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THE NEW YORK CONCERT

Interest in the January 18th concert at the Brooklyn Academy of Music is wider than anticipated. What was intended as a music treat to New York Lithuanians is promising to be a K of L gathering of almost convention proportions. At the time this is written, a most two months before the affair, carloads of our members in Amsterdam, Providence and Philadelphia are already organized for the trek to the grand concert. Great Neck and Elizabeth are organizing busloads of members and non-members for a similar journey.

Needless to say, the day's program offers a strong argument for any Lithuanian within flying distance of the Big City to be at the Academy that Sunday afternoon. Having two such top ranking artists as ANNA KASKAS and ALGIRDAS BRAZIS on one program is an artistic combination that seldom can be duplicated. That the conce.t is planned as a memorial exercise for the late Mykolas Norkunas, founder of our organization, gives the event historical significance. Mr. A. Aleksis of Waterbury, composer of Vyciu Himnas and honorary member of the K. of L., will be on hand to offer a salute to the memory of our Fnunder by playing the Hymn on the grand organ. Then too, by design or coincidence, the concert ushers in the Knights' 40th annyversary year. Many are the reasons why K of L. members are planning a mass turn-out on that memorable day. But even without these reasons, which are so dear to the heart of every true Knight, the program itself is irresistible.

ANNA KASKAS is a Hartford girl, who has sung with great distinction not only at the Metropolitan Opera, but also in Kaunas, Italy, Chicago and other operas. She has been guest soloist with New York Philha mcnic-Symphony, Boston and Philadelphia orchestras and others. She is being booked for more concert and festival engagements than any other American Contralto. Her audiences love her for her golden voice, golden hair and go'den personality.

ALGIRDAS BRAZIS, a new rising star in the music world, a Chicago boy, who has battled his way for-years through various music organizations until he got a toe-hold in the Chicago Opera. Three years later he was touring the country with the San Carlo Opera Company. Later he landed at the New York City Center Opera. But only last year did his dreams come true, when he signed a contract with the Metropolitan Opera. In his second season there he is now singing in dozens of operas, besides finding time for considerable Lithuanian activity. Those who heard him at the Dayton convention could hardly believe their own ears.

Thus, it is understandable why enthusiasm for this huge artistic venture of Jan. 18th on the part of the Knights of Lithuania in their 40th anniversary year is mounting

everywhere. There is even a well substantiated feeling that the 1200 seats available for this concert is not such a large number after all

CONCERT NOTES

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Tickets are \$3.60, \$2.40 and \$1.80;

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One Knight's Thoughts About Christmas

It may sound strange, it may seem like treason to say that Christmas is one of the days of the year when we can forget that we are Knights of Lithuania. The great task of all Catholics, the wide world over, is to remember that we are part of the Church of Christ: one stone in the edifice, one branch of the grape-vine, one cell in the Mystical Body of Christ which is His Church.

There is no sense "dreaming of a white Christmas", or prefending that there is a ruddy-faced, white whiskered, jovial Santa Claus or worrying too much about Christmas presents and Christmas cards. These things have nothing to do with the Christ Child. After all, the truly great attraction of Christmas, the central figure, is the New Born Babe of Bethlehem.

It is not the temporal event, but the eternal consequences of that Birth in time that should hold our attention. It is not so much the human personassumed a human body for the atonement of man's alities that make Christmas so important a date in the history of the world, as the **Divine Person**. Who sins. It is not the accidental things, the Star, the Angels, the stable and shepherds, that should capture our imaginations; rather, it is the essential fact that God became man born of a Virgin Mother which should occupy our minds on this feast-day. Finally, it is not the mere fact of a Birth of a Boy in Bethlehem that causes joy in Catholic hearts today; it is the meaning of that fact to each person that gives rise to sentiments of rejoicing and hope and gratitude.

In other things it would be a sign of selfishness to ask: "What is there in this for me?" On Christmas day, however, we MUST ask that question in just that way and seek out the answer. And no one will accuse and the seeker of selfishness, provided he seeks with his mind. It is God's will, as well as the mind of the Church, that we "get something" out of Christmas. And that "something" must be supernatural. Our friends may take care of a few natural, material gifts. Only God can give us supernatural, spiritual blessings. So, we come face to face with the problem of obtaining something spiritual from this Holy Day.

When we speak of supernatural, spiritual things, we immediately think of grace. Another word grace is "divine life shared by man". On Christmas, unless our souls participate to a greater degree in that divine life, our holiday will be very poor, indeed. What a lamentable situation you would be in, if you had a roomful of earthly presents, and not one additional grace in your soul!

Grace comes into our souls through the Sacraments, through prayer, through merit, that is, as a reward for our supernaturally good actions. Grace adapts itself to our minds and hearts through Faith and Hope and Charity. The more grace a soul has, the stronger will be its Faith and Hope and the more intense will be its Love. It is easy to see, then, that on Christmas Day, the more grace we obtain from God, the stronger those three virtues will be. On the other hand, if we exercise ourselves in the virtues, we can be sure that as a reward, God will see to our increase in grace.

Thus, if at Christmas we make a more determined effort to deepen our Faith, by reading and thinking about the Gospels of the day, we will gain a clearer understanding of the Mystery of the Incarnation. If we stop and think of the Babe in Mary's arms as Savior of the world, as Redeemer, as the Judge Who rewards, or Who will reward our least good action, as the Exemplar Whom we must follow Heavenward from Bethlehem through Calvary, we will not despair when the practise of virtue becomes difficuit, nor will we become presumptuous and think that we can find our way to Paradise all by ourselves. If on Christmas morning we thing of giving love for His LOVE, we will be overwhelmed by God's rewards of a greater charity in our souls.

But let us not make the mistake of thinking that Christmas is the only time to practice these virtues, so as to obtain God's promised rewards. No, these three virtues must be with us all our lives,

even when Christmas is passed and when we recall once more that we are Knights of Lithuania.

Ours is a Catholic organization, a unit within the Church of God. It must have a Catholic life, a Catholic spirit, a Catholic outlook. To be sure, the organization will not grow in grace, but we, its members, have a serious obligation of increasing in through the practice of those three Divine virtues.

To increase his FAITH, the Knight of Lithuania will follow the life of Christ Sunday after Sunday as it is unfolded in the Gospels of the Mass. He may even take it upon himself to read a full and complete "Life" of Christ. To increase his HOPE, the ideal Knight of Lithuania will place more trust in God — than in his own efforts — for the salvation of his own soul, the souls of those around him (this means, the souls of his fellow-knights) and the souls of those one with him by blood: all who have descended from Lithuania. This does not mean that he will forget about the needs of others, but that in accordance with the rules of charity, he will concern himself first with the needs of those nearest to him. To increase his CHARITY - love for God and neighbor for the sake of God - the Knight of Lithuania will consider every meeting, every organizational activity, as an opportunity of practising that virtue, He will avoid selfish cliques; he will never indulge in personalities when discussing issues and plans; he will learn to be big-hearted and forgive injuries; he will overlook the mistakes of others, help to correct them; he will actually and actively look for ways and means to do good, to love his brother and sister Knights of Lithuania.

These are one Knight's thoughts about Christmas. What an immense power for good those thoughts would be, if they formed part of the attitude of all Knights of Lithuania!

These thoughts are like Christmas packages from Our Father in Heaven. In order to benefit from and enjoy a Christmas gift, you have to take it out of the package. In order to be stimulated by thoughts such as these, you have to put your mind to them, tear away the outer wrappings and think, meditate upon the eternal truths proposed to us by the Wisdom of God on the Nativity of His Son.

There is "something" in Christmas for all of us! THINK!

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KALĒDU LEGENDA

B. Mikalauskas

Tik vieną kartą gyvenime kiekvienas žmogus, Kalėdų naktį, gali prašyti Jėzų Kūdikėlį trijų malonių.

Marytė, valydama virtuvę, girdi tėvelio balsą, į kurį niekas neatsako. Mamytės krūtinę drasko žiaurus kosulys. Tėvas sau vienas po nosimi piktai ką tai pasakė ir išėjo. Tada ji pradėjo galvoti apie dingusį be žinios savo brolį Jonuką.

—Trys malonės — svarsto Marytė: kad mamytė pasveiktų, Jonukas sugrįžtų ir tėvelis jaustųsi laimingas.

Marytė nuolatos girdėjo tėvelio nusiskundimą, jog dalykai eina blogai. Skoloms išmokėti reikėjo parduoti geriausią ūkio dalį. Tarnaitė atleista, nes nėra pinigų algai užmokėti. Viską suėda vaistai. Jau galvojama ir namus parduoti. Užtat ir Jonukas pabėgo, matydamas liūdną ateitį.

—Netekome vienintelio sūnaus — verkdama kalbėjo motina.

Štai ir Kūčios! Marytė atveria duris ir tyliai išeina. Nors visą tą dieną snigo, bet vakarop dangus nusiblaivė, žvaigždės sumirgėjo. Marytė tekina skuba į pušimis apaugusį kelią, nes ten turi praeiti Jėzus, vykdamas į Betliejų. Vakaro prieblandoje vos buvo bematyti jos šešėlis.

—Kaip liūdna mano jaunystė! — skundėsi Marytė pušų prieglobstyje — juk ir aš mergaitė, kaip ir visos kitos.

Trys dalykai: mamytės sveikata, brolio sugrįžimas ir mano laimė.

Marytė susimąsto. — O ką tėveliui, kuris taip susirūpinęs mūsų, visų gyvenimu? Prašysiu, kad ūkio reikalai eitų gerai. Bet tada jau būtų keturios malonės.

Štai... galiu padaryti taip: kad tėveliui sektųsi darbas, mamytei grįžtų sveikata ir kad aš būčiau laiminga. Ne, jei brolis negrįžta, viskas sugriūva... Tai kas tada daryti?

Pušų alėja staiga nušvinta. Kelio užsisukime pasirodo žvaigždė ir baltu, kaip sniegas, rūbeliu Kūdikis, beeinąs link jos.

Marytė atsiklaupia ir meldžiasi: — Jėzau Kūdikėli, trijų malonių prašau, trijų malonių! Kad mano mamytė pasveiktų, kad brolis Jonukas sugrįžtų ir kad... tėvelis būtų laimingas... ir kad...

Tik tris malones galima prašyti. Dieviškasis Kūdikis, nesulaukdamas jos apsisprendimo, nukeliavo pušynu. Marytė atsistoja ir grįžta į namus, vos pavilkdama nušalusias kojas.

Visi kambariai apšviesti Šv. Kalėdų nuotaikoje. Marytė, pravėrusi duris, pamato: mamytė linksma, jos veiduose sveikatos ženklai. Mato tėvelį besijuokiantį ir girdi jo kalbą apie prarasto ūkio atpirkimą. Jų tarpe ir Jonukas skaniai valgo pyragą.

Durims sugirgždėjus, motina pasisuka ir pamato savo dukrelę. Jaudinančiu balsu sušunka: štai mūsų brangioji dukrelė!

Marytė įbėga virtuvėn, ten slaptoje norėtų verkti, bet kaip čia liesi ašaras, kada kiti pergyvena džiaugsma!

Pravėrusi langą, pasiremia ir mąsto. Tyloje nurieda jos skruostais džiaugsmo ašaros, nukrisdamos ant šaltos žemės. Sniegas, karštų ašarų paliestas, tirpsta, ir čia pat po jos akimis išauga raudona kvepianti gėlė, sužadindama jos širdyje gražiausias jaunystės svajones.

Ir ji pajuto nežemišką laimę.

1953 METU VARPAMS SKAMBANT

Alfa Sušinskas

1. širdis trokšta laimės

Kiekvienų Naujųjų Metų proga žmonės mėgsta sveikindamiesi vienas kitam linkėti laimės. Kodėl? Todėl, kad žmogaus širdis daugiausia laimės trokšta. Juk žmogus viską daro, kad būtų laimingas. Nuo mažyčio vaikučio pradėdami ir baigdami žilagalviu seneliu mes girdime kiekviename jų žodyje ir matome kiekviename jų darbe ne ką kitą, kaip tik siekimą, kad būtų laimingi...

Neturtingas vargšas dejuoja: "Duokite pinigų! Tada aš būsiu laimingas!"

Turtuolis šaukia' ''Dar per maža turiu! Jei daugiau turėčiau, tada ir laimingas būčiau!'' Mat, jam vis negana.

Sergas ligonis aimanuoja: "O kad sveikas būčiau, tai ir laimę turėčiau."

O sveikasis žmogus nesijaučia laimingas savąja sveikata: jis trokšta garbės, turtų, to, ko dar neturi, — tada, esą, jis jau būtų laimingas.

Meilės neturįs trokšta meilės; meilę turįs trokšta jos dar daugiau.

Šios žemės paviršiuje visi siekia laimės: ir nelaimingieji ir jau laimingieji... Laimės!...

Bet kas yra laimė ir kame ji glūdi?

2. Čia nėra laimės...

Laimės besiekdamas, žmogus dažnai ima jos ieškoti ten, kame jos nėra ir niekuomet negali būti. Žmogus neretai pasiima netikrą laimę, kuri, užuot laimingą jį padariusi, įstumia jį į dar didesnę nelaimę.

Gyvenimo prislėgtas, nusivylęs, patekęs į sąlygas be vilties, tikros laimės betrokšdamas, žmogus panori užsimiršti, savo vargą paskandinti ir nebematyti to, kas yra aplink jį, — ir jis stveriasi bonkos su skystimėliu, žmogui protą atimančiu ir nužudančiu net paskutinį laimės spindulėlį, jei toks pas jį dar buvo. Alkoholio bonkoje nėra žmogaus laimės, ir kas jos ten jieško, išsiblaivęs pasijus dar nelaimingesnis.

Arba va vėl kitas, noro praturtėti apsėstas, pradeda vienaip ar kitaip net vogti, sukti, apgaudinėti. Jei tuo keliu jis ir praturtėja, tai šitaip pasiektasis turtas jam laimės neatneša, priešingai: toks turtas yra vidinės nelaimės šaltinis, nes jis nebetenka ramybės ir švento vidinio džiaugsmo.

O kaip dažnai žmogus jieško laimės ten, kame jos nėra...

3. Kame laimė?

Kas yra laimė ir kame ji glūdi? Šis klausimas yra labai sunkus atsakyti, nes žmonės laimę labai įvairiai supranta. Mūsų manymu, laimė yra žmogaus mokėjimas džiaugtis tuo, ką jis turi, laimė yra tauriai mylėti ir būti tauriai, tikrai mylimam; laimė yra kitam ką gera padaryti; laimė yra sąžiningai savo pareigas atlikti ir garbingai eiti gyvenimo keliu; pagaliau laimė, didelė laimė, kai žmogus gyvena tikru žmogumi, tikru krikščionimi ir gyvena taip, jog ir po šios žemės kelionės jis galės džiaugtis amžinąja laime Viešpatyje.

4. Sąžinės apyskaita

Išmintingas žmogus Naujųjų Metų nesutinka triukšme ar apsvaigęs nuo cigarečių dūmų bei viskio.

Kiekvieni nauji metai žmogaus gyvenime yra rimtas, naujas gyvenimo knygos lapas. O tų žmogaus gyvenimo knygos lapų yra juk neperdaugiausia...

Taip pat išmintingas ir rimtas žmogus Naujųjų Metų pradžioj daro savo gyvenimo apyskaitą: jis apžvelgia savo gyvenimą tokį, koks jis kad yra— jis peržiūri praeitą gyvenimo kelią su visais savo laimėjimais ir pralaimėjimais, neslėpdamas nuo savęs nė tamsiųjų gyvenimo dėmių.

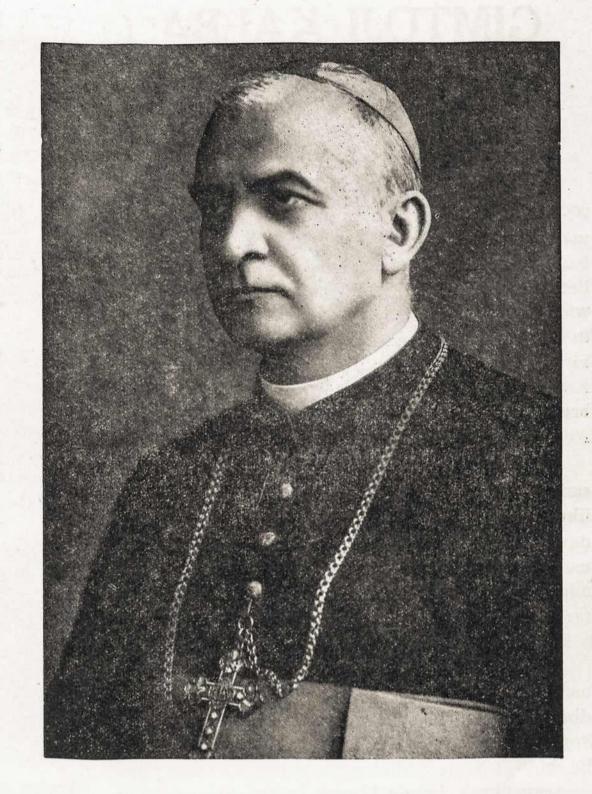
Jei žmogus nesusimąsto ties gyvenimu Naujųjų Metų proga, jis yra nerimtas ir vėjavaikiškas.

Naujieji Metai yra naujų planų ir naujų pasiryžimų pradžia. Šia proga tikrai tinka Šv. Rašto Naujojo Įstatymo žodžiai, kurie liepia nusivilkti senąjį drabužį ir apsivilkti nauju! Kitais žodžiais tariant, reikia palikti visa, kas buvo negera, žema, kas trukdė būti laimingu; žmogus turi atsisakyti nuo viso to, kuo jis pats sau griovė savo laimę.

Garbingas ir rimtas Vyčių organizacijos narys čia dar pridės ir savo organizacinės sąžinės apyskaitą: ar jis padėjo savo organizacijai tiek, kiek galėjo ir kiek turėjo padėti, ar jai net kenkė...

Suskambėjus 1953 metų varpams, teatsimena žmogus, jog pirmiausia jis pats yra savo laimės kalvis.

VISKA TAU PAAUKOJU!



Arkivyskupas Jurgis Matulevičius, Tėvų Marijonų atgaivintojas ir Nekalto Prasidėjimo Seselių, dabar įsikūrusių Putnam, Conn., vienuolyno steigėjas yra lietuvių tautos laikomas šventa asmenybe ir tikimasi, kad jis bus paskelbtas šventuoju. Čia duodame žiupsnelį jo paties raštų, minčių. — Redakcija.

Daug ko perleidau, pergyvenau. Viešpačiui Dievui teesie už viską garbė; teišsipildo Jo švenčiausia valia visame. Bučiuoju Tavo Apvaizdos ranką, pilnai ir visiškai atsiduodu Tau Viešpatie; vesk mane, Dangiškasis Tėve, daryk su manim, kaip tinkamas. Nuostabiu keliu patinka Tau, Viešpatie, mane vesti. Bet kas Tavo kelius ir sumanymus atspės? Štai aš Tavo tarnas: siusk mane kur nori. Kaip kūdikis puolu į Tavo glėbį, nešk mane! Keblumų, kančių ir sunkybių keliu patinka Tau mane vesti, dėkui Tau ir už tai, labai dėkui! Tikiuosi, kad tuo keliu beeidamas ne taip greit suklysiu, nes tai kelias, kuriuo ir mano mielasis Išganytojas Jėzus Kristus ėjo. Viešpatie, Tave myliu! Duok, kad ir mylėčiau ir mylėti nenustočiau niekados. Širdis mano dega. Norėčiau iki paskutinio savo kraujo lašelio pasiaukoti už Tave, viską atiduoti, visko išsižadėti — ir gyvenimo ir visko, kad tik Tavo garbė augtų ir Tavo Bažnyčia tarptų ir kiltų. Pats rodyk, kas man daryti. Tiek man malonių esi, Viešpatie, suteikęs, — ką aš Tau už tai atiduosiu, kaip atsilyginsiu? Ką turiu—viskas Tavo; taigi, ką aš Tau galiu duoti? — Viską, ką turiu.

Iš savęs nieko neturiu, bet iš Tavo malonės esu turtingas. Viską Tau paaukoju. Jei valia prašyti, tai duok, Viešpatie, kad aš būčiau Tavo Bažnyčioje nelyginant tas skuduras, kuriuo viską valo, o suvartojęs meta šalin kur į tamsiausią kampą, tegul ir aš taip būčiau suvartotas ir sunaudotas, kad tik Tavo Bažnyčioje būtų nors koks kampelis geriau išvalytas, kad tik Tavo name būtų šiek tiek švariau ir skaisčiau. Tegul paskui mane meta kur, kaip tą sunešiota skudura. Duok, Dieve, kad aš būčiau panaudotas Tavo vynyne, Tavo dirvoje kaip trąša, kad tik paskui piūtis būtų geresnė ir vaisius gausesnis. Duok, kad aš būčiau paniekintas, kad susinešiočiau, sudilčiau, kad tik Tavo garbė augtų, platintusi, kad tik tuo prisidėčiau prie Tavo Bažnyčios tarpimo. Kvailas esu: neišmanau ko prašyti. Duok, Dieve, kad visame kame Tavo valia išsipildytų.

GIMTOJI KALBA

KA VALGOME IR GERIAME?

L. Dambr-ūnas

Sakoma, kad Amerikos nacionalinis gėrimas yra coca-cola, o nacionalinis valgis sındwich. Taip sakoma matyt todėl, kad abu šie dalykai Amerikoj labai plačiai naudojami. Minėtą gėrimą be abejo ir lietuviškai vadinsime tuo pačiu vardu, bet sandwich reikia vadinti suvožtiniu. Mat čia paprastai dvi duonos riekės (slice) su sviestu, sūriu ar kuo kitu suvožiamos, t. y. uždedamos viena ant kitos. Kai kurie dipukai tam reikalui vartoja žodį buterbrodas, bet jis yra vokiškas žodis ir dėl to čia Amerikoje nereikalingas.

Be coca-cola, Amerikoj daug geriama vaisių sunkos (fruit juice), sodės, vyno, alaus, visokių likerių ir degtinės (whiskey, brandy). Lietuvoj būdavo populiari vaisių gira (cider), limonadas (lemonade), na, žinoma, alus, degtinė ir kiti svaiginamieji arba alkoholiniai gėrimai (liquors). Daktarai sako, kad sveikiausias gėrimas esąs vanduo, o liesiems žmonėms — pienas.

Lietuvišku nacionaliniu valgiu Amerikoj laikomas kugelis. Angliškai jį kai kas vadina potato pudding. Prie lietuviškų valgių galėtume dar priskirti kopustainius arba balandėlius (minced meat rolled in cabbage leaves), bulvių kukulius su mėsa vidury (cepelinus), bulvių blynus (potato pancakes) ir kt. Visi žino ir lietuviškus barščius (soup of beets) ar žalibarščius (cold soup of beets).

Maistui labai daug vartojama įvairių daržovių ir vaisių. Vieniems jų turime senus lietuviškus vardus, bet kitiems lietuviškų vardų neturime nes Lietuvoj jų seniau nebuvo, pavyzdžiui tomatai (arba pomidorai), .špinatai, salierai, šparagai, (asparagus), kalifiorai (couliflower); bananas, persikas (peach), abrikosas (apricot), ananasas (pineapple), citrina (lemon), apels nas (orange), melonas, figa ir kiti.

Maistui paskaninti vartojami prieskaniai (spice), pvz. pipirai (pepper), svogūnai (onion), česnakas (garlie), paprika, petruškos (parsley), krienai (horseradish), kmynai (caraway) ir kiti.

O dabar, mielas skaitytojau, surašyk pats, kaip vadinasi lietuviškai šios daržovės (vegetables): potato, carrot, beet, cabbage, radish, cucumber, pea, bean, pumpkin, poppy; vaisiai (fruit): apple, pear, plum; uogos (berries): cherry, currant, goosberry, raspberry, strawberry, blueberry, grape.

Atsakymas 22 puslapyje. (The answers are on 22 page).

PEACE

The potential worth of each little child Is something worth while to see, And the sin of ignorance in this respect Rest with you and me. Each child has a father — and all will agree; But "the iniquities of the fathers" would seem to point To many a home that is out of joint, Because of parental delinquincy. For God as the Father each child should know, And by precept and example learn "the way he should go". So now, with knowledge the treasure, and action its key: -Ah, look! see what I see? - individual yes and even world tranquility! "Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. 'Twas not given for thee alone Pass it on. Let it travel down the years Let it wipe another's tears

SONG OF TOIL—

Pass it on."

Work-work: then rest and pray
To rise to work another day.
With hope that products of our hands
Are serving God, Who understands,
And furnishes our soul it's food
For we are but His stumbling brood.

Till in Heaven the deed appears

We live to work, yet live to die, Never knowing when or why Misfortunes will call at our dccr; Or charities will ask for more.

And still, we'll give, just as before; Knowing not — what is in store For our lives by the 'morrow: What new work or what new sorrow. One fact, we all do understand; Men are but tools within God's Hand.

FRANK N. PENSIVE,





Partisans Behind the Iron Curtain

J. Daumantas

(We thought it proper, in keeping with the Christmas season, to give an account of two instances of Partisan activities which actually took place on Christmas, 1946.)

Blood... on Christmas Day.

In Lithuania under Communist domination, murders, executions and shootings were a daily occurrence. To the Russians, Christmas was the same as any other day. In fact, the holidays were times of renewed Communist activity. They knew that every Partisan would try to get home for a moment to be with his family, to take part in the Lithuanian customs, to feel the warmth of family ties again. So the Reds kept careful watch whereever they suspected a homecoming.

On the other hand, the Partisan High Command, realizing the great danger of these home-comings, had issued orders forbidding the visiting

of their families, especially on the greater holidays. But in spite of these orders, many Partisans slipped home for an hour or so, even on Christmas, thus exposing themselves to capture and death.

Viesulas and several of his Partisan companions decided to celebrate Christmas eve-Kūčios together. They proceeded to "confiscate" food from the Russians and beg what else was needed from kind-hearted farmers. They managed to have a very fine time. On Christmas Day, they decided to visit the Partisans at their headquarters in the neighboring region. Somehow, they lost their way, and had to stop at the home of farmer Z to ask directions. With typical Lithuanian hospitality the whole group was invited inside and given places at the table. As the Partisans were making their way to the house, by ones and twos, the Tiger - Tigras, seemed to notice that someone was peering through

the window of the farmhouse a short way up the road. He felt sure that it was someone in uniform. Viesulas — the Wind, and Gaidys — the Rooster saw the curtain raised slightly and then lowered again, but in the discussion their decision prevailed. They thought the Tiger was seeing things. This conclusion almost cost them their lives that night.

Fortunately, they did not stay too long at this farmer's house. In about twenty minutes they were ready to move on. Just as the Partisans were about to open the door leading into the yard, a noise was heard outside. The farmer asked, "Who's there?" There was no answer. Then came a knock on the door. Again, the farmer inquired who was there. A rough command to open the door was given in Lithuanian. No one recognized the voice.

While this was going on the Partisans had already taken out their revolvers. Tigras - the Tiger had whipped out his sub-machine gun. He motioned to the farmer to go into the next room, while he peeked out of a crack in the window. About ten or fifteen feet away from the door were several armed Communists. The Tiger waited no longer, but gave a burst of fire throught the door. The Russians outside returned the fire. Two or three bullets actually hit the Tiger, but luckily he was not hurt. His skin was too tough for the Red bullets. The bullets actually went through his leather jacket, but did not penetrate his flesh. Taking cover, Tiger again spurted forth hot lead. The bullets cut a neat round hole in the door, large enough for a dog to crawl through. Then the Russians stopped shooting. One of the Partisans carefully opened the door. All was quiet. On the ground in front of the door was sprawled a Russian captain, Kruglov Arkadij. Another wounded Russian soldier was cursing in pain. There was no more shooting from the Reds. Cautiously, the Partisans came outside and shouted for the others to surrender. There was no answer. That was strange, because the Tiger had noticed several Russians, and here were only two. Gaidys ran out to his sleigh and brought in some more ammunition, and as he passed by Kruglov, he snatched up the dead man's automatic rifle. As he did so, a volley rang out from behind the strawpile. This time a bullet grazed Tiger on the shins. Angered, Tiger aimed his machine-gun at the straw -pile and let go. The Russians did not reply.

Without going to their sleigh, the Partisans crept out the back way and went back into the forest.

Later, it was discovered that in the first machine-gun burst the Partisans had killed or wounded the three officers, Capt. Kruglov, Lieut. Marcinkevich and another lieutenant. The Russian enlisted men, left without officers, did not know what to do, so they remained silent behind the hay-stack. They did not bother to cut off the retreating Partisans.

In Defense of the Christmas Eve Supper Table

In another sector, under the command of Dešinys — Righty, it was decided to celebrate Christmas Eve of '46 in the Partisan forest hideaway. Dešinys was taknig no chances at losing any of his men. As a matter of fact, his group of Partisans were one big family. So they did not mind his strict orders not to go near their homes on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Patrols were set up a good distance from the Kūčių Table. And at about ten P. M. all the Partisans had gathered together. After a short prayer in common they sat down to wish each other Christmas Blessings as they broke the traditional "plotkeles" — wafers, and passed them around.

During the second watch **Dešinys** received word that about twenty armed Russians were seen heading for the forest where they were. Dešinys decided it would not be wise to retreat, because their footprints in the snow would lead the Russians to their hideout. He gave the order to prepare for the attack. Quickly, the Partisans broke up into two groups and took up positions to the West and East of the forest.

The Russians kept tramping closer and closer. As soon as they were within the ambush, the Lithuanians opened fire. The Bolsheviks retreated, some fell, killed or wounded. The Partisans then joined ranks and began chasing the Reds out of the forest. After chasing them about a mile, they rushed back to their Christmas - Eve Supper table, picked up the food in the table-cloths with which they had covered some rough log tables and retreated deeper into the forest.

They had their "Kūčios" at about midnight.

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SOCIALINIS KATALIKŲ BAŽNYČIOS MOKSLAS

J. L—kas

Praėjusių metų gegužės 15 d. suėjo 60 metų nuo Leono XIII Enciklikos Rerum Novarum išleidimo ir 20 metų nuo Pijaus XI enciklikos Quadragesimo Anno pasirodymo. Tai yra mūsų didžiųjų popiežių enciklikos, kuriose yra išdėstytos Katalikų Bažnyčios pažiūros socialiniais klausimais.

Kas yra enciklika?

Enciklika yra popiežiaus viešo pobūdžio raštas kuriuo nors svarbiu klausimu, liečiančiu tikėjimo ar dorovės sritį. Enciklikos paprastai pavadintos pirmaisiais žodžiais, kuriais jos prasideda. Popiežiai, stropiai saugodami Kristaus mokslą, daug yra išleidę enciklikų.

Yra pažymėtina Pijaus IX encikl. Quanta cura, išleista 1864 m. smerkianti klaidingus mokslus ir paduodanti klaidingų tvirtinimų sąrašą. Prieš Rerum novarum buvo išleistos labai svarbios Leono XIII enciklikos: Quod apostolici muneris apie socializmą, Diuturnum illud — apie politinę valdžią, Immortale Dei — apie krikščioniškają valstybės santvarką, .Libertas — apie žmogaus laisvę, Sapientiae christianae — apie pagrindines krikščionių piliečių pareigas ir jo išgarsėjusi enciklika Rerum novarum — darbininkų klausimu, išleista 1891 metų gegužės 15 d. Po šios enciklikos 1901 m. buvo išleista dar viena nemažiau išgarsėjusi visuomeniniais klausimais jo enciklika Graves de communi apie krikščioniškąją demokratiją. Tai yra labai svarbi enciklika, kuri nužymėjo krikščioniškosios demokratijos pagrindus.

Iš kitų Leono XIII papėdininkų yra pažymėtina kita labai svarbi Pijaus XI enciklika Quadragesimo anno — irgi darbininkų klausimais, išleista 1931 m. Buvo jo išleistos svarbios visuomeninio pobūdžio enciklikos: Divini illius magistri — apie jaunuomenės auklėjimą, Casti connubii — apie krikščioniškąją moterystę, Non abbiamo bisogno—apie katalikiškąją akciją, Divini Redemptoris — apie bedieviškąjį komunizmą ir kitos.

Reikia susipažinti su enciklikomis

Paminėtose enciklikose yra išdėstytos Katalikų Bažnyčios pažiūros į socializmą, krikščioniškas mokslas apie politinę valdžią, valstybę, žmogaus laisvę, krikščionių piliečių teises ir pareigas, valstybinę santvarką, katalikišką auklėjimą ir kitais. Todėl katalikams yra labai svarbu su jomis susipažinti. Visokie socialistai ir komunistai su savo ideologija daug geriau apsipažinę, negu mes, ir net nejučiomis mėgina mums savo klaidingas idėjas įskiepinti. Tad ir sąmoningas katalikas turi būti apsi-



pažinęs su Katalikų Bažnyčios pažiūromis visuomeniniais klausimais.

Socialinės enciklikos

Socialinėmis enciklokomis vadiname tas, kurios skirtos socialiniams, ypač darbininkų, klausimams. Iš jų pažymėtinos — Rerum novarum ir Quadragesimo anno.

Rerum novarum išleidimas yra didelis Katalikų Bažnyčios laimėjimas socialinių reikalų sprendime. Šia Enciklika Katalikų Bažnyčia išeina su visai nauju, savistoviu socialiniu mokslu, kuris priimtinas ne tik katalikams, bet ir visiems geros valios žmonėms. Pijus XI šios enciklikos 40-ties metų sukakties proga savo enciklikoje Quadragesimo anno sako, kad per ją gimė nauja teisė, kurios visiškai nepažino prieš jį (Leoną XIII) buvusi karta; ta teisė užtikrino darbininkams pagarbąšventų teisių, kylančių iš jų žmogaus vertingumo. Jis sako, kad Rerum novarum yra pasirodžiusi laiku kaip didžioji Charta, kuri turi būti pagrindas visos krikščioniškos visuomeninės veiklos.

Iš tikrųjų šis Bažnyčios mokslas, išdėstytas socialinėse enciklikose, yra vienintelis, pagristas blaiviu protu ir giliai žvelgiąs į socialinių reikalų esmę, savęs nesusiniekinimo, kaip tai įvyko su socialistų mokslu, iš kurio kilo baisiausia pasaulyje tiranija—komunizmas, baisiai apiplėšęs darbininką, suniekinęs jo laisvę ir gražinęs jį vergijos padėtin. Apie šiuos baisius komunizmo padarinius šiandien kalbama ne tik atskiruose kraštuose ar raštuose, bet, jau viešai keliamas balsas tarptautinėse institucijose vergijos padėčiai ištirti Sovietijoje.

Taigi socialinis Bažnyčios mokslas yra dabar likęs vienintelis, kuris rodo tikrą kelią žmonijai išeiti iš išnaudojimo ir neapykantos.



BOOK NOTES

Mildred Chinik

In our daily lives we cannot be serious all the time and many of us often turn to the cartoon books and the funny pages for our share of humor along with the youngsters but we seldom think of turning to poetry. On the whole we seldom think of turning to books of poetry and often miss a wealth of entertaining and good literature. To reaccustom ourselves to enjoyment of poetry we might easily begin with a collection of poems in lighter vein.

One such delightful collection is A short walk from the station by Phyllis McGinley (Viking Press, 1951, 2.75). Her introductory chapter. "Suburbia, of thee I sing!", in which she extolls the pleasures, and otherwise, of suburban living, is in itself delightful reading. A few of the poems might be especially apropos to our own mode of living amidst K. of L'ers. "Recipe for a Happy Marriage" is a simple one to follow and I thought the "Ballad of Blue-Plate Specials" might be just reminiscent enough of our past Dayton Convention. There are, of course, many others which I am sure you will enjoy.

Many of these poems by Miss McGinley first appeared in the New Yorker and in other magazines. She writes in praise of normal things in a witty style. This book is intended for young people and grown-ups but my first introduction to her was via books written for very young children, a few of which the K. of L. small fry may enjoy.

Blunderbus (Lippincott, 1951, 2.00) is a picture story book about the last of the old-time, open-top Fifth Avenue buses, for ages six to eight.

The horse who had his picture in the paper (Lippincott, 1951, 2.00) is a charming picture book with humorous drawings by Helen Stone for the pre-school child through second grade.

The most wonderful doll in the world with delicate drawings by Helen Stone is the story of an imaginative little girl and a doll she had lost. For all little girls who still enjoy the old-fashioned love of dolls. (Lippincott, 1950, 1.75)

BALLAD OF BLUE-PLATE SPECIALS

Gone are the days when myself was young and lissom, Gone like nickel candy bars and kings and 'possum coats.

The snows of yesteryear are gone and few there are that miss 'm.

But I lament the Dollar Table d'Hotes.

Do you mind the Dollar Dinner?

Do you recollect the fare

That was proferred saint or sinner

Once at tables everywhere?

Not a tea room in the city,

Scarce a tavern in the town

But would serve you something pretty

If you laid a dollar down.

I remember, I remember, how the candle used to gutter,
How the napkins made of paper from one's
lap were wont to slip.

Oh, the spoonbread with the chicken! Oh, the flower-printed butter!

Oh, the curtsy when you left a quarter tip!
On the daily Dollar Dinner,
There was choice of pot. or veg.,
There was soup as a beginner,
There was pie with fluted edge.
In its season corn was cob-ish,
And the relishes were tart.
Only captious folk or snobbish
Ever ordered a la carte.
You may seek the ancient restaurants but

little will it gain you,
Though Musak plays as sweetly and the
hostess smiles as pert.

For in lone, expensive glory stands the entree on the menu,
And tomato juice is extra dessert.

Though the bouillon's just as pallid,
And as dubious the glass,

Now it's extra for the salad.

Extra comes the demitasse.

And the cream it runneth thinner

Than it did in days of yore

Since the darling Dollar Dinner,

The delicious Do'lar Dinner,

The beparsleyed Dollar Dinner

Just ate a dollar dinner
But it cost me nearly four.)

Stars the bill of fare no more.

"SUFFERING LITHUANIA TALKS THROUGH OUR LIPS"

About a year ago three Lithuanian fishermen succeeded in escaping from communist - occupation Lithuania. They reached the United States the first of this year and have been visiting the centers of Lithuanian population to relate what is transpiring behind the Iron Curtain, Juozas Grismanauskas, one of these fishermen, has written a book "Tolimieji Kvadratai'' wherein he describes his experience under Communist slavery and the flight from the Communist terror. The book's publisher, Juozas Kapocius, has granted permission to translate some typical passages of this book into English and publish them in "Vytis". This book may be secured from Mr. J. Kapocius 680 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn 21, New York. Price \$2.00. It is recommended to all those who read Lithuanian, also as a gift for parents and friends. Below we present some passages from J. Grismanauskas' book "Tolimieji Kvadratai".

"I See the Greatness of my Homeland and Her Everlasting Sorrow"

Only now, standing an this land which is called the freest in the world, looking back from afar, across the vast waters, do I clearly see the greatness of my native land and its everlasting sorrow. I also see that which the world does not understand at all.

Not many here in America understand either, if they think it is sufficient for us not to interfere in other's affairs and thus no one will accost us, if they think it is not war in Korea, but just an unsuccessful piece of business.

O, if it were possible to explain that when the bolshevik comes, no beauty queens are elected, there are no workers' strikes, the children do not play in the street with cap pistols, Stalin is shown instead of comics, there are no bank deposit books or automobiles, people are cast into prison or deported to Siberia without any recourse.

I hear in the United States where the citizens of the large cities are perturbed that they cannot live in safety if they report robbers to the police and then receive newspaper publicity as a result. Can they understand that far greater brigades exist? They come to your home by day and by night, and the police cannot protect you, nor can any locks. So it is our homeland. Not one peaceful citizen, from the oldest person to the new-born babe, can be sure when he goes to bed at night, that in the morning he will not be in jail or enroute to deportation.

How about the men who defend their own with their body and blood? Do you really understand what partisans are? No one takes films of this unequal and heroic war, no one gives praise for it, and if a fighter falls, he rises no more. Only from this distance is it possible to see how misunderstood and hopeless this fight really is. One can also see what a great reservoir of strength and support is being lost to the free world daily, because the time will surely come when these fighters on the other side of the Iron Curtain will be sorely needed, but will they still be there?

From many lands that are forgotten and gradually dying, at times come heralds with these shouts: Help us! Protect yourselves! Believe! We three, who are here as witnesses, ask you to: Believe! Through our lips talks our fatherland, your ancestors, those in the grave yard and those yet living.

This partial narrative of what is transpiring in our country I direct especially to the attention of those who become weary from excessive worries about money, to whom the weather is unsatisfactory, work is too great or the pay is too small, who are bored with their home and family, and who are not satisfied to dance just on holidays, that they may know what is happening in the homeland that they have forgotten.

"America is Slandered"

The Communist agitators praise the new regime, saying: "During Smetona's (A. Smetona was the last president of the Republic of Lithuania) time there were many unemployed, now everyone is working and cared for." Everyone is working, but not everyone is eating, is the answer from the listeners.

An agitator brought a Soviet newspaper, where an unemployed American is shown gathering food from a garbage can. The caption was: How the Capitalists Treat the Workers. The audience listened quietly, but going home talked among themselves: Evidently it is not too bad yet in America, if you can find food in a garbage can. The people must have food aplenty, if they can throw some of it away. With us, if we get anything to eat, everything is consumed so completely that not a trace of it is left.

.. "No Communication with the Free World"

Visitors from elsewhere are permitted to land at the seaports, but can go only to a certain section where they may make purchases. They are forbidden to go elsewhere and the local inhabitants are not permitted to come into contact with them.

When we returned to the city after a voyage to sea, the people, hungry for news, would ask us: What is new? What ships have arrived? We could not enlighten them, since we ourselves knew nothing. It is true that we saw foreign vessels, but we were not even permitted to return the greeting when the sailors on these other ships waved their caps to us.

"Once Again Christ Was Crucified"

It was Easter morning of 1951 in the town of Sateikiai (Sateikiai is in the western part of Lithuania). The people had been singing and weeping real tears at the funeral of Our Lord, since it seemed that [God had really died in our land. Now the candles were lit, the organ pealed out, the priest started chanting and the people raised their weary heads, the sunlight came through the windows — Christ was risen. At that moment the doors opened noisily and drunken Russian soldiers came through the church, brandishing their guns and singing a Russian song.

One Russian soldier stood at the altar and, in a drunken mumble, said to the people: "Why do you let the priest blow incense smoke at your noses? It is harmful to your health. I will give you some gunpowder smoke." "We will hold an Easter program for you", added another.

The people tried to protest and again tried to sing, until the priest, with folded hands, knelt at the altar, when they finally left the church, weeping and sighing. It was as though Christ had been crucified all over again.

"We Cannot Break Down Moscow, But We Will Frighten It"

The partisans do not give up, even when their circumstances are well nigh hopeless. It is indeed hard to believe that, after all these years without a ray of hope, men still go into the forests. In fact, when conditions of life become difficult, people will say: "It is nothing, I will not despair. I will join the partisans, so that my life will not have been in vain. There will be several less Communists on this earth before I die".

There is another partisan saying: "We cannot break down Moscow, but we will frighten it."

The sad facts are that difficult days have come for the partisans and their ranks are thinning. The free world does not support them, their arms are dwindling, grenades are becoming defective from age and dampness. Only about two out of ten grenades explode. The partisans therefore, as a rule, maintain an attitude of watchful caution. During the winter months their movements are at a minimum, since their footprints will betray them. They pass this season in their bunkers in the heart of the deep forests, where no one can approach them.

LIFE IS LIKE A FOOTBALL GAME

Yes, and this is how a Chaplain of World War II proved it to his men. The men were about to start on a mission and he was giving them a pep talk. This is what he said:

"Buddy, this is your game. When you get in there, you're quarterback and captain. The north goal is between Heaven and eternal life... that's your goal. The south goal is Hell. The ball is your immortal soul. If you carry it over the right goal, you win... If you don't... you lose for all eternity.

Take a look at the opposition. The line from end to end is SIN. At the right end is PRIDE; and if you don't watch out, he'll mow you down like grass. Right tackle, ENVY. Right guard, SLOTH..., He's a boose fighter, keep away from him. At center, a big man with a weak backbone, GLUTTONY. Left guard is AVARICE. Left tackle, ANGER. Left end, LUST... and keep out of his way because he'll be in your backfield all afternoon. The backfield is Desire of the Flesh, Desire of the Eyes, Pride of Life, and at quarterback calling the plays is the devil himself. It's a good outfit, and they've been playing together for a long time. They know all the tricks and they've won a lot of games.

If you want, you can field an all-star team, the only team that has ever beaten Satan and his gang, a team that has a record of all wins and no losses. In the line, you have seven champions... the seven fifths of the Holy Ghost. There's Wisdom, Courage, Understanding Counsel, Piety, Fortitude, and Fear of the Lord. In the backfield you have, besides yourself, the three best... Faith, Hope, Charity.

You know the rules, the Ten Commandments. No dirty playing gets through. The referee is Almighty God Himself, and nothing gets by Him.

You can't win the game without the ball, and this ball is your immortal soul. If you lose it, you're stuck. God has given it into your keeping. You are the captain and the quarterback, so run the team well. Keep in condition by being faithful to your religion. Don't forget the practise sessions every Sunday in your Base Chapel. Have and use that sure fire play that always works — PRAYER. You've had a lot of previous playing experience—So get out there and play ball for all you're worth. You have only this one game and everything depends on it. You don't know what quarter it is — The game may be in its closing minutes. And one last word, Buddy — There are no ties! Get in there and fight! Good luck and God Bless You.

CONVENTION

VETERAN, K. OF L. MEMBER, WHOM ALL CONVENTION DELEGATES MET IN DAYTON.

Hello everybody! This is Frank "DuBois" Petrauskas - Petrosky for short — bringing you a little of this and that which, when added up, amouts to nothing. This article will be on my trip home, by way of Dayton, Chicago, Gary, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, after my discharge from the Air Force in the last week of September. I really had a wonderful time and a wonderful trip and I want to thank all of the members I met for making it so.

I had chance to check on some of the other councils and see how they operate. It was an interesting experience and I picked up a few good pointers. The real reason for making this trip was to recruit new members for the now defunct Du-Bois Council 86. I got so many applications that 1 had to stop because if I would have accepted all of them, the other councils would have been left barren. It doesn't look nice to just have one council in the organization. Besides I wanted to remain on good terms with what few friends I have, so I more or less stayed in the background. I was a short of an Ambasador or something. I spread good tidings amongst the councils and helped tsrengthen a few ties. No sweat Tony, she now loves you more than ever.

Dayton is a beautiful and one of the cleanest, if not, the cleanest city in these United States. I'm speaking from experience because I traveled all over this country. The people in Dayton are tops too. They treated me swell during the time I was located there. The 39th K. of L. National Convention was the biggest and best ever, just as was predicted. Incidently, I belong to that council. While we're on the subject of Dayton, I want to extend my hearties congratulations to my brother, Michael Petkus, and a very lovely lass, Fran Baskis of New York City, husband and wife as of Thanksgiving Dap. Their intentions were announced during the convention.

Much fun was had in Chicago and Gary. I made sure I checked out the White Bear. That was a must on my list. I even got checked out myself. I hope it's for the good. I understand that Joe Juris and a few of his buddies from Gary are trying to organize a council in Calumet City. We checked out the place to see how many prospects we could line up. It's a very nice quiet town and I think if the boys keep after it, they should be able to get something started.

As I went from Gary to Grand Rapids, I passed through the town of Hudsonville. I think it's an ideal place for the K. of L'ers to live. At the city limits there is a sign which goes something like this: Hudsonville, Mich., 4 schools, 6 churches, no taverns.

Grand Rapids had a cold spell and I nearly to froze to death because all I had with me were summer clothes. But being a wise fellow, I promptly added a little anti-freeze to my radiator. You shouldn't take any chances during cold weather!

Between Grand Rapids and Detroit, I noticed a leak in my fuel line beside the fuel pump. So I stopped at a gas station that had a small garage in the rear. I told my trouble to the proprietor who was an old fellow. He got a piece of tubing and commenced to splice it onto the fuel line. After tinkering around for about an hour, he never made any progress. So I asked him to let me give in a try. I spliced it onto the fuel line, connected it to the fuel pump, cleaned the fuel pump and then checked everything out. When I paid my bill, he charged me two dollars extra for LABOR. I wonder if he's any relation to Charlie Petkus?

While in Detroit, I had the unique privilege of bowling with the K. of L'ers. Now before I say any more, I want to tell you all that that was the first time I bowled since last winter. It's a good excuse! Well anyway, I started out a little poor but then I began to pick up. I bowled my fool head off trying to post a highscore and maybe come out high man.

At the end of the match, I checked the score sheet. I looked down and I saw beside my name three 140 games. So I said to the rum dum keeping score", Hey "Curley", what's the scope with my score?" He said, I'm sorry my friend, but the fellow who's place you took tonight has a handicap average of 140 and that's all we can put down. How do you like that! Here I thought may be I could help my team win a few games. I could have sat all three games out and viewed the scenery. They have a lot of it in Detroit and good looking, too.

The rum dum I mentioned in the preceding paragraph is a former Flyboy. I don't know his name but his initials are Lorry Hofner. He's a good Joe. Am I not right, Mary? I think he'll be a valuable addition to that council.

When in Cleveland, if one doesn't visit with "Mom" Susin and Company, he may as well turn around and go back home. So I headed for her house, in a round about way. I didn't get lost, just a little mixed up. If you can't find her house, simply ask somebody on the street and he'll tell you. They all know "Mom".

We went to a wedding reception and "Mom" was her usual self out on the dance floor. She latched onto the groom's father and he proved to be a very able partner. Whatever type of music the band played, they danced to it. They could have put any dance group to shame.

Ah yes, Pittsburgh, the home of Duquesne.. University, of course. This was my last stop, and a pleasant one too, before I headed for home. I had to make my stay short. I was pressed for time because my wallet was pressed flat. However, I did return a few days later to attend a concert. This time my wallet had a little bulge.

The concert was enjoyed by all but the second half of the evening's program was more so enjoyed by all who attended. A very fine time indeed. Jean Walkauskas and her Mother deserve a pat on the back for their hospitalily. You don't meet people like them every day.

When I got home, I went for a nice long walk in the woods. It really felt good to be out in the open once again and to appreciate Mother Nature's beauty. Everything was quiet except for a bird singing now and then and a light breeze blowing through the trees. The smell is something to behold, too — a far cry from the south side of Chicago.

As I was walking along the path, I noticed some old initials on a few trees. A closer look revealed some were mine and the others were of my boyhood friends. When I was a kid, we used to watch cows from morning until night in those same woods. It was quite the life, believe me. Through that life I became a keen woodsman. From this last jaunt however, I noticed that I had forgoten some of that knowledge. Getting back to the initials -carving initials into the trees was one of the many things we did while watching our milk and butter. If a fellow had a true love, he would put her initials beside his. When I checked the initials, I found that two of the fellows are married to their original flames. I also noticed that all three of the girls who were my true love, are married. I guess I'll just have to remain a bachelor. It has many advantages over married life!

At the edge of the woods I saw some hickory trees so I thought I'd pick myself some nuts. I checked all around but there were no nuts to be had. The squirrels and chipmunks were one step ahead of me. So I went to this lone hickory tree in an open field. The ground beneath it was nearly covered with nuts so I still made out okay. I was unable to pick them all because darkness was approaching and I had to head for home. Did you ever walk in the woods at night? Try it sometime. It's quite the sport bumping you head against a tree. You see twice as many stars as there are in the heaven above.

I'm now located at Tonawanda, New York, which is my second home but some day may be my first. I'm back on my old job, temporarily, before going to college next year.

Tonawanda is located between Buffalo and NiagaraFalls so if any of you should happen to pass through here, stop in and pay me a visit. I really would appreciate it. My address is 43 Delaware St. I also would like to hear from you. Drop me a line sometime and I'll do likewise. That way I'll know what's going on around the contry.

ADVANCE NOTICE

This is to announce that the K. cf L. Membership Drive officially begins January 1, 1953 and continues through April 30, 1953. Council quotas and awards will be announced at a later date.

The New Year is always and by practically every person inaugurated with the perennial New Year resolutions.

This year there should be an added resolution for every K. of L. member, to make and to keep earnestly, perseveringly throughout not only this year but for always.

I herewith submit the following resolution to be read not just as another paragraph on a printed page but with a resolute desire to fulfill it to the best of your ability.

I, as a true K. of L. member, do hereby resolve to do my part in increasing the membership of the Knights of Lithuania by enrolling new members, by encouraging any weak members to remain in and work for the organization. To fulfill also all other obligations — religious, patriotic and financial— as called upon by the officers and by-laws of the Knights of Lithuania.

Walter R. Chinik, Chairman Membership Drive.



LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

COUNCIL 133

Mėnesinis susirinkimas įvyko lapkričio mėn. 14 d. pono J. Petrausko bute. Be kitų vyčių dalyvavo šiame susirinkime advokatas J. Peters, senas vytis veteranas ir buv. "Vyties" redaktorius, su ponia, "Lietuvių Dienų" leidėjas ponas A. F. Skirius ir L. Valiukas, neseniai persikėlęs iš Dayton, Ohio, į Los Angeles, Calif. Apsvarstyti bėgamieji reikalai ir pasitarta dėl ateities planų. Kitas susirinkimas šaukiamas gruodžio mėn. 5 d. sekretorės Lou Jocius namuose.

—Kuopos narys advokatas J. Peters. Altadena, Calif., gavo teisėjo vietą.

—Kuopas pirmin. J. F. Guest mokytojauja vienoje Los Angeles, Calif., miesto pradžios mokykloje.

—Kuopos narys A. F. Skirius "Lietuvių Dienų" leidėjas, yra išleidęs jau keletą lietuviškų knygų: "Žemė", poezijos antologija; St. Būdavo apysaką "Varpai Skamba"; prof. M. Biržiškos "Lietuvių Tautos Kelias" I d. Šiuo metu spausdinama jau antroji dalis prof. M. Biržiškos "Lietuvių Tautos Kelio" ir baigiama paruošti spaudai knyga apie pasižymėjusius lietuvių veikloje asmenius — "Amerikos Lietuvių Vardynas".

J-tis.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

25-ta KUOPA

Spalių 10 d., Lietuvių svetainėje, L. Vyčių 25ta kuopa turėjo savo susirinkimą, kuriam pirmininkavo Marijona Trainauskaitė, kuopos pirmininkė. Kaip paprastai, pirmiausiai sekė valdybos ir komisijų pranešimai. Iš jųjų gal svarbiausi buvo šie: teatrališkos komisijos raportą patiekė M. Trainauskaitė su pažymėjimu, kad stropiai repetuojama operetė: "Apkalbos ir Meilė", dviejų aktų muzikalis kūrinys. Jis statomas scenoje lapkričio 23 d., Lietuvių svetainėje. Po vaidinimo seks šokiai. Grieš Vailionio crkestras. Šio parengimo darbą pavedė veikiančiajai komisijai.

Toliau sekė pranešimai iš seimų. Iš Vyčių 39tojo seimo raportą išdavė vytė A. Arunskienė, o iš A. L. K. Federacijos, vytis Petras Balčiūnas. Abiejų pranešimai buvo priimti su padėka.

Kadangi Vyčių seime dalyvavo net keturi delegatai, tai kiti gyvu žodžiu papasakojo apie Daytono vyčių malonų priėmimą ir jų darbštumą. Taip pat delegatai pažymėjo, kad šis Vyčių seimas praėjo gražiausioje nuotaikoje ir labai sklandžiai. Jame dalyvavo J. E. Vyskupas Brizgys ir prof. Dr. A. Damusis, kuriedu seimo dalyviams pareiškė daug svarbių minčių.

Delegatė savo pranešime pažymėjo, kad J. Sadauskas seimo yra išrinktas a. a. Mykolo Norkūno atminčiai paminklo statymo komisijos nariu. Taigi, pastaras's, kaipo šios komisijos narys atsiliepė kuopa, prašydamas visu narių dėl to fundo aukų. Jis pats pirmutinis paaukojo \$5, 25ta kuopa iš savo iždo \$50.00, Pola Glugodienė \$10.00, A. Buknis \$5, F. Judis \$5, M. Kikelienė \$5, A. ir V. Mačiokai \$5, A. Banys \$5, M. Trainauskaitė \$5, A. Kunigiškis \$5 ir J. Kuzas \$2. Tai šiame susirinkime Vyčių Tėvo Norkūno paminklo statymo fundan suaukojo \$102.00. Žinoma, tai tik dalis narių savo priedermę atliko, o kiti pasižada vėliau prisidėti su savo aukomis. Ačiū.

Tikimės, kad ir kitos Vyčių kuopos paseks 25tą kuopą dar su didesnėmis pradžios aukomis, o ypatingai tos kuopos, kurios savo ižduose turi net tūkstančius dolerių.

Kuopos delegatai iš seimo parvežė Lilijai Toris \$50.00 už josios didelę veiklą lietuvybės reikaluos. Šią dovaną parve ti įdavė Vyčių Centro pirmininkas A. Vasiliauskas J. Sadauskui, kuris šiame susirinkime uoliajai lietuvių gero vardo gynėjai ir įteikė.

Už Lilijos Toris - Tareskevičiūtės gražią veiklą, kuopa nutarė jąją pagerbti — patalpindama josios paveikslą į "Vytį". "Vytė Lilija pareiškė kuopai ir visai Vyčių organizacijai didelę padėką ir pasižadėjo kitais metais vėl įeiti į lietuvių reika'ų komisiją.

Ir kita narė buvo apdovanota šiame susirinkime — tai El. Slavickaitė - Bindokienė, kuopos finansų rašt ninkė, kuri nepersenai sukūrė še mos židinį su Albinu Bindoku. Gražią dovaną, Kristaus paveikslą, kuriame vaizduojamas mūsų Išganytojas bežiūrintis į Jeruzalę, jai įteikė kuopos vardu J. Sadauskas, tardamas keliatą žodžių ir gražiaus ų linkėjimų mūsų Eleanorai, kuri irgi kuopai pareiškė nuoširdžią padėką.

Į Lietuvių Bendruomenės Organizaciją atstove kuopa paskyrė M. Trainauskaitę. Į bolinimo komisiją pirmininke išrinko Joaną Susin - Sušinskaitę, veiklę ir uolę kuopos narę. Be abejonės kad ji savo užduotį atliks kuo geriausiai.

Po susirinkimo buvo užkandžiai, kuriais pasirūpino Viktorija Mačiokienė ir Antanas Buknis.

Senelis



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Lietuvos Vyčių 36-tos kuopos valdybos nariai ir delegatai L. Vyčiu 39-tam metiniam seime, 1952, Dayton, Ohio. Pirm. eilė — Petronelė Zakaraitė (4-to laipsnio narė), buvus 3 metus fin. sekr., daug pasidarbavus kuopoje, buvo 3 metus Vyčių Seniorių fin. sekr., ir 39-to Seimo nutarimų raštininkė; Philomena Rekasius (4-to laipsnio narė, nutarimų raštininkė, buvo 7 metus fin. sekr. ir pirmininke. Dalyvavo Dramos vaidyboj pagrindinėse rolėse; Kastas A. Zaromskis (4-to laipsnio narys ir L. Vyčių garbės narys), ilgametis kasininkas ir veiklus kuopos narys. Irena Sankaitė (3-čio laipsnio narė) Vyčių kuopos pirmininkė, buvus fin. sekr. Daug veikia Vyčių gerovei. Juozas Dedenas, jaunas narys, pasiryžęs daug dirbti Vyčių idealų gyvendinimui. Elena šervinskas (3-čio laipsnio narė), kasos globėja, nenuilstanti vyčių veikime, pirmauja naujų vyčių prirašinėjime: Aleksandra Dedenas, jauna narė, malonaus būdo, daug žadanti pasidarbuoti ateityje. Antanas Balcitis, kasos globėjas, jaunas, pavyzdingas narys, uolus susirinkimų lankytojas, pasiryžęs daug dirbti Vyčių gerovei. Fotografijoj dar trūksta eilės kitų valdybos K. A. Z. narių.

CICERO, ILLINOIS

COUNCIL 14

A great big WELCOME to Tony Kohanna, Bill Vasaitis and Tony Waitekus who recently returned from service. Glad to see you back in the fold!

A little bundle of happiness, name l Mary Jo, has arrived at the home of Mary and Jack B'anford. Congratulations and best wishes to the proud parents.

Marianne Kelpsas has become noticeably left-handed lately. She has a lovely sparkler on her third finger.

On October 25, Marcella Skade and Tony Kohanna were happily united during the nuptial High Mass. Best of luck to our newlyweds.

Every Thursday evening, members

may be found competing in our new yformed bowling league. If you need any pointers on good bowling, look up Father Stanley. He really makes those pins fly. So have those trophies shined up Cleveland, we'll be there next spring

We are having a series of Bingo parties to raise funds for an altar railing in our new parish convent. We certainby would appreciate more attendants.

We thank Council 96, Dayton, Ohio, for the wonderful hospitality extended to our delegates Marie Andris, Helen Gudauskas, and Jeanne Pavis during the K. of L. national convention.

We were happy to see Pat Zelinskas (96) in town visiting with Helen Gudauskas for a week-end. Hope she enjoyed her stay here.

Inky and Pinky

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

COUNCIL 100

At our regular meeting held in the parish hall, Helen Gustas, president, called on the dance committee to give a report. The committee, consisting of Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Sophia Gavry, Sophie Olbie, Genevieve Gobin and Valentine Kerbelis, handed in a favorable report on the Masquerade Ball held in the American Lithuanian Hall on October 25th. A surprise appearance of a group from Rochester, N. Y. (93) really enlivened the evening. A so in attendance from neighboring New York council (210 miles distance) were Virginia Pauza, Freda Rimkus, Mary Vezeli, Gertrude Welikes and Richard Pauza We enjoyed meeting them.

Sophia Gavry did on excellent job as chairman of the decorating committee. We thank John "Bucky" Bakucionis, new member, for picking up the much needed cornstalk. We also appreciate Pauline Urban's help in serving cider and donuts to all our guests. Last but not least, thanks to Prof. Olsauskas for his aid in cleaning up the hall.

Freda Rimkus of Rochester captured one of the prizes for her unusually clever mask. Mary Vezelis and Gertrude Welikes will have fond memories of Amsterdam, won't you girls? Missed at the affair was 'Bootsie' Jakaitis. She is convalescing from a recent operation. Dick Pauza was official photographer at the dance. We're waiting for the pictures, Dick!

Ann Kabasin, chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee is continuing her good work

At our November meeting, we had the pleasure of having a guest, Louise Simonis of Detroit, Mich. (102). Her uncle, Michael Kerbelis, charter member of our council, escorted her to our meeting.

Father Baltch spoke on the plight of the Lithuanians as Moscow began to gain power in the 16th Century. This was followed by an explanation of the Lord's Prayer.

Louise Simonis gave a short resume of the activities in her council.

At the October meeting, Pauline Urban and Sadie Karbus served refreshments; at the November meeting — Sophia Gavry and Helen Gustas. Both socials were enjoyed immensely by our members and guests.

We wish Edna Gustas' mother a speedy recovery.

Smile and Sparkle

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

COUNCIL 3

The coming of Fall brings with it many new activities for our council. We gave a Halloween party on Sunday night, November 1, which turned out to be a big success. All members, in costume, played games, dunked for apples and danced. Our thanks to the Social Committee for their help in making it fun for everyone.

A group of K. of L'ers went on an excursion to St. Charles Seminary in Overbrook. The Seminary had Open House. It was really a city in itse'f.

November, election month for the nation, was also election month for Council 3. Our newly elected officers are: Joseph Yanulaitis, president; Helen Shields, vice president; Theresa Mazeika, secretary; Alice Zemaitaitis, financial secretary; John Padjunas, treasurer.

Committee Chairmen: Dolores Meron, Social; Helen Shields, Ritual and Lithuanian Affairs; Joseph Yanu'aitis, Lithuanian Culture.

Congratulations to all our new officers. My you have a good and prosperous year.

We want to thank our outgoing officers who did such a wonderful job the past year and Mary, Theresa and Alice who gave us the use of their homes for our Officers' meetings. After the meeting Joe Yanulaitis showed us some movies that he took while in Europe. They were beautiful! Thank you Joe.

We wish to welcome Marie Pablis, new member, to our council.

A Christmas party is also among our December plans. Our new Social Committee, consisting of Dolores Meron, Dot Barauskas and Vyt Bakutskas, will then be in full swing.

What's News

What has happened to George and Xenia lately? We haven't seen you around for quite awhile.

Congratulations to Dot Barauskas for getting one of the leading parts in Hallan's senior play. Your were wonderful, Dot.

I heari that Theresa, Helen and Alice are thinking about buying a both in Wind's. What goes, girls?

Ronald Gulgunis, is making quite a hit out at Villanova.

Adele Whalen and Marie Pablis had such wonderful disguises at the Halloween party that no one knew who they were until they unmasked.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

Windy.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Council 19 members formally presented the membership awards to its members at a dinner party held at The Palms on Thursday evening, September 25th. After the individual presentations -the third awarl p'aque to Father Kazenas, miniature loving cups to Mildred Chinik and to Marcella Onaitis - the second prize council award was given to Father Walter for safekeeping. Following the dinner, everyone danced and sang and had a wonderful time Vyt Jucevicius acted as MC and led the group in singing. October 14th, many Council 19 members joined those of Council 62 at anot' er dinner me ting at The Palms — this time to honor one of their fellow Knights and to wish him well in his new position. Anthony Mazeika, one of Pittsburgh district's most industrious Knights and an honorary member of our organization, has left Pittsburgh for Brooklyn (Sue's first love) where Anthony and Sue and their family will make their new home. Among those present to wish the Mazeika family good luck in their new venture were a few Esplen friends who have not yet joined the K. of L. (but we're hoping!) for Anthony gave the K. of L. a wonderful plug before he left and hopes that none of us will ever desert it. The occasion became rather sad when Anthony, after having accepted their going away gift (a lovely tan leather 3 suiter) gave a brief talk in which he thanked us all and in parting entreated us to continue working for the K. of L so dear to Mr. Mazeika's heart. Walter Chinik served as MC at the dinner party. Helen Palecki and Ann Markunas were the speedy committee members who got the people together for the dinner, for Mr. Mazeika's plans were quite sudden. All of Pittsburgh will truly miss the Mazeika family - both as excellent workers and as social companions as well.

Julia A'eshunas (C-19's Program Chairman) wore a lovely Lithuanian costume in the wedding party. Frank Baltakis (C-19 president) was usher. Many K. of L. members were invited guests. We don't know what Pit'sburgh will do without Birute's knowledge of Lithuanian dances! (She did promise to come to Pittsburgh and coach us when we needed her.) We think it will be just another excuse to come and see her family more often. Yes, even brides may be susceptible to homesickness! We wish the happy couple the best of

everything in their new home in Cleveland.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Mitzi

K. OF L. CALENDAR

December 25 — Brooklyn, N. Y. (41) Christmas Dance.

December 27 — Cleveland, Ohio (25)
Christmas Party, Lithuanian
Hall.

1953

January 18 — Brooklyn Academy of Music, Norkunas Memorial Fund Concert.

May 16 — Ceveland, Ohio (25) National Bowling Tournament and Dance.

May 17 — Cleveland, Ohio (25) Bowling Tournament Banquet.

January 17—Supreme Council Meeting,
New York City.

January 31 and

February 1 — Athol, Mass. (10) Winter Carnival.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

COUNCIL 25

Events -

National Bowling Tournament. The tournament will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Saturday aft rnoon, May 16, 1953. The banquet will take place early Sunday afternoon, May 17th (for the convenience of all of our out-of-town participants). Keep these dates in mind! More on this later.

Operetta — Sunday, November 23rd, Counci 25 presented a two act Operetta entitled "Apkalb s ir Meile" under the direction of Joe Sadauskas

Christmas Party — Saturday Night, December 27th. The affair will be held at the Lithuanian Hall.

This and That -

We were glad to we come back Connie Brazis and Al Yatska into the club (both Korean veterans).

The "Hard Times" Party held November 8th turned out to be a lot of fun. Many of our members donned the weirdest costumes — Bill Smith's most unique.

Food for Thought -

Tuesday, December 9th is a red-letter day for our council — Election Day — before coming to this meeting, let's all give this matter some serious throught. Our present officers have done a good job and all proud of them. With the coming New Year let's all renew our club spirit and make it a point to work together with one goal in mind.

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to all members and fellow Vyciai! Urs

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

COUNCIL 103

Har est Dance

The main social event of the season was our Harvest Dance, held October 25th at the Roger William's Park Casino. Many district councils were represented The dance was a big success. The committee, consisting of Helen Avizynis, Barbara Cyronak and Pete W. under the chairmanship of Joe Nazeika deserve many thanks for decorating the hall and making all arrangements. Members and guests enjoyed dancing to the music of Jan Zmuda. After the dance, many were guests at the home of Helen Belconis' who served delicious snacks. Pictures were taken by Barbara Cyronak a d Vito Kapiskas — hope to view the snapsho's when developed!

Congratuations

.. To Ann Uzdavinis on her recent en-

gagement; John Bartulevicius on his marriage; Mary Waitonis on being reelected national trustee, also chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee in our council; Barbara Cyronak, Joseph Gumaskas and June Lucas who received their 1st Ritual degree at the October meeting; Mary Farrar and Rita S'ater on receiving their 2nd Ritual degree that same evening; Father A. A. Jurgelaitis, O. P., on being appointed spiritual adviser of our council; and Rita Slater on winning the bowling raffle.

Bowling

The bowling season started off with a bang! Our girls took three points from the Lawrence (78) girls on October 5t'ı; our men lost all three Fo'lowing the bowling match, all were royally entertained at the parish hall. On October 19th, So. Worcester (116) came to Providence. Our girls again took two points and our men took one. Pictures of the bowlers were taken by our official photographer Vito Kapiskas, both at the al'eys and at the parish hall. Delicious refreshments were prepared by Helen Avyzinis, Rita Slater and Joe Waitonis. The "Taming of the Shrew" by R. P. 116 followed an exciting game of Canasta later at Marion Cyronak's home. On November 2nd, our bowlers traveled to Cambridge (18); the girls took two points but our boys lost three, one string by one pin. What a shame! Following the match, refreshments were "Mybo" served at our clubrooms.

ELIZABETH, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

Miss Ann Mitched, elected Recording Secretary of the National Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania at the Dayton Convention (September, 1952) was honored Wednesday, November 5 by members of Elizabeth K. of L. Council 52, at a social, St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church parish hall. Miss Mitchell, who has been named to national offices twice in three years, received a medallion from the council.

The presentation was made by Charles Oskutis, president of Elizabeth council. Ann Mitchell, thanked all members for honoring her. Mr. Oskutis and Miss Ann Staboris headed the committee.

Miss Mitchell served as national vice president in 1950. She was singled out for special honors for her work in that post. Her new duties will include correspondence for all national officers. She has been associated with the Knights of Lithuania for fifteen years, and was among the members who reorganized Council 52 in 1937.

The Elizabeth woman has been active in the organization on a national, district and council level. She has served as vice president, secretary, trustee and correspondent on the district governing board.

Miss Mitchell has held various office in our council during the past fifteen years. She was official correspondent for "Vytis", published by the national board for eight years. Miss Mitche'd was awarded the 4th degree medal, the highest honor in the organization in 1949.

Miss Mitchell's photograph and writeup of her activities in the Knights of Lithuania organization appeared in the Elizabeth Daily Journal issue of November 7.

William Sinkus,

Vice President and Publicity Chairman.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

Our fall activities are now in full swing. Our bowling a leys are opened and a league is being formed. We would like to invite more members to join us in an evening of fun (Tuesdays).

A surprise shower was held for Angie Masionis at Martha Markelionis' house. The biggest surprise of the evening was the appearance of Vyto Markelionis home on a week-end pass.

Our annual communion breakfast was held Sunday, October 26, in honor of the Feast of Christ the King. Our guest speaker was Father Mazutis. We were very happy to see Ann Klepenis and John Contons back in our midst.

Many of our members attended the farewe'l party held for Paul Zukas, president of Cambridge, Mass. (18) who was called back into active service in the Navy. The members of Council 17 wish him Godspeed.

Angie Masionis and Stanley Yelmokas, active members, were married November 11th. Their wedding party included other K of L'ers Mary Yelmokas, Martha Markelionis and Wini Skudris. We wish the newlyweds lots of happiness.

Those who did not attend the national convention learned all about it from a detailed report given by John Daniels at a recent meeting.

Many committee are formed and many plans are being made for our forth coming national convention to be held in Boston next year. We hope to make the 40th K. of L. National Convention a memorable one.

Zaliu Akiu



KCREAN VET HOMEWARD BOUND

Sergeant Edmund Daugird, member of Council 5, Chicago, Illinois, is on his way home after serving overseas in Japan and Korea for one year. Prior to his army career, E mund was employed in the U.S. Post Office. He is a former vice president of Council 5, and participant in many activities of the council and district, in addition to being a member of St. Michael's Parish Choir and Holy Name Society. The members of Council 5 plan a very warm welcome for their fraternal friend.

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

We were honored at our October meeting by the presence of Joe Sakaitis, member of the district Ritual committee, who spoke on Ritual and degrees. He bestowed the first degree on a number of members. We extend a hearty welcome to Mary Ann Rodski who was taken in as a new member at this same meeting. After the meeting, members and guests from Worcester adjourned to Lennie Davidonis' home for refrestments. The committee knew that Eddie Daniels would be attending so they prepared in advance to serve TEA. The evening ended pleasantly when Lennie showed movies taken at Frank's camp. We never realized before how many natural comedians we had in Athol M. G. M. doesn't know what talent it is missing!

Worcester Dance

Our members attended Worcester's annual fall dance on October 19. Marie, Rita and Janice made an evening of it when they stopped off at Lakesile first.

Providence Dance

Mary, Nicky and Dot undertook the long trip to Providence, R. I. to attend the C-103 dance at Roger William's Park. They were joined in Worcester by C-116 members who were also attending the same affair. The girls didn't realize. they were going to have the extra attraction of a guided tour of Worcesterwhen they added Ray Daniels as a passenger. The trip home passed quickly and pleasantly as Ray tested the men tal abilities of the ladies with such thought - provoking puzzlers as "If a dozen eggs cost 26c how many eggs can you buy for a cent and a quarter?" See Ray for the answer.

Halloween Party

Once again White Pond was the scene of our annual Halloween Party and Frank's camp was alive with gay spirits that were very different from the haunting air of mystery traditionally associated with Halloween. The only ghosts seen that night were those that appeared on the television screen, and the only cause for spine chilling was the crisp October air - and even that disappeared after many steaming cups of hot coffee. The one big mystery of the evening was how the stacks of sindwiches disappeared so quickly. Everyone wondered who brought the strange pumpkin farmer to the party - until they recognised the mischievious antics of Lennie Davidonis under the disguise. Lennie's costume certainly added zest to the game of Farmer In the Dell. It seems that the Virginia Reel has invaded C-10 by storm. Not one but Two complete sets were danced during the evening. The marshmellow game was such a success that it left Charlie quite speech less with the results. That piano of Frank's may be a baby grand but Marie Sienkewcz sure knows how to make it sit up-right and play. With her nimble fingers tickling the keys even the Video fans were coated away from T. V. to join in group singing. Everyone had such a gay time that it's no wonder the Jack o-lantern carved by Mary Ann Rodski looked so dejected when it was Spooky time to leave.

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