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NAUJOJI LIETUVOS VYČIŲ VADOVYBĖ



YOUR NEW OFFICERS (1952-53). Standing, left to right, Al Wesey - Vasiliauskas, president; Robert S. Boris, vice president; Walter R. Chinik, vice president; William Kolic ius, Jr., treasurer. Seated, left to right: M.s. Tillie Gerulis, financial secretary; Ann Mitchell, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Waitonis, trustee; Adele Ceraska, Ritual member (3-year term); Helen Gudauskas, trustee.

M E S L A I M I M E

(Vyčių Seimui praėjus).

J. Leimonas

Kai šiandien eina žūt-būtinė kova dėl Lietuvos laisvės ir lietuvių tautos gyvybės, mūsų akys ypač nukrypsta į jaunimą. Mes žinome, kad netolimoj ateity į mūsų jaunuomenės rankas pereis visas lietuviškojo gyvenimo ir veikimo svoris. Taigi, iš darties mūsų jaunimo, mes galime spėti ir savos tautos artimąją ateitį.

Jeigu dabar žvelgsime į išeivijoj esančias lietuviškojo jaunimo organizacijas, tai mes turėsime konstatuoti, kad pati stambiausia ir judriausia jaunimo organizacija yra Lietuvos Vyčiai Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse.

Ar vyčiai stiprėja?

Aš turėjau laimės 1936 metais būti Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstybėse, aplankyti veik visas vyčių kuopas ir dalyvauti Vyčių seime. Iš to kuopų lankymo ir dalyvavimo seime, aš susidariau jų veiklos, jų pajėgumo vaizdą. Jis yra man ir badar ryškus. Ir štai praėjus 15 metų, aš vėl esu jų tarpe. Vėl turiu progos stebėti jų veiklą ir lyginti ją su anuo laikotarpiu, kurs buvo prieš 15 metų. Koks gi to palyginimo rezultatas? Štai keleta pavyzdžių.

1936 metais būdamas Amerikoje, kaip jau minėjau, dalyvavau Vyčių Seime, kurs įvyko Providence, R. I. Aš gerai prisimenu dalyvių skaičių, nuotaikas, kiek buvo naudota posėdžiuose lietuvių kalba ir tt. Ir štai 1951 metais, taigi po 15 metų, vėl dalyvavau Vyčių Seime, kurs įvyko New Yorke. Ir ką gi? Šis pastarasis Vyčių Seimas, įvykęs New Yorke, buvo visais atžvilgiais stipresnis už aną Vyčių Seimą, įvykusį prieš 15 metų Providence, R. I. Ir man net teko girdėti nuomonių iš vyčių veteranų, dalyvaujančių vyčių judėjime ir vyčių seimuose nuo vyčių organizacijos įsikūrimo pradžios, kad Vyčių Seimas, įvykęs 1951 m. New Yorke, bene bus pats stipriausias Vyčių Seimas iš visų buvusių iki šiol seimų.

Toliaus, 1937 metais ir šiais 1952 metais, taigi vėl po 15 metų, įvyko Daytone Vyčių Seimas. Gaila, kad juose neturėjau progos dalyvauti ir pats asmeniškai įsitikinti, kaip jis vyko. Bet, iš mano turimų

davinių galima tvirtinti, kad šis paskutinis seimas žymiai prašokęs aną, prieš 15 metų čia buvusį Vyčių Seimą.

Seimai yra atspindys visos vyčių veiklos. Ir jie mums aiškiai parodo, kad vyčių judėjimas vis stiprėja. Turėdami galvoj Amerikoje vykstantį nutautėjimą, kuris, kaip matome, yra palietęs ir lietuvius, šis vyčių veiklos stiprėjimas mums rodo, kiek daug lietuviybės savyje slepia vyčių judėjimas. O kokį didelį vaidmenį jie vaidina lietuviybės išlaikyme, mums duos gana vaizdžiai pajusti jų darbai ginant lietuviškus reikalus ir kovojant už Lietuvos laisvę.

Vyčiai kovoj dėl lietuviybės ir Lietuvos laisvės.

Jei mes žvelgsime į lietuvišką visuomenę išeivijoj ir norėsime susidaryti sau vaizdą, kaip ir ką daro pavieniai asmens bei lietuviškos organizacijos lietuvibei išlaikyti ir Lietuvai laisvę iškovoti, tai su nuostaba pamatysime, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai čia užima pirmaujančią vietą. Štai gražus pavyzdys. Vyčių Organizacijoj veikia taip vadinamosios Lietuviškųjų Reikalų Komisijos, kurioms vyriausiu vadovu yra kun. Jonas Jutkevičius, Amerikoje gimęs ir augęs, gražiai kalbąs lietuviškai, didis lietuvis patriotas ir taip daug sėkmingai dirbąs lietuviškuose veiklos baruose, kad jis, neabejotinai, savo vardą amžiams įrašo į lietuvių tautos istorijos lapus.

Jo vadovaujamos vyčių lietuviškųjų reikalų komisijos visokiais būdais skatina Amerikos valstybės įtakingus pareigūnus, spaudą ir šiaip jau visokius pajėgesnius asmens lietuvių tautai gelbėti ir Lietuvai nepriklausomybę atstatyti ir kovoja su metais paprastai parašo apie 1000 laiškų. Yra eilika. Kad suprasti, kaip rimtai čia vyčių dirbama, pakaks fakto, kad 1951 m. vyčiai tuo reikalu parašė 17,730 laiškų, o šiemet jau parašyta virš 22,000 laiškų. Pats pirmininkas kun. J. Jutkevičius kas metai paprastai parašo apie 1,000 laiškų. Yra eilinių vyčių, kurie tuo reikalu parašo į metus po 420, 300, 200 etc. laiškų kiekvienas. O kiek kitos organizacijos ir kitų organizacijų nariai toj srity padaro? Deja, mes turim pripažinti, kad, arba labai mažai arba net ir visai nieko. Už tai didelė garbė tenka vyčių organizacijai.



Dayton Daily News

Under the symbol of the Knights of Lithuania which is at the center of the K. of L. banner — bearing the drawing of a Lithuanian knight and cross, stand three men who have fled from Lithuania's persecution and together with the Knights of Lithuania are now fighting to "free Lithuania from communism". Left to right are Father Walter Katarskis of Holy Cross Church, Dayton, The Most Rev. Vincentas Brizgys, auxiliary bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania, and Dr. Adolf Damusis of Cleveland, the principal speaker during the business session of the convention.

Vyčių 40 metų Jubiliejus

Šiais metais vyčiams sueina 40 metų veiklos sukaktis, o ateinančiais metais bus 40-tasis Vyčių Seimas, kurs įvyks Bostone. Jau dabar pradedama galvoti, kad šis Seimas būtų ne eilinis, paprastas seimas, bet ypatingas Seimas, vertas Vyčių Organizacijos 40 metų sukakčiai paminėti. Yra nusiteikimų suruošti didįjį Vyčių Seimą — Kongresą, kuris netik tinkamai atžymėtų vyčių jubiliejų, bet kad šis Kongresas būtų kartu ir didžioji viso Amerikos lietuvių katalikiškojo jaunimo šventė. Į tą Kongresą turėtų suplaukti kuodaugiausiai lietuviškojo katalikiškojo jaunimo, jame kartu su vyčiais petis petin turėtų žygiuoti ir jiems talkininkauti ateitininkija, Amerikoj esą pavasarininkai, sodalietės ir visas kitas Amerikoj esąs lietuviškasis jauni-

mas, kurs save tik jaučia lietuviais ir katalikais. Tai būtų kartu ir šio lietuviškojo jaunimo susiartinimo ir bendro darbo šventė.

Panašią mintį jau yra kėlęs ir "Draugo" Vyr. Redaktorius ir Vyčių Garbės narys p. Leonardas Šinutis. Reikėtų tik šį dalyką toliau vystyti, jį remti, visokiais būdais vyčiams pagelbėti, kad jie šią idėją galėtų įgyvendinti. Tokios pat mintys yra gyvos ir vyčių tarpe, o ypač jos vadovybėj. Darbą plačiai lietuvių visuomenei remiant ir vyčių vadovybei tuč tuojaus imantis tai realizuoti, būtų laiko tam dalykui tinkamai pasiruošti, o su gerai paruoštu šios rūšies Kongresu ir vyčių judėjimas ir visa lietuviškojo katalikiškojo jaunimo čionykštė veikla galėtų įeiti į naują, dar platesnę ir sekmingesnę veikimo fazę.

JAUNIMAS VEIKIA

(Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininko Al. Vasiliausko raporto santrauka).

Įvyko 6 valdybos posėdžiai, kuriuose aptarta vyčių veiklos klausimai. Per pirmą posėdį Juozas Grish išrinktas vyčių teisiniu patarėju ir Dr. Juozas Leimonas pakviestas ir toliau eiti "Vyties" Redaktoriaus pareigas.

Aplankiau 8 vyčių kuopas ir vedžiau platų susirašinėjimą vyčių veiklos reikalais su centro valdybos nariais ir kitais asmenimis. Centro Valdybos nariai dirbo kas kiek pajėgė, bet ypač daug turėjo darbo ir jį gerai atliko Centro raštininkė Josephine Rusas ir finansų raštininkė Tillie Gerulis. Joms čia noriu pareikšti už tai ypatingą padėką.

Kuopų ir narių stovis yra maždau pastovus. Kiekvienais metais dalis narių atkrinta ir veik tiek naujų prisirašo. Reikėtų rimtai patirinėti, kodėl dalis narių atkrinta ir pasistengti, kad to nebūtų. Jei narių atkritimo iš vyčių organizacijos nebūtų, tai Vyčių organizacija sparčiai išaugtų, nes kiekvienais metais gerokai įstoja naujų narių.

"Vyties" reikalai mums kėlė daug rūpesčių. Veik visą laiką turėjome vargo su spaustuve, kuri neįstengė laiku ir gerai darbo atlikti. Tuo reikalu teko net du kartu važiuoti į Bostoną ir tartis su spaustuvės vadovybėmis, juoba, kad spaustuvės savininkai keitėsi.

Kartais gaunu nusiskundimų, kad per mažai "Vyty" yra anglų kalba straipsnių. Čia noriu pažymėti, kad turėjome "Vyties" numerių, kurie buvo puikiai suredaguoti, turėjo pakankamai gražių straipsnių abiem kalbom, lietuviškai ir angliškai. Jei pasitaikė ir tokių "Vyties" numerių, kuriuose buvo daugiau lietuviškų straipsnių, tai dėl to tenka kaltinti ne ką kitą tik pačius vyčius, kurių Redakcija negali prisiprašyti, kad parašytų atitinkamų angliškų straipsnių. Todėl kviečiu visus vyčius ir vytes, kad jie uoliai rašinėtu į "Vytį" angliškai ir lietuviškai ir paragintų taip pat rašyti ir savo draugus, kurie tik gali tai padaryti. Man yra malonu pažymėti, kad mūsų "Vytis" labai aukštai stovi Amerikos lietuvių tarpe, todėl visi talkininkaukime, kad "Vytis" visuomet gerai laikytusi. Šia proga noriu pareikšti nuoširdžią padėką Vyriausiam "Vyties" Redaktoriui Dr. Juozui Leimonui ir jo pagalbininkei Felifijai Grendelytei, kurie labai daug dirba ir aukojasi "Vyties" reikalui.

Finansų stovis yra pusėtinai, nes buvo laikomasi didžiausio taupumo, o Centro Valdybos nariai važinėjimo ir susirašinėjimo išlaidas padengė iš savo kišenės. Bet ateity, norint vyčių judėjimą stiprinti ir "Vytį" vis gerinti ir gražinti, būtina reikės stipriau pravesti finansų vaju ir iš viso pasirūpinti, kad Vyčių organizacija geriau finansiškai laikytusi.

Kursai vadams turėtų būti pravesti visose apskrityse, kuriuose turėtų dalyvauti vyčių iš visų vyčių kuopų. Jei šitą sugebėsime įvykdyti, tai vyčių judėjimas galės įsiveržti vis į gilesnes ir platesnes vėžes ir duoti vis geresnių vaisių. Dabar dar daugeliui vyčių daug kas neaišku, daug ko nežino, kartais net pačių būtiniausių dalykų, ką turėtų žinoti kiekvienas vytis..

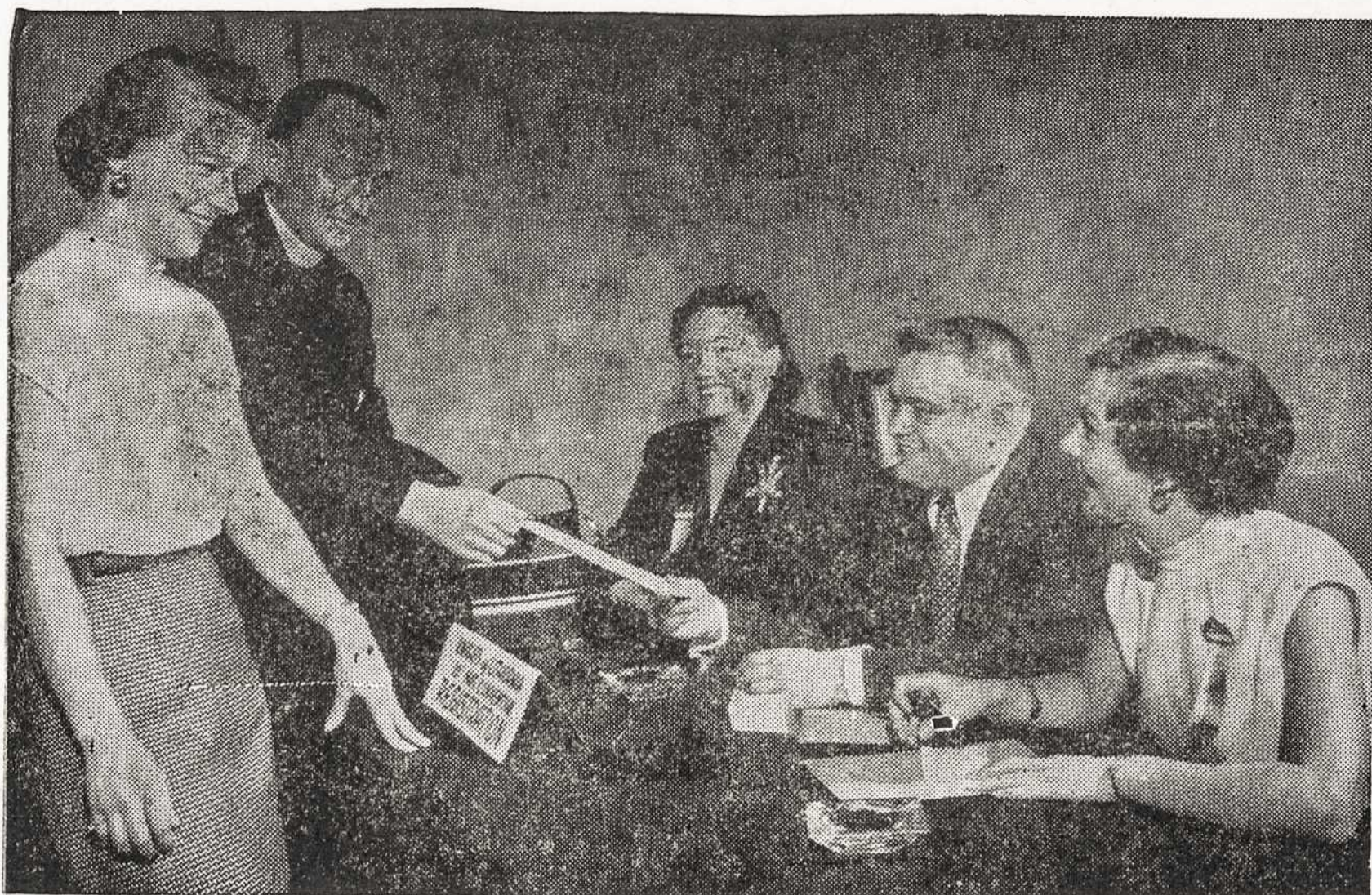
Todėl šitais dalykais visi rimtai susirūpinkime. Čia daug padės ir Planavimo Komisijos Pirmininko kun. Alberto Kontauto paruošiami mėnesiniai veiklos planai.

Sporto reikalais tenka ir toliau daug rūpintis, ypač gi ten, kur yra daugiau jaunesnio amžiaus vyčių. Bowling dabar stovi vyčių tarpe pirmoje vietoje. Reikėtų neužmiršti ir kitų sporto šakų.

Vyčių Apskričių veikla yra neblogai vykdoma. Kaip žinoma, Vyčių organizacija turi jau penkis susiorganizuotus apskričius, būtent New York - New Jersey; Ohio - Michigan; Illinois - Indiana; New England ir Pittsburgh. Apskričių vadovybės rūpinasi visokia vyčių veikla ir praveda vyčiams vadams kursus. Ypač gerai pravedė vadų kursus New York-New Jersey ir NewEngland apskritys. Pittsburgh apskritis turi būti pagirta, kad turi savo radio programą ir ją sekmingai veda. Jų radio programa vadinama: "Lithuanian Catholic Hour — Sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania". Illinois - Indiana apskritis turi savo uosavą namą.

Linkėsime, kad apskričių veikla dar daugiau stiprėtų.

Norkuno Fondas, kuris buvo suorganizuotas praėjusiam Vyčių seime, pamažu kuriasi. Jam vadovauti yra pakviestas p. Juozas Bulevičius, kuris



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Delegates from Massachusetts and New Jersey the first to register at the Biltmore Hotel for the 39th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania (left to right) Shirley Miller of Worcester, Mass.; Father V. Karalevicius of Bayonne, N. J., and Mrs. Mary Lucas, Alfred Lugauskas and Pat Zelinkas, all of Dayton.

savo pareigas rūpestingai atlieka. Šiuo Fondu norima stiprinti vyčių veiklą ir tinkamai pagerbti a. a. Vyčių Kūrėjo Norkuno atminimą.

Valdžios Income Tax klausimas vyčių organizacijai, jos teisinio patarėjo Juozo Grish pagalbos dėka jau tinkamai sutvarkytas. Vyčių Centras ir kuopos dabar turės kiekvienais metais užpildyti specialią taksų blanką Form 990. Valdžiai taksų mokėti nereikės.

....**Vyčių Archyvo** klausimu rūpinamasi ir toliau. Tikimasi, kad netolimoj ateity šį dalyką galima bus galutinai sutvarkyti.

Brošiurėlę anglų kalba apie Lietuvą ir jos istoriją norėtum kuogreičiau išleisti. Tik gaila, kad pasižadėjęs šį darbą atlikti asmuo jo vis dar neatlieka.

Lietuvių bendruomenės organizavimą, kaip ir buvo nutarta, vyčiai visomis pastangomis remia.

Mėnesines veiklos programas labai rūpestingai, gražiai paruošia kun. Albertas Kontautas, Planavimo Komisijos Pirmininkas, išskeldamas daug įdomių minčių. Reikia vyčiams tik tomis programomis tinkamai pasinaudoti.

Organizacijos narių stiprinimas galėtų būti tinkamai prarastas, jei kiekviena vyčių kuopa turėtų savo jaunesnių vyčių skyrių, tikruosius vyčius ir vyčius senjorus. Reikia šita linkme visoms vyčių kuopoms veikti.

Religinė ir lietuviškoji veikla, tai yra du didieji vyčių veiklos pagrindai, kurie buvo išsamiausiai vykdomi ir iš kurių sekė visas kitas mūsų veikimas. Dėl jų tektų specialiai kalbėti. Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos Pirmininko kun. J. C. Jutkevičiaus įdomus ir platus raportas duodamas atskirai. Jis tilps ir "Vyty".

Užbaigiamos mintys. Dirbom kiek galėjom. Ne viską galėjom įvykinti, ką norėjom padaryti, nes buvo daug visokių kliūčių, o mūsų pajėgos buvo ribotos. Šia proga dėkoju visiems mūsų bendradarbiams, kurie mums talkininkavo didžiam vyčių veiklos bare.

Al Vasiliauskas,

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininkas

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ SEIMO



M. A. Ambrose



M. Lucas



M. Petkus



A. Gudelis



P. Zelinskas

SEIMO DARBAI

IŠ VYČIŲ SEIMO DAYTONE

L. Valiukas, Los Angeles, Calif.

Nesigėdyti savo tautybės

Daytono miesto burmistras (mayor) L. W. Lohrey ir prelatas H. J. Ansbury, Daytono dekanato dekanas, sveikindami Lietuvos Vyčių 39-tąjį suvažiavimą, pasidžiaugė Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo gražiomis ir kilniomis pastangomis išsaugoti savo tikėjimą, dirbti dėl savo krašto išlaisvinimo, būti ištikimais JAV-bių piliečiais. Ir vienas ir kitas pripažino, kad esą imigrantų vaikai ir labai aiškiai davė suprasti, kad nereikia slėpti savo tautybės. Anot jų, visiems geros valios žmonėms atviros durys į Ameriką, ir imigrantas, galįs prasimušti į aukščiausias politines vietas. Pagyrė vyčius už jų kilnius siekius ir atliekamus darbus.

Užsitarnavę padėkos abu Daytono dienraščiai

Labai didelio prielankumo vyčiams parodė abu Daytono amerikiečių dienraščiai: **Dayton News** ir **Journal Herald**. Ir vienas ir kitas jau prieš savaitę laiko prieš suvažiavimo pradžią informavo daytoniečius apie įvykstantį Lietuvos Vyčių suvažiavimą. Seimo metu ir vienas ir kitas įdėjo po keletą nuotraukų iš suvažiavimo eigos ir smulkiai aprašė svarbesnius suvažiavimo momentus. **Dayton Daily News** įdėjo per dvi skiltis ilgą pasikalbėjimą su J. E. vysk. V. Brizgiu. Tame pasikalbėjime išryškinta sunki Lietuvos padėtis komunistinės Rusijos vergijoje.

Įdomios kalbos bei paskaitos

Suvažiavimo posėdžių metu lietuvių reikalų įdomią kalbą pasakė dr. A. Damušis, užakcentuodamas vieningo darbo reikalą lietuvių tarpe. Prof. dr. A. Damušis pasidžiaugė savo paskaitoje vyčių atliekamais darbais lietuviškumo palaikymo bei kituose lietuvių baruose. Pokylio metu taip pat įdomias kalbas pasakė J. E. vysk. V. Brizgys ir Daytono Universiteto politinių mokslų skyriaus vedėjas prof. A. H. Rose.

Dėmesys dviem svarbioms sritims

Suvažiavimas pasidžiaugė Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos, vad. kun. J. C. Jutkevičiaus, atliekamu tikrai dideliu darbu Lietuvos bylos gynimo ir lietuvių vardo garsinimo bare. Kaip iš kun. J. C. Jutkevičiaus pranešimo paaikškėjo, paskutiniaisiais veikimo metais atlikta žymiai daugiau, negu bet kuriais kitais praeityje. Iš tikrųjų buvo malonu, kad kun. J. C. Jutkevičius sutiko minėtam darbui ir toliau vadovauti.

Praėjusiais veiklos metais daug inicityvos, sumanumo ir darbo įdėjo kun. A. Kontautas (Boston, Mass), paruošdamas vyčiams kiekvienam mėnesiui veiklos planą. Esu tikras, kad dauguma kuopų jo patarimais pasinaudojo ir kartu įnešė daugiau turinio į savo veiklą. Kun. A. Kontautas suti-

DAYTONE RENGIMO KOMITETAS



Ch. Vangas



S. Lukas



F. Gudelis



Kun. V. Katarskis



L. Valiukas

ko ir toliau tam darbui vadovauti, už ką vyčiai lieka dėkingi savo tikrai veikliam nariui ir kartu lietuviui patriotui.

Didelė našta ant vice-pirmininkų pečių

Naujiesiems veiklos metams pirmuoju vice pirmininku išrinktas Robert Boris iš Detroit, Mich. Ant jo pečių gula nemaža našta: jaunųjų vyčių organizavimas, lietuviškumo palaikymo programa, piniginis vėjus ir kit. Visos, šios trys sritys praėjusiais metais buvo apleistos. Vyčiui Robert Boris, kiek man žinoma, sumanumo ir energijos nestinga, tikimasi, kad visi šie reikalai bus įstatyti vėl į tinkamas vėžes.

Antruoju vice pirmininku perrinktas Walter Chinik iš Pittsburgh, Pa. Paskutiniaisiais metais jis savo darbą atliko pasigėrėtinai. Lauktina, kad, jam vadovaujant ir kuopoms nuoširdžiai bendradarbiaujant, per ateinančius veiklos metus Vyčių organizacijoje narių skaičius žymiai padidės.

Neliko laiko svarbiems reikalams

Posėdžių metu per daug laiko buvo skiriama nereikšmingoms smulkmenoms, o svarbesni reikalai buvo visiškai pamiršti. Kaip ir neužsiminta apie lietuviškumo palaikymo programą; nepadiskutuotas seniau veikusių kuopų atgaivinimo ir naujų steigimo reikalas; bėgčiomis prabėgtas piniginio vėjus reikalas ir pamiršta visa eilė kitų svarbių reikalų. Centro Valdyba turėtų susiimti, kad panašios klaidos ateity nebesikartotų.

Chicagiečių vaišingumas

Kas nežino, kad Chicago miestas yra Amerikos lietuvių sostinė. Chicagos vyčiai buvo gausiai atstovaujami šių metų suvažiavime. Retas kuris iš suvažiavimo dalyvių neaplankė J. Jesulaičio kuopos bustinės, kuri buvo įsikūrusi didelėse ir vėsiose (suvažiavimo metu Daytoną vargino nemaži karščiai) patalpose. Ten Chicagos lietuvaitės tikrai buvo puikios šeimininkės ir visus svečius maloniai priėmė.

Apsaugok, Aukščiausias, tą mylimą šalį,
Kur mūsų tėvynė, kur bočių kapai.
Juk tėviška Tavo malonė daug gali—
Mes Tavo per amžius vargdieniai vaikai.
Neapleisk, Aukščiausias, mūsų ir brangios tėvynės,
Maloningas ir galingas per visas gadynes.

Protect, O Almighty, our beautiful homeland.
The soil where we labor, where our fathers rest. Thy
fatherly mercy is boundless and lasting; Hear us,
Thy own children, long ages oppressed. Forsake
not our land, All-Highest, while the fury rages;
For Thou art our Hope and Vision, now and
through the ages.

MAIRONIS

J. Daumantas

Partisans Behind the Iron Curtain

(We hope you have been faithfully following these thrilling episodes, more heroic than fiction, of the Fighters for Freedom in Lithuania known as the Partisans. They are taken from the book "Partizanai už Geležinės Uždangos", published in Chicago in 1950.)

Editor-in Chief and Printer's Devil

After I was admitted as a rooky into the ranks of the Partisans and had passed my first test, I was immediately assigned to a regular post in the information or press section of the Underground. The Partisans issued a bulletin more or less regularly called "Laisvės Žvalgas"—"The Spy of Freedom". They also distributed single page news releases to keep the efforts of the Partisans in the liberation movement. I was placed in charge of this work.

In the beginning our work progressed very slowly, but when the time for the first elections in Communist dominated Lithuania drew near, our efforts to counteract the false Russian propaganda were doubled and trebled. We had to guide our people and tell the whole word about the political farce that was being planned by the Communists. I had to write the articles, draw the cartoons and caricatures and then crank the mimeograph machine to get out our editions. You see, I was everything from editor-in-chief, to printer's devil.

In our anti-election campaign we distributed 900 copies of the "Spy of Freedom" and 1400 mimeographed sheets ridiculing the coming elections, which the Communist press hailed as "the most democratic Soviet elections." We really did our work underground, in a cave dug out in the depths of the forest. It was always very difficult to obtain the stencils and ink and paper we needed. We did not have a decent stylus to draw with, so we fashioned one from a spent cartridge filed down to a point. We did not mind these hardships, though, as long as we could get our editions out, because we felt that information, **the truth** about the invader was as great a weapon in our fight for freedom as a rifle or a machine gun.

Once we had the literature printed, other squads of Partisans were assigned to distribute it. And let me tell you this was dangerous work. Our "paper-boys" had to make their rounds through the country-side and paste or nail our announcements in public places where they could be seen and read by the people of the neighborhood. Of course, we could not publish a copy of our bulletin for every reader, so the Lithuanian farmers had to devise ways and means of passing their copies on to others. By the time the bulletin reached the twentieth reader, it was ready to crumble into shreds at the first breath of the eager readers.

When the Communists came upon our propaganda, they would tear it down, so that forced us to invent a way to stop that. We would paste our literature on a sign-post, or tree, and then put up a barbed wire fence around it. Crude signs of "Do not remove" were posted in Lithuanian and Russian: "Liesti draudžiama" and "Tonut nelzia". We would warn our own countrymen that the area was mined, but the Commies did not know this. So, if anyone merely approached and read the placards, he would be safe. If, however, you tried to tear down the signs, the mine would go off.

One time, about ten days before the elections, a truckload of Red agitators were driving along the Pakiauliskis road, when the officer in charge noticed a tree covered with the white leaves of our freedom propaganda. Immediately, he gave the command to halt and sent out five men to tear down the announcements. As soon as the soldiers touched the large cardboard cartoon, making fun of the future elections, the dynamite exploded. Three Reds were killed, and the other two were injured. When word of this explosion got around Communist circles, no Red soldier would dare touch our propaganda, unless he had a mine — expert along with him to find and disconnect the trigger wire.

Taken for Red Spies at Dainava

When our job of printing was over for the time being, we were ordered to visit and reactivate the Partisan group in "Tobacco's" district. As usual,

we set out at night, and after a three hour hike, we met our guide, a woman Partisan, Pinavija, by name. Since she could not accompany us all the way, she gave us directions for finding a safe hiding place at a farmhouse in the town of T. The farmer was unknown to me or to my companions.

When we finally reached his house and knocked, he would not open the door. Brother, it was cold that night. No matter how much we argued he would not let us in. We began to threaten to shoot down his door if he refused. Then he relented, opened the door and stood there, silent. We told him we were Partisans and that we heard that he would allow us to rest there at his house. He would not believe us. This, certainly, was not the reception that we expected. Pinavija had told us that this was a regular Partisan shelter spot, and that the farmer was a loyal collaborator.

Yet, here we met with cold, gruff words and surely silence. We were very hungry, not having had supper yet. We asked for something to eat, a piece of bread, a cup of tea, perhaps.

"Sorry. I don't have a drop of tea in the house. And no bread, either."

We were dumbfounded. "Listen, we are Lithuanian Partisans. We haven't eaten since noon-time. You were recommended to us. We have orders to stay here. Please, for the love of God, give us a piece of bread, at least."

"Very sorry. Can't do it. You should be glad I let you inside my house. You can sleep here on the floor, but no food.

We argued. We threatened again. All to no avail. When we asked for a blanket or an old pillow, his answer was the same.

"Sorry, very sorry, but all our blankets, and sheets, and pillows are in use. I have a large family and I am a poor man. If you want to go down the road, my neighbor might be able to give you a bed, and a good meal, too. Why don't you try him?"

We could not tell him, of course, that our orders were to spend the night right there. And on the other hand, he could not tell us that he had orders, too, from the same Partisan High Command. You see, he thought we might be Communists disguised as Lithuanian Partisans! Oh yes, the Reds tried this trick many a time. And sad to say, they

succeeded in deceiving tens of farmers who were loyal collaborators and friends of the Partisans. These farmers were arrested, jailed and deported to Siberia.

So there we were, being taken for spies, treated like dogs. This was hard to take. Finally, hungry as we were, we had to curl up on the floor and using our folded hands as pillows, and try to get a little rest. We had about four hours till dawn. I tossed and turned for a while on the hard, cold floor, and at last dropped off into slumberland.

At dawn, I awoke and turned my head toward the window. I thought I saw a face. I blinked, and looked again. Yes, it was a face. Now, was it friend or foe? I nudged my buddy, the Sword, who was sleeping beside me:

"Kardai, don't look now, but someone's looking at us through the window."

Kardas — the Sword, was wide awake, but he pretended he was still sleeping and turned over on the other side. He, too, caught a glimpse of the face. Then he sat up quickly.

"It's all right. That's the Wolf."

The face at the window smiled and disappeared.

"Whew!" was all I could say.

In just about thirty seconds the whole picture changed. From being considered spies and outcasts, we were being greeted most cordially as patriots and liberators. The farmer awakened his wife, who got her daughters out of their soft beds, then dug up clean sheets and pillow case and in a matter of minutes we were led to the best bedrooms this side of Heaven for another five hours of restful, cozy sleep.

The farmer explained that he was acting under very strict orders to receive no one claiming to be a Partisan, unless accompanied by one of the Partisans he already knew. The Wolf had his permanent quarters there, so once he vouched for us, everything was in order.

At eleven o'clock we were awakened for breakfast, a royal breakfast if there ever was such a thing.

The farmer became very friendly to us and even brotherly, as he narrated the tragic story of his life.

Farm Life in Paradise (Soviet Style)

(Russian propaganda the world over tries to describe life in the Soviet Republics as a paradise, compared to the miserable slavery in corrupt, capitalist countries. This farmer's story shows us the real picture of life in the forced paradise called the Lithuanian Soviet Republic. What happened on his farm, happened on most of the prosperous Lithuanian farms very soon after the Red armies marched into that country.) (Translator's note).

The farmer told us that he had left Lithuania when he was about twenty years old, and had gone to the United States. As he worked hard, and piled up a small fortune in dollars, his longing to return to the Fatherland grew more and more intense. He, finally, decided to go back to his home town where he invested his cash in 16 hectares of land (about 40 acres), married an industrious wife, build his own home and farm buildings, raised a large family, all during the prosperous years of Lithuanian Independence. Although he never had a great deal of money in Lithuania, he always had a decent living, and more than enough of this world's goods for a happy life.

Then came the Bolshevik occupation

Almost overnight, the true bosses of his farm became the Communists. He had to "volunteer" donations of grain to the "liberators" of his country. His "voluntary" offering HAD TO BE two tons of grain — or else! Besides this amount of grain, his quota of other produce including two tons of potatoes, 700 pounds of meat, and in addition, hay, flax, wool, eggs and milk. The first year the farmer did not receive one cent for all that "voluntary" contribution. The second year, the the Russians decided to pay for the food they confiscated. For 100 pounds of rye flour they gave him 5 rubles — for which the farmer bought a pocket comb! That was Communist prosperity for you! The entire amount of money received from the Communists that year was 400 rubles — with which, if you were lucky, you could have bought one shoe, and this, in the black market.

On the other hand, the taxes he had to pay amounted to 500, yes, FIVE THOUSAND rubles! To pay these exorbitant taxes the farmer kept selling his livestock. His herd of six cows shrank to two. Several of his neighbors were in jail that very moment, he told us, for non-payment of taxes. They did not have any animals to sell.

Then came the order from the village Labor Office conscripting him to forest labor, compulsory labor. This meant that he could no longer run his farm. He had to go fifteen miles to his place of labors. The future looked bleak, and black for this poor man. That is why the Partisans were organized; to try to protect these unfortunate farmers.

But what saddened and angered the farmers most of all was the typical negligence and wastefulness of the government officials who came around to collect the grain and produce. For example, when the Reds sent their trucks to collect the grain, they had no provision made for storing the grain until it could be used. They would dump it in open bins in some field near the town or railroad station. Then, as usually happened, the rains would come and soon the grain was sprouting and rotting in the bins. The same thing happened to mountains of potatoes. They froze in the winter and rotted in the spring.

Then, on top of all this, were the ridiculous "challenges" that appeared in the daily papers. For instance, there would be a notice that the farmers of some Soviet Republic in Asia hereby "challenged" the farmers of the sister Soviet Republic of Lithuania to surpass them in grain production. Their norm as given in the paper would be so many thousands of bushels. The officials in Lithuania would accept the challenge and force the farmers to give more than that amount. The farmers in the distant Soviet Republic made no such "challenge"! The Lithuanian farmers, who never even heard of such a place, had nothing to say about accepting the "challenge". All they could do was hand over the grain and "bless" Stalin in the choicest language they knew how, as their granaries became empty and hunger and starvation stared them in the face.

The farmer's sad tale was interrupted by the arrival of "Tobacco", the district Partisan chief. The Sword — Kardas, who was regional chief, gave this man a very definite piece of his mind in pretty stern language because "Tobacco" was slow in executing the orders of the High Command, especially with regard the distribution of Partisan literature. He had received many complaints that the Lithuanians in the district were not receiving the information they had a right to know, and this served to weaken the Resistance efforts. "Tobacco" promised to do better.

GIMTOJI KALBA

KALBĖKIM LIETUVIŠKAI

L. Dambriūnas

Praeitą kartą kalbėjome apie namą, butą ir kambarius. Reikia dar pridėti, kad name dar būna rūsys (cellar), o prie namo — priebutis arba veranda (porch) ir balkonas.

Dabar pakalbėkime apie tai, kas yra kambariuose. Čia turime daug daiktų, kuriuos lietuviai dažnai vadina ne lietuviškai, bet angliškai.

Kiekvieniame kambaryje yra grindys (floor), lubos (ceiling), sienos (walls), durys ir langai. Grindys, lubos ir durys lietuvių kalboje vartojami tik daugiskaitoje (in plural form only). Dėl to reikia sakyti tos durys, lubos, bet ne ta ar tas durys. Tokių žodžių yra ir anglų kalboje, pvz. clothes, scissors, trousers, wages.

Be to, kambaryje gali būti krosnis (stove) arba radiatoriai (radiators) kambariams apšildyti. Krosniai kurenti vartojamos malkos (wood) arba anglis (coal). Visa tai vadinasi kuras (fuel). Yra ir elektrinių arba dujinių krosnelių (electric or gas stove). Gesas nelietuviškas žodis. Vietoj jo sakome dujos.

Radiatoriai šildomi karštu garu (ne štymu) arba vandeniu. Taigi steam heating lietuviškai vadinasi garinis šildymas, ne štymas. Kai kambariuose yra radiatoriai, sakome, kad namas turi centrinį šildymą — central heating. Kai kur namuose yra dar židinys — fireplace.

Tuščiuose kambariuose žmonės negyvena. Reikalingi visokie baldai arba rakandai (furniture). Vienas daiktas vadinasi baldas (a piece of furnitu-

re). Kai žmogus jieško buto, nori išsinuomoti butą (to rent an apartment), tai jis skaito laikraščiuose skelbimus (advertisements). Paskui eina žiūrėti. Buto savininkas (landlord) klausia, koks butas reikalingas — su baldais ar be baldų (furnished or unfurnished). Nuomininkas (tenant), suderėjęs butą, moka nuomą (rent).

Baldų yra visokių — brangių ir pigių, kietų ir minkštų, naujų ir vartotų (used furniture). Gyvenamajame kambaryje paprastai stovi minkšti baldai (upholstered furniture) — sofa ir foteliai (armchairs). Ant grindų patiestas kilimas (carpet). Be to, šiame kambaryje dar gali būti veidrodis (mirror), radijas, televizija (televizijos aparatas), knygų lentyna (book-case), kavos staliukas (coffee table), kartais pianinas (piano). Sienas puošia paveikslai (ne pikėeriai).

Valgomajame kambaryje yra stalas, kėdės arba krėslai (chairs), bufetas (buffet), porcelianinių indų spinta (china closet).

Miegamajame kambaryje yra lova, komoda (chest of drawers) arba komoda su veidrodžiu (dresser), naktinis staliukas, drabužinė spinta (wardrobe). Spintos drabužiams dažnai būna įtaisytos sienose. Tai sieninės spintos (closets).

Virtuvėje yra elektrinė arba dujinė plyta (range), indauja (cupboard), šaldytuvas (refrigerator).

Jei butas užima du aukštus, tai bute yra laiptai (stairs).

At this meeting, I discovered how little the Lithuanians read Communist papers and magazines. They knew that Communist literature was a pack of lies from A to Z, so they would not read it even out of curiosity. The Communists, of course, tried to stimulate reader interest by founding reading rooms in every town. One pro-Communist resident was put in charge of these reading rooms in each locality. Each week and month bundles of Communist propaganda were sent out to these reading rooms, which were book-stores and newsstands, as well. The Lithuanians would not buy this printed matter, even if they could afford to. The result was, in many instances, that the pro-Communist

bookseller had to pay for the magazines and papers out of his pocket, in order to fulfill his sales norm. Some were arrested and put in jail for laziness in spreading their Communist trash.

Translated by A. A. Jurgelaitis

(Next month: Do not fail to read the next installment: "Soviet Controlled Elections in Lithuania". By a strange coincidence, this article will appear at the height of our election year in the United States. Read this article and compare it with our election processes. You will thank God you are an American. — A. A. J.)

Officialus Skyrius

CONVENTION SPOT NEWS

In order that the September issue of **VYTIS** may go out to you without further delay, only spot news of the national convention of the Knights of Lithuania held in Dayton, Ohio, September 11 to 14, 1952, will be presented here. The reports, illustrated with candid camera shots of K. of L'ers, guest speakers taken at the meeting, resolutions, recommendations and action, will appear in the October issue.

YOUR OFFICERS (1952-53)

The new officers of the Knights of Lithuania elected at the 39th national convention are:

Spiritual Director — To be designated by Priests' League of America.

President — Al Wesley - Vasiliauskas, Great Neck, New York.

Vice Presidents — Robert S. Boris, Detroit, Mich. and Walter R. Chinik, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Recording Secretary — Ann Mitchell, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Financial Secretary — Mrs. Tillie Gerulis, Worcester, Mass.

Treasurer — William Kolicius, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Trustees — Mrs. Mary Waitonis, Providence, R. I. and Helen Gudauskas, Cicero, Ill.

Legal Adviser — Joseph Grish, Esq.

COMMITTEES:

Ritual — Jack L. Jatis, chairman; Longin L. Svelnis, treasurer; Adele Ceraska, secretary (3-yr. term).

Lithuanian Affair — Rev. John C. Jutkevicius, chairman.

Honorary Membership — (See inside cover page — same).

Building Fund — Anthony J. Mažeika, Pitts-

burgh, Pa., Rev. J. Vaitekūnas, Providence, R. I. and Frank Gudelis, treasurer, Dayton, Ohio.

M. Norkunas Memorial Fund — Joseph Boley, chairman, New York City; Kastis Zaromskis, Chicago, Ill. and J. Sadauskas, Cleveland, Ohio.

Public Relations — L. Valiukas, Los Angeles, California; Helen Gudauskas, Cicero, Ill. and J. Sadauskas, Cleveland, Ohio.

It's Boston, Mass. in '53

Invitations for the 1953 national convention (40th anniversary) were presented by Gary, Indiana (82) through Mrs. J. Kuizin, president and So. Boston, Mass. (17). Mr. John Olevitz, president of Council 17, expressed the hope that the convention would come to Boston where the national convention was held in 1942. Majority vote was cast for Boston.

IN APPRECIATION

Knights of Lithuania Council 96 and its Convention Committee wish thank all those who attended the 39th K. of L. National Convention and helped to make it a success.

Although Dayton is situated away from our populous Lithuanian centers, the attendance at the convention fulfilled all our expectations, and enabled us to present this event in a manner that, we feel, benefited the causes that our organization works for. The splendid coverage given the convention by our Dayton newspapers bears testimony to this.

Then, too, we retain the memory of the fine spirit of fraternalism and sociability displayed by our fellow Knights visiting in our midst. We shall always remember this gathering as a shining highlight of our local Lithuanian history.

Frank Gudelis

Chairman — 1952 Convention Committee

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE REPORT

All organizations of any renown launch membership drives every year to increase the number of its members and thereby strengthen the organization. Interests in the drive are stirred up by intra chapter or council competition and the offering of awards for achievements.

The Supreme Council Officers saw the necessity for a membership drive and so a campaign was launched on March 4, the Feast day of our Patron Saint Casimir. Closing date was set at July 4 but was extended until July 31, 1952 to permit councils to collect dues on the applications delayed on account of the prevalence of strikes throughout the country.

The Tėvas Norkunas Trophy, a cup, was offered as a prize to the council showing outstanding achievement. The cup is to remain with said council for one year — permanent retention if won for three consecutive years. Awards were also offered to the three K. of L. members accumulating the greatest number of points during the drive.

The drive brought in 208 members of which there were 6 former couples, 23 former single members, 8 new couples, 151 new single members and 6 wives or husbands of present members. Only 34 of the 51 councils obtained new members during the drive — 66 per cent participation. Of these 34 councils, 9 councils got only 1 new member each. The first four high ranking councils obtained 140 members or one-half of the total number of members recruited during the drive.

ARE DRIVES NECESSARY?

Without giving any thought to the matter most individuals will very quickly answer no: "Why all the fuss and bother, we can recruit new members without any drive." But statistics have proven that concentrated drives are a necessity, be it to increase the number of members in an organization, to build up a company's insurance debit or to raise funds for the Red Cross, Infantile Paralysis, etc.

There is no satisfactory substitute for an organized membership enrollment campaign. Haphazard attempts, mere announcements appealing to council members to get new members and patiently sitting by, waiting for prospects, will not bring many new members into an organization.

Councils should not entirely depend upon annual campaign to fulfill membership obligations

—but should constantly carry on recruiting activities to offset any loss of membership.

Drives are only meant to lend added impetus to the recruiting spirit — to give a so-called boost to every council's desire to increase the membership.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Final Standings

Councils	Points
1. Worcester, Mass. (26)	147
2. Pittsburgh, Pa. (19)	122
3. So. Worcester, Mass. (116)	54
4. Gary, Indiana (82)	47
5. Pittsburgh, Pa. (62)	45
6. Dayton, Ohio (96)	44
7. Cambridge, Mass. (18)	41
8. Chicago, Illinois (13)	18
9. South Boston, Mass. (17)	15
10. Chicago, Ill. (112)	15
11. Ansonia, Conn. (135)	14
12. Chicago, Ill. (5)	12
13. Athol, Mass. (10)	12
14. Providence, R. I. (103)	12
15. Portland, Oregon (137)	11
16. Chicago, Ill. (Draugovė)	11
17. Los Angeles, Calif. (133)	9
18. Chicago, Illinois (8)	9
19. Chicago, Illinois (36)	9
20. Waterbury, Conn. (7)	9
21. Linden, N. J. (113)	8
22. Newark, N. J. (29)	6
23. Brooklyn, N. Y. (41)	6
24. Cicero, Illinois (14)	6
25. Bayonne, N. J. (67)	6
26. Westfield, Mass. (30)	5
27. Hartford, Conn. (6)	3
28. New York, N. Y. (12)	3
29. Norwood, Mass. (27)	3
30. Grand Rapids, Mich. (43)	3
31. Detroit, Mich. (102)	3
32. Cleveland, Ohio (25)	3
33. Chicago, Illinois (16)	3
34. Brockton, Mass. (1)	3

Individual Standings

Name	Council	Points
1. Edward Daniels	26	99
2. Joseph Krasinskas	116	54
3. Rev. Magnus J. Kazenas	19	49
4. Anthony Mazeika	62	42
5. Joseph Kurpalis	82	35

6. Mildred Chinik	19	22
7. Marcella Onaitis	19	20
8. Petronella Zelinskas ..	96	15
9. Richard Jurgaitis	13	12
10. Rev. Aleksa	137	11
Nellie Kuntz	19	11
Charles Vangas	96	11
11. Mary Gauronsky	10	9
Mary Lucas	96	9
12. Rita Brazauskas	26	8
Jean Walkauskas	19	8
Betty Wanalovitz	113	8
13. John Belskis	18	6
Anthony Gudeczauskas	103	6
Aldona Jakubauski	17	6
Stella Kuizin	82	6
Ann Laurinaitis	133	6
Bernice Novom	13	6
Rev. Pakalniskis	41	6
Anna Marie Pallys	26	6
Anne Pocius	29	6
Helen Sandom	8	6
Leo Shakalis	18	6
Helen Shirvinskas	36	6

14. All the K. of L'ers who obtained a new member!

The Supreme Council members congratulate the winners and are grateful to the many K. of L. members who wholeheartedly worked to make the drive a success. Let each and every K. of L'er strive to enroll new members all the time — with renewed determination and increased effort results will be forthcoming. The K. of L. MUST and WILL grow!

Walter R. Chinik, Chairman

Membership Drive

.... **NOTICE**

The official K. of L. pins in men's and ladies style are available at \$1.00 each, and K. of L. Constitution booklets at 25 cents each. These items are in the custody of the Building Fund, and the revenue derived from their sale goes into that fund.

Orders may be placed with the treasurer of the Building Fund Committee,

FRANK GUDELIS,

129 Rita Street, Dayton 4, Ohio.

CORRECTION

The correct title of the Norkunas article in the August VYTIS should be "Norkunas' Bequest to the Knights". — **Editor.**

PADĖKA

PRANUI GUDELIUI ir visai 39-to Seimo Rengimo Komisijai priklauso mūsų gili pagarba ir padėka—

Už jų pavyzdinę suplanavimą praeito seimo.

Už surengimą Algirdo Brazio lietuviškų dainų koncerto gražiausioj Dayton'o salėj.

Už išleidimo lietuviškų dainų knygelės.

Už jų triūsą ir vytišką pasišventimą.

Už nepaprastai didelę reklamą angliškuose laikraščiuose.

Už seimo dalyviams parodytą nuoširdų, lietuvišką draugiškumą.

JUOZAS BULEVIČIUS,

Vyčių Seimo Daytone Pirmininkas.

ATTENTION

We would appreciate receiving copies of all bulletins and or newspapers published by councils and districts.

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CONVENTION PHOTOS

Several photos taken at the Dayton convention are available, as follows:

1. The new executive board and committee chairmen being sworn into office.
2. The principal officers of the new executive board.
3. The officers of the convention.
4. The resolutions committee.
5. The mandate committee.
6. An exterior view of the hotel entrance, showing the convention sign.

These pictures are 8"x10" and the price is \$1.00 each. The 11"x14" pictures taken during the banquet may also be secured at \$2.00 each. Orders for these pictures may be placed with Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton 4, Ohio.

Soon to appear in VYTIS a **QUESTION BOX** page. All council members start sending your questions pertaining religion, Lithuanian culture, Council activities, social life, etc. to **VYTIS** magazine, P. O. Box 29, South Boston, Mass.



Loretta Macekonis



Laura Yucius

Loretta Macekonis (left), president, and Laura Yucius (right), vice president of Council 5 (Iorthside), Chicago, Illinois, cordially invite all K. of L. members and their friends from the Chicago area to attend Council 5's annual dance — the Autumn Interlude — on Saturday evening, November 1, 1952, which will be held in the Walnut Room of the Lions Building, 4306 West North Avenue, Chicago. Highlight of the evening will be the coronation of a king and queen of the dance, an honor bestowed upon the young man and lady who sell the highest dollar value in ads for the program book, and a court of runner-ups. Miss Yucius, chairman of the dance, adds that a special invitation is extended to out-of-town K. of L'ers to come to "Chi" for an exciting week-end and attend this dance. Arrangements to "put up" out-of-town will be made by writing to Miss Yucius, 1731 North Albany Avenue, Chicago 47, Illinois.

THE UNITED WAY

October is RED FEATHER month... the time each year when health and welfare agencies unite in one campaign to raise money for the continuance of their services.

In towns and cities all over the United States and Canada these services for babies and young people, for families, for the ill, the aged and the handicapped are vital to the welfare and happiness of every individual in the community.

Home town needs and national health and welfare programs such as those made necessary by the defense effort are met by YOUR contribution to YOUR united RED FEATHER campaign.

Give now, the United Way, for all Red Feather Services.

PRANEŠIMAS

Vyčių Seime buvusiems vyčiams

Prašome visų vyčių, kurie yra buvę Vyčių Seime ir turi padarę bet kokių nuotraukų didesnėmis ar mažesnėmis grupėmis, tas nuotraukas su atitinkamais aprašymais prisiųsti į "Vyties" Redakciją, 395 W. Broadway, P. O. Box 29, South Boston 27, Mass.

Send Convention snapshots together with short write-ups to Vytis editor, 395 W. Broadway, P. O. Box 29, South Boston 27, Mass.

PRANEŠIMAS

Šis "Vyties" Nr. išėjo pavėluotai ne dėl redakcijos kaltės. — "Vyties" Redakcija

FORMER VYTIS EDITORS HONORED BY POPE

Lithuanian Daily "Draugas" editors, Leonard Simutis and Ignatius Sakalas received congratulations from His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, after being given "PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE" medals by Holy Father Pope Pius XII through the Cardinal. Between them, they have served DRAUGAS (only Lithuanian Catholic daily newspaper in the world) for sixty years.

Simutis was born in Lithuania in 1892. He attended St. Bede College and De Paul University. He was on the staff of KATALIKAS (The Catholic) in 1914; managing editor of VYTIS (The Knight), published by the Knights of Lithuania, Catholic youth organization, 1915-16; editor of GARSAS (The Sound), 1918-25; and editor of DRAUGAS since 1927.

He has been president of the Lithuanian R. C. Alliance of America since 1934; president of the Lithuanian American Council since 1940; one of the organizers of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America in 1940, executive secretary of the L. R. C. Federation since 1938 and a member of the board of directors of the National Council of Catholic Men.

Leonard is a charter member of the Cardinal Mundelein Council 3024, Knights of Columbus; honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania and chairman of the K. of L. Honorary Membership Committee.

Sakalas, born in Lithuania in 1895, joined the editorial staff of DRAUGAS in 1917 and has been assistant editor since 1939. At different intervals, he has edited VYTIS, 1920-25 and 1942-45.

He has been president of the Chicago district L. R. C. Federation for 10 years; president of the Chicago district L. R. C. Alliance of America for 5 years; president of the Chicagoland Seniors of the Knights of Lithuania for 5 years; and is a member of the board of directors of the Lithuanian Catholic Press society. In 1945 he founded LITPEX, a philatelic club well known in Chicago.

Ignatius is an honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, with much experience as director of numerous Lithuanian plays and playlets.

The present and past members, the younger and elder of the Knights of Lithuania, join with us in saying "Congratulations, to two of our past editors, both of whom are worthy of the honors rendered by Pope Pius XII." Both are one of us, a K. of L'er!

Red Cherry

MONSIGNOR BRINGS "CARE"

TO LITHUANIAN DP CAMP

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Koncius, member of CARE's Board of Directors as the representative of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc., highlighted a recent visit to Germany by distributing CARE gifts at the Deipholz camp for Lithuanian refugees.

To a widowed mother and her seven young children Monsignor Koncius presented a \$10 CARE food package. The bare feet of the youngsters bespoke the need that exists among millions of Lithuanian and other DPs living in Western Germany.

For the Litausches Gymnasium, the camp school, Monsignor Koncius brought a \$100 collection of new American youth books, compiled in ten assorted \$10 packages by the CARE - UNESCO Children's Book Fund. The school, which conducts its classes in the Lithuanian language, is hard pressed for supplies since it is maintained entirely by the Lithuanians themselves.

The gifts presented by Monsignor Koncius, who toured Europe to view current conditions, were subscribed by various American donors. Food and children's books are among the large variety of CARE packages which can be ordered for individuals or groups in Europe and Asia through CARE, 20 Broad Street, New York 5, N. Y., or any local CARE office in the United States.

SVEIKINIMAS

Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos Garbės Narius p. Leonardą Šimutį ir p. Igną Sakalą, pagerbus juos Šventajam Tėvui, apdovanojant "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medaliais, nuoširdžiai sveikina ir geriausiai linkėjimus siunčia

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UŽUOJAUTA

Kun. Albertui Kontautui, Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos Planavimo Komisijos Pirmininkui, dėl jo motinos mirties reiškia gilios užuojautos,

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AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

COUNCIL 100

Our two Sophies — (Gavry and Olbie) — really outdid themselves for the K. of L. outing held on July 20. Bootsie Jakaitis and Gene Gobis assisted them. Once again we were the guests of Mr. Steve Rimkunas who has a lovely camp located on Lake Galway.

Thanks to Ed Bablinskas for getting our cook Sophia Gavry and her famous "Lithuanian" hots down to the camp.

We had a number of small-fry (future K. of L'ers, we hope), attending the outing — Mark and Mary Lou Bablinskas, Patty Kerbelis and Sandra Joan Baranauskas.

Ann Tamoliunas provided us with some gay tunes on her accordion. Father Baltch then took over. The Lithuanian melodies sung by him were received by a very appreciative audience.

Swimming and boating were enjoyed by all, especially Father Baltch, Bernie Gustas, Joe Redding and Joe Vitus.

Fran Di Bart took "Bubbles" Kutchis, Gene Gobis, and Donald Munn for a boat ride — should have said a "Merry-Go-Round!"

We would like to know from Helen Gustas why her friends were frightened when she took them out for a boat ride.

Bucky Bakucionis and Fran Di Bart couldn't wait to don their bathing suits. They slipped off the rail, rolled down the slight embankment and hit the clear, cool water! Did Bootsie Jakaitis have a hand in this?

Mike Kerbelis had to depart early as he had to announce the Lithuanian Hour at our local station WCSS. He missed hearing his son, Val, play the accordion. Not bad for an amateur!

Also taking a very active part in the activities were Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas, Tony Kutchis, Marj Bablinskas, Theresa Kerbelis, Ernest Di Bart, Ed and Eleanore Baranauskas, and Louise Kerbelis.

We expected to see the newlyweds Sadie and Charles Karbocius at the affair. Somehow they got lost and were unable to locate the camp. We hear they did find Ma Slegas' Rose Garden!

We missed Ann Kabasin who could not attend, due to unexpected guests.

News Bits

Through the grapevine we hear Sophie Olbie has now begun taking driving lessons. When you see Sophie coming, clear the road! (Just joking, Sophie.)

Relatives from Racine, Wisconsin visited Gene Gobis' family in July. She and Bootsie Jakaitis are spending their vacation at Lake George. Have fun girls!

Edna Gustas, Sophie Olbie and Sophie Gavry head the committee list for the Annual Women's Auxiliary picnic this year.

Helen Druziak is spending her time off at home this year. Leo was unable to get the same time for his vacation as she did. Next year may be different, Helen.

Smile and Sparkle

ANSONIA, CONN.

COUNCIL 135

Here and There

Floyd Trapkauskas was seen sitting at the television set and getting a bird's eye view of the Democratic Convention and was getting some pointers on what to talk about at the forthcoming local Republican nominations.

Millie Driznus and Lil Chaplick have reached the point where they have really rested up and expect to remain that way for quite a long time to come. The expedition to Eastover was a great strain and from the pictures we saw we know why. Any news from the fellows yet girls?

Ruth and Olga aren't saying much about their recent trip up to Canada but they say the fellows they met reminded them of the fellows here at home and were glad to return. Some fellows were glad to see you people, too.

Lots of luck to Ann Barry in recovering from her recent illness. She was greatly missed at our recent meetings. We're all looking forward to seeing you soon.

Violet Brazitis has been very quiet these past days. Perhaps the nuns who lived near her had some effect.

Joe "Law" been heard singing "Lucky in cards, lucky in love." Is that true, Joe?

Congratulations to John Chernauskas who recently passed his bar exam and is now employed as a law man.

Donno and Kaysey really enjoyed themselves motoring up to Worcester

along with Helen Valentine and Mitchell.

The absence of our "Veep" Al Barry has had quite an effect upon the group. His "Comizero" speech is still revived and the gang is waiting for him to replace it with another one just as good.

Johnny Sabulis has been doing quite well at the Police Pistol Range since joining the force. The captain of the Police Pistol team is thinking of signing him up as a member along with a few others.

We'd like to say thanks to C-18 and C-26 for sending us a copy of their council news. We all enjoyed reading them and are always glad to keep up with the events of other older councils. Keep them coming.

Joe Draugelis and Vinnie Packer were seen running towards the hall with trays of ice cubes during the last meeting. No cold water boys?

Bigger and different outings are already being planned for next year and from the looks of things they're going to be good ones. Wait and see.

Johnny Stefon seen packing and getting ready for the National Convention in Dayton. Johnny says his luggage will be a little lighter this year than last. Must be new stuff.

Our Lithuanian Affairs Committee has started off the new term under the leadership of our President Johnny Sabulis who has taken over the duties as chairman. Helping him he will have a staff of previous members who were on the committee and realize the importance of it all.

Our council is planning to attend the New England District Convention at Brockton and from the looks of things a good showing will be made.

Now that cooler weather is here we would like to see many of our members who haven't been around to the meetings as our socials are getting better all the time. Ask any of the old gang and they will tell you.

"Nakties Peleda"

GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

Installation of officers took place on July 20th after Solemn High Mass, at which Fr. Vichuras officiated. Also delegates to the national convention were elected — Stella Kuizin, Mickey Shirvinski, Nike Valetski, Joe Kurpalis and

Lou Gudinas; alternates — Donna Kuckson, Joe Juris, Jr., Father Vichuras, Charles Daniels and Viola Geanchos. After the closing prayer was said by John Stoskus, national vice president of Chicago, Ill., we spent the rest of the day at Shirvinski's farm, La Cross, Indiana. There we enjoyed boating, sun bathing, etc. in the Kankakee River.

While strolling around, we noticed Mrs. Lou Gudenas in a boat with Madam Bladek at the helm, when alas, Lou decided she had enough of the boat ride and started to walk back to shore. "Splash" — what's a little water even if you haven't a bathing suit, eh, Lou?

In war or peace, the Navy and Army have proven their strength-sea sickness! Jimmie Atkosh and Stanley Vlarie were bosom pals through that ordeal!... And say, the envy of some proved too great for they provided the sun bathers with a shower deluxe! If ever you find our men have disappeared, low and behold you will see them shortly with fresh clean faces. The water was certainly super, eh boys?

So with the vivid memory of days gone by, we await for more surprises.

Viola Geanchos

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

COUNCIL 43

Council 43 was honored and pleased that one of its members, Albina Kamsickas was elected "Girl of the Year."

We all agree that the nominating committee made a wise choice. Another honor bestowed on the "baby council" was that one of its founding members, Josie Cizauskas, was elected a district officer. We know our new secretary will be most efficient.

A good way to begin the summer's schedule was the holding of the Ohio-Michigan district convention. Not only was the business meeting well organized, but the making of new buddies. It was due to all our guests that the dance was a success. Members attended from different surrounding cities, also states of Pennsylvania and Illinois. The Dayton, Ohio members well contributed to our decorations with their straw hats. We hear tell that Frank Gudelis was among the first to start the fad going. We also express our thanks to Steve from Cleveland for helping to sweep up the floor before the other members

arrived, and once more, hats off to Don Warner, who did his usual fine job as head of the clean-up committee after the ball was over.

The main topic of conversation now centers around vacations. Julie Prince and Arlene Lackus spent 17 well filled days on a motor trip to California. The girls are well supplied with souvenirs and anecdotes from the "Golden State". A taste for a little night life lead Pat, Joan, Phyl and Fran off to Chicago, where they were royally entertained by Zupe, Harry, Don, Joe and Andy.

Congratulations, (We've really got a lot to crow about in this issue) are in order also for the various graduates who finally made it. They are: Bill Renis, who graduated from Aquinas College; Albina Kamsickas, from West Michigan Teachers College; Arlene Lackus and Ed Opo'ski from Catholic Central; and last but not least, Loraine Bendokaitis, who recently completed a stiff course in swimming.

Our deepest sympathies to Joan and Bill Renis and Bill Blaskis on the loss of their father.

At our last meeting, election of officers (1952-53 term) was held: Albina Kamsickas, president; Vic Dunaitis, vice president; Pat Norkus, secretary; and Julie Prince, treasurer. Shirley Sherwin was elected sergeant-at-arms. Plans were laid for an all-day outing beginning with Mass and Communion in a body, followed by a picnic and beach party. We only hope our fine weather holds out until then.

"Boidie"

GREAT NECK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 109

Our council has been quite active during the past summer; we haven't been able to keep abreast of the news. We've had quite a few beach parties where the gals have been soaking in the sunshine, and a few softball games that have been rained out. A few of our members have been indoctrinated in the art of toasting marshmallows at these affairs. Aren't you people a little late?

We had our one and only softball game of the season on August 19th, our guests being the Maspeth, N. Y. (110) and Newark, N. J. (29) councils. Our boys took over the laurels again this year with a score we won't mention. Everyone made merry until dargness,

when the enjoyment was resumed at Kosmocius' Hall. We were happy to see "sunbronzed" Gladys Banks and Amelia Chapin, who had just returned from their vacation... Peter Kurtin had a charming guest from Pennsylvania... We understand Jo Rusas was the recipient of an autographed photo from one of the guests. All we want to know is, — How come? We wonder how Rosemarie and Bill Bernatovich were seen at Manorhaven Beach in Port Washington, when the softball game was in Great Neck... Where was Mary Wesey? We haven't seen too much of her lately... What makes Johnnie Shields of Maspeth so friendly when it's time to go home?... Why does Lou Ann Sosaris have so much trouble keeping her many admirers at a distance?... What makes Lil Remenchus so vivacious even tho' it's the end of the day?... Who makes the most noise, — our own Tony Kober or Maspeth's Walt Wezwick?

Wedding Bells rang on August 19th for Dotty Hughes and Billy Truss. Congratulations! Incidentally, Mary Truss and Julius Picardi will be starting on their wedding plans in the not-too-far future. Heartiest congratulations to Bertha and Harry Rubenau on the birth of their new son. Anniversary greeting to Stacey and Al Wesey who celebrated on August 10th.

A very enjoyable time was had at the N. Y. - N. J. District Picnic in Jersey, for which our members hired a bus. Though we left Great Neck in pouring rain, by noon the weather cleared, and the picnic was in full swing. Even though we had to apply "mosquito-repellant", our crowd enjoyed the Lithuanian folk singing which was joined in by quite a chorus. Our new member, Ann Yozenas, made quite a hit by preparing delicious "kugele" which was endorsed by both Father Kasper (Elizabeth) and Father Karalevicius (Bayonne). The trip home was a very quiet one, regardless of how much noise Tony Kober made trying to keep us awake. Fire engines or earthquakes, — we all slept on, after a day that left nothing to be wanted.

Our Fall Dance Committee consisting of Ann Martens, Lou Ann Sosaris, Mary Truss, and Jo Rusas, extensively publicized our forthcoming Autumn Dance which was held Saturday, September 27th, at the Villa Nova Social Club. Our girls worked hard to make this dance a success. "Snooky"

HARTFORD, CONN.

COUNCIL 6

Let's see where some of the members vacationed this past summer: Father Paul has been vacationing, but it's a \$64 question. Hope you had a nice rest, Father. Stella, Reggie and Terry spent one week of their vacation at their cottage on Lake Congamond. The girls have had the cottage for six weeks and from all reports, it was a good investment. Vince spent his vacation with his brother John visiting relatives in New Jersey. They also spent some time at Asbury Park. Claire went to Dennisport, Cape Cod, for her vacation. Ella Staum spent a few days with her, and both returned with nice tans.

Mavis and Sue were delegates to the 39th K. of L. National Convention held in Dayton, Ohio. Expect good reports from them.

Several of the members enjoyed a hamburger roast at Lake Congamond, a few weeks ago. From all reports, the gang had a good time.

The parish picnic, held on July 20th, was a success. Via the grapevine, I heard there was a shortage on refreshments. Thanks to those who attended and helped make it a success — especially to Worcester and Norwood guests.

Our annual beach outing was held at Ocean Beach, New London, Conn., on July 27th. Not too many of the local members showed up. What happened, did the few clouds in the sky scare you away? Both councils from Worcester and Council 27, Norwood arrived in buses and spent the day with us. We all had a marvelous time.

Dottie will be strolling down the aisle at Holy Trinity on October 4th. Lot's of luck, Dottie and Joe.

Hope to see you all at the Formal, October 11th at the Stanley Golf Club, New Britain. See any member of the committee for bids. In case you've forgotten, the committee consists of Stella, Vince, Louise, Bea and Claire.

It was nice to have Monsignor Ambotas with us at our last monthly meeting. Hope we shall be honored by his presence more frequently.

M. E.

(Editor's Note — Everyone likes to see his or her name in print, please use the complete name—correspondent

may use pen name, but all correspondence must bear the signature and address of the writer.)

LAWRENCE, MASS.

COUNCIL 78

"Those weddin' bells are breaking up that old gang of mine", is a song that can be appropriately applied to our council. Frances Suslovich Barry was the first to take the big step in recent months. This was soon followed by the wedding of Agnes Vilkisius and Algis Vaitonis on June 15. Al is a K. of L'er from Lewiston, Me. The wedding was attended by almost all our members. The wonderful time had at the wedding was marred only by the regrets we had at losing our very capable treasurer.

Just a few weeks later, we were surprised to hear of the wedding of another K. of L'er, Cpl. Phillip Bingales (U. S. A. F.). Best of luck to all the newlyweds, and we hope that married life won't make them forget C-78.

Due to the fine work of our Ritual Committee, consisting of John Zemis and Peter Willan, the following members were awarded degrees: Anne Marcinkevich and George Unick, 1st degree; Helen Marcinkevich, Dot Gulezian and John Zemis, 2nd degree.

Following the presentation of degrees, all members enjoyed a cultural program of Lithuanian music.

The big social of the summer was our weenie roast at Forest Lake. The affair was well attended by members from out-of-town. The following councils were represented: Cambridge, Worcester, Southie, So. Worcester, Athol and Providence.

Maybe we should have sent out a St. Bernard dog to help the "lost souls" from Gardner to find their way to Palanga. We hear they had a good time at Hampton Beach though!

Eddie Grigas was full of complaints when the committee members arrived. Seems like he passed the road to the picnic grounds three times and ended up in N. H. each time! Fourth time never fails, Ed.

Sports Event of the Day:

Swimming exhibition performed by John Zemis and Grigas for the benefit of a certain "Miss" from Lawrence.

A get-together at Anne's house followed the weenie roast.

On June 29th, C-78 lived up to its nickname, "Globetrotters". Our original destination was Norwood's picnic, but it seems that the weatherman caused the postponement of the affair. We sympathized with Norwood and saw that at least some of the food didn't go to waste, before we took off for Brockton. There we decided to come to the aid of Taffy Cyronak, who seemed to be stranded, with no means of returning to Providence. We were joined in this "errand of mercy" by both Worcester councils. A party was held in honor of the rescuing heroes before they departed for their next adventure.

A weenie roast, sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Francis Parish, was wholeheartedly supported by the local K. of L. We were pleased to see members from other councils there also.

Fourth of July was here, and we were off again! This time for Thompson, Conn. to the picnic for the benefit of the Marian Fathers. The affair was a huge success. En route home, we stopped at the Bungalow in Worcester for more socializing and dancing.

We held a party at Crane's Beach in Ipswich on July 20th. The lunches prepared by the girls were well seasoned by sand and salt water, but the boys seemed to enjoy the SANDwiches and all.

Another trip was made to Crane's Beach to join Southie at their weenie roast. On this trip, we enjoyed the company of Barbara Jaskel, a potential member. While Southie boys displayed their manly strength, the sea claimed its share of unwilling victims.

On Aug. 9th, the Worcester K. of L. softball team, played a game in the State Tournament held in Lawrence. They made a valiant attempt to defend their title as State Champs, but lost the game by a couple of runs.

Bernie Zenevitch, (U. S. N.), enjoyed a few week-ends at home while stationed in Boston. He has since then left for Cuba.

John Zemis was elected delegate to the K. of L. National Convention in Dayton. He was accompanied by George Unick and John Balinas.

Attention All!

This is an announcement for our Annual Fall Dance to be held October 4th. The dance will be held at the Methuen Post, No. 122, located right on Route 28. Music for this gala affair will be furnished by Fred Zajac and his Orchestra. We hope to see all of you there!

Little Lulu

PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 19

Summer time is Carnival Time! The K. of L'ers have been busy helping out at the various parishes and C-19 members have been very busy helping out at the St. Casimir Street Fair the week of August 4. And even though the Membership Drive for the year is over officially we hope many prospective members were lined up in the milling crowds! For now that we have a head start let's get new members signed up, and old members interested again all year round, Membership Drive or no!

On July 27 Council 19 Bowling League members received a pleasant surprise — in the form of a bonus. Since the Banquet did not use up all the "kitty" money the committee (Marcella and Steve Onaitis, Jean Walkauskas, Ruth Greblunas, Nellie Kuntz and Margie Potts) planned a picnic. All but a few members were able to attend the South Park outing and had a wonderful time — swimming, bicycling, volley ball and all you could eat. In the evening Eddie Marculaitis roasted some of the "dogs" and marshmallows and the final dessert never tasted so good at home — drippy watermelon! Yes, Father Walter had some of everything, too, including the drippy dessert. From all indications so far the gang will be going back to bowl at the refinished alleys at St. Peter's Church on the South Side on Sunday evenings. Don't wait any longer to sign up if you have not already done so.

The July 31 get-together at the Country Club turned out to be a right lively one — Nellie and Marcie and a few others were seen collecting dues for those last minute signatures on the blue cards in between dances and refreshments!

When the morn of August 10 arrived it looked a little gloomy for the plans

of the Third Annual Lithuanian Day at West View Park with rain clouds ominously hanging overhead. But by the middle of the afternoon the sun was shining brightly and put new spirit into the festivities scheduled. The evening program included talks by Mayor David Lawrence and by Judge Boyle of Orphan's Court. The musical program included entertainment by our own Vyt Jucevicius and his accordion (and incidentally he also emceed the program), the Kazenas Octette, a DP. men's group from Cleveland, Julia Andrulonis, a member of the Pittsburgh Opera Company, and Joan Paremba, a newcomer on the Lithuanian scene. Some of Council 19's silent performers, those who worked diligently to help make the all-day outing a success, were Jean Walkauskas and Marcella Onaitis. Jeannie is going to be very busy the last two weeks in August in training at the Naval Base at Bainbridge, Maryland.

A few of our members are in the service and we know would love to hear from others than Council 19 members, too! Here are their addresses, and since they are all most eligible males, get busy, girls!

Frank J. Miskis, YNTSA 925-96-97, USS - LSSL 106, c-o Fleen Post Office, San Francisco, California.

Pvt. 1st Class Georgei Siksnis, OS 52068116, 445th Ord Amo Co. APO 973, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. 1st Class J. R. Girdis RA 13108182, Hq. Co. 20-53rd ASURC, Separation section, Fort Meade, Maryland.

A. Penkauskas SN 365-51-76, Division 7 USS Lake Champlain CV 39 Detail Unit A Prime Barracks 12, US Naval Recruiting Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

I guess that's all the news for now excuses for a celebration if we can't more of those awaited birthdays and anniversaries — they're always good excuses for a celebration if we can't think of a better one: August Birthdays — Eddie Braze, Joe Allen, Dolores Papeika, Lorraine Puzas, Algert Martinaikis; August Anniversaries — Marcella and Steve Onaitis; and September Birthdays — Ruth Greblunas, Tom Unites. **Mitzi**

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.**COUNCIL 17**

On the hottest summer's night in June, our council held its first weenie roast at Houghton's Pond, Blue Hills, Mass. After half of those attending had eaten, the rains came. What a downpour! Somehow or other we ended up at the Cambridge council's clubroom and continued as if nothing had happened. The weenies tasted just as good, even if we could only cook six at a time in the coffee pot. Thank you, Council 18.

On August 3rd we held our beach party at Crane's Beach, Ipswich. It turned out to be a real K. of L. Day. We met K. of L'ers from Norwood, Lawrence, Worcester and Cambridge, there. The first event on the program was a football game. A brilliant bit of broken-field running was displayed by Johnny Olevitz (president) behind superb blocking by "Renaldo" Martinus and John "Slug" Yarus. This run ended in a touchdown. It also ended the game as "Renaldo" became an invalid. No substitutes were available and the girls were afraid to play. After more quiet games, we lunched and enjoyed swimming.

Our man of all trades, Joe "Balsas" Lola, has added two new activities to his long list of accomplishments. He is now the announcer on the LITHUANIAN MELODY HOUR and political writer for the Lithuanian newspaper RYTAS.

We extend our most humble apologies to the Knights of Worcester for mentioning them in our last column. It was expected that they would accept it in the same spirit in which it was written.

Jo Jo

WESTFIELD, MASS.**COUNCIL 30**

Plans for our fall activities have already begun. A card party will be held with Mrs. Dolores Lingaitis as general chairman.

A farewell party was recently given in honor of James Rogers who has entered the armed services. Many of his friends, including all the K. of L'ers were on hand to wish him luck and to present him with a purse of money. Refreshments were served with Nelly

Lingaitis, Dolores Lingaitis and Flo Zala in charge.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Benny Coach on presenting their two daughters with a baby brother whom they have named Daniel.

Latest reports are that Sgt. Frank and Mrs. Gladys Jonaitis will be home for a visit sometime this month. They are presently living in Oklahoma where Frank is attending school.

The best of luck to Barbara Navickas and Emil Tessier (Easthampton) who married on Saturday July 26. Barbara has served as president of our council.

Vacation spots visited by some of our members:

Nelly Lingaitis and Anne Jutt at Virginia Beach, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alexis at Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

De-dor

WORCESTER, MASS.**COUNCIL 116****Seashore**

On July 27th, forty-one members together with our neighboring Council 26 with a bus load of 35 members, journeyed to Ocean Park Beach, New London, Conn. The entire day was enjoyed by us all in spite of cloudy weather.

Another successful outing took place on August 17th, at Crane's Beach, Ipswich, Mass. Both trips to the seashore were planned by our Social Committee consisting of Aldona Pauliukaitis, Rita Sinkavich and Mary Klimkaitis.

Lil Katktuskas enjoyed her vacation at York Beach, Maine, this past summer. She returned home with a poodle haircut (very becoming, Lil).

Wedding Bells

Vittie Chunis was wed on August 23rd. Charlotte Mitchell, past president of our council, and Joe Dirsa will become Mr. and Mrs. on October 4th. Their wedding party will include four other K. of L'ers: Shirley Miller, Dot Sinkavitch, Julia and Al Krasinskas. Most of our members will be on hand to witness the ceremony. We wish happiness to both couples.

Business

At the August meeting, serious thought was given as to ways and means we might be able to increase our treasury. The sale of Christmas cards is already under way under the capable direction of Aldona Pauliukaitis and Bernice Burdulis. A beautiful assortment of cards is available and may be had at the pre-inflationary price of ninety cents per box of 21 cards.

Softball

To quote the press: "Knights of Lithuania will tangle with their arch rivals, Tilo Roofing, for the Mac-Ben softball league playoff championship Tuesday (August 19). Knights of Lithuania will use their ace pitcher, Bob Zinkus (home on furlough from the Navy)."

The above mentioned excerpt from the Worcester Evening Gazette shows that our softball team is still fighting hard.

In Service

Donadl Mikal (Air Force) is now stationed in Korea. We wish him God-speed.

Jack Kasper of the Air Force and stationed in Alaska, may be home on furlough sometime this fall. We will all be happy to see him and especially Aldona Pauliukaitis.

Iki pasimatymo!

"Taradaika"

WORCESTER, MASS.**COUNCIL 26**

On July 27, 1952, Ocean Beach Park prepared itself for the annual invasion by Councils 26 and 116 of Worcester, and Council 6 of Hartford, and even a member of Council 27, Norwood, with a few guests.

The weather was slightly overcast during a part of the day, but with all the K. of L. spirit collected together that day, no one seemed to notice it. Decks of cards proved to be the most popular source of consolation from icy waters of Long Island Sound and the comfortable 72 degree temperature of the fresh water pool. Franny Nockunas, Louise Noretto, Ella Staum and Danny Madeska (the latter three of C-6) left their bridge game only for a bite to eat and to take cover from a brief shower, while Anne and Vinnie Grazulis and

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Ellie and Joe Chestna got double their money's worth from a cribbage board. Joe Adakonis (C-6) proved to be a very capable "encourager" to those who hesitated after wading ankle deep into the ocean. It was Pat Chaplick's first trip with us, and we're glad to hear it won't be her last. Stan Volent, the movie man, brought along a special guest, Joan Jackowitz, his niece from New Jersey. Bill Grigas, home on furlough from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, joined us with his buddy, Bob Mingaudis. Bring him down and sign him up, Bill. Emily Gudzevich, Helen Liubauskas and Rita Karrytais did a little of everything — hiked, climbed rocks, did lot of swimming and sunning.

The end of a perfect day came, when "Butch" Kandrote, "Kivver" Stepanauskas and Leo Missunas circulated around with everyone, and with their cheerful personalities livened up the party, when everyone was pretty well worn after a very full day.

Among our Travelers

Dan Shimkus "vacationed" at Camp Drum, New York for 2 weeks... Johnnie Liubauskas camped and fished with friends from Rochester, New York in Ottwa, Canada; Rita and Jennie Kondrotas reported their usual wonderful time at Hampden Beach, New Hampshire; Adele Ivaska and Pranny Nockunas took in Maine's beautiful sights in the vicinity of Rockland. Bill Bengtson chose Maine, too, and visited relatives in Ogunquit. Father Michael Tamulevicius is still sporting his beautiful Florida and Cuba suntan. Tony Morkunas, Joe Sakaitis and Eddie Daniels swam, fished, and just relaxed at good old Maironis Park.

New Members Galore

Our members anxiously await the final results of the National Membership Drive. All of them really pitched in and did their utmost, and came up with a grand total of 39 new and reinstated members. A hearty handshake for a job well done to the membership committee of Louise Grazulis, chairman, Tillie Gerulis, Kathie Yakutis, Emily Gudzevich, Helen Liubauskas, Angie Sarapas, Bill Bengtson, and especially to Eddie Daniels, who signed up more than half of our newcomers. Our latest: Leo Missunas, George Bakanas and Jim Shilinsky. Welcome, boys, we know you'll enjoy being members of our council.

Congratulations to

Kathie Yakutis and Danny Perednia, Norwood, Mass. (27) on their recent engagement, and to our Clubroom Committee on its choice of a beautiful new 21" TV set.

Our council was well represented at the K. of L. National Convention held in Dayton, Ohio. Delegates included Tillie Gerulis, Joe Sakaitis, Angie Sarapas, Louise Grazulis, Emily and Adele Ceraska. Kathie Yakutis was one of the New England District delegates. Emily and Adele detoured on their way to Ohio, and visited upper New York state, Niagara Falls and Canada.

Mary Doginikas and Adele will represent us at the district convention in Brockton.

Summer vacations are over and it's time to grease our elbows once again and settle down to planning a fall Fall season for the K. of L.

Military whists will be sponsored to raise funds for a Christmas Party for the children of St. Casimir's School, and a Lithuanian play will be presented this Fall for the benefit of the parish. Kathie Yakutis and Frannie Nockunas, very capable Lithuanianism co-chairmen, are looking into the production of a comedy. They will also direct the play. At our last monthly meeting, they asked for volunteer actors and stage hands, and the response was overwhelming. Keep up the good spirit, gang. With that attitude, this will be the best play we've ever presented. Our directors will keep after you as soon as the ball gets rolling.

Besides our regular Friday night council bowling league, Council 26 will enter men's and women's team in the New England District league to defend our titles as New England Champs. We expect some mighty stiff competition from our opponents, and we'll need plenty of practice.

Two dances are on the agenda during the months of October and November. First is our annual Harvest Dance, which will be held at Maironis Park on October 18th. These dances have been very well attended by all our district friends in the past, and we extend a cordial invitation to all to come and join us in dancing and folk dancing once again. Louise Grazulis, Olga Kersis, Angie Sarapas, Kathie Yakutis, Bill

Bengtson and Eddie Daniels form the committee.

The second dance is our annual Semi-formal dinner dance, at a place and date to be announced. Watch for it. Rita Pinkus, Jennie Kondrotas and Joe Sakaitis are planning the details for this affair.

We'll see you all at the Harvest Dance! "Super Snooper"

K. OF L. CALENDAR

- October 4 — Lawrence, Mass. (78) Annual Fall Dance, Methuen Post No. 122, Route 28.
- October 11 — Hartford, Conn. (6) Annual Formal.
- October 11 — Bayonne, N. J. (67) Fall Dance.
- October 18 — Worcester, Mass. (26) Annual Harvest Dance, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. (Note Correction of date.)
- October 25 — Providence, R. I. (103) Annual Dance, Roger Williams Park Casino.
- November 1 — Chicago, Ill. (5) Annual Fall Dance, Lions Bldg.
- November 15 — Norwood, Mass. (27) Annual Dance, Runeberg Hall.
- November 29 — South Boston, Mass. (17) Annual Dance, Hotel Vendome, Boston.
- December 25 — Brooklyn, N. Y. (41) Christmas Dance.
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- January 18 — Brooklyn Academy of Music, Norkunas Memorial Fund Concert.

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