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ST. CASIMIR

St. Casimir, the patron of the Knights of Lithuania, was the second son of Casimir III and of Elizabeth of Austria. He was born in 1458, on the 5th of October. From his childhood he was remarkably pious and devout.

His preceptor was John Dlugoss, called Longinus, canon of Cracow, a man of extraordinary learning and piety, who constantly refused all bishoprics and other dignities of the Church and state which were pressed on him.

Vladislas, the eldest son, was elected king of Bohemia in 1471, and became king of Hungary in 1490. Casimir was the second son; John Albert, the third son, succeeded his father in the kingdom of Poland in 1492; and Alexander, the fourth son, was called to the same in 1501.

Casimir and the other princes were warmly attached to the holy man who was their preceptor; but Casimir profited most by his pious maxims and example. He consecrated the flower of his age to the exercises of devotion and penance; his clothes were plain, and under them he wore a hair shirt. He often slept upon the ground, and spent a considerable part of the night in prayer and meditation, chiefly on the passion of our Saviour.

He was wont at times to go out in the night to pray before the church doors, and in the morning waited before them till they opened for matins. He was especially devout to the passion of our Blessed Saviour, the very thought of which excited him to tears. He was no less piously affected towards the Sacrifice of the altar, at which he always assisted with such reverence and attention that he seemed in raptures.

And as a mark of his singular devotion to the Blessed Virgin, he composed, or, at least, frequently recited, the long hymn that bears his name, a copy of which was, by his desire, buried with him.

His love for Jesus Christ showed itself in his regard for the poor, who are His members, to whose relief he applied whatever he had, and employed his credit with his father, and his brother, Vladislas,



king of Bohemia, to procure them succour.

The nobles of Hungary, dissatisfied with Matthias Corvinus, their king, son of the great Huniades, begged Casimir III to allow them to place his son on the throne. The saint, then not quite 15 years of age, was very unwilling to consent; but in compliance with his father's will, he went at the head of an army of 20,000 men to the frontiers in 1471. There hearing that Matthias had formed an army of 16,000 men to oppose him, and that Popie Sixtus IV had sent an emissary to divert his father from the expedition, and finding that his soldiers were deserting him in great number, he joyfully returned.

However, his conduct gave such offense to his father, whose ambition had been roused, that he was forbidden by him to enter Cracow, and ordered to take up his residence in the castle of Dobzki.

After this, nothing would again induce him to resume the attempt, though again pressed by the Hungarians, and urged by his father. As the old Russian churches were falling out of repair, Casimir, with more zeal than discretion, persuaded his father to pass an edict forbidding the restoration and reconstruction of churches which did not belong to the Latin rite.

He died at age of 23, on March 4, 1484, and was buried at Vilna, where his body is still preserved.

LET FREEDOM RING

(Talk given by Atty. A. O. Shallna,
Lithuanian Consul, over Station WBMS—
Liberty Bell Program—February 16, '57)

On February 16, 1918 in Vilnius, Lithuania, the Lithuanian people proclaimed to the world their regained independence. It was after 123 years of Russian rule, with a 40-year blackout period banning all Lithuanian printing, that Lithuania demonstrated to the world that she is once more a worthy member of the family of nations.

People who had played a major part in checking the Germanic drang nach osten in the 15th century, at the Battle of Grünwald, and in Union with Poland held back the Mongol and Moscowite aggression from the East could not be held back once they regained their independence.

These are the people whose natives had contributed greatly to the development of these United States. Among their native sons we have Alexander Carolus Curtius — the first high school teacher in New Amsterdam (1659) in the new world; Thaddeus Kosciuszko of American Revolutionary war fame and large numbers of Lithuanian immigrants who have helped to develop the commerce, industry and trade of this country and to serve the United States in times of peace and war.

During the 22 years of independence the Republic of Lithuania recovered from the devastation of war and foreign occupation of World War I, and made rapid strides in her cultural and economic life. Her agricultural products were beginning to have their place in the Scandinavian, English and American markets.

As a loyal member of the League of Nations, Lithuania performed faithfully her treaty and international obligations.

Lithuania became one of the first victims of the Nazis - Soviet conspiracy against peace and humanity. Ribbentrop and Molotov in their August and September 1939 negotiations had laid secret plans for the occupation and annexation of Lithuania.

In consequence of the various maneuvers and shifts between the Nazis and Soviet Russia in June 1940, Lithuania, along with Latvia and Estonia, was occupied by the Soviet Russian forces. This deceptive, fraudulent and forceful occupation of Lithuania could not be concealed or explained rationally to the world.

On July 23, 1940, the Government of the United States, through its State Department, refused to recognize the occupancy

and annexation of Lithuania by the USSR.

The atrocities, deportations and killings that we have been reading about in Hungary are a duplication of what had taken place in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia during the Soviet Russian occupation of those countries. However, in those days, the early stages of World War II while Soviet Russia and the United States were allies, we did not get the clear and detailed accounts of those atrocities that had taken place in the Baltic States.

The light of liberty has not been extinguished in Lithuania or among the Lithuanian people. In Lithuania, there is still an active resistance manifesting itself. In the United States, our House of Representatives, U. S. Senate and various Governors and Mayors participate in one way or another in keeping alive and in advancing the cause for Independence of Lithuania. Only last month, President Eisenhower, in his nation-wide TV-Radio speech gave encouragement to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia in their struggle for independence. Governor Furcolo also issued a Proclamation on this occasion.

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Atėjo mūsų tautos bei L. Vyčių organizacijos dvi didžiausios, brangiausios šventės — Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės ir Šv. Kazimiero šventės. Džiaugiuosi ir dėkoju Dievui, kad Jo valia gimiau lietuvaite ir esu vyte.

Šia gražia proga, jausdama gilią Vytišką meilę tautai ir bažnyčiai, nuoširdžiai sveikinu garbingąjį Amerikos Lietuvių žurnalą "Vytį" su kuklia Garbės Prenumeratos \$5 auka, nes Vasaris kaip tik ir yra paskelbtas katalikiškai spaudai remti mėnuo.

Reiškiu tikrą pagarbą visam uoliam ir gabiam "Vyties" štabui.

Jūsų

Marcelė Andrikytė

Waterbury, Conn.



LITHUANIANS meet with Governor Foster Furcolo as he signs proclamation naming February 16 as "Republic of Lithuania Day" in Massachusetts. Observing the ceremony, left to right, are: Joseph Arlauskas, national director of American Lithuanian Council; Attorney Anthony O. Shallna, Lithuanian Consul at Boston; Attorney John J. Grigalus, member of American Lithuanian Council; Stanley Michelson, president of the local A. L. Council; Anthony Matioska, vice president of the local A. L. Council; and William V. Gorski, Governor's assistant press secretary and Knights of Lithuania member.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

by His Excellency
FOSTER FURCOLO
Governor

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

On February 16, 1918, Lithuania, determined to be free and independent, to be rid of her invaders, took a bold step and adopted a declaration reaffirming her desires and wishes for an independent democratic nation.

For the next twenty years, Lithuania was accepted and recognized by all freedom loving nations on an equal basis. Lithuania grew and progressed. Her achievements were countless and in a short span of time, she took her rightful place in world affairs and prestige.

February 16, 1957, will be a noteworthy date, for it is the 39th anniversary of her independence. Lithuanians throughout the free world will celebrate this historic occasion and pay tribute to those courageous founders of the republic.

Although Lithuania is presently occupied and suppressed by an aggressor nation, yet I am sure that the spirit of freedom is still alive in Lithuania and that Lithuania will again be free and independent.

Year after year brings forth new hope and we have tangible evidence from other oppressed nations that these cruel forms of unjust subjugation are being pushed aside and the right of self determination is being established. Lithuania is in this category, and she will, in the not too distant future, again be restored to her rightful place, a free and unfettered nation.

So that this day might be better known to the great American public, and for the American people to understand better the nation and people enslaved by Communism and their unrelentless fight against this oppression, I, Foster Furcolo, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the 16th day of February, 1957, to be

REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA DAY

and commend the observance of the occasion to all citizens.

GIVEN at the Executive Chamber in Boston this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and eighty-first.

by His Excellency the Governor
Edward J. Cronin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

FOSTER FURCOLO

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE K. OF L. STORY



Tony Yuknis

The Knights of Lithuania boasts of five districts, namely: California, Illinois - Indiana, Mid - Central, New York - New Jersey and New England, and is the oldest Catholic Lithuanian American youth organization in America. How and by whom was it founded? What does it stand for? At the turn of the century, a famine and Tsarist oppression caused mass migrations of Lithuanians abroad mainly to the United States where over one million souls have made their homes. One of the immigrants, Mykolas Norkūnas, could not bear the thought of youth going their own unguided way. So he busied himself for two years in the founding of the organization that was to become so dear to his heart. He received the support of the New England clergy including Rev. Francis A. Virmauskis, Msgr. Francis M. Juras, Msgr. Constantine A. Vasys, the editor of "The Catholic" and pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church in Worcester. Thus the Knights of Lithuania organization was born on April 24, 1913 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Messrs Leonard Simutis, Sr. and Ignatius Sakalas, editors of "Draugas" of Chicago, Illinois, became staunch supporters of the K. of L.

Mr. Norkūnas was elected president at the first national convention held in Brockton, Mass. Brockton has the distinction of being Council 1 in this organization. It became the custom to hold the national convention in a different city each year and Mr. Norkūnas paid his own traveling expense to each convention city until he reached retirement age. The K. of L. adopted "For God and Country" as its motto.

The planned program of religious, social and sports activities have filled a vacuum in the life of the Lithuanian youth of America. Every council and district has its own spiritual adviser. The national director of the Knights of Lithuania is Rev. Albert J. Contons of South Boston, Mass.

The Cultural Committee was instituted in 1955 at the national convention held in Newark, N. J. to preserve the Lithuanian cultural heritage, and elected Jack Stukas as its chairman. Use of the Lithuanian language, which is the oldest living tongue in Europe, use of the songs, folk dances, customs and traditions were advocated. The K. of L. Scholarship Fund is also administered by this Committee.

The Knights of Lithuania publishes a monthly national magazine "Vytis" (The Knight) and is printed by Immaculata Press, Putnam, Conn. Herein is published council and district activities; also articles on Lithuanian history and Catholicism appear regularly. Co-editors of "Vytis" are Miss Phyllis Grendal (10 years) and Dr. Joseph Leimonas (5 yrs.), both of Boston, Mass.

The organization takes its name from the Knights of Lithuania who became a powerful force during the Middle Ages. At that time Lithuania was attacked from the east, south and west and was forced to fight for her existence. The hardy Lithuanian foresters, fishermen and hunters became mighty warriors. They won battles against Tatars, Russians and Poles. It is no wonder that Lithuania spread from the Baltic to the Black Sea and became the largest state in Europe. By their frequent battles

with the Mongols and Tatars Lithuania might be called the savior of Europe.

The patron of the organization is St. Casimir who was a royal descendant of Grand Duke Jogaila (Jagiello) of Lithuania. Jogaila accepted the offer of the Polish throne along with the hand of Queen Jadwiga in marriage. From the "Jagiello" dynasty stemmed seven kings which was Poland's most illustrious.

St. Casimir was the son of King Casimir III and Queen Elizabeth, the former princess of Austria. Young Casimir detested war and refused personal glory and power in favor of prayer and devotion. In 1471 a powerful faction of Hungarian nobles attempted to depose their King Matthew. They petitioned King Casimir IV to send the young prince, Casimir, to Hungary to be their king. Through the insistence of his father, young Casimir set out for Hungary with an army of 20,000 men. Upon reaching the frontier Casimir got news that King Matthew had appeased the Hungarian populace and that Pope Sixtus IV had opposed the proposed scheme. Besides, an army had been formed by the Hungarians to oppose young Casimir's claim to their throne. The young prince cheerfully returned home without bloodshed. However, he had to face the wrath of his father who imprisoned Casimir in Dobski castle for three months. The Hungarians bestowed upon him the title of "peacemaker".

Later, when King Casimir took up residence in Lithuania the young crown prince ruled for five years with tact, wisdom and justice. St. Casimir spurned royal comfort and luxury. He was often found sleeping on the ground,

MALONŪS PRISIMINIMAI

Rašo J. Sadauskas, Cleveland, Ohio

Kaip malonu buvo pasiskaityti lietuviškoje spaudoje, ypatingai "Vytyje", J. E. vyskupo V. Brizgio ir "Draugo" red. L. Simučio raštus apie mūsų lietuviškos dvasios milžinus - veikėjus.

Pirmas gražus prisiminimas ir augštas įvertinimas yra a. a. kankinio kan. F. Kemėšio ir jojo nuveiktų darbų, kurie niekad nebus pamiršti lietuviškosios išeivijos.

Beabejo, kad kiekvieną iš mūsų sukretė žinia, kada mes sužinojome, jog mūsų senosios kartos išymiausias vadas, organizatorius ir lietuviybės didysis žadintojas kan. F. Kemėšis buvo nukankitas Sibire ir tenai svetimoje žemėje, o ne savo gimtajame krašte, Lietuvoje, palaidotas.

Man, dalyvaujant mūsų katalikiškų organizacijų metiniuose suvažiavimuose, seimuose, ypatingai Vyčių seimuose, kurio širdis visada buvo kartu su Vyčiais, teko pastebėti, kad Vyčių organizacija turi labai gerų, didelio pasišventimo, vadų. Tuo nuoširdžiai džiaugiuosi.

Šia proga prisiminkime kad ir šiuos tris didžiuosius mūsų organizacijos vadus, kaip J. E. Vysk. Vin-

centą Brizgį, kun. Joną Jutkevičių ir kun. Albertą Kontautą, Vyčių organizacijos dvasios vadą. Jų veikla, pasiaukojimas ir įtaka organizacijai nepaprastai didelė. Vyčiai jų dėka labai daug laimi ir jais žavisi.

Turėjome ir tebeturime ir daugiau išymių mūsų organizacijos veikėjų, bet jų visų išvardinti vienu kartu nebeįmanoma, paliksiu kitiems savo rašinėliams juos prisiminti, nes daugumą žinau iš jų darbų ir pažistu asmeniškai.

O dabar tebūnie man leista pasveikinti savo gerus pažįstamus ir bičiulius — Albiną ir Oną Nevierus, kuriedu pereitais metais minėjo savo gražaus šeimyninio gyvenimo 25 metų jubiliejų. Gaila, kad man niekas nepranešė anksčiau. Būčiau prisuntęs nors nuoširdų sveikinimo žodelį.

Kaip buvo malonu pamatyti Onos ir Albino bei jų visos šeimos gražų paveikslą mūsų organe "Vytyje". Jis man priminė šiuos gerą širdžius vyčius kai teko dalyvauti Vyčių Organizacijos Seime Bostone ir šioj šeimoj teko apsistoti. Jų geros širdies ir vytiškos dvasios dar vis negaliu pamiršti.

Taigi tebūnie man leista nuoširdžiai pasveikinti Jumis, Albinai, jūsų brangią žmoną, tris dukreles ir sūnelį gražiame vytiškame šeimos židinyje laime besidžiaugiančius. Tegul Augščiausias jums sutei-

kia dar daug sulaukti gražių metelių!

Vienok negaliu praleisti nepareiškęs jums, brangūs vyčiai ir užuojautos, vienam iš Jūsų netekus mylimo brolio, o kitam švogerio — Prano Razvadausko, kurį pereitais metais mūsų Visagalis Dievas pasiškė pas save. Taip, brangieji, netik jūs jaučiate širdies skausmą, bet ir visa mūsų išeivija, o ypatingai Vyčių Organizacija, kurios a. a. Pranas buvo garbės narys ir ilgameitis pirmininkas. Kartu reiškiu užuojautą ir Prano šeimai.

Atsimenu, kada Al. Neviera buvo jaunesnių metu, tai daug veikė L. Vyčių 17-toje kuopoje. O gal ir dabar Albinas su Ona, pasikvietę savo senesnius draugus, pasistengtų suorganizuoti Bostone seniorų vyčių kuopą, ko tenais dar ligi šiol nėra padaryta. Kiek žinau, tai tokios kuopos yra tik Chicagoje ir Clevelande. Nė kiek neabejoju, kad Bostone tai būtų galima padaryti, nes tenais yra mūsų organizacijos didieji vadai: kun. F. Virmauskis, kun. Kontautas, A. Kneizys, F. Grendalytė ir kiti. Clevelandas ir Chicaga labai džiaugtųsi, jei Bostone gimtų seniorų vyčių kuopa. Jie bendromis mintimis ir jėgomis galėtų daug gero padaryti savo organizacijai. Na, bostoniškiai, parodykite ką jūs galite, o mes jums padėsime.

serving the sick, or kneeling on the doorsteps of a church if it was found closed. St. Casimir died on March 4, 1484 at the age of 25 on a trip to Vilnius, Lithuania where his remains were interred. His body was exhumed 125 years later and was found incorrupt. In 1522 Pope Adrian VI canonized him. The March 4th date is observed nationally by the K. of L. with a Communion and breakfast.

Today, Lithuanian citizens have been brutally murdered, imprisoned and families have been torn asunder. It has been estimated that 100,000 persons have been deported to the slave labor camps of remote Siberia. From a 1939 population of 4,200,000 the Lithuanians in Europe have now been reduced to about 3 million souls.

Resistance continues by the "Freedom Fighters" underground who publish a secret leaflet "Kovos Keliu" (Road to Battle) and has the motto "Lithuania for Lithuanians". The West Berlin Telegraf and the Paris France-Soir report of many anti-Soviet activities in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The Balts have deserted the Red army — they have attacked Soviet troops and military transports. Signs have appeared in various places "Russkies go home". A strike in Vilnius, historical capital of Lithuania, and unrest in Reval (Tallin) have leaked through the Iron Curtain. There is strong evidence everywhere that liberty hasn't given up the ghost as yet.

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee under the spirited leadership of the Reverend John Jutt,

honorary chairman, of Worcester, Mass., has been instrumental in the sending of an average of 20,000 letters per year for the past ten years calling attention to the sad plight of Lithuania. It also corrects errors and thanks persons for favorable mention of the Lithuanian nationality. The recipients of these letters include congressmen, governors, mayors, editors and authors throughout the nation. This Committee is responsible for the Knights of Lithuania Gold Medal Award (designed by Stan Kancewich, K. of L. Art Director) which is presented to those who have aided the captive nations of Europe through legislation or other means. Recipients of this K. of L. Medal Award were Congressman Charles J. Kersten (R.-Wisconsin) and Senator Paul H. Douglas (D.-Illinois).

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Mergaičių Pasaulis

Redaguoja Veronika Kulbokienė

JEI NORI BŪTI MĖGIAMA, MYLIMA

Kiekvienam žmogui, o ypač mergaitei, jaunuolei svarbu turėti gerą vardą ir išgyti kitų žmonių tarpe nuoširdų palankumą, pamėgimą ir meilę. Ir tikrai, kai žmogus junti, kad kitiems esi reikalingas, kad kiti tavęs pasigenda, kad kiti tave gerbia, mėgsta ir myli, — tuomet pasijunti esąs patenkintas, laimingas. Ir priešingai, kai matai, kad esi mažai kam reikalingas, kiti į tave žiūri nepalankiomis akimis, tavęs nemėgsta, nemyli ar net nekenčia, — tuomet iš tikrųjų žmogui darosi nemalonu ir net skaudu. Būna ir tokių žmonių, kurie kitų nuomonės nepaiso, jiems nesvarbu, ką kiti apie jį mano ar galvoja, arba ką kitiems pasakys apie jį. Jie siekia savo tikslo neatsižvelgdami į kitus. Jiems svarbu gyventi sau ir asmeniškai gerovei. Ir vis dėlto ir tokie žmonės, pajutę aplink save nepalankias nuomones, šnairuojančius žvilgsnius, — ir jie susimąsto ir nuliūsta. Taigi nėra tokio žmogaus, kuris iš viso nenorėtų būti kitų gerbiamas, mėgiamas, mylimas.

Siekiant kurio nors užsibrėžto tikslo pasisekimas dažniausiai ir pareina nuo to, ar esi mėgiamas ar nekenčiamas. Kasdienio darbo sąlygos lengvesnės yra tų, kurias viršinkai ir bendradarbiai mėgsta.

Turint tai galvoje, kyla klausimas, kodėl vieni žmonės yra mėgiami, o kiti — nemėgiami, nekenčiami. Klausimas yra svarbus. Juo domisi netikėtai eiliniai žmonės, bet kartais net mokslininkai ir mokslo įstaiigos. Vienas Amerikos universitetų išnagrinėjęs šį klausimą mokslišku būdu, paskelbė, kad daugumą nemėgimų sukelia 45 veiksmi arba palinkimai. Kas tame sąraše ras didesnę skaičių teigiamų ypatumų ar būdo bruožų, gali būti tikra, kad žmonėse pasisekimo turės.

Minėti palinkimai paduodami klausimų formoje:

1. Ar visados galima pasitikėti, kad padarysi tai, ką žadi?
2. Ar mielai pasistengi kitiems padėti?
3. Ar visuose savo pareiškimuose ir pasisakymuose vengi perdėjimo?
4. Ar vengi pikto juoko (sarkazmo)?
5. Ar vengi "rodyti", kiek pati moki ir žinai?
6. Jei jautiesi pranašesnė už kitas, ar vengi tai rodyti?
7. Ar vengi tvarkyti kitus žmonės?
8. Ar vengi barti žmones, kurie daro tau nepatinkamus dalykus?
9. Ar vengi pajuokti žmones?
10. Ar vengi su žmonėmis elgtis išdidžiai, despotiškai?
11. Ar palaikai savo drabužius tvarkingai?

12. Ar vengi būti per daug drąsi ir akiplėšiška?
13. Ar vengi juoktis iš kitų klaidų ir pasirinkimų?
14. Ar tavo elgėsis su priešingos lyties žmonėmis yra pavyzdingas?
15. Ar vengi viską peikti?
16. Ar praleidi kitų klaidas negirdomis, jų netaisydama?
17. Ar mielai skolini daiktus kitiems?
18. Ar vengi pasakoti juokus, anegdotus, dėl kurių kitiems tektų drovėtis?
19. Ar leidi kitiems daryti ir elgtis pagal jų valią ir įsitikinimus?
20. Ar vengi ir šalinies ginčų?
21. Ar visados suvaldai savo pyktį?
22. Ar maloniai šypsaisi?
23. Ar vengi dažnai per daug kalbėti?
24. Ar pakenti naujovę?
25. Ar vengi meilikauti kitiems?
26. Ar vengi liežuvauti?
27. Ar vengi prašyti žmones pakartoti tai, ką jie yra jau pasakę?
28. Ar vengi davinėti klausimus, norėdama palaikyti kalbą?
29. Ar vengi prašyti kitų malonės?
30. Ar susilaikai nuo mėginimų kitus reformuoti?
31. Ar savo asmeninius rūpesčius užkrauji kitiems?
32. Ar esi natūrali, nepasipūtusi?
33. Ar paprastai esi linksma?
34. Ar esi entuziastė?
35. Ar taisyklingai tari žodžius ir ar gerai moki kalbėti?
36. Ar vengi į kitus žiūrėti įtartinai?
37. Ar vengi tinginiavimo?
38. Ar vengi pas kitus skolintis pinigų ir įvairius daiktus?
39. Ar vengi žmones mokyti, kas yra jų moralinė pareiga?
40. Ar vengi žmones "versti" į savo įsitikinimus?
41. Ar vengi greitai, neaiškiai kalbėti?
42. Ar vengi garsiai juoktis?
43. Ar vengi juoktis iš žmonių stačiai į akis ir už akių?

ir kita.

Derindama šiuos klausimus savo polinkiams ir įprastiniam elgesiui, gali lengvai sužinoti kiek tave mėgsta supančioji aplinka.

V. Kulbokienė

THE BEGGAR ON THE CROSS

Adapted by Mother M. Aloysia



ENGAGEMENT of Mary Balukonis, Council 116, Worcester, Mass., is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Balukonis, to Mr. Victor Mrozinski of Webster, Mass. She is a 3rd Degree member, and has been active in the K. of L. for many years. She is employed in the Criminal Department of the Central District Court. A fall wedding is planned.

K. of L. CALENDAR

April 27-28 — NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION, Worcester, Mass. Host: Council 26 (St. Casimir's Parish).

Pre-convention dance, Saturday, April 27th — Maironis Park, Shrewsbury.

Sunday, April 28th, Mass — 9:45 a. m., St. Casimir's Church, Providence St., Worcester, Mass. Session — 1 p. m. — St. Casimir's church hall. (Please note change of the convention from Westfield to Worcester, Mass.)

May 25 — Testimonial Dinner and Dance to be tendered CHARLES BASON - BASANAČIUS, Lithuanian American Club, 134 Schuyler Ave., Kearny, New Jersey. Affair sponsored by the New York - New Jersey District, K. of L. Subscription \$4.00.

June 1-2 — Mid-Central and Illinois - Indiana Districts Bowling Tournament. Headquarters — Hotel Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Pa. **Activities:** May 31st, June 1 — Tourney, and June 2 — Banquet.

On the edge of a dusty road, in a little green country called Lithuania, stood a tall wayside cross. There were many crosses like that all over the land. The blonde and blue-eyed people of Lithuania carved these beautiful wooden crosses and stood them up in their gardens, in the fields and forests, in the churchyards, and graveyards. Most of all, these people liked to set their crosses high on the waysides. That is why they are called wayside crosses.

One of these stood on the side of a lonely road leading to a little town called Alvitai. One day, a poor and unhappy beggar stopped in front of this cross to rest awhile. He looked at it, and it made him think; so he began to talk out loud to the holy image that was nailed on the cross.

"You're better off hanging on the cross, Lord," he said. "Look at me, homeless, miserable, and hungry; going about and begging from day to day."

Hearing this, the Lord slowly loosened Himself from the cross, came down, put the beggar on it and said: "Now, as long as you hang on the cross be very patient, and say not a word. Be as silent as the ground on which I stand, no matter what happens." And the Lord disappeared.

While the beggar was hanging there, a rich man passed by, and it so happened that he dropped the bag with his money very close to the cross. The man went away and his money lay there in the dust. The beggar on the cross watched.

In a little while, another traveler came riding down the road on a horse, and seeing the money at the foot of the cross, picked it up and quickly rode away.

When the rich man discovered that he lost his money he came back to look for it near the cross, but he couldn't find it. This made him angry. He walked up and down the road until he met a raggedy old man.

"Where is my money?" he demanded. "You found it. Give it back to me, you scoundrel!"

"What money?" asked the poor man.

But the rich man jumped on the innocent stranger and beat him again and again.

The beggar on the cross was terribly upset and filled with pity for he knew that the poor traveler did not have the rich man's money. But he remembered his promise to the Lord that he would not speak. He almost did, for the rich man would not stop beating the stranger. At last, he could bear it no longer and he screamed: "Stop it! He is not the man who found your money!" Surprised by the voice from the cross the rich man fled in horror.

Now the Lord appeared again. He was displeased with the beggar on the cross. He said to him: "See, you were unable to suffer in silence even one time, while I see so much more, and suffer all in silence. Come down from the cross."

And the Lord took to His cross again and continued to watch the road in silence.

August 8-11 — 44th K. of L. National Convention to be held at Hotel Statler, Los Angeles, Calif. Host: Council 133.

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TERESĖ NEUMANAITĖ

J. Savėlis

Pasaulis susidomėjęs nepaprastais įvykiais. Teresė jau 29 metai nieko nevalgo, negeria ir pergyvena Kristaus kančias. Kaimo mergaitė stebina mokslininkus senovės kalbų mokėjimu.

Iki 1926 m. mažas Konnersreutho bažnytkaimis, esantis Bavarijoje, Pietų Vokietijoje, mažai kam tebuvo žinomas, tačiau šiandien apie jį kalbama beveik visame pasaulyje ir apie jį prirašyta daugybė knygų, straipsnių, pranešimų. Mat ten gyvena Teresė Neumanaitė, kuri turi Kristaus kančios žaizdas, penktadieniais pergyvena Kristaus kančią ir jau 29 metai nieko nevalgo ir negeria.

Iš viso pasaulio važiuoja į Konnersreuthą įvairių profesijų ir išsilavinimų žmonės pamatyti tą nepaprastą mergaitę ir pamatyti tuos įvykius, kuriuos ji pergyvena. Ypačingai daug žmonių atsilanko Didįjį penktadienį prieš Velykas, nes tą dieną stipriausiai pasireiškia Teresės pergyvenimai. Šių eilučių autoriui net du kartu (1947 ir 1948 m.) penktadienį prieš Velykas teko lankytis Konnersreutho ir stebėtis ta didele minia žmonių, kurie buvo atvykę pamatyti Teresę. Skaičiuojama, kad tomis dienomis buvo apsilankę po 6-7 tūkstančius žmonių. Ten buvo atvykę ne tik apylinkės ūkininkų bei darbininkų, bet ir iš tolimiausių vietų įvairaus išsilavinimo žmonių: gydytojų, dvasiškių, karininkų ir apie 500 amerikiečių kareivių — juodukų ir baltųjų. Atvyko net vienas generolas su visa šeima. Visi buvo rimtai nusiteikę ir kantriai laukė miestelio aikštėj prie Neumanų namų apie 3-4 valandas iki galėjo patekti į jų namus ir antrame aukšte pamatyti lovoj gulinčią ir didžiausiose kančiose paskendusią stigmatizuotąją Teresę. Jei kai kas laukdamas eilėje kalbėjosi ir net juokavo, tai išėję iš Teresės kambario visi buvo rimti ir giliai susikaupę.

Teresė — paprasta ir kukli mergaitė

Teresė Neumanaitė yra gimusi 1898 m. balandžio 9 d. Konnersreutho. Ji yra vyriausia iš 11 Neumanų vaikų. Tėvas ir šiandien tebėra gyvas ir verčiasi siuvėjo amatu, motina mirė 1950 m. Iš mažens Teresė buvo sveika ir linksma. Iki 1911 m. lankė pradžios mokyklą ir labai anksti, vos 14 metų, išėjo pas ūkininkus tarnauti. 1918-1925 m. ji sirgo įvairiomis sunkiomis ligomis.

Žaizdos

1926 m. kovo mėn. ji pajuto krūtinėj didelius skausmus ir net pagalvojo, kad jau bemirštanti. Kaip tik tuo metu kairiajame šone atsirado žaizda ir pradėjo tekėti kraujas. Tų pat metų balandžio 1 d. Teresė pirmą kartą savo nepaprastoj būsenoj pamatė visą Kristaus kančią. Pasibaigus tam regėjimui, jai atsivėrė rankose ir kojose žaizdos, gi lapkričio mėn. 18 d. jai pasirodė žaizdos galvoje.

Atsiradusias pas Teresę žaizdas gydytojais dr. Ot. Seidlis iš Waldsasseno mėgino įvairiais vaistais užgydyti, bet jos vaistams nereagavo. Teresės žaizdos niekad neturėjo jokio uždegimo nei pūliavimo. Kad Teresė turi žaizdas — stigmatas, — kurios neužgija ir kraujuoja, tai mato kiekvienas lankytojas ir tai patvirtino 1929, 4. 15 Muncheno teisme ekspertai gydytojai prof. dr. G. Ewaldas iš Erlangeno ir dr. Ot. Seidlis iš Waldsasseno, kurie pareiškė, kad žaizdos nėra dirbtinos.

Ekstazės

Kartu su stigmomis 1926 m. Teresė gavo ekstazes, būtent: nepaprastoj sielos būsenoj ji mato prieš šimtus ar net tūkstančius metų įvy-

kusius dalykus. Ji gali ne tik matyti tuos įvykius, bet iš arti juos stebėti ir net dalyvauti jų eigoje. Ji pati ten būdama iš arti mato Kristaus kančios eiga, Jėzaus ar šventųjų gyvenimą, svarbesnius jų gyvenimo įvykius; sakysim ji mato ir kartu pergyvena: Paskutinę vakarienę, Kristų Alyvų daržely, angelo apsireiškimą Marijai, šv. Stepono užmušimą akmenimis, per Sekmines girdi apaštalus kalbant įvairiomis kalbomis ir net pakartoja ką jie sako ir tt. Visos Teresės kančios ir regėjimai yra griežtai susiję su bažnytiniais metais ir liturgija. Ekstazes ji turi kiekvieną penktadienį, išskyrus Velykų ir Kalėdų laikotarpius ir tuos penktadienius, kai pasitaiko penktadienį kokia bažnytinė šventė. Visos žaizdos labiausia kraujuoja Didįjį penktadienį. Ne gavenios penktadieniais nepaprastų regėjimų metu kraujuoja tik akys ir galva. Ekstazės metu ji pasako ir ateities įvykius ne tik pavieniams asmenims, jų asmeniškais reikalais, bet ir visuomeniniais klausimais. Teresė labai mėgsta lietuvius, nes jų katalikiškos tautos kančios labai panašios į Teresės kančias. Savo krikšto dukrai Teresei Jakomaitytei ji kartą pasakė: "Aš nuolat meldžiuos už jūsų nelaimingą kraštą. Ten dar daug bus kenčiama... Bet vieną dieną Lietuva vėl taps laisva, nebūkštaukite".

Ekstazės metu Teresė kalba tokiomis kalbomis, kurių ji niekad nesimokino ir negirdėjo. Rytų krašto kalbų žinovai Halės universiteto profesorius dr. J. Baueris, Vienos universiteto prof. dr. Wesselys, prof. dr. Fr. Wutzas ir k. tyrinėję ją ekstazės metu pripažino, kad ji tikrai kalba senovės aramajų kalba t. y. tokia kalba, kuri buvo vartojama Palestinoj Kristaus laikais.

Pilotas ir minia
teisia Kristų.



Nieko nevalgo ir negeria

Be visų kitų nuostabių ir šių dienų mokslo neišaiškintų reiškinių, Teresė turi dar tą nepaprastą ypatybę, kad ji nieko nevalgo ir negeria. Tyrinėję ją gydytojai tvirtina, kad visi jos virškinimo organai yra sveiki ir pilnoje tvarkoje, nors jie visai nieko nedirba. Viduriai yra visai tušti, bet nesuplonėję, juose nėra jokio maisto, jie pilni oro.

Visi Teresės namiškiai ir Konnersreutho klebonas J. Naberis tvirtina, kad nuo 1926 m. Kalėdų ji nieko nevalganti ir negerianti, tik kasdien priiminėja šv. Komuniją ir vieną arbatinį šaukštelį vandens, o nuo 1927 m. rugsėjo 30 d. ji ir vandens nė lašo nebegeiranti.

Patikrinti tą nepaprastą Teresės reiškinį dar 1927 m. Bavarijos vyskupų nutarimu buvo padarytas jos nevalgos tyrinėjimas. 1927 m. liepos 14-29 d. keturios vienuolės gailėstingosios sesers, gydytojo dr. Ot. Seidlerio priežiūroje, dieną ir naktį stropiai sergėjo Teresę ir nustatė, kad ji jokio maisto nepriimanti. Per visą stebėjimo laiką dr. Ot. Seidleris su dr. G. Ewaldu net 9 kartus lankėsi pas Teresę ir stebėjimą kontroliavo. Stebėjimo pradžioj Teresė svėrė 55 kilogramus (amerikietiškas svaras yra truputį mažiau negu pusė kilogramo); nuo krauja-

vimo ir prakaitavimo jos svoris buvo sumažėjęs iki 51 klgr., bet už poros dienų ji vėl pasiekė savo pirmąsį svorį.

Man pačiam 1948 m. nuvykus į Konnersreuthą teko apsilankyti pas kelius Teresės kaimynus ir paklausinėti ar tikrai ji nieko tiek ilgą laiką nevalganti ir negerianti. Visi neabejotinai atsakė, kad jie gerai žino, kad Teresė jau nuo 1927 jokio maisto nepriima. Vienas iš jos kaimynų, man pas ją užėjus, sužinojęs kad esu lietuvis, labai nuoširdžiai priėmė ir pavaišino, nes jis po šio karo, kaip belaisvis, 3 metus išbuvo Lietuvoj prie Kėdainių; jis daug gražių atsiminimų apie Lietuvą ir lietuvius papasakojo.

Teresė ne tik nevalgo ir negeria, bet mažai ir temiega: į savaitę vos 2-3 valandas. Tačiau ji nejaučia jokio nuovargio, bet priešingai ji yra energinga dvasiniam ir fiziniam darbui. Stigmų skausmai neleidžia jai dirbti sunkų fizinį darbą, bet ji visados dirba savo šiltdaržy, augina gėles, sodina daržoves, ravėja, laisto, puošia bažnyčioj altorius, dirba virtuvėj. Naktį skaito, ado, atsakinėja į kai kuriuos laiškus. Daug laiko ji praleidžia lankydamą ligonius, priiminėdama lankytojus.

Nors kasmet tūkstančiai lankytojų atsilanko į Neumanų namus ir siūlo įvairias dovanas bei patarna-

vimus, tačiau jie jokių dovanų nepriima ir gyvena taip neturtingai, kaip ir prieš 1926 metus.

Baigiant turiu kartu su vienu Lietuvos karininku, kuris buvo daug keliavęs Europoj ir Amerikoj, pasakyti, kad jam nepadarė tokio didelio ir niekad nepamirštamo išpūdžio nei didžiojo New Yorko judėjimas bei jo dangorėžiai, nei geriausi Paryžiaus ar Vatikano muziejai, nei pirmųjų krikščionių slėpimosi vietos — katakombos, nei amžinai besiveržiantis Vezuvijus su Pompejos griuvėsiais, nei pagaliau karo baisenybių pergyvenimas pirmose fronto linijose, kaip toji paprasta Bavarijos mergaitė Teresė Neumanaitė savo ekstazės metu.

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KRISTAUS KANČIAI PRISIMINTI

TERESĖS NEUMANAITĖS DIDŽIOJO PENKTADIENIO KENTĖJIMAI

1926 m. kovo 5 dieną Teresei atsivėrė stigma kairiame šone. Tą dieną ji pirmą kartą matė Kristaus kančią Alyvų Darželyje. Vizijai dar nepasibaigus, Teresė pajuto didelį skausmą kairiame šone. Jis buvo toks smarkus, jog manė, kad mirs. Tuo pačiu metu iš šono pradėjo bėgti kraujas. Alyvų Darželio vizija išnyko, palikdama Teresei atsiminimą — apie 3½ cm. ilgumo ir 1 cm. platumo žaizdą, kurią dar ir šiandien ji turi.

Tų pat metų Didįjį Penktadienį atsivėrė žaizdos rankų delnuose ir kojose. Vėliau prakiuro dešinysis petys ir atsirado visas žaizdų vainikas galvoje. Didįjį Penktadienį Teresė kraujuoja daugiausia. Iš stigmų kraujas bėga apščiau negu kitais penktadieniais. Ant skarelės pasirodo aštuonios kraujo dėmės, kurios greit didėja ir susilieja į vieną didelę dėmę. Be to, žaizdos atsivėria nugaroje, krūtinėje ir rankose—



Kristus.

R. van der Weyden.

galima suprasti, ką mato ir ką kenčia.

Kada Jėzus yra plakamas, jos visas kūnas isitempia ir net dvilinkai susilenkia. Ji jaučia budelių kirčius, kuriais jie plakė Jėzų. Kareiviams spaudžiant erškėčių vainiką ant Jėzaus galvos, ji pakelia rankas prie savo galvos lyg norėdama neleisti kareiviams Jėzų vainikuoti. Bet jos pastangos nueina niekais, ir pradeda vaitoti.

Jėzus pasmerkiamas. Ant Jo pečių uždedamas kryžius. Bet ne Jis vienas jį neša. Kryžius spaudžia taip pat ir Teresės pečius. Kai Jėzaus jėgos išsenka, Teresė pradeda mojuoti ranka, lyg prašydama, kad kas Jėzui padėtų. Bet tuoj nusivylimas ją apima, nes niekas jos neklauso. Pagaliau Simonas Kirenietis ateina į pagalbą. Taičiau tas jos per daug nenudziugina, nes Kirinietis neša kryžių labai nenoriai, vos jo galą pakeldamas, kai tuo tarpu



Atleisk jiems, Tėve,
nes jie nežino ką daro!

tose vietose, kurios buvo sužeistos, kai Jėzų plakė prie stulpo.

Bet šios išviršinės žaizdos yra tik ženklas didesnių kančių, kurias Teresė pergyvena savo sieloje. Beveik kas antrą penktadienį ji dalyvauja didžiojoje Kristaus kančios dramoje. Vizijų formoje ji pereina per visą Kristaus kančią. Tada ji pasidaro nejautri išoriniam pasauliui ir gyvena vien tik Jėzaus kentėjimų kontempliacija. Bet tai nėra paprasta kontempliacija. Teresė ne tik mato, ką Jėzus kentėjo, ji ir jaučia Jo skausmus. Ji dalyvauja šitoje dramoje ne kaip pasyvus stebėtojas, kuris mato kitą kenčiant, o pats kentėti negali ar nenori; ji joje pasireiškia aktyviai, kaip tikras kentėtojas, kuris kartu su Jėzumi perneša didelę Kalvarijos kentėjimų dalį.

Vizijų metu Teresė nekalba. Bet ji daro įvairius judesius, iš kurių



Mano Dieve, mano Dieve,
kam mane apleidai?



Trokštu!

visas jo svoris guli ant Jėzaus pečių. Teresės kūnas per šitą laiką yra pakrypęs į dešinę pusę. Rankomis ji siekia peties, ant kurio jaučia kryžiaus naštos sunkumą, ir iš kurio pradeda sunktis kraujas.

Staiga jos veidą apima skausmo išraiška, lyg kas būtų ją užgavęs. Rankomis griebiasi dešinio peties—ten labiausiai skauda. Po poros sekundžių kelia rankas prie galvos—skausmas persimetė į galvą. Atrodo, kad erškėčiai išmigo giliau į galvą. Pirštais daro judesius, lyg trauktų iš galvos erškėčių spyglius.

Apie vienuoliktą valandą Kristus pasiekia kalno viršūnę. Budeliai ruošiasi Jį kalti prie kryžiaus. Teresės kūnas pradeda drebėti, netrukus ją sukausto mėšlungis. Girdi plaktukų smūgius. Šie taip skaudžiai ją veikia, kad su kiekvienu jų garsu ji sudreba visu savo kūnu. Jos pirštai pamažu sulinksta į kumštis; apima jais vinių galvas ir lyg laikosi, kad nenuslystų nuo kryžiaus. Ji seka kiekvieną Jėzaus judesį, kiekvieną Jo žvilgsnį ir juos pakartoja. Išgirdusi vieną iš latrų prašant Jėzaus prisiminti jį, kai Jis įeis į savo karalystę, Teresė pasuka galvą į dešinę pusę. Atrodo patenkinta tuo, ką mato ir girdi. Bet šis pasitenkinimas pavirsta giliu liūdesiu, kai pažvelgia į kairę pusę, kur

kybo piktžodžiaujantis latras. Ji, rodos, negali suprasti, kodėl šis nedaro tai, ką jo draugas darė.

Jėzui tariant "Trokštu", Teresė pajunta didelį troškulį savo burnoje. Ji iškiša liežuvį ir vedžioja jį per lūpas, norėdama suvilgyti jį lašu vandens. Paskui pakelia galvą, praveria plačiau akis — kažką mato. Pagalvojus truputį, pasilenkia ir gauna gurkšni gėralo. Tik nurijus, visa smarkiai nusipurto. Veido išraiška parodo, kad gėralas buvo labai kartus... Taip, tai buvo Jėzaus girdymas tulžimi.

Tuoju po to Teresės kūnas labiau išitempia, akys idumba; ji įtemptai klausosi: "Mano Dieve, Mano Dieve, kam mane apleidai". Čia jos veidas pasidaro toks liūdnas ir skausmingas, kad atrodo tuojau verks. Ji ir verkia, nes iš jos akių visą laiką bėga tamsaus kraujo srovės.

Neužilgo prasideda pati skausmingiausioji dramos dalis. Artinasi Jėzaus mirties scena. Jos kūnas dar labiau išitempia, skausmo pilnos akys ismenga į vieną tašką. Galva pasvyra į dešinę pusę, rankos išsitiesia į priekį, kumštys atsigniaučia. Teresės apvalusis veidas ištista, žandai idumba, išblykšta, akių lėliukės pranyksta, taip kad vien tik



Tėve, į tavo rankas atiduodu savo dvasią!



Atlikta!

akių baltumas matosi; kvėpavimas retėja, retėja. Šitokioje padėtyje ji išbūna kokias 5 min. Tada staiga pašoka visu kūnu, pasikamuoja ir lyg mirusi krenta ant pagalvės. Kvėpavimas visai nustoja, kūnas atšala. Atrodo, kad būtų mirusi. Vaizdas yra labai baisus, ir nenuostabu, kad esantieji pradeda verkėti, puola ant kelių, kiti negali pernešti ir išeina iš kambario. Tokio vaizdo ir kiekiausi yra giliai sujaudinami.

Penktadieni, 1 val. po pietų, vizijos baigiasi. Po 13 valandų kankinimosi Teresės jėgos yra visai išsekę. Ji netenka daug kraujo, svoris žymiai sumažėja. Bet keletą minučių pailsėjusi, ji vėl atgyja (šventoji Komunija ypatingai gaivinančiai veikia). Ji keliiasi, kalbasi su visais, eina prie darbo, lyg niekur nieko nebūtų atsitikę.

Nors kentėjimai yra dideli, tačiau Teresė yra visada linksma. Vienas Amerikos kareivis, aplankęs ją, pasakė, kad linksmesnio žmogaus jis nėra matęs. Teresė yra pasidavusi Dievo valiai, kuri pasirinko ją savo meilės auka. Ji puikiai žino, kiek šita auka jai kainuoja, bet ji mielai ją Viešpačiui atiduoda, nes tai viskas už sielų išgelbėjimą.

L. L.



Alfa Sušinskas

GALVĄ PELENAIS PASIBARSČIUS

Gavėnia yra rimtas bažnytinis laikotarpis. Ji — puiki proga žmogui giliau i save pažvelgti ir daugiau save pažinti.

Gavėnios dvasia skatina kiekvieną krikščionį bent truputį uoliau pasimelsti, daugiau artimo meilės parodyti, bent šiek tiek daugiau atsisakyti nuo to, kas žmogui šiaipjau sudaro malonumą, be kurio jis vis dėlto gali išsiversti ir gyventi. Pagaliau gavėnia yra metas, kada mes ypatingai jautriai pergyvename Viešpaties Jėzaus kančią, besirengdami sutikti Jo Prisikėlimą iš mirties.

Atrodo, maža tėra katalikų, kurie gavėnią praleistų nė kiek neisijungę į gavėninę dvasią, kurie kuo nors neatžymėtų šio rimtojo laikotarpio.

Tik pasižvalgykime po žmones: jiems neįjuntant, pasekime juos šiuo šventuoju gavėnios metu.

Jaunasis Kaziukas, kaip ir visi vaikai, labai mėgsta saldumynus. Jis kasdien vis gauna ką nors pakramtyti, pačiulpti, palaižyti. Kartą tėvelis jam paaiškina, kad tokiam vyrui, kaip jam, netinka gavėnioje

smalžauti, nes gavėnia primena Gerojo Išganytojo kentėjimus už visus žmones. Tėvelis jam pasiūlo susilaikyti nuo saldumynų per šešias savaitės dienas ir tik sekmadieniais ju teragauti. Tėvelis jam taip pat pataria, kad šitoki savo apsimarinima jis skirtu iš meilės Gerajam Išganytojui ir už kenčiančiąją, pavergtąją Lietuvą... Kaziukas mielai vykdo savo gavėninį pasiryžimą ir tuo net didžiuojasi. Jaunasis Kaziukas gyvena gavėnios dvasia.

Štai vienas vyras šiaipjau nelabai linkęs prie maldos gyvenimo, nors jis visada atlieka, ką Bažnyčia isako. Jis save laiko ne iš pamaldžiuju. Betgi kiekvienais metais jis labai gyvai pergyvena gavėnią: kasdien vakare sukalba trejus poterėlius ir kartą į savaitę apvaikšto kryžiaus kelius, kuriuos jis labai vertina.

Vėl tokia moterėlė, vardu Darata, labai mėgsta savo smailiu liežuvėliu plakti kitus žmones. Ji gerai supranta ši savo iprotį esant negerą ir priešingą artimo meilei. Tačiau ji vis niekaip negali to savo liežuvėlio suvaldyti: jis vis trata ir trata... Per

gavėnią ji save labai kietai suima ir liežuviu žmonių nebemala...

O toks vienas fabriko darbininkas, nors ir ne girtuoklis, yra nemažas alaus mėgėjas. Betgi per gavėnią jis nė gurkšnelio alaus, kuriuo kaip per Užgavėnių vakarą užsigavėja, tai tik pirmą Velykų dieną atsigavėja...

Šitas vėl yra rūkantysis. Nors rūkyti yra ir nesveika, ir išlaidinga, ką padarysi — jis rūko, kartais gal ir perdaug. Tačiau per gavėnią — jis nė dūmelio nepapučia. Žinoma, pirmomis nerūkymo dienomis jis jaučiasi lyg be galvos. Paskiau jau lengviau... Per gavėnią nerūkydamas, jis tiki savęs atsižadąs ir save apvaldąs.

O kiek daug visokių kitokių apsimarinimo ir pasiaukojimo pavyzdžių tikintieji parodo gavėnios metu! Ju dauguma yra niekam nematoma ir niekam nežinoma.

Kiekvienas katalikas pagal savo išgales, sąlygas ir išmanymą stengiasi gavėnią išgyventi gavėninėje dvasioje, kuri yra maldos, atgailos, susimąstymo ir apsimarinimo dvasia.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

Phil Carter

Q. When Jim Thorpe was rated first in football a few years ago, who was second?

A. In January 1930 when 170 of the nation's sports writers and broadcasters chose the famous Carlisle Institute Indian as the No. 1 gridiron performer of the preceding 50 years. Harold (Red) Grange of Illinois was second with 138 votes. Bronko Nagurski of Minnesota was third with 38.

Q. Are Hunting and fishing permitted in the Okefenokee Swamp Park in Georgia?

A. No. Hunting and fishing are forbidden, in keeping with the conservation policies of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service which administers the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. Fishing is permitted only with approved guides. The 700 mile square Okefenokee is being preserved in its

natural state for posterity. The park is open every day from 8 a. m. to sunset.

Q. Will the speed of a golf ball be affected in any way if it is submerged in water?

A. If the cover of the ball is intact and the ball is in water for a relatively short time, there will be no change. However of the time of the submerging is lengthy, compression, velocity and distance are greatly changed.

Q. What is Bidy Basketball?

A. Basketball for boys. It began in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1950 and within five years had been taken up by quarter of a million youngsters in the 48 states. The boyplayers must be under 13.

Q. What pitcher, who has recently retired, set three records in modern baseball?

A. "Bob" Feller of the Cleveland Indians. Twelve one hitters in his career, 18 strike outs in one game, and 348 strikeouts in one season.

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44th K. of L. National Convention Committee members meet with Mr. Harold B. Callis, Jr., Sales Manager of the Statler Hotel, and discuss the forthcoming convention to be held in Los Angeles, Calif. (August 8-11, 1957). Round the clock: Leonard Valiukas, General Chairman; Lorraine Samolis, Secretary; Callis; Helen Nashlenas, Secretary; and Ann Laurinaitis, Treasurer.

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Our hard working financial secretaries are busy collecting members' dues from Boston to Los Angeles. They will appreciate a remittance as early as possible. Prompt payment of dues saves the expense of postage and statement, in addition to valuable time financial secretaries can divert to other fruitful council activities, such as, assisting in their council's membership drive.

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WALTER R. CHINIK, President

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

94-ji KUOPA

94-ji kuopa Bentleyville, Pa., įsteigta 1917 metais. Nei kuopos steigėjai, nei pirmoji valdyba, nei pirmieji kuopos žingsniai lietuviškame veikime nėra žinomi. Tiksliai sekančių metų sausio 12 d. kuopa pasiskelbė suruošusi vakarą, kurio pusę pelno paskyrę Tautos Fondui. Rašoma, kad tai buvo "pirmas toks vakaras Bentleyville, ir žmonių priėjo pilna svetainė. Programoj buvo trumpos komedijos, deklamacijos ir dainos. Tais pačiais metais kuopa nusifotografavo ir fotografiją įdėjo "Vyčių".

Vienas įdomus dalykas. Bentleyville kuopa be rods buvo pirmoji iš Amerikos lietuvių draugijų, suruošusi Tautos šventę, tai yra Lietuvos nepriklausomybės paskelbimo dieną. "Vyčių" nr. 5, 1918 m. rašoma:

"Gerų norų pas mus netrūksta.

"Kad Tautos šventės nepraleidus veltui, prie jos pavyzdinčiai prisiruošta.

"Kalbėtojais pakviesti kun. S. J. Čeponis ir kun. Strimavičius, Slavikų (Lietuvoje) parapijos klebonas, kuris 1917 m. paspruko nuo vokiečių.

"Vakaras davė \$30.35 pelno, neskaitant parduo-
tų Tautos Fondo ženklelių.

"Manome suruošti Lietuvių Laisvės savaitę. Tikimės surinkti \$50-60. Išrinkti kolektoriai pereiti per lietuvių grįžias ir rinkti aukas nukentėjusiems nuo karo ir Lietuvos laisvės reikalams.

"Po Velykų kuopa žada suruošti vakarą "Vyčių" palaikymui."

Antraisiais kuopos gyvavimo metais valdyboje veikė: pirm. J. Ulickas, vicepirm. J. Kižis, sekr. N. Radžiūnaitė, pagelbininkas A. Bartininkas, išd. N. Grigas, išdo globėjai P. Raulinavičius ir J. Ulickas.

Apie tolimesnį kuopos veikimą neteko nei iš senesniųjų kolonijos veikėjų sužinoti, nei spaudoje užtikti, taip pat nežinoma nei kuriais metais kuopa nustojo veikusi.

Centro sekretoriaus oficialiuose kuopų sąrašuose yra pažymėta, kad Sioux City, Iowa, vyčių kuopa taip pat buvo įregistruota numeriu 94-ju. Atrodo, kad čia vyčių kuopa buvo įsteigta jau tuomet, kaip Bentleyville kuopa jau buvo išsibraukus iš veikiančiųjų tarpo. Bet kuriais metais Sioux City kuopa buvo įsteigta ir kas tuo pasidarbavo, nežinoma. Bet ir čia kuopa neilgai veikė.

PASTABA: Sekančioji 95 numerio kuopa pasirodo yra ta pati Bentleyville, Pa. kuopa, kaip čia aprašomi 94-ji kuopa. Matomai tai pačiai kuopai buvo duota du numeriai. Nors žinios 94 ir 95 kuopų yra maždaug tos pačios, pasikartoja, bet pilnumo dėlei visa spausdinaime taip, kaip iš turimų davinių surinkta ir mums patiekta. *Redakcija.*

95-ji KUOPA

95-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta Bentleyville, Pa. Kuriais metais ir kieno pasidarbavimu kuopa buvo įsteigta, nėra žinoma. Centro sekretoriaus paskelbtame kuopų sekretorių adresų sąrašė "Vyčių" nr. 17, 1917 m., paskutinis eilinis numeris buvo 90-tas, o jau sekančių metų "Vyčių" nr. 2 rašoma, kad "Lietuvos Vyčių 95 kuopa surengė vakarą" su meline programa. Suvaidinta pora komedijėlių, padeklamuota, padainuota, o po programos pasilinksmina. Pusė vakaro pelno buvo paskirta Tautos Fondui. Rašoma, kad šioje lietuvių kolonijoje buvo pirmas toks vakaras ir žmonių priėjo pilna salė.

Kitas vakaras buvo suruoštas 1918 metais Tautos šventei (balandžio 24) paminėti. Kalbėti vakare buvo pakviestas kun. S. Čepanonis iš Homestead, Pa., ir kun. Strimavičius, Slavikų klebonas, kuris 1917 metais buvo vokiečių suimtas, bet jam pavyko pabėgti ir atvyko į Ameriką. Į prakalbas suėjo nepaprastai daug žmonių. Visas pelnas paskirtas Tautos Fondui. Be to, daug parduota Tautos Fondo ženklelių. Toj pačioj korespondencijoje kuopa buvo paskelbus, kad po Velykų ruošianti vakarą "Vyčių" palaikymui.

1918 m. rugsėjo 22 d. kuopa susirinkime išrinko naują valdybą, į kurią įėjo: pirmininku J. Ulickas, vicepirm. J. Kižis, sekr. M. Radžiūnaitė, padėjėju A. Bartninkas, išdininku K. Ulickas, išdo globėjais K. Grigas ir P. Raulinavičius.

Tiek ir teturime žinių iš kuopos veikimo poros metų laikotarpyje. Kaip ilgai kuopa gyvavo, nėra žinių.

LIETUVIŲ TAUTINIŲ ŠOKIŲ ŠVENTĖ

Pirmoji Amerikos ir Kanados lietuvių tautinių šokių šventė rengiama 1957 metais birželio mėnesio 30 d. Čikagoje. Šventės tikslas — skleisti lietuviškosios kultūros apraiškas ir parodyti lietuvių tautinių šokių grožį ir savitumą saviesiems ir svetimiesiems.

Šventė rengiama Lietuvių Bendruomenės Čikagos Apygardos Valdybos, JAV ir Kanados Liet. Bendruomenių vardu.

Lietuvių tautinių šokių suvienodinimui ir suderinimui Čikagoje sudaryta speciali tautinių šokių grupė, kurios šokiai bus nufilmuoti ir filmos išsiuntinėtos visoms lietuvių tautinių šokių grupėms, išregistravusioms dalyvauti Pirmoje Amerikos ir Kanados lietuvių tautinių šokių šventėje.

SAINT PATRICK

MARCH 17th



Rev. John D. Zuromskis,

The story of the fighting Irish of Notre Dame, whose patron is Saint Patrick, is written in the tremendous fight and spirit of men with a "never-say-die" attitude that has carried them to the top rung of the football ladder year after year.

It makes no difference what their nationality or creed. Rockne, Lattner, Bertelli, Schwartz, Symanski, Brennan, and countless others, are still the "Irish" regardless of their background or breeding. It is the dauntless spirit of the Fighting Irish that drove them on to victory even when, at times, their most optimistic supporters had given them up as a lost cause.

Many a psychologist presumably has tried to analyze this spirit of the "Fighting Irish" and probably even has come up with a plausible explanation for its origin. Daresay that the patron of the Fighting Irish, St. Patrick, might well be responsible.

When St. Patrick directed his little boat toward the rugged shores of Ireland, he was to be confronted later with as stubborn a foe as any bootball "titan" that faced Notre Dame. The early Irish had no love for Patrick or his God. No sooner did he work his way into the interior of the nation than he was promptly arrested and expelled with orders never to return.

His Holiness, Pope Celestine, had selected the right man when he called upon Patrick to evangelize Ireland. The kindly St. Palladius had tried it for a while, but the going was too tough. He died in a very short time.

What these people needed was someone with a leonine courage and flaming zeal that matched their own Patrick was just such a man.

Restless for action, he wasted no time embarking for Ireland once he was commissioned. With every step from Rome to the Emerald Isle his determination grew.

The conversion of the country was by no means an easy task. Those early Irishmen had to be shown. You might almost say that they demanded a first class miracle for each conversion.

Patrick, however, had been warned that he would run into fierce opposition, so he came prepared. His great faith and fearless manner enabled him to establish a beachhead for himself and the God he represented.

One of St. Patrick's most exciting conversions was that of two young ladies, daughters of the Irish monarch. They had gone to a lake for a swim when they came upon the saint at prayer.

Astonished at the vision that presented itself to them, the royal maidens cried out, "Who are ye, and whence do ye come?" In a split second, Patrick was talking about God and presenting the doctrines of Christianity.

Curiously enough, these young girls became really interested in the God of whom Patrick spoke. They talked freely, as young girls do, and ended up by asking rather coyly, "Is God Handsome?"

Upon hearing that none surpassed Him in beauty, and after being told many other Christian teachings, the two girls eventually were baptized. Patrick strengthened their faith and they went away with the intense desire to die as Christians so that they could see their true God.

Before Patrick was able to win over Irish hearts, he had to fight

constantly the hatred, persecution, intolerance, indifference, and stubbornness that loomed before him at every step.

After many years of lonely work the apostle died, confident in his heart that he had successfully fulfilled his mission on earth. Today we have the strong and powerful faith of the Irish people to prove that he was correct.

St. Patrick is a worthy patron of a race that has carried that same dauntless spirit wherever they have gone. Irish missionaries have proved themselves to be other "Patricks" in missions all over the world.

Patrick was appropriately named at birth, for his parents called him "Socath" which means "strong in battle." Thus did he prove himself in his struggle to break down the opposition of the proud Irish so that he could teach them humble truths of Christ.

Here, too, do we account for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame with their great drive that has so often sparked them to victory on the football field against the most savage opposition.

Indeed the fighting spirit of St. Patrick is as strong as the day it energized the saint when he made his way over hill and dale among the rugged Irish of many centuries ago.

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Pagerbti senieji Balfio veikėjai-os. Gruodžio 2 d. Balfio Chicagos apskritis Lietuvių auditorijoje suruošė banketą centro pirm. kan. J. Končiui ir ilgamečiams Chicagos Balfio veikėjams pagerbti. 50-čiai veikėjų buvo įteikti meniški adresai. Iš vyčių sendraugių adresus gavo sekan tieji: prel. Ign. Albavičius, A. Budrys, B. Cicėnienė, P. Cibulskis, Jonas Kass, Jonas Kerulis, B. Pivarionienė, V. Rėkus, K. Rubinas, E. Samienė, T. Stučinskienė.

Pavaišino draugus ir bičiulius. Sendraugiai Zizai savo puošnioj rezidencijoje gruodžio 1 d. surengė vaišes savo draugams ir bičiuliams. Zizai ne tik remia lietuvių tautinius ir kultūrinius reikalus, bet kartkartėmis pasikviečia savo draugus šauniam pobūviui.

Rinko aukas vengrų pabėgėliams šelpti. Chicagos mėras ir Miesto Taryba gruodžio 6 d., pr. metų, buvo suorganizavę viešąją rinkliavą, kurioj surinkta \$125,215.00. Didelėj savanorių aukų rinkėjų armijoje buvo ir dvi vyčių sendraugės, būtent O. Aleliunienė ir B. Cicėnienė. Rinkliavos komitete iš lietuvių dirbo P. Baltis.

Veiklus šalpos darbuose. BALF'o Chicagos apskritis yra viena veikliausių tarpe visų lietuvių kolonijų JAV. Aukų ir rūbų rinkimo vajaus darbuose pirmaujančiose vietose yra visa eilė vyčių sendraugių, o J. Kerulis net savo namo dalį yra užleides aukojamųjų drabužių sandėliui. Pastarame BALF apskr. susirinkime jis pranešė, kad per pastarąjį šalpos vaju drabužių New Yorkan buvo pasiūsta 12,500 svarų.

Misijų rėmėjai. Tėvų saleziečių leidžiamam žurnale "Saleziečių Balsas" (Italijoje) nuotraukomis ir aprašymais pagerbta eilė Amerikos lietuvių, kurių tarpe randame ir vyčius sendraugius Joną Kerulį ir Elzbieta Samienę ir Marijoną Paukštienę. Pastaroji yra iširašius į amžinuosius narius.

Sveikiname naują nari. Sausio mėn. susirinkime sendraugiams buvo nepaprastai malonu sveikinti naują nari Vinčą Matekiūną, "Draugo" intertypo operatorių. Per kele-

tą metų jis priklausė jaunių 36-tai kuopai, o dabar persikėlė į sendraugius.

V. Matikiūnas daug veikia Ateitininkų sendraugių tarpe ir dosniai paremia Moksleivių Ateitininkų Sąjungą. Jau trečią kartą jis skiria po \$100 MAS Centro Valdybos skelbiamo rašinio "Kuo moksleivis ateitininkas gali prisidėti prie lietuvių išlaikymo" konkurso pravedimui.

Šv. Kazimiero šventė. Tradicine Šv. Kazimiero, jaunimo globėjo šventę Illinois - Indiana vyčių apskritis švenčia bendrai. Šventės šeiminiuke kas met būna kita kuopa. Nuo pat išisteigimo sendraugiai nėra buvę šventės šeiminiukai, todėl šimet toji rolė turėjo atitekti sendraugiams. Tačiau turint galvoje, kad šventės suruošimas ir gausus jaunimo iš kitų kolonijų suplaukimas būna naudingas ir šeiminiukei kuopai, nes paskatina tos kolonijos jaunimą rašyti Vyčių organizacijon, sendraugiai šventės ruošimą atidavė 5-tai kuopai, veikiančiai Šv. Mykolo parapijoje, N. Side, kur parapijos klebonu yra vyčių Garbės narys kun. A. Valančius. Šv. Kazimiero šventė bus minima kovo 3 d.

Idomi kalba, žavingi vaizdai. Stasys Pieža, sendraugis ir Chicago American dienraščio religinio skyriaus redaktorius, sausio 22 d. Vyčių salėj sendraugių suruoštame vakare padarė pranešimą iš savo kelionės po Europą, kur jam teko asmeniškai stebėti vengrų sukilimą, kuomet rusų tankai ir mongolų kareiviai užplūdo Vengriją žudyti sukilusią liaudį prieš pavergėjus. Jis matė vengrus, pabėgusius į Austriją, žiemos metu menkai apsirengusius ir alkanus, kurie tačiau prašyte prašė duoti jiems "bazooka" (tam tikras ginklas), kad galėtų grįžti į savo kraštą ir padėti tiems, kurie grumiasi su pavergėju gerai apginkluotomis aziatų gaujomis. Paskaitos metu rodė ir idomią filmą — vaizdus iš Graikijos, Italijos ir kitų kraštų.

Sveikiname sukaktuvininkus. Kazimieras ir Matilda Rubinai, senosios kartos žymūs veikėjai Roselando lietuvių kolonijoje, vasario mėne-

sį minėjo 40 metų vedybinio gyvenimo sukakti. Sukaktuvininkai išaugino ir pavyzdinai išauklėjo šeimą, kurios nariai jau yra sukūrę savo šeimą ir gražiai išikūrę, tačiau nenutraukę ryšių su tėvais.

Sukaktuvinė puotoj dalyvavo eilė senų bičiulių, kurių vienas, būtent J. Aukštaitis, taip pat vytių sendraugis ir LRKSA 163 kp. ilgametis pirmininkas, pasakė atitinkamą kalbą, pasveikindamas sukaktuvininkus ir palinkėdamas susilaukti ne tik auksinio, bet ir deimantinio vedybinio gyvenimo jubiliejaus.

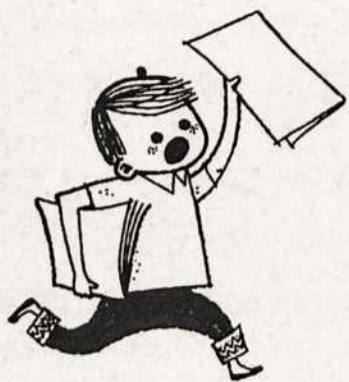
Laiminga senelė. Jei yra laimingų senelių savo gyvenimo saulelėdyje, tai, be abejonės, tokia yra Ona Kalvaitienė (Sušinskaitė), gyvenanti pas savo dukterį Benetą ir žentą Praną Cicėnus, 4945 So. Halsted St. Vasario 2 d. senutė šventė 82-ji gimtadienį ir ta proga buvo gražiai pagerbta savo sūnų, dukros, marčių, žento ir vaikučių (anūku) bei artimųjų draugių, kurie linkėjo sukaktuvininkei Dievo palaimos jos laimingam žemiškam gyvenime.

B. ir P. Cicėnai ne tik priklauso vyčiams sendraugiams, bet yra taip pat vieni žymiausių veikėjų kitose draugijose Town of Lake lietuvių kolonijoje ir rėmėjai visų lietuviškųjų reikalų. Beneta taip pat yra nuolatinė dienraščio "Draugo" korespondentė.

Džiaugiasi sūnumi. Kazimieros ir Antano Petrulių vienturis sūnus Alfonsas šiuo metu atlieka tarnybą JAV kariuomenėje Vokietijoje. Ne tik kad dažnai parašo laiškus, bet motinos ir tėvo vardinių ir kitomis progomis parsiuočia dovanų. Atsidėkodami tėvai jam užprenumeravo dienraštį "Drauga", kuri skaitydamas žinos, kas girdėti Chicagoj ir plačiame lietuviškame pasaulyje.

Automobilio sužeistas. L. Šimutis, dienr. "Draugo" redaktorius, ALT, LRKSA pirmininkas, vienas žymiausių Amerikos lietuvių veikėjų ir vyčių Garbės narys, neseniai buvo automobilio sužeistas. Laimė, kad sužeidimas nebuvo sunkus. Po trejetos savačių jau galėjo grįžti prie savo pareigų.

JUNIOR PAGE



LITHUANIAN CITIES

VILNIUS

The largest and most beautiful of Lithuania's cities is VILNIUS, the eternal capital.

There are many legends, relating the founding of Vilnius. One of them tells of Gediminas, the fourteenth century ruler of Lithuania. Gediminas had been hunting in the hills of Paneriai and had killed a bison on the side where the river Vilnis flows into the Neris. He spent the night there and dreamed of an iron wolf standing on the hill. The wolf's howling was like a hundred wolves howling. In the morning Gediminas related the dream to Lizdeika, the high priest, called "krivaitis". Lizdeika explained that the wolf represented a city, which by the will of the gods, was to be built there. The wolf's howling symbolized the honor the city was to attain with all its fame and renown. Gediminas was pleased with this explanation and ordered a fortress to be built on the exact spot on which the wolf had stood. After some time had elapsed, he established Vilnius as his capitol.

It seems as if this legend has been fulfilled, because Vilnius has become one of the most famous cities of Eastern Europe. Vilnius joins the East with the West. It became famous as a center of civilization and culture. Its University was known throughout Europe.

There were sorrowful days for Vilnius. Many times it has been burned. In 1920 the Poles took it over and thus deprived Lithuania of its capital. At present Vilnius and the rest of Lithuania is under Soviet Russia's regime. But Vilnius is the eternal city. In Vilnius rest the remains of Vytautas, the Grand Duke of Lithuania. In Vilnius is the miraculous picture of AUŠROS

VARTAI, Our Lady of Vilna. Here also lie the remains of the Lithuanian Saint Casimir, who is The Patron Saint of Lithuanian youth.

The first time Vilnius is mentioned is in the treaty made by Gediminas with the Teutonic Order and the Bishop of Riga. Gediminas signed this treaty at Vilnius on October 2, 1323.

KAUNAS

The second largest and one of the oldest cities of Lithuania is Kaunas, the temporary capital of Lithuania. It was known before 1,000 years. In early times, Kaunas was visited by merchants from Rome, Greece, Finland, Egypt, and many other lands. They purchased from the Lithuanians amber, wax, and furs in exchange for bronze, iron ornaments, and salt.

The fortress of Kaunas was built in a natural fortress of the Nemunas and the Neris. The Teutonic Order with its henchmen had left Kaunas in ruins many times. Kaunas would be speedily rebuilt, but the last time the fortress of Kaunas was left in ruins, and so it remains, a reminder of Lithuania's stormy and great past.

Kaunas has a famous University, trade Schools, museums, radio - station, and factories. On the Nemunas is žiemos uostas and near the Upper Freda — Linksmakalnis, there is an airport. International trains, which connect W. Europe with the Far East, stop at Kaunas. Russia under the Czar used Kaunas as a boundary fortress. These forts remind the Lithuanians of Czarist Russia's occupation.

In independent Lithuania Kaunas played an important part. There we had an organized army. It was the capital of Lithuania until the return of Vilnius in 1939.

Junior Council 103

PROVIDENCE, R. I. Shortly after New Year's, we Juniors, together with our chaperons and drivers, Danny and Charles Cyronak, enjoyed a Roller Skating Party at the East Providence Roller Rinks.

Inauguration Day was most exciting to two of our Juniors — Robert Cyronak and Anthony Lucas, who participated in the Inauguration Parade in Washington, D. C. They marched in the LaSalle High School Band. They also toured the capitol.

Our Valentine's Party took place in St. Casimir's church hall on February 15th... A Communion Breakfast was held on March 3rd, following Mass at St. Casimir's Church... That same day, we enjoyed having as our guests — the Juniors from Worcester, who were entertained with music, dancing and refreshments which were served in the church hall.

A "Bingo" for the benefit of our Junior Council, will take place March 10th in St. Casimir's church hall. Cordial invitation is extended to ALL Junior Councils throughout the district.

Bertha Mackievicius, Sec'y.

Daugiau domėkimės jaunesniais vyčiais ir ju spauda.

Visur organizuokime jaunesnius vyčius ir remkime Junior Page!

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. 133 H. Nashlenas

Dr. Julius J. Bielskis' talk, HOW THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CAN BE OF MORE AID IN LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS, highlighted our January meeting held at St. Casimir's parish hall. From his vast realm of experience Dr. Bielskis gave our council much food for action. He pointed out that activities on a small scale, carried to successful completion should be the order of the day, rather than grandiose ideas which sometimes fail to materialize. He especially urged the Los Angeles Council to join with the Los Angeles School System in helping promote its wonderful program CAVALCADE OF CULTURE. This program constitutes a series of forum - lectures dramatizing the contributions of various nations and peoples to the culture of the United States. He also urged closer affiliation with other Lithuanian organizations. For in union there is strength and strength together with determination of purpose can, and will, one day restore our beloved fatherland to its proper place among the democratic nations of the world.

Also at the same meeting, a most entertaining original Lithuanian colored movies were shown by photographer, and young man on the way up, Paul Jasiukonis. Everyone enjoyed this showing tremendously.

Council Activities

Plans to organize Junior and Senior councils are well underway. A dance for Lithuanian Youth is to take place early in February under the guidance of our Junior Council chairman JOE ZICHWIC. Chairman

in charge of Senior council formation, A. SKIRIUS, is also hard at work recruiting possible candidates. No activity to date has been planned for the Seniors.

Several changes have been made in our officers and committee roster. It now reads as follows:

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE —

Executive Committee:

Spiritual Adviser — Rev. Dr. Bucmys; General Chairman — Leonard Valiukas;

Co-Chairmen:

Edward Bartkus, Anthony Skirius and Joseph Zichwic;

Secretaries:

Zibute Nida Balsys, Helen Nashlenas, Lorraine Samolis and Helen Bartkus;

Treasurer: Ann Laurinaitis.

LITHUANIAN CULTURE COMMITTEE: — Zibute Nida Balsys; **SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE:** — Edward Bartkus; **LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS:** — Helen Nashlenas (Chairman), Leonard Valiukas, Milton Stark, Anthony Skirius, Joseph Zichwic, Lorraine Samolis, Joseph Barkauskas, John Antanavich and Ed Bartkus; **RITUAL COMMITTEE:** — Leonard Valiukas (Chairman); **FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Helen Bartkus.

Committee members listed above as well as all our council members are hard at work on various convention projects. We plan to make this 44th National Convention the most successful and enjoyable one in K. of L. history. We are looking to all Knights everywhere to place their **personal stamp of approval** on our efforts. See YOU at the STATLER, Los Angeles, California. Remember the dates (definitely approved by the Supreme Council) AUGUST 8, 9, 10 & 11. Don't delay! Make that reservation! Line up that itinerary!

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

A. D. Yuknis

The Supreme Council sports chairman, Albin Manst, is really going to town with his "Bowling Carnivals" in the Two "I" district. The first bowling tournament drew out 96 people. On January 13th the second tournament at the Fero Lanes brought out 58 bowlers. It was a fine turnout considering the snow and near zero temperature. After bowling, everybody met at the Youth Center for some hot coffee, barbeque sandwiches, etc. Prizes were awarded to the jovial but frost-bitten contestants. The smiling cookerettes who prepared the delicious snacks were Pat Kamar, Eleanor Laurin, Betty Tucker and Jean Bargaila. Here are the scores of the prize winners:

1. Tony Baltrunas, 405; Helen Genevich, 655; total 1061.
2. Gerry Mack, 413; A. Meir, 569; total 982.
3. Loretta Kassel, 410; Frank Kancel, 548; total 958.
4. Clare Shirvinskas, 419; Vince Samoska, 527; total 946.
5. Eileen Dockus, 459; Pete Butkus, 427; total 886.
6. Irene Sankus, 364; Zeke Meizis, 514; total 874.
7. Mary Kish, 427; T. Janks, 442; total 869.
8. Stan Juknevich, 485; Paul Kassel, 381; total 866.
9. Mary Shocaroff, 404; P. Paczkowskas, 457; total 861.
10. Pat Kamar, 323; Casey Gubista, 537; total 860.
11. Dolores Rupp, 330; Boris Shocaroff, 513; total 843.
12. Jack Jatis, 311; John Janus, 525; total 836.
13. Algerd Manst, 311; Ed Pratt, 493; total 835.

Chicago, Ill. 112 John A. Stoskus

Our new President Ed. Pocius appointed the following standing Committee Chairmen: LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS, Raymond Simutis and Jean Sheures; RITUAL, Bertha Stoskus; SOCIAL, Aldona Miskinis and Irene Rakaitis; MEMBERSHIP, Eleanore Laurin; EASTER DANCE, Jean Sheures and Raymond Samoska; PUBLICITY, Anele Pocius, Monica Kasper and J. Stoskus; GIFT, Monica Kasper; and SPORTS, Josephine Jagmin.

Anthony Lubert was elected member of our Illinois - Indiana District Ritual Committee; and Elizabeth Tucker was elected (important post) a director of the Building Committee.

Many of our members attended the Annual Snow Ball dance sponsored by the St. Casimir-Maria High School Alumnae Assn. Jean Sheure, Raymond Samoska, Lorraine Dombrowski, Patricia and Elizabeth Tucker, Barbara Lazutka and a guest from Worcester, Mass., Ed. Vaitkunas, were seen at this gala event in the famous Palmer House. Ed. Vaitkunas was tendered a surprise birthday party at the home of Jean Sheures.

"Brooklyn Joe" Stelwak spent a week in our city visiting his many K. of L. friends.

Two of our members are riding in great comfort in their new 1957 model cars, namely: Dolores and Lorraine Wainauskas.

We know that Father John Jutt would appreciate your prayers for the speedy recovery of his beloved mother.... Estelle Rogers was confined to a sick bed for over a week... Adam and Anele Anderson's daughter "Rosemarie" spent ten days in a hospital.

Winter traveling in various sections of the globe were enjoyed by: Al. Kumskis and his wife Phyllis down Mexico Way; Judge Zuris visited his mother in St. Petersburg, Florida; Vyt Lubert took a business trip to Detroit, Mich.; Al. Mockus attended an insurance seminar in Cleveland, Ohio; Bruno and Lucille Shukis and family spent some time in sunny Florida.

Easter Sunday: April 21st, at the K. of L. Youth Center; 2451 West 47th St., the jovial bunny will be hopping around with members and guests at our annual Easter Hop.

Rev. Vincent Raitelis, M.I.C., assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church

in Plano, Ill., died on January 25 apparently of a heart ailment. Father Vincent was co-host to our council members at our last Pilgrimage to the three oldest and only Catholic churches in an entire county. Remember him in your prayers. Father Peter Gasiunas, pastor of St. Peter and St. Paul parish died of heart ailment. Father Peter was formerly pastor of St. Michael's parish where Council 5 of the K. of L. exists.

Gary, Indiana 82 Vi

Our first meeting of the year was held in St. Casimir's church hall. While a goodly-sized group of members were getting their hands and feet thawed out in the warm hall, important business was discussed, including the coming national convention and membership drive. Also, a detailed report on the Fish Fry was given. It was reported that Chicago would like to challenge us in bowling — in our city. The results will be published next month.

By unanimous vote, all council officers were re-elected to serve in 1957: John Kaminski, president; Joseph Kurpalis, vice president; Tony Jank, treasurer; Micky Shirvinski, recording secretary; Viola Geanchos, corresponding secretary; Tony Juknevich, financial secretary; Mike Valetsky, sgt.-at-arms; and Mary Rukas, Sophie Kaminski and Emily Mihauluk, trustees. After the meeting, all members wound up at Tivoli Tap for pizza.

We express our deep sympathy to the family of Kurpalis on the death of Mrs. Anna Kurpalis, member of our council.

Mrs. Emily Mihaluk's mother, we are happy to learn, is on the road to recovery. We hope before long Emily will be able to be active in our council. We do miss her.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Dayton, Ohio 96 Nakties Peléda
25th Anniversary

A detailed report on our 25th anniversary celebration which took place the weekend of February 22nd will be published in next month's issue.

Bowling

Standings in the League — very little change. However, we are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the "Big" tournament in Pittsburgh. We have high hopes in retaining the trophy.

Religious

Many thanks to Pat Zelinkas who helped Fran Petkus make arrangements for Retreat for our ladies. The married women will be in retreat the weekend of March 15th; single girls — March 22nd.

Membership Drive

Although the potentiality in our limited Lithuanian community won't bring us a prize, we're still plugging away to increase our membership in the council. We welcome Felix and Helen Goldick, and Leo Razauskas, as new members, also Rose Ann Fletcher who rejoined.

Do You Know...

That Charles Petkus is spending 3 weeks in Florida?... That Bob and Barbara August have moved into their new home?... That there will soon be additions to the households of Lou and Kitty Prasmantas, Joe and Adella Mikalas and Joe and Eleanor Mantz?... That Joe and Ada Sinkwitz just returned from a trip to Michigan?... That Franck Ambrose, Jr. received a Sports scholarship to Notre Dame University?... That Jim Omlor and Bob Petrokas are attending the University of Dayton?... That Dorothy Conrady, Bob Petrokas and Frank Ambrose, Sr. are well on the road to recovery after recent operations?... That our Pastor, Father Leon Praspalius is resting comfortably after his recent accident?... That Eloise Berczelly has quite a sense of humor... which we learned at the sewing circles?... That Jim and Joan Kavalauskas have been working hard in decorating the basement in their new home?... That because of the sacrifice of time of Joe Kavalauskas, John and Tom Scott and Alex Pietrzak, our church hall has got that "new look?"... That John and Tom Scott and Charles Vangas are ice skating enthusiasts?... That Charlie chaperoned the Juniors on one of their ice skating parties?... That Ronnie Omlor chaperoned our Juniors on one of their roller skating outings?

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday greetings to Pat Zelinskas, Rose Ann Fletcher and Kay Sluzas; February anniversary greetings to Lou and Kitty Prasmantas, Jim and Phyllis Richey and Jim and Joan Kavalauskas.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 19 M. P.

1957 Officers: Father Walter Karaveckas, spiritual adviser; Julia Aleshunas, president; Al Onaitis, 1st vice president; Bill Kolicius, 2nd vice president; Marcella Onaitis, recording secretary; Tillie Kauptinis, financial secretary; Bernice Balmootis, corresponding secretary; Eddie Marculaitis, treasurer; Stephen Onaitis, Ritual; Mildred Chinik and Eleanor Allen, Lithuanian Affairs; George Lavinskas, Alice Beacon and Kazis Bazis, Cultural; Margaret Papeaka and Nellie Kuntz, VYTIS correspondents; Andy Rozger, Sports; Father Karaveckas, Spiritual Program; Bernard Labuskas and Ruth Gleblunas, Social; and Alice Beason and Madylin Petraitis, Social Chairladies. Installation of new officers will take place on St. Casimir's Day after the 10 o'clock Mass. Sincere thanks go to last year's officers for the fine work they performed. As you will note, many of the officers remained on the job because of their desire to do so for "God and Country".

During the holidays, we entertained a fine group of Juniors. We also played host to our very good ladies who were "cooks" at our K. of L. Radio Banquet. Grab bag gifts were exchanged. The hall was decorated in a festive mood.

PLEASE NOTE: Mid-Central and Illinois - Indiana Districts' Bowling Tournament will take place the weekend of June 1st. Headquarters-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. Bowling matches will be on Saturday, June 1st; the following day, trophy awards will be given during the banquet. Also, during the weekend, the Mid-Central District will hold its meeting. We are planning to fete guests who will arrive in town May 31st, preceding the bowling tournament. It will be a long Memorial Day weekend — cordially invite all to visit with us.

Council 19 and friends are alerted for a SNOW FROLIC on a Sunday that the weather will warrant this sport. Keep your ears perked to

your radios, as this will be the only means of communication for this alert. **PLACE:** The Lithuanian Country Club, Willock, Pa. **TIME:** Any Sunday afternoon (by announcement on radio) that the weather will favor us with some snow. Bring sleds, skis, cardboards, garbage can lids, or what have you. Join us in the fun.

The Bowling League has started its second half of the season. We will gladly make room for a few late comers who are especially interested in taking part in the Tourney. But of course, come even if you will not bowl in the Tourney. Our bowlers are trying very hard to keep the trophy in Pittsburgh.

St. Casimir's Day will be observed March 3rd by receiving Holy Communion in a body and followed by a breakfast. An excellent program is planned for the day. We expect a good turnout — of ALL members. Make it a MUST on your calendar.

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Newark, N. J. 29 The Wanderer

1957 Officers: Joseph A. Sakevich, president; Mrs. Charles Douches, vice president; Joan Yankauskas, recording secretary; Peter Podgalsky, treasurer; and Charles Douches, sgt-at-arms. Upon electing a new financial secretary, we shall announce same in next month's VYTIS.

Watching the Flakes Drift By...

Wedding bells rang for Helen Malakas (C-29) and John Sisak of Elizabeth, N. J., on November 17th, in Holy Trinity Church. Monsignor I. Kelmelis united them in marriage; wedding reception was held in St. George's Hall. Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds... We are happy to see Eddie Thompson up and around once more after his recent operation... Once more, Ye Scribe took his annual jaunt to Miami, Florida, and enjoyed his stay at the New Bolivar Hotel, 740 Ocean Drive — which is managed by John Petrauskas of Cicero, Ill. It almost seemed like

old home week — he thought he was back in New Jersey — since some of the folks spotted at South Beach (Ocean Drive & 1st St.) were Adele Leraitis, Joe Krotulis, Frank Sawicki (all of Linden, N. J., Council 113), also Jack Stukas of Council 29, Newark... During the holidays, Anthony Malakas presented an engagement ring to Regina Mockelunas of Council 41, Brooklyn... wedding date not set. Best wishes to the lovely couple.

To be Honored

Our district, once more, finds it befitting to honor one of our most deserving members, Charles Bason-Basanavičius, by giving a testimonial dinner on May 25th at the Lithuanian Club hall, 134 Schuyler Ave., Kearny, N. J. Those to serve on the committee are: Larry Janonis, president of the district, Joe Sable, Vera Laukzemis, Victor Guzevich, Lillian Zindzius and Gloria Mack. Subscription — \$4. Put a circle around May 25th on your calendar.

Lost

Since the Chicago Convention, we have been missing a Cross from our District banner. Anyone knowing of its whereabouts, kindly contact Larry Janonis, president.

Kearny, N. J. 90 Eleanor Rokas

We've elected an energetic group of officers: Eleanor Jenuss, president; Anthony Shalna, 1st vice president; Anne Klem, 2nd vice president; Valentina Bilaitis, recording secretary; Eleanor Rokas, financial secretary; Ann Belavich, treasurer; and Richard Butkus, sgt.-at-arms.

Under their leadership, Council 90 is already making plans for many events: First, we will be host to the New York - New Jersey District Convention which will be held in our city, March 10th. Second, we plan to hold a dance sometime in April.

Our Juniors, under the guidance of Anne Klem, is functioning very smoothly. To date, they have held a picnic, Communion Breakfast, Christmas Party and Cake Sale. Before long, another Communion Breakfast will be arranged, also a skating party, and participation in Lithuania's Independence Day exercises. Keep up the good work!

Proud parents these days are Fred and Eleanor Ditchkus on the birth of a son, Michael... That marital path of bliss is certainly well-traveled — as Bill Simelunas and Bernice Miller made the trip in January, and on June 1st, Jane Matelitis and Paul Kelly will also take to the aisle... Ann Belavich and her fiancée are also planning a Fall wedding. Lots of good luck and best wishes!

Father Dominic is sporting a beautiful tan. Nice to have him back from Florida.

Speaking of storks, again, he has a May 25th flight scheduled to the home of Jack and Ursula Gelczis. Wonder if we could coax him to fly in four days earlier and arrive on the 21st of May — so we can celebrate the occasion on Lenny Rokas' birthday.

We wish Mr. Nakrosis a speedy recovery from his major operation.

Don't ever let it be said that the three Kearny Council 90 Bowling Teams is not a good foundation for any League. It seems they have the last three places nailed down tight in the New York - New Jersey Intra - Council Bowling League. (Well, it's a good foundation, isn't it?) How about it, Don Shawkonis, "lotsa wood?"

Happy to see Anne Kiernan and Mary Grinewich at our last meeting... We wish much happiness to our former president Al Borris and his wife, Eleanor, in their new home in Kenilworth, N. J. We are certainly sorry to lose two fine council members... Appears like EVERYONE is moving, lately. Tony Miller and his family just moved to a larger apartment.

Birthday wishes to — Rita Stukas (February 2), Adele Yuknalis (February 20), Margaret Nakrosis (February 26), Ed. Salkauskas (February 2), and Bill Simelunas (March 18th).

NEW ENGLAND

DISTRICT

Worcester, Mass. 26 BAC

Our council had a skating party the latter part of January at the Lithuanian War Veterans Club on Lake Quinsigamond. The ice was very smooth for everyone but

Charlie and Danny Cyronak, both of Providence, R. I., who traveled all the way to find the bumps. After skating, we enjoyed dancing, hot coffee and doughnuts.

The bowling league is still in full swing. Joe Sakaitis' team is out in front — very exciting, especially with Franny Norkunas having bowled a nice 139.

Joe Drumstas is planning to have another Square Dance, since the last one was so successful. Reservations must be made in advance, by contacting Joe.

So. Worcester, Mass. 116 Ann Miller

We may be a little late and lax in reporting our council's current activities but we take our maxims quite seriously so as the saying goes, "Better Late Than Never" we offer this choice bit of information of all K. of L. members who might be interested in us, and to any innocent bystanders who might get hit on the head with it, quite accidentally of course, after some careless member tossed it aside.

Our new officers for 1957 are: President — Bernice Burdulis unanimously elected for a second term, that's what happens when you are so efficient and capable. Vice President — Bernice Kavadaris, it isn't so, she really is a very nice girl. Recording Secretary — Mary Klimkaitis, didn't have the nerve to say no. Financial Secretary — Bill Burdulis, we'll have to keep a closer tab on him this year. Treasurer — Robert Paluses, hmmm we'll have to watch him too. Marshals — Al Krasinskas and Dorothy Sinkavitch, a couple of stand-ins for Wyatt Earp. Trustees — Richard Swedis and Ann Miller. (Why not?) We have to earn our Degrees someday.

One thing we have observed about the correspondence of other councils is how well things always turn out for all the socials that are planned. Now with us, it was just the opposite. The last few months, our Social Committee really fouled things up. They planned a Halloween Party, but that didn't pan out because the members couldn't get together for a meeting of the minds. Then a Christmas Party was planned, but because of a conflicting date, it had to be postponed and wound up being an after the New Year's Spaghetti Supper. It was held on January 6 with not too

much success. For one thing most of our members forgot to show up; secondly, someone forgot to tell the cook how to make spaghetti. The cook, no names mentioned, refused to eat it. (Wonder what was wrong with it?) The one redeeming quality about the whole affair was the lively polka music provided by our own Bob Zinkus and his orchestra. (P. S. It can be safely said, after this appears in print, that the term held by this correspondent was the shortest in the history of our council.)

But honestly, all is not chaos with us. Our newly - organized K. of L. choir is progressing by leaps and bounds. As a matter of fact, we have received more praise than we know what to do with, and we are led to believe by our beloved Monsignor Vasys, that the attendance at the 11 o'clock Mass has increased due to the beautiful blending of our voices.

Our bowling league has been progressing very successfully. With the second half of the season well under way, our members are attacking those pins with a great deal of vengeance. Gloria Sinkavich holds the high single honors with a 116 score. Barbara Mazeika has a 90 average, which is tops for the average score among the women. While among the men, Stanley Grigas has high single with a score of 127. Richard Swedis has high average with a score of 98. Bob Krusas with 330 is tops for high triple.

A Little of Dis and Data

Mary Balukonis, and this will sadden many a male heart, has become engaged. She is sporting a very beautiful diamond ring. A fall wedding is planned. Congratulations to the lucky man, who is from the town of Webster, Mass... The Robert Paluses have a brand new baby daughter. Mrs. Paluses is the former Rita Kersis. Both Bob and Rita are very active K. of L'ers. We hear that it's more than just her work that has kept Bernice Burdulis working overtime at the Foundation... We extend our best wishes to Pauline Savage at her new job... It looks as if it won't be long before Ann Matachinskas will take that long walk down the aisle since she received a hope chest for Christmas from her best fella... We extend our sympathy to Richard Swedis on the demise of his brand

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new car. Seems as though a couple of trees were the cause of the untimely death. Its loss will certainly be felt by many of our members... Louise Totilas has relinquished her job as Recording Secretary which she held for many years. We are all sorry to have Louise retire to the side lines for she was most capable and efficient. We hope this is only a temporary arrangement. She certainly should get a great deal of praise for her loyalty and hard work. Thank you Louise for a job well done.

South Boston, Mass. 17

The New Year started off very well in Southie. Our first meeting in 1957 was conducted on Sunday afternoon, January 13. At this time most of the committees were set up for the year. Also, plans were discussed for activities and council projects for the months ahead. It was decided that we shall have a K. of L. Communion Mass each month. The Communion Mass will be at nine o'clock on the last Sunday of the month. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the church hall after each K. of L. Mass. Congratulations to Lorraine Whitkens, our first new member of the year.

The January social was held at the club directly after the business meeting. The scrabble party was fun. Refreshments were served and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Once again Fr. John is conducting a religious Discussion Club at the K. of L. All members and their friends are welcome to attend these meetings. The group gathers every other Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. The meetings are quite informal and very informative. The members of C-17 certainly appreciate Fr. John's guidance and aid along the spiritual road.

On Monday evenings at the South Station Bowling Alleys a group of members gather to enjoy themselves physically. The extra strings are getting to be a regular habit and the competition really is keen especially where "dots" are concerned. Ask Joanne Dravinskas how she made out the Monday after the ski-weekend. (Me thinks she wasn't in any shape for bowling from all the bruises collected on the tobog-

gan rides.) Everyone is welcome, so come, bring your friends, and join in the fun.

On February 2, Anthony Benzavicius, a former active member of our council, was ordained priest at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross along with a large number of young men from St. John's Seminary. Father Anthony celebrated his first Mass at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, February 10, at 10 a. m. Following the Mass there was a reception for Fr. Anthony at the Lithuanian Citizens Club. We extend to Fr. Benzavicius our congratulations and prayers for a long and fruitful life in God's service.

The Christmas season brought a "diamond rush" to members of C-17. Our congratulations go out to Rita Stakutis and Jerome Venis who have set the date in August; Stephanie Wisniewski and Joe Marcinkevicius who plan to marry during the summer; and Leo Rudzuinas and Albina Katauskis, who will take the "big-step" March 2. Also a December surprise was the marriage of one of our newer members, Louise Tropansky. The K. of L'ers wish you a very happy married life, Louise.

Recently Lillian Paledzus vacationed in Florida. Things must be looking up at the bank these days. Joanne Dravinskas went to Connecticut the Sunday before Christmas where she became the godmother to her niece, Lori Elizabeth Cournoyer. We hear that Ed Rudis spent the New Year holidays in New York. Do hope you enjoyed your holiday, Rudy. Franny Daniels is transferred from Lowell to St. Margaret's Hospital in Dorchester. Now she will be able to attend more of our K. of L. functions.

Between the hours of about five to midnight (and a bit after) on the evening of January 18, K. of L'ers and their friends could be spotted here and there on the road traveling North from Boston. Destination?? Woodbound Inn and a wonderful New Hampshire weekend! All in all there were about forty people who took advantage of this opportunity to spend an enjoyable weekend participating in winter sports and having an all around good time.

The weather was ideal. It was crisp, cool, and clear (the magic c's of forecasting). And added to this

was plenty of snow and sunshine. Even the sunrise was beautiful! At least so we heard from three early birds (Ann Wisniewski, Joanne Dravinskas and Florence Zaleskas) who were up at six on Sunday morning, and at seven, found St. Patrick's Church a little chilly — especially the seats.

Athletic facilities (both in and out doors) are many and convenient at the Inn. Ski slopes, toboggan run, and a skating area are but a few steps across the road. The activities can easily be observed from within the Inn (through the modern invention called a window) by those less athletically inclined.

For those not interested in the outdoor activities, the play barn (just a few steps in the opposite direction) provided an excellent place of entertainment. Pool, ping-pong and shuffle board were the main attractions. A square dance was scheduled for Saturday evening. Between the squares, the party was given an injection of some good healthy polkas — danced by the ever popular Josie and her various talented partners.

The food at Woodbound was very good. The meals were generous and well prepared. The stay at the Inn (for many of the K. of L'ers) came to an end after a delicious buffet supper on Sunday evening.

Our list of casualties was small and fortunately not too serious. Listed with the stars are Phyllis Rudis, Lorreta Lescinskas, and Rita Waitkunas. All three we hear had to have a vacation to recuperate. Glad to hear the girls are well now.

A Blynų Supper was the attraction at our clubroom on Friday evening, February 2 at about 8 o'clock. Potato peeling and grating was a new experience for a couple of the girls. Oh well, next time there won't be as many scraped nuckles and broken fingernails. All added, I'm sure to the flavor of the blynai. John Olevitz, the chef, was assisted by Patricia Plansky, Florence Zaleskas and Joanne Dravinskas (?). About twenty-five K. of L'ers and a few guests enjoyed the supper. After the meal the members went up to the clubroom to spend the rest of the evening talking or playing scrabble. Socially, our Blynų Supper was a success.