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CONVENTION KEYNOTES



Rev. Albert J. Contons

A unique experience awaits the delegates and guests who attend the Knights of Lithuania national convention in Chicago. There will be the traditional religious and social events which link us to 43 years of exciting K. of L. activity. But there will be the novelty and freshness of new approaches to current problems.

Panel Discussions

The most revolutionary innovation at the convention sessions will be the panel approach to various K. of L. topics. A plan has been worked out by the Supreme Council to divide all the delegates into separate groups to discuss K. of L. activities programs. On Friday afternoon there will be six distinct sessions meeting simultaneously to thrash out questions related to Spiritual, Cultural, Junior, Senior, Membership, and Lithuanian Affairs programs. In this way it will be possible for many more delegates to express their ideas and to help solve the difficulties proposed. Questions which could not come to the convention floor for lack of time will have ample opportunity for airing in the separate panels. In short, six times as much practical work will be accomplished, if all the councils cooperate properly.

K. of L. convention delegates will have an opportunity for more panel discussions on Saturday morning when the problems of various officers will be treated. Spiritual directors, presidents, secretaries, treasurers, ritual committees, and Vytis correspondents will meet to discuss practical methods of improving the work of the K. of L. Other convention delegates will be able to attend any of these panels to gather information and to express their opinions.

Essential for the success of the panel idea is the preparation involved by each council and the convention delegates. As soon as possible every council, its officers and members, should arrange a discussion period treating of the subjects which will come up at the convention. They should be prepared to suggest improvements, new ideas, and weakness in the present procedures. Delegates from the councils should so distribute themselves at the convention panels that the council will have representation at each group session. If this is done, the Chicago convention should be distinguished as the one permitting the most active participation on the part of the delegates.

K. of L. Manual

Another history making innovation in the K. of L. will be the appearance of the K. of L. MANUAL. Essential to the success of every organization is an IDEA and a TECHNIQUE, an AIM and a METHOD. The organization with an idea but no effective technique for carrying it out will be a frustrated one. Vice versa, the group with efficient techniques, but no ideals or proper aims, will be a useless technician.

Many times in the history of the K. of L. generous and enthusiastic leaders have been handicapped by a lack of instruction in the duties of their office and the nature of the K. of L. program. Even though many fine leadership courses have been given in recent years the prepared materials which were so helpful at the time are no longer available. To remedy the situation as far as possible, the Supreme Council has been preparing a K. of L. MANUAL. The MANUAL will outline the duties of various officers, the nature of committee work, the operation of K. of L. committees, a summary of Parliamentary Procedure, and an outline of various K. of L. programs.

A most important feature of the MANUAL will be the three-ring K. of L. Binder embossed with the official seal of the organization. Since K. of L. programs, leadership materials, and Supreme Council communications will normally be printed on punched paper to fit the binder, all these materials can be conveniently inserted in the binder for future reference. Council officers will be urged to make their council reports on similar paper to be preserved in the council binders. In this way, none of the material which is so useful for future officers and for the history of the council and the organization will be lost to the future.

The K. of L. MANUAL will be available at the Chicago convention for the first time. Initially only 100 copies will be available for sale. It is essential for the efficient functioning of the K. of L. that each council be provided with a council copy. Secondly each council officer and member interested in being an informed member of the organization will find the K. of L. MANUAL a great help in working for God and Country through the K. of L. organization.

But neither the PANEL DISCUSSIONS nor the K. of L. MANUAL can make a successful convention. Only the thorough PREPARATION by each council and its members, and the enthusiastic COOPERATION of the convention delegates can assure a profitable and fruitful meeting in Chicago.

WORK PLAN

OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

CONVENTION CHICAGO - 1956

Outline of the Convention

A. FRIDAY

1. MORNING

- a. Mass and Sermon.
- b. PLENARY SESSION. Solemn opening of the convention — Election of presidium — Greetings — Reports.
- c. PRIVATE SESSIONS: Mandate — Greetings — Resolutions Committees.

2. NOON — Luncheon

3. AFTERNOON

- a. PROGRAM PANELS (All convention delegates, etc. attend one of the following panels, each of which meets separately.) 1. Spiritual Program. 2. Cultural Program. 3. Junior Program. 4. Seniors. 5. Membership Drive. 6. Lithuanian Affairs.

NATURE OF THE PROGRAM PANELS

Each group consists of a chairman, secretary, and discussion members. The functions of the program panels: 1. To discuss the effectiveness and criticism of last year's program. 2. To discuss and approve a summary plan for next year's programs submitted by the Program Chairman. 3. To submit and discuss suggestions and resolutions for the improvement of K. of L. activities programs. 4. To present a summary of the discussion to the entire convention body, and to submit pertinent resolutions and suggestions to the Resolutions Committee.

b. PLENARY SESSION.

- 1. Convention reports continued.
- 2. Presentation of last year's program reports and a brief resume of each program panel discussion.

B. SATURDAY

1. MORNING

- a. Mass and Sermon.
- b. PLENARY SESSION: Convention reports continued.

c. LEADERS PANELS: (All convention participants attend one of the following meetings) 1. Spiritual Directors (only for priests). 2. Presidents and Vice-Presidents. 3. Secretaries. 4. Treasurers. 5. Ritual committees. 6. Vytis correspondents and publicity.

NATURE OF THE LEADERS' PANELS; Similar to program panels above.

2. NOON — Luncheon

3. AFTERNOON

a. Convention reports continued (Resolutions Committee meets privately).

b. Brief summary reports of Leaders' panels.

c. Resolutions presented, discussed, and acted upon by the convention.

C. SUNDAY

1. MORNING: Procession — Fourth Degrees — Solemn Mass — Sermon.

2. AFTERNOON: PLENARY SESSION.

- a. Nominating Committee Report.
- b. Election of Supreme Council Officers.
- c. Resolutions continued.
- d. Solemn closing of convention sessions.

PREPARATIONS TO BE MADE FOR PANEL DISCUSSIONS

A. SUPREME COUNCIL PREPARATIONS

- 1. For the PROGRAM PANELS:
 - a. The Supreme Council appoints a chairman who is to be responsible for each panel.
 - b. The Chairman of each panel in advance prepares, mimeographs, and distributes the agenda for his panel discussion.
 - c. The agenda should include:
 - 1. A criticism of the good and bad features of last year's program activities.

2. An outline and discussion of next year's program plans. 3. Ways of improving the program approach and procedure. 4. Formulation of practical resolutions to be discussed and submitted to the Resolutions Committee.

d. The Chairman will appoint a secretary in advance to take notes on the points discussed, opinions offered, and votes taken. From the notes taken, the secretary will assist the chairman in making his summary report.

e. After the discussion period the chairman of each program panel will give his official report and a summary of the program discussion (5 minutes) to the convention delegates. Any resolutions or suggestions resulting from the program meeting are to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee.

For the LEADERS' PANELS:

a. The same as above (for the Program Panels) except:

b. The agenda should include:

- 1. A discussion of that part of the K. of L. Leader's Manual which applies to the particular office.
- 2. A discussion of the duties, procedures, and recommended improvements in the carrying out of each office.
- 3. The preparation of resolutions and suggestions which pertain to the office under discussion. These are submitted to the Resolutions Committee.
- 4. The recommendation that the convention adopt (with alterations if necessary) the pertinent section of the K. of L. Leader's Manual as official operating procedure.

B. DISTRICT AND COUNCIL PREPARATIONS

- 1. For the PROGRAM PANELS:
 - a. Discuss at council meetings, leadership courses, district conventions and meetings, the program content and procedures of the present year, reasons for success or failure, recommendations for improvement, etc.

43rd KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 23, 24, 25, 26, 1956

HOST: Illinois - Indiana K. of L. District

CONVENTION SITE: Sherman Hotel

Randolph and Clark Sts., Chicago, Ill.

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2. For the LEADERS' PANELS:

a. Officers should attend the Leader's Panel which is to discuss their particular office. Councils or districts should assure themselves of representation at each Leader's Panel, whether by their officers, or by their other delegates.

b. Panel participants should prepare in advance to be able to discuss their particular office: weaknesses, helps, failures, successes, difficulties in carrying out duties, etc. Solutions for these will be sought at the panel discussions.

c. Discussion representatives should be prepared to suggest ways in which the Supreme Council officers can be of assistance in improving the efficiency of the offices in question.

d. Participants in the Leader's Panels should consider and submit to the panel suggestions and resolutions for improving the efficiency and usefulness of their particular office and its procedures.

e. Councils and Districts should poll themselves on practical recommendations for each office, and submit the results to the panels.

f. Study the above section (for the Program Panels) for other pertinent instructions.

HI-LIGHTS OF CONVENTION PROGRAM

Wednesday, August 22nd,

Golf Tournament and Dinner

Acacia Country Club, LaGrange, Illinois

Thursday, August 23rd

Registration all day, Hotel Sherman — Room 107

Reception Party and Registration

at the K. of L. Building

Friday, August 24th

Mass at St. Peter's Church in the Loop

AM and PM Sessions, Hotel Sherman — Louis XVI Room

Concert Program at Maria High School

Saturday, August 25th

Mass at St. Peter's Church in the Loop

AM Session, Hotel Sherman — Louis XVI Room

Luncheon, Hotel Sherman — Crystal Room

PM Session, Hotel Sherman — Louis XVI Room

Convention Ball, Louis XVI and Crystal Rooms, Hotel Sherman

Sunday, August 26th

Solemn Mass at Holy Cross Church

Breakfast at Parish Hall

Final Session, Hotel Sherman — Louis XVI Room

Dinner Dance, Hotel Sherman — Bal Tabarin

CONVENTION CITY-CHICAGO

by Tony Yuknis

Since the last National Convention was held in the Windy City a great many changes have taken place. Midway, the world's busiest airport has relinquished some of its traffic to O'Hare Field, the world's largest air field. Super expressways are in various stages of construction and snake through Chicago (pronounced Shy-kago) in all directions. In five years motorists will be able to drive over 293 miles of thoroughfare without interruption. With the completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway Project great ocean liners will dock in Chicago and make it a port of entry.

The grand old trolley car is systematically being replaced by busses throughout the city and as a result many two-way streets have been converted to ONE WAY STREETS to accelerate the movement of traffic. The visitor is also warned to observe the many NO LEFT TURN signs mainly downtown.

Chicago has a fine street numbering system which begins in the heart of the downtown area and builds up to the high numbers in the suburbs. Hence, West Madison street is the zero number and the NORTH numbers begin to build from there. Likewise, all SOUTH numbers originate from West Madison and begin to go up the farther south you go.

The numbering for the EAST and WEST streets emanates from SOUTH STATE street which is their zero. The WEST numbers build up WEST of STATE street. Hence the intersection of MADISON and STATE streets is the heart of the city — zero.

Most conventioners use their vacation period to attend the sessions in the various cities. If you would like to spend two or more weeks in Chicago you will find many diverse activities to interest you. So, throw this issue of Vytis into your suitcase when you come this way. For schedules on stock car races, movies and legitimate stage plays consult any daily newspaper.

PLACES TO VISIT — DOWNTOWN

ST. PETERS CHURCH, 110 W. Madison St. Daily Masses 5:30 to 12:40. Confessions daily 6 AM to 9 PM.

HOTEL SHERMAN, N. Clark St. and W. Randolph St., site of convention, Phone: Franklin 2-2100

BUCKINGHAM FOUNTAIN, Grant Park, gorgeous and colorful nite display 9:00 to 9:30 PM. About 15,000 gallons of water used per minute to awe you — unsurpassed in the world.

WATER TOWER, N. Michigan Ave. and Chicago, survivor of Chicago fire of 1871. Cherished landmark.

ADLER PLANETARIUM, lake front — north of Meigs air field. See the wonders of the universe. Daily 10 to 5 PM. Tues. & Fri. to 9 PM. Free on Wed., Sat. & Sun.

ART INSTITUTE, S. Michigan and Adams, world famous art. Open 9 to 5 PM. Free days: Wed., Sat. & Sun.

SHEDD AQUARIUM, lake front at Roosevelt Rd. 10,000 species of fish. Daily 10 to 5 PM.

CHICAGO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, Roosevelt and Lake Shore. History, geology, zoology and botany. Daily 9 to 6 PM. Free days: Thurs., Sat. and Sun. Adjacent to SOLDIER FIELD.

NORTHSIDE

RIVERVIEW PARK, 3300 N. Western Ave. World's largest amusement park. Thrill sky rides, fun houses, side shows. Open daily at 11:30 AM.

ARAGON BALLROOM, Lawrence near Broadway. Chicago's most beautiful ballroom capturing the grandeur of romantic old Spain. Dancing nite except on Mondays and Thursdays. Sitting and dining room upstairs. Only \$1.50 per person.

WRIGLEY FIELD, N. Clark and Addison Sts. Cubs home games August 21 to 30.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO, 2200 North. Marlin Perkins (of TV Zoo Parade fame) is director. Open 9 to 5 PM.

OAK STREET BEACH, 1000 north off LAKE SHORE DRIVE.

SOUTH SIDE

K. of L. YOUTH CENTER, 2453 West 47th St. Phone: Virginia 7-9495.

DARIUS - GIRENAS POST, 6816 S. Western. Side entrance to lounge.

DON VARNAS POST, 6816 S. Western, phone: Grovehill 6-9858.

MARQUETTE PARK GOLF COURSE, 67th and S. Kedzie Ave. Chicago Park District. Nine holes for 75¢

MIDWAY AIRPORT RESTAURANT, 6200 S. Cicero. Fine cuisine in Marshall Field's Cloud Room.

VILLA RESTAURANT, 6700 S. Western. Dine with music.

COMISKEY PARK, 35th St. and S. Shields Ave. White Sox home games on August 17 (nite), 18 and 19 (two).

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, 57th and South Shore Drive. Open 9:30 to 5 PM.

FAR SOUTHWEST

ALGERD BRAZIS LOUNGE, 85th and S. Roberts Road.

OH HENRY BALLROOM, 8900 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs, Ill. State Route 4A. Only \$1.50 per person. Air-conditioned.

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NOW IS THE TIME

by Helen Shields

In a very short time, many of us will be packing our bags and heading towards Chicago to the National Convention. Phones will be ringing and arrangements being made, how to go, when to leave, what to take, etc.

But how many of us are preparing to attend the Convention and bring plans, suggestions and ideas to better the K. of L., further its ideals and purposes? Or are we just planning the good time we'll have, the friends we'll meet, the places we'll go, when we skip a session or two?

If that is the case, then it would be far better to go to the mountains or the seashore, or any other place you choose.

It is true that the National Convention provides an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new ones and enjoy each other's company. But that is only secondary. Our first and most important reason for attending the convention should be because we LOVE THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA! We are interested to know what was accomplished in the past year, want to find out where we failed, and are willing to seek methods to improve our activities strengthen the organization.

We should plan in advance to bring an idea or suggestion that could be discussed by the delegates. Something that would be beneficial to the whole organization. We should be ready to serve on some convention Committee, so that we would get a better idea of how the Knights of Lithuania operates as a National Organization. What a pleasure it would be to hear "APSIIMU" — "I ACCEPT" instead of endless — "ATSISAKAU" — I DECLINE when the various convention Committees are being elected.

What an ideal Convention it would be, if EVERY DELEGATE attended EVERY SESSION wholeheartedly, because he didn't want to miss a single thing that concerned the Knights of Lithuania. How much more would be accomplished!

How sad, indeed, it is to hear some of the delegates delighting in the fact that they skipped an entire session and managed to walk in, in time for the roll call. Such people cannot be considered "real K. of L'ers". They do not have the true K. of L. spirit. They are not interested in furthering the ideals and purposes of the Knights of Lithuania.

So, those of you, who will be attending the Convention in Chicago as delegates, resolve to attend with your heart and mind, not just your body. Remember, that you only get out of any organization what you contribute towards it. If you make a contribution, suggest an idea or plan, then you will find it interesting. It won't be a case of sitting and listening to what "THEY" said. Here you have a chance to express your views, and see what others think of them. Every delegate owes it not only to the council he is representing, but even more so to himself to take an active part during the business sessions of the Convention.

As for those members, who attend as guests, and are not obligated to attend the sessions — they, too, should have enough interest in the Knights of Lithuania. Make an effort to attend at least one session. Find out what the K. of L. has accomplished, what is being discussed, and voted upon. It is your organization, just as much as it is the delegates.

How many times do we notice these "guests", who don't even bother to darken the door of the session room, not hesitate to present their ideas and suggestions, to the delegates AFTER THE SESSIONS ARE OVER! If they would only take the time to sit in on a session, they would know that their ideas and suggestions are just as welcome. Just because you are not a delegate is no reason why you should not take an active part on the convention floor.

Last, but not least, those of us who will not be able to attend the Convention can at least participate "in Spirit". If you have any suggestions or resolutions, jot them down and send them to the Supreme Council President. He will be only too glad to present your thoughts to the Convention.

Let there be, not a SINGLE ONE OF US, who does not participate and take an active part during the National Convention. Whether we attend as delegates, guests or remain at home to keep the home fires burning.

If every K. of L. member will resolve to do his share, we will not only have an IDEAL CONVENTION, but will also strengthen our organization and we will return to our councils, ready to transplant the "IDEALISM OF THE K. OF L." into the less interested members.

Here is an opportunity to be of service to your organization — KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA — to do something "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY."

VISI Į VYČIŲ SEIMĄ!



ALFA SUŠINSKAS

BESIŠYPSANČIOS ŠIRDYS

— Šypsokitės! — sako fotografas prieš foto aparatą besėdinčiai poniai. — Jei šypsositės, gražiau atrodsite...

Ji šiepiasi ir bando šypsotis... Tačiau jos šypsena kyla ne iš širdies, ne iš jos charakterio gerumo, bet iš reikalo, iš noro gražiau atrodyti — iš tuštybės. Vadinasi, ši ponija veidmainiauja, nes ji nori atrodyti tokia, kokia nėra savo širdyje. Iš tikrųjų, tos visos prisiverstinės, dirbtinės, nenatūralios, fotografinės šypsenos nepuošia žmogaus ir nereiškia jo dvasinio širdies gražumo.

Šypsena yra graži ir patraukianti, kai ji yra natūrali. O tokia ji yra tada, kada ji kyla iš meilios bei geros širdies. Šitokia šypsena saule šviečia ir šildo visus ir visur, kur tik ji sušvinta. Surūgusi širdis, pilna neapykantos, klastos ir visokios piktybės, nesugeba išsilieti meilia ir gaivinančia šypsena.

Žmogus yra skirtas ne vien sau pačiam; jis yra skirtas ir kitą žmogų padaryti laimingą. Ypač krikščionių yra šitokia paskirtis.

Tačiau nekartą žmogus, užuot suteikęs laimę kitam, stengiasi iš jo tą laimę atimti. Tuo jis tikisi savąją laimę padidinsiąs. Mat, jo pikta širdį graužia kito žmogaus laimė. Betgi kuris savo laimę kuria iš kito žmogaus laimės griuvėsių, sugriauna ir savąją. Čia dažnai atsitinka kaip toje pasakėčioje.

Kartą šunelis kažinkur nutvėręs gerą gabalą dešros. Džiaugėsis gyvulėlis, seilę bevarvindamas, savo laimikiu. Dešrigalį kietai sukandęs nasruose, jis bėgęs lieptelių per upelį. Tik staiga skaidriame upelio vandenyje jis pamatęs kitą šunį su

dešra dantyse (tai buvęs jo paties šešėlis).

— Ką? Tu dešrą turi? Ir dar tokią didelę? Atiduok! — švystelėjusi mintis jo šuniškoje galvelėje, ir jis ėmęs loti. Aišku, dešra iškritusi iš jo nasrų ir nuplaukusi pasroviui... Argi taip nepasitaiko ir žmonių gyvenime?..

Kitam duota laimė, suteiktas džiaugsmas visada grįžta atgal pačiam laimės suteikėjui. Tai yra nuostabi gyvenimo tiesa. O tikrai didelė ir šventa yra ta laimė, kuri grįžta atgal iš to, kuriam ji buvo suteikta! Tokia laimė yra krikščioniška.

— Ką (gera) padarėte vienam iš šių mažutėlių — man padarėte, — sako Išganytojas. Vadinasi, suteikdami džiaugsmą kitiems, suteikiame ji net pačiam Išganytojui. Gi Išganytojui padarytas džiaugsmas jau yra mūsų pačių didžiausia laimė.

Padaryti kitą žmogų laimingą ar suteikti jam koki džiaugsmą nebūtinai reikia ko nors daug. Meilia, nesurūgusia širdimi ir saulėtu veidu tartas artimui žodis, neklastinga ir neegoistinė šypsena, paslaugus, nors ir mažas, patarnavimas yra, palyginti, menki dalykėliai, tačiau jie dažnai yra vertingesni ir už didelius darbus, atliktus be geros širdies ir be meilės.

Dar ir dabar atsimentu mokyklos, kurioje mokiausi, sarga. Jis visada spindėdavo giedru veidu, ir jo žodis būdavo tėviškas. Jis niekuomet nepraleisdavo progos mokiniams padrašinti ir net paguosti.

Po egzaminų, žiūrėk, jis jau ir besiteirauja:

— Na, kaip? Buvo sunku? Nepasisekė?.. Nieko, brolyti, kitą kartą geriau pasiseks...

Paliktą toj pačioj klasėj sėdėti antrus metus ir dėl to karčiomis ašaromis apsipilusi vargšą mokini sargas net prajuokindavo:

— Nenusimink! Žinai, dažnam iš garsiujų žmonių jaunystėje nesisekdavo. Po 10 metų tu tik juoksies iš to. Pamatysi!..

O kai žiema būdavo ir mokiniai purtydavosi nuo šalčio ir aimanuo-davo, jis tik šyptelėdavo ir tardavo:

— O jūs, jauni ažuoliukai, jau ir riečiatės į ožio ragą! Argi nežinote, kad yra daug žmonių, kurie labiau ir daugiau už jus vargsta ir šala? Lietuvai nereikia susirietusių jaunuolių: jai reikia dvasinių ažuolų, kurie nuo vėtrų nepalinksta ir jokiame vargū nepasiduoda...

Mes mėgome ir net mylėjome tą mokyklos sargą. Ir tik dėl to, kad jis buvo mūsų suramintojas, nors ir juodomis rankomis ir apsirengęs prastais drabužiais. Baigę mokyklą, dažnas iš mūsų jautėme malonią pareigą aplankyti jį, jau gerokai pasenusi. Mus į jį traukė patirtoji jo gera širdis ir jo meilė, natūrali šypsena, kuri mus nekartą pralinks-mindavo ir net suramindavo anais jaunų dienų laikais.

Suteikdami laimę kitam, mes jos neatimame iš savęs: priešingai, mes ją sau tik padidiname.

Gerumu besišypsanti širdis daro stebuklus. Nedirbtinė, natūrali ir nuoširdi šypsena sutirpdo širdies ledus, praskaidrina gyvenimą ir yra tikra krikščioniškos sielos palydovė.

YOU GOT TO SEE THE BEAUTY AND WONDERS OF THE GOLDEN STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE PACIFIC OCEAN!

Let's have the Knights of Lithuania National Convention of 1957 in Hollywood, California!

Council 133, Los Angeles, Calif.



GROUNDED after a day of horseback riding in Boston's Blue Hills section, these Council 17 members in South Boston group together in the cool of the evening for some last-minute frivolity. Roland Martinkus, chairman, of the council's "horseback smorgasbord" is shown at right holding dog.

Council 17 hits the trail again
with a second "horseback smorgasbord"

The Light That Shined

by

William V. Gorski

Yes, there was light, all right.

And it shone right through.

We tried to tell them — please, no light between you and the saddle. But there it was.

And there they were. Thirty-two knights from Council 17 in South Boston doing what comes uncomfortably.

For the second straight year in May, the council recently held its "horseback smorgasbord" in the Blue Hills section of Greater Boston.

Last year 24 showed up — 13 rode out. This year, with perfect weather to boot, 45 came — 32 hit the bridle trail. (This excludes those in the council already on the "bridal" trail.)

It was unique. The council is boasting of originating an "outdoor experiment in recreation that undertakes to combine horseback riding as an integral part of a picnic venture."

On-the-ground activities featured a lot of the usual and a little of the unusual.

There was hamburg cooked in tinfoil, hot dogs and rolls, Boston baked beans with pork, pounds of potato salad, paper plates, wooden forks, salt, peppers, mustard, napkins, soft drinks, shish-ka-barb, and a few spare, early summer flies.

Riding was accomplished in relays. The first group — out to test the trail and the horses — were the "fast" riders led by the Rev. John D. Zuromskis, New England District and local council spiritual adviser.

The second group, the beginners and real martyrs, numbered 10. The final shot, made partly at night, was

comprised of 14 riders of every ability — good, bad, but hardly indifferent.

Golden Spur Riding Academy in Milton had its share of dudes and dudines that day. From early afternoon until nightfall everyone worked, right down from the staff to the dogs barking at the horses heels.

No casualties in the saddle. One on the ground. Roland Martinkus, general chairman and ground crew supervisor, sliced a roll at a point where his finger happened to be.

Last year the squirrels and rabbits and birds came out to watch the Council 17 knights exhibit new forms of horsemanship and horsemastership.

This year hardly any appeared — only a couple of snakes in the grass slithering about uneasily as the high-riding knights went past.

The riders came. The riders went. All day long. The horses went the same way, too. Most were willing, some were hesitant, a few balked. No, not the horses. We mean the K. of L'ers.

The attendance at these "horseback smorgasboards," however, has begun to mount up. That's the main thing say council officers.

But with the increase, the number of aching you-know-whats also tended to run high. That was a feature that hurt — as the riders later acknowledged in a standing vote.

Most riders will tell you that this is nothing to make light of. You don't always make hay when the sun shines.

Hear them, friend.

Believe them.

Believe them because they know that the light of day — which spelled differently means bouncing in the saddle — has a dark side, too.

You can't see it, but believe them, you can sure feel it.



Kun. St. Raila

IŠ VYČIŲ SEIMO

Užbaigiant Seimą

Baigiant Seimą labiausiai patenka į akis virtinė rezoliucijų, ginčai valdybos rinkimuose ir išsiblašymas visų dalyvių. Rezoliucijų Komisija atneša visą savo 3 dienų darbą ir paberia Seimui. Tik skaito ir skaito vieną po kitos, tas pačias ar kitų seimų panašias padėkas, sveikinimus ir t.t. Pradeda visi nebekreipti dėmesio, beužkliūdami tik prie labiau griežtesnių pasiūlymų. Dažniausiai taip atsitinka, kad tik pabaigoj ir išgirstama koks svarbus klausimas rezoliucijos žodžiais, o jo svarstyti nebėra nė laiko, nė noro. Todėl tik balsuoja ir balsuoja. Ar ne atrodo, kad atidėjimas sumanymų, pasiūlymų ir galutinų nutarimų lig pabaigos Seimo yra netikslus? Ar nereiktų mažinti visų tu rezoliucijų skaičių, o palikti kitą tik Komisijos darbuose pažymėta, bet neverta kelti Seime? Ar nereiktų tas rezoliucijas, kurios seka iš Seimo darbų plano, tuoj pat svarstyti ir priimti, kai visas reikalas ir klausimas sprendžiamas, o nepalikti lig pabaigos.

Galėtų būti geriau ir su naujos Valdybos rinkimais. Juk tai yra vytiškos garbės ir sėkmės reikalas. Todėl tuščiai ginčytis, agituoti, nežiūrint bendros vyčių gerovės, taip ir netinka vytiškai nuotaikai. Valdybos ar Bendrai Rinkimų Komisija turėtų rimtai dirbti ir tą reikalą netesti lig galui, įvykdyti tinkamesniu laiku, o pabaigoj praveisti ispūdingą senos Valdybos atsiveikiniama ir naujos Valdybos pareigų perėmima, priesaika, jų žodelį ir t.t.

Seimo užbaigimas visuomet turėtų būti svarbiausias momentas. Ar

taip esti? Dažnai pabaigoj, ypač čia pat rinkimų įkarščiui siaučiant, užbaiga tampa labai nerimta. Dauguma išsiblaško, pradeda nerimauti, jieškoti kito rengtis keliauti namo ir t.t. Seimo pabaiga taip ir pasidaro kaip nerikiuotų karių būrys. O kiek čia turėtų būti užbaigos dvasios, paraginimų, pasiryžimų, paskutinių vytiškų Seimo nuotaikų persiėmimas, džiaugsmas nudirbtais darbais ir t.t. Ir pati pabaiga turėtų išplaukti iš visų darbų, numatyta, aiški, su paskutiniu palaiminimu ir visų "Eisim Broleliai, Seselės namo, jaunieji namo..."

Iškilmingas Bankietas tapo vyčių Seimų lyg ir būtinas užbaigimo vainikavimas. Tuo metu vyčiai išeina viešumon, parodo savo svarbumą ir reikalingumą bei naudingumą. Be vyčių čia dalyvauja žymiųjų svečių iš apylinkės ir toliau. Šiuo parengimu Vyčiai pasirodo visu savo kultūringumu, dvasiniu pakilimu, savo organizuotumu, lietuvišku charakteriu, jaunadvasiškumu ir kitomis geromis savybėmis.

Svarbiausia, kad vyčių bankiete ne valgiai, ar turtingi stalai, užima pirmąją vietą, bet tokių pobuvių dvasia; ten pasakomos kalbos ir duodama programa. Jei kas pažodžiui užrašytų vyčių Seimo Bankieto metu pasakytus žodžius, tai būtų labai graži, skaityti ir svarstyti verta knyga. Paskutiniame Vyčių Seime, Newark, N. J., bankiete buvo daug ko nepaprasta ir ypatingo. Dalyvavę ten galėjo tikrai daug kuo pasidžiaugti, užsidegti, pasiryžti ir pasididžiuoti, kad jie yra vyčiai. Tik pagalvokim, kad ten dalyvavo miesto Galva-Mayoras, kurs taip kilniai priminė lietuvių dvasią savo tautinei ir valstybinei laisvei ugdyti. Ar ne pirmą sykį dalyvavo ir valstybės Valdytojas Governor, kurs ir lietuviškai pasveikino "Vyčiai", kurs taip šiltai į mus kalbė-

jo, ragindamas ir toliau laikytis vytiškumo, kurs ir Lietuvai laisvę atneš. Visu savo nuoširdumu kalbėjo ir prel. I. Kelmelis, mėlynakiais ir geraširdžiais išvadindamas. O ir vietos vyskupas pagelbininkas lietuviškai pasveikino: "Dieve, laimink Jus", paminėdamas, kad lietuviai kankiniai už tikėjimą, savo auka išgelbės ir savo kraštą.

O kaip didinga, rimta, ispūdinga ir gražu buvo, kai kun. Jutkevičius iteikė pirmą Vyčių medalį kongresmanui Charles Kersten. Kai pastarasis jautriai kalbėjo, primindamas, kad reikia suprasti tikrą laisvę, nes ir komunistai sako, kad jie laisvina tautas ir valstybes iš kapitalistų nągu. Vyčiai gali ir daro daug lietuvių laisvinimui. Didžiai džiaugsmingos ir nuoširdžios ovacijos rodė visų nuoširdų lietuvišką pritarimą gerb. svečiui ir jo darbams už lietuviškumą. O didelė dalis to garbingo žygio teko kun. J. Jutkevičiui, nepaįlsta tam lietuviškų reikalų kelėjui ir šio pirmojo medalio įvedėjui.

Visa pobuvio programą užrašė Amerikos Balsas, kurs ir perduos lietuviams ir visam pasauliui. Toks iškilmingas ir turiningas Seimo Bankieto užbaigimas, be abejo, duoda vyčiams ir svečiams pasigerėti vyčių darbais.

Meninė programa tokiuose bankietuose visuomet užima savo vietą. Ir paskutiniame Seime lietuvišką dainos programą išpildė "Rūtos" choras, Algirdo Kačanausko vadovaujamas. Šis choras nuolat dainuoja lietuvių radijo programoj. Buvo miela pasiklausyti lietuviškų tautinių dainelių ir operos arijų lietuviškai.

Bendrai užbaigimo bankietai sekmingi, gerai priruošti. Griežtas laiku pradėjimas ir neperilginimas galėtų būti vienas iš praktiškų pasiūlymų Seimo Bankietams.

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AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE CAPTIVE NATIONS

Gegužės 25 d. New Yorko Town Hall buvo gausus laisvinimo susirinkimas. Susirinkimą organizavo American Friends of the Captive Nations, padedant visai eilei organizacijų.

Susirinkime svarbias kalbas pasakė kongresmanas Harrison Williams iš New Jersey, Generolas W. J. Donovan, senatorius William F. Knowland, Prelatas Jonas Balkūnas, lenkų armijos antrajame pasauliniame kare vadas Gen. W. Anders ir kiti.

Susirinkimo salę puošė dešimtys pavergtų tautų vėliavos — Lietuvos, Latvijos, Estijos, Lenkijos, Albanijos, Vengrijos, Čekoslovakijos, Rumunijos, Bulgarijos ir Ukrainos.

Susirinkimą pradėjo American Friends of the Captive Nations pirmininkas Christopher Emmet, susirinkimui vadovavo buvęs ambasadorius Angier Biddle Duke. Amerikos himną giedojo lietuvaitė, Agnes Skarulytė, invokacija ir maldą laikė prelatas Balkūnas.

Salėje buvo įvairių tautų žmonės, scenoje buvo sudinti žymūs amerikiečiai ir pavergtų tautų atstovai. Iš lietuvių scenoje, garbės eilėje sėdėjo prelatas Jonas Balkūnas, Dr. Antanas Trimakas, Lietuvos laisvės komiteto atstovas, Dr. Vladas Viliamas, Krikščionių demokratų Centro Europos atstovas, o taip pat Laisvosios Kinijos ambasadorius prie JT ir Korėjos atstovas prie JT.

Ypatingo dėmesio sukėlė senatoriaus Knowland kalba. Jis savo kalboje pareiškė, kad Kremliuje tebėra tie patys žmonės, kurie kartu su Stalinu vykdė ar dalyvavo visuose nusikaltimuose, kuriais dabar jų pačių kaltinamas Stalinas. Jų nusikaltimų tarpe senatorius nurodė Lietuvos, Latvijos ir Estijos pavergimą, komunizmo režimo sustiprinimą Lenkijoje, Čekoslovakijoje, Vengrijoje, Rumunijoje, Bulgarijoje ir Albanijoje. Senatorius priminė ir tai, kad dabartinė Kremliaus klika kalta ir už milijonus žmonių trėmimą į vergų darbo stovyklas, toji klika kalta ir už sunaikinimą nesuskaitomo kiekio žmonių pačioje Sovietų Rusijoje ir pavergtuose kraštuose.

Senatorius kalbėjo ir apie Chruščiovo ar Bulganino kvietimą apsilankyti JAV-se. Senatorius aiškiai pasisakė prieš šių ar kitų Kremliaus klikos narių kvietimą į Ameriką. Senatorius paklausė, ar vergų stovyklų, didžiausių pasaulyje, operatoriams galima suteikti širdingą sutikimą šiame krašte, ar galimas jų garbingas sutikimas. Ar jie gali vaikščioti mūsų kongreso laisvuose karidoriuose, ar jie gali naudotis pagarba miestų ir valstybių? Senatorius klausia ar vėliau nebus Chruščiovas ir Bulganinas pakviesti į Baltuosius Rūmus ir nebus jiems leista miegoti Lincolno lovoje.

Senatorius pareiškė isitikinimą, kad joks prezidentas ar demokratas ar respublikonas, tokių svečių nekvies. Tam priešinsis Amerikos žmonės ir Kongresas.

“Nulaipsninę” Staliną, jo bendradarbiai, dabartiniai Kremliaus valdovai nieko nepadare, kad pradėjus vykdyti jų sulaužytas sutartis.

Senatorius plačiai pasisakė ir prieš Raudonosios Kinijos dedamas pastangas patekti į Jung. Tautas.

Senatorius Knowland kalbai smarkiais plojimais pritarė susirinkusieji.

Kongresmanas Harrison Williams iš New Jersey savo kalboje siūlė, kad pasipriešinimui Naujai Sovietų taktikai, reikia išplėsti NATO veiklą, šalia karinės paramos, reikalinga ir kultūrinė ir ekonominė pagalba.

Generolas W. Anders, savo kalboje pareiškė, kad jis pilnai tiki, jog pavergtieji priešinasi sprespaudai ir laisvasis pasaulis neturi leisti užgesti šiai laisvės liepsnai.

Generolas W. J. Donovan kalbėjo, kad reikalinga daryti viskas, kas galima, kad tremties žmonės nenustotų vilties. Komunistai visais būdais stengiasi suvilioti tremtinius grįžti į pavergtas tėvynes, nes jie pamatė tremtinių pajėgumą ir potencialumą kovoje prieš komunizmą.

Susirinkimas susilaukė sveikinimų iš Prezidento Eisenhowerio, vice-prezidento Nixono, gubernatoriaus Harrimano ir kitų.

Gubernatoriaus Harrimano telegramą pabaltiečiams, ryšyje su Birželio trėmimais paskaitė Prel. J. Balkūnas. Sveikinimas buvo pasiūstas per Lietuvių Amerikiečių Informacijos Centra. Prel. J. Balkūnas pasakė keletą karštų žodžių, kuriuos susirinkusieji sutiko dideliomis ovacijomis. Jis pareiškė, kad pavergtų tautų draugai veiks ir padės laisvinimo darbui. Nuo to susirinkimo dienos visur bus skelbiamas laisvinimo žodis.

Baigiant priimta visa eilė rezoliucijų. “God Bless America” sudainavo Agnes Skarulytė ir maldą sukalbėjo Kun. Dr. Florian Galdau.

Prel. J. Balkūno Invokacija

“Almighty God in whose hands are all the nations of the earth, grant to Albania, Bulgaria, Čekoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Ukrainia Thy guidance and help that they may seek freedom, independence and prosperity in promoting the welfare of their people and of all mankind.

“Grant to all people and races that they may feel their kinship with each other since all men are alike the children of the same eternal Father, Restrain them from jealousy, hatred, or selfish ambition. Awaken in them by the spirit of justice, fraternity, and concord. Unite them by the bonds of international friendship, that they may work together for the betterment of the whole world. Make wars to cease, and hasten the day when there shall be everywhere peace on earth, and good will among men; this we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

“And especially we pray today for all the exiles in Siberia. Lord, do not permit their trials to be above their strength, and do Thou be their strength and comfort.

“O God hear our intercessions for the oppressed. Answer them according to Thy will, and make us the means to attain their freedom and God-given rights through Thy pity and love, through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

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Mergaičių Pasaulis

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MISS ADELE LABANAUSKAS of Elizabeth, N. J., was crowned **Queen of Sodality** during the New York and New Jersey Annual Rally and Convention in May. She is treasurer of Council 52, and by profession is a Visiting Nurse.



Bright Girl

*Marijona, being somewhat bony,
Tied a pillow on her pony,
Saving him from wear and tear,
— Also Marijona, here and there.*

After our brief introduction two months ago, FEMININE FAIR finds itself facing the summer season. In June, many of us finished one type of activity, whether in school or work, and now look to summer vacations. This is also the best time to make plans for next year.

When September suddenly comes around again and we're whipped into a busy round of activities, we don't have a chance to organize our plans. Another year slips by and all the wonderful things we were going to accomplish are left undone once again. So, this month we're offering suggestions for those easy-going summer months when you can do some constructive thinking about your plans for the Fall.

These days it's almost impossible not to "get cultured" with the summer art festival, evening concerts and summer theatres that are sprouting up in most cities. Lucky New Yorkers, who have the best in entertainments all winter, will enjoy their first art festival this summer; Philadelphia has the popular Robin Hood Dell summer concerts; and of course there are the famous Bowl Concerts in California. As a matter of fact your own city probably has some type of summer art, music or drama.

In Boston, the Arts Festival was held this year in the Public Gardens from June 9th through

24th. For no charge, the most recent in both traditional and revolutionary art forms were exhibited under tents, and plays, opera, and concerts were presented in the evening. This month the Boston Symphony plays to record crowds on the Charles River Esplanade. There is no better retreat from the summer heat than the banks of the Charles in the evening, when the soft breezes blow the strains of Beethoven and Gershwin out beyond the many-colored sails on the River.

Best of all, most of these activities are free, or have only a nominal fee. Summer stock theatres cost only a little more for the opportunity to see some of the best musicales and plays with one or more of the original cast. If you go to the mountains, Cape Cod or the lake, you can find something playing in the "straw hot circuit" that you've always wanted to see. The best fun is seeing those old favorites that everyone talks about, but were before your time. And another fillin is seeing some of your favorite movie stars getting the feel of the boards and a live audience.

If you're a record collector you're probably busy all year round adding to your disc library. Summer concerts can introduce you to some new and exciting composers and paint the way to a unique collection. Searching for obscure recordings by one of these composers or a favorite artist can be fun as well as rewarding. If this is too expensive a hobby for you, take advantage of the record-loan service most public libraries offer for no charge at all. This is also a good way of deciding which version

JEI NORI BŪTI GRAŽI,
BŪK DORA

Dorovė sudaro pagrindą visa to, kas mergaitės asmenyje yra gera ir gražu. Pirmasis mergaitės dorovės ir grožio liudininkas, yra jos veidas. Veide atsispindi žmogaus dvasia. Veidas ir akys nusako visas jos sielos nuotaikas. Stebėdami pykstančius žmones, matome, kaip jų veido spalva keičiasi, oda raukšlėjasi, traukiasi, akys darosi žiaurios, visa veido išvaizda pakitėja. Nedorovingoms, kad ir kaip bandytų dažais bei tepalais pridengti savo veidą, vargiai pavyktų paslėpti nuodėmę. Nusidėjėlės akys, nors jos būtų ir gražiausios, bus blankios, o jų žvilgsnis klaikus.

Kartą dailininkas pamatė gatvėje labai gražaus veido mergaitę. Jos didelėse akyse jis išžiūrėjo nepaprastą jos širdies kilnumą. Toji mergaitė atrodė jam esanti pilnutinio fizinio ir dvasinio grožio ikūnėjimas, koks tik žemėje gali būti sutinkamas. Sužavėtas dailininkas pakvietė gražuolę užėti į jo atelje papozuoti jo piešiamam paveikslui. Gražiai nutapęs minėtos mergaitės paveikslą, jis pavadino jį "Dorybė".

Kartą, po kiek laiko, to pat dailininko dėmesys nukrypo į mergaitę praeive, kurios veidas buvo tiek negražus, išvagotas skausmo ir kančios, kad nesunkiai galėjai išskaityti jos klystkelių gyvenimo būdą. Dailininkas nutapė ir šios mergaitės paveikslą ir pavadino jį "Nuodėmė". Vienoje meno parodoje tie du paveiksai buvo iškabinti greta vienas antro. Viena negražaus veido parodos lankytoja, sustojusi ties tais paveikslais, susijaudinusi ėmė gaudžiai verkti. Tai pastebėjęs, dailininkas paklausė, ko ji verkianti. Mergaitė atsakė, kad ji esanti ta pati buvusi gražuolė, kurią prieš keletą metų dailininkas nupiešęs pavadino "Dorybė". Nors veido bruožai tos mergaitės buvo nepasikeitę, ir akių spalva liko ta pati, tačiau jų žvilgsnis rodė, kas slepiasi jos sieloje ir sąžinėje.

Tikrasis mergaitės grožis švies tada, kai tyra dvasia spindės jos veide.

Gali neturėti mergaitė nei gražaus veido nei dailaus kūno nei brangių drabužių, tačiau jei jos veidas spindės dora, gerumu ir taurumu, jis patrauks kiekvieną prie savęs.

V. Yotts

V. Kulbokienė

TAU SESUTE

Tau, sesute, puikios gėlės,
Man gi kardas prie šalies;
Tau akis plaus ašarėlės,
Man gaisrai takus nušvies.

Tau rymoti — manęs laukti,
Man kovoti mirtinai;
Tau sulaukti manęs jauno,
Jei neglaus šalti kapai.

Bet jei mirsiu už tėvynę,
Kur atskirtas nuo tavęs,
Klausk žvaigždėle vakarinę —
Ji tiktai tave nuves.

Ten, sesute, pasodinki
Tu gražių baltu gėliu,
Mūsų meilė kad nemirtų
Su manim kape kartu.

Pr. Lemberto eilėraštis tapęs mėgiamiausia nepriklausomos Lietuvos kariuomenės daina. Autorius yra atvykęs su tremtinių banga į J. A. V. ir dabar gyvena Bostone.

HAVENS OF REST AND PRAYER

Here is an idea that can turn many prosaic church yards into real outdoor sanctuaries. Women of a parish can get behind it (assisted by men, of course). Not much money is needed, but imagination can be unlimited.

If there cannot be a grotto, for one reason or another, let there be two of three statues. Stations of the Cross that can withstand all weather are a "must." Let there be benches where a body can rest on a warm evening, and let there be, here and there, a prie-dieu. Good grass and plenty of shrubbery.

A vision? No. Only an oasis for parishioners and strangers where to spend a quiet afternoon or evening in rest, contemplation or prayer. Take it from there and develop your own idea of what your church yard can be.



MISSES REGINA AND DIANA MOCKELIUNAS, members of Council 41, Brooklyn, New York, took part in the May crowning at the Church of the Annunciation, Brooklyn, N. Y., annual affair of the Sodality. Regina was bestowed the great honor of crowning the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The level of any civilization is the level of its womanhood. What they are, men will be, for love always goes out to meet the demands of the object loved. Given a woman like the Mother of Our Lord as our supernatural Mother you have one of the greatest inspirations for nobler living this world has ever know.

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82-ji KUOPA

82-ji kuopa Gary, Ind., įsteigta 1817 metais. Tais laikais lietuvių kolonija čia buvo jauna, draugių vos viena kita, o katalikiškųjų tiktai šv. Kazimiero savišalpos. Jaunimas jokios organizacijos neturėjo.

1916 metais įsteigus lietuvių parapiją, o sekančiais metais pastačius bažnyčią, atsivėrė jūra darbo. Tuometinis parapijos klebonas kun. Rūsis gerai suprato draugių bei organizacijų svarbą parapijos gyvenime ir jos bujojime, dėlto kiekvieną sumanymą, vedusį prie vienokios ar kitokios katalikiškos organizacijos, rėmė ir padėjo realizuoti. Taip buvo ir su vyčių kuopa.

Steigiamajam kuopos susirinkime įsirašė tiktai devyni nariai. Išrinkta valdyba ir nutarta kas mėnuo daryti susirinkimus, ruošti vakarus, kultūrinius subuvimus ir per juos organizuoti jaunimą parapijai remti, ypatingai medžiaginiai, ir katalikiškam bei tautiniam darbui dirbti.

Kuopoje tarpe pirmaeilių veikėjų tuometinis varg. A. Šlapelis buvo ir klebono dešinėji ranka lituanistinėje mokykloje ir vaikų katekizacijoje ir jaunimo veikimo vadas. Turėjo stiprų baritono balsą, priklausė Vyčių Chicago Apskr. chorui, kaip solistas, ir dažnai susidurdamas su Chicago vyčių veikimu, buvo kupinas patrauklių sumanymų, juos kuopai patiekdavo ir vadovaudavo jų įgyvendinimui. Tuojau sudarė kuopos chorą, kuris sekmadieniais bažnyčioje giedodavo ir ruošdavo vakarus, koncertus, taip pat neatsisakydavo ir kitoms draugijoms išpildyti programą jų ruošiamuose vakaruose. Dėlto nenustabu, kad per porą trejetą metų kuopa į savo gretas sutraukė daug jaunimo, ne tik davė jam naujo užsiėmimo, bet paskaitomis, vakariniams kursams ir kitais būdais mokė gimtosios kalbos, rašto, Lietuvos istorijos, geografijos ir k., įsteigė knygyną, kuriuo galėjo naudotis ir nenariai. Visas tas veikimas davė gražių vaisių. Neskaitant gausių aukų ir pelno iš įvairių parengimų parapijai, lietuviams nukentėjusiems nuo pirmojo Pasaulinio karo per Tautos Fondą, Raud. Kryžiui remti draugiją ir k. nariai suaukojo daugiau kaip tūkstanti dol., o Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos bonų išpirko už du tūkstančius dol.

Jaunesnieji nariai taip pat domėjosi sportu. Buvo įsteigti kelių sporto rūšių rateliai.

Be minėto varg. A. Šlapelio, tarpe pirmutinių ir veikliausių kuopos narių buvo Jonas Kaminskas, Antanas Pažėra, Pr. Zdankus, M. Bleifortaitė, S. Klimanskaitė, K. ir M. Tomaliūnaitės, B. Stankus, O. Žvingilaitė, S. Gedvilaitė, T. Sapranaivičius, N. Bilūnaitė.

Kun. Rusiui mirus, o vėliau vienam kitam veiklesnių narių išvykus į kitus miestus, pagaliau ir varg. A. Šlapeliui išsikėlus kitur, kuopos veikimas pradėjo silpnėti, susirinkimai, parengimai retėti,

jaunimo domėjimasis organizacija atšalti, o ilgai nuolatiniai kuopos pulsas visiškai nustojo plakti.

Po keliolikos metų, Chicago vyčiams sugalvojus Chicago apskritį praplėsti, įimant visas Indiana valst. lietuvių kolonijas, buvo pasistengta atgavinti 82-ją kuopą, sustiprinti Ind. Harbor kuopą ir planuota įsteigti naujos kuopos kituose miestuose.

Atkurtoji vyčių 82-ji kuopa šiuo metu veikia siaurame rate. Neskaitant šokių bei kitokių tos rūšies pramogėlių, kaip ir daugelis šių dienų kuopų, žymesniu, dėmesio vertu veikimu, nepasirodo. Nariai daugiausia laiko skiria sportui, ypatingai keglininkų (bowling) šakai ir priklauso prie Illinois-Indiana valst. Bowling Sąjungos (lygos).

Atkurtoji kuopoj daugiausia veikia J. ir S. Kaminskai, Širvinskienė ir k.

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LITHUANIA'S GREATEST YEARS

by Evelyn M. Vaskas, Ph. D.



In recent years, Lithuania has been so small and insignificant in the world that it is hard for us to realize that she was once a leading nation of Europe, whose power controlled the largest single territory in Europe. The peak of her glory came in the reign of Vytautas, Grand Duke of Lithuania from 1392 on, and the greatest hero in our national history.

Vytautas' first efforts, on assuming power, were directed towards a general "house-cleaning and home-improvement" campaign. In the years since Algirdas died, many of the governors of the various Lithuanian territories of Russia had grown lax, inefficient, and indifferent to Lithuania. Algirdas replaced them with his own men, but he won the love and loyalty of the people by not trying to change their religious faith or customs. He encouraged trade, not only with the immediate neighbors, but with the more distant Greeks, Tartars, etc. In the interest of improving Lithuania's culture, he opened the doors wide to all forms and peoples of Western civilization. In particular, he invited many Jews, who were victims of persecution even then, to come to Lithuania. In the encouraging atmosphere, towns grew and industries flourished — armaments for war, bricks for forts, churches, etc. Vytautas introduced the coining of money (silver and bronze) into Lithuania, and soon the use of money instead of direct barter was helping business.

Wars were incessant in those days, and Vytautas fought in his share of them. In particular, he extended the empire of Lithuania far into the East, annexing the basins of the Donets and Oka rivers, so that Moscow was practically surrounded by Lithua-

nian-controlled land. The frontiers of Lithuania extended from the Baltic to the Black Seas, from near Moscow to the Bug and Dniester rivers. She ruled an area of 350,000 square miles — roughly 10 times her own size at the time, where 56 million people live today. For this reason, the Lithuanians were called the "Vikings of the Continent." Under Vytautas' leadership, Lithuania protected Europe and the greater part of Russia and the Ukraine from the Tartars in the East and the Teutons in the West.

Vytautas did not scorn the friendship of other countries — notably Poland. He renewed Lithuania's treaty of perpetual alliance with Poland. The treaty made provision for the separate government of the two countries as well as their alliance; Lithuania was to have her own government, headed by her own Grand Duke forever.

One source of unrest in Lithuania at the time was Žemaitija, which was then ruled by the Teutonic Knights. But the Žemaičiai were not happy as subjects of the Teutons, and wanted to rebel. Vytautas encouraged the rebellion. Thus war arose again between Lithuania and the Teutonic Knights. In 1410, an immense army of Lithuanians and Poles, under Vytautas, met an equally gigantic army of Germans led by the Knights near the German towns of Tannenberg and Gruenwald. In this greatest battle of the century, Vytautas routed the Knights completely: their Grand Master was killed, together with thousands of his subjects; thousands more were taken prisoner. This battle, in fact, broke the power of the Teutonic Knights forever. As often happens, though, the peace treaty was bungled, and,

although Žemaitija was made safe for Lithuania permanently, Klaipėda was left to the Knights. Vytautas hoped to recover it later.

As a result of both his war conquests and his internal policies, Vytautas became rich and powerful. The Lithuanian nobility regarded him as their king. All Europe honored and esteemed him for his valor and accomplishments. Thus it was not surprising that when all the Christian people of Europe were threatened by an invasion of the Turks, who wished to destroy Christianity, Vytautas took the lead in calling a conference of all the Catholics and Orthodox Christian rulers of Europe at his palace at Lucko, in 1429, to make plans for defense. The Pope's delegates, leaders of the various Orthodox churches, the German emperor Sigismund, Henry of Denmark, Jogaila of Poland, Vosylius of Russia — all were there. They appointed Vytautas commander-in-chief of the united armies against the Turks.

To make his position more official, Emperor Sigismund suggested that Vytautas be solemnly crowned King of Lithuania. He himself offered the crown for the occasion. The convened leaders approved enthusiastically, and the solemnities were planned.

But all this honor to his cousin was galling to Jogaila. He plotted to have the coronation delayed by having his henchmen intercept the messengers of Sigismund who were bringing the crown. Vytautas was deeply shocked and hurt at Jogaila's treachery. He was already 80 years old, and the shock brought on a serious illness from which he died on October 27, 1430, leaving no heirs.

(to be continued)

MINTYS IR ĮVYKIAI

Veda Kun. M. Vembrė

- Garsenybė perėjo į katalikų tikėjimą. Dar neturėdama 17 metų Marilyn Bell nustebino Canadą perplaukdamą Ontario ežerą. Pernai ji nuvyko į Angliją ir iš ten perplaukė Lamanšo kanalą, tuo lig patvirtindama, kad pirmas jos laimėjimas buvo neatsitiktinis, o gero pasirinkimo išdava. Šiemet per Velykas ji padarė dar didesni plaukimą — atplaukė į Katalikų Bažnyčią.

- Jungtinėse Amer. Valstybėse, anot C. biuro pareiškimo, kovo pirmą dieną buvo 167.181.000 gyven-tojų.

- Bolševikų iš Lietuvos išvežtas vyskupas Teofilus Matulionis yra dar gyvas. Jis yra senelių prieglaudoje buvusioje grafo Leono Tolstojaus vietovėje — Jasnaja Poliana.

- Ir kitas Lietuvos vyskupas gyvas. Žiniomis iš Romos (per vokiečių kareivius), vysk. Pranciškus Ramanauskas šiuo metu yra rusų kalėjimo stovykloje Sibire. Vyskupas dabar yra 62 m.

- Tebėra gyvas ir buvęs prezidentas Aleksandra Stulginskis. Jis dirba kur tai kolchoze agronomu. Sakoma, jog buvęs net Lietuvon parvažiavęs, bet vėl turėjo išvykti.

- Nesenai Romoje atrasta lig šiol nežinomos katakombos su gerai išsilikusių 50 paveikslų iš S. ir N. Testamento ir kasdienio gyvenimo scenų. Katakombos rastos prie Via Latina, Romoje. Atkasinėjimus veda Rev. Antonio Ferrua, S. J. Ypač viena aikštė — kambarys, 158x89 pėdų pločio, turi gerai išsilaikiusias freskas.

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- Švedai buvo laikomi kaip tikinti, tolerantiški, humaniški. Bet 1945 metais išdavė apie 174 pabaltiečius bolševikams. Nuo to laiko nustojo daugelio žmonių simpatijų.

- Šiais metais gegužės mėn. 13 dieną suėjo penki metai, kai Lietuvos vyskupai pakartojo Lietuvos paaukavimą Marijai. Reikėtų Vyčiams daugiau isijungti į Mėlynosios Armijos judėjimą: skaitymą Fatimos literatūros, dalyvavimą maldos žygyje už Lietuvą.



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Panašiai buvo ir popiet Vyčių salė, minėjimo akademijoje, kurią pravedė sendraugiu ir minėjimo rengimo pirm. Ign. Sakalas. Garbės prezidiumą sudarė: Lietuvos konsulas dr. P. Daužvardis, "Draugo" redaktorius L. Šimutis, buv. "Darbininko" redaktorius Pr. Gudas, Federacijos Chicagos apskr. pirmininkas adv. A. Repšis, buv. Dotnuvos žemės ūkio akademijos prof. V. Manelis, miškininkas prof. A. Rukuiža, Tėvų Marijonų Bendr. Chicagos apskr. dvasios vadas kun. J. Budzeika, MIC, dr. Al. M. Račkus ir J. Kudirka.

Paskaitininkai Pr. Gudas, kons. P. Daužvardis, prof. Manelis ir L. Šimutis savo kalbose įvertino velionies didelius nuopelnus tiek Amerikos lietuviams, tiek Lietuvos kultūrinėj ir auklėjimo srityse.

Meninę programą išpildė šv. P. Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo parapijos choro solistai J. Lindžius, L. Žurlis, M. Mikutaitis ir J. Kudirka, pastarajam pianu akompanuojant, padainavo keturias dainas (Močiute mano, Ar aš tau, sese, nesakiau, O, kaip gražu ir Plaukia Nemunėlis).

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Šį gražų minėjimą suruošė komisija iš Ign. Sakalo (komisijos pirm.), S. Šimulio, E. Samienės, O. Aleliunienės, A. Petrulio ir T. Norbutienės.

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Gegužinė. Kapų puošimo dieną sendraugiai Palos parke buvo suruošę gegužinę, kurion atsilankė nemažai narių ir jų bičiulių. Rengimo komisija (N. Karlavičius, J. Balukas, K. Petruilienė, P. Čižauskas ir M. Klapatauskienė) visdėlto tikėjosi susilaukti daugiau narių, taip pat ir jaunių vyčių. Yra narių, kurie ir automobili turi ir pasitaiko matyti kitų ruošiamuose pobuvuose, bet labai reti svečiai, o kaikurie net visai nepažįstami, vyčių sendraugiu susirinkimuose, parengimuose. Neteisinga, kai vieni nariai ne tik kuopos veikimo vežimą traukia, bet laiką ir pinigų tam praleidžia, o kiti net nejučia pareigos atsilankyti, pabendrauti, ir vienu kitu centu vyčių veiklą parenti.

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Jis yra ne tik narys, bet ir sendraugiu parengimų rėmėjas. Nuoširdžia jo paramą pajunta ir kitos mūsų kultūrinės istaigos.

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Birželis. 1. Dalyvauja Lietuvos ir Lietuvių Kančios minėjime. Parodo aiškų vyčių supratimą bendrų lietuvių reikalų. Dalyvauja organizuotai. Prisideda su programa, jei tik gali. Ypač padeda patekti į vietos spaudą šia proga atitinkamai lietuviškai minčiai ir fotografijai. 2. Veikliausiojo vyčio pagerbimas. Visi slaptai balsuoja, kuris vytis nusipelnė. Kiekvienais metais turi būti kitas. Pakviečiama šeima į iškilmes. 3. Ekskursija. Draugiška ekskursija į kokią vyčių kuopą ar lietuvišką ąstaigą. 4. Vasaros veiklos planų skelbimas. Vasara negali nusilpninti vyčių, bet išlaikyti ir gal sustiprinti, jei tik bus priimta atitinkama vasariška programa. Kiekviena kuopos valdyba tai skelbia ir vykdo. 5. Bendroji Komunija. Skirti ypatingą intenciją — už jaunimo širdies skaistumą, už lietuvišką šeimą ir tt.

Liepa. 1. Amerikos Nepriklausomybės minėjimas. Parengti koki vaizdelį. iš Amerikos kovų už Nepriklausomybę ir vieną vakarą parodyti lietuviškai visuomenei, senesniems. Sustiprinti savo patrijotiškumą ir tikrą krašto meilę gerais darbais. Pagerbti kritusią amerikietį už savo ir viso pasaulio žmonių laisvę. Aplankyti istorinę vietą. 2. Pasirengimas Seimui. Parengti savo sumanymus geresnei vytiškai veiklai varyti. Išrinkti gerus delegatus. Peržvelgti ar įvykdyti vytiški planai. 3. Stovyklavimas. Vyčiai neturėtų bijoti pamėginti surengti ypač jauniams savaitės jų stovyklavimo. Tai nėra tik kitų uždavinys, bet visų ir vyčių. Jauniai per tokias stovyklas liktų geriausi vyčiai, o ir vyresniems būtų smagi proga su jauniais pabūti, vadovaujant ir ilsintis, bei gyvenant vytiškumu. Tik stovyklaujant galima atsiekti daug jaunimui reikalingų praktiškų uždavinių. 4. Vasarinės išvykos Jaunių kuopos lengvai gali turėti kelias vasarines išvykas. Aplankyti kokią apylinkės vietą, ar miesto sodą ir ten išvykti iš ryto ir vakare vėl grįžti. Svarbu, kad išvyka būtų planuota, su programa, o ne tik laisvalaikio praleidimas. Turi būti praktikuotas lietuviškas žaidimas, daina, savi papročiai. Parvykę aiškiai turi žinoti, ko gera išmoko. Surasti iškylos vadovų ir globėjų.

CONVENTION IS SET FOR ILLINOIS THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST

The 1956 convention of the Knights of Lithuania national organization has been officially called to meet in Chicago, Illinois, August 23, 24, 25 and 26, at the Sherman Hotel.

Al Wesey, national president, issued the call, and urged every council and district to elect its delegates as soon as possible in order to qualify its delegates to the national convention. *Mandates*, duly signed by the spiritual adviser, president and secretary of each council and district, must be mailed to Mrs. Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence St., Worcester 4, Mass., by August 10th, for verification.

AGENDA IS FULL

Business will include resolutions and reports, election of national officers.

To be presented to 1956 National Convention — PROPOSED AMENDMENT to our Constitution and By-Laws: That *Article VI, Sections 6 and 7* be amended to read "When a member weds another member, the wife is exempt from dues, although both remain members." "If a member marries a non-member, the non-member joining the organization pays a year's dues. Thereafter the wife is exempt from dues, though both remain members." (Resolution accepted at the Supreme Council meeting held April 14-15, 1956, Pittsburgh, Penna., — submitted by Illinois - Indiana and Mid-Central districts.)

Mr. Al Wesey has asked all national officers, district and committee chairmen to send in their reports to him directly as soon as possible, also resolutions must be mailed by August 10th the latest.

Rugpjūtis. 1. Seimas. Nuvežti Seimui koki lietuviškumo darbą — bendrą dainą, žaidimą, albumą, linksmą pasakojimą — monologą, dialogą ir parodyti visiems vyčiams, kaip praktiškai veikta. Tai atlikti vienu užkandžių metu ar susipažinimo vakare. 2. Lietuviškų papročių mokymasis. Sužinoti lietuviškus papročius vasarą — šienapjūtė, rugiapjūtė, bendras dainavimas. Pasiekti 10 dainelių mokėjimą dainuoti ir žodžius. 3. Darželių — aikštelių puošimas ir parengimas. Vyčių salių — kambarių puošimas lietuviškais ženklais. 4. Lietuviškumo Komisijos darbų peržvalga ir nauji planai. Surinkti visas iškarpas apie lietuviškumą iš vietinės spaudos, visus paveikslus, kurie ką nors rodo iš lietuvių gyvenimo ir sudaryti gražų albumą. Gal ir Seimui atvežti.

Rugsėjis. 1. Po Seiminiai susipažinimai su nutarimais. Mažas Seimas kuopoj su foto ir Seimo leidinių paroda. Veiklos Seimui prisitaikymas. 2. Moksleivių vyčių globa. Jų išlydėjimas į mokyklą ir rėmimas, esant reikalui. Raginti vyčius studentus ir moksleivius iškelti lietuviškumą savo mokyklose. Nebijoti būti lietuviškos kilmės. Visi vyčiai atlietuvina savo lietuviškos kilmės pavardes. Juk tik garbė turėti lietuvišką pavardę. Nepaisyti kad kitaip sakytų. 3. Rudeninė Iškyla. Bulvių kepimas, dešrelių virimas. Sportavimas. Vyčių kambario parengimas žiemės laikui. Lietuvių kalbos kursų pradžia.

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES:

Article VI, 1 Membership dues may be determined or changed by the national convention of the Knights of Lithuania.

Article VI, 3 Regular members pay \$4.00 annually. Membership dues in their entirety are sent to the Supreme Council.

(The numbering of the points in Article VI to be changed in accordance with the above resolutions.)

Article XI, 3 Be it resolved that efforts be concentrated on Seniors and a person be delegated for this work, or a third vice-president be in charge of Seniors, and be responsible for the organization of new Senior councils and the strengthening of existing ones.

Article VI, Paragraph 6, when a member weds another member, the wife is exempt from dues, though both remain members.

Article VI, Paragraph 7, if a member marries a non-member, the non-member joining the organization pays one year's dues. Thereafter the wife is exempt from dues, though both remain full members.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Supreme Council announces to all its members and friends that the 43rd K. OF L. NATIONAL CONVENTION will convene in Chicago, Illinois.

Place: Sherman Hotel.

Time: August 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1956.

Registration: August 22nd.

Host, Illinois - Indiana District.

AL WESEY-VASILIAUSKAS, President

PRANEŠIMAS

Šiuomi pranešame, kad 43 L. Vyčių Seimas šiais metais įvyks rugpiūčio m. 23, 24, 25 ir 26 dienomis Chicagoje. Visi vyčiai kviečiami jau nuo dabar šiam seimui ruoštis ir atitinkamai susitvarkyti savo atostogas, kad galėtų į seimą atvykti.

AL WESEY-VASILIAUSKAS, Pirmininkas

"THIS HAPPENED TO ME" To be continued!

The VYTIS FUND will present \$15.00 in prizes to the three best essays written by K. of L. members on the above subject.

1. Subject matter: may be based on the K. of L. Lithuanian, Catholic, personal experiences of the writer.
2. Length: approximately 300 words.
3. Format: typewritten, double-spaced.
4. Time: essays must be submitted to October 1, 1956.
5. Judges: Editors and Advisory Staff of the VYTIS.
6. Prizes: 3 prizes of \$5.00 each for the 3 best essays, which will be printed in the VYTIS.
7. Contestants should submit their name, address, and council number.



THE NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT BOWLING BANQUET, held in Linden, N. J. April 29, 1956. The District Sports Committee, left to right, Joe Sable, Charles Rusteika, Marguerite Peters, Larry Janonis, district president, Bill Brunza and Joe Balazas.

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K. of L. CALENDAR

- August 5 — Lowell, Mass. (C-115), PICNIC, Forest Lake, Methuen, Mass.
- August 5 — Annual Lithuanian Radio Picnic, National Hall & Park, Woodside, L. I., N. Y., JACK J. STUKAS, DIRECTOR.
- August 12 — New York - New Jersey District, PICNIC, Lithuanian Liberty Park, Linden, N. J.
- August 23-26 — 43rd K. of L. NATIONAL CONVENTION, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill. — Convention headquarters. Host: Illinois - Indiana District.
- September 9 — Annual Lithuanian Radio PICNIC, Royal Gardens Park, Rahway, New Jersey, JACK J. STUKAS, DIRECTOR.
- September 9 — NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT CONVENTION, Great Neck, L. I., New York.
- September 22 — New England District, DANCE — For benefit of official organ Vytis. American Lithuanian Citizens Hall, Providence, R. I.
- September 29-30 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION, Waterbury, Conn.
- October 8 — 40th ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, sponsored by NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT, Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N. J.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

J. V.

The district's annual convention was held June 9th and 10th at Linden, N. J., in the Lithuanian Liberty Park hall. Preceding the convention, delegates and guests attended Mass held in St. Elizabeth's Church, which was celebrated by Rev. Louis Seiser, O.S.B., pastor. The business session was opened with a prayer by the district's spiritual adviser, Rev. Vladas Karalevičius of Elizabeth. Words of greeting were extended by Larry Janonis, president and Joseph Sable, president of Council 113, host to the convention.

Officers elected for the term 1956-1957 were: Larry Janonis, president; Al Janks and Victor Guzevičius, vice presidents; Vera Laukzemis, financial secretary; Gloria Mack, treasurer; Joseph Sable, recording secretary; Charles Bason, trustee; Helen Pinkin, Ritual, Larry Janonis and Gloria Mack, Sports Committee. Delegates elected to the K. of L. Convention to be held in Chicago, Ill. were Larry Janonis and Joseph Sable. Officers were sworn in by our spiritual adviser Rev. Vl. Karalevičius.

Joseph Matachinskas conducted a very interesting Leadership Course.

Next convention is to take place in September at Great Neck, L. I., New York with Council 109 acting as host.

NOTES OFF THE CUFF

Despite the inclement weather, the turnout for the convention weekend was good... Eight councils were represented... During the convention days, an exhibition of Lithuania Art and Handicraft was held at the Community Center. In charge were President Joseph Sable and Vice President Victor Guzevičius, assisted by S. and A. Bundonis and J. Prapuolenis... The Cultural Committee of Council 113, Linden, N. J. is planning to present an Album on LITHUANIA to the Linden Libra-

ry... Joseph Zvingle of Council 29, Newark, was awarded a 3rd Ritual degree medal during the impressive Ritual ceremonies... Delegates enjoyed community singing under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Cizauskas during the social hour which followed the business session... Reminder — Annual Picnic of our district will be held Sunday, August 12th, Linden, N. J.... We extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to Anthony Dranginis who received his Holy Orders on May 26th from Bishop J. Sebastian at the Ascension Cathedral, Baltimore, Md., and held his First Mass in St. Alphonse Lithuanian Church, Baltimore, Md. on May 27th. May he have many fruitful years in the Lord's Vineyard... ATTENTION: Our district will be commemorating its 40th anniversary this year and a committee has been appointed to make arrangements in selecting a date and place for this memorable event... We thank the outgoing district officers for their untiring efforts in behalf of the district, and wish the incoming officers continued success. Many thanks to Host Council 113 for a most enjoyable weekend conclave...

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Lawrence, Mass. 78 "Little Lulu"

We welcome into our New England District, our newly-reorganized neighboring Council 115 in Lowell, Mass.

Recently, during the membership drive, we gained three new members, namely: Joe Balcius, Al Cilcius and Deanna Penkus. Welcome into our fold!

Our first Beach Party of the year was held on Sunday, June 24th, at Seabrook, between Life Guard Posts 15 and 25. Al Blazeveitch, Life Guard, was on duty at Post 15.

Our parish purchased the old Donovan School. The Sisters of

Jesus Crucified are already taking registrations for the Kindergarden and 1st grade. As there will be necessary repairs to be made at the school, Arthur Fyfe, Joe Balcius and Helen Marcinkevich volunteered their services — to help raise funds. Nice gesture on the part of our council members.

CONGRATULATIONS to Deanna Penkus on her graduation from Lawrence High School. Deanna, by the way, received the Merrill Award. We wish her continued success in her chosen career.

HAPPY MOTORING to Vyto Mockevitch in his new 1956 Chevy, also to Shirley Laycock in her new 1956 Chevy. (It's Shirl's first car.)

During the month of May, our council held weekly meetings following the May devotions. After the meetings, Art and Joe served refreshments, also took care of the dishwashing. We hear that Art is suffering from detergent burnt hands.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dayton, Ohio 96

Us Petkus'

MOTHER'S DAY

On May 13th the members and their mothers received Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass. Our Junior members joined us in the celebration. The turnout this year was great! In the evening a buffet supper for our parents was held in the church hall.

To commemorate Mother's Day we, for the first time, had a May Day ceremony for our Blessed Virgin. This took place just before the Mass. Veronica Omlor, the first president of the Juniors, was chosen May Queen. She was accompanied to our Blessed Lady's altar by the rest of the Junior council. Jimmy Sinkwitz was crown bearer. Elinor Sluzas sang during the crowning accompanied by Stephanos Bucmys. It was a very beautiful occasion.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

On May 19th and 20th the annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament was held in our city. We were very pleased with the many participants in the tournament. Nineteen teams rolled three games starting at 5:40 on Saturday at McCook Lanes. Following bowling, a dance was held in the church hall with music supplied by Larry Grey's orchestra. Ann Scott set up a delicious buffet supper. Quite a few of our delinquent members came. It was very good to see them.

Sunday, May 20th, bowlers and guests attended the 10:00 o'clock Mass. Dinner was held at 1:30 P.M. at Annarino's. With everyone anxious to find out who won the trophy digestion was quite difficult. The bowling committee did a good job in keeping the winners a secret.

TID-BITS FROM THE TOURNY

Winning team was the seventh Dayton team entered into the tournament. The team consisted of Elinor Sluzas, Eva Leasure, Ted Sluzas, Joe Noreikas and George Mikalauskas. The team bowled well and certainly earned the trophy! Individual prizes went to: MEN: Single game w/o handicap — Al Zarkara, Chicago; w/handicap Frank Ambrose, Jr., Dayton. Three-game high w/o handicap Joe Noreikas, Dayton; w/handicap Tel Sluzas, Dayton. WOMEN: Single game w/o handicap Aldona Hitzemann, Chicago; w/handicap Irene Masilunas, Chicago. Three-game high series w/o handicap Emily Mihaluk, Gary; three game high series w/handicap Loretta Kassel, Chicago.

Twice a group of the members from the council met at the church hall for clean-up duty in preparation for the tournament. Walls were scrubbed, kitchen cleaned, a little painting here and there, etc. We had snacks each time; celebrated a birthday (Charles Petkus, our president); Ted Sluzas and George Mikalauskas had their navy experiences showing — swabbing the deck; Gus and Mary Ann Blum even had their Mike dressed for work; faithful water-girl — Rita Ambrose. When the Gary team registered they certainly caused a commotion — we thought the Smith brothers were in town! John Kaminski pulled a Groucho Marx on the girls at the desk. Reason for the beards — Gary is celebrating their jubilee.

Our own Stan Vaitkus made an excellent MC at the banquet. Stan, you never did tell us the color of the elephant!!... It certainly was good to see our many friends from the other councils — **Cleveland** — the Susin sisters, Joan and Dorothy, and Frances Machutas; **Chicago** — Jack Jatis, Jerry Jesulaitis, Tony Lubert, Betty Tucker, Julie Zakarka and Zenon Meizis; **Pittsburgh** — Julie Aleshunas, Margaret Papeaka and Andy Rozger. See you all in Pittsburgh for the next tournament. There we hope to win the trophy for keeps!

DAYTON BOWLING LEAGUE BANQUET

On Saturday, June 9th, our Bowling League banquet took place in the church hall with a catered dinner served. Winning team was the **Aukštaičiu** team consisting of Charles Petkus, captain, Joan Kavalauskas, Eva Leasure and Alex Pietzak. They put up a good battle all the way and deserved their win. Individual prizes went to MEN: Single game high w/w handicap Gus Blum — 237; w/handicap Jim Kavalauskas — 255; three game series w/o handicap Alex Pietzak — 596, w/handicap Mike Petkus — 601; WOMEN: single game high w/o handicap Elinor Sluzas — 174; w/handicap Polly Pietzak — 211; three-game high series w/o handicap Pat Zelinskas — 442, w/handicap Eva Leasure — 466. The results of our bowling league not only created fun and exercise but also got us six new members!! Rumors are that others will join the council if we hold another League next season.

HEARD ON THE PARTY LINE

Watch out men — Pat Zelinskas and Mary Lucas bought new cars. Their cars are sharp! Next in line they have their licenses... We hear Lou and Kitty Prasmantas had an enjoyable time on their recent trip to Chicago... Lots of luck to Joe and Josephine Rimkus in their new house. We hear Joe has done a terrific job on remodeling it... Congratulations to Rita Ambrose on her graduation from St. Joseph's Commercial High School. Also to Jim Omlor on his graduation from Chaminade High School. Now you'll have some spare time to donate to the council... Prayers are extended to Frank Ambrose, Sr. for a very speedy recovery from his recent

operation... First picnic was held June 23rd at Eva and Bill Leasure's farm. We enjoyed picnicking very much... Next picnic to take place on August 5th at Eintracht Park. Mike Petkus is chairman with Eva Leasure in charge of the kitchen work and Mary Lucas will have our Juniors help on the Variety Booth.

June birthday greetings to Ann Goldick, Fr. Walter Katariskis, Ann Scott, Joe Mikalas and Frank Ambrose, Jr.; Anniversary congratulations to Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, Stan and Helen Vaitkus and Charles and Ann Goldick... Tony Zelinskas re-joined our council. Sveikiname!

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill. 112

J. A. Stoskus

Our quarterly K. of L. Communion Sunday was held at the Nativity of B.V.M. Church. Chairlady Monica Kasper is credited for making arrangements for a delicious breakfast served at Mickelberry's Restaurant following the Mass.

Our annual district's **K. of L. Day** will be held jointly with Don Varnas Post of the American Legion this year.

Several of our council members are serving on the National Convention Committee, namely: George Jonikas, president of the district; and Anthony and Vyt Lubert as co-chairmen; also DAINAVOS ENSEMBLE will present "Vytauto Didžiojo Kantata" featuring the former Metropolitan Opera Star and member of our council, Algird Brazis; "Vestuvės Be Piršlio" will be presented at the beautiful Maria High School auditorium, chaired by our Betty Tucker, and assisted by Monica Kasper and Stella Rogers; religious services to be held on Sunday, August 26th, will be in charge of our district spiritual adviser, the Very Rev. Peter Cinikas, M.I.C.; also other details of the day to be in charge of Lorraine Dombrowski, Jean Sheures and Josephine Jagmin; Elinore Laurin, in charge of the Convention Ad Book, is being assisted by Bill Warainis and Monica Kasper; our ever-faithful and silent helper, Adam Oske-liunas, though not a member of the Convention Committee, is doing a grand job soliciting ads.

JUNIOR PAGE



To be continued!

"MY HOBBY"

The Vytis Fund will present \$9.00 in prizes to the three best essays written by Junior K. of L. members on the above subject.

- 1) Length: approximately 200 words.
- 2) Time: essays must be submitted to October 1, 1956.
- 3) Judges: Editors and Advisory Staff of the VYTIS.
- 4) Prizes: 3 prizes of \$3.00 each for the 3 best essays, which will be printed in the VYTIS.
- 5) Contestants should submit their name, address, and council number.

JUNIOR COUNCIL 103

Providence, R. I. At our regular meeting held June 1st, a short program, consisting of a play, recital of poems, folk dances and songs, was presented in honor of our mothers. The play — "SIXTEEN" was staged by the following amateur actors: Carol Case, Anthony Lucas, Sandra Rutkewicz, Robert Cyronak and James McKenna. Poems were recited by Nijolė Jurgelevičius "Mamytei", B. Mackevičius and Joseph Augaitis "Motina ir Sūnus", Julytė Leveckas "Lietuvė Motina" and B. Mackevičius "Toli už Girių." Dancers included B. Lobbe, K. Cyronak, N. Jurgelevičius, B. Mackevičius, J. Leveckas, B. Stonis, P. Balkus and V. Waitonis. The special numbers were "Kalvelis", "Suktinis" and "Rugučiai." Lithuanian songs — "Motulė Mane Barė," "Per Girių" and "Karvelėlis" were sung by N. Jurgelevičius, J. Leveckas, P. Balkus, K. Cyronak, B. Mackevičius and B. Lobbe. Director of the program was John Beinoris, organist at St. Casimir's.

Following the program, refreshments were served by Barbara Cyronak, and gifts were presented to all Junior K. of L'ers (K. of L. bracelet to Ladies and K. of L. tie clip to Knights.)

The Kill-Joy Twins

LITHUANIAN ANTHEM

This is the national anthem of Lithuania. The words and music were composed by V. Kudirka (1858-1899), who fought against the Russian oppression and tried to awaken in the people an awareness of their native land. On his tombstone the words of this National Anthem had been carved, but the Russians have destroyed it.

LIETUVA, TĖVYNE MŪSU

Lietuva tėvyne mūsų
Tu didvyrių žemė!
Iš praeities tavo sūnūs
Te stiprybę semia.

Tegul tavo vaikai eina
Vien takais dorybės,
Tegul dirba tavo naudai
Ir žmonių gerybei.

Tegul saulė Lietuvos
Tamsumus prašalina,
Ir šviesa, ir tiesa
Mūs žingsnius telydi.

Tegul meilė Lietuvos
Dega mūsų širdyse,
Vardan tos Lietuvos
Vienybė težydi!

LITHUANIA, OUR COUNTRY

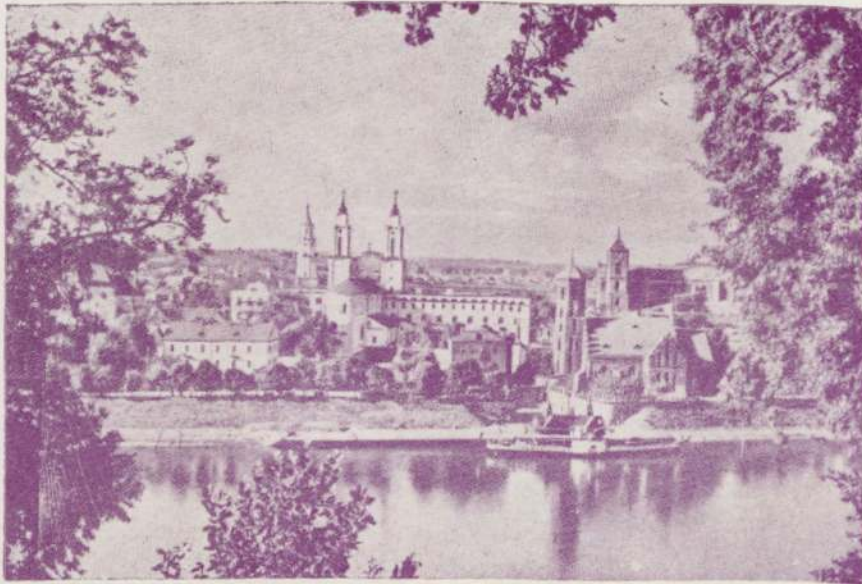
Lithuania, our country,
Land of might you'll ever be;
Through the ages, your fond sons
Have gathered strength from thee.

Lithuania, your children
Paths of righteousness shall tread;
For their native land they'll labor —
Earth's aspiring aims they've bred!

Found of Light, may your bright sun,
Pierce all that's in darkened sheen;
Show us Truth's noble way,
And we'll follow in your gleam!

In our hearts, Lithuania
Love for you will dwell forever!
Our wordly spirit keeps soaring —
Prompted by thy glory everywhere.

JAUNIEJI VYČIAI DOMISI IR DALYVAUJA VYČIŲ SEIME š. m. RUGP. MĖN. 23, 24, 25 ir 26 CHICAGOJ



Kaunas vasara

MŪŠŲ NARIAI VEIKIA

At the Mid-West Bowling tournament held in Dayton, two of our members received trophy awards — Al Zakarka for high game, and Irene Masiliunas for high series... Father Leonard Vaisvilas, spiritual adviser, underwent surgery at Holy Cross Hospital. Wish him speedy recovery... Alexander and Phyllis Kumskis celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. The Very Rev. Canon George Paskus accepted their renewed vows. He also united them as man and wife 25 years ago... Bertha Stoskus' brother, Vyto Savickis, a Korean veteran, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass. Bernice Jonikas flew to Miami, Florida, to visit her mother... Westinghouse sent John Pocius to Rome, New York on a special assignment... Stella Rogers, Josephine Jagmin, Arlene Skocz and Julie Zakarka will represent our council in the international "Dainų Šventė", July 1st, Chicago, Ill... Oak Lawn Roller Rink was the scene of a delightful evening of roller skating with thrills and spills for all. Violet Krisciunas was chairlady of the party. The big mystery — who tripped Barbara Lazutka?... Stella Rogers purchased a home jointly with her sister Julie and brother-in-law Al Zakarka... Bertha and John Stoskus bought a home just two blocks south of Mid-Way International Airport. K. of L'ers coming to the National Convention in Chicago, are cordially invited to stop at their home — 5177 West 64th Street, for a cup of coffee!... Vytold and Josephine Yasus were blessed with a baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Zizas are the proud grandparents... Very Rev. Canon Zakaruskas, resident of Nativity of B.V.M. parish, celebrated his Silver Sacerdotal jubilee on Sunday, June 3rd. Canon Zakaruskas, on many occasions, has attended our council meetings and has given eloquent spiritual and nationalistic talks.

Junior Council 96

On Mother's Day, Junior K. of L'ers (girls) participated in a May procession and honored our Blessed Virgin Mary by crowning Her — **QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH**. Veronica Omlor, our first president, was May Queen. The candle bearers were Carol Leasure and Ann Sinkwitz. Attending the Queen were Lauretta Omlor, Marilyn and Elaine Lucas and Barbara Rimkus. Jimmy Sinkwitz (future Jr. memb.) was the crown bearer.

The May Queen (Veronica Omlor) wore a formal of white nylon and tulle embroidered in gold, and a tiara of sea pearls and rhinestone. Carol and Ann wore balerina length formals in pink and blue. They carried candles in silver holders which were adorned with pink carnations. All other attendants wore white dresses and pretty head bands. Each carried a single rose bud which they placed on Our Lady's altar. Jimmy Sinkwitz, attired in navy trousers and white jacket, preceded the Queen and carried a satin and lace pillow which held the crown of gold filigree entwined with pink sweetheart rose buds.

Many thanks to Mrs. Elinor Sluzas for her beautiful singing during the procession and to Mr. Stephen Bucmys, organist. We are also grateful to Mrs. Ada Sinkwitz and Mrs.

E. L. Mary Lucas for their creative ideas and efforts to make the procession a memorable occasion.

June being the month of graduations, holds true for some of our Juniors, too. We congratulate the following members who graduated the eighth grade: Ann Sinkwitz, Elaine Lucas, Robert Omlor and Joseph Rimkus.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Rosalie Vangas.

During the summer months, we expect to take in a lot of outdoors sports, — swimming, picnics, hikes, etc.

ALWAYS BETTER

We may perform our daily task
as good as anyone.
And we may do it just as well
as we have ever done.
But that is really not enough
because we ought to try
To make the fullest use of all time
that passes by.
We should endeavor constantly
to play a greater role,
And to eventually attain
a more important goal.
There is no way to save the day
on which the sun has set,
And there is nothing comforting
in having to regret.
So let us give the best in us
to every job we do,
With courage, perseverance
and the will to see it through