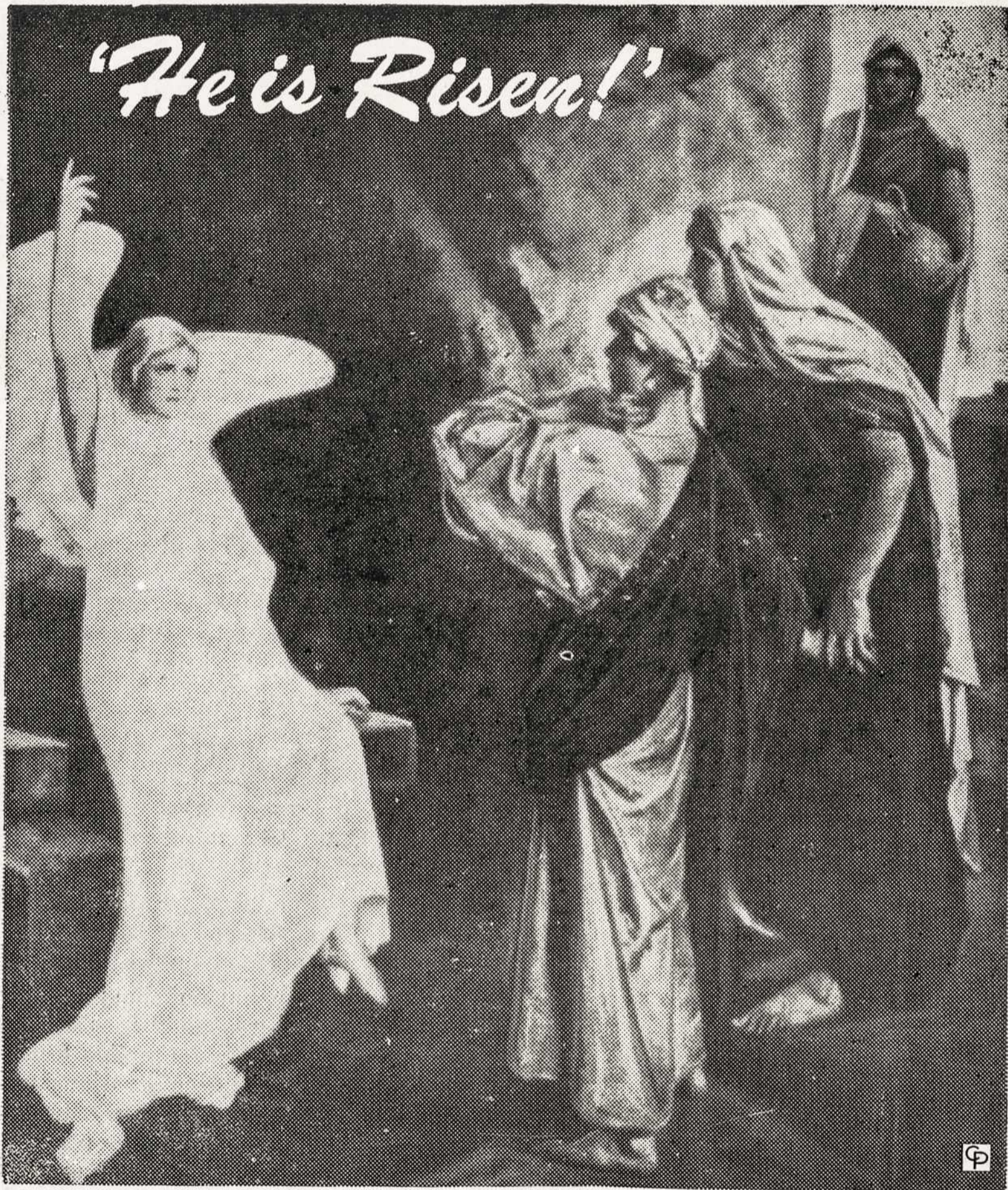


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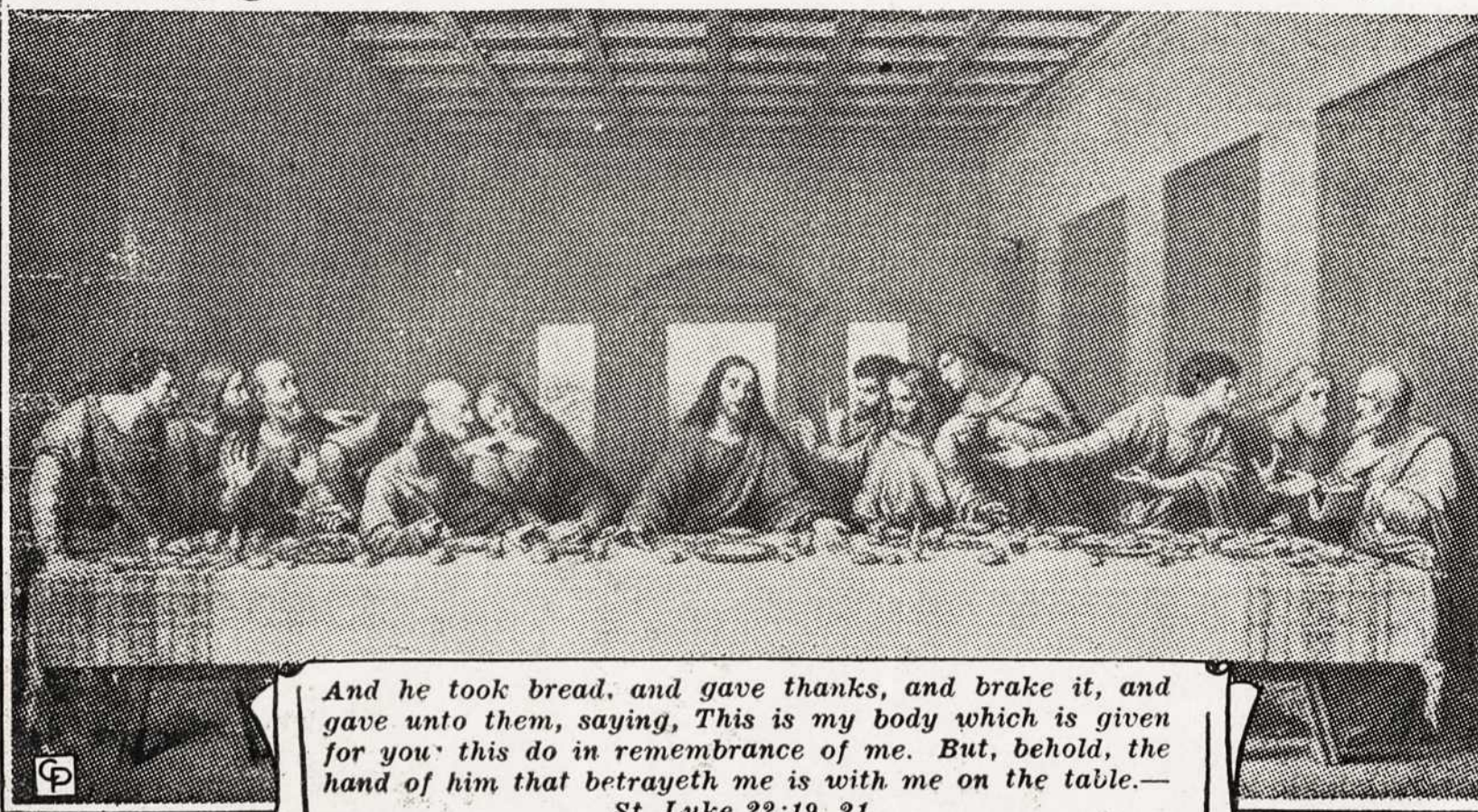
KRISTUS KĒLĒS! ALELIUJA!



Holy Week

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The Last Supper



*And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.—
St Luke 22:19, 21*

JAUNIMAS IR PRISIKĖLIMAS

Kazys Rodaitis

Kiekvienais metais su prašvintančiu pavasariu mes švenčiame ir didžiąja Kristaus Prisikėlimo šventę. Šios šventės visi laukiame ir nepaprastai ja džiaugiamės. Ir kaip gi nelauksi, kaip gi nesidžiaugsi, kad su šia švente mes įžengiame į Amžinąjį Prisikėlimą. Juk Velykos, tai didžiausios pergalės šventė — Kristus nugalėjo mirtį. Kas gi gali būti didingesnio ir gražesnio už šią šventę? Dėlto šioji šventė yra visuotino triumfo, visuotino džiaugsmo šventė. Dėlto šioji šventė papuošia žmogų vilties šipsena net ir pačioj sunkiausioj padėty esant.

Jei visi šita šventė džiaugiasi, tai ką jau bekalbėti apie jaunimą, kuriam šita šventė ypač daug šneka.

Kiekviena jaunimo karta, tai lyg ir naujasis kiekvienų metų pavasaris. Kai su pavasariu pasaulis apsigaubia nauja gyvybe, nauju grožiu, naujomis gerybėmis, taip lygiai ir su kiekviena jaunimo karta pasaulis pasipuošia dar didešniais turtais — amžinomomis dvasinėmis vertybėmis, prieš kurias šie žemiški turtais, žemiškas grožis yra tik blankus šešėlis, tik menkutis atspindys to begalinio dvasinio pasaulio, kurio gijos suriša mus su Dievu - Aukščiausiuoju Gėriu, Grožiu, Tiesa, Meile ir Išmintimi. Materialinės vertybės yra niekis palyginus su kilniais dvasiniais žmogaus pasireiškimais.

Ir kai čia dabar prisimename Kristaus Prisikė-

limą, mirties pergalę, krikščioniškojo triumfo šventę, tai mes savo sielos gelmėse pajuntame tiek šviesos, tiek stiprybės, tiek vilties šiuose klaidžiuose ir sunkiuose gyvenimo keliuose, kad nieks jų mums neįstengia nustelbti. Taip, su Kristaus Prisikėlimo švente pranyksta visa gyvenimo tamsa, visos gyvenimo ūkanos, kaip su saulės patekėjimu pranyksta naktis su savo reiškiniais.

Ir čia mūsų žvilgsnis nukrypsta į jaunimą, kurs su spindinčiais veidais atžygiuoja į gyvenimą ir tą gyvenimą paims į savo rankas.

Ko tam jaunimui reikalinga, kad jis tą gyvenimą paimtų į savo rankas ir jį tinkamai vestų vispasiškos pažangos keliu? Jam reikia turėti naujos dvasios, didžios krikščioniškos dvasios, kuriančios ir visa nugalinčios dvasios. Niekur kitur jis tos dvasios nerastų Kristaus asmeny, Kristaus moksle, o ypač Kristaus kančioj ir Jo didžiajam prisikėlime. Su šita dvasia jaunimas atnaujins merdintį ir gniužtantį dabartinį žmonijos gyvenimą, nes šis gyvenimas neturi jį palaikančios gyvosios krikščioniškos dvasios ir dėlto griūva. Su šita dvasia ir lietuviškas katalikiškas jaunimas išlaikys lietuvių tautos gyvybę ir iškovos Lietuvai laisvę. Tegul Dievas laimina šią jaunimo kelią. Tegul Dievas laimina ir gražų Amerikos lietuviško katalikiško jaunimo vyčių judėjimą ir suteikia jam laimėjimų kovoje už Dievą ir Tėvynę. Aleliuja!

VELYKŲ PAPROČIAI LIETUVOJ

Velykos Vilniaus Krašte.

Ver. Kulbokienė

Pavasaris Lietuvoje atneša daug džiaugsmo. Po ilgos ir gilios žiemos tirpstantieji sniegai užtvindo upes, slėnius ir klonius. Upelių čiurkšlenimas tarytum pažadina pirmuosius Lietuvos laukų dainininkus vyturėlius. Ištirpus sniegams, šile pražysta pirmieji žibučių ir šilagėlių žiedai. Pavasario saulutės spinduliai atgaivina visa, kas atrodo buvo mirę. Viskas atbunda, atgija. Ir šitą gamtos stebuklą lydi Kristaus prisikėlimo stebuklas. Visa tai liejasi į vieną bendrą didelį džiaugsmą, kuris netelpa žmogaus širdyje. Jis pažadina ir pakelia žmogaus dvasią. Jo sieloje gimsta malda, garbinanti Aukščiausiąjį, viso to gėrio ir grožio Kūrėją. Širdis kupina džiaugsmo reiškiasi naujomis mintimis, sumanymais bei darbais, kurie, ilganiui kartojami, tampa papročiais — tradicijomis, — ir tai sudaro to krašto žmonių būdo bruožus, kuriais jie išsiskiria nuo kito krašto žmonių.

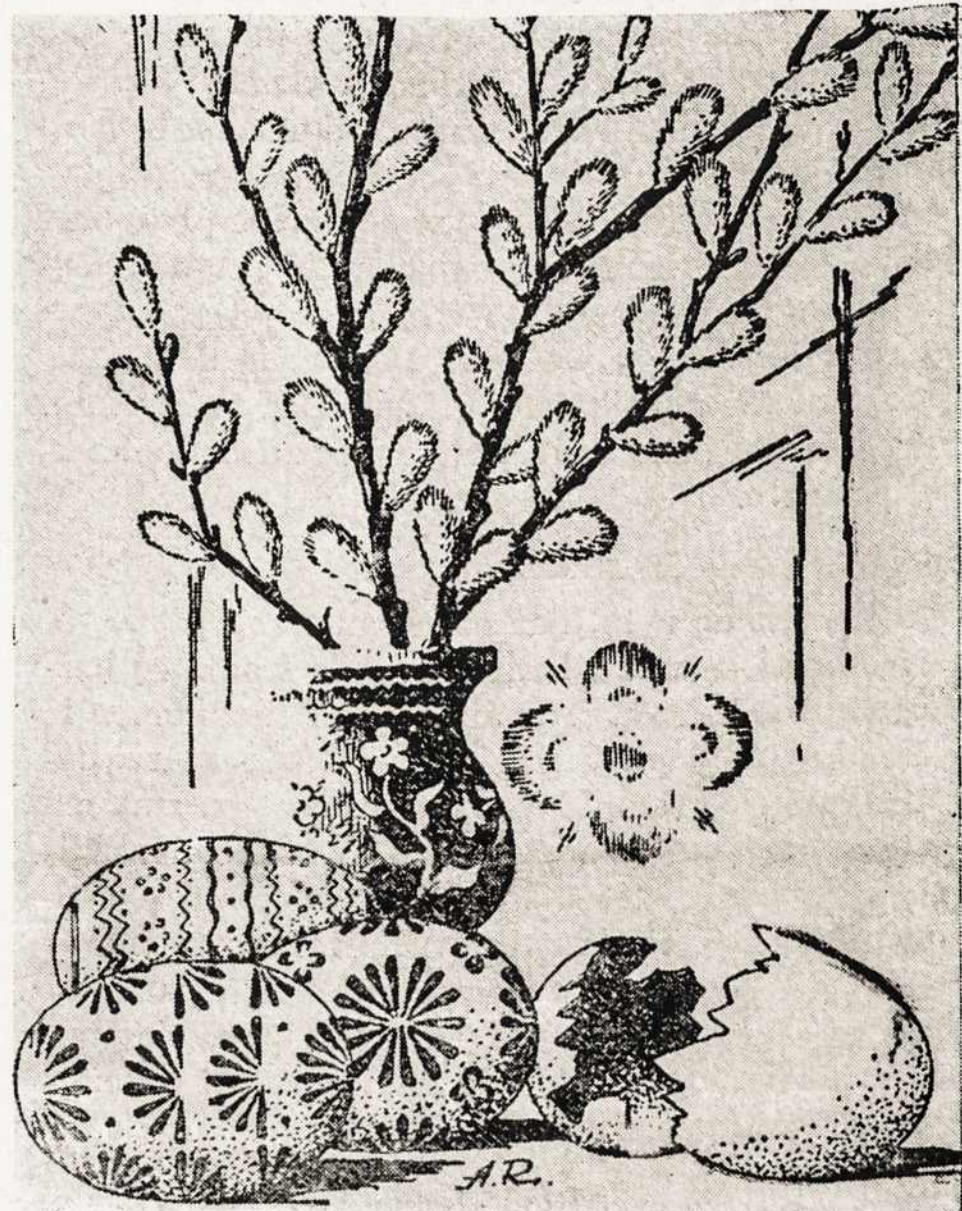
Amerikoje ir kituose kraštuose labai iškilmingai ir triukšmingai yra sutinkamos Kalėdos; Lietuvoje gi, su daug pakilesne ir tai dvasine nuotaika yra švenčiamos Velykos.

Velykų švenčių nuotaikos prasideda Verbų sekmadienyje ir baigiasi per Atvelykį.

Verbų šventė

Verbų sekmadieniui Lietuvoje ruošiamasi iš anksto, nes kiekvienam, ypač mergaitei, rūpi turėti kuo gražiausiai išpuostą verbą (palnę). Tai jos pasididžiavimas. Todėl, jei dar būna ankstyvos Velykos ir medžiai nesusprogę, tai mergaitės bent prieš kelias savaites prisipjausto berželių, agrastų, serbentų šakelių, įmerkia į vandenį ir laiko šiltame ir saulėtame kambaryje, kol susprogs ir išleidžia lapelius. Pagrindiniai Lietuvos verbų augalai yra žilvitis ir kadugys (ėglius), tačiau kiekviena mergaitė dar kuo nors stengiasi pagražinti savo verbą: ar minėtomis šakelėmis, ar kambario gėlytės žiedu, ar rūtos šakele, nuo žiemos šalčių išsaugota.

Ypač Vilniaus miestas garsėja nepaprastai originaliomis verbomis. Jos daromos iš vasarą surinktų ir sudžiovintų laukų gėlių, kurios sudedamos į ryškios pavidalo įvairiaspalvę puokštę. Verbų sekmadienio ankstyvą rytą, prie kiekvienos Vilniaus bažnyčios, verbų dirbėjos išdėsto savo verbas parduoti. Ir kiekvienas praeivis už pigią kainą nusiperka puikią verbą — puokštę, kurią, pašventinęs bažnyčioje, parsineša namo ir laiko išstisus metus vazoje, kaip kambario šventą pagražinimą. Kaimuose gi vietomis yra paprotys, grįžus iš bažnyčios, mušti likusius namuose su verba per galvą, sakant "verba muša, ne aš mušu." Kaimuose verbos taip pat laikomos išstisus metus. Su verbos šakele motulė išlydi pavasarį pirmą sykį išgenamus gyvulius į laukus. Audros metu deginama verbos šakelės, kad šventoji ugnis saugotų nuo perkūno ir žaibo ugnies.



Didžioji savaitė

Didžioji savaitė kaime yra kartu ir švaros savaitė. Jau nuo pirmadienio pradedami pagrindiniai namų valymai — mazgojimai, gražinimai, skalbimai. O nuo vidurio savaitės pradedami gaminti valgiai: kepimai įvairių pyragų, marginimai kiaušinių. Margučiais labiausiai rūpinasi mažieji ir jaunimas. Kiaušiniai dažomi daugausiai natūraliais dažais: svogūnų lukštais nudažo raudonai, džiovintais beržo lapais — geltonai, šieno pakraikėmis — žalsvai-geltonai. Marginimai atliekami dviem būdais: raižymo ir vašku rašymo. Raštai gi įvairinami, kaip kas sugeba išmarginti.

Mažieji Didžiąją savaitę stengiasi būti ypač geri ir klusnūs, kad "Velykų bobutė" gausiai apdovanotų. Didž. Ketvirtadienio rytą kai kur vaikams kabinamos dovanos ant žardų. Bet vaikai turėdavo niekieno nežadinami atsikelti dar prieš saulės tekėjimą ir eiti pasiimti dovanų. Jeigu atsikeldavo saulei užtekėjus, jau rasdavo tik menkas dovanas, arba visai jų nerasdavo. Tad vaikai rūpinosi nepramiegoti saulėtekio.

Nuo Didžiojo Ketvirtadienio pradedamos lankyti bažnyčios ir sugriežtinami pasninkai.

Didįjį Šeštadienį bažnyčiose šventinama ugnis ir vanduo. Tai didelė pramoga vaikams, nes juos siunčia parnešti į namus šventintos ugnies ir van-

dens. Dar iš vakaro jie rūpestingai pririša prie vielos sudžiovintos kempinės gabalą ugnelei užsidegti, į krepšį įsideda butelį vandeniui parsinešti ir anksti rytą visais keliais traukia bažnyčių link. Bažnytinės apeigos ilgos; vaikams nusibosta — jie ima ir išdykaukti. Bet galop apsirūpinę šventa ugnele ir šventu vandeniu skuba namo, kur laukia jo mama ar močiutė su švariai išvalyta krosnimi ir visiškai išgesinta senąja ugnimi. Dabar iš naujo užkuriama krosnis su šventąja ugnimi.

Didįjį šeštadienį visi ruošos darbai baigiami anksčiau; parengiami Velykų stalai ir valgiai šventinimui. Kūrenamos pirtys; visi išsimaudo anksčiau negu eilinį šeštadienį, nes eina į bažnyčią budėti. Ištįsą šeštadienio naktį žmonės meldžiasi bažnyčiose, gieda, eina kryžiaus kelius, budi prie Kristaus karsto iki pat ryto.

Prisikėlimo rytas

Sekmadienio rytą, dar prieš saulėtekį, pėsti, važiuoti ir raiti — visais keliais žmonės traukia į bažnyčią, į Prisikėlimą. Namuose lieka tik ligonys ir maži vaikai. Bažnyčios prisipildo žmonių sausakinšai. 6 valandą, skambinant varpams, grojant orkestrams, giedant chorams, su didžiausiomis iškilėmis prasideda Kristaus Prisikėlimo apeigos. Procesijos, iškilmingai laikomos šv. Mišios, pamokslai — dažnam džiaugsmo ašarą išspaudžia. Po pamaldų bažnyčiose arba šventoriuje yra šventinami valgiai. Žmonės išsirikiuoja eilute, atidengia gražiai parengtas valgių pintinėles ir laukia ateinančio kunigo su švęstu vandeniu.

Didesniuose miestuose, kur yra daugiau bažnyčių, būna keli Prisikėlimai. Pav. Vilniuje, kur yra per 30 bažnyčių, Prisikėlimo apeigos prasideda šeštadienio vakarą 6 val. ir tęsiasi visą naktį iki sekmadienio vėlyvo ryto. Taip žmonės besimelsdami eina iš vienos bažnyčios į kitą, kiek kas pajiegia. Minėtoms iškilimėms žmonės į miestus atvažiuoja iš tolimų apylinkių pasimelsti ir pasidžiaugti nepaprastai gražiai parengtais Kristaus karštais.

Po pamaldų visi lenktyniaudami grįžta į namus. Yra net prietarų: jei atsiliksi grįždamas Velykose iš bažnyčios, tai visus metus būsi atsilikęs su darbais.

Sugrįžę iš bažnyčios visi sėda prie Velykų stalo, kurį paprastai dabina kviečių ar miežių želmenys. Jei kartais nevežami valgiai šventinti į bažnyčią, tai šventinami namuose. Tas apeigas atlieka vienas iš tėvų arba pakviestas kunigas. Pusryčiai pradedami šventais valgiais, dažniausiai margučiais. Kai kur pirmajam kąsniui pasidalinama vienu margučiu, kuris supjaustomas į tiek dalių, kiek šeimoje yra narių. Pusryčiai valgomi rimtai nusiteikus.

Po pusryčių vyresnieji eina ilsėtis. Pirmąją Velykų dieną visi praleidžia namuose didelį ramybę — nedainuoja, nešoka, į svečius neina. Bet į pavakarį sueina artimesnieji kaimynai margučių ridenti arba jų daužyti. Margučiams ridenti daromi iš medžio ar žievės nedideli loveliai, kurių vienas galas iškeltas tiek, kad kiaušinis lengvai galėtų nuriedėti, bet

nepertoliausia. Minėtu loveliu vyrų, jaunimo ar vaikų grupės iš eilės ridena kiaušinius. Jei riedėdamas kiaušinis paliečia kurio nors anksčiau paleistą margutį, tai paliestasis priklauso šiam pastarajam. Antaras žaidimo būdas margučiais — tai jų daužymas, pagal susitarimą išbandžius į dantis jų stiprumą. Viens laiko savo margutį rankoje, antrasis muša savuoju margučiu į tą laikomąjį. Kurio margutis sprogsta, tas praloštas.

Velykų Pramogos

Vaikams ir jaunimui daug malonumo teikia Velykų metui parengtos supynės. Jos padarytos iš medžio ar vielos taip stipriai, kad du asmens sustoję gali suptis. Jie supdamiesi išsivaro labai aukštai. Kiti gi sustoję, laukdami savo eilės, gėrisi besisupančiųjų dirąsa. Tačiau būna ir liūdnų įvykių besisupant, jei nukrinta kuris, pavargus rankai ar paslydus kojai.

Nepaprastą įspūdį Velykose daro lalavimas. Susidaro įvairaus amžiaus vyrų grupė, kuri pasimoko giedoti Velykinių giesmių ir dainų. Vakare, sutemus, jie leidžiasi į kelionę. Eina nuo namo prie namo, sustoja už lango, barškina į stiklą, žadina šeiminkus, jei jau miega, sveikina juos Velykų švenčių sulaukus ir prašo leisti pagiedoti "Aleliuja". Šeiminkams leidus, jie pradeda traukti giesmę, pritardami armonika ar smuika. Baigus giesmę, šeiminkė atneša lėkštę margučių dainininkams, o šeiminkas kartais pavaišina alumi ar kitu gėrimu. Paskui lolautojai kreipiasi į šeiminkų dukteris, jei jų esama namuose, ir prašo leisti jas palinksminti. Šeiminkei sutikus, pradedamos lalavimų dainos, kurios paprastai pavairinamos laisva kūryba, pritaikant jas dainuojamam asmeniui. Štai tokio lalavimo pavyzdys:

1) Skrido, skrido trys karveliai

Vynas mano žaliasai.

2) Ir nutūpė ant vartelių

Vynas mano žaliasai.

3. Nuo vartelių ant rūtelės

Vynas mano žaliasai

4. Ir nulaužė rūtų šaką

Vynas mano žaliasai.

5. Išeik, išei Marytėle 1)

Vynas mano žaliasai.

6. Pasiimki tą rūtelę

Vynas mano žaliasai.

7. Nusipinki vainikėlį

Vynas mano žaliasai.

1) Čia paminimas norimas vardas.

Dukros atsidėkoja dainininkams taip pat margučiais. Baigę savo programą, jei gerai buvo priimti šeiminkų, atsisveikindami dėkoja ir pareiškia gražiausių linkėjimų. Gi jei nepriimami, ar šykščiai pavaišinami, šeiminkai susilaukia dažnai nemalonių "komplimentų". Ir taip ištisą naktį vieni po kitų, kartais atsilanko net keliolika grupių. Šeiminkės, žinoma, privalo turėti dideles atsargas kiaušinių tam tikslui.

Tolimesnės Velykų švenčių Dienos

Antrą Velykų dieną jau lankosi svečiai, vaišina-

JONAS BASANAVIČIUS

Praėjusiam "Vyties" numery buvo kalbėta apie Lietuvą Basanavičiaus gimimo metu ir apie J. Basanavičiaus veiklą studentavimo metu ir jam esant Bulgarijoje. Čia kalbėsime apie jo veiklą tolimesnėj gyvenimo eigoj.

Lietuvių Mokslo Draugija.

1907 m. jo pastangomis įkurta Lietuvių Mokslo Draugija Vilniuje su organu "Lietuvių Tauta". Į tą draugiją Basanavičius sutelkia daugybę medžiagos iš įvairių Lietuvos vietų ir žmonių. Dalį tos medžiagos jis išspausdino savo leidiniuose: "Levas lietuvių pasakose ir dainose", "Vilniaus lietuvių dainos", "Lietuvių raudos."

Lietuvių Mokslo Draugijai jis atiduoda savo biblioteką, renka knygas, rankraščius, senienas, telkia narius, rengia metiniams suvažiavimams paskaitas, suredaguoja 12 "Lietuvių Tautos" knygų. Ta draugija keliolika metų buvo vieninteliu mokslinio tyrinėjimo centru.

Vilniaus Seimas.

1905 m. jo ir kitų sumanymu sušauktas Vilniaus Seimas, pareikalavęs Lietuvai autonomijos. Tik toks autoritetas kaip Basanavičius galėjo suburti į draugę įvairių politinių partijų žmones. Ir čia jis parodė didelio demokrato pavyzdį: nors Seimas nepriėmė jo pasiūlytos darbo programos, bet Basanavičius seimo nutarimus priėmė, sakydamas: "tautos nutarimus galima kritikuoti, bet negalima nepripažinti, kad ji žino, ko jai mūsų laike reikalauti pridera" ("Vilniaus Žinios" 1905 m. Nr. 285). Jis važiavo į Petrapilį Lietuvos autonomijos, kaip seimo buvo nutarta, paskelbimo reikalais.

si, jaunimas linksminasi, šoka, dainuoja, žaidžia. Panašiai šventės tęsiasi tris - keturias dienas. Ketvirtoji diena vietomis vadinama "ledų diena". Manoma, jei kas bandytų nešvesti tos dienos, gali sulaukti Dievo bausmės vasarą — audringo, visa naikinančio lietaus su ledais. Ir taip veik visa povelykinė savaitė praeina šventiškoje nuotaikoje, ypač vengiama sunkesnių darbų.

Velykų šventės baigiamos Atvelykiu; kai kas vadina jį "Mažomis Velykomis", nes valgomi valgiai panašūs, kaip Velykose. Pakartotinai dažomi margučiai. Kartojami ir tas pats margučiais žaidimas ir supynės.

O Dabar . . .

Tokios gražios ir malonios Velykos buvo tik anais laisvosios Tėvynės laikais. Šiandieną, kada

Basanavičius kovoja dėl lietuvių kalbos teisių bažnyčioje.

Jis parašė popiežiui Pijui X memorialą apie lenkų kalbą Lietuvos bažnyčiose. Įkūrė Sąjungą apginti lietuvių kalbos teisėms bažnyčiose. Kovojo per laikraščius su lenkybę bažnyčiose palaikančiu Vilniaus vysk. Ropp'u. Kietam lietuvių inteligentų nusistatymui gyvai pritarė jaunieji lietuviai kunigai ir platūs liaudies sluoksniai. Nenuilstama kova pakirto šito lenkybės vėžio šaknis ir lietuvių tautos vaikų nutautinimas per bažnyčią pasiliovė.

Vilniaus sargyboje.

Visą I Pasaulinio karo ir vokiečių okupacijos metą liko Vilniuje. 1917 m. pirmininkavo lietuvių konferencijai; buvo išrinktas Lietuvos Tarybos nariu ir 1918 m. II. 16. jis pasirašė Nepriklausomybės paskelbimą. Ir 1919 m. bolševikų okupacijos ir vėliau lenkų okupacijos metu, jis liko Vilniuje lyg mūsų tautos teisių į Vilnių saugotojas.

Mirė, kai lietuvių tauta minėjo 9-sias Nepriklausomybės sukaktuves 1927. II. 16. Palaidotas Rasų kapuose Vilniuje. Prie jo kapo Vilniaus lietuviai pradėdavo per Vėlines didžiųjų lietuvių kapų lankymo eitynes, giedodavo himną, pasiryždavo ištvirti Vilniaus lietuviybės sargyboje. O jo darbo kambarys Lietuvių Mokslo Draugijoje pavirto mažu Basanavičiaus muziejumi.

Basanavičiaus pavyzdys šiandien.

Taip gyveno ir dirbo J. Basanavičius. Jis davė gražų pavyzdį kaip galima Lietuvai tarnauti pačiam gyvenant toli nuo Lietuvos — jis pats turėjo 25 metus išgyventi toli nuo Tėvynės, dirbti svetimam kraštui, bet visa širdimi sielojosi savo Tauta.

ne tiktai Velykų šventės, bet ir jų vardas panaikintas, šeimos išardytos, namai sugriauti, ūkiai išdraskyti, suprantama, kad Velykų džiaugsmas yra virtę kančia ir kraujo ašaromis. Vargiai yra bent viena šeima Lietuvoje, kurios nariai galės susirinkti prie bendro Velykų stalo, kaip būdavo anksčiau. Pirmiau, jei ir gyventa toliau vieni nuo kitų, tai per šventes vistiek susieidavo, suvažiudavo į draugę. Jau aštuntąsias Velykas vieni švęs požemių urvuose, su miškų paukščiais ir gyvuliais, kiti Sibiro taigose, dar kiti Kazachstano dykumose ir t. t. Galbūt laimingi tie, kurie yra mirę. O laimingiausi esame mes, atsidūrę laisvajame pasaulyje, kur galime laisvai gyventi, laisvai kalbėti, galvoti, veikti ir melstis. Todėl mūsų visų yra šventa pareiga visomis priemonėmis padėti savo kenčiantiems ir tirono žudomiems broliams.

J. Daumantas

Partisans Behind the Iron Curtain

(The following is the third installment of a free translation of the thrilling story of the Lithuanian Resistance Movement. It is a true history, which reads like a novel. Ed.)

The Underground

In the Spring of 1945, there was formed a Lithuanian Freedom Council whose purpose it was to inform the people of Communist plans and activities and to teach them how to resist and oppose them. Unfortunately, this L F C was doomed to die as early as May of that year, when the NKVD (Russian Secret Police) succeeded in arresting most of its leaders.

I had been working for some time with this Council, although properly speaking, I was not as yet a member of the Underground. I worked with a friend of mine, Simutis (which was not his real name; this and all other names in this book are fictitious, since it would be dangerous and foolish to divulge true identities). When I learned that Simutis was arrested, I began to think more seriously than ever of putting aside my "legal status" and actually joining the ranks of the "illegal" Partisans. In spite of all the tortures he had to undergo, Simutis did not betray his co-workers. We had sworn an oath never to divulge any of our secrets, and Simutis kept his promise until the end.

When the LFC was crushed, another fighting unit was formed: the LPS (Lietuvos Partizanu Sajunga) — the Lithuanian Partisan Union. The purpose of this union was to unite all the smaller groups of Freedom Fighters and thus make their work more effective. I soon became active in the outside work of this union. We helped to set up radio transmitters in secret places; we acted as guides in the forests leading the Partisans from one scene of action to another, we printed (mimeographed) bulletins and distributed them throughout the county. But this work was not enough for me. I wanted to do a man's share of the work of liberating Lithuania from Red oppression. I made up my mind to leave the University and "disappear".

I Meet the Partisan Leaders

Through friends of mine who were already in the active ranks of the Partisans, I sent in my request for full membership in the Gelezinis Vilkas (Iron Wolf) group. Since I had a fine record of patriotic activities, especially my work in the information section of the LFC, I did not have long to wait. I soon received word that I was to come to a certain house in the town of Pajesiai to meet Kardas (the Sword) who was the commander of the Iron Wolf unit. You may be sure I was there ahead of time, trembling with excite-

ment and emotion. I had heard of the exploits of Kardas, but had no idea who he was. At sundown, from the direction of the river Jesis, three oddly uniformed men with rolled-up sleeves appeared. One of them was carrying a light machine gun over his shoulder, the others had rifles. In knapsacks the men carried extra rounds of ammunition. Clipped on to their crossed leather belts were German grenades.

The one with the machine gun was Skirgaila, a friend of mine, who stretched out his hand and said, "So there isn't enough room for you in Kaunas? I had a suspicion that it was you who sent in your application, but from your alias, I could not be sure. Here, take this revolver, in case the NKGB get into our way. Let's go."

I noticed that the other two soldiers, Meškutis (Little Bear) and Vėjas (Wind) walked ahead of us, about twenty or thirty steps, in single file, the second taking great care to step exactly into the boot-print of the first. I was told to do likewise. Skirgaila went last and as he went he brushed over or destroyed the footprints. This was done to throw the Russians off the track. They could not know exactly how many men went along the path.

When we came to N's house, our leader stopped for a moment, listened, caught the password, and answered it. Then from the clump of bushes a hidden guard came out to welcome us and take us to see the "Sword."

Once inside the little farmhouse, what do I discover but that Kardas and I were close relatives? Thus it was everywhere in the Underground. People knew the *aliases* and the heroic deeds of the *aliases*, but never knew the background, origin and true names of the men. And when a Partisan died, or was killed in action, no one knew who he really was, except his close comrades-at-arms and the men who kept the secret records. These records are buried in several places in each county, so that when Lithuania finally regains her independence, they will be published for

At this meeting there were about a dozen Partisans, including two women: Audronė (Stormy one), a former high school teacher and Laimutė (Little Fortune), a nurse, who had to leave the hospital where she had the glory of those heroes.

been working because of her patriotic activities.

All night long there was constant activity, as various Partisan leaders came to see Kardas about different matters. For instance, Papartis (Fern) came along to make his report. In a village about two or three miles distant the Partisans had captured a gang of

eight thieves, for whom they had been searching for some time. Uosis had carried out the interrogations, from which it was learned that this gang had committed 16 robberies and had even committed murder. Uosis, acting as rural judge, ordered three of these robbers flogged, then warned them that if they were ever caught stealing again they would be shot on the spot. The two who committed murder were executed by the Partisans, after legally establishing their guilt. The others were ordered to give back the stolen property and to keep away from whiskey for a year.

Every hour there would be a change of the guard. Each Partisan knew exactly what he was to do if the meeting should be surprised by the Reds.

After breakfast, Laimutė and Audronė set out for town to buy some mimeograph ink. No one would suspect a school-teacher for buying ink.

About noon-time, the Freedom Fighter whose alias was Liūtas, (Lion) brought in a prisoner, a certain Jankauskas, who was accused of being a collaborator. There was an immediate trial and he was found guilty, and sentenced to be shot. However, he was promised a pardon, if he would help the Partisans carry out a raid the following night on the Red garrison in the town where Jankauskas lived. The plan was to use Jankauskas as a trap, or ruse, to lure the Communists with whom he was very friendly into an ambush. Then the Partisans could "teach" the Reds a silent lesson, which would cost each Communist his life! Jankauskas agreed to betray the Communist Secret Police.

Other Adventures of the Iron Wolf Unit

The "Brothers of the Forest", as the Partisans of the Iron Wolf unit were called, were one of the first Resistance groups to be organized. In the first days of their activities about 50 of the men planned an attack on a Communist military detachment that was in the neighborhood forcibly collecting grain from the farmers. They swooped down on the farm at Ilgavangis like lightning and in thirty minutes of shooting killed all the Reds but two, who sped away in their truck. This left the nearby town of Šilavota completely free of Communists. The Partisans then rode into town and destroyed the documents in the government offices, requisitioned all the arms and ammunition in the Communist storehouse, and then quickly disappeared.

One February day, a group of 8 Partisans was surrounded by six NKGB police. There ensued a battle which lasted several hours. Both sides had plenty of ammunition. Finally, all but one of the Red

police were killed. The sixth man, a Jew, surrendered. They brought him in for questioning. To hear him talk, you would think he dropped out of Heaven, just an hour ago.

"Do you think for a moment, gentlemen, that I, an intellectual would have anything to do with those filthy, dirty Russians? Tfui! May I never live to see that day. Don't kill me, and I'll tell you all you want to know." All this was said in a Jewish-Lithuanian accent.

The Lithuanians asked him, "So now you call yourself our friend? Well, why were you shooting at us?"

"But, I wasn't shooting at you. I was always shooting up in the air. I was afraid to lift my head out of the puddle. Look at me I'm all wet, wet to the skin. Honest, I was shooting straight up into the air," explained the Jew.

Of course, the Partisans did not believe him, but did not have definite proof of his guilt. Later in the day, quite by accident, one of the Partisan's protectors in the nearby village, a school-teacher, Stravinskas by name visited the hide-out and recognized the Jew as the head of the secret Communist agents in Prienai. Then Kardas himself took over the interrogation. Kardas had been forced by this same Jew to leave his wife and children and take himself to the forests. After lengthy questioning, during which the trembling Jew kept begging for mercy and pardon, it was decided not to take any more chances by freeing him.

In Žemaitkiemis that same month of February about 30 men of the Iron Wolf command were attacked by a strong detachment of NKVD (Secret Police). After shooting it out for some time, the Partisans retreated to a field, where they had trenches and dug-outs prepared before hand. As the Reds charged, the Lithuanians took cover and literally mowed down the oncoming Russians. The final result: 27 NKVD's killed. Three of the Partisans lost their lives. One of the Partisans who was badly wounded in the skirmish ended his life with a last heroic gesture. He set off two hand grenades, just as several of the Communists were upon him, killing them, and losing his own life, too.

There were failures, too, in the daily activities of the Lithuanians. Such was the second attack the Partisans made against the Reds in the town of Šilavota. Under the leadership of Briedis (the Deer) two groups of Partisans were to meet and knock out the garrison in that town. The plan was for one group to take over the cemetery and church-yard in back of the school, which was the Red headquarters, while the other was to make a frontal attack. The men deployed in the rear, reached their positions perfectly, but those in the frontal section could not set fire to the building as planned. The Reds would shoot the five-gallon gasoline cans full of holes, and the light machine-guns of the Partisans did little damage to the brick building.

ŠIRDIS VERTINGESNĖ UŽ DOLERĮ

Alfa Sušinskas

Faktas, kad amerikinis gyvenimas savo mechanizmu ir tempu yra nepalyginti daugiau ir labiau sukaustęs bei savotiškai pavergęs žmogų, negu bet kurio kito krašto gyvenimas.

Tipiškas žmogus didžiąją savo energijos dalį ir savo pagrindinį dėmesį dažniausiai yra nukreipęs į išorę, į paviršių, nesulaikomą gyvenimo skubėjimą, į dolerio krovimą prie dolerio... Tuo tarpu šis tipiškas žmogus yra beveik pamiršęs savo dvasinį gyvenimą, savo dvasinį vidų. Perdaug susirūpinimo "ice-cream'u", kalakutiena, keptu viščiuku, ir t.t., o permaža dėmesio savo širdies kilnumui, savo charakterio gerinimui, jo tobulinimui.

Dėl to visai suprantamas dalykas, kad rimtesnieji ir daugiau galvojančiai asmenys (ypač iš katalikų pusės) paskutiniu metu ima vis garsiau skelbti reikalą amerikiečiui daugiau susidomėti savo dvasiniu pasauliu, daugiau žvelgti į save, kaip į dvasinį žmogų, daugiau suirūpinti savo širdimi, savo charakteriu.

Juk gera, kilni žmogaus širdis ir geras charakteris yra vertingesni už dolerį: geras žmogaus charakteris yra vertingiausias ir brangiausias jo turtas.

Ach, jei žmonės rūpintųsi tobulinti savo būdą, savo charakterį tiek pat, kiek jie rūpinasi padidinti savo žemiškuosius turtus! O kad jaunimas pilnai suprastų, kad jo geros ir sėkmingos ateities pagrindas glūdi jo gerame karakteryje, jo išsiauklėjime!

Kiekvieno žmogaus, ypač jauno, pagrindinis dėmesys turi būti nukreiptas ne į savo paviršių, bet į savo dvasinį vidų, į savo širdį, į sielos pasaulį.

Kai žmogaus kūnas nėra tinkamai maitinamas ir prižiūrimas, jis menkėja, silpsta, net suserga... Daugelis žmonių mano, kad jie tik savo kūną teturą tinkamai prižiūrėti, o savo širdžiai, visam savo dvasiniam gyvenimui, jie neturi skirti jokio dėmesio. Jei kartais šitokie žmonės ir turi gražų, dailų kūną, tačiau neauklėjama jų širdis būna menka, prasta; gražus žmogaus veidelis dar nereiškia, kad jis ir gražų, gerą charakterį turi. Tikrai psichologinė tiesa: gero charakterio neturi tas, kas jo neauklėja ir juo nė kiek nesirūpina.

Menkos vertės yra graži moteris su neišauklėtu būdu, su prastu charakteriu; nekokios vertės yra ir gražus vyras, kurio charakteris yra menkas: savanaudiškas, žiaurus, silpnas, žodžiu, prastas...

Tikrasis žmogus pasireiškia ne savo paviršiumi, bet savo vidiniu, dvasiniu pasauliu: savo širdimi, valia, savo protu, charakteriu.

Savo charakteriui tobulinti žmogus turi vartoti visas priemones.

Nuoširdus, neveidmainiškas religinis gyvenimas čia yra labai svarbi priemonė. Net drįstume sakyti, kad pati svarbioji ir reikšmingoji.

Tikras menas (muzika, teatras, kinas, literatūra) čia taip pat daug padeda.

O už vis svarbiausia čia yra suprasti ir norėti savo charakterį tobulinti bei gerinti.

Nenorinčiam nieko negalima; norinčiam viskas galima ir įveikiama...

Nevertinkime žmonių pagal jų gražumą ar turtingumą, bet vertinkime juos pagal jų charakterį.

in which the Reds were barricaded. After a four hour battle the Freedom Fighters had to withdraw.

There was one small unit of Partisans, which fixed up its base in the dense swamps near Paliai. Since these swamp-lands were next to impenetrable, the Partisans were safe there. They would come out at night and have their "raids" on Red objectives, then disappear. Finally, the Communists reached the conclusion that the Partisans must be using the swamp as a headquarters. In the month of August on a Sunday, the NKVD with reinforcements from the Red Army surrounded the marshy lands and began to rake them with mortar-fire. After a cannonade of two hours the signal for an attack was given. The Secret Police and Red Army took to their small boats and tried to make their way into the swampy woodlands. All this time the Partisans were silent, saving their ammunition. When the boats over-crowded with

Russian soldiers came into sight, the Lithuanians opened fire and rejoiced to see so many of the invaders sink to the bottom of the quicksands. This battle lasted all day. After sun-down the Partisans, took to the secret trails, which led them to dry land, and could look back and smile at the ducking they gave the Commies. However, their joy was mingled with sadness, because seventeen of their comrades had been killed. The Russians suffered greater losses: about two hundred were killed or drowned in the quickands.

Didi žmonės kalba apie idėjas

Vidutiniai žmonės kalba apie įvykius.

Menki žmonės kalba apie kitus žmones.



VYČIŲ IR ATEITININKŲ VADAI

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Šiandieną Naujos Anglijos Apskričio valdyba surengė vadovams kursus. Šiuose kursuose yra svarstoma įvairiausi Vyčių organizacijos klausimai. Vienas iš tokių klausimų yra ir lietuviškumo palaikymas.

Lietuva Tėvynė mūsų, tu didvyrių žemė — o mums, Vyčiai ir Vytės, prisieina įeiti į tų didvyrių eiles. Mums tenka dirbti Dievo ir savo tėvų žemės naudai. Mes privalome išlaikyti lietuviškumą — kalbą, kultūrą, tradicijas. Pasilikime lietuviai visados. Skelbkime pasauliui, kad mes lietuviai. Mes, Vyčiai, turime stoti drąsiai Tėvynę ginti kuo narsiaus. Vieni su plunksna, kiti įvairiu darbu, o dar kiti su kardu. Kas gi palaikys tą lietuviškumą, jei ne mes, Vyčiai? Ar mes leisime savo tėvų žemei žūti, atsižadėdami savo tautos? O skambink ir ragink Vyčius į darbą stot, nes už lietuviškumą juk tenka kovot.

O kada Lietuva paskelbė savo nepriklausomybę, ji per 22 metus padarė labai didelės pažangos visose srityse. Šiandieną galima rasti Lietuvos sūnų ir dukterų pasižymėjusių įvairiose gyvenimo srityse. Mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai ir Vytės Amerikoje, argi leisim jų darbams ir kentėjimams nueiti veltui? Ar mes būsimė mūsų tėvų žemės ir kalbos graboriai, žinodami šiandieninę Lietuvos padėtį. Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam tautai ir bažnyčiai! Taip, Vyčių pareiga išgelbėti

tėvynę. Kaip mes tai galime padaryti? Turime visi degti lietuviškumą ugnimi. Organizuokime šokių ir dainų grupes palaikyti lietuviškumui. Organizuokime lietuviškus kursus. Tikrai vartodami lietuvių kalbą galėsime ją išmokyti. Kalbėkime lietuviškai su draugais, nors kartais gal daugiau angliškų, o ne lietuviškų žodžių bus girdima. Nebijokime, kad kalba gal nebus gramatiškai taisyklinga, bet mes ją vartojant, vartosime vieną iš gražiausių ir seniausių kalbų pasaulyje. Taipogi galima suorganizuoti Lietuvos istorijos pamokas. Per jas mes sužinosime apie Lietuvos praeitį ir jos didvyrius. Ir yra svarbu įsteigti knygyną, kuriame galima būtų gauti lietuviškų ir angliškų knygų, kuriose yra parašyta apie Lietuvą, o taip pat laikraščių ir atsišaukimų. Bet reikia stoti į kovą šiandieną ir neatidėlioti rytojui. Sugrįžkime į kuopas su lietuviškumo meile uždegtomis širdimis. Sugrįžę į kuopas mes, kuopų valdybos nariai, turime degti ta ugnimi mūsų nariams. Reikia tikrai pradžios, o ir iš mažos ugnies kils didelė liepsna.

Tad nepamirškime, kad mes esame lietuviai ir leiskime visam pasauliui tai žinoti. Šaukime kartu su visais Lietuviais pasaulyje, kad visas pasaulis girdėtų jog Lietuva, kuri buvo anksčiau nepriklausoma, turi vėl būti nepriklausoma. Pagelbėkime Lietuvai numesti bolševikų jungą.

Tat džiaugkimės, kad lietuviais esame gimę, tvirtai laikykimės lietuviškumo, dirbkime jos naudai, patys išlikdami gerais lietuviais visą savo gyvenimą.

KAS NEGALIMA VERSTI PAŽODŽIUI

Ar galima pagauti šaltį?

Amerikoje dažnai girdime sakant, kad Jonas ar Petras pagavo šaltį. Iš Europos atvykę lietuviai iš pradžių negali suprasti, kaip ir kam čia tą šaltį žmonės gaudo. Tik pagyvenę kiek Amerikoje ir sužinoję, ką reiškia **to catch cold**, jie pradeda suprasti ir ką reiškia "pagauti šaltį". Mat šie žodžiai nors ir yra lietuviški, bet ši jų reikšmė (meaning) yra nelietuviška. Ji paskolinta iš anglų kalbos. Lietuvoje ta reikšmė niekas šių žodžių nevartoja, dėl to naujai atvykę lietuviai jos nesupranta.

Tikrai lietuviškai sakome: **jis persišaldė, jis persalo arba jis gavo slogą, jis turi slogą.**

Vadinas, negalima versti (translate) vienos kalbos sakinių į kitą kalbą pažodžiui (verbally). Reikia versti sakinio reikšmę, bet ne sakinio žodžius. Jeigu kas, pavyzdžiui, išverstų lietuvišką sakinį **aš nieko nežinau** į anglų kalbą pažodžiui, tai turėtume labai juokingą sakinį: **I nothing not know.**

Ar galima sukelti pinigus?

Negalima. Lietuviški laikraščiai kartais rašo: vietinis Balfo skyrius nori **sukelti** tremtinių šalpai

tūkstantį dolerių. Tai yra anglicizmas, vertimas pažodžiui angliško sakinio **to raise thousand dollars**. Lietuviškai kalbant, žodis **sukelti** čia netinka. Reikia sakyti: jie nori **surinkti, bet** ne sukelti tūkstantį dolerių.

Yra ir daugiau angliškų sakinių, kurių negalima versti pažodžiui. Pavyzdžiui:

I happened to know, I happened to meet him in the street. Lietuviškai sakome: **aš atsitiktinai (ar pripuolamai) sužinojau, aš atsitiktinai sutikau jį gatvėj. I met him by change** irgi reiškia **aš sutikau jį pripuolamai.**

I could not help admiring the courage of this man. Tai irgi specifiškai angliškas sakinytis. Jo pažodžiui jokiū būdu neišversime. Lietuviškai tai reiškia: **negalėjau nesistebėti to vyro drąsa.** Taip pat ir sakinį **I cannot but love him** reikia versti: **aš negaliu jo nemylėti.**

To come across reiškia **užtikti.** Pvz. While shopping this morning, **I came across a very interesting book.** Tai reiškia: krautuvėje **užtikau** labai įdomią knygą.

LITHUANIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

VINCAS KUDIRKA

*Lithuania, our country,
Land of valiant heroes,
May your sons from your past glories
Draw forth strength and courage.*

*May your children always follow
Only virtue's pathways;
May they labor for your welfare
And your people's progress.*

*May the sun destroy the clouds
Over Lithuania;
May the bright light of Truth
Ever guide our footsteps.*

*May there blaze within our hearts
Love for Lithuania.
In her name and her fame
May close union blossom.*

—Translated by
A. A. JURGELAITIS.

Pastaba.

Duodame naują, tikslų Lietuvos Himno vertimą į anglų kalbą.

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Šalpos organizacijos iki šiol dirbusios šalpos ir imigracijos srityje, jų tarpe ir Bendrasis Amerikos Lietuvių Šalpos Fondas, kurio tikslas šelpti ir prižiūrėti, kad pasilikę Europoje ir kitur lietuviai tremtiniai nebūtų skriaudžiami ir jų teisės nebūtų pažeistos, artimai kooperuos su tomis institucijomis.

ATSIŽYMĖJĘ VYČIAI

Cleveland Ohio, 25 kuopa



Anelė Arunskienė

Nepailstanti L. Vyčių 25tos kp. (Cleveland, Ohio) darbuotoja ir trečio laipsnio narė. Mūsų Anelė yra buvus kp. pirmininkė ir tris metus vice pirmininkė. Ji yra ištekėjus už Jono Arunskio. (kitataučio). Turi gražią šeimą vieną sūnelį ir dvi dukreles.

Nors jos vyras yra ne lietuvių tautos, bet jis visada daug gelbsti Anelei Vyčių veikime. Vyčiai yra jos idealas. Ne veltui dauguma kalba: "Anelė yra persisunkiusi Vyčių dvasia nuo galvos ligi kojų". Ji niekad neišei- na iš Vyčių įvairių komisijų, ypatingai iš veikiančiosios kom- Vytė Arunskienė yra čia gimus ir augus, vienok ji laisvai naudoja lietuvių kalbą, myli savo tautą ir lietuvių ir daug dėl jos darbuo- jasi. Ji yra scenos mėgėja ir bu- vos vyčių choristė.



Juozas Baltrušaitis

Sumanus ir įžymus L. Vyčių 25tos kp. (Cleveland, Ohio) veikėjas. Jis yra trečio laipsnio narys, ėjo pasėkmingai kp. pirmi- ninko ir vice pirmininko pareigas. Juozas prie Vyčių priklauso nuo jaunų savo dienų. Kada jauna- mečių Vyčių kuopa buvo Cleve- lande, tai jaunas Juozukas buvo jos pirmas pirmininkas ir uolus jos organizatorius, o šiandien jis daug pašvenčia savo brangaus darbo 25toje kuopoje.

J. Baltrušaitis - Baltrus yra su Jonu Braziu vyriškų drabužių biznyje - jis yra vedėjas didelės krautuvės. Per keletą metų yra ėjęs L. Svetainės direktorių pir- mininko pareigas. Jis taip pat yra buvęs Vyčių basebolo grupės vadovu. Yra vedęs p. Rožę Dragovičiūtę, (kitatautę). Au- gina gražią šeimą — tris dukre- les ir vieną sūnelį, vienok mūsų Juozo tas nesulaiko nuo lietuvių visuomeninio veikimo.



Magdalena Samsonaitė

L. Vyčių 25tos kuopos pirmo laipsnio narė ir antri metai, kaip eina kp. nut. rašt. pereigas (Cle- veland, Ohio). Magdalena nors pirmiau ir nepriklausė prie Vy- čių, bet visada buvo jiems prie- lanki, ypatingai ji mėgo dalyvau- ti Vyčių programose, kaip gabi deklamuotoja. Dabar ji yra vie- na iš veikliausių 25tos kp. narių ir gabiliausia jos nut. raštininkė.

Vytė Samsonaitė yra gabi ste- nografė, kuri paaukoja daug savo brangaus laiko dėl įvairių kp. bi- lietėlių spauzdinimo ir įvairių te- atrų. Magdalena yra ir gabi sce- nos mėgėja. Ji puikiausiai nau- doja žodžiu ir raštu savo tėvilių kalbą. Ji ir kitose draugijose daug veikia ir užima nut. rašt. vietą, bet Vyčiai jai yra artimiau- si prie širdies. Vyčiai džiaugiasi turėdami Magdalena savo tarpe.

Officialus Skyrius

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT—

Leadership Course

On Sunday, March 16th, Elizabeth, N. J. (52) was host to our first home-ground Leadership Course. An interesting and educational afternoon was spent by all members in the district.

Special talks on Leadership, Lithuanian Drive and Lithuanian Affairs were given by Rev. Anthony K. Kasper, national spiritual director; Al Wesey, national president; Joseph Matachinskas and Ann Klem.

Each member who attended the Leadership Course, were given an opportunity to speak for two minutes — to get an idea of public speaking. Joseph Matachinskas, chairman, said once we are able to relax, we can become more confident in ourselves and are able to speak before the public.

Following the Course, refreshments were served by four well-known girls of Elizabeth Council 52: Mary Motecus, Ann Baronas, Ann Staboris and Peggy Merritt.

In behalf of the New York-New Jersey District's Executive Board, I want to thank the Elizabeth Council for this wonderful opportunity in keeping our K. of L. affairs more and more interesting and extending the invitation to us. Thank you, Charles Oskutis, Dominick Kupstys and Elizabeth, N. J. (52).

AL WESEY-VASILIAUSKAS,
President

Notice to Financial Secretary:
SUPREME COUNCIL-

It is very difficult to have an organization as large and so widely scattered as the Knights of Lithuania to operate efficiently. Much depends on the Council Financial Secretary and the Supreme Council Financial Secretary to keep the members happy. This can be accomplished to a certain degree by trying to comply with the following suggestions:

1. Upon the change in status of a member, i.e., when he enters into Military Service, is married, takes a leave of absence or dies, please notify Supreme Council secretary at once.

2. If a member rejoins, even if he has been away from the council for two months or more, please specify on the pink report sheet that he is rejoining. This will mean less work for both financial secretaries; the Supreme Council Financial Secretary won't have to write to the Council Financial Secretary for information if the dates do not coincide. Please keep a

duplicate of the pink report sheet on file for reference.

3. Do not send in application cards for new members without dues and vice-versa. Application cards should be endorsed by the Council president and secretary. Please be sure the address is correct.

4. Allow at least two weeks time from date of mailing your report or any request to the Center for a reply. That does not mean that it will take all that time for a reply, but in some instances, requests have been made and due to the delay by postal authorities, the Center has received reports one day with a request that dues cards be sent back in time for a council meeting which might in some cases be within three days.

5. Please notify the Supreme Council Financial Secretary when your council holds its meetings. If a date of meeting is known, I would hold up sending out any past due post cards or letters at least ten days after the individual council's meeting. This would prevent much hard feeling from members, as it really could be aggravating to receive a past due notice when in the meantime you have paid your dues. Promptness on your part would prevent this.

6. If two members are married, please notify the expiration date that you are going to use.

I, on my part, will try my utmost to be prompt with all your requests and if any Council Financial Secretary wishes to have his or her council's records checked with the Center files, I will do so upon receipt of same. If you have had them checked since September, 1951, it will not be necessary to have the list checked again.

TILLIE A. GERULIS,

Supreme Financial Secretary

SPORTS AND LEADERSHIP—

The spotlight of publicity in recent weeks has been focused upon the evils and corruption of athletics in the United States. People have read the stories and listened to the commentators denounce sports as a useless waste of time. Many have made angry protests.

What has been forgotten is that the scandals have involved less than one per cent of all those participating in organized athletics. They have forgotten the other 99 per cent who benefit from participation in some form of athletics.

The English have always said that their greatest battles were won on the playfields at Eton. General

Douglas MacArthur has said the same about American victories. Their words apply to civilian life, also.

Some of our greatest leaders have learned the value of fair play in athletic programs. Whether it was playing baseball with a group of youngsters on an open lot or participating in organized activity, they played the game. They played to win, but they learned to lose — and that is the most important attribute to be gained from sports, learning how to lose.

George Araujo, the present sensation of the boxing world, has had a remarkable career to date. He has had to accept defeat only once, but he told an audience of CYOers, "It's easy to be a gracious winner. It's much harder to be a gracious loser".

Araujo is an example of what sports can teach a person. George came up the hard way. He learned to use his fists as a youngster but it was at the CYO Gymnasium that he learned the true purpose of boxing.

Thus it has been through the ages. Our leaders have consistently come from athletics. Our presidents, generals, even our bishops, have been athletes at one time or another.

All were not stars, for it is not always the star who is the leader. Joe DiMaggio was a leader for the Yankees long after his best years were behind him. Remember when they said, "As goes Joe, so go the Yankees."

How many times has a team rallied from defeat because one player has displayed qualities of leadership. How many times have nations been saved because a former athlete has put his training to good use?

Look around you in the community today and see how many former athletes today are championing good causes. Look around and see how many are teaching boys the very things they once learned.

Thus it is in the Knights of Lithuania. Men and women work together as a team in the athletic program. They put their shoulders to the wheel for the team. The leaders show the way, and the others follow.

Those same leaders can be found using their abilities in other phases of our activities. Their athletic training is showing the way for them. They accept defeats graciously. They rally others around them and show them the way to do the job successfully.

Even if they did not produce leaders, athletics would serve a great purpose in bringing members closer together. A team is a family in which each member works with the others. Teamwork is an indispensable part of any organization.

We have seen leaders emerge from our athletic program year after year. We have seen them shoulder responsibility and carry projects through to completion.

We invite those who would destroy all athletics to watch our athletic program in action. We ask them to observe, not for a day, but for years. We ask them to total the results and add the debits. The books would more than balance.

It will be so as long as athletics are conducted on the basis that all can win. It will be so as long as there is consideration for the loser as well as cheers for the winner.

Watch the Knights of Lithuania athletic program grow, and you will be watching the Knights of Lithuania grow.

Remember if you can't participate in sports, be one anyway. Won't you?

PHIL CARTER,
N. E. Sports Director

INITIATIVE—

"Initiative," says Mr. Webster, "is energy or aptitude displayed in the initiation of action."

That's exactly what it is . . .

So, the more *energy* we put in to any undertaking, the more *action* comes out.

This applies to our own K. of L. activities. We need more initiative, more energy, to make our actions great, noble, interesting and useful to God and Country, which are our ideals.

Business leaders, government heads are looking for men and women who have this quality of INITIATIVE, and are anxious to advance them, because this is one of the essentials of leadership. So, too, the K. of L. We are looking for members who have the right kind of INITIATIVE.

Ask yourself: Am I developing fully my sense of INITIATIVE? If not, I am neglecting to cultivate one of my best sources of favorable recognition in local, district or national affairs.

We should train ourselves and teach those whom we lead in the K. of L. to use INITIATIVE.

Here is a simple guide to developing INITIATIVE:

1. When you get an idea, develop it, work it out; do not wait for further inspiration; that will come as you work your idea out.

2. Encourage others to use their own judgment and initiative by:

(a) Delegate more responsibility;

(b) Showing people that you have confidence in them: this will make them want to justify that confidence;

(c) Keeping up with changing conditions and pointing them out to others.

3. Set the pace yourself: develop energy. You've got the aptitude or you would not be where you are today.

PHIL CARTER,
N. E. Leadership Chairman



CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 8

February was the most eventful of recent months for Council 8. On Sunday, March 2, all councils in the Illinois-Indiana District participated in the procession, Mass, and breakfast at All Saints Church.

On February, Maestro and Mrs. Richard Sabonis were blessed with a little K. of L'ers. Mr. Sabonis is the Choir Director at All Saints.

On Valentine's Day, the Sisters of St. Casimir received in their midst one Loretta Javra. Loretta was last year's secretary of our council. This year she was elected trustee. Loretta's announcement of her intention was received with varied emotions by our members. Certainly, everyone will miss her as an integral part of C-8. Most certainly, everyone is happy for Loretta and wish her all the success she deserves.

She was present at the re-birth of our Council almost two years ago, whereupon she assumed the responsibilities of secretary. She was reaffirmed in this position by election in 1950. Her efforts during 1951 contributed largely to the council's growth and development. Aside from serving as secretary, she was delegate to the district. For Lithuanianism she contributed: (1) Lithuanian minutes at C-8 meetings. (Everyone enjoyed the fifteen-minute lesson in Lithuanian she gave the council at each meeting while she read the minutes); (2) Membership in Lithuanian Affairs Committee; (3) Chairmanship and committee membership on such occasions as our recent "Atrocity" movie and other council activities. A daily Communicant, Loretta also lives up to the ideal spiritual standards of the Knights of Lithuania.

Membership

The latest results of our ceaseless membership drive are June Zillis and Ed. Dagis. This acquisition adds considerable talent to C-8. June is an accomplished operatic soprano and Ed is that well known adagio dancer. (His talent was discovered at an "after-bowling" get together at Elaine Ka-

days rounding up bowlers to represent chinskas' home where he entertained the group for an hour doing his version of adagio dances and tangos.)

February 12 was the second anniversary of two-months old Anne Rita Paulik. Little Anne was christened in Boston. Papa George is planning to celebrate his birthday in Boston on April 12-th.

Birthday congratulations to Palmyra Markunas (Feb. 8) and to Vaclavas Maecys (Feb. 28).

The Citizen

Thoughts of Lithuanianism are again rampant in the minds of everyone — inspired by the recent commemorations of Lithuania's Independence and of St. Casimir. If we can keep the thoughts and actions fostered by these holidays, the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania would be most fully realized.

February 16

Nine members attended Lithuania's Independence Day commemoration at the Illinois-Indiana District Youth Center. Bowling after the ceremonies topped off an enjoyable evening — rather, morning.

C-8 — St. Casimir's Day Host

A good representation from the councils in the Illinois-Indiana District besides many interested local inhabitants, made the St. Casimir's Day celebration a success.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sorokas and their daughter, Florence, Council 8 member, for being hosts to the workers after the morning festivities. Besides Florence's solo during the Mass, she did her share of work in and about the kitchen.

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to Ed Dagis (March 15); Elaine Kachinskas (March 22); Valeria Okunis (March 30); Ray Jusko, (April 9); and George Paulik (April 12). Our annual St. Joseph's day celebration will be held for all the celebration will be held for all the Josephs in our council: Fr. Saulin-

skas, spiritual advisor; J. Noreikis, president; J. Aliosius, treasurer; J. Barisas, sgt.-at-Arms and "The Citizen's middle name.

Missing Persons

Farewell, for a while, to Leonard A. Juska, who left the council in favor of the Air Force on March 12.

Joseph Barisas will be missed for several weeks until he recuperates from his operation slated for the middle of March.

Welcome

New members welcomed into the council include Valerie and Sylvia Vaskis and Theresa Zube.

Bowling

Our star bowlers are getting primed for the Knights of Lithuania Midwest Bowling Tournament to be held in Gary on May 17 and 18.

"The Citizen"

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

COUNCIL 5

A new office — that of Public Relations Director — has been formed in our council and is being held this year by Laura Yucius. The office of secretary of our council will include the recording and corresponding aspects. The latter office is held by Lucille Yucius, Laura's sister.

Dolores Stankus has been appointed entertainment chairman. Her duties include entertainment and refreshments for the members during the socials following our regular monthly business meetings.

If Ben Nauseda shown up at our future meetings with writer's cramp, we'll all know that it's the result of many letters he will be writing since his appointment as the Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman. Good luck!

Despite the frost, snow, and distance, 27 members attended the St. Casimir's Day Communion and Breakfast at Roseland on March 2nd. Congratulations to the host of the day — the Roseland Council — for a successful celebration.

Roger Biggus is plenty busy these

our council in the Midwest Bowling Tournament to be held in Gary, Indiana on May 18-19. We hope to have two teams.

Our recent Bowling Party (March 9) also turned out to be a birthday celebration for Rogger Biggus and Ben Nauseda.

We sponsored a Bingo Party in the parish hall on March 23. Lillian Stankus, chairman, was ably assisted by the Dolores Stankus and Loretta Macekonis. Everyone who attended agreed that they all had fun — for "In Bingo, everybody wins!"

John Lebezinskas represented Council 5 at the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation Conference on March 23, and turned in our annual donation.

Two Chicago newspapers, the *Tribune* and the *Herald-American*, ran feature stories and pictures on Miss Loretta Hushka, a formerly active member of our council, who has been hospitalized for many months.

Here's a quote from Laura Yucius, our public relations director, regarding her recent tonsillectomy, "Everything came out all right!" Apparently, the operation was a success, and we're all glad to see her back at the council affairs.

The council members are cooperatively participating with the other parish societies in selling tickets, in arrangements, and in the program book, for the Jubilee Banquet tendered in honor of Rev. Peter Gasiunas, our spiritual advisor and pastor, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood on Sunday, April 20.

Fall Dance

Council 5 is planning to sponsor its Annual Fall (Halloween) Dance on Saturday evening, November 1, 1952 in the Walnut Room of the Lions (Ballroom) Bldg. Remember to mark your calendars with this date for we are planning to have refreshments, entertainment, and music by the "We Three"

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

COUNCIL 41

Our council was host at the annual New York-New Jersey district communion breakfast in honor of St. Casimir, our Patron Saint. A large painting of St. Casimir was displayed in the Annunciation Church. Rev. John Pakalniskis, spiritual advisor, delivered a beautiful sermon; Mr. Simon Suziedelis, editor of "Darbininkas" gave a fine talk on the life of St. Casimir; Katherine Yakutis of Worcester, Mass., spoke on Lithuanianism;

and Father Anthony Kasper, national spiritual director gave an inspiring talk on K. of L. Adele Bobin, Johanna Zemaitis and Annd Dabulis prepared a breakfast enjoyed by all.

After breakfast, the quarterly district meeting was presided by Al Wesley, president and Joseph Matachinskis, vice president of the district. A great deal of business was transacted. Also \$30.90 was collected from delegates and members for the M. Nor-kunas Memorial Fund. For entertainment, a one-act comedy in Lithuanian was presented by Albina Katiliute (Hartford, Conn.), Joseph Boley (New York City), and Eugenia Karpus (Brooklyn, N. Y.). The day was rounded out by a supper prepared by Alice and Eugenia Karpus. Edward Kastor, Michael Stelmokas and John Lachinskis (on leave from the U. S. Army) assisted in the day's program.

Two weeks before the district meeting, we were greatly saddened by the death of Edward Tumasonis, who served as treasurer of the council and was active on numerous committees. Members and friends recited the rosary and the council has offered a Mass for the repose of his soul. A week later, the father of John Wilson (Air Force) passed away. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Wilson family.

J. A.

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

COUNCIL 100

Rev. Robert Baltch held the 9:00 Mass on March 2, 1952 for the intention of the K. of L. Council of Amsterdam, New York. All received Holy Communion. Immediately thereafter, a breakfast was served at the Tower Inn, Cranesville, New York. Present at the affair were: Rev. Baltch, Helen Gustas, Bernard Gustas, Helen Druziak, Ruth Zostant, Edward Bablinskis, Sadie Kissell Sophia Gavry, Valentine Kerbelis, Matthew Kazlauskas, Ann Tamoliunas, Sophie Olbie, Marion Jakaitis and Bene Gobis.

A short meeting was held. A resume of Lithuanian history was given from the birth of the nation up to the present time by Father Baltch. Father ended his talk with an interesting character sketch on St. Casimir, our patron saint.

Belated birthday congratulations to Father Robert Baltch (February 17) and Bernice Blusis (March 4).

Eleanore and Edward Baranauskas are the proud parents of a daughter, Sandra Joan, born on St. Casimir's day, March 4.

Smile & Sparkle

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

Communion Breakfast

Council 10 began the month with a communion breakfast in honor of St. Casimir's Day. A vote of thanks goes to Mrs. Anthony Jasin, Mrs. Anna Kasputis, Mrs. Charles Stasiunas and Mrs. Ambrose for the delicious meal of juice, ham and eggs, coffee and donuts, which they prepared and served. Although the breakfast was heartily enjoyed by all, the person who really made the cooks beam was John Talakowski, who after having double servings of everything still managed to consume four cups of coffee! (He didn't want anything to go to waste!)

The committee in charge of the breakfast consisted of Helen Ambrose, chairman; Mary Gauronsky, Dot Gulezian, Casimir Pinigis, John Talakowski and Lennie Davidonis.

Wedding Bells

A score of good wishes go to our vice-president (Eleanor Kuchinskis) who became Mrs. Leighton Boutelle on February 16th.

We hear that Geneva Rimsa, who was Eleanor's maid-of-honor enjoyed walking down the aisle so much that she is planning to take the big step herself in the very near future.

New Members

Our council is growing! Four new members were received into the council at the last meeting. The new members are: Stanley F. Sargut, Aldona B. Butkus, Gediminas P. Penney and William Visniauskas. These people came all the way from Gardner just to join our council. That's kind of spirit we like to see.

New England District Convention

We wish to remind everyone once again that the New England District Convention will be held in Athol, April 26th and 27th. A committee consisting of Mary Gauronsky, Casimir Pinigis, Stanley Strapakas, Mylda Stasiunas, Frank Anoris, Nellie Melaika and Marie Sienkewcz assisted by the entire membership of Council 10 have plans in full swing in an attempt to make this the best N. E. District Convention ever!

"Sparkplug"

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

Membership Drive

A pat on the back to us for starting off the membership drive with such a big bang! Our new members, Eleanor Daniels, Lucille (Lu) Rocklan, Mary Prakapas, and Ruth and Marion

Norwich, have gotten into the swing of things by volunteering to help out on various forthcoming events. Our hats are off to you, gals!

Ski Week-End

One of our most exciting socials was the ski week-end. Milly Vallis' expert skiing inspired novice Rita Shatas very much, only Rita's feet were not the only parts of her anatomy she used in gaily tripping down the slope. Appreciating the finer things of life, Larry Svelnis and Al Chetkauskas became interested in the architecture of the third floor of the inn. Was it the dormant type, boys? Woodbound Inn presented Ted Vallis with a lovely birthday cake which everyone enjoyed very much. Nelly Ginkus has the honor of being the only casualty this year . . . a medal for your fractured ankle, Mrs. Ginkus. Don't forget folks, it's Woodbound Inn again next season.

Bon Voyage

Mrs. Irene (Ross) Prusick has arrived in Germany via the S.S. America and writes that she had an enjoyable trip. She has had the thrill of seeing the world Olympics — Dick Button and all. She plans to remain with her husband in Europe for about a year.

Queen Esther's Dream

Did you know that we have a supply of dramatic talent in our council? Many of our members have been chosen to be in the play, "Queen Esther's Dream" which is being put on by St. Peter's parish on April 20 and 27 at the parish hall. Those in the cast from Council 17 include Diane Shatas, Romuald Leimonas, Rita Stakutis, Veronica Ivanouskas, Rita Shatas, Lillian Romanskis, and Rita Waitkunas.

K. of L. Juniors

Congratulations to John Daniels for recruiting and working with the Junior K. of L. His efforts were not in vain for we were delighted to hear that the membership has been boosted to a grand total of 24 members. Keep up the fine work, John.

In Gratitude

We were fortunate to have Father Mazutis as our speaker for the March meeting. Father entertained us with his witty and humorous stories and we were sorry when he had to come to the end. We thank you Father for coming to speak to us and hope to have you come again very soon.

Leadership Course

A leadership course was held in the parish hall on March 16. Many members from various councils such as, Athol, Brockton, Cambridge, Lawrence, Norwood, Providence, South

Boston, Worcester, and SOUTH Worcester were present. The course was informative as well as enlightening, and those who attended enjoyed the wit of Presiding Officer Joe Lola and information handed out verbally by the presidents of each council. John Olevitz told the body that we still remain as one of the finest and most active councils, even if we don't have T.V. like Worcester. We thank Mrs. Skudris for the preparation of the delicious food; also the servers of the day — Mary Kleponis, Wini and Marie Skurdis, and Angie Mason.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

COUNCIL 3

John Puodziunas is now home again recuperating from an appendectomy. We wish him a speedy recovery so that before long he might be showing off some of his fancy dance steps.

Our congratulations are extended to Lucy Grebloski on her recent engagement to Jim McAllister. We wish them a long and happy future life together. That makes two of the Grebloski girls already. What's the other one waiting for? Can it be a special Sergeant in the 28th Division?

We would like to welcome a new member into our midst, John Pabadin-skas, who is now studying at the University of Pennsylvania. At a recent meeting he gave us a splendid description of sports in Europe. Thank you very much, John.

March 9, members attended Mass and received Holy Communion in a body in honor of St. Casimir's Day. In the afternoon, the members put on a small program. The fellows and girls did their share and entertained the people very nicely. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. In this way the day was spent honoring St. Casimir.

Birthday greetings are extended to Dolores Meron (April 8), Annie Rimdeika (April 11), Richard Kolojeski (April 1), Edward Lusic (April 4), Tony Klimas (April 17), Ray Ruskus (April 22).

Congratulations, Ronald, on getting the leading role in Southeast's annual play. Not only is he an actor; but he is also an artist. He had several of his pictures on exhibit in a large department store in Philadelphia. Keep up the excellent work, Ronald. Vyciai are proud to have you as a member.

We also have Ed Wallowitch's pictures on Exhibit in Allentown. The K. of L. in Philadelphia recognizes some superb talent.

"Kiausinis"

WATERBURY, CONN.

COUNCIL 7

Communion Breakfast

Wally Pitcavage and Ed Yankauskas were co-chairmen of the St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast held at our clubrooms on March 2. They were assisted by Edward Azukas, Edmund Kazlauskas, Joseph Coskie, Peter Drevinskas, Joseph Stevens, Edward Rabis, Al Sluoksnaitis, Patricia Richards, Madelyn Dubauskas, Adele Paulauskas, Mary Undraitis, Rose Irrapino and Agnes Zdanis.

Frank Shaknaitis acted as toastmaster and Fr. Abromaitis was the guest speaker.

Opps! ! !

Vin Stankus had a mishap recently at one of the ski trails, and is now laid up with a broken leg!

Happy Birthday

Patricia Richards celebrated her birthday on March 17.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Zailckas became the proud parents of a baby girl on February 23.

LAURELS to Dell Paulauskas and Agnes Zdanis for serving as last month's cleanup committee.

DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Observance of St. Casimir's Day was held Sunday, March 2nd, with members attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion. A dinner and small program was held after Mass in commemoration of our Patron Saint. All arrangements were made by Pat Zelinskas.

National Convention plans are beginning to formulate upon the election of a very enthusiastic committee. The basic plans are already laid out and a glimpse of them fortells of another resplendent convention.

Winter vacations were spent in Florida at various times by Mary Gudelis, Charles Petkus, Joseph Petkus and Eleanor and Joe Mantz and family. Sally and Annadel Miller were the envied two who were fortunate enough to attend the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, which they inform us is a sight indeed.

Peter Petkus is now quite the country gentleman upon moving out to his new home which is equipped with a wonderful barbecue pit and lots and lots of picnic space.

Best wishes are extended to James Kavalauskas on his recent marriage to Joan Dill at Holy Cross Church on February 23rd. Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Monas on the birth of their second daughter.

CINCINNATI, OHIO

COUNCIL 134

Mayor Carl W. Rich, of Cincinnati, Ohio, issued a formal Proclamation designating February 16, as "Lithuanian Day," following the precedent set by ex-Mayor Cash, last year.

The formal celebration of "Lithuanian Day" was set over to Sunday, February 17, to enable more people to attend the showing of the Lithuanian film chosen for the event.

Since there is no Lithuanian parish in Cincinnati, any Lithuanian celebration is beset by difficulties as members of Council 134 come from all parts of Cincinnati and its suburbs. Father Maknys, who is spiritual advisor is stationed in St. Augustine's Church, Covington, Kentucky. In spite of this handicap, the Lithuanian Day celebration had an attendance of more than a hundred people, some of whom were non-Lithuanians, drawn by the excellent publicity we received in the American daily newspapers and the Catholic Telegraph Register.

The film itself, was in the nature of a travelogue with artistic scenes of Lithuania before it was ravaged by war. There were also shots of concentration camps, many of which were recognized by our new arrivals. The section showing atrocities committed by the Reds in Lithuania, brought tears to many eyes.

Marianne Kertinitis, vocal student at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Jerry Yocis, treasurer, handled the film from ordering it by mail, to running it off on his own projector. Eleanor Wall had our tickets made up at a quite reasonable price. James Med, former president, and owner of the DeMaris Bakeries, provided a cake decorated with the American and Lithuanian flags, for a door prize. (He also provided the cake for our Christmas party, to which he was accompanied by Mrs. Med, looking sweet as a Madonna with her two-month-old baby.)

President Joseph Maezer and his wife, did everything from checking reporters on our story, to explaining the significance of "Lithuanian Day" at the event. Ann Zschau, secretary sent out notices and lent encouragement to all, and our cheerful and helpful Mr. Maezer set up chairs and handled refreshments.

Father Katarskis, Frank Gudelis, Mary Ann Ambrose, Anne Gudelis, Michael Petkus, Charles Petkus and Petronella Zelinskas, all of Dayton, Ohio (96) were welcomed guests. Frank Gudelis helped translate a letter received from the Latvian Club of Cincinnati. Justine Murray



Gary, Indiana — VIOLA GEANCHOS, active member of Council 82, vacationing down Florida

GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

Looks like Cupid has paid a visit to our council. We would like to extend our congratulations to that happy couple, Marie Nenios and Viadas Ruzga on their recent engagement. Both are members of our council. We know they will be very happy together.

All other activity has been cancelled so that we of Council 82 may be able to concentrate on the Mid West Bowling Tournament that will be held this year in Gary. Chairman of the affair, Julius Gudinas has been a busy little bee buzzing around getting his committees organized. Always and ever can be heard the low buzz as our hard working members sit with their heads together making plans to make this the biggest and best tournament ever.

"For God and Country" is our motto, and we have done our best to live up to it. On February 24th, when St. Casimir's Parish gave its annual supper, the K. of L. was numbered among those who worked hardest to make it a success. Our president, Stella Kuzin, saw to it that the tickets were made, gave up much of her spare time to go around collecting donations, and did many other small, but important duties. As for the "Country" part, our Lithuanian Activities program has gone along steadily. Lithuanian Affairs Secretary had a mild case of writer's cramp upon completing her letters to the United Nations. On February 17th, we attended the Indiana Harbor celebration on the occasion of Lithuania's Independence Day. May we commend them on a job well done.

Some people have all the luck. While we poor Knights stoke up our furnaces and pull our overcoats closer about us to protect us against the wintry blast of the north wind, Viola Geanchos is sunning herself on the sandy beach of Florida. We envy her and hope she enjoys herself, but we do not begrudge her. There is one little gal who deserves a vacation. Look at her and you are looking at a true K. of L'er. Whenever there is anything to be done she is right there in the middle of the work, not complaining and giving freely of her time and energy. We know we can depend on Viola whenever we need her. We are proud of this girl and we hope she will stay with us for a long, long time.

"JO"

GREAT NECK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 109

Don't forget to set aside May 3 as an extra special evening for yourself and all your friends! That is the date of our "SILHOUETTE BALL" to take place at the Villa Nova Social Club, 115 Main Street, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y. (directly opposite the Beacon Theatre). Eddie Klos and his Band, whom you all enjoyed so much at our Hawaiian dance last May, will play again for your pleasure — waltzes, fox trots, rhumbas, tangos, sambas, jitterburg, and of course, those "peppy polkas." A basket of cheer will be raffled off at this affair, so get your chances early from our members — it is really a worthwhile chance for all. We really missed seeing a lot of our old friends from other councils at our Great Neck dances during the last few seasons, so how about it, folks, come on out to Great Neck's "Silhouette Ball" in Port Washington — you won't regret it!

Our Winter Dance held on February 23 turned out to be great fun for all. We noticed a lot of new faces at this affair, and hope that these people will come more often to brighten up the place. Lou Ann Sosar, Ann Martens, Gladys Banks, Chippy Chapin, Lil Remenchus, and Rosemary Glowacki certainly had a good time for themselves at this dance. They brought a dancing teacher, who was kept busy, real busy, with all these gals! How was he on the polka, girls?

"JAN"

CLEVELAND, OHIO**25 KUOPA****Iš Vyčių Veiklos**

Vasario 12 d., liet. svetainėje, Vyčių 25ta kuopa laikė savo mėnesinį susirinkimą, kuriame buvo padaryta keletas gražių nutarimų. Pastarasis susirinkimas netik nutarimais buvo gausesnis, bet jame daugiau skambėjo ir lietuvių kalba, kaip iš pirmininkės M. Trainauskaitės, taip ir iš mūsų uoliosios nutarimų raštininkės M. Samsonaitės ir kitų narių. Bravo už tai, vyčiai!

Štai 25tos kuopos dienotvarkė: kovo 2 d., 10tą val. ryto, Šv. P-lės N. Pagalbos parapijos bažnyčioje, vyčiai pagerbdami savo organizacijos globėją šv. Kazimierą eina prie šv. Komunijos bendrai su ateitininkais ir skautais.

Po bažnytinių pamaldų, liet. svetainėj, visi turi bendrus pusryčius. Jais rūpinasi vyčių narės: P. Glugodienė, A. Arunskienė, M. Trainauskaitė ir kitos narės. Tą pačią dieną apie 6tą val. vak. lietuvių svetainėj, ateitininkai sudarė programėlę iš šv. Kazimiero gyvenimo.

Antras vyčių užsimojimas, tai kovo 30tą d., liet. svet. surengti didelę ir pasekmingą "card party" Vyčių Centro naudai, ypač parėmimui organo "Vyties".

Trečias jų siekis, tai Velykų dienoje rengiamuosius tradicinius šokius padaryti pasekmingais. Šiame darbe darbuosis veikiančioji komisija.

Ketvirtas nutarimas buvo padarytas šis — pagerbti Metropolitan Operos solistą Algirdą Brazį, kuris balandžio mėnesyje atvyksta į Clevelandą su Metropolitan Opera. Visi kuopos nariai vieną vakarą eis bendrai pažiūrėti operos, kurioje garbingas vyčių organizacijos narys, solistas Al. Brazis, turės įžymiausią rolę. Kad geriau pasveikinus savo garbingą vienmintį, vyčiai sėdės vienoje grupėje.

Taip pat vyčiai padarė nutarimą suruošti jojo pagerbimui pokilį, kuriame nors miesto viešbutyje ar dideliame restorane, nes jis labai žymus lietuvių tautos solistas.

Vyčiai savo vardu art. Algirdui Braziui įteikia ir gražią dovaną. Prie šio sumanymo prisidėti vy-

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**Kuopa 133****Puikiai veikia**

čiai kvies ir ateitininkus. Šiam darbui buvo išrinkta irkomisija: A. Arunskienė, M. Derenčiūtė, A. Palšis, J. Sadauskas ir P. Balčiūnas, kuris tarpininkaus tarpe vyčių ir ateitininkų.

Ateinantį rudenį kuopa statys scenoje: "Apkalbos ir Meilė", dviejų aktų operetę. Kuopa paskyrė iš izdo \$10.00 Lietuvos vadavimo reikalams.

Vyčių 25ta kuopa padidėjo vienu profesionalu - muziku, asmenyje gerb. Prano Piesio. Jis netik kad prisirašė prie kuopos, bet net dviem atvejais prabilo į narius ir juos širdingai pasveikino. Vyčiai džiaugiasi susilaukę savo tarpe garbingą muziką, kuris Lietuvoje yra ilgai vargonininkavęs.

Jurgis Brazis, buvusias pereitų metų kuopos pirmininkas, pareiškė kuopai ačiū už prisiūtą dovaną ir sveikinimus jojo šeimoje gimusio pirmaginio sūnelio proga.

Mamytė p. Brazienė ir naujagimis sūnelis jaučiasi sveikai ir linksmai. Vyčiai sveikina jaunuosius tėvelius, gerb. J. Brazius, susilaukus sau įpėdinio!

Senelis**PORTLAND, OREGON****COUNCIL 137****Vasario 16-ta**

Miesto ir apylinkės lietuviai Nepriklausomybės dieną minėjo vasario 17. Jaukios lietuviškos pamaldos, graži Holy Rosary parapijos salė, bendri visų dalyvių pietūs, pritaikytas scenos vaizdelis, monologai, patriotinės dainos, tautiniai šokiai ir kiti įvairumai gausiai sutraukė netik lietuvių, bet ir didoką amerikiečių būrelių. Savo linkėjimus šventės proga pareiškė parapijos klebonas Tėvas A. Feucht, O. P., latvių ir estų atstovai. Iš lietuvių nuoširdų ir stiprų žodį pasakė J. Mendeika, jo gi 6 metų dukrelė, pasipuošusi tautiniais rūbais, svečius džiugino lietuviškais eilėraščiais, o žmona pasigėrėtinai gražiai atliko svarbiausią vaidinimo rolę Lietuvos asmenyje. Scenos vaizdeliui vadovavo Gr. Juodeikienė, o tautiniams šokiams bei visam minėjimo susirinkimui K. Garolienė. Šventės proga priimtos atitinkamos rezoliucijos U. S. Valdžios Atstovams ir pravesta vykusį rinkliava Tautos Fondui.

Sausio 12 d. įvykusiame susirinkime buvo išrinkta nauja valdyba: pirm. A. Yakutis, vice-pirm. J. Guest, sek. Lou Jociute, izd. Ann Laurinaitis. Praeitais metais sekmingai pirmininkavo Petras Barkauskas. Naujais nariais įstojo operos solistė Florence Korsak ir Nina Naujokaitė.

Vasario 2 d. nariai turėjo bendrus pietus "Vilniaus" restorane ir tuo buvo pagerbti valdybos nariai.

Užgavėnių vakaras įvyko vasario 24 d. Šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje 2704 St. George St., Los Angeles. Programoj dalyvavo solistė Florence Korsak. Vyčiai visuomet čia turi sekmingus vakarus.

Lietuvaitė Rožių Parade

Pragarsėjusiam Naujų Metų rožių parade Pasadena, Cal. šiemet dalyvavo ir lietuvaitė Rūta Kilmoneytė. Ji buvo išrinkta gražiole Long Beach paruoštam "float 2 — gėlių vežime. Rūta dalyvavo tautiniame kostiume ir atstovavo vakarines Europos tautas.

Lietuvių Tautinių Šokių grupė

Sausio 10 d. Knight of Columbus parengime dalyvavo Los Angeles Lietuvių šokių grupė, vedama L. Zaikienės. Ši grupė per metus turi daugiau kaip dešimt pasirodymų tarp svetimtaučių tuo puikiai reklamuodami lietuvių vardą. Sausio 2 d. šokėjai suruošė vakarą lietuviams. Vakarpelnas paskirtas Vyt. Beliajaus, kuris dabar ligoninėj Arizonoje, parėmimui. Vytautas yra K. of L. narys.

PITTSBURGH, PA.**COUNCIL 19**

On Sunday, March 2, at 10 o'clock mass at St. Casimir's Church on the South Side, Council 19 members received Holy Communion in a body. Father Joseph Girdis, spiritual advisor, delivered the sermon in which he urged the K. of L. members not only to live up to their motto "For God and Country" but also stressed the acquiring of the ability, nay, the necessity, of learning to live tolerantly one with the other and to lay aside all petty differences!

After Mass the members were joined by Council 62 members and all were served a delicious breakfast-

luncheon at the Schenley Hotel. The committee members who arranged for the breakfast-reservations, selection of menu, decorations, etc., are to be commended for a job well done—a bouquet to Bernice Balamootis, Tillie Kaupinis and Helen Girdis.

William Kolicius, president of the Pittsburgh District presided at the speakers' table and briefly acknowledged work done by various members of the Pittsburgh group and introduced the speakers. Walter Chinik, National Vice-President and Chairman of the Membership Drive, gave a pep talk on the occasion of the opening of the membership drive. Father Alfa Susinskas urged all the K. of L. members to pattern themselves after our patron saint, St. Casimir. He stressed the importance of being associated as a person of good character — every K. of L. member should strive to attain — perhaps I should say *be* of good character — in this day of world stress and conflict and often of undecided moral conduct. Father Susinskas said too much importance today is being given to the material things of life which we all know are here today and gone tomorrow and not enough to our spiritual needs. He urged us all to begin thinking of building up our spiritual lives.

Stephen Onaitis, Chairman of the Ritual Committee, presented the list of candidates for the following degrees and the ceremonies followed immediately.

First Degree

(Council 19) John Skimundris, Alberta Vale, Pat Bartkus, Marian Bartkus, Frank Wenslovas, Eleanor Allen, Ray Bukauskas, David Palmer, Dolores Papeika and Lucille Simkus.

Second Degree

(Council 19) Frank Baltakis, Alice Beacon, Margaret Papeika, Madeline Petraitis, Margie Potts, Richard Smith, Lorraine Puzas, Tom Unites.

(Council 26) Stasys Simonis.

Third Degree

(Council 19) Rev. Magnus Kazenas, Rev. Joseph Girdis, Helen Girdis and Nellie Kountz.

(Council 62) Ann Markunas.

The names of Nell Brazauskas (19) and Richard Simelis (62) were presented for 2nd and 3rd degrees, respectively, but they were not present. Richard is serving our country.

The election of Pittsburgh District officers was the last item on the agenda. President Kolicius reviewed the events of the preceding year. Algirdas Kaselaitis gave the Treasurer's report. The following were elected to offices

in Pittsburgh District for the next year:

Jean Wilkauskas (19), president; Andy Rozger (62) and Antanas Zaliadonis (Seniors), vice presidents; Nellie Kountz (19), secretary; William Kolicius (19), treasurer; Ann Markunas (62) and Eddie Marculaitis (19), trustees.

After a short discussion of New Business the meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Vyciu Hymnas and a prayer by Father Girdis.

Mildred Chinik

The regular meeting of Council 19 took place on Thursday evening, March 13th. Father Kazenas had been requested to be present at this meeting without fail if possible. He was officially presented with his medal and certificate of the Third Degree at this time since he was not able to receive them at the March 2 ceremony. He was highly pleased and thanked the members for having so honored him. He explained he was almost afraid to come to the meeting when requested — he was just sure it would be for financial reasons! At this time Father Kazenas brought with him a guest — the new organist for St. Casimir's parish. He is a *very* tall, slender and youthful looking man who hails from Florida by the name of Petras Stiponavicius. In his introduction Father Kazenas said, "Petras yra nepaprastas vargoninkas, tikras muzikas, ir dar neblogas dainininkas. Laikas Vyciam suorganizuoti chora ir prilipti tikrai prie Petro"! From samples of the organist's first few weekly masses and his first appearance at Sunday Mass on March 16th comments heard have been very favorable — members of the choir found him to be a likeable as a person, the owner of a fine baritone solo voice and really interested in acquiring members to train into a choir which will begin to DO something! It sounds encouraging — let's us all give him a helping hand and see if we can't really have a choir reminiscent of some of the days when choirs were really choirs! Welcome to St. Casimir's Parish, Petras Stiponavicius, and we extend to you an open invitation to become an active member of Council 19. We are sure the K. of L. Choir under your guidance will be a worthwhile project!

Nellie Kountz gave a brief resume of the workings of the members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and read a few letters received in answer.

Plans were discussed for the coming May 4 K. of L. Lithuanian Catholic Hour Radio Banquet so that the dis-

trict officers would have some ideas for their meetings in order to formulate definite plans. From all indications it will include a fine program in addition to good food and dancing afterwards. We take this opportunity to invite any members of councils both near and far to attend if you are anywhere in this vicinity or it might be worth your effort to arrange to attend to join us in the fun!

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Father Girdis. After the business meeting the traditional birthday cake was ushered in — this time for Margaret Papeika (who was the only one present) Lucille Shimkus and Madeline Petraitis. In addition to the cake, Margaret was presented with a beautifully wrapped package. (A lovely print hankie, first harbinger of Spring).

Mitzie

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

COUNCIL 102

St. Casimir's Day was properly commemorated Saturday, March 1st by the distribution of degrees and a special program following. We were fortunate to have Fr. Clear, S.J., U. of D.; Prof. Padolskis, U. of D.; Madeline Avietenas, Van Antwerp Library; and Fr. Kudikis, S.J., as guest speakers. Their discussions dealt with the history of Lithuania and Lithuania today and were both entertaining and educational. Ralph Volotka's Girls' Ensemble, and Budriunas' Men's Quartette and movies in color of Lithuania followed. Everyone who attended agreed the evening was very well spent.

Sunday, March 2nd, Day of Recollection conferences were conducted by Fr. Clear, S.J. after Communion and breakfast. The conference closed with a banquet.

The Passion Play was presented on March 23rd. The entire cast made a fine showing.

Thanks to Lou Simonis for bringing Bea Walls back to the meetings. We were also glad to see Bernice Markavick and Rolph Volotka back in the fold.

To follow through with our resolution to have at least 15 minutes of the meeting in Lithuanian, Father Dagilis was invited and enlightened us on the Characteristics of Christ.

Eileen Stankunas claimed girls' high single by bowling 213. Keep up the good work Eileen! To date Team 4 is in first place, Team 2 in second with all the other teams so close behind that the standing is subject to change without notice.

M. & J.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

All efforts this month were directed toward making our Annual Communion Breakfast commemorating St. Casimir's Feast Day a success. On March 2 at 9:30 Mass at Our Lady of Vilna church about 60 members received Holy Communion. Following Mass, they assembled in the parish hall for a breakfast of ham and eggs.

Our guests of honor included Father Vasys, pastor, Father Dambrauskas, spiritual advisor, Father Jutt, national chairman of Lithuanian Affairs Committee and our guest speaker, John Ambrose, sports announcer for station WTAG in Worcester.

John delivered a speech which, I am sure, made every person present pleased to be a Lithuanian. He said that although our number is few, we have made a mark for ourselves in this world, especially in the line of sports. He went on to mention where Lithuanians were outstanding in the different fields of sports. He stressed that in our case, it was quality and not quantity that counted.

For Country

Donald Mikal, one of our members in the Air Force, was home for a 30-day furlough this month.

In the Parish

Our Lady's Sodality of which most of our girls are members played host to the New England Union of Lithuanian Sodalities on Sunday, March 16, when the said Sodalities visited our parish for their Annual Holy Hour.

Also, the Sodality presented a religious play on March 30 in which Rita Kersis had the starring role.

This and That

Two of our members were convalescing last month. Shirley Miller came down with a case of mumps. Across the yard, her cousin, Julia Sinkavich was sick-a-bed with bronchial pneumonia. Both girls are well on the road to recovery.

Bernice Burdulis, Grace Rackauskas and Irene Butkewicz are recuperating from semi-final exams. John Mazeika and Richard Wackell likewise look a little worn out from their struggle at Holy Cross College.

Happy Easter to all from Council 116.

"Taradaika"

ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

COUNCIL 135

Hello once again from New England's Youngest and Most Popular Council . . . Yea man! Ansonia.

Congratulations! !

Here are our officers for the year of '52. John A. Sabulis, president; Alfonso Barauskas, vice president; Joseph Draugelis, vice president; Olga Savitskas, secretary; Peter Pusvaskis, treasurer; Ann Barauskas, financial secretary and Al Yurevich, sgt.-at-arms.

We would like to say thanks to all our past officers for making this year's job a bit easier and for the wonderful job done.

Congratulations are in order for our President and Anne Sabulis who have recently become the proud parents of a 8½ pound baby boy named John Paul. Johnny hasn't stopped smoking cigars yet and it seems as if he is keeping up with "Joe Law."

Council 135 would like to extend greetings and best wishes to Anne Zablaitis (6) and Vinnie Grazulis (26) upon their recent engagement. Lots of luck.

The elections are over and the new Executive Board has started the year off with a fine start and have many plans in store for the rest of the year.

Our joint sponsored Bazaar with the Children of Mary was quite successful. It brought back many memories to the old folks who remembered them from years ago. Those favorite bartenders Johnny and Al were on hand to greet the thirsty and the committee in charge would like to say thanks for a job well done to all.

The local Ritual committee was on hand to bestow the First and Second Degrees upon all qualified members. Members made a fine showing. Our own famous dancer "Chappie" performed the dance of Egypt called "Samia."

Our Communion Breakfast went off fine under the guidance of Helen Valentine, Eva Yurevich and Violet Brazitis. An enjoyable time was had by all and many old faces were seen.

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our Spiritual Advisor Father B. F. Gauronskas who has been ill.

We don't see much of our former vice president "Hot-Lips" Varsh since the first of the year. — Could it be

other interests that fall on the same night as that of our meetings?

We hope that all our members who are sick and have been sick and haven't been around lately get well fast and see what they have been missing. Drop around as there are many things doing.

Seen on the road to the Brass City (Waterbury) was our roaming Knight Ken Stokes who has acquired a car and a girl to go with it.

It was good to see Josephine and Bill Kwaitkowski back again after their recent illness and trouble. We hope to see you folks more often in the future.

Our first annual outing has been planned for June 22 at Lake Quassapaug in Middleburg with Joe Draugelis and Jean Brazitis in charge of the affair. If it is anything like those in the past you folks had better come prepared for a stay. All the past events will be re-lived and many more to be made. It has been said that our movie producer and director will be on hand everywhere with his camera to record the events as they take place. Johnny Sabulis says that he is in search of a new leading man and woman to bring out into the silver screen. Our stars of yesteryear have decided to give someone else some advice. Our vice president has been pondering as to what fee he should charge.

Al Barry was last seen counting heads and wondering how the chickens will make out. Well, we hope you get your wish, Al.

Olga Savitskas and Eva Yurevich were feted at our last meeting and were given gifts for their outstanding work in our council. Keep up the good work girls.

All the folks are getting set for the next New England Convention which will be held in Athol. From the looks of things we will have a fine delegation going and will be well represented. Many of our members have been looking forward to seeing the old gang and making new friends.

Our membership drive opened on St. Casimir's day and is now in full swing. Let's go and make this drive the biggest and best ever made in our council. Many people are just waiting to be asked into the local organization of distinction.

Night Owl

HARTFORD, CONN.

COUNCIL 6

February was quite a busy month for Council 6. The first week-end found the Hartford K. of L's hosts for the annual C.L.C. dance. The committee, led by L. Noretto and E. Staum, did a splendid job on decorating and managing. We missed seeing quite a few of the regular crowd. What happened? Since we didn't have an eligible week-end for our Valentine party, it was combined with the dance. Two of our favorite New Havenites were King and Queen of the dance. A lovely corsage, in the shape of a heart, was presented to the queen, and a boutonniere to the king.

The following week-end a number of us attended the Mother Sodality's formal. A rip-roaring success both socially and financially. In what section did you sit?

A ski trip to New Hampshire followed for the third week-end. What excitement! ! Results? Three dented cars, a black eye, and an upset stomach. A memorable trip to end a grand winter season. Do you agree, Dan, John, and Joe?

The final week-end we bowled the last games of the C.L.C. bowling season. Both Hartford teams, bubbling with optimism to the last player, had to succumb to the power of Waterbury and Bridgeport.

"Terry" Povilon did a splendid job as committee head in planning the Communion Breakfast. About 40 members received Holy Communion at the 8:30 Mass, and thirty members were present at the breakfast to hear an excellent discourse on the importance of the mother tongue. Our guest speaker was Mr. Langford, supervisor of schools in the East Hartford district. We were very honored to have Msgr. Ambot who, after a month's hospitalization, made his first social appearance with our group.

Father Paul, very appropriately, gave a discourse to us on the life of St. Casimir at our March meeting which fell on the feast day of our patron saint. Since this met with much enthusiasm from the members, Fr. Paul plans to give us monthly discourses on religious topics. Next month, Our Lady of Fatima.

Coming events:

Bowling Banquet, April 17, place yet to be announced.

REMEMBER! Our May meeting is MEMBERSHIP DRIVE meeting. Let's double our membership

M. E.

ELIZABETH, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

Communion Breakfast

Sunday, March 9th, marked the date for our yearly observance of the Feast of St. Casimir. Mass was offered by our pastor, Rev. Joseph Simonaitis, K. of L. honorary member. Al Wesey, national president and his wife Starcy participated with us in the commemoration, and attended the breakfast which was served in the parish hall. Other guests included Rev. John Starkus and Rev. Victor Gidziunas, O.F.M. President Charles Oskutis signed the formal act which now enrolls our council into the World Community of Lithuanians.

A short skit about the unification of the Lithuanian people under Duke Mindaugas in the 13th century was presented by Charles Oskutis, Charles Grinchis, Bill Senkus and Victor York.

Leadership Course

Our first Leadership Course took place in the parish hall, Sunday, March 16, and was well represented by all district councils.

Barn Dance

On Saturday, April 19th, at the parish hall, our council will sponsor its 3rd annual barn dance.

This and That

Alex and Frances Balandis (brother and sister) are always around when it comes to pitching in for work. Tony Baronas is always so quiet at the meetings. Zoe Brazinski listens most attentively and then says her piece.

Congratulations to Frank Clark, who was married recently. Happiness to both Frank and his wife.

Our own Dr. A. Degutis doesn't look like a dentist, but does he give a good look in your mouth when speaking to him.

Lucy Forster is a "Johnny on the spot". Just ask for a volunteer and she's there!

Peter Kasilonis knows more about a certain game that women play than they do themselves. He helps them out Tuesday nights.

Peggy Merritt besides being a good bowler, also coaches our parish school girls' basketball teams. Does a good job of it, also.

Sports

Ronnie Krezonis and Ray Gromley took first prize in the New York-New Jersey Districts mixed doubles bowling games. Toni Krezonis, sister, came home with the "booby" prize.

Four of our council Keglers took first place honors in the Union County Handicap Bowling League. The

winning squad was composed of John Oskutis, Charles Oskutis, Norby Wykosky and Joseph Matuza.

The winners piled up 3349 total for a 3-game score. Slim Oskutis and Joseph Matuza wound up in third place in the same doubles play. This winning combination scored other victories in the League.

"Little Susie"

K. OF L. CALENDAR

April 13 — Chicago, Ill. (112) Easter Dance. D-G. American Legion Hall.

April 17 — Hartford, Conn. (6) Bowling Banquet.

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

April 19 — Chicago, Ill. (8) Dance, Roseland Legion Hall.

April 20 — Jaunimo Jubilejinis Konferencija, Lietuvos Vyciu Jaunimo Centre, 2453 W. 47th St., Chicago. Posedzio pradzia 2:00 val.

Illinois-Indiana District K. of L. Youth Conference. Mass-Holy Cross Church 10:00 a.m. Session — K. of L. Youth Center, 2:00 p.m.

April 20 — Chicago, Ill. (5) Jubilee Banquet in honor of Rev. Peter Gasiunas, spiritual adviser and pastor.

April 26-27 — New England District K. of L. Annual Convention. Athol, Mass. (10) host.

April 27 — DRAUGAS Concert, Civic Opera House.

May 3 — Cambridge, Mass. (18) Annual Spring Dance, South Boston Citizen's Auditorium.

May 3 — Great Neck, N. Y. (109) Silhouette Ball, Port Washington, N. Y.

May 4 — SECOND ANNUAL K. OF L. RADIO BANQUET, St. Casimir's School Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 17 — Newark, N. J., (29) Dance, St. George's Hall.

May 17-18 — K. of L. Midwest Bowling Tournament, Gary, Indiana.

May 25 — N. E. District K. of L. Annual Picnic at Marianapolis, Thompson, Conn.

June 7 — Cicero, Ill. (14) Dance, Liberty Hall.

June 22 — Ansonia, Conn. (135) Lake Quassapaug, Middlebury.

June 29 — Norwood, Mass. (27) ANNUAL PICNIC.

(Note: November 1, 1952 — Chicago, Ill. (5) Annual Fall Dance.

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HALF-TIME

"Time waits for no man" is the way one statement goes and it certainly waits for no K. of L. member, especially so for any K. of L'er who has let the time go by and not enrolled a new member. May is a beautiful month, but it also marks the midpoint in our membership drive. Only two short months remain in which to increase our membership and at the same time add to the possibility of winning a personal award as well as enhancing the chances of your council winning the trophy. Now, today, not tomorrow is the time to meet people, to talk to people, to offer to other Lithuanians the opportunity to come into our organization, so that united we can accomplish with greater strength our prescribed tasks as Catholics and Lithuanians.

Point out to your friends that it is their duty as Catholics to join some Catholic organization and to participate in Catholic Action; why not the Knights of Lithuania whose motto is "For God and Country."

Furthermore, in what better way can we perform acts of charity than to do all we can to help our own Lithuanians who are in dire need scattered all over Europe; how better can we concentrate our efforts to help bring Lithuania back on the face of the earth as a free nation?

How much selling do we have to do to give any loyal Catholic Lithuanian an opportunity to do his duty — what other reason does anyone need to join the Knights of Lithuania?

WALTER R. CHINIK, *Chairman*
Membership Drive