In the course of the evening, my other brothers came back from the fields where they were working, and after more conversation and many a drink our "guests" decided to go back to Kaunas. But first, would we let them take a short nap? What else could we do but offer them hospitality? We put up a few planks covered with hay in the hay loft and threw over them clean sheets and a blanket. Before inviting the officers to their "bedroom", we made sure to lock up every thing of value in the barn. Their eyes nearly popped out of their heads when they saw the clean sheets. The



BOOK NOTES

Joy Street, by Frances Parkinson Keyes (Convert)

Relationships between Protestant, Jewish and Catholic families are well-handled in a book of fiction for our lighter moments. Young Emily Trayer, daughter of Beacon Hill aristocrats, defies her family to marry a poor struggling attorney of a good Boston family. Emily's grandmother, however, gives her approval plus a great deal of material help — a house on Joy Street and many furnishings to go with it. Roger Field works for a law firm which is trying out a new policy and has added new blood to its staff — a young Italian, Pellegrino de Lucca, who is a little mysterious at times, David Salomon, a poised and polished Jew, and Brian Collins, a blustering Irishman inclined to imbibe now and then and quite fond of his poker games. These are the people in addition to their own circle of Boston friends and relatives that Roger and Emily invite to their Joy Street home and

hope to encourage friendly relationships among them. Of course this inevitably leads to some tragic moments.

This is not literary classic but will certainly help to liven up a dull evening or two (depending on how long you dare burn the midnight oil) for Mrs. Keyes certainly knows how to tell a story.

She has written a biography of St. Theresa called **Therese: Saint of a little way** which is a new edition of her earlier book called **Written in Heaven**. (Messner, \$3.00)

Some other novels written by this author I have enjoyed which are equally as light and entertaining as **Joy Street** and **Crescent Carnival**, **Came a Cavalier**, and **Dinner at Antoinettes**. Look them up at your nearest public library where if you can't find these titles of hers you'll likely find some others.

driver and the lieutenant hit the hay right away, but the captain seemed to be less tired. He kept drinking and talking. The more he drank the more he talked. Soon he was telling us his life story.

The Red Captain's Story.

"I envy you this house, this family life. You know where your brothers are. You know who your mother is. In our country we often never know our own mothers. You have love for one another; we don't have that. It makes me cry to see how different things are here."

And surely enough there were tears in his eyes. He went on.

"When we were fighting near Minsk, they told us that we were on a crusade to free the oppressed people of Europe. Here... it is almost a month that I am mingling with the Lithuanians, and I see that what they told us is not so. It's a lie. A lie! There are no oppressors here. And I couldn't find any people that were oppressed. All I could find and see on all sides was distrust and even hate for the Red Armies. They call us usurpers of your freedom.

"I hate the Red Army, too. I hate this uniform. I hate these medals."

As he said these last words he brushed his hand over his chest, and his fingers got caught in the many medals he had pinned there. He just tore

them off and flung them toward the stove. The two cats that were sleeping there, suddenly snapped out of their sleep and retreated from this frontal attack a new weapon, namely Russian military decorations.

"Do you know," the captain continued, "my father's bones rotted away in a concentration camp in Siberia, and here I am, among the ranks of those that are making slaves of others. Hmmf... lucky... I hate the Red Army. I hate this uniform and these medals..."

Captain Michael, for that was his name, was talking too much for his own good. We had picked up his medals and told him to put them back on again. It was near midnight when the driver and the aide appeared somewhat rested after their nap. They took their captain into the jeep and went back to Kaunas.

I never saw them again.

(To be continued)

Translated by A. A. Jurgelaitis.

Dievas yra didis ir neapimamas. Jei Jis tokiu nebūtų, Jis nebūtų Dievas. Todėl ribotas žmogus Dievo pilnybės negali apimti. Išmintingas žmogus tuo nesistebi ir Dievą myli, o mažiau išmintingi žmonės to suprasti neįstengia ir Dievo neapkenčia.



Elena Girdytė.

MŪSŲ LIETUVIŠKA VEIKLA

Autorė yra Amerikoj gimusi ir augusi lietuvaitė, veikli vyte, daug dirbanti lietuviybės baruose. 1951 m. ji parašė lietuviškais reikalais virš 300 laiškų ir vadovavo Pittsburgho Vyčių Apkrities Lietuvių Reikalų Komiscijai. Šie žodžiai buvo jos pasakyti per Pittsburgho Vyčių Radiją. Mes džiaugiamės šia jaura veikėja ir linkime geriausios kloties. REDAKCIJA

Lietuvių tauta, netekusi nepriklausomybės vistik išsaugojo vieną iš svarbiausiųjų savo charakterio įpatybių, tėvynės meilę ir pasiryžimą kovai — negailestingai, dažnai nelygiai, bet garbingai kovai. Ši kova, šis tautos žygis į laisvę reiškiasi įvairiais būdais ir skirtingomis formomis. Tačiau šiai kovai yra būdingas vienas dalykas: į ją yra įsijungusi visa lietuvių tauta, tiek okupaciją Lietuvoje kenčianti, tiek emigracijoje gyvenanti. Prieš tos kovos aktyviai, kiek galėdami, stengiamės prisidėti ir mes — čia gimęs lietuvių jaunimas, susibūręs į Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją. Mūsų veikla, prisiderinant prie mūsų galimybių, yra daugiausiai nukreipta lietuviškosios propagandos kryptimi. Čia turiu galvoj prieš kelis metus pradėtą vyčių asmeninių laiškų rašymo akciją.

Laiškų rašymo tikslas yra dvejopas — pirma ginti lietuviškąją bylą amerikiečių tarpe, propaguojant lietuvių kultūrą, jos papročius, kalbą, ir, antra—stengiantis į tą kovą įtraukti įvairių amerikiečių gyvenimo sričių vadus.

Laiškų rašymas nėra lengvas dalykas. Jis susijęs su reikalingumu didelio pasiaukojimo, nemažos energijos, poilsio nutraukimu, jau nekalbant apie materialinius dalykus. Tačiau mes, Amerikos lietuvių jaunimas, šį darbą dirbame tikėdami, jog

jis yra naudingas mūsų tėvų kraštui, kaip lygiai jis yra svarbus ir amerikiečių tautai, kuriai tuo būdu yra nušviečiamas tikrasis jos priešas, tykęs ją paglemžti taip, kaip jis paglemžė ir Lietuvą.

Ši laiškų rašymo akcija nėra menkas dalykas. Tai didelio masto propagandinis darbas šiuo metu turįs, mūsų manymu, didelės svarbos. Štai tik praėjusiais metais Lietuvos vyčiai parašė per 18,000 laiškų. 1949 m. jų parašyta 15,000. Į amerikiečių įstaiigas, pradėdant prezidento rūmais ir baigiant laikraščių redakcijomis, jie liejami ir šiandien nemažesniais kiekiais.

Šia proga aš negaliu nepaminėti ir South Side vyčių 19tos kuopos, kuri viena praėjusiais metais parašė per 600 laiškų.

Laiškai rašomi įvairiomis progomis ir visiems, kai tik atsiranda reikalo pagarsinti Lietuvos vardą, jos kovos tikslus, kai reikia apginti ją nuo neteisingų užpuolimų, atitaisyti žurnaluose ar laikraščiuose pasitaikančias klaidingas žinias, pagaliau kai padėkos jausmas verčia dėkoti už gražų darbą, veiksmą, žodį. Tų laiškų šimtai suplaukia prezidentui, senatoriams, atstovų rūmų nariams, burmistrams, politikams, laikraščių, žurnalų, enciklopedijų autoriams, knygų leidykloms ir taip toliau.

Tuose laiškuose dažnai be tiesioginės temos dar reikalaujama ir prašoma remti lietuvių tautos kovą prieš komunizmą, reikalaujant rusų pasitraukimo iš Lietuvos, tremtinių grąžinimo iš Sibiro ir laisvės grąžinimo laisvę mylinčiai ir giliai demokratinėi tautai. Su džiaugsmu reikia pastebėti, jog ši akcija, vedama Amerikos piliečių lietuvių, yra davusi gražių rezultatų. Šių laiškų dėka patys didieji Amerikos vadai yra supažindinami su lietuvių troškimais ir jų veikla. Ne vienas jų pasidaro ir nuoširdus mūsų tautos bičiulis. Pagaliau šių laiškų dėka milijonai amerikiečių sužino kas yra Lietuva ir koki yra lietuviai.

Baigdama aš noriu visus savo draugus vyčius ir apskritai visą lietuviškąją visuomenę kviesti į nenustojančią propagandinę kovą už Lietuvos laisvę. Kiekvieną progą išnaudokime priminti amerikiečiams savo troškimus, tikslus ir teises. Ginkime lietuviškąjį žodį, papročius, kultūrą. Bent gražiu žodžiu, nuoširdžia padėka remkime tuos, kurie remia mūsų darbus. Nepadėkime plunksnų tol, kol mūsų protėvių kraštas nebus išvaduotas iš vergijos. Visuomet atsiminkime, jog kova už Lietuvos laisvę yra kartu ir kova už demokratinės Amerikos laisvę.

Oficialus Skyrius

Ši meta Lietuvos Vyčių 39tas Seimas įvyks Dayton, Ohio Rugsėjo 12, 13 ir 14 dienomis. Renkant savo atostogų dienas, į šį meta prašom paskirti šias dienas ir atvažiuoti į Lietuvos Vyčių Seimą.

Centro Valdyba

UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Dear Mr. Lola:

Ambassador Austin has asked me to reply to your recent letter which arrived while he was away on a brief vacation.

The officials of the United States Government have expressed on many occasions their condemnation of brutal attacks on freedom of thought, conscience and religion by the authoritarian regimes which control the peoples in the Soviet sphere of influence.

The United States Government continues to be genuinely interested and deeply concerned with regard to the welfare of the Lithuanian people. An expression of this interest was the inauguration by the Department in February of this year of regular daily Voice of America programs in the Lithuanian language. (On June 2 the program was increased from fifteen to thirty minutes daily.) On the opening program Mr. Edward J. Barrett, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, pointed out that the United States Government statement issued on July 23, 1940 still expressed the fundamental principles of this country on the incorporation into the U.S.S.R. of Lithuania. He stated that our adherence to these principles was indicated by the fact that we have not recognized that incorporation and continue to recognize the diplomatic and consular representatives of Lithuania in the United States. A copy of Mr. Barrett's complete statement is enclosed for your information.

On behalf of Ambassador Austin I want to thank you for writing to him on behalf of the Knights of Lithuania. I assure you that the United States Delegation will continue to be outspoken in support of all United Nations efforts that are dedicated to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Sincerely yours,

Porter McKeever,

Director of Information

Mr. Joseph A. Lola, President
Knights of Lithuania
1951 National Convention, Hotel New Yorker,

The Knights of Lithuania 39th National Convention will be held this year at Dayton, Ohio, on September 12, 13 and 14th. In planning for your vacation this year include these days so you can attend this important convention.

Supreme Council

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Now is the time to put the final touches to the organization of the membership drive. Don't delay! The official start of the drive is March 4, St. Casimir's Day. Let us not put off our duty as good K. of L. members — get that new member now. Back your council all the way. You may be the one responsible for the winning or losing of an award for your council. With a little determination you may be one of the individual award winners.

Closing date of the membership drive is July 4, 1952. Only four short months and it will be all over — YOU cannot afford to wait.

Who will be the number one go-getter and the leading council at the time of the first month's report?

AWARDS

Three individuals with the highest number of points will be given awards.

1st place	\$25.00
2nd place	\$15.00
3rd place	\$10.00

An engraved trophy (Tėvas Norkūnas Trophy) will awarded to the outstanding council during the drive, permanent retention of the trophy when won for three consecutive years.

Points to be based as follows:

Married couple (former members)	10 pts.
Married couple (new members)	8 pts.
Individual person (former member) ..	5 pts.
Individual person (new member)	3 pts.

Special awards will be given for organizing new Junior K. of L. councils and also for outstanding improvement of present Junior councils.

Special awards will be given for organizing new councils and reactivating former councils.

Walter R. Chinik, Chairman
Membership Drive.

TEMPER CONTROL

Talk control, practice it yourself and sell others the idea. It is your daily opportunity and your daily challenge. Make most of each day's opportunity and you'll find that you are moving toward your goal. Check yourself and the Knights who work with you. If the habit of idle talk is there, correct it. It is better to be "close mouthed" than to be known as a human broadcasting station.

Many men have gained reputation for wisdom far and above their actual abilities simply because they learned not to talk unless what they said made sense.

Practice it until it becomes a habit. It will pay your stature in the eyes of those members under you, and in time it will gain you the good estimation of all who will come to know you as a leader in whom business and social confidences can be entrusted.

Practice in until it becomes a habit. It will pay you well.

Gossip rumors and idle talk must be stopped at the source. Trace down a rumor and bring it into the exposing the person guilty of starting it. Point out the rumor-starter that, even though he may talk innocently enough, tales become exaggerated as they go down the grapevine.

One way to prevent a grapevine is to be clear and open about matters that are not confidential.

Break up the gossipers, sell them on the idea of using their time to better advantage. Talking about others is the smallest kind of small talk.

Temper control, have it yourself and make sure your group in the Knights of Lithuania has it.

Are you training yourself to take full advantage of the need for executive ability that exists today?

The leader who fails to control his temper, who blows up when the going gets rough, is simply demonstrating that he lacks at least one important qualification for greater leadership. But the leader who can control his temper, and shows others how to control theirs is certainly the one who has another point in favor for success.

Realize yourself, and point out to your Knights of Lithuania that an uncontrolled temper is a handicap that is unnecessary; that temper can be controlled.

Some people think that they cannot control their temper. They almost take pride in the part that they are hotheads. These people must be made to realize that they can control their temper if they want to. They must be made to want to.

Phil Carter, Leadership Chairman
New England District

ALIBIS

You will find them everywhere. You will find them in the K. of L. **Alibi Artists**. They are the ones who hinder the progress of the organization by a deceptive technique. Here is what they do: they think up an alibi, they shove the blame on an assistant, and convince themselves that their job is well done.

The **alibi artist** must be educated: he does not fool anybody. He may get away with it for a while. But it is a habit that grows; and like the boy who cried "wolf" too often, he will soon find that people place little belief in anything he says.

When alibis are presented instead of accomplishments the organization soon discovers that you have "missed the boat" on your particular responsibility. Even a good reason sometimes gives this same impression.

The best course to follow in all K. of L. work, that you PLAN and CONTROL your work so well, that YOU never need the false crutch of alibis or excuses — and that your group doesn't either.

How to eliminate the Alibi artist

1) Wait till you are sure that the **Alibi Artist** is indulging in his technique and then confront him with FACT. For instance, when "X" is giving alibis for not having the dance tickets ready and blaming the printer and you are sure that he has not lifted a finger for the past three weeks, THEN confront him with that FACT.

2) Show him that alibis serve only as temporary protection. The next time he tries an alibi, it will fall flat, and he will not be trusted on any committee of importance.

3) Show him that alibis **cover up** rather than **reveal** the true cause of errors. We all will make mistakes, but if we find out the cause of our mistakes, we will not make them again. Alibis muddle things up and do not let us get to the bottom of the situation.

4) Finally, prove to him that it is for his own benefit that you wish to reveal and correct the true cause of error.

Think these four points over. Realize that they are true. Think back to the activities of your own council. Recall some of the tricks of the **Alibi Artists** and notice how they gave only temporary protection, and served only to cover up the true state of affairs. Apply these four rules and see how your council surges forward with new vigor and life.

NEW ENGLAND BOWLING LEAGUE

Men	Won	Lost
Worcester (26)	6	0
Cambridge (18)	2	1
Lawrence ((78)	2	1
Brockton (1)	2	4
Providence (103)	2	4
South Boston (17)	2	4
So. Worcester (116)	2	4

Norwood, Mass.

K. Wilkes, 87,
H. Sidlauskas, 83,
H. Pazniokas 83,
K. Saulen, 83,
N. Pazniokas, 80.

Lawrence, Mass.

P. Rimas 87,
J. Andruskaitis 85,
A. Marcin 81,
A. Svenchonis 78,
H. Marcin 74,
D. Phillips 71.

So. Worcester, Mass.

A. Miller
T. Kasper
S. Miller
R. Sinkevich
M. Klimaitis
G. Chalecki

Worcester, Mass.

J. Kondrotas 106
T. Norkunas 104
C. Tagman 103
A. Rutelonis 101
V. Gaulauskas 101
J. Tagman 101

Brockton, Mass.

Lankiewicz 109
E. Chirskas 97
F. Franchesay 96
E. Wallen 86
F. Chesnel 83
J. Condon 81
O'Connell 81

South Boston, Mass.

E. Rudis
P. Carter
J. Olovitz
W. Peterson
T. Vallis
J. Contong
R. Martinkas

Providence, R. I.

R. Slater 100,
J. Russell 97,
B. Cyronak 92,
M. Cyronak 90,
W. Waitonis 90,
H. Belconis 81.

Worcester, Mass.

L. Grazulis 87,
T. Kondrotas 86,
F. Nockunas 86,
T. Gerulis 80,
M. Jankauskas 79.

Men

Cambridge, Mass.

J. Puzin 100
E. Puzin 100
W. Puzin 96
J. Zukas 91
V. Savinsky 82

Girls

Norwood (27)
Providence (103)
Cambridge (18)
Lawrence (78)
Worcester (26)
South Boston (17)
So. Worcester (116)
Brockton (1)

Cambridge, Mass.

P. Malin 92
A. Strazdas 87
A. Malin 82
H. Zukas 80
J. Malin 79
F. Tamulynas 74

South Boston, Mass.

M. Kleponis 87
F. Kleponis 86
M. Skudris 85
A. Masionis 84
W. Skudris 82
M. Vallis 81

Brockton, Mass.

B. Gutauskas 83
J. Chamberlain 76
D. Pekarski 74
M. Morrow 71
J. Krukiel 71
P. Patkiewicz 57

Lawrence, Mass.

J. Kleponis 105
W. Brown 94
G. Unick 93
L. Gaidis 92
F. Lemry 90

Providence, R. I.

J. Gumaskas 100
T. Gudas 96
J. Waitonis 96
E. Wilkens 91
J. Walaska 87

So. Worcester, Mass.

A. Krasinskas 99
E. Grigas 95
J. Krasinskas 91
J. Andruski 93
W. Kissel 81

PHIL CARTER,
N. E. Sport Director



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Naujųjų Metų Sutiktuvės.

Jaukias Naujųjų Metų sutiktuvės šiemet surengė vietos Vyčių Kuopa. Gruodžio 31 dieną 7 val. p. m. visi Vyčiai ir jų prietelių būrys vieningai susirinko į šv. Juozapo parapijos svetainę bendrai vakarienei ir linksmam pobūviui. Vakarų programa tuo labiausiai buvo įdomi, kad joje dalyvavo visi Vyčiai ir net daugelis iš svečių. Kiekvienas linksmoje nuotaikoje ką nors papasakojo arba bent pajuokino. Prie vaišių stalo, jaukiuose žaidimuose bei pasikalbėjimuose nejučiomis prabėgo penkios valandos. Baigiantis dvyliktai valandai, prisiminta savo tautiečiai, bekovoja Lietuvos miškuose ar laukuose, bevargstą žiauriuose kalėjimuose, vergų stovyklose ar primestuose kolūkiuose. Galop sutartinai pagiedotas Tautos Himnas ir pareikšti nuoširdūs vieni kitiems sveikinimai bei linkėjimai Naujiesiems 1952 metams.

P. A.

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Council 96 club officers for 1952 are: President — Michael Petkus; 1st Vice President — Leonard Valiukas; 2nd Vice President — Charles Vangas; Recording Secretary — Mary Ann Ambrose; Financial Secretary — Petronella Zelinskas; Treasurer — Frank Gudelis; and Sgt-at Arms — Pete Petkus.

Our council Christmas party was held on December 29th in the church hall. An enjoyable evening was spent by all attendees and Mary Ann Ambrose, general chairman, is to be commended for the artistic touches and the very excellent food.

We welcome into the club Elizabeth Kubeleus, a new member, and Rose Ann Ambrose, who rejoined.

Congratulations are extended to Catherine and Louis Prasmantas on the arrival of a son.

BROCKTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 1

Brockton vs So. Worcester.

“Chick” Chilauskas and Shirley Miller wasted no time getting acquainted, when So. Worcester bowled Brockton.

Since that day, “Jeanie” Chamberlain has been unanimously elected to our Welcoming Committee.

A new twosome of the K. of L. are Ginny Paybins and Paul Zukas.

“Prunella”

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

The pre-Christmas season is the busiest time of the year for anyone, but the members of Council 10 were able to take time out from their gift hunting and wrapping to plan and execute a Christmas party for the parish children. Those who attended the party enjoyed speeches by Father Juraitis, pastor, and Father Bakanis. The children especially enjoyed movies which were shown by Frank Anoris. The big event of the evening came with the arrival of “the jolly old man with the sack on his back”.

Each child was presented with a gift by Santa Claus (who strangely resembled Paul Shatos). We wish to thank each of the following people for the time and effort which they generously expended to make the children's holiday such a pleasant one: Geneva Rimsa, Helen Ambrose, Frank Anoris, Virginia Bagdonas, Lennie Davidonis, Mery Gaurinsky, Casimir Pinigis, Marie Sinkewicz, Mylda Stasiunis, John Talakowski and Paul (Santa Claus) Shatos. We especially wish to thank Father Bruno for all his kind help and advice.

Seen at the party was Joe Watkevich, U. S. Army, who was home on leave.

New Year's Resolutions.

Now that 1952 is finally here we wonder if New Year's Resolutions will make any changes in the habits which we have been accustomed to seeing in 1951. We know we would miss seeing Helen Ambrose and the gals riding out of town — Charlie Pinigis rushing off to Glee Club rehearsal—Eleanor

Kuchinskas' antics at bowling—Geneva Rimsa on refreshment committees while at the same time we hope more members will make resolutions to try to get to more meetings and get there on time.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

COUNCIL 43

The year 1952 has already proved to be a prosperous and Happy Year for the baby council. We were happy to see the new members come into the club and hope to see them continue to add to our membership. We welcome our new members, Lorraine Bendokaitis, Shirley Sherwin, Anthony Dubart and Bill Blaskis. We're proud to have them in our club and overwhelmed with their enthusiasm in the activities of our council.

We were honored by a few guests during the holiday season, one being our own Bob Disbolis, on leave for a few days from Great Lakes, Illinois. The Navy seems to agree with Bob. Bob has now been transferred to Florida where he will go on to photography school. Our best wishes go along with you Bob and we hope to see you home again soon! Also visiting the council for a short, brief visit were Chuck Stepanauskas and Carl Gobis from Detroit, Michigan (102). It's hard to believe that someone would travel a hundred and fifty miles JUST for a chicken dinner.

The biggest news for month is that Grand Rapids council will have the honor of being lost at the Ohio-Michigan District Convention this coming June. It's co-chairmen are Ronald Sherwin and Patricia Norkus. They have already solicited the help of Joan Renis, Julie Prince, Shirley Sherwin and Tom Danevich.

The club extends its deepest sympathy to Arlene Lackus on the recent death of her great-grandfather. To our president's and treasurer's (Bill and Joan Renis) father, we wish a speedy recover and hope to see him up and around soon.

February 17th, we again hope to see a 100% showing of our members for the Communion Sunday. Pat.

PITTSBURGH, PA

COUNCIL 19

Came the evening of the regular monthly meeting — also came a goodly amount of snow! Result: the attendance was trimmed down to a slim dozen and Father Girdis' formal report of his trip to Rome turned out to be an informal discussion of interesting sidelights of his trip over a cup of tea and some cookies. The formal discussion is again postponed until the next regular meeting. The monthly birthday cake was again in attendance — this time to celebrate the January birthdays of Martha Braze, Beatrice Jucevicius and Bill Kolicius.

The bowlers are still meeting on Sunday evenings and continuing the custom of rounding out the evening by ending up at the home of one of the bowlers. Among the members' homes the gang has visited so far — the gang is about twenty-five or so — have been the Edward Brazes, Toni Comella's, Nell Kuntz', the Chiniks. The refreshments have been a welcome variety of sandwiches, cookies, cake with the usual beverages of tea, or coffee, or milk! The entertainment — nothing but the best of talent — community songs around the piano, the music of the phonograph or radio or when hard pressed, even the Television screen for an occasional skit! Anyway, regardless of the form of entertainment or refreshment, a good time is always had by all for the hospitality is always first rate!

The Christmas Party planned by Lorraine Puzas and her committee, turned out to have a novel feature enjoyed by all — the Christmas packages, all beautifully wrapped with shiny paper and tied with glistening ribbons, presented to the members were specially labeled and each and every one had fun guessing what might be inside! How many could you have guessed correctly?

an aid to running	—	hankie or kleenex
fly by night	—	feenamint or ex-lax
diamond pin	—	a dime and a pin
gem from Emerald Isle	—	a potato
ear decoration	—	a pencil
ship ahoy	—	life saver
perfect set of teeth	—	comb
hot-headed redhead	—	box of matches
vanity fair	—	powder puff
bedpost decoration	—	chewing gum
love in the dark	—	candy kisses
easy on the gas	—	box of baking soda
king for a day	—	a ruler
a messenger	—	writing paper
doctor's enemy	—	apple
great pacifier	—	sucker
bunny's desert	—	carrot
photo of famous president	—	stamp
an aid to memory	—	notebook
place of reflection	—	mirror

Well, we had lots of fun and if you don't like our little labels we are sure you can all make up some of your own to suit the tastes of your own members. Try it at a future party and see!

On Saturday evening December 22nd, Al Wesley, Supreme Council President, his wife, and Josephine Rusas, Supreme Council Secretary, after an unexpected tour of the city, finally arrived at the home of the Chiniks for an Executive Board meeting. Others present at the meeting were Rev. Joseph Girdis and William Kolicius. Al Wesley regretted not being able to meet with other Pittsburgh K. of L'ers at this time for he had to leave on Sunday morning en route to Maine to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. He expressed the wish that his best regards be conveyed to you all! **Mitzie**

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

COUNCIL 103

At the close of the year, we all wish to thank the officers of 1951 for their honest and diligent fulfillment of their perspective duties. Helen Avizinis, president, gave a complete report on our council's activities. Some of the interesting accomplishments achieved during the year were: 1) Received Holy Communion "in corpore" three times. 2) Donated blood to the Veterans Blood Bank. 3) Sponsored a Halloween Party for all the kiddies (future K. of L'ers).

The newly-elected officers for the year 1952 are: Joseph Gumaskas, president; Mary Waitonis, vice president; Marian Cyrnak, secretary; Anthony Gudas, treasurer (re-elected); and Josephine Russell and John Walaska, trustees.

It was a shame that so few attended the Christmas Party. Ruth Savickis did a splendid job. What happened to your committee, Ruth?

Our bowling season is well under way and at present our girls are on top in the N. E. District Bowling League. Will the candle-pin bowling cut our averages much? Sunday, January 13th, we were amazed at the large (and loud) cheering section that Cambridge brought with them. It was a hard fight and after making us sweat it out, Rita Slater finally brought us out front to win two games. The big gun was Marion Cyronak, bowling 103s and 102s. The boys finally woke up and took three from Cambridge.

We are happy to welcome back an old Knight, Alex Vaitkunas and a new member, John Bartulevicius. It's nice to have you with us. We sincerely hope that this will set the pace for the Membership Drive.

John Beinoris has volunteered to present a short cultural program for our February meeting. This should be very interesting and all members should strive to attend, if only to view the proposed program. John, it was a splendid gesture on your part. We need more interested members like yourself.

Plans are being made for our Annual May Dance and since our chairman, Ann Uzdavinis, has promised to present Orchids to all ladies who work, we know she will have no trouble in recruiting help. Is that right, Ann? By the way, what is the prize for the member who sells the most advance tickets? **Mary Waitonis.**

NEW YORK, N. Y.**COUNCIL 12****General News:**

1951 was a memorable milestone in our council history, and we hope that 1952 and future years will prove as stimulating and enlightening. We accomplished a good deal, not only through our normal council activities, but via the tremendous undertaking of a National Convention, which honored our humble city last year. It pleases us, and the hard-working Convention Committee, that this particular event was greeted so spontaneously, and it will be very long before time can dim the echoes of Lithuanian songs being sung in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. It was, indeed, a good year.

Officers elected for 1952 include: Larry Janonis, president; John Bell, 1st vice president; Frances Baskis, 2nd vice president; Lillian Zindzius, secretary; Evelyn Savage, financial secretary; Helen Zindzius, treasurer; Al Monkawitch, sgt at arms; Brenda Razickas, correspondent to "Vytis", and Rev. Fr. Gurinskas remains our spiritual advisor.

Our last meeting of the year was the very solemn occasion of Ritual installation (First Degree), conducted by the Ritual Committee and Fr. Gurinskas. The Council and its Executive Board take pleasure in extending congratulations to all our new 1st degree members.

Our New Year's Eve Party was a very gay occasion with all participating in this traditional banquet. This was also the occasion of honoring the 1951 National Convention Committee for the very excellent managing of Convention activities. The Banquet Committee included Aldona Yasunas, Larry Janonis, Tony and Eldy Simulinas, Frances Baskis, Al Monkawitch, Steve Andryauskas, and the Convention Committee consisted of Larry Janonis, (re-elected president), John Bell, Frances Baskis, Al Blozis, Evelyn Savage, Helen and Lillian Zindzius. And speaking of the charming Zindzius girls, I do want to say that when it comes to real Southern hospitality, no one tosses a more delightful party.

We spent a lovely evening with C-110, Maspeth, L. I., in January with whom we attended a Broadway play, and this theatre party idea is novel among our members. The response was excellent.

We extend our deepest and sincerest sympathy to Eldy and Tony Simulinas on the loss of their beloved father, who died suddenly early in January.

Wedding Bells in 1952

As you read this, one of our most staunchest members, Nell Zalis, will be

Mrs. Genis as of January 20th, and Johnny Bell (1st vice president) and Evelyn Savage (financial secretary) will become Mr. and Mrs. as of February 24th. Congratulations and best wishes to both couples. We offer also somewhat belated greetings and good wishes to the new charming Mrs. Frank Zilinskas (Alma). At this writing, we are not sure of Nell and John's honeymoon spot, but John and Evelyn will probably acquire a Southern accent via Florida.

Happy Birthday to:

Albert Yatkauskas, who left another year behind on January 16th. Just in case you might have forgotten — Al is that proud papa of twins. In line for birthday greetings as well as wedding congratulations is Johnny Bell, whose wedding day is his birthay, which won't give him much of a chance at weak excuses for forgetting anniversaries.

Predictions for 1952:

(1) One of our very nicest married couples is going to be three by late Spring!

(2) One of our most confirmed bachelors will weaken in 1952 — you can always depend on good ol' Leap Year! I will be pleased to confirm this item in six months. It couldn't happen to nicer people!

(3) One of our famous "sisters" will be changing her name in 1952 — and you do know who I mean!

Brenda Razickas.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.**COUNCIL 18****A New Year.**

In the past year, Council 18 had advanced in almost all fields of K. of L. endeavor. This year we hope to gain even more prestige and have more team work.

New Officers.

Paul Zukas, who seems to have a natural talent as a leader, was re-elected president.

Vinny Savinsky, scout master of a local troop, and a gentleman with plenty of K. of L. spirit, was elected as our vice-president.

Aldona Strazdas, a popular girl around our organization, was elected to the office of recording secretary.

Ann Tamulynas was again elected to office, this year as our financial secretary.

Our popular business man, Peter Puzin, was elected treasurer for the coming year.

Our prize jokester and all-around sport, Steve Palaima, gained the office of Sports coordinator.

Jovial Eddie Puzin will pass the next year as our marshall.

A recent and popular member of our council, John Towski, was named editor in chief of our paper, "Amber Knight."

Last but not least is yours truly, John V. Belskis, who was appointed "Vytis" correspondent and program chairman.

Christmas Party.

On December 28, Council 18, held its annual Christmas Party in the Catholic Club Hall. We were pleased to see many friends from Brockton (1), Lawrence (78), and South Boston (17) present.

Our popular accordionist Blanche Luchinskas supplied the music for the "Noriu Miego", and the Balloon Dance.

There was an ample supply of Mistle-Toe provided by our popular florist Al Jakutis.

The committee consisting of Frank Kaper, Millie Wilcinski, Helen Tebera, John Zukas, Blanche Luchinskas, Dorothy Zukas, Vinny Savinsky, Pauline Malin and Ann Zukas deserves a lot of credit for making this party a success.

New members.

A hearty welcome, and congratulations are extended to our new Knights Mary Luckashunas, Ruth Owirka and Charlie Tamulynas.

Cubroom items.

Danny Mikalowsky becomes the fifth from our ranks to enter the Armed Forces. Danny will have the distinction of being our first Marine. Two of our other servicemen, Vinny Zukas and Frank Dargis visited us during the holiday season.

In our council's bowling league, Joe Puzin's and John Zukas' teams are striving hard for first place. There's a deadlock, bound to be broken soon.

Whist Party.

January 11, we held a gala Whist Party. All the members contributed fine gifts which helped to make the affair a great success.

In conjunction with the Whist Party two raffles were held. Prize winners were Peter Puzin and Mrs. Stephen J. Kazlowski. Door-prize (electric clock) was won by a guest from South Boston.

After the card playing, our guests enjoyed coffee and doughnuts at our beautiful clubroom and signed our guest book.

A deserving thanks to the hard working committee of Steve Palaima, Al Eurglines, Millie Wilcinski, Peter Puzin, Paul Zukas and John Belskis.

J. V. B.

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

Highlighting our activities for the month of December was the election of officers for the coming year: Edward Grigas, president; Joseph Krasinskas, vice president; Louise Totilas, recording secretary; Theresa Kasper, financial secretary; Dorothy Sinkavitch, treasurer; Algerd Krasinskas and Mary Klimkaitis, marshals; Bernice Burdulis and Irene Balukonis, trustees; and Helen Daltwas, social treasurer.

Social of the Month.

The Annual Parish Minstrel Show took place in November and many of our members participated. In fact, all the "Ends" were K. of L'ers. They were: Shirley Miller, Bob Zinkus, Rita Sinkavich, Richard Polaski, Peter Chunis and Bill Burdulis, Jr. Due to the great cooperation of our members. Father John Jutkevicius invited all K. of L. participants to a turkey supper held in the council clubroom. The delicious meal was prepared by Aldona Pauliukaitis, Bernice Burdulis, Shirley Miller and Julia Sinkavich.

For Country.

There is a marked decrease of fellows in our council because Uncle Sam has beckoned them to "take arms."

Bob Zinkus (well-known accordion-polka band leader) left for service in the Navy on December 12. Bob's absence will be deeply felt as he was a fine example of a true K. of L'er.

Jack Kasper, our council's "representative" in the Air Force, was home on furlough last month. He left for California and expect to be sent to Alaska for a two-year period.

Stanley Stoskus (U.S. Army) will be home in January during which time he will be married. Council 116 wishes Stanley and his wife to be much happiness in their coming marriage.

This and That.

The Lithuanian Catholic Women of the Worcester Diocese held a reception in honor of His Excellency John Wright, Bishop of Worcester on December 2 at the Sheraton Hotel, at which many of our girls acted as usherettes.

At our first meeting of 1952, the foremost event was the installation of new officers: Ed. Grigas, president; Joe Krasinskas, vice president; Teresa Kasper, financial secretary; Louise Totilas, recording secretary; Mary Klimkaitis and Algerd Krasinskas, marshals; Irene Balukonis and Bernice Burdulis, trustees; and Helen Daltvas — social treasurer.

Bowling

We played host to Lawrence Council 78 bowling team on January 13. Aldona Pauliukaitis and Bernice Burdulis prepared refreshments which was served after bowling in our clubroom.

The Social Committee, to plan programs for the months of January, February and March are: Shirley Miller, Mary Klimkaitis, Dorothy Sinkavitch, Richard Polaski and Bill Burdulis, Jr.

Odds and Ends

It was good to receive greetings from our boys in the service: S. A. Zinkus, S-Sgt. Robert Paluses, Pvt. Felix Jason, Pte. Jack Kasper and Al Tumas.

The Worcester Evening Gazette carried a picture of a couple married on January 12 and the groom was C-116's Stanley Stockus. Also on the same day, Marcella Meskinis exchanged vows.

"Taradaika"

AMSTERDAM, N. Y.

COUNCIL 100

Good-bye to good old 1951 — Welcome 1952. The Amsterdam council wishes all councils success in all their undertakings this year.

Let us go back a couple of months.

There's a new addition in the home of Fran and Ernest DiBart — a lovely girl, Kathleen Celeste, (Nov. 27).

Michael Kerbelis and Anthony Degutis are bound for the far East. A party was held at Michels shome on November 24. Our President, Val Kerbelis, was host. Among the K. of L'ers present were Val and Theresa Kerbelis, Ed and Marjorie Bablinskas, Pfc. Anthony Degutis, Leo and Helen Druziak and Gene Gobis.

We wish a speedy recovery to Sophie Olbie. She underwent a major operation on November 26.

While Al and Gertrude Jankauskas were residents of Amsterdam, Bob Poecius and his parents (Gert's folks) of Newark, New Jersey visited our city. A few of us, Vyciai, had the pleasure of meeting them.

The Card Party held on December 3rd proved to be a success. Thanks to the committee — Sadie Kissel, Val Kerbelis, Sophia Gavry and Gene Gobis. The committee was very pleased with the cooperation of all the members, especially, Sophie Strikol, Pauline Urban, Bill Nikstenas, Bootsie Jakaitis, Fran Raila and Eleanore and Ed. Baranauskas. We were happy to see Ann Kadzis at the function since we've missed her at our monthly gatherings.

If you see some of us K. of L'ers sneaking into the Schine's Mohawk Theatre, it's because Bill Nikstenas is

the new assistant manager. Good luck on your new job, Bill!

As of December 24th, a glittering diamond adorns the third finger of the left hand of our good friend and member, Fran Raila. It took a State Trooper, Anthony Luzinas, to nail Fran. Congratulations, Tony!

December 31st found but a few members at the A. L. C. hall to greet the New Year in. The old faithfuls were there — Sophie Olbie, Bootsie Jakaitis, Helen and Leo Druziak and Gene Gobis. There were a couple of former K. of L'ers there too, Florence and Ed. Trumpiek and Bernice Blusis. Bottsie tells us that Gene Gobis was collecting contributions from the guests at 2:00 a. m. to keep the orchestra playing until 3:30 a. m. She succeeded, all right!

Our first meeting for the New Year with President Val Karbelis and Vice-President Ed Bablinskas both present was successful. We welcomed back into the fold Edna Gustas and Sophie Olbie. Edna showed us some photos of the new family addition, Jerry Gustas.

A belated Christmas banquet was planned for January 19, to be held at the Mohawk Lodge in Fort Johnson, New York. Sophia Gavry, Sophie Olbie and Edna Gustas were on the arrangement committee. Now that Bootsie Jakaitis is a licensed driver, no doubt, the committee will call on her to aid them.

Father Baltch gave an interesting talk on the accurate date and year of Christ's birth. Then, too, he touched on the subject of Lithuania's turning from paganism to Christianity seven hundred years ago.

The social hour brought on many exclamations of, "Delicious!" — and "Nothing can top this!" All remarks were made in regards to Sophie Olbie's deep dish apple cocoonut pie and Sophia Gavry's chocolate cake. Pauline Urban and Ann Tamoliunas took second helpings home.

Helen Druziak just informed your correspondent that her brother, Pfc. Anthony Degutis, has arrived safely in Japan. **Smile and Sparkle.**

K. OF L. CALENDAR

February 23 — Great Neck, N. Y. (17) Dance, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Auditorium.

February 23 — Great Neck, N. Y. (109) Pre-Lenten Dance, Steamboat Inn.

April 19 — Norwood, Mass. (27) Dance, Runeberg Hall.

New England District K. of L. Annual Convention to be held in April Host, Athol, Mass. (10).

WORCESTER, MASS.**COUNCIL 26**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bob Alex on the death of his beloved father, and to Tom Sviklas on the death of his beloved mother.

Thanks to Bill Bengtson and Eddie Daniels, co-chairmen, for a mighty fine Harvest Dance. Equal shares of appreciation go to Adella Ceraska, Adele Ivaska, Agnie Sarapas, Ann Rutelonis, Kathie Yakutis, Louise Grazulis, Frannie Nockunas, Tony Morkunas and Al Rutelonis. Many K. of L'ers from Ansonia, Providence, Athol, Cambridge, South Boston and Hartford attended.

Clark University is the favorite educational center for many of our members and holds a couple of our members among its favorite people: Bob Yakutis was elected president of the Junior Class and Teddy Tromovitch, its treasurer. Congratulations, boys.

A bit of misfortune befell our members. Ruthie Gadilauskas is now recuperating after a serious operation; Jack Thompson had quite an accident at his Spa, hence the heavily-bandaged left hand; and Angie Sarapas' mother recently underwent an operation at the City Hospital.

Our council made the Holy Year Pilgrimage in a body on the ninth of December.

Last year, all the fellows made up the committee for our annual Christmas Party, and did a beautiful job. This year, Rita Brazauskas, Louise Grazulis, Olga Kersis, Rita Pinkus, Angie Sarapas and Kathie Yakutis combined their efforts and made it equally as successful this year.

Fridays — 20th Century Alleys

"Joe's Pros" captained by Joe Sakaitis is on top of our council's bowling league. Right on their heels are "Al's Pal's", headed by Al Bender, and Al Rutelonis' "Rudy's Beauties". Last but not least is Charlie Tagman's team "Charlie's Darlin's".

High averages of 87 and 97 are held by Louise Grazulis and Charlie Tagman, respectively. Mary Jankowski rolled a beautiful 120 for girls' high single place, and Charlie Tagman holds the men's high with 124.

A special bowling attraction is the soon to be announced match between Jack Thompson and Father Michael. The entire council will be on hand to watch this match of skill and dexterity.

Personality of the month.

We introduce to you this month one of our unsung heroes, Tony Morkunas, better known as "Morky". A third degree member for many years, Morky has always been very active in sports,

with emphasis on bowling. Although he has had one short year on the executive Board as vice president, he is a tried and true Council 26'er. The back seat is always where he sits. He can be depended upon for any and every type of committee. Whether it is behind a white apron or the wheel of his Plymouth, he does it all without shirking and avoids credit for the jobs well done.

Hope you'll stick with us for many more years, Tony.

The first thing the New Year brought in, of course, was a new executive board. Ballots having been counted, the results proved as follows: Bill Bengtson, president; Kathie Yakutis, vice president; Olga Kersis and Ann Rutenis, secretaries; Louise Grazulis, financial secretary; Franny Nockunas and Bill Jecketer, auditors; Adele Ivaska and Vitty Morkunas, marshalls; and Emily Ceraska, chairman, Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Hearty congratulations to you all, and a big vote of thanks to the outgoing board for a job well done.

First undertakings under the new regime are a military whist. Franny (Nockunas) is heading this committee—and our annual Communion Breakfast; Bill Bengtson, Eddie Daniels and Rita Karrytais are her assistants.

Game and gifts galore were the order of the day at our annual Christmas Party. After a rugged District Bowling League match, our visiting teams and rooters from Cambridge and Norwood were entertained at the clubroom. A buffet lunch was served by Kathie Yakutis, Angie Sarapas, Rita Brazauskas, Olga Kersis, Rita Pinkus, Louise Grazulis and Joe Sakaitis.

The kiddies at St. Casimir's School always enjoy their party. Julius Buckley played Santa, to the delight of over 300 children. They also enjoyed candy, fruit, movies, and gifts for each one of them. Council 26, the B. V. M. Sodality, and the Senior Choir of St. Casimir's make this possible for them every year. Thanks to the sodaists who wrapped the gifts, and to Betty Alavosius, Adele Ivaska and Rita Brazauskas, who selected them, and most of all to Father Michael Tamule-

On December 10, a group of about vich, choirman.

50 members visited St. Casimir's, St. John's and Notre Dame churches, and St. Paul's Cathedral to gain the Holy Year Indulgence.

"These Wedding Bells Are Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine" might well be our theme song this spring. Terry Jurgelonis received a lovely

Christmas diamond; Ellie Grazulis and Joe Chestna have set their date for April 19th, and Vinnie Grazulis became engaged to Anne Zablaitis of Hartford (6).

Strikes and Spares.

Congratulations to Mary Jankowski, who broke all our records and rolled off a beautiful 139. She also holds a new high triple score of 312. Good bowling, Mary. Keep it up!

"Joe's Pros", captained by Joe Sakaitis, maintains the lead in our four-team league, and Louise Grazulis and Charlie Tagman still have top averages.

Our men's team is hitting high and remains on top and unbeaten after five matches in the New England District Bowling League. The girls hold second place, having lost only to Providence. Thanks to Lawrence and Providence for those nice after-bowling socials.

Personality of the month.

February finds Adella Ceraska in the spot-light. Adella is one the more quiet, unsung heroines of Council 26. She's hard at work most of the time, but where no one can see her. Whenever there's work to be done behind the scenes, or in that kitchen, you'll find her right there pitching in. She received her third degree last May, and really deserved it. She's now serving her second term as Treasurer, and has been official delegate from our council to many national and district conventions; and there's no counting how many committees she has served on. A true C-26'er as there ever has been.

"K. and L."



Chicago, Ill. Stephen J. Kane was named as president of the Kiwanis Club of Archer road at its election of officers. Mr. Kane is also active in the Illinois Indiana District K. of L. and past president of the district.

HARTFORD, CONN.**COUNCIL 6**

Election of officers: Daniel Madeska, president; "Terry" Povilonis, vice president; Regina Zaranka, secretary; Vincent Juselis, treasurer; and Sue Bairunas, financial secretary.

Our annual Christmas Party was a huge success under the capable hands of El'a Staum and her committee. Even though the clubroom lacked heat; dancing, singing, and everyone's warm friendliness, made all comfortable and happy.

A ski-trip to New Hampshire was our first social affair of the New Year. Two girls from Worcester (26), namely Louise Grazulis and Frannie Nockunas, joined our adventure - loving group. Fortunately, out of a party of 21 people, only one minor casualty — Mavis Kirtis suffered a bruised knee. Our next trip is scheduled for the third week-end in February. Need I say with how much enthusiasm everyone is looking forward to it?

Contract bridge has been introduced to Council 6 with a bigger bang than Canasta made when it first hit our country. Claire Grigaitis and a crew of three are meeting weekly for an evening of argument and excitement.

Our C. L. C. bowlers, both the men's and women's teams, are in last place.

As far as the inter C-6 bowlers are concerned, the Lumberjacks are leading the Crackerjacks by 2 games. Nameless trailing by 6, and the Jolly Jerques way back with 10 games down. Regardless, there is quite a scramble for every pin on Thursday evenings.

Sincerest sympathy to Elsie and Terry Endrelunas due to the loss of their father.

Congratulations to Anne Zablaitis and Vincent Grazulis on their recent engagement. Will it be a June wedding, Anne?
M. E.

WATERBURY, CONN.**COUNCIL 7**

ENGAGED: Shirley Milutis to Gene Valuckas; Betty Karas and Ed Bebrin; and Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kozak, to Johnny Turzo. Congratulations!

ALTAR BOUND: Joseph Greblunas and Mary Deeds have finally set a wedding date to be April 19th, in Washington, D. C.

CONGRATULATIONS: Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Bertulis have recently become the proud parents of an 8 pounds baby girl!

BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. Vera Puzas celebrated her birthday on January 5th; Gene Valuckas' birthday was January 24th. Happy birthday!

HOME: It was nice to see Joe Shukaitis and Ken Dubauskas at the club

during the holidays. The boys, sporting "Air Force Blue", were home on leave.

UP ON TOP: Helen Kozak, with a bowling average of 131, holds high single for the girls' teams, and Lou Blinstrubas has high single for the fellows, with an average of 156.

NECK 'N NECK: Waterbury's K. of L. team is holding its own in the C. L. C. Bowling League again this season. The men's team is tied for top honors with the New Haven Men's "A" team.

KIDDIES XMAS PARTY: Seventy-six children attended our annual children's Xmas Party on December 23rd at the clubrooms. Santa Claus was on hand to present each child with a gift.

Banquet Well Attended: Ed Adamaitis and Al Tolius were co-chairman of the New Year's Eve Banquet, which was held at St. Joseph Hall. Ed Di Napoli, Jim Valaitis, and Tony Jenkins were in charge of tickets. Members assisting were: Frances Breiva, Joan Gerulis, Albert Greblunas, John Greblunas, Gene Grineunas, Ed Kazlauskas, Albert Matulis, Adele Paulauskas, John Rakauskas, Albert Sloksnaitis, Joe Stevens, Mary Undraitis and Agnes Zdanis.
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GARY, INDIANA**COUNCIL 82**

Our second Annual Dinner and Dance, honoring the K. of L. Athletic teams was well attended. The honor table was laden with trophies that our Junior Baseball teams had won. Three trophies were won by the Junior Girls' Softball team — champions of the Illinois-Indiana District (twice in a row) and our own Gary league. Also the Junior Boys' Baseball team were victors in the district (first year).

Guest speakers were John Stoskus and Jack Jatis, both of Chicago; Josephine Kuizin, captain of the Junior Girls team; Steve Gregor, captain of the Men's Bowling team. Stella Kuzin was mistress of ceremonies.

The delicious dinner was prepared by our well-known chiefs: Mrs. William Shirvinski, Mrs. Gaubicki, Mrs. Bauza, Mrs. Tony Shirvinski and served by our attractive waitresses: Elizabeth Monacy, Virginia Nobles, Sarah Shirvinski, Mary Gaubicki, Gloria Gudinas and Viola Geanchos. Once again we thank Viola Geanchos for her work in our council. In the kitchen brigade were Delmar Warren, "Gus" and Gene Leto. In arranging the tables and chairs, Mr. Geanchos was assisted by Stanley Klevickas and Gene.

The big event of the evening was the crowning of King and Queen. Josephine Kuizin had the honor crowning Stanley Klevickas, as King and Mary Gaubicki as Queen. Both received a

beautiful wrist watch for having sold the most reffle tickets.

We are deeply grateful to Joe Shirvinski, chairman of the affair, for his untiring work in making our second Annual Dinner and Dance a success. With such hard workers as Joe, the council is assured of a very bright future.

We wish Stanley Klevickas a speedy recovery. He was recently operated on appendicitis. (Some change from a throne to a hospital bed, Stanley.)

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SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.**COUNCIL 17**

We greet our new members Roland Venis, Peter Dravinskas, Mary and Stanley Yelmokas. The welcome mat is out to you, knights.

We hope everybody enjoyed themselves at our November dance. Councils from Providence, Lawrence, Norwood, Worcester and Cambridge were well represented. Pat and Al Akule were spotted doing a mean jitterbug step. It was nice to see that John Contons was able to come down to our dance. And did you see that lovely orchid Marie Skudris was sporting? Even sailor Jerry Venis skooted up from Norfolk, Va. just for this affair. Larry Svelnis, Alice Laudansky, Vito Markelonis, Diane and Rita Shatas, John Olevitz, Aldonna Jacobs and Marie Skudris, were the committee members.

Our Keyhole News editor, Evelyn Bender, is touring several of the States on her vacation.

At our November K. of L. meeting we had many guests from other councils, such as Cambridge and Providence. Congratulations to the members who received their first degrees. We were honored by the presence of our guest Sgt. T. Shimkus of the State Police who gave a very interesting talk and showed slide of the activities of the Fingerprinting Department. After the meeting many of our members and invited guests went to the Cafe Amalfi for a delicious dinner.

At our October social we had Halloween party which turned out to be very successful. Many of our members showed up in costumes and masks. The evening was highlighted by a ghost story. Most of our women were frightened by what, we don't know. Could it have been the darkness, or the feeling of the grapes. We would like to ask John Yaras where he got the becoming nose? Dancing and refreshments ended the evening. A job well done committee, John Daniels, Angie Mason, Diane and Rita Shatas, Roland Martinkus, Stanley Yelmokas, and Aldonna Jacobs.
Buttercup.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT**MARCH 2 — INPORTANT DATE**

It happens once a year — this mass religious demonstration of the Knights of Lithuania. Sunday, March 2, is this year's important date, commemorating St. Casimir's Day.

It is an occasion on which no one else can represent you except you yourself. Your presence will show that you really believe in the ideals of our organization. Please, participate, without fail, in the beautiful services that are being planned in honor of our Patron Saint. Your sacrifice in making all necessary arrangements to be in Brooklyn by 9:40 that morning, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at the Annunciation Church, North 5th and Havmeyer St., and then have breakfast in the company of several hundred other members, will be to your credit. Let no obstacle—even a snowstorm and zero weather — prevent you from being there. The Mass will be offered for the soul of our late founder, Mykolas Norkūnas.

Notify your council secretary as soon as possible to make your breakfast reservations, which, this year, will be only \$1.25.

THE DAY'S SCHEDULE:

9:40—Instruction at school hall regarding procession etc.

9:50—Procession to the church. (All degree members please wear your insignia.)

10:00—Mass.

11:00—Communion breakfast.

2:00—(This time E. S. T.) District convention.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**“News and Views”**

Three meetings ago we visited this column with our news so let us herewith summarize the balance of our old year and the beginning of our new efforts:

Our November meetings weren't dull since there were many matters to discuss and many invites to consider in the social plane such as: Ciero Gobbler Hop... Gary Council sports banquet... and of course our own Xmas social. Everyone of these affairs was visited by one or more of our members.

A Christmas donation was, as usual, voted on by the membership for our own Holy Cross parish.

Our first December meeting had the pleasure of visits from Miss Good (Cicero) and A. Lubert (Marquette Park). Mr. A. Lubert had come personally to invite us to attend the dinner dance planned at Midlothian Country Club Feb. 9th, 1952.

Jean Tervainis, chairman, and her able assistants Pat Kamauskas and Albina Zemaitis, planned the nicest Xmas social we have ever held! Besides a nicely set table, Xmas tree, grab bag and a professional Santa Claus, games were played and Carols were sung. Gifts to our councils servicemen included the offering of a Mass for their safety. Chairman for this nice gesture was Frances Petrauskas.

We were fortunate to get our new member, Violet Baltutis, to come to our social! We hope the New Year will be able to boast of many more new members.

Illinois - Indiana District election results made us quite proud since 3 of our members were elected: Jerry Jesulaitis, Treasurer; Alphonse Zemaitis, 1st Vice President; and Richard Jurgaitis, 2nd Vice President.

CLEVELAND, OHIO**COUNCIL 25****October — Heart's Department ...**

Cupid certainly was busy this month putting one of his many arrows through the hearts of our Recording Secretary, Magdalene Samson and Alex Romanuskas who are now busy preparing for their May Wedding.

A beautiful diamond also adorns the finger of our Financial Secretary, Eleanor Slavickas — the lucky fellow being Al Bendokas.

The close of the month brought about the long awaited engagement of Ursula Yankauskas and Ben Brazis. Ben is now at Ruston, Louisiana with the Air Corps.

November — Wedding Bells

Our heartiest congratulations to Helen Vaska and Michael Kubelavie, Jr. who were joined together by Fr. Angelaitis, our Spiritual Advisor, on November 3. Mike is now stationed at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri.

We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life to Clare Shukis who became Mrs. Kovach in a quiet ceremony on November 10.

December

We silently bade farewell to last year's hard - working Valdyba as we welcomed our newly elected officers: Mary Trainy — President, Leo Alberts — Vice President, Magdalene Samson — Recording Secretary, Bill Smith — Treasurer, Eleanor Slavickas — Financial Secretary, Mary Susin — Sgt-at-Arms.

Our K. of L. Ladies Bowling team will certainly miss Miss Nellie Samas who is expecting a little “Sam” sometime in June.

Did you recognize Mary Susin as Mrs. Santa Claus at our annual Xmas Party, December 23? Our council certainly displayed hearty appetites at this shindig — how much Bromo Seltzer did you need the next morning Andy?

January

Joe Sadauskas, our Theatrical Advisor let out a yowl of delight when he learned that he had two willing secretaries (Maggie Samson and Clare Kovach) at his beck and call to assist him with the Council's future plays.

We were all so pleased at how willingly Tony Buknis volunteered for the Theatrical Committee.

The beginning of the year finds our Active Committee hustling and bustling with plans for the coming of St. Casimir's day which we will commemorate on March 4.

The Council's New Year's resolution for 1952 was a more active and larger Council 25.

S.Y

We have missed Eleanore Laurin at our meetings since she is now attending a course dealing with real estate insurance, after receiving a degree in marketing! More power to you and best of luck for the New Year!

Patricia Kamarauskas, Vice President, has advanced with the beginning of the New Year to a bigger and better position as payroll accountant at Poirot Construction Company

Peter Grigaliunas returned to Chicago after a nine months stay at Kennebunk Port, Maine. We are proud of Peter for his great love of the Knights of Lithuania and sincerely hope his pleasing personality will induce others to join our organization. Besides being active in our council, Peter participates in the Dainaves Ansemblio Choir.

Darling and company boasts a lot of charm in the Vice Presidents' offices, since they have the services of Frances Petrauskas and Jean Tervainis as secretaries in the concern.

Kastas Zaromskis, Senior member of Chicago, who is recovering from serious surgery, was visited by two of our members Bernice Novom and Peter Grigaliunas. It is an inspiration to see such K. of L. devotion even in sickness.

Our near future plans include: Theatre Party (date unannounced), Frances Petrauskas, chairman. Lith. Independence day celebration at our center (February 16th). St. Casimir's day commemoration with high Mass and breakfast (March 2) Roseland Council. Easter day dance — Marquette Park Council (April).

Jan. 12th was the date for our revision of books for the old year at Lucy Diktus' home. Fr. J. Grinius was fortunately able to attend and it was most gratifying to note that every one of the newly-elected officers were present.

On January 13th, the Gage Park bowling alleys welcomed the first visit of our council members. A most hilarious time was had since for many of us it was the first attempt at bowling. Our scores were nothing to speak of but with some practise we hope to become good bowlers.

Our Council held elections the first week in January: Father J. Grinius, spiritual adviser; Jerry Jesulaitis, president, Patricia Kamarauskas, 1st vice president, Jean Tervainis, 2nd vice president; Anne Ausra, treasurer; Lucy Diktus, financial secretary; Bernice Novom, recording secretary; Paul Kurpis, sgt. at arms; Aldona Lukosius and Anthony Diktus, trustee. Delegates: Jerry Jesulaitis and Lucy Diktus; Pat Kamarauskas, alternate delegate. Lucy Diktus, B. Y. N. council delegate; and Bernice Novom, alternate.

Fr. Julius Grinius gave a most inspiring talk at our first Knights of Lithuania 1952 meeting.

BERNICE NOVOM, Sec'y.

NOTICE TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

In order to keep the Center files up to date, please notify me any change of status of your council members i. e. entering service, getting married, etc.

Please specify on pink sheets if a member is rejoining; also new member's dues must accompany his application card.

Tillie A. Gerulis, Supreme Financial Secretary

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

COUNCIL 102

Instead of our annual Christmas Dance, a party was given at Chuck Steppie's house on Christmas Day. The host and hostesses were Chuck, Betty Brinza, Eileen Stankunas and Louise Simonis. Carl brought 12 pine trees to decorate the house. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Stepanauskas for the use of their home and to the committee.

Sylvia Simonis started the leap year right by announcing her engagement to Ed Vance. She plans to wed in June

That was no streak of lightning — that was Louise Simonis and Camille Walock whizzing by in their Blue Beetle (Camille's new car. That's a car!!)

The mystery of the fishy tasting pizza at Sammy's was solved when Eileen Stankunas informed Betty Brinza she was eating anchovies!

Girls did you see all the handsome men in uniform around for the holidays. They were Vince Boris, Tony Jeckewicz, Anatole Maculevicius, Ed Medonis, Bryan Paukstys, Rudy Sakal and Bruno Sinkus. It was nice to see them all.

If you happen to see Terry Bender walking on crutches it is because her team mates, Tom Plunkett, Chuck Steppe, Jo Paplin and Jodie Lenkaitis have broken her leg. They say she bowls her best when she hits her ankle with a bowling ball.

Pin boys beware when Clem Galinas is bowling. Clem likes to hit the pin boys instead of the pins.

Glad to see you.

Visiting us one Friday night at the bowling alley last month were Tony and Stan Jeckewicz who were home on leave. They joined in the activities and we were glad to have these good bowlers back again even if it was for only a short time.

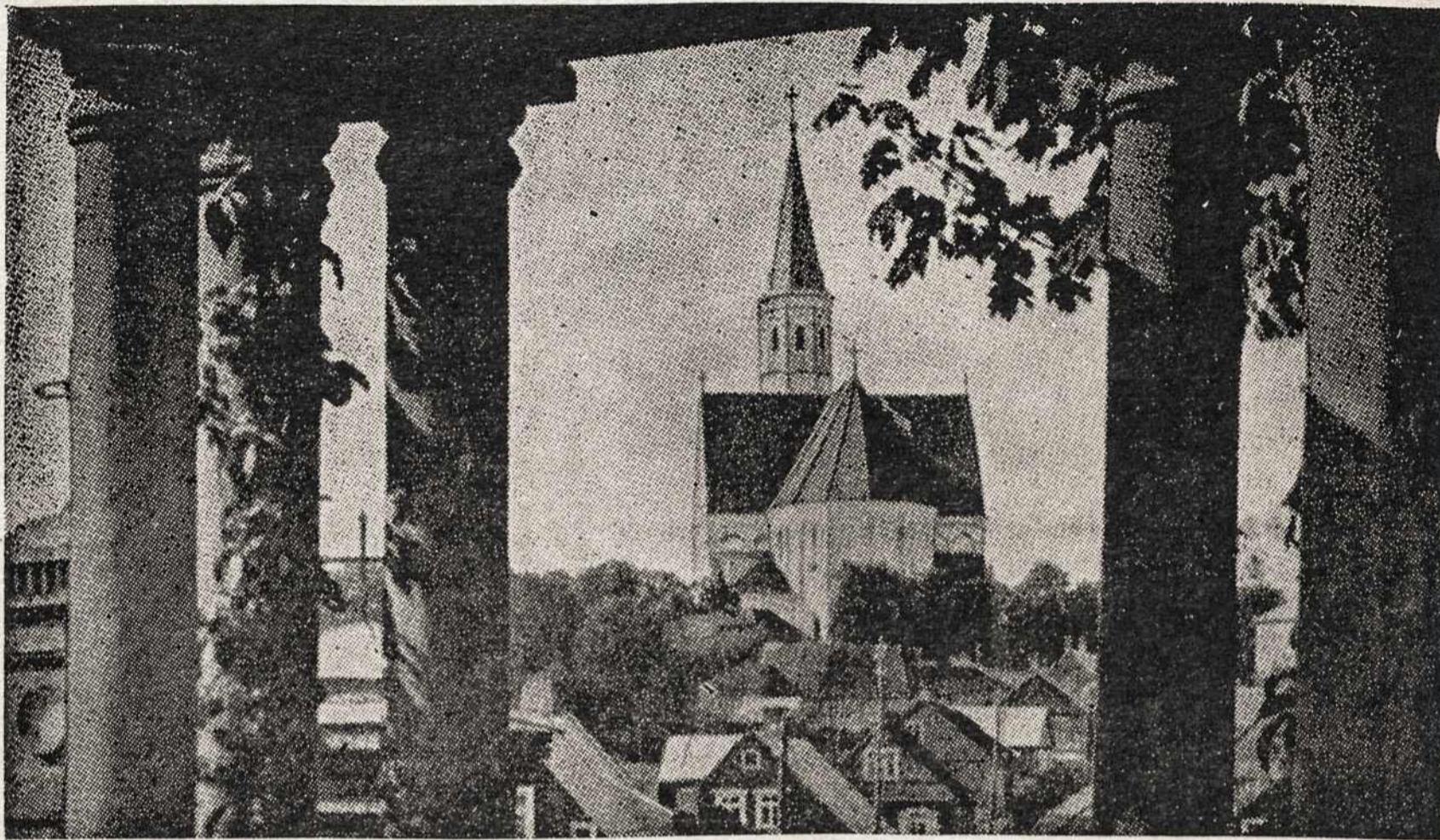
Social life.

Our pre-Advent dance held on December 1st proved to be a wonderful get-together for a few delinquent members whom we've missed lately. Some of them were Vito and Isabell Zaligaros, Martin and Ruth Wagster, the Albecks girls, Evelyn and Theresa, and Bob and Janet Hill. Nice seeing you again.

The pre-Advent dance did not end for all at 1 o'clock — Lillian and Carl Gobis had an open house for all visitors from Grand Rapids.

New Officers.

The main event of the December meeting was the election of officers and the following were elected: President — Robert Boris; vice president — Anna Mae Uznis; treasurer — Frank



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Peterson; financial secretary — Betty Brinza; recording secretary — Julie Ann Paplinskas; corresponding secretary — Terry Medonis; Sargent at arms — Ray Medonis; trustees — Tom Plunkett and Tony Brinza; Lithuanian Affairs — Anna Mae Uznis and Mary Plunkett; Lithuanianism — Robert Boris and Sylvia Simonis; Ritual Committee — Joe Andrews; and Vytis correspondents — Julie Rander and Mary Satkowski.

Religious Activities

Holy Hour Services were held December 9th at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in commemoration of the 700th anniversary of Lithuania's acceptance of Christianity. Bishop Vincentas Brizgis of Lithuania, officiated, along with the Most Rev. Joseph Rancans of Latvia. Both prelates were exiled from their countries by the Soviets. The Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, also took part.

The Church Service, in which many K. of L. members participated by singing in the choir and by acting as an honor guard for the American, Lithuanian, and Church flags, was followed by a banquet at the Park - Sheraton Hotel.

M and J

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

Election of officers was held at a recent meeting. A successful and prosperous year is foreseen under the leadership of the following people: Mary Gourinsky, President; Eleanor Ku-

chinskas, Vice President; Frank Anoris, Secretary; Casimir Pinigis, Financial Secretary, and Mary Sinkewicz, Treasurer.

The most-talked about social of the season is the party that was held at Frank Anoris cottage on Silver Lake. Those who attended the party enjoyed a free lesson from Eleanor Kuchinskas in the art of dancing the Schottische. Frank and Geneva left everyone weak with laughter after their demonstration on "How To Do The Rhumba". Geneva Rimsa took a prize (and a free bath!) in the apple ducking contest. Lenny attracted much attention in his "new look". Cherry Cheeks in Apple Blossomtime seemed to be the favorite tune that night. The refreshment committee is to be commended for the excellent lunch served. We also do extend our appreciation to Frank Anoris for his generous hospitality.

Our girls are striking! (at the bowling alleys of course). Every Thursday night the girls meet and roll up the strikes and spares under the watchful eyes of an enthusiastic (?) cheering section. The moral supporters consist mainly of Lenny, "Slip", Finagan and Pete Saulkas. The boys occasionally attempt to offer the ladies some competition but are hard-pressed for points when bowling against such high scorers as Mary Gourinsky, Geneva Rimsa, and Mary Sienkewicz.

Helen Ambrose can be seen behind the wheel of her car after K. of L. meetings driving the girls to our town coffee shops and ice cream par-

lors. Be careful girls — too many calories are bad for the figure!

By the time this column reaches you the children of our parish will have enjoyed the annual Christmas party sponsored by the local K. of L.

If you see our K. of L.'ers busy scanning barometers, reading almanacs and in other ways attempting to forecast the weather, it is because the date for Athol's Winter Carnival has been set for the weekend of February 2nd and we are all hoping for snow. However, whether it snows or not, we plan to have a wonderful time. We extend an invitation to all K. of L. members and friends to attend. More details will be sent to the various councils secretaries.

We also wish to extend an invitation to all the New England councils to attend the N. E. District convention which will be held in Athol in April.

At this time we send our sincere wishes for a happy New Year to all our K. of L. members in the service. We have high hopes of seeing Joe Waitkevich home for Christmas. We shall especially miss Anthony Neward who recently was transferred to Europe with the U. S. Army, and Nellie Kasputas, former financial secretary, who joined the WAVES. Nellie's sister is already in the service and stationed in California. We hope that 1952 will bring about world conditions that will allow people like these to spend their next Christmas at home with their families.

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