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## Convention Threshold

DIENBIENPHU, the fallen French fortress in Indo-China, has become a symbol of the steadily contracting boundaries of the Free World. After many months of gruelling combat, 12,000 gallant French and native defenders were overwhelmed by the massive Communist hordes. The West and the East were locked in mortal combat. The West submerged — only second best. This is the ominous symbolism of DIENBIENPHU.

### COMMUNIST MENACE

Lithuanians for several decades have been aware of the diabolic nature of Communism. As Catholics in 1937 they heard the clear voice of Pope Pius XI warning them of the true Communist menace, "...it is terrorism that reigns today in Russia, where former comrades in revolution are exterminating each other... Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking." As Lithuanians during two Communist occupations they have seen and felt at first hand the brutality and barbarism of Communist butchery. The torture chamber, the Siberian concentration camp, the mass graveyard in wayside trenches, desecrated churches, silent pulpits, deportations in sealed cattle cars, — these are the tools of mastery of the bloody Red sickle.

Members of the Knights of Lithuania are in a unique position to understand the peril of Communism. That is why we are filled with foreboding as we follow developments in the current scene. Indo-China and the entire Far East are in danger of Communist domination. England and France are exchanging friendly pleasantries with the Red

"gentlemen" from behind the Iron Curtain. The exposé of Communists in America is still being opposed with bitter violence on many quarters of America. We cannot forget the din of insult and smear which arose from American Liberals against Whittaker Chambers when he dared reveal the liberal-minded Alger Hiss as a Communist. Even today some anti-Catholic religious groups, blinded by bias, still regard Catholics as a greater menace to America than Communists themselves. It is difficult for materially satisfied people to become concerned about Communism until the Red hammer is battering down their own doors.

### ROLE OF CONVENTION

As our forty-first national K. of L. convention approaches it is time to reexamine our fidelity to K. of L. ideals. To be sure there are many failings in our organization. But every organization has its weaknesses and difficulties. If we look only at the shortcomings of the K. of L., the forgetfulness of committee members, promises unfulfilled, opposition from those who should be helping, bickering, feuding, indifference among members, there is no doubt that as an organization we shall be ineffective. Rather we should look at the brighter side of the picture: the personal sacrifice on the part of many of our loyal members, the hours of devoted labor by committee members, the thousands of miles travelled on K. of L. business, the enthusiasm and idealism of so many K. of L.'ers. We can certainly find much that is inspiring in our organization. We can rightly be proud of the K. of L.

During the past year we have seen many improvements in the K. of L. The VYTIS comes to mind with its improved printing and more regular



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# SUVAŽIUOJAME

Ši mėnesį, rugpiūčio 25-29 d.d. suvažiuos Lietuvos Vyčiai į vadinamąjį dūmų miestą Pittsburgh, Pa., seimuoti. Gražiamе Roosevelt viešbutyje vyks posėdžiai. Sukaupę mintis, svarstys įvairias organizacijos problemas ir, ties gaires ateities darbams.

Čia gražiai gyvuoja Šv. Kazimiero lietuvių parapija ir 19 vyčių kuopa gerb. kleb. kun. Magno Kazėno globoje.

Lietuvos Vyčių 41-mas Seimas (turėtų būti 42-ras, bet karo laiku 1943 metais buvo sušaukta Konferencija. Seimu nevadino). Reiškia, organizacija jau 42-jų metų, nes įsisteigė 1912 metais. Tai graži metų krūvelė lietuvių katalikų jaunimo organizacijai! Per

tą laikotarpį ji daug ką pergyveno, daug ko patyrė, daug jaunimo "persijojo" ir daug gero padarė tiek šio krašto lietuvių katalikų visuomenei, tiek savo tėvų kraštui — Lietuvai.

Tūkstančiai jaunuolių buvo įsirašę L. Vyčių organizacijon, tačiau, palyginant, nedidelė dalis joje užsiliko. Berods neklysiu pasakęs, kad joje užsiliko patys tauriausi lietuviai, praktikuoją katalikai ir gryniausie idealistai. Tie, kurie Lietuvos Vyčiuose ieškojo kitokių dalykų, kaip pav. medžiaginių gerybių ar asmeninių pramogų, tie pajuto, kad katalikiškoji, idealistiškoji Vyčių organizacijoje jiems ne vieta.

schedule. We are confident that the Immaculate Conception Sisters in Putnam, Conn., will continue to produce fine technical work on the VYTIS. Plans are still being made for the Junior K. of L. and already a few new councils have been activated. The Lithuanianism program of the K. of L. is being carried out in many of our councils. Publicity has improved considerably during the past year. Articles about the K. of L. have appeared frequently in the Darbininkas and Draugas, not to mention other publications, both Lithuanian and English. The K. of L. is growing, and it is the task of the convention to find ways and means of fostering this growth.

## PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

Perhaps a practical suggestion would be to organize special committees at the beginning of the convention to meet and discuss various aspects of the K. of L. Timely topics might be the Vytis, Juniors, Lithuanianism, and Catholic affairs. After discussing these matters each committee would be in a position to offer practical resolutions to be acted

upon by the convention. In this way the convention would not only discuss routine business matters of the organization, but also ways and means of improving and strengthening the K. of L.

The success of the K. of L. will depend on how many members are willing to roll up their sleeves and work for Church and Country through the K. of L. Last March 19th the Komsomol or Communist Youth League held its convention in Moscow. A. N. Shelepin first secretary of the league's central committee declared, "Our task is to... strengthen the atheistic education of youth in every way and to give full rein to anti-religious propaganda within the Komsomol". To combat Communism the K. of L. must take its cue from the Communists: to strengthen Catholic education of youth and to give full rein to anti-Communist information as far as our voice can reach. It is still possible to reverse the symbolism of Dienbienphu by rallying our energies to the work of the K. of L. We have the K. of L. organization. It is the task of the convention to determine how to use it more effectively in the struggle for freedom.





PRANAS RAZVADAUSKAS,

Vyčių Garbės Narys ir ilgametis Lietuvos Vyčių  
Organizacijos Pirmininkas

Jie pasirodė esą nepriaugę prisitaikinti prie organizacijos idealų ir tikslų, jiems šūkis "Dievas ir Tėvynė" buvo svetimas.

Tiesa, Vyčių kelias nelengvas. Jiems tenka sukurti savo veiklai daug sunkumų. Net ir jų narius vilioja įvairios amerikoniškos jaunimo organizacijos, žymiai daugiau žadėdamos, žymiai turtingesnės už vyčius, palaiką sporto ir įvairių kitų pramogų šakas. Tačiau vyčiams nereikia nusiminti ir nesileisti į svetimas "pagundas", bet vieningai dirbti savo organizacijoje ir drąsiai žiūrėti į savo ateitį. Mūsų obalsis Dievui ir Tėvynei tai yra mūsų kelias. Mes turime eiti su Kristumi ir Jis mus stiprins. Religija — gražiausia jaunystės puošmena. Taurios asmenybės ugdymo šaltinis, organizacinio bei visuomeninio darbo pamatas. Pažinkime religiją, pažinkime tautos ir valstybės reikalus ir opius visuomeninio veikimo klausimus ir pažinę nuoširdžiai dėkimės prie vytiško darbo.

Vyčius sudaro didžiulioje jaunimas. Daugelis jų dar neturi praktikos veikimui. Jaunieji nebeišdrįsta didesnių darbų imtis be vyresniųjų patarimo, o žymi dalis senesniųjų vyčių veikėjų, gal ir patyrę, bet dėl įvairių gyvenimo priežasčių iš vyčių veikimo pasitraukę. Čia reikia surasti išeitis ir tikiu, kad šis Seimas bandys tai padaryti.

Niekas nemėgins ginčyti, kad mūsų veikloje pati pirmoji ir garbingiausia vieta priklauso parapijoms, kurios yra lietuvių katalikų garbė ir pasididžiavimas. Parapijų ribose, veikia ir mūsų vyčių kuopos. Bet turime ir tokių parapijų, kuriose yra suorganizuotas jaunimas ne į vyčių organizaciją, veikiančią plačiu mastu visoje Amerikoje, bet į loka-

lines draugijas. Tokios lokalinės draugijos negali pasiekti plačių Amerikos lietuvių katalikų jaunimo masių. O kaip gi susidarys būtinas, platus lietuvių katalikų jaunimo judėjimas, jei skirtingų kolonijų jaunimas nebendraus, vieni kitų nelankys, vieni kitų nepažins, jauną krūtinę deginančiais klausimais nepasidalins.

Šį klausimą iškėliau todėl, nes tikiu, kad Seime bus daug garbingų kunigų, įžymių visuomenės vadų ir kartu su visais atstovais šį reikalą galės konkrečiai pasvarstyti. Tai būtų labai gera ir naudinga Amerikos lietuvių išeivijai ir atsistatančiai Lietuvai. Vietoj steigti lokalias draugijas reikia visų jėgas jungti į Centralinę visokiais būdais išbandytą— Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją.

A.L.R.K. Federacija jungia visas katalikiškas draugijas ir labai glaudžiai bendradarbiauja su Amerikos lietuvių katalikų visuomenės aukščiausiu moraliniu autoritetu — Kunigų Vienybe. L. Vyčiai yra Federacijos šaka ir todėl šis 41-mas Seimas turėtų vieningai kreiptis į Federaciją ir Kunigų Vienybę ir vyčiams kartu dalyvaujant surasti tinkamą sprendimą Vyčių organizacijos stiprinimui.

Kartą Federacijos Kongrese buvo siūlyta, kad prie Federacijos Centro būtų pakviesti trys asmenys, kurie atsidėtų tik lietuviškos katalikiškos akcijos reikalams. Vienas iš tų asmenų turėtų būti paskirtas išimtinai jaunimo reikalams. Šių asmenų kolektyvas buvo siūlytas sudaryti iš dviejų kunigų ir vieno pasaulionio. Būtų tikrai gerai, jei šis siūlymas virstų realybe!

Jaučiu, kad šis Vyčių Seimas bus sėkmingas. Bet kaip ten bebūtų, Vyčiai turi drąsiai žengti pirmyn, aukštai iškėlę savo vėliavą. Vyčiai privalo daryti įtakos visai katalikiškai visuomenei, turi suorganizuoti kuopas tose parapijose kur jų dar vis nėra, turi įtraukti visą katalikišką jaunimą į L. Vyčių organizaciją, turi išplatinti savo žurnalą "Vytį" plačiose lietuvių masėse, kad Vyčių balsas būtų girdimas visur!



# The Panicky Will Run

William V. Gorski

You are watching television lazily one Sunday afternoon. Your feet are comfortably buried in slippers and the rest of you is sunk deep into a soft chair.

Suddenly the program is cut short!! In a flash you hear: "We interrupt our program for an emergency bulletin from the War Department."

In a somber voice, and with deliberate calmness, you are told that two flights of Russian strato-bombers, presumably laden with atom bombs, have penetrated the perimeter defenses of the country and have dispersed toward several major-city objectives.

Unless intercepted, one of these planes — or more — will be directly over your city within an hour. "Keep calm!!" the voice urges. "Everything humanly possible is being done to protect you. Keep calm."

Hypothetical? For the moment, sure. Unbelievable? For the future, not entirely. The skeptic need only recall that a mass of radio listeners in New Jersey became panic-stricken when Orson Welles in a fake broadcast in 1938 announced an attack upon earth by horrible-looking Martian monsters. Many listeners became hysterical. Others fled from their homes.

As they did then, how about you in the future? After the initial shock of an impending air-raid announcement has subsided, will you be among the hysterical? Will you join the horde and attempt to flee somewhere — anywhere — in utter panic? Or will you attempt to "keep calm" and wait for advice from civil defense authorities?

A clue to the probable reaction of many of your neighbors, and perhaps yourself, might be found in one of the most widespread demonstrations in modern civilization of superstitious terror and panic. This occurred on and slightly before May 18, 1910, when millions of persons around the world cowered in stark fear and awaited the "end of the world."

## *EVEN SKEPTICS WERE JARRED*

The panic stemmed from sober pronouncements by leading scientists concerning the return of Halley's Comet. They said its tail would sweep

the globe. This information, added to statements about the comet's tail revealing the presence of cyanogen — an inflammable, poisonous gas — jarred even the severest of skeptics.

By April, mass terror grew as the comet became visible to the naked eye. Panic spread to the Philippines and to China. Plantations in Puerto Rico as elsewhere were deserted. Many individuals committed suicide. Others turned to God.

When May 18 came, the whole world figuratively shuddered. But the day dawned normally. Yet even as it did excitement grew to feverish intensity. As twilight fell, hordes of people still waited for the end. They waited and waited.

When night passed there was no destruction. There was no deluge from the sea, as predicted. No horrible fires or poisonous gas. There was only a great vacuum as everyone gradually came to realize that he was still alive.

## *MAN IS SENSITIVE TO PANIC*

Man is especially sensitive to panic, according to psychologists, because he lacks natural means of defense. Individual panic, they add, is the sudden awareness of being "biologically defenseless" against danger.

When civilized man is part of a mass he can become easily infected with panicky feelings. But the lone individual, too, may succumb to senseless actions through the influence of fright.

Old timers in the Boston area who recall the great Chelsea fire of 1898, when a third of the city was ravaged, often will speak of a woman who fled in terror from her home carrying a parrot in a cage and a hat on her head. When she was again seen, hours later, the parrot was on her head and the hat in the cage.

Contagious reactions of panic and hysteria are found all throughout history. They stemmed from the imminent fear of death or from unrestrained rebellious passions. They ended in actions which remain nearly unbelievable to the "civilized mind." Such were the mass drownings of the French Revolution, group hangings by American lynching parties, and gas chamber killings by German fury.





### MYSTERY ACTS ON FANTASY

The tension of mystery always is predominantly more unbearable to people than the danger itself. Vague, fearful expectations act on their fantasies. They anticipate all sorts of mysterious dangers.

The first German gas attack in 1915 precipitated panic in the British ranks. The first tank assault by the British in 1917 "scared the life" of opposing German troops. Dive bombers spread terror among the French in 1940. And the stealth of Jap troops in Pacific jungles sowed its own brand of mystery and fear among allied servicemen.

One of the greatest illustrations of fearing the unknown is typified in the infamous witch-hunting orgy in Salem, Mass., in 1692. At least 20 persons were put to death while countless others, blindly accused of witchcraft, were thrown into jails to await trial.

Wild beliefs and crowd hysteria in the community began when two girls, about 10 or 12 years of age, mischievously led people to believe that they were victims of witchcraft.

The horror or terror of their accusations came to an end, however, only after the girls went overboard in accusing the governor's wife of being a witch. That was too much for the community to swallow. But by then, anyway, people were ready to revolt against the continuous bloodshed and stupidity of their witch-hunting orgy. The wave of hysteria finally petered out.

### REVIVALISTS BARKED LIKE DOGS

In 1832 during the so-called "Great American Revival," which began simultaneously in New York and New Haven, a wild delirium of religious frenzy overtook the gatherings.

One author, writing of the revivalists, said that "people took to dancing and at last to barking like dogs. They assumed the posture of dogs and moved about on all fours, growling, snapping their teeth, and barking with great exactness of imitation."

In 1937 the United States underwent a seige of sit-down strikes. In 1837, 1907, and 1929 there were disastrous financial crises. And there were the frenzied gold rushes to California in 1849, to the Klondike fifty years later, and great land rushes into Indian territory and later into Florida. These "everybody's doing it" manias ended as booms for some and disheartening busts for others.

The genesis of most, if not all, mass hysterical behavior is fear. But perhaps the hot spark that touches off the swirling flame of panic is suggestibility.

If there is anything that provides a strong sense of individuality, it is freedom of movement. In a crowd or mob, when people are jammed close together, they tend to become one of a horde. On that basis they lose much of their identity and become more susceptible to movements of the mass.

### ONLY A LEADER IS NEEDED

Let someone take up a cry or start an action and through suggestibility others will follow suit. All that is needed is a leader, an object, or an expression that fixes the attention of the crowd.

In a theatre someone claps his hands and soon everyone is clapping. At a meeting someone boos and soon almost everyone is booing. A wisp of smoke in a nightclub attracts someone's attention. He yells, "Fire!" Soon the patrons are panic-stricken and madly climb over themselves trying to escape real or imagined danger.

We often view ourselves as being far more enlightened than the medieval peasant, burgher, and knight with his superstitions and fervors. In many respects we are. Yet, we still retain latent fears, insecurity, and herd instincts that can drive us into just as frenzied a condition as were they.

And although we live in a more advanced civilization, we still are no less divested of panic and hysteria than were they. In times of stress, real or otherwise, we still can run as fast, pray as hard, or go as berserk as did our ancestors.

"Keep calm," the television announcer urges. "Keep calm. Everything humanly possible is being done to protect you."

Will that exhortation be enough to keep you calm, or will you immediately run — not walk — to the nearest exit?



# Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

## 32-ji KUOPA

32-ji kuopa Kingstone, Pa., įsteigta 1916 metais spalio 20 d. Sekančiais metais turėjo arti šimto narių. Kuopai priklausė ir apylinkės miestelių jaunimas. Buvo įsteigus lituanistikos kursus, ruošė vakarus, rinko aukas Lietuvos laisvės reikalams ir t.t.

1918 metais Lietuvai pasiskelbus nepriklausoma valstybe, balandžio 7 d. kuopa buvo suruošus didelį vakarą JAV ir Lietuvos vėliavoms pagerbti. Salėj pagarbioj vietoj buvo išstatytos vėliavos. Lietuvos vėliava buvo žalios, baltos ir raudonos spalvų. Kalbėti buvo pakviesta visa eilė žymiųjų lietuvių ir amerikiečių. Buvo paruošta ir graži programa.

Žymiausias kuopos veikėjais buvo P. Sabaliauskas, M. Gildžiūtė ir Thomas Shamis. Pastarasis yra vienas pirmųjų Amerikos lietuvių rašytojų apie Lietuvą anglų kalboje. Leido anglų kalba mėnesinį žurnalą "The Lithuanian Booster" ir yra išleidęs kelias anglų kalba brošiūras, kuriose įrodinėjo, kad istoriniai asmenys, k. a. Kosčiuško, Pulaski, Mickevičius ir k., kuriuos lenkai savinasi, yra lietuvių kilmės, už tai lenkų buvo nekenčiamas ir šmeižiamas. Pirmojo Pasaulinio karo metu tarnaudamas JAV kariuomenėj dirbo generalinio štabo departamente, vėliau buvo štabo spaustuvės vedėju Breste, Prancūzijoje. Po karo vienus metus buvo Vyčių Centro sekretorius ir spaustuvės vedėjas.

Petras Žmuidzinas, vienas pirmųjų kuopos narių, savanoriu įstojęs į JAV kariuomenę, pirmame Pasauliniame kare žuvo Prancūzijoje (1917 metais gegužės 7 d.). Tai buvo pirmas Vyčių organizacijos narys žuvęs kare Europoje.

Veiklesniam jaunimui išvažinėjus į kitus miestus, ir kuopa nustojo veikus.

## 33-ji KUOPA

33-ji kuopa Poquonocke, Conn., buvo įsteigta 1915 metais liepos 11 d. per kun. F. Kemėšio ir A. Knežio prakalbas jaunimo organizavimo klausimu. Steigiamame susirinkime narių susirašė 26. Valdymon išrinkta A. Pilkonis pirmininku, J. Gudaitis vicepirmininku, M. Kranauskaitė sekretore, R. Juškevičiūtė finansų sekretore, Ign. Juškevičius išdinininku.

Tokia žinutė yra tilpusi "Draugo" 31-me numeryje 1915 metais. Nedidelėj lietuvių kolonijoje, ma-

tyt, mažas buvo ir kuopos veikimas, kad nei "Drauge", nei vėliau įsteigtame organizacijos laikraštyje "Vytyje" neteko užėti jokių žinių. Gyvavo taip pat neilgai.

Jos numeris atiteko kitai kuopai suorganizuotai Kanadoje Montrealyje 1918 metais sausio 13 d. Steigiamajam susirinkime įsirašė 28 nariai. Susirinkimai buvo daromi du kartus per mėnesį.

Visas kuopos veikimas buvo nukreiptas parapijos ir Lietuvos reikalų remimui. Nemažai skyrė lėšų taip pat organizacijos reikalams — "Vyties" leidimui ir spaustuvės steigimui.

Nors po pirmojo Pasaulinio karo keliolika veikėjų grįžo į Lietuvą, tačiau kuopa veikimo nenutraukė. Tai paliudija žinutė "Vyties" num. 12-me, 1920 metų, kur sakoma:

"Jau ilgas laikas nesimato organe jokios žinutės iš mūsų kuopos veikimo. Kuopa nariais labai sumažėjo, nes daugelis išvažinėjo, tačiau likusieji laikosi. Džiaugiamės, kad iš Detroito sugrįžo sekretorė O. Buziūtė. Pamačiusi, kaip ten veikia vyčiai, ėmėsi organizacinio darbo."

Kuopa žydėjo iki 1925 metų. Per tą laiką suruošė 6 vakarus, 9 koncertus (turėjo savo chorą) ir 3 gegužines. Visi tie parengimai davė pelno \$367, iš kurių \$258 paskirti parapijos reikalams.

Vėliau sumažėjus narių skaičiui susilpnėjo ir veikimas, o ilgainiui ir visiškai užgėso.

Iš narių daugiausia yra pasidarbavę ir valdybose buvę J. Bendžiūnas, O. Buziūtė, P. Butkevičiūtė, O. Kleiziūtė, O. Bobiniūtė, J. Bruknis, A. Bandziūtė ir k.

## 34-jo KUOPA

34-ji kuopa Easton, Pa., įsteigta 1915 m. spalio mėn., nes "Vyties" nr. 2-me 1916 m. rašoma, kad "nors ši kuopa susitvėrė vos 5 mėnesiai atgal, bet nuveikė daug. Surengė daug naudingų prakalbų katalikams. Kalbėtojais buvo P. Gibavičius, F. Černiauskas, J. Jasionis, A. S. Straukas ir Al. M. Račkus". Laisvamaniai esą susirūpinę. Per 5 mėnesius vyčiai baigia griauti visa tai, ką laisvamaniai yra pastatę per devynerus metus. Bedievybė čia giliai įleidusi šaknis, bet vyčiai, nežiūrint, kad čia nėra lietuvių kunigo, nė inteligentų, šauniai darbuojas savo brolių švietimui, vesdami juos blaivybės ir doros keliais.



# TAKTAS

Alfa Sušinskas  
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## I. Takto supratimas

Dažnai ir įvairiomis progomis girdime apie kurį nors žmogų šitaip atsiliepiant: "Jis yra taktingas žmogus, jis visada taktingai pasielgia... Jis neturi takto, jis netakingai kalba"...

Kas yra taktas ir kuris žmogus yra taktingas?

"Lietuvių Kalbos Vadovas," P. Skardžiaus, St. Barzduko ir J. M. Laurinaičio redaguotas, 542 p. taktą aiškina šitokiais žodžiais: "Tono, laiko matas; sprendimo ir elgesio saikumas, švelnumas." O "Webster's Collegiate Dictionary" 1015 p. taktą (tact) aiškina sekančiais žodžiais: "1. Paliavimo pajautimas. 2. Jautrus, dvasinis suvokimas, pastebėjimas; malonus nusi-manymas, kas tinka daryti ir kalbėti bendraujant su žmonėmis ir jų neįžeidžiant."

Pats takto žodis yra lotyniškas ir turi kelias reikšmes. Mes gi taktą čia imame dvasine reikšme — kaip tinkamą žmogaus elgesį.

Taigi žmogaus taktas yra jo sugebėjimas maloniai bei tinkamai elgtis ir maloniai, tinkamai kalbėtis su žmonėmis jų nepažeminant.

## II. Asmeninis taktas

Asmeninis žmogaus taktas apima mokėjimą elgtis su žmonėmis, su kuriais jis bendrauja. Takto žmogus visada sugeba įvertinti kitą žmogų. Taktingas žmogus nors ir teisingus, bet nemalonus, nemielus dalykus moka pasakyti tinkama ir neįžeidžiančia forma. Juk nemaloni teisybė būna netokia karti, kai ji pasakoma meilia ir švelnia forma.

Taktingas žmogus pasižymi gražiomis takto savybėmis.

1. Jis nepraranda pusiausvyros ir nepasiduoda jausmams besikalbėdamas su žmonėmis. O jei jau jis turi kalbėtis būdamas susierzinęs, pirmiausia jis stengiasi susivaldyti, nes susierzinimas yra netakto šaltinis: pyktis kiekvienam atima ir protą ir taktą... Taktingas žmogus akyliai kontroliuoja save. Jis yra saiko žmogus: jis neperdeda kalbėdamas ar veikdamas.

2. Taktingas žmogus pilnai ir aiškiai pripažįsta kito žmogaus teises, privilegijas bei nuopelnus ir savo elgesiu jų nepažeidžia.

3. Takto žmogus visada vadovaujasi artimo meilės dorybe, kuri yra takto pagrindas: kas neturi artimo meilės, neturi nė takto. Dėl to taktingas žmogus niekur pirma savęs, savo ambicijos, neiškiša, o pirmiausia atsižvelgia į kito asmens reikalus; jis neieško savęs ir sau garbės. Taktingas žmogus vengia visko, kas kitam sudaro nemalonumą ir skausmą, kas kito žmogaus garbę ir gerą vardą pažeidžia. Taktingas žmogus visų pirma stengiasi įmatyti, kas yra gera kitame žmoguje: jis ne šešėlių ieško kitame, o šviesių ir vertingų bruožų, kurių jis, aišku, ir randa.

## III. Organizacinis taktas

Be asmeninio takto, dar yra ir organizacinis taktas. Šis taktas yra būtina savybė kiekvienos organizacijos nariui. Juk negana tik priklausyti organizacijai: dar reikia ir mokėti elgtis su savo organizaciniais draugais ir net su kitomis organizacijomis, su skirtingų organizacijų nariais.

Kas yra organizacinis taktas? Jis yra organizacijos nario mokėjimas elgtis su kitais nariais jų nepaniekinant ir savai organizacijai nepakenkiant.

Šia proga reikia pastebėti, jog yra daug garbingiau nepriklausyti organizacijai, negu priklausyti ir būti blogu jos nariu...

1. Narys su organizaciniu taktu gerai supranta, kad jis tėra viena mažytė organizacijos dalelė, kad kiti nariai yra orga-

nizacijai tiek pat reikalingi, kiek ir jis. Santykiuose su organizaciniais draugais jis nepadidina savo nuopelnų ir reikšmės, o kitų narių nuopelnų jis nemažina ir neniekina. Į savo organizacijos narius jis žiūri kaip į savo šeimos narius: kaip į brolius ir seseris. Visi nariai yra lygūs jo akyse, ir jis nerūšiuoja jų į pirmaeilius ir antraeilius, į rinktinčius ir pasturlakus...

2. Narys su organizaciniu taktu nežemina savo organizacinės vadovybės ir negriauna jos darbų; jis neteršia nė savo organizacijos; jis drausmingai paklusta daugumos nutarimams ir valiai. Matydamas savo organizacijoje trūkumą, jis stengiasi juos pašalinti pozityviu darbu, neįžeisdamas nei organizacijos, nei organizacinių draugų.

3. Taktingas narys, susitikdamas su kitomis organizacijomis ir su jų nariais, nežemina nei jų, nei savo organizacijos; jis randa gerą žodį pasakyti ir nesavos organizacijos nariams. Juk žmonės pasirenka organizacijas pagal savo įsitikinimus bei polinkius, ir šioje žemėje nėra tobulos organizacijos; be to, kiekviena organizacija turi ir gerų savybių, kurias visada pripažįsta taktingas kitokios organizacijos narys.

Žmogaus taktas išreiškia tikrąjį žmoniškumą ir išsiauklėjimą. Taktingas žmogus neša laimę kitiems ir ją duoda sau pačiam; taktingas žmogus yra visų pageriamas, ir jis yra pageriamas net kitokių organizacijų narių...



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*"Unless a man be born again  
of water and the spirit, he cannot  
enter into the kingdom of heaven."*

## SACRAMENTS IN GENERAL

Rev. Albin F. Janiunas

In the physical order of things, we all know how weak we really are. We know how easy it is to get sick, to catch a cold for example, particularly when we are run down and our resistance is low.

In the spiritual order, we experience the same type of weakness. Our human nature has been tarnished by original sin. As a result, our minds have become darkened and our wills weakened. Our souls are constantly buffeted by temptations, doubts, fears and anxieties of all kinds. Hence, the need for divine assistance.

Our Lord knew that need for divine assistance. It was for that purpose that He came down upon this earth and offered up His sufferings and death on the Cross to the Eternal Father in expiation of sin. By His death, He gained for us sanctifying grace without which none can ever be holy and pleasing in God's eyes. It is this grace which aids us along the path of life to eternity.

How is this grace dispensed? Is it something that just comes to us or do we have to do something special to obtain it? Christ supplies the answer. In order that persons may obtain grace, Christ instituted the sacraments.

In all there are seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

Through the course of the centuries, attempts have been made to question the number of sacraments instituted by Christ. Some have tried to say that Christ actually instituted a number less than seven. Tradition, however, proves to us that Christ instituted just seven, no more and no less.

For example, Tertullian who lived in the second century, wrote this: "The body is washed that the soul be made immaculate; the flesh is anointed that the soul may be consecrated; the flesh is signed that the soul may be fortified; by the imposition of hands the body is covered that the soul may be enlightened by the spirit; the body eats the Body and Blood of Christ that the soul likewise may be fed by God.

Around 1139, Hebordus wrote the biography of St. Otto, Bishop and Apostle of the Pomeranians. He made reference to a catechism which St. Otto wrote and in which each of the seven sacraments is mentioned.

The Council of Trent in 1545 decreed that there are seven sacraments which give grace to the soul of man. It goes so far as to state that the fact of the seven sacraments is an article of faith. Consequently, anyone denying this would be immediately anathematized, i. e., would be excommunicated from the true fold of Christ.

Let us go back to our parochial school or Sunday school days. No doubt, we recall how the priest or the sister tried to impress upon us the fact that a sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace to our souls.

What is an outward sign? A sign is something that designates or points out something else to someone. For example, smoke is a sign of fire. A sign at an intersection shows one what road to take to reach his destination. This sign is an outward one, i. e., it is visible. It can be seen or heard by persons. Thus, in the sacrament of baptism, the pouring of the water on the infant's forehead and the simultaneous saying of the words by the one baptizing is an external, visible sign which reveals and makes known to those in attendance that the sacrament of baptism is being administered.

These outward signs give grace to those receiving them. They actually produce the grace

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

In the summer of 1953, we had occasion to publish an article on the Sacrament of Matrimony. This article proved to be so popular with our readers that we have decided to publish a series of articles on all the sacraments. This month's article is on the "Sacraments in General" written for us by Rev. Albin F. Janiunas, curate of St. Francis' Church in Lawrence, Mass. and spiritual advisor of the K. of L. council there. We trust that this series will prove to be of as equal interest as the article on marriage. Your comments will be more than welcome.



which enters the soul and gives it a divine brilliance. Whence have these signs the power to produce such a noble effect? Of themselves these signs mean little but when Christ gives them a special power they mean everything. Christ expressly gave these visible signs the power to produce grace. Speaking of baptism, Christ said: "Unless a man be born again of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John III, 5). Speaking of penance, Christ said to His Apostles whom He ordained as His first priests: "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained" (John XX, 23).

I mention these two sacraments in order to show the effects that are produced by them. Sacred Scripture makes mention of the institution and the effects of the other five sacraments also.

The sacraments give us sanctifying grace which is a supernatural gift of God which makes us always pleasing and holy in God's eyes. Because of the nature of sanctifying grace, it is impossible to be saved without it.

Before baptism, one's soul is stained with original sin. It is spiritually dead. Baptism removes this sin of our first parents and adorns the soul with sanctifying grace. Before penance, one's soul is usually stained with mortal sin. Penance wipes out these sins committed after baptism and restores supernatural life to the soul by infusing into it once again sanctifying grace. Because the soul is usually devoid of this grace and therefore spiritually dead before receiving baptism and penance, these two sacraments are called sacraments of the dead.

The other five sacraments are called sacraments of the living. To receive them worthily, one's soul must already be spiritually living with sanctifying grace. Otherwise, if one were to receive one of them with his soul spiritually dead with mortal sin, he would commit the serious sin of sacrilege. This explains the reason why so many Catholics go to confession previous to receiving one of these sacraments. When one receives one of these sacraments of the living, the sanctifying grace already in his soul is increased.

Besides sanctifying grace, each of the sacraments gives us sacramental grace. This grace is a form of sanctifying grace which gives the one receiving it a special help to attain the purpose for which Christ instituted each sacrament.

Baptism makes us Christians. Through this sacrament, God gives us special graces to lead a true Christian life in conformity with the will of God.

Confirmation makes us solid Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ. Through it, Christ gives us the spiritual equipment necessary to resist and ultimately to overcome the attacks of the enemy of our soul; the devil.

Penance heals the wounds of our soul caused by sin. Through the sacrament of Penance, God gives us aids to resist temptation, to overcome sinful habits and to avoid the occasions of sin.

In Holy Eucharist we receive Christ Himself. The Author of all grace helps us to become more like Him in holiness of life. As food strengthens and builds our bodies so does Christ help us to grow strong in virtue with His Body and Blood as spiritual nourishment for our souls.

Extreme Unction prepares the soul for eternity. Through this sacrament, the soul is strengthened for the last minute temptations of the devil and is aided to meet God for judgment.

Holy Orders makes priests of men. Through this sacrament, they receive the aid needed to fulfill the sacred duties of the priesthood.

Matrimony unites a Christian man and woman in lawful wedlock. This sacrament gives them the strength to fulfill the duties of the married state; to bring up their children properly and to remain faithful to each other until death.

From our own spiritual experience, we know that some sacraments can be received only once whereas others can be received more than once. Why is this so? Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders can be received only once because they imprint a character on the soul. This character is an indelible mark or badge which adheres to the soul. It can never be washed away. It will ever remain even in eternity as St. Cyril of Jerusalem, one of the Fathers of the Church, wrote. To the soul which is saved, the character will be a sign of added glory and honor whereas to the lost soul it will be a mark of added shame and dishonor. Once we receive this indelible mark, there is no need to receive another. That is why baptism, confirmation and holy orders can be received only once. Consequently, once a person is baptised, he will always be so; once one is confirmed, he will ever remain so and once a man is ordained to the priesthood, he will ever be a priest even if through some misfortune he should leave the priesthood.

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# VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja Ignas Sakalas

## Mirga Marga iš Sendraugių

*Nauji "Vilniaus kalneliai".* Sendraugių pirmininko Igno Sakalo, P. Čižausko ir jų žmonių viena Cook apskrities miškuose (Forest Preserves) vieta pavadinta "Vilniaus kalneliais," kur birželio 20 d. įvyko tradicinis sendraugių išvažiavimas. Gaila tik, kad patį vidurdienį užėjus audra daugelį sulaukė nuo dalyvavimo tame išvažiavime. Popiet išgiedrėjus, vis tik suvažiavo būrys sendraugių ir jų svečių, kurie linksmi praleido laiką. Vakarėjant, gamtai nutilus, skardėjo miškas nuo lietuviškų dainų, kurioms vadovavo A. Benaitienė, Žurlys, o jiems pritarė visi balsingi vyčiai sendraugiai.

Rengimo komisijoj buvo Ig. Sakalas, P. Čižauskas ir V. Pavis, o svečius vaišino judriosios sendraugės K. Petrulienė, T. Norbutienė ir J. Petkūnienė.

*Matas Zizas,* vyčių sendraugių narys ir organizacijos veteranas, yra įsigijęs gražų ūkį Michigan valstybėje, kur vieną savaitgalį praleisti savo naujuoju Cadillac buvo nusivėžęs ir sendraugių pirmininką Ig. Sakalą su žmona. M. Zizas ir Ig. Sakalas yra žuvavimo mėgėjai, tad didesnę savaitgalio dalį praleido žuvingam ūkio ežere. Ir saule nudėgė ir žuvies pagavo.

Matas Zizas yra stambiausias Chicagoj naujų namų statytojas. Pietvakariniam rajone (Marquette Park) iki šiol yra pastatęs daugiau kaip 500 naujų namų.

*Pranas Čižauskas,* kuris šiuo metu eina Katal. Federacijos Chicagos apskr. išdininko pareigas, pastarajame sendraugių susirinkime išrinktas nariu Vyčių Namų Tarybon, vieton dėl ligos atsisakiusio Jono Kass, kuris Taryboj ėjo išdininko pareigas. Jį patvirtino ir apskr. susirinkimas birželio 24 d.

Smagu pranešti, kad J. Kass, pardavęs savo prekybą (krautuve) ir persikėlęs gyventi į užmiestį, atgauna sveikatą. Tai buvo matyti iš jo atsilankymo į sendraugių metinį išvažiavimą "Vilniaus kalneliuose" birželio 20 d. Kartu buvo atvažiavus ir jo duktė su savo vyru.

*Vincas E. Pavis,* sendraugių kuopos direktoriato narys, Vyčių Namų Tarybos pirmininkas ir ALRK Federacijos Chicagos apskr. pirmininkas, paskutiniu metu paskirtas Deputy Court Clerk Cicero savivaldybėje. Jo žmona Stella šiuo metu

eina sendraugių kuopoj finansų sekretorės pareigas, o judviejų duktė Eugenia—III. ir Ind. apskr. sekretorės pareigas.

*Ona Žalandauskienė,* senųjų lietuvių draugių bei organizacijų veikėja, įsirašė nariu sendraugių kuopon. Susirinkimui ją pristatė žinoma Chicagos lietuvių veikėja B. Cicėnienė.

Linkime Onai kartu su visais darbuotis gražiesiems vyčių idealams.

*Kun. Ig. Albavičius,* sendraugių dviasios vadovas, nepraleidžia nei vieno sendraugių parengimo jame nedalyvavęs ir jo neparėmęs. Dalyvavo ir sendraugių kuopos išvažiavime. Kartu buvo atvykęs ir A. Mondeika, Šv. Antano parapijos (Cicero), kurios klebonu yra kun. Ig. Albavičius, vargonininkas. Vyčių veikla Mondeikai taip pat nėra nežinoma. Prieš trisdešimt metų būdamas vargoninko pareigose Grand Rapids, Mich., ir Spring Valley, Ill., buvo vyčių veikėjas, ypatingai pastarojo kolonijoje, kur veikė L. Vyčių 28-ji kuopa ir A. Mondeika jai vadovavo.

*K. ir M. Rubinai,* gyvenę Roselande, žymūs tos apylinkės lietuvių veikėjai, šiemet į sendraugių išvažiavimą atvyko su dideliu būriu svečių: dviem sūnumis ir jų šeimomis ir vieno sūnaus žmonos tėvais. Vienas Rubinų sūnus, Leonas, yra įsikūręs Lake Alfred, Fla., kur turi gazolino stotį ir maisto krautuve, ir tuo metu buvo parvažiavęs Chicagon atostogų. K. ir M. Rubinai ne tik priklauso mūsų organizacijoms, bet veikia jose ir taip pat remia kiekvieną tautinį ir kultūrinį reikalą.

*Antanas ir Stefanija Jonučiai* prieš porą metų pirkė ūkį E. Troy, Wis. Antanas gyvena ūkyje ir vadovauja visiems ūkio darbams, o Stefanija dirba "Draugo" administracijoje (yra skelbimų skyriaus vedėja) ir tik savaitgaliais parvažiuoja į ūkį padėti savo vyrui. Sendraugiai galvoja suruošti išvyką Jonučių ūkin ir pasilinksinti Wisconsin gamtoje.

*J. Juozaitis* LV. Illinois - Indiana valst. apskr. susirinkime birželio 24 d. pasitraukė iš apskrities tarybos pirmininko pareigų. Toms pareigoms išrinktas Al Manstavičius, 5 kuopos narys.

Linksmi, kad Manstavičius po dešimties metų dingimo iš vyčių veikimo vėl atsirado ir iš karto pateko į augščiausį apskr.

postą. Iš praeities žinant Manstavičiaus organizacinius gabumus, taktą ir mokėjimą jaunimui vadovauti, tikimasi, kad pavyks jam čia daug padaryti. Taip pat miela būtų ir sendraugiams turėti jį savo nariu.

*V. E. Pavis,* Vyčių Namų Tarybos pirmininkas, paruošė ir sendraugiams bei Chicagos apskričiai pateikė metinę Vyčių namo — salės apyskaitą, kuri buvo ir vienu ir kitu susirinkime priimta. Kaip sendraugiai, taip ir apskritis nuoširdžiai padėkojo Paviui už jo kruopščiai atliktą darbą.

*J. K. Encheris,* senosios kartos Brighton Parko veikėjas ir ALRK Federacijos Chicagos apskr. Lituaniškos Muzėjaus tvarkytojas, paskutiniu metu sunegalavo ir pasitraukė (žinoma, laikinai) iš veikimo. Jo globojami muzėjiniai dalykai yra perkelti į Vyčių namo-patalpas.

## "FIRE TREE FEAST"

The communist regime in Hungary sponsored a "Fire Tree Feast", intended to replace Christmas. In this connection restaurants, bars and places of entertainment were instructed to keep open throughout the night of Christmas Eve. But the population of Hungary preferred to spend that solemn evening at home and the public places were quite empty. Communist dignitaries carrying out their inspection found that there were no guests, except a few bored individuals who were themselves police agents on duty.

The streets of Budapest were deserted, although the authorities illuminated public buildings with electric "fire trees" and with bright neon signs to attract the attention of the people. Buses and trolley cars did not carry any passengers. Street traffic became animated only after 11 p.m. when people began streaming into the churches. The basilica of St. Stephen, the largest church in Budapest, was overcrowded during the midnight Mass, while many parish churches could not hold all the faithful. Many people stood outside churches in Pest and Buda, unable to find room inside.



## Jubiliatas

### KUN. KAZIMIERAS BARAUSKAS

Šv. Kryžiaus parapijos (Chicagoj) parapiečių iniciatyva, šauniu banketu buvo pagerbtas kun. Kazimieras Barauskas jo 50 metų amžiaus ir 25 metų kunigystės jubiliejų proga.

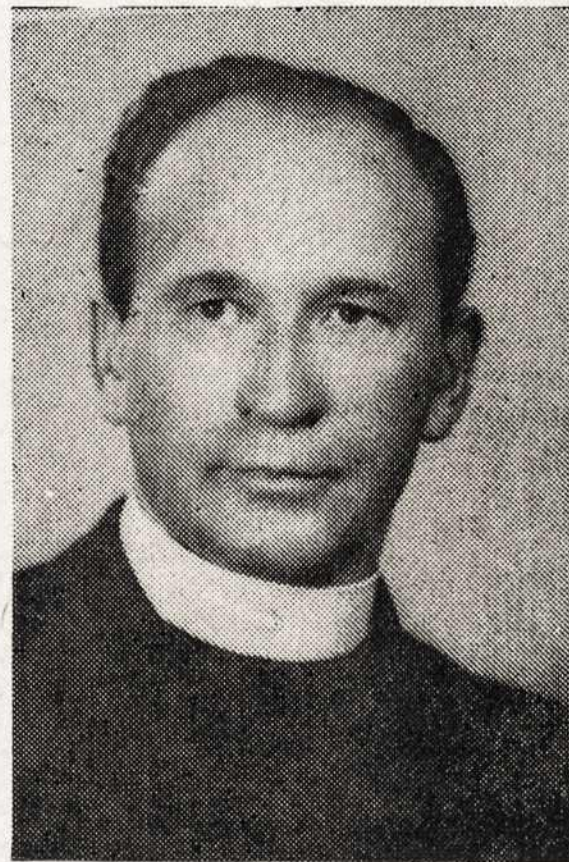
Baięs Žemaičių kunigų seminariją ir 1929 m. išventintas į kunigus, metus dar lankė Vytauto Didžiojo universitetą, iš kurio išėjo su bažnytinės teisės licenciatu. Po to vikaravo ir kapelionavo įvairiose gimnazijose, taip pat vadovavo jaunimo pavasarininkų ir ateitininkų organizacijoms.

Spaudoje jubiliatas pradėjo dirbti dar klieriku būdamas ir pasireiškė, kaip gabus publicistas. Rašė visiems Lietuvos katalikų laikraščiams, o kai buvo sumanyta steigti Katalikų Spaudos biurą, tai sumanytojų akys nukrypo į jauną laikraštininką ir buvo pakviestas vadovauti naujai svarbiai įstaiigai. Vėliau jubiliatas buvo pakviestas redaguoti liaudžiai leidžiamą savaitraštį "Mūsų laikraštis," prie kurio pritraukė visą eilę gabiausių rašytojų visose srityse. Per vienus metus "Mūsų Laikraštis" iš 37,000 egzempliorių pasiekė 89,000 prenumeratorių. Tai buvo plačiausiai Lietuvoj skaitomas laikraštis. Tą laikraštį jubiliatas redagavo iki sovietinės barbarijos antplūdžio, kuris sugriovė ir sunaikino visą Lietuvos politinį, kultūrinį ir ūkinį gyvenimą.

1941 m. jubiliatas atvykęs į Jungt. Amerikos Valstybes tuojau įsijungė į lietuvių katalikų veikimą. Dar gerai nesusipažinęs su Amerikos lietuvių gyvenimu pasiėmė vadovauti Amer. Lietuvių Katalikų Federacijos suplanuotam Lietuvos gelbėjimo vajui, kurį sėkmingai pravedė. Su turiningomis paskaitomis aplankė veik visas kolonijas. Vaizdžiai piešdamas sunkią Lietuvoj komunistų okupaciją, savo brolius ir seseris lietuvius paskatino dar uoliau rūpintis savo tautos gelbėjimu ir išbloktųjų iš Lietuvos tremtinių šelpimu.

Pastoviai apsistojęs Chicagoj jubiliatas sekma-dieniais talkino Visų Šventųjų, Dievo Apvaizdos ir kitose parapijose, o dabar yra asistentu Šv. Kryžiaus parapijoj. Be to, jau dvylikti metai, kaip dirba dienraščio "Draugo" redakcijos kolektyve, kur pasižymi dideliu uolumu savo pareigose, ypač skubiai tiekti naujos informacijos.

Šale laikraštininko darbo, jubiliatas Lietuvoj yra suredagavęs kolektyvinį veikalą "Krikščionybė Lietuvoj," o Amerikoje yra išleistas šios jo knygos: "Bolševizmo siaubas Lietuvoj" (1941 m.) ir "Tremtinio pergyvenimai" (1943 m.).



Simpatingam, draugiškam, nuoširdžiam, atviro žodžio, drąsiam lietuviškųjų reikalų gynėjui, geros, artimą užjaučiančios širdies jubiliatui kun. K. Barauskui vyčiai sendraugiai, kaip savo nariui ir rėmėjui, prašo Dievo geros sveikatos, kad ir toliau galėtų sėkmingai dirbuotis Dievo garbei, Lietuvos išlaisvinimui ir Amerikos lietuvių švietimui bei lietuviškumo palaikymui.

*I. Skardupis*

### A JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE

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## WATCH YOUR STEP

by John Chervokas

Ah, yes!! The dance season is with us once more. There are many fine K. of L. functions but none so pleasing as the Saturday night dance. It is on these evenings that many dashing young Casimirs may be seen doing a wierd dance with a charming Biruté.

To one who is attending his first K. of L. dance — a rare experience indeed — the polka appears to be a variation of the St. Vitus Dance. Bad corns, sore feet and all other ailments of the leg pass into oblivion when the strains of the "Clarinet Polka" penetrate the ears of a redblooded Knight.

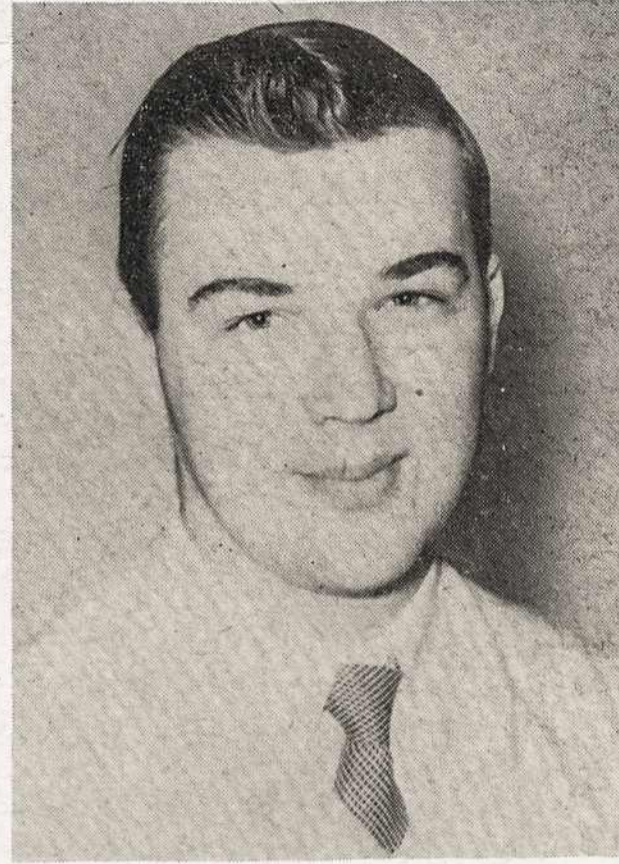
Though I probably can find a hundred Lithuanians who will vouch that their ancestors invented the polka actually the distinction must go to the Bohemians. I have often wondered how the polka came to be. My best solution to this perplexing problem is that the polka was the result of a Bohemian lad running into an active hornet's nest. The actions of the dance certainly resembles man's battle with a nest of angry hornets.

The dictionary gives as a definition of the polka "a vivacious hopping dance performed by two persons." This is a revelation because these two people usually make enough noise for two dozen dancers. The tune itself is actually 2-4 time with the third eighth note accented, but when whirling madly around the dance floor nobody is aware of the actual tempo.

The word "polka" is a Polish word meaning woman. In any research of the history of this wild dance I found no reference to Lithuania though undoubtedly the land of our heritage played an important role in the growth of this "crazy mixed-up" dance.

Imagine! The polka was first stomped out in 1834. The world has seen and heard the polka now for 120 years. During this time countries have risen and fallen; governments have risen and declined; fads have come and gone. The polka, however, has not faded but rather it has grown in popularity that as a result today it is a household word.

Of course, there are variations of the polka. Most of these alterations are developed by the heavy-footed gentlemen. There is the husky, athletic-looking lad who cannot dance the polka without stamping his size 14 boots after every four



JOHN V. CHERVOKAS

of Council 27, Norwood, Mass. He is the son of two prominent Knights of Lithuania, Anne and Bronius Chervokas. As a senior in the Norwood High School, he is editing the 1955 Yearbook and the "Knight-Lite." In his spare time, he is keeping up a Sports column in a local newspaper and supplying material for "St. George's Lithuanian Parish Notes." By his activities he is demonstrating that the backbone of the Knights of Lithuania might well be in our youth.

notes. This type usually does not injure himself but his partner, on the whole, has her foot in a cast from six weeks to two months.

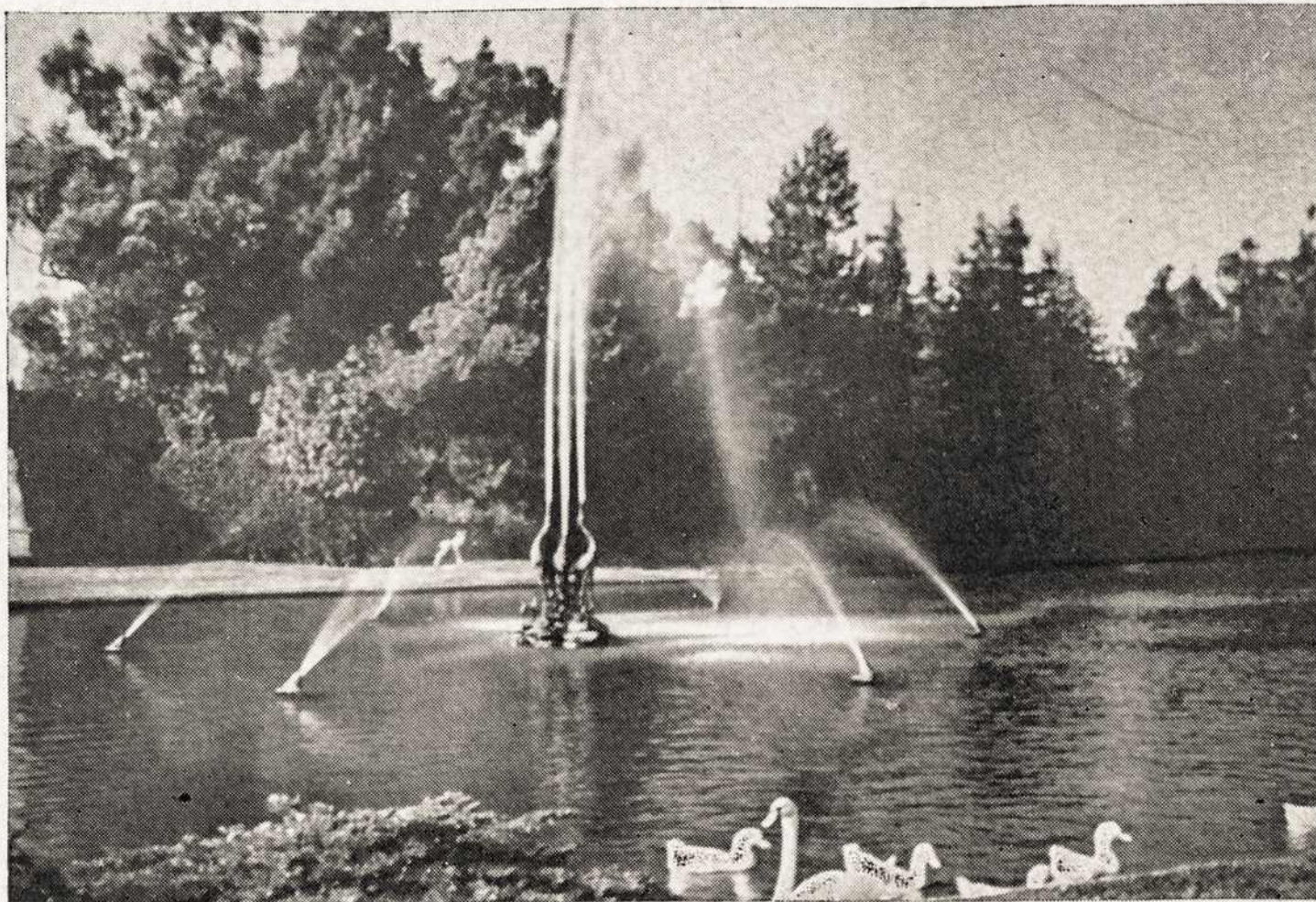
Then we have the "top type". This variety of dancer believes in spinning like a top until all of his blood has rushed to his head. After a long survey I have noticed that the girls who have the courage to humor these polka prancers hardly ever wear out their dancing shoes. Their feet never touch the ground so as to wear out the soles.

The third type is the one who looks as if he's dancing on a rocky boat. As he goes tearing madly about the floor he dips from side to side thus creating a truly eerie picture. This type is only dangerous when nearing a corner. The loss of balance at this point may well result in an indenture in the wall.

As there are no snowflakes or fingerprints alike, so there is no man who dances the polka the same way. This is the reason for the dance's wide-spread popularity. Yes, summer is here and the polka has climbed into the number one spot on the dance parade. I have but one admonition to those of you who as yet are uninitiated to the polka. Watch your step!



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## SVEIKINAME VYČIŲ SEIMO DALYVIUS!

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### THY MOTHER TONGUE

by Antonia M. Wackell

*Love, love thy mother tongue, my child  
That your motherland has taught you.  
Your first prayer, innocent and mild  
From your youthful soul she drew.  
Through her, your first words of music  
You expressed the yearnings of your heart.  
Through her, the love of beauty, she was quick  
To breathe into your heart.*

*In your swadling clothes, feeling neglected,  
Over your cradle floated the songs,  
And into your heart consolation was spread  
Through your dear mother's loving crib-songs.  
The sky, the sun, the buds of the flowers,  
The butterflies and grasshoppers charmed your soul.  
It seemed to you, as though, the songs of the birds  
Echoed with your mother's words.*

*Thy mother tongue, my child, you must love and admire  
For she is the first who will serve you —  
Offering consolation, your childish prayer inspire  
And in your first love, intercede for you.*

(Translated from Lithuanian)

### SVEIKINAME

Kun. Joną Jutkevičių, buvusį ilgametį Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos Dvasios Vadą, J. E. Worcester Vyskupo Wright paskirto atsakingom vyskupijos Sinodo pareigoms (Pro-Synodal Examiner), nuoširdžiai sveikiname.

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Kun. Dr. Juozas Prunskis, gyvai domėdamasis vyčių judėjimo reikalais, o ypač jų spauda, paaukojo š. m. "Vyties" platinimo reikalams 50 dol. Atsiųsdamas pinigus ir linkėdamas vyčiams ir jų spaudai augti ir stiprėti pareiškė, kad ir ateinančioms 1955 metams jis skiria šiam tikslui 50 dol. auką. Nuoširdžiai dėkojame.

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## READERS WRITE

In our time, when Lithuania is in the most terrible battle for survival that it ever has been in, it is very discouraging to see so many of her young sons and daughters being so unkind toward her.

The attitude of today's Lithuanian-American young people is all but sympathetic towards the land from which their forefathers came only a relatively few years ago. I am not speaking about any great love or devotion to Lithuania, but about preserving at least a basic respect for her. It seems that there isn't even this much accorded the country which our parents and relatives left because of tyranny and oppression.

Perhaps the greatest reason for this indifferent attitude is that there are very few young people who actually know anything about Lithuania and its great history. The young people whom I know certainly don't know too much about their own people.

I have actually met young Lithuanian - Americans who didn't know how to spell the name of their nationality. This may sound ridiculous to those who are proud to be of Lithuanian stock and who take pride in the customs and traits of their people; nevertheless, it is quite true — unfortunately. Such a situation is abominable, but it exists and is typical of the condition many of our young persons are in today.

I have met many Lithuanian boys, girls, men, and women who are ashamed to admit they are of Lithuanian extraction. They do not wish it known that they are Lithuanians for fear that they might be laughed at. I should like to hear someone laugh at me because I said that I have Lithuanian blood in my veins.

I have yet to meet anyone, however, who laughed because I admitted Lithuanian descent. On the contrary, I have found that most of those who know my nationality are very interested in learning more about it. A few of my non-Lithuanian friends even ask me to teach them a few words so that they may use them with me or among themselves.

Most of the non-Lithuanians whom I know, immediately take to the Lithuanians they meet at various social gatherings. They are anxious to learn more about them, as well. An Irish friend once told me that we should thank God for all the different cultural advantages that we have at our disposal because of our Lithuanian heritage. I think

that he really would have liked to have been a Lithuanian — partly, at least.

I think that I can safely say that there are young non-Lithuanians who think more of Lithuania and Lithuanians than do many Lithuanian youngsters.

Of course, all that I have said of the younger people is applicable, also, to many of our adults. What an example such parents set for their young children. Perhaps that's the reason there are so many bad Lithuanians among the young people today. What right has any parent to teach his child that their nationality is a thing to be ashamed of?

One of the greatest duties of the K. of L. is to teach its members to appreciate the customs and traditions of their motherland. The organization could be a very potent source of information about Lithuania.

What right have we to call ourselves Knights of Lithuania when we insult and hide our Lithuanian nationality. A K. of L.'er who does this should hide in shame for what he does to himself and to his people.

Why can't such people learn that they are being thoroughly silly and stupid about a subject they cannot know enough about?

The next time you hear or see anyone do harm to our Lithuanian nationality tell him to be quiet. No non-Lithuanian is going to respect a Lithuanian who belittles his own people for no reason — and there is no reason.

*David Plesic,*  
Council 24, Chicago.

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Just a little note of thanks for your fine magazine, "VYTIS". You may be surprised to receive a letter thanking you for the "VYTIS" from a long-time member. But, you see, I am an Army wife and am living here in E'town, Ky., with my husband who is stationed at Fort Knox. (Too bad we can't get near all that gold.)

We haven't seen the "VYTIS" since January, '54. Therefore, upon receiving this issue (June '54) my husband and I were overjoyed. We are both from Council 3 in Philadelphia and I was the financial secretary before I had to resign in order to come out to Kentucky.

It's nice out here, but, believe me, when I say that we miss the K. of L. Isn't it funny, though, how little thought some of us give to the K. of L. until we're far away from all the doings and goings — on of the club.

We really miss it and we can't wait until February 23, 1955, when we will be back home for good.



## ENCIKLOPEDIJOS FONDAS LIETUVAI

Gyvename tokį metą, kada visos lietuvių dvasinės ir medžiaginės jėgos turi būti telkiamos kultūros vertybėms kurti. Lietuvių mokslas ir grožinės kūrybos apraiškos turi žengti drauge su mūsų visuomenine ir politine veikla. Visų lietuvių talka gali ir turi padaryti, kad šiandien ir rytoj mūsų mokslas ir kūryba ne tik laikytųsi pasiekto aukštumo, bet ir žengtų į priekį.

Laikraščiai ir knygos yra gerai išbandytas lietuvių kovos būdas už tautos laisvę, už savitą ir nepriklausomą lietuviškąjį žodį. Visų lietuviškų knygų didžioji knyga yra LIETUVIŲ ENCIKLOPEDIJA. Jos pirmasis tomas neseniai išėjo iš spaudos, kaina \$7.50. Viso bus išleista apie 20 tomų. Į metus išeis 3 tomai. Malonu ją įsigyti: mes ja džiaugiamės ir didžiuojamės. Ne visos tautos, net ir savo laisvojo valstybės, yra išleidusios enciklopedijas. Enciklopedija — tautos dvasinio lobyno rodiklis.

Lietuvių Enciklopedijos pirmojo tomo išleidimo proga, 1953 m. lapkričio 8 d. Bostono teisininkams iškėlus sumanymą įsteigti Enciklopedijos Fondą Lietuvai, kurio tikslas įgyti ir saugoti vieną tūkstantį (1000) Lietuvių Enciklopedijos komplektų iki bus galima juos parvežti nepriklausomon Lietuvon, kaipo laisvojo pasaulio lietuvių dovaną ilgai okupantų vargintai Tėvynei, rado didelį visuomenės pritarimą. Jau tą pačią dieną vienas bostonietis, pasivadinęs PAPERSTU PILIEČIU, per Bostono Rašytojų Klubą paaukojo tam Fondui 800 dolerių, o po vieną komplektą užsakė: baletu artistė T. Babuškinaitė — Valstybės Teatrui, kun. St. J. Vembrė — Šiaulių Vyrų gimnazijai, Bostono teisininkai — Teisingumo Ministerijai. Keliose darbovietėse jau susiorganizavo būreliai asmenų, kurie mokėdami į mėnesį po nedidelę sumą, užsakė Fondui enciklopediją.

Mieli tautiečiai! Mes, žemiau pasirašę įvairių grupių, organizacijų bei pasaulėžiūrų asmenų, didžiai pritardami Enciklopedijos Fondo Lietuvai idėjai, kreipiamės į visus laisvojo pasaulio lietuvius ir kviečiame kiekvieną prisidėti pagal savo išgales įgyti nepriklausomai Lietuvai vieną tūkstantį Lietuvių Enciklopedijos komplektų.

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A. Banevičius

I know that we are both going to do all in our power to keep the K. of L. in Philly a great, growing organization.

I have belonged to the K. of L. since 1949, and my husband since 1951, but we wouldn't give up our membership for anything. It's too bad many more Lithuanians do not realize what a wonderful, nation-wide organization we are.

In closing, I would like to thank you once more for your part in publishing this truly splendid magazine. Hats off to all our fine, hard working Lithuanian members who, I know, are just as proud as we are to belong.

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EVELYN M. BENDER,

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bender of Dorchester, Mass., and an active member of the K. of L., Council 17 in South Boston, was recently awarded the Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) degree in mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Miss Bender was born in Boston, attended the Boston public schools, and was graduated from Emmanuel College in 1949. She then entered the M.I.T. Graduate School, and earned the M. S. (Master of Science) degree there in 1950. Since then she has been a member of the academic staff at M.I.T., teaching mathematics. In September, she will become an Instructor in Mathematics at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Miss Bender has long been active in Lithuanian circles. For several years, she had been a pianist for Gabija, a Lithuanian choras and dramatic society in South Boston. In the K. of L. she has been secretary of the Board of Directors of Council 17 since 1951 and was editor of the council newspaper the *Keyhole News*. In 1953, she received the Third Degree in the K. of L.



## Kvietimas

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba maloniai kviečia Vyčių Dvasios Vadus, Garbės Pirmininkus, visus Vyčius ir Vyčių draugus gausiai dalyvauti Lietuvos Vyčių Seime, šių metų rugpiūčio 25—29 d., Hotel Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JUOZAS LOLA,  
Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Pirmininkas



## Sports of All Sorts

by Phil Carter

- Q. Are fatalities in the prize ring increasing or decreasing?
- A. They are increasing. Last year there were 21 deaths.
- Q. What apparatus, common in America, have Soviet athletes recently discovered and are demanding that the authorities produce?
- A. Roller skates. Except for a few imported, the Soviet Union has never had any.
- Q. Who was the top money winning golfer in the United States?
- A. Lew Worsham in 1953.
- Q. When was the Baseball Hall of Fame first opened, and where?
- A. On June 12, 1939, before thousands of tense spectators, the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball's first commissioner, officially dedicated the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum at Cooperstown, New York.
- Q. Does the favorite horse win a race more often than not?
- A. According to statisticians, over a long period favorite horses win over 40% of the time, and there may be a wide variance during any particular racing day.
- Q. What is the world's oldest sport?
- A. Foot racing, probably. Running, high jumping, weight lifting, throwing and wrestling all developed as a means of man's defense against wild animals in primitive times.
- Q. What race horse was the first to win the Triple Crown in American racing?
- A. Sir Barton in 1917. Only eight horses since 1875 have accomplished the feat in winning the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont Stakes to give them what is now called the American Triple Crown. There was no official recognition of the Triple Crown until 1950.
- Q. What is the most valuable trophy awarded in any sport?
- A. Probably the \$10,000 Ray Hickock Belt which goes annually to the "professional athlete of the year." The diamond studded jeweled belt is insured for \$30,000.
- Q. What horse won the Kentucky Derby and no other race?
- A. Broker's Tip which unexpectedly won the Derby in 1933.
- Q. In bowling which is better, the two or three-finger grip?
- A. This is purely a matter of personal preference, since there are champion bowlers in both classes. The three-finger grip is recommended by some authorities for beginners and young bowlers.
- Q. Are frog jumping races held in any other country besides the United States?
- A. Yes. There is one in South Africa. Recently a frog named Leaping Lena broke the jumping record at the Frog Olympics at Cape Town when it cleared 24 feet 3 inches in three consecutive leaps.
- Q. Why are the riders in horse races called jockeys?
- A. Jockey is the diminutive of the common Scotch name Jock. As boys were usually the riders, the diminutive was applied to them.
- Q. What is the world's record for the 16 pound shot?
- A. Sixty feet ten inches. This record was set Friday, June 11, 1954, by Parry O'Brien. The 225 pound O'Brien, the former University of Southern California and 1952 Olympic champion, threw the shot past the 60 foot mark four times which, until he came along, was one of track and field iron curtains. On June 11, after a couple of warm-up throws, he tossed in succession 60'-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "', 60'- $\frac{1}{2}$ "', 60'-6"', and then the 60'-10"' at the Coliseum in Los Angeles, California.
- Q. What was the greatest number of walks given in a baseball game?
- A. In the Detroit and Philadelphia game on May 6, 1916, when 30 bases on balls were issued.

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## FOURTEEN LINES OF THOUGHT

by John Gora

A vast ocean keeps me here,  
 Away from the Land that I want to be near.  
 But what hope have I of going there  
 With my pockets, oh so bare.  
 Oh woe, oh sea, of vast domain,  
 It is true that you have a name.  
 I who master your tongue  
 Will make sure that your praises are sung.  
 But alas and alas I have one thought  
 To rise and see what can be sought;  
 I can see the Land which is destined to be,  
 The land of the brave and free,  
 — boarded by the Baltic Sea.



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### PROVIDENCE, R. I. COUNCIL 103

Quite a few of our K. of L.'ers were seen strolling around the grounds at Marianapolis on the fourth of July.

At our last meeting, delegates were chosen for the National Convention in Pittsburgh. They are Helen and Marion Belconis, and Vyto Jurgelevičius.

Best of luck to Vyto Jurgelevičius who is our new Sports chairman. There's been talk that Vyto is striving to start a volley ball team. Let's all get in there and give him a helping hand.

Our Council decided upon September 19 as the date for its annual picnic. Check this date on your calendars. Everyone is welcome. The picnic will be held at Klaipėda Park on Douglas Pike, just 500 yards from Twin Rivers.

◆ Congratulations to Bertha Ciocys who, on July 3, became Mrs. Cunningham.

It was nice seeing Ruth Savickas and Bertha Stoskus back in Providence for a short stay.

Congratulations to Barbara Cyronak upon her engagement.

Our Junior K. of L. has been quite active. Not long ago they took a trip to Crescent Park, and now are making plans for a beach party.

The next important C-103 date is November our Fall dance. You'll be hearing more about this later. *EM-DEE*

### NORWOOD, MASS.

#### COUNCIL 27

Our annual picnic last June now remains only a memory of success, both financial and social. To those who donated time, services, and food, a special word of thanks is extended.

A case of Canadian Club was won by Helen Paz. A \$5.00 prize went to John Shipper for selling a total of 41 books, and honorable mention to Jasper Paz for selling 39. Some of our "used-to-be" K. of L.'ers were present; namely, Frank Civilikas and family and Dan Miles and family.



FLORENCE A. ZALESKAS,

a graduate of Massachusetts Teachers College in the Class of 1954, has already obtained a position as a teacher in one of the Stoughton, Mass. schools. Miss Zaleskas is also a member of the Board of Directors of Council 17, South Boston.



Pvt. EDWARD A. ZALESKAS,

a graduate of Massachusetts Teachers College in the Class of 1953, after teaching in the Boston Schools is now with Uncle Sam doing his military duty with Co. B, TAGS PMS-74, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. During his college days, Edward helped out a great deal in carrying on the work of expediting "Vytis."

The parents of these teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Felix A. Zaleskas, are well known in the Lithuanian community, especially Mr. Felix A. Zaleskas, who has traveled throughout the United States with the original troupe headed by the late Antanas Vanagaitis, and was an officer in Council 1, Brockton, Mass.

## K. of L. CALENDAR

August 25-29 — 41st K. of L. National Convention, Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 12 — Cleveland, Ohio (25) Annual Picnic, for benefit of parish.

September 19 — Providence, R. I. (103), Annual Picnic, Klaipėda Park

on Douglas Pike.

October 9-10 — New England District K. of L. Convention. Host: Council 27, Norwood, Mass.

November 6 — Providence, R. I. (103) Dance, Roger Williams Park Casino.



Tentative plans at this writing are now in the making for a beach trip — probably to Cranes Beach in Ipswich in August.

The formal welcome mat was unrolled for a new member, Adele Antanaitis. Hope you will find many pleasures in being a K. of L'er.

The New England District Convention in Norwood, Mass., will be held Oct. 9 and 10. You are all invited to reserve this date for a wonderful weekend. A dance will be held that Saturday night at the Lithuanian Hall on St. George Avenue. More details are forthcoming.

### Junior Council

We proudly announce that a Junior council has been formed consisting of approximately 30 members. A meeting was held June 30 and a weenie roast was held at Houghton's Pond in Blue Hills on July 21. Committees were formed for the next social as well as for the council newspaper, "Knight-Lite." John Chervokas, Agnes Kulbok and Elaine Pupalais will be senior advisors.

### Vacation Time

A grand vacation was spent by Ed and Jane Perednia deep in the heart of Texas-Dallas, that is.

Mr. and Mrs. Bronius Chervokas and Johnny saw the sights of New York.

A graduation trip was enjoyed by Joyce Tulis and a few chums, accompanied by her mother, to Atlantic City as well as to New York City.

Our nature lover, John Vaikožas spent a week at the camp Allen — A in New Hampshire and was joined by Vin Kauskas and John Stud. They went fishing in the New Hampshire streams and along the Canadian border.

*Scribbling Scribe*

### ATHOL, MASS.

#### COUNCIL 10

Our June Meeting was held at Frank Anoris' camp. Plans were laid for our annual picnic at Garbs Park. Chairman Stanley Sargut assigned jobs to each member. Some old K. of L. movies were dug out and I'm sure some of us felt a bit older after seeing them. Many pleasant memories, however were brought back.

Charlie Pinigis and Dot Gulezian have announced their engagement. Marie Sienkiewicz and Tom Colo also have become engaged. Congratulations and much happiness to both couples.

### Picnic — Garb's Park

Our annual picnic to raise money for the children's Christmas party was held on Sunday, June 20, at Garb's Park in Tully. Dot Gulezian and Charlie Pinigis kept the youngsters busy with contests and races. The women enjoyed playing Bingo all afternoon. Frank Anoris and Anthony Neward proved to be good at selling chances on a "bottle of joy." Nellie Melaiika, Mary Piragis, Marie Sienkiewicz, Barbara Milosh, Maryann Rodski, Stanley Sargut, Bill Wisnauskas, Lennie Davidonis, Slip Talkowski, Brownie Kukauskas and Gid Penny served refreshments which were so deliciously prepared that a trip was made into town to replenish supplies. There was an even greater demand when word got out that Father Yankauskas was frying the hotdogs and hamburgers.

We were glad to see a large delegation from councils 26 and 116 in Worcester. Council 10 wants to thank you for keeping the Lithuanian spirit alive in your renditions of old Lithuanian tunes. Many of our old timers enjoyed them.

It seems that a swarm of bees objected to the use of the dance hall. Barbara, Mary, and Charlie were stung painfully. Barbara was a casualty again when she cut her finger slicing onions. In all it was a hard days work, but every member of C-10 went home tired but happy that the event was such a big success. Many thanks to Stanley Sargut, general chairman, who devoted so much of his time for the success of the picnic.

### Cook-Out

On Sunday, June 27, a cookout was held at Frank Anoris' Camp. Lenne gave everyone a sightseeing cruise around the pond in his motor boat. Clara, Jan, and, Nellie were the only ones brave enough to try out the swimming. They were docking their rowboat and it suddenly turned over. How was the water girls?

*(Ed. Note: — We know it was wet, but how otherwise..)*

*Maryann Rodski*

### NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

#### ELIZABETH, N. J.

#### COUNCIL 52

A mortgage - burning ceremony, and a banquet and entertainment program, is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 2, in Lithuanian Liberty Hall in Elizabeth. The organization opened the doors of this beautiful building on Second Street to members and friends in October,

1924, and recently cleared up the final mortgage payment.

George Budris, elected in 1924 as first president of the Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Inc., has been elected chairman of dinner-dance and mortgage-burning committee. Also elected to the committee were William Senkus, secretary and publicity, and Boleslaw Mackevich, treasurer.

Mr. Mackevich has served Lithuanian Liberty Hall as director for 30 consecutive years.

Also listed on the committee for the association's special event are: Dominick Patrick (Petruconis), tickets; John Oskutis and Arthur Potts (Pocius), program and history; John Reedy, entertainment; Louis Sliazis, decorations; Mrs. Eleanor Zemeckis, Mrs. Anna Pilus, and Mrs. Eva Vaiculevich, refreshments.

Elizabeth council 52, Knights of Lithuania, congratulates the officers, directors, and the entire membership of the Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Inc.

*William Senkus*  
Secretary

### ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

#### CHICAGO, ILL.

#### COUNCIL 112

While some of our fellow members were taking advantage of the 4th of July holiday, Gloria Cibulskis, Jack Jatis, Julie Greicius, Eddie Pocius, Anthony Lubert, Gordon Gudas, Vyt Lubert and Betty Tucker were toiling at the Illinois-Indiana District outing.

George Jonikas, Adam Anderson and John Stoskus assisted other members of the Don Varnas American Legion Post, who presented the colors of our country at the K. of L. Day.

A June night found members of the council at the Drury Lane summer theatre enjoying Margaret O'Brien in "Jenny Kissed Me."

Westville, Indiana was the scene of the Ill.-Ind., bowling group's outing, with Council 112 joining the social activities.

Our good-will representative, Barbara Klevinsky, motored to Dayton, Ohio, to congratulate Stan and Helen Waitkus, and to see her new cousin, Mark.

Biruta Ciocys of Providence, R. I., and Dr. John Cunningham of Pawtucket, R. I., received the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, July 3, 1954. Bertha Stoskus was her matron of honor.

Bernice Jonikas was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Don Varnas Post. Other K. of L.'ers elected were: Konnie Savickas, Jr., vice-commander;



Gordon Gudas, historian; and, John Stoskus, acting chaplain.

If Cleveland members saw Gloria Cibulskis walking down Euclid Avenue they shouldn't think it was her double. She visited her sister in that gracious city.

New Municipal Court assignments find Judge Alfonse Wells in Speeders Court and Judge Zuris in Narcotics Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Skocz, on Saturday, June 19, gave a party in honor of their daughter's sixteenth birthday. Arlene is a new member of our council.

*Biruta*

## GARY, INDIANA

COUNCIL 82

Hats off to a great team for a job well done! 'Tis Council 82's Juniors we're speaking of, and it's right proud of them we are, too. These enterprising youngsters, without the aid or guidance of a manager, with all the initiative and courage of their Lithuanian forebears have stormed ahead to cop second place in the Gary C.Y.O. Summer Baseball League. Out of the nine games they played, they only lost three, bowing to Gary's St. Emeric's in the final play-offs by only a slim margin of 7 to 3.

Hats off, too, to Joe Shirvinski, the sponsor and manager of the Boys' team! Under his watchful and guiding eye, the boys scheduled their practices and got to their games on time. Between them, Joe and the boys, managed to have a lot of fun in their march to the top ranks of their league. For an unmarried man, Joe does all right. True to the real K. of L. spirit, he showed a real interest in "his boys", and spent the greater part of his spare time with them, often digging into his own pockets to provide them with that "break for a coke," and seeing to it that their equipment and uniforms were maintained in tip-top condition. Think what a great contribution the K. of L. could make to the reduction of juvenile delinquency in this country if only one out of every ten of us would follow Joe's example and take an avid interest in our youth. Council 82 is proud to number Joe Shirvinski among its active members.

Congratulations again to "Joe's Boys": Timothy Oskins, pitcher; Joseph Benzen, catcher; Jerry Rerick, Danny Slavo, John Wrigley, James Wrigley, Jerry Pajor, Gary Kramner, Robert Jaroscak, Bill Dobiliasukas, Art Kirkpatrick, Thomas Petraitis, Walter Lupiera, Richard Varela, Danny Varela, Felix Miller, James Wright, Frank Gregor, Ronald Myers and Jerry Corabin.

*J. Kuizin*



GARY, INDIANA (82) Junior Baseball League. Left to right, 1st row: Joseph Shirvinski, manager — sponsor (standing); Gerald Rerick, Timothy Oskins, Daniel Slavo. Second row: Joseph Benzen, John Wrigley, Jerry Pajor and James Wrigley. (Not pictured — R. Jaroscak, B. Dobiliasukas, A. Kirkpatrick, T. Petraitis, W. Lupiera, R. Varela, D. Varela, F. Miller, J. Wright, F. Gregor, R. Myers, J. Corabin and Gary Kramner.

## OHIO-MICHIGAN DISTRICT

### ĮSPŪDŽIAI IŠ OHIO-MICHIGAN VYČIŲ APSKR. SEIMELIO

Balandžio 23 d. Šv. Kryžiaus parapinėje salėje, delegatų susipažinimui buvo surengtas linksmas pobuvis.

Balandžio 24 d., Miami viešbutyje įvyko seimelio sesijos, kurias pradėjo malda kun. V. Katarskas. Seimelio pirmininku buvo išrinktas Pranas Gudelis, Vyčių Org. garbės narys, o nutarimų rašt. Valerija Žitkutė, (Cleveland, Ohio).

Delegatų iš Vyčių 25-tos kp., Cleveland, O. ir Vyčių 96-tos kp., Dayton, Ohio, be-rods, buvo vienuolika. Gaila, kad Detroito ir Grand Rapids kuopa neprisiuntė savo delegatų.

Seimelis nutarė paaukoti "Drauge" vėdamam Vyčių skyriui dešimt dolerių ir taip pat padarė nutarimą bei įnešimą būsimam visuotinam Vyčių seimui, kad būtų siunčiama centrui visas narystės mokes-tis — trys doleriai.

Sesijų metu kun. Dr. Cukuras pasveikino visus seimelio dalyvius ir pasakė gražią kalbą.

Seimelis buvo pradėtas Amerikos ir Vyčių himnais, o uždarytas malda už a.a. Mykolo Norkūno vėlę. Mat, tą dieną buvo pašventintas jojo garbei paminklas. Maldą atkalbėjo kun. Dr. Cukuras.

Vakare įvyko šokiai į kuriuos jaunimo suplaukė virš penkių šimtų. Visi gražiai pasilinksmino.

Balandžio 25-tą d., 1 val. ryto, Šv. Kryžiaus liet. parap. bažnyčioje buvo iškilmingos šv. mišios, kurias atnašavo kun. V. Katarskas, Vyčių 96-tos kp. dvasios vadas. Jis taip pat malonėjo pasakyti šiai dienai pritaikytą pamokslą.

Per pamaldas gražiai giedojo parapijos choras, kuriam vadovauja varg. Raštikis, o jam pagelbsti Pranas Ambrozaitis.

Po pamaldų visi delegatai ir svečiai rinkosi miesto gražiajame parke, kuriame yra Stuart Petterson restoranas. Jame įvyko iškilmingas bankietas. Čia, pradedant valgyti, maldą atkalbėjo kun. V. Katarskas.

Visiems skaniai užkandus, sekė trumpa programėlė, kurią atidarė T. Služas, 96-tos kp. pirm. Jis visus gražiai pasveikino ir savo pareigas perdavė St. Vaitkui, nauja-



jam apskrities pirm. Kalbėjo šie asmens: vytis Jasulaitis, iš Chicagos, V. Količius, iš Pittsburgh'o, J. Sadauskas, iš Clevelando, M. Usnis, iš Detroito ir P. Gudelis, iš Daytono. O muzikalę programą išpildė: Pranas Ambrozaitis, kuris gražiai padainavo dvi lietuviškas dainas ir vieną amerikonišką. Pažymėtina, kad ir jojo trys dukrelės sudainavo, berods, tris amerikoniškas dainas, už ką, kaip dukrelės, taip tėvelis buvo apdovanoti gausiomis katutėmis.

Po visų dainų ir kalbų buvo sugiedota Vyčių himnas Beja, dainininkams akompanavo muz. Raštikis.

Naujoji, Ohio-Mich. apskrities vyčių valdyba, susideda iš šių narių: St. Vaitkus, pirm., Dayton, Ohio, B. Karklius, vice pirm., Cleveland, Ohio, nut. rašt. V. Žitkutė, Cleveland, Ohio ir M. Petkus, izdininkas, kuris taip gražiai patiekė pereitų metų finansinę atskaitą, kad ji ir vėl perinko tose pačiose pareigose.

Visi seimo dalyviai nuoširdžiai dėkingi parapijos klebonui kun. Leonui Praspaliui, kuris rūpestingai ir maloniai seimelį globojo.

Juozas Sadauskas

## DAYTON, OHIO

COUNCIL 96

Our second bake sale which was held on June 13 in the church hall, was also a success. Proceeds will be used to buy something for the church altar. Elizabeth Kubeleus was down getting some baking hints from Ann Scott, our chairman.

Ask Elinor Sluzas what happened to her motor. (Ed. Note: All right, so we're asking, what did happen to her motor?)

We heard there were quite a few sad faces in the stands on June 11 when the Cincinatti Reds lost to the Dodgers. Ask the Petkus boys, Joe Mantz, Mary Ann Ambrose and her fiance, they were there.

Pete and Ann Barkauskas, formally of the Dayton Council and now with Los Angeles, were here recently visiting their many friends.

We'd like to wish Bea and Joe Noreikas lots of luck in their new home. Also, best wishes to Joanne Shunkunas of Maspeth on her recent marriage June 12 to Russell Holland.

Stan Vaitkus is now taking bets for the future world heavyweight champion. His hopes are in Mark Vaitkus, who weighed in at 8 lbs 2 oz on June 28. Congratulations to Stan and Helen, the happy parents.

Anyone visiting Dayton on July 25 and August 8 are sure welcome to come to our picnics.

Barbara Klevinsky of Chicago made a surprised visit to Dayton on the July 4th week-end. What happened to Dudley? (Ed. Note: — All right, what did happen to Dudley? And is he a boyfriend, a dog, a brother, or a sports car?)

From what we've been told, Pat Zilinskas, and Dorothy and Sally Miller really had a wonderful trip to Canada visiting the many shrines there.

Birthdays congratulations to Fran Petkus and Stan Vaitkus who celebrated theirs on July 2. Pete Petkus had his on July 6.

See you in Pittsburgh...

The Petkus'

## CLEVELAND, OHIO

25-ta KUOPA

### Atliko mielaširdingą darbą

L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. būrelis narių aplankė Ohio valstijos ligoninę, kurioje yra ir protiniai sergančių žmonių. Jų ten yra apie 120. Šis vyčių būrelis nenuvažiavo tuščiomis rankomis, bet nusivežė užkandžių, įvairių dovanų ir kitokių dalykėlių, ką vyčiai tik manė, kas tiems ligoniams būtų naudinga.

Vyčių apsilankymas ligoniams suteikė daug džiaugsmo ir jie prašė vyčių ir vėl juos aplankyti.

Susidariusias išlaidas prisidėjo padengti patys nariai, bet daugiausiai parėmė kuopa — paaukodama virš \$16.00 Sekantieji nariai aplankė ligonius: B. Karklius, B. Buknis, V. Smitas ir L. Toris automobiliais visus kitus nuvežė, o tie kiti nariai buvo šie: kp. pirm. M. Trainauskaitė, vice pirm. U. Jankauskaitė, nut. rašt. M. Liutkienė, fin. rašt. A. Arunskienė, A. Neimanienė, V. Žitkutė, A. Grybauskaitė, A. Samienė ir A. Kunigiškis.

Vyčiai ir vėl ruošiasi aplankyti tokias valstijos įstaigas. Šiais darbais daugiausiai rūpinasi vyty U. Jankauskaitė, kp. vicepirm.

### Baigė aštuntą klasę

Kaip kas metas, taip ir šiais metais, birželio mėn. daug mokinių baigė įvairius mokslus ir skirtingas mokyklų klases, jų tarpe baigė aštuntą klasę ir p-lė Antanėlė Mačiokiūtė, įžymių 25-tos kp. narių vyresnioji dukrelė.

A. Mačiokiūtė baigė parapiinę katalikišką mokyklą, o atėjus rudeniop mokykliniam sezonui, ji vėl žada tęsti aukštesnį mokslą katalikiškoje mokykloje. Antanėlei linkime geriausio pasisekimo josios moksle.

Vyčiai Mačiokai, dukrelės užbaigimo aštuntos klasės proga, buvo surengę josios pagerbimui pobuvį savo namuose, kur

daugiausiai dalyvavo tėvelių giminės, o jų tarpe ir vyčiai J. ir E. Kuzai, J. ir R. Sadauskai. Jaunoji mokinė susilaukė nuo tetų ir dėdžių gražių linkėjimų ir dovanų.  
Senelis.

## CLEVELAND, OHIO

COUNCIL 25

We are working on a new project, now. Welfare! Hospital Treats for the M.P's at the State Mental Hospital. Quite a large group from our council played host to the mental patients. It was quite an experience. The Treats consisted of home-made bakeries and "ausukys", ice cream, coffee and cigarettes.

The picnic that was held July 11th was wonderful. Joe Samas was the lucky winner of the \$25.00 drawing. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Karnenas for the use of their grounds.

September 12th is the annual K. of L. picnic being held at the premises of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Proceeds of the picnic will go to the church fund. All are invited.

Vice President Ursula Yankauskas is making a tour of Nova Scotia, Canada and the New England States. "Our Sunshine Box Girl" Adele Gribauskas, is vacationing in California for a month. (Have a good time, Adele). Congratulations are in store for past president Al Yatska who will be getting married very soon!

"Sorry to hear you were ill, Mrs. Trainy and certainly glad you are feeling better, now."

The refreshments (home-made cookies and cake baked by President Mary Trainy and Valerie Zitkus) served at the July meeting were DELICIOUS!

Congratulations DAYTON for winning the bowling trophy. Let's try to keep it in Ohio for a couple of more years.

"Guzy".

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# HELP THE VYTIS!

Dear Member of the Knights of Lithuania:

All of us are proud of the K. of L. organization. Bishop Brizgys once said, "A model of Catholic life and an active crusader against all that is unchristian in public life — this is the Knight of Lithuania in America." Bishop Padolskis was generous in his praise of the K. of L. last year, "We are proud of all Lithuanians in America, but especially of you, Knights of Lithuania... In the history of the liberation of Lithuania, the name of your organization will be written in golden letters."

Lifeblood of the Knights is the VYTIS magazine. The VYTIS offers a variety of articles about religion, Lithuania, Lithuanian language, history, sports, and youth activities. It is the ONLY magazine of its kind.

The editors and Supreme Council are making every effort to improve the VYTIS. Since the first of the year the VYTIS is being printed at the efficient press of the Sisters in Putnam, Conn. Professional journalists and artists have volunteered to assist the editors. Beautiful illustrations and up-to-date photographs are planned to make the VYTIS more attractive and pleasing. But the stumbling block for these ideas is the lack of sufficient funds.

To solve this problem the Supreme Council is sponsoring a financial drive to HELP THE VYTIS. We invite you to enroll as an HONORARY SUBSCRIBER OF THE VYTIS by contributing \$10 to this drive. The names of all HONORARY SUBSCRIBERS will be published in the next issue of the VYTIS. Those who wish to make a smaller donation may become SPONSORS of the VYTIS. Any donations will be gratefully received. Please send your contribution to the K. of L. national treasurer:

Mr. William Kolicus, Jr.  
3522 Marge Drive,  
Pittsburgh 34, Pa.

Your financial and moral support will make it possible for the VYTIS to provide even more inspiration and instruction to its readers.

Thank you in advance for your friendly help to our VYTIS. May God reward you abundantly for your interest in making a BETTER K. of L. through a BETTER VYTIS.

Vytiškai,

Father Albert J. Contons,  
Spiritual Adviser of the Supreme Council.

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# Knights of Lithuania

## 41st National Convention

August 25-29th, 1954

Hotel Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Penna.

### Program

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Golf Tournament, Stanton Heights Country Club  
Afternoon play followed by Awards Dinner.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Registration of delegates and guests, Hotel Roosevelt, 10:00 a. m.  
to evening.

8:00 p. m. Get-acquainted Night at St. Casimir's School Hall and continuation of Registration.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 a. m. Opening Mass at St. Casimir's Church S. S. Pittsburgh.

10:30 a. m. Opening session — Hotel Roosevelt.

12:30 noon Luncheon at Hotel Roosevelt.

2:00 p. m. Sessions resumed.

6:00 p. m. Jamboree at the Lithuanian Country Club  
(Bus Transportation.)

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 a. m. Requiem Mass for deceased Knights, at St. Casimir's Church.

10:00 a. m. Business sessions.

12:30 noon Luncheon at Hotel Roosevelt.

2:00 p. m. Sessions resumed.

9:30 p. m. Semi-formal dance in Main Ballroom of Hotel Roosevelt.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

10:30 a. m. Solemn High Mass at St. Casimir's Church.

(Later coffee and rolls will be served at school hall.)

6:00 p. m. Closing Banquet — Hotel Roosevelt.

A. L. ONAITIS,  
General Convention Chairman