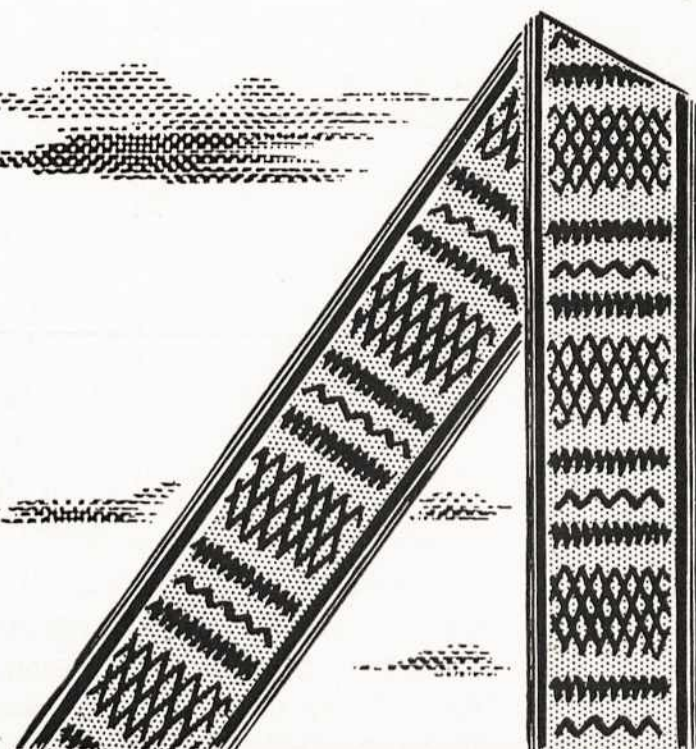


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the Knight

Go ever onward faithful KNIGHT,
Let nothing swerve you from the right!
May God lead and light the way,
And ever steer you, lest you stray.
Be loyal and devoted too,
To your U.S.A. be ever true.
And, have within your heart a place,
A special spot, none can erase,
For much LOVED, much HURT,
LITHUANIA!



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JUNE FOURTEENTH

Through the ages, the praises of June have been eloquently penned in prose and poetry. The word is synonymous with beauty, romance and enchantment. Who will deny that it is sheer ecstasy to be caught in its magic spell? However, in view of the impressive sequence of recent observances (Loyalty, Armed Forces, Memorial and Flag Days) I find myself eager to write in a patriotic vein. Lacking desired ability to be poetic or prolific, I shall in simple words, merely essay to give modest form to my thoughts of feelings.

Borrowing from that immortal quote, I choose the fourteenth as that "rare day in June." To some, it may be their wonderful wedding day; to others, a carefree holiday; but to all Americans, **June fourteenth** is always a most significant date.

Since 1777, the day is annually set aside to duly honor the Stars and Stripes, our national emblem. On that day, we proudly display our country's banner, reverently pledge it allegiance and unswerving loyalty, because, as the brilliant Henry Ward Beecher said: "A thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag but the national itself."

Truly, the American flag is a majestic standard of might and sovereignty. The starry blue field is a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal to which man has aspired from time immemorial. The stripes are symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun. Equally notable and edifying are the prophetic concluding words of Washington as he described the flag's symbolism when it was first flown at the head of the Continen-

tal Army — "...and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

How much more our flag means to us today when there are so many peoples living in lands deprived of freedom. Lifting grateful hearts heavenward, let us prayerfully repeat Pallen's poetic phrases:

"Banner of peace and light,
Banner of red, and blue and white,
In heaven's wide expanse unfurled,
Be for a promise to the world
Of peace to all mankind."

Aside from its imposing American aspect, **June fourteenth** imparts a pointedly poignant Lithuanian message. June fourteenth indeed has taken its infamous place in history as the anniversary date of Lithuania's murder by Soviet Russia. A conscientious world cannot forget or ignore the genocidal atrocities, mass deportations and brutal killings of June 14, 1941.

As Knights of Lithuania members, we have a definite pattern of patriotism. Because our organization so strongly stresses religion and patriotism, we are obligated to dutifully distinguish ourselves in the service of God and Country. Under model and alert leadership we have been and shall be responsive to Lithuania's plea for prayers, moral and material support and vigorous action to help her regain her independence and rightful status as a sovereign state in the family of free nations.

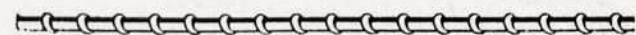
"Dieve galingas, pasaulio Kūrėjau,
Tėve meilingas, ir tautų Globėjau,
Meldžiame gelbėk mūs mylimą šalį,
Lietuvą brangią Savo mielą dalį."

Now may I tell you my very own reason, the real incentive for this attempted literary effort. Last year, February 14-17, it was my pleasur-

able and most rewarding privilege to participate in ceremonies and exercises marking Lithuanian Independence Day in the Senate of the United States and the Lithuanian Legation. Needless to say, the emotional experiences were never to be forgotten ones. At times, I could not convince myself that all this was reality not fantasy.

I saw the Vice President, Senators and Congressmen, distinguished diplomats and dignitaries of diverse nationalities and denominations pay tribute to a small, enslaved Baltic nation named LITHUANIA, pleading, espousing her cause in her courageous struggle for national freedom. Suddenly I felt a deep new happiness and pride being a Lithuanian American. There and then I realized I could never do enough to be worthy of my God-given heritage.

In conclusion I am happy to state that the United States Capitol flag flown over Washington on February 14, last year, is presently the cherished permanent possession of St. Joseph's Lithuanian parochial school, Waterbury, Conn., from where in lofty dignity it waves, proclaiming liberty, unity and brotherhood. Yes, **JUNE FOURTEENTH** is a day of remembrance, dedication and challenge.



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V. Kudirkos 100 m. gimimo sukakčiai paminėti



Greitai bėgančios valandos ir dienos mus įvedė į 1958 metus, kurie mums, lietuviams turi ypatingos reikšmės. Prieš 40 metų — 1918 metais Vilniuje buvo paskelbta Lietuvos Nepriklausomybė, o prieš 100 metų kukliame Paežerių sodžiuje gimė didysis lietuvių tautinės sąmonės žadintojas Vincas Kudirka.

Pradžioje meskime žvilgsnį į Vinco Kudirkos gyvenimo kelią. Gimęs 1858 m. gruodžio mėn. 31 d. jaunas Vincas mokėsi jo gimtinės — Paežerių sodžiaus pradžios mokykloje. Vėliau išvyko į Marijampolę, kur įstojo į vietinę gimnaziją. Čia, baigęs 6 klases, tėvo verčiamas, turėjo važiuoti Seinų kunigų seminarijon, tačiau ten ilgai neišbuvo: po dviejų metų vėl grįžo Marijampolės gimnazijon, kurią baigė 1881 metais.

Tada jis įstojo į Varšuvos universitetą — pradžioje filologijos fakultetan, vėliau į medicinos. Čia jam studijuoti nebuvo lengva, nes po išstojimo iš kunigų seminarijos, Vincas nebegaudavo jokios paramos iš savo tėvo. Todėl įvairiais būdais jam teko užsidirbti pinigų studijoms.

Medicinos mokslus Vincas baigė 1890 metais ir apsigyveno Šakiuose, kur išbuvo iki 1894 m. Čia jis aktyviai reiškėsi lietuviškame judėjime ir buvo rusų policijos persekiojamas. Kartą, po jo bute padarytos kratos, jis buvo dešimčiai dienų pasodintas į kalėjimą. Nuo sunkių gyvenimo sąlygų, V. Kudirkos sveikata pradėjo irti ir jis apsirgo džiova, kurią gydėsi Kryme ir Adrijos pajūryje, tačiau be vaisių. 1897 m. jis apsigyveno Naumiestyje ir čia, nors ir sirgdamas, savo laiką pašventė tik literatūriniam darbui.

Po dviejų metų — 1899 m. V. Kudirkos gyvybė užgėso ir jis atsigulė amžinam poilsiui Naumiesčio kapinėse. Ant jo kapo buvo pastatyta prasmingas, nulaužta ažuolą vaizduojantis paminklas (V. Kudirka mirė tik 41 metų amžiaus) ir jame įrašytas vienas jo sukurtos Lietuvos himno posmas:

“Tegul saulė Lietuvos tamsumus prašalina

Ir šviesa ir tiesa mūs žingsnius telydi!

Tegul meilė Lietuvos dega mūsų širdyse!

Vardan tos Lietuvos vienybė težydi!”

Vėliau šios eilutės iš paminklo rusų valdžios buvo iškapotos, nes jose buvo pasisakyta prieš priespaudėjus.

Tai toks yra trumpai atpasakotas Vinco Kudirkos gyvenimo kelias, kuris realybėje buv pilnas dramatiškų momentų. Būdamas Seinų seminarijoje ir Varšuvos universitete, jis buvo pasidavęs stipriai lenkų įtakai, visai nekreipė dėmesio į lietuviškus reikalus. Tačiau, gavęs lietuviško laikraščio “Aušros” pirmąjį numerį, V. Kudirka savo visas jėgas pašventė Lietuvai.

Apie šį atsivertimą V. Kudirka taip kalba:

“Ėmiau skubiai vartyti “Aušrą” ir... nepamenu jau visko, kas su manim paskui darėsi... pamenu, kad atsisostojau, nuleidau galvą, nedirsdamas pakelti akių ant sienų mano kambarėlio... — rodos girdėjau Lietuvos balsą, sykiu kaltinantį, sykiu ir atleidžiantį: **O, kur tu paklydėli, kur ikšiol buvai?**

Paskui pasidarė man taip graudu, kad apsikniau- bęs ant stalo apsverčiau. Gaila man buvo tų valandų, kurios nesugražintinai išbrauktos tapo iš mano gyvenimo, kaipo lietuvio, ir gėda, kad taip ilgai buvau apgailėtinu pagedėliu... Po to pripildė mano krūtinę rami, smagi šiluma it, rodos, naujos pajėgos pradėjo rasti... Rodos, užaugau išsyk, ir tas pasaulis jau man perangštas... Pajutau save didžiu, galingu: **pasijutau lietuviu esąs...**”

Nuo 1885 m. jis aktyviai reiškėsi lietuvių spaudoje, o 1889 m. įsteigė “Varpo” laikraštį, kuriame nemaža puslapių jis pats prirašydavo. Jo faktiškuoju redaktoriumi buvo V. Kudirka, o jam artimai talkininkavo Šernas ir Gaidys. Prieš tai 1888 m. V. Kudirkos nuopelnu Varšuvoje buvo įkurta lietuvių studentų draugija, kurios tikslas buvo Varšuvoje gyvenančių lietuvių suvienijimas ir juose tautiškos dvasios sukėlimas.

Apibūdinti V. Kudirkos veiklą yra labai sunku, nes ji tokia plati ir sudėtinga. Taip pat ir jo raštai apima daugelį sričių: publicistiką, satyrą, lyriką, vertimus, kritiką ir kt.

V. Kudirka savo publicistinius straipsnius spausdino “Varpo” skyriuje “Tėvynės Varpai”. Šie jo raštai yra persunkti stipria tėvynės meile. Štai, Kudirkos žodžiai:

“Lietuviai turi pažinti Lietuvą. Kiekvienas iš mūsų turi žinoti, kur lietuvis verkia, o kur džiaugiasi, kur vargsta, o kur turtuose, kur apleistas ir nuskriaustas, o kur liuosas ir laimingas, idant matytume, katra broli

THE FORDHAM UNIVERSITY LITHUANIAN PROGRAM

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How often do we hear young Lithuanian Americans say, "I wish I could speak Lithuanian." In the past it has been difficult to find any school, or university to help such young people learn the language and history of their parents.

At last under the direction of Rev. Walter Jaskievicz, S.J. Fordham University of New York City has established a Lithuanian Program of study as a separate department of its Summer (July 1 — registration to Aug. 14, 1958).

The most exciting feature of the Lithuanian Program is that tuition scholarships are being offered to all K. of L. members who wish to take advantage of the courses and have serious intentions. Many members who work nights or afternoons in the New York area, or who can take an extended vacation will find the courses a wonderful opportunity of increasing their knowledge of things Lithuanian. College students, however, may well benefit the most,

because in most cases it seems that the credits they receive at the Fordham Summer Session can be applied to their academic record at the college which they are presently attending or preparing to attend.

As outlined in the catalogue, the Lithuanian Program at Fordham "sets out to provide opportunities for (1) sisters teaching in Lithuanian parochial schools to advance their knowledge of the Lithuanian language, literature, folklore, history, civilization, etc.; (2) seminarists preparing for Lithuanian pastoral care, and priests already engaged in work among Lithuanians to further perfect themselves in the Lithuanian language and cultural traditions; (3) students of Lithuanian descent to utilize the summer to acquire a practical knowledge of the language and culture of their ancestors; (4) other adequately prepared adults who may be interested for serious reasons in the language and people of Lithuania."

I urge all K. of L. members and others of Lithuanian descent to take advantage of this rare opportunity of deepening their knowledge of things Lithuanian. All who took part in last year's Lithuanian Program have only the highest words of praise for the outstanding calibre of the teaching and the cultural benefits derived from the Program.

I know that all of us in the Knights of Lithuania are united in expressing our appreciation to Dr. Juozas Kazickas and Dr. Juozas Valiunas, directors of Neris International Trade Corp., who have made scholarships available; to Rev. Walter Jaskievicz, S. J. and his staff for setting up the Lithuanian Program; and to the authorities of Fordham University for sponsoring it. But the most tangible way of saying "Thank you," and the only way that really counts, is to make sure that the K. of L. is well represented when the classroom doors open for the Summer Session.

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reikia gelbėti, o nuo katro prašyti pagalbos; turime žinoti jausmus, mįsles ir darbus visų lietuvių, idant būtų aišku, ant ko galima remtis, norint apginti savo tėvyne ir suteikti jai laimę."

Kudirka suprato ir vienybės reikšmę, sakydama: "Kas bus, jeigu nelaimė užklups mus greičiau, nei spėsime susivienyti ir suprasti, kad reikalas tėvynės visiems yra vienas, kad jis yra augštesnis už atskirų partijų egoizmą, kad prieš tą tėvynės reikalą priešingiausios partijos turi stoti su alyvos šakele ir užmiršti asmeninius nesutikimus".

Savo satyroje, iš kurių pažymėtinos: "Viršininkai", "Lietuvos tilto atsiminimai", "Cenzūros klausimas", "Vilkai". V. Kudirka kėlė nedorą rusų valdininkų gyvenimą ir jų lietuviams daromas skriaudas. Tokiu būdu jis sąmonino Lietuvos žmones ir juose ugdė pasipriešinimo dvasią okupantams.

Ir savo lyrikoje V. Kudirka daugiausia vietos skyrė bendriems lietuviškiems reikalams. "Lietuva Tėvyne mūsų" — dabartinis Tautos himnas, skatinantis stiprybę semtis iš praeities ir liepiantis dirbti tėvynės naudai ir žmonių gerovei suderino romantinį idealizmą ir pozityvų realizmą, duodamas pačius svarbiausius lietuvių tautos bruožus.

Kas gi neprisimena V. Kudirkos eilėraščio "Labora", liepiančio:

"Kol jaunas, o broli, sėk pasėlio grūdus
Ir dirvos neapleiski! Tuomet, kada jausi,

Kaip kūns ima stingti, dvasia jau susnūdus,
Vėlu juk prie darbo: ne sėsi, nepjausi."
arba jo nemirštamąjį "Varpą":

"Tai skambink Varpe, tegul gaudimas tavo
Išilgai, skersai eina per Lietuvą!
Budink ir šauki gaudžiu balsu savo,
O tas šaukimas perniek tenezūva!

Kelkite, kelkite, kelkite, kelkite..."

Lietuviškam užsispyrimui ir ryžtui sužadinti, V. Kudirka rašė:

"Jeigu audra ištikus verstų stulpą vieną
Iš tų, kurie prilaiko jūsų namo sieną
Namas negrius — iš baimės neišlakstykit,
Tik vietoj ano stulpo tą pačią dieną
Tuo kitą statykit!"

Vietos stoka mums neleidžia plačiau sustoti ties kitomis V. Kudirkos kūrybos sritimis ir duoti daugiau jo ispūdingųjų gyvenimo bruožų. Čia tik norime pasakyti, jog šis kietoje gyvenimo audroje anksti nulaužtas ažuolas, lietuvių tautai yra davęs daugiau, negu kitas to meto lietuvis. Jo pasiryžimas gali ir turi būti pavyzdys mums, jo raštai — tai mūsų kelrodis, o jo nuveikti darbai — tai mūsų siekimai ir svajonės.

V. Kudirkos "Varpas" šiandien Lietuvai vėl gyvenant priespaudos dieną, dar plačiau ir galingiau skatina viso pasaulio lietuvius.

"Kelkite, kelkite, kelkite, kelkite!"

GILSHE

By VINCAS KRĖVĖ

(Translated from the Lithuanian under the supervision of Professor Alfred Senn.)

As if whirlwinds started to roar, as if a storm began to arise, as if a threefold thunder started to rumble, through the highest mountains, through the darkest forests, through the level fields, through the wide meadows a voice floated, as if a whirlwind were sweeping: "After thirteen years I will bring everything home to him."

His face ashen, the lad rushed home, to his high palace, to the white bower, to his young sweetheart, telling her the sad news.

"In thirteen years much time will pass, we will spend many joyful days and happy nights, and afterwards we will perish and suffer together, we will see fortune and misfortune together. I will marry you, darling."

And so the nobleman's daughter married the young lad...

IV

Year after year passed swiftly, many already had slipped by, much water had flowed in the rivers from the time that the young lad had married the fair daughter of the nobleman. The old father-in-law had died, leaving them his wide estate, his high bowers, and they both lived alone joyfully and happily, like two pigeons cooing. They loved, they enjoyed the greatest happiness, life flowed for the two like a succession of dreams, like a lulling reverie; and today was better than the night before, and tonight happier than this morning and so day after day there was nothing but happiness. Their wealth increased not by years, but by hours; their forests swarmed ever more with beasts, their fields swayed and surged like the blue sea blown by the wind. And nothing got lost, perished vainly, vanished without

profit, neither in their forests, nor in their fields, nor in their home, neither wild beasts, nor cattle, nor grain, nor a crumb of bread.

And these two became famous throughout the whole world, like the bright sun in the blue sky, far more than their fathers or forebears had been. The squire's young wife bloomed like a lily, and he himself was as proud in his high palace as the speckled falcon in his green sycamore tree.

Although they both lived well, both dressed well, one care always pressed the lad's heart, pierced it like spears by day, burdened it like a stone at night. A spectre haunted the young squire, that his high palace was ripped apart, his orchard of green cherry trees destroyed, his young wife killed. The day approached when he would have to answer for his crime, would have to pay for the great wealth of the merchants, not with gold, or silver, or brightest pearls, but with his handsome head, with his greatest distress. Thus the lad pondered to himself and, pondering, sighed heavily, wherever he went, wherever he rode, wherever he walked.

As the years passed by, his griefs grew, never giving him a day to breathe freely, never a night to close his eyes peacefully. The young man was tormented and weighed down thus by these sad thoughts both day and night.

He did not fear the hardship so much for himself, he did not mourn so much for his youth as he did for the young maiden, the white lily, she who had never uttered a hard word to anyone, who had never stood in anyone's way. Through his heavy sin the maiden would have to suffer such misery.

And wherever he rode, wherever he went, wherever he walked, he

always thought and pondered how to free the maiden of great hardship, how to save his young wife from great unhappiness.

V

The squire rode out into the green forest to hunt, to exercise his gray steed, to run his black dogs, to stretch his pliant bow, to shoot swift arrows, thus to quiet his sad heart.

The squire rode through the green forest, along the black swamp, and while riding he saw a raven cawing. The raven was flying, rapidly beating his black wings.

The squire stretched out his pliant bow, put on a swift arrow. He was about to shoot the cawing raven.

"Caw, caw, young lad. Don't stretch your pliant bow. Don't set the swift arrow. Don't shoot me, the cawing raven. I know your heavy thoughts, your great unhappiness. Don't shoot me, lad, and I will tell you how to fall asleep without fear, how to awake in peace."

The young horseman was astonished upon hearing the voice of the raven. So many years he had hunted, so many days he had lived, never before had he heard a raven speak, express a man's thoughts. The young lad was struck with endless fear, he dropped his white hands, his pliant bow fell down, his swift arrows scattered.

"Caw, caw, caw, young lad, don't fear me, famous squire. Just saddle your swift steed with a green silk saddle, and put on the dark roan a halter of pure gold and a silver bridle, shoe him with golden shoes, then ride to a distant country, toward the blue sea, the land of the Prussians. There you will find a large grove, and in that grove an old, old man sitting under a broad-leaved oak, kindling a bright fire. Tell him of your deeds, tell him of your miseries, then he will show you where to find peace, how to appease the angered gods."

Having spoken thus, the cawing raven flew away.

The squire drove his gray steed by leaps and bounds out of the green forest into the high palace and, not speaking a word to anyone, he saddled and bridled his swiftest roan and rode into the distant land where a great grove grew, and in that grove was a broad-leaved oak under which sat an old, old man, kindling a bright fire.

He rode for a long time and was exhausted by the time he reached the blue sea, and the land of the Prussians.

Asking his way and riding near, the lad found among the dark pine forests, among the green woods, a broad-leaved oak standing, swaying its green top, waving erect its wide branches, tinkling its green leaves, surrounded by little birds singing.

Under that broad-leaved oak lay a great stone. On it was sitting an old, old man, white as the blooming apple tree. He was kindling a bright fire.

Ere the young man had alighted from his gray steed, ere he had reached the bright fire, ere he had bowed his handsome head before the old, old man before his gray old age, ere he had uttered words of greeting, the old man began to speak in a melancholy voice like the leaves rustling, blown by the evening breeze, washed in the sharp dew:

"I have long been waiting for you, lad, I have long been thinking about you. You are late many a year; you have made many a day hard for yourself. Now sit on the stone; tell me your troubles."

The lad sat down on the great stone, told him of his deeds, told all his miseries. The old man listened, bowing his white head to the ground.

"Heavy is your lot, young horseman, great your sin, not easily will you appease the gods, not immediately will you relieve the souls of the merchants. Far, far away from this place, in the west, not in the east, beyond three forests, beyond three mountains, beyond three swift rivers, beyond three great waters—vicious people have settled. Like dogs they bark at us, they flout our august gods and mighty Perkunas, digging pits for our bodies every-

where, chopping down our sacred forests, and they intend not to sleep a wink, not to eat bread, only to feed upon our warm blood, until they have driven out our gods, extinguished our Sacred Fire, chopped away our sacred forests, torn open the graves of our fathers. Now saddle and bridle your gray steed, your swift roan, whet your sharp axe, your glistening cutlass, and ride to that land, in the west, not in the east, beyond three forests, beyond three swift rivers, beyond great waters, and chop off the heads of those vicious, bloodthirsty people, like poppies in a garden, defending the graves of your fathers, pleasing the august gods.

Riding from the high palace, plant on the place where the merchants lie, a dry linden branch. Have it ordered that a falcon be sent to bring you the news when that branch blossoms forth, and lets out green leaves. If you are then alive, you will ride home peacefully, fearing neither the august gods nor the revenge of the slain merchants; if you are dead, then your young bride will bloom like a rose and will often think kindly of you, her bridegroom."

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The squire gave orders to prepare as soon as possible the glistening swords, the pliant bows, to carve swift arrows and get them ready, to saddle the gray steeds, to arm his young lads, to ride to war into a distant land, to the west, not to the east, beyond three forests, beyond three mountains, beyond three swift rivers, beyond large waters, where vicious people had settled, who intended not to sleep a wink, nor to eat white bread, only to feed on our warm blood, until they would drive out our gods, extinguish our Sacred Fire, chop out our sacred forests, and tear open the graves of our fathers. And as he arranged to ride away to war, he planted a dry linden branch by the swift stream where lay the merchants in their eternal sleep.

The young squire's beloved came into the high court and asked her dearest:

"Tell me, dear, why do you saddle your gray steeds, why do you arm the young horsemen? Where are

you going to ride, what road are you going to travel? Are you going into the green forest to hunt, or into a distant land to wage war?"

And the squire replied:

"Do not ask me, dear, ask the gray steed. If he speaks, and tells you in words, then you will know where I ride, what road I travel, whether into the green forest to hunt or into a distant land to wage war."

And the wife sighed heavily and spoke kindly:

"You did not speak thus to me, you did not talk this way to me, I did not ask thus, I did not hear thus while you still loved me. The gods punish me, in that you have stopped loving me, and do not trust me anymore."

Wringing her white hands, she let her mournful voice be heard over the large palace. The squire took her by her white hands, led her to the high bower, sat her on the white table, spoke endearing words, speaking and trying to make her happy.

And the young noblewoman asked him again:

"Tell me, dear, where are you riding, where are you travelling? Are you going into the green forest to hunt or into a distant land to war?"

So as not to startle the young girl, the squire wanted to lie, to give her false information, that he wasn't riding into a distant land to war, but only into the green forest to hunt. However, the young wife looked into his eyes so lovingly that his tongue froze, his heart felt as if pierced by a splinter, he forgot to lie and to tell an untruth. "O august gods..." with deep sorrow the young squire thought in his wounded heart, "perhaps I will never see her again. How can I leave without saying farewell, without speaking endearingly for the last time, using endearing names, kissing those fair cheeks, caressing those blond tresses?"

Thus he thought and dark grief darkened his light eyes, like a great storm in the west darkens a bright summer day; it weighed heavy on his heart, and he felt sorry both for his unfulfilled youth and for his beautiful sweetheart and those happy days lived. Lamenting, he told her what the raven had said, what

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL COUNCILS

Dear Fellow Knights:

Once again I approach you with a problem of great importance, — that of organizing more *Junior* councils. It is important because of the fact that in our Junior Knights of Lithuania lies our only hope for strengthening the membership of our organization.

Once a youngster joins a Junior council, the better our chances are of keeping him interested in the K. of L. organization until he is old enough to join the regular council. By that time, he is well acquainted with the principles, aims and ideals of the K. of L., that he is a valuable regular member or a potential candidate for a council officer, having been already indoctrinated with these principles as a Junior K. of L. member. Only in this way can we be assured of maintaining and even increasing our membership in order for the organization to function properly.

There is always the usual "dropping out" of members due to various circumstances, and only in the birth of new Junior councils can we hope to keep our great organization at the high level toward which we strive, and to live up to our motto to work "For God And Country."

I sincerely hope that you will give this problem first consideration at your next meeting and inform me of your progress.

Mrs. Mary Lucas,
National Vice President

GOOD HUMAN RELATIONS

AL JANKS

In April, "Good Human Relations Week", was sponsored by the Dale Carnegie Alumni Clubs. We as Knights of Lithuania should also become more conscious of good human relations principles in dealing with people within and outside our own organization. For instance:

The use of encouragement, to help those who may be shy and afraid to undertake responsibilities.

The sincere pat on the back, for a job well done; for good work deserves recognition. And recognition means that the person will be available again for some future task, with even greater enthusiasm than before.

The smile, the type of facial expression that shows warmth and good feeling toward your fellow K. of L'er. The one thing that tells him, more than any other, that you are glad to see him and be in his company.

Instead of criticizing, the other person, try to think about some good thing that he has done; and praise him for it! No matter how inept a person may be, in any given situation, we can always find some good quality, which can be talked about.

Instead of being jealous, of the other person's accomplishments, let us recognize him for his value to the organization. More important, let us learn from him, because he has in his power, the means with which to help make us grow, as individuals and as a group.

Those of us who use these good human relations principles, find that in helping others, we are really helping ourselves; and when, we help ourselves, we are actually aiding the Knights of Lithuania grow stronger, bigger and better!

the old man had bade him do.

"Wait for me, my beloved. When the dry linden branch sprouts and blooms, then I will ride home; then you will again make yourself pretty for me like the green rue."

"My dear, my beloved, why should I bloom like a green rue, why should I make myself pretty like a lily if you no longer are here? When you ride off to a distant land, I will fade and wither like a plucked rue, without you, dear."

And lovingly she asked the young lad not to saddle the steeds, not to halter them with pure gold, to wait at least one more year.

The squire did not listen to her loving words. He kissed her white hands and her fair face, went out of the high bower, away from the white table, out into the large court, sat on the saddled steed, on the haltered roan, rode out of the wide estate into the flat fields, into the dark forest, on to the highway.

Then the girl took her pliant bow into her white hands, set a carved arrow, shot at the swift legs of the steed. The steed stumbled on to his knees, and the squire's cap fell off.

"For me, dear, you angered the gods, through me, horseman, you killed the merchants, made their little children weep, through me you have ruined your youth, therefore I shall suffer with you, endure with you; as I have lived so I will die, together with you. My dear, my beloved, order your grey steeds to be led back."

"Why should you suffer, why should you endure hardship, you who have harmed no one, who have crossed no one's path?"

"If you ride away, I will ride along. If you go to war, I will be at your side. If you die in war, then I will be with you. We have loved and laughed together, so let us die together as we have lived. My beloved hero, what should we fear,

what should we be afraid of, as long as we are together? Order the gray steed to be led back. Dearer is a day of happiness lived than a hundred years of misery and a hundred days of pining."

"Let it be as you wish," replied the lad and he ordered the gray steeds to be led back into the new stable and the glistening weapons and the shining swords to be returned to the wide walls. As the steeds were being led back into the stables, they trembled; as the weapons were being hung on the walls, they clanged sadly. The maiden alone was happy.

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LITHUANIAN HISTORY

VYTENIS — HARBINGER of IMPERIAL LITHUANIA

*Albin S. Adomaitis,
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Even while his father Liūtauras was still reigning in Lithuania, Vytenis as crown prince had established an enviable reputation as a valiant military leader. The Lithuanian military forces moved swiftly but profitably through the lands of the German Teutonic Order and the kingdom of Poland.

Soon after his succession to the throne, negotiations were begun with Archbishop Frederick of Riga for the reintroduction of Christianity into Lithuania. Two Franciscan priests were to be sent to take possession of a church that had been constructed for the use of the Christians. However the Livonian branch of the Teutonic Knights raided the area and with fire and sword destroyed this potential fountain of Christianity. In 1309, the Teutonic Order was placed under an ecclesiastical interdict for its policy of preventing the spread of Christianity.

An interesting alliance was in effect during the reign of Vytenis. The Archbishop of Riga and the citizens of Riga became involved in a dispute with the Teutonic Order over the conquered Latvian lands. Lithuanian troops were quartered in Riga for its protection until 1313. This alliance of the pagan kingdom of Lithuania with the Christian Archbishopric of Riga was very important to the rulers of the Lithuanian state. It opened the eyes of Western Europe to the

fact that the Teutonic Knights were actually interested in the enslavement of foreign lands for personal wealth and not in the introduction of Christ to pagan peoples. Many European knights who had ventured to fight pagans because of idealism and chivalry refused to have anything to do with the degenerating Teutonic Order. The miasma of German propaganda was lifting from Christian Europe.

Also the City of Riga was an excellent supply depot for arms and other items. The Tartar khans had cut off the trading routes from the southern Ukrainian sources around the Dnieper and the Black Sea. The hour had not come for the legions of Lithuania to sally forth to challenge the hordes of Asia and to liberate the Eastern Slavs. The banners of the gallant Ukrainians were in the dust and a macaber silence permeated the once free Christian land.

The general policy of Lithuania during this time was a military holding action against the Teutonic Knights concentrated at the western frontier of the duchy of Samogitia while searching for friends and allies among the Germanic and Slavic states of Europe. When Vytenis' brother Gediminas succeeded as the ruler of Lithuania, he found a nation and government with a very firm foundation and a clearly defined foreign policy.



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THE SOUTHWIND SUDDENLY DIED

by Antonia M. Wackell



The summer night was sleeping when the prowling caller came,
Rattled latches, banged doors, and whistled through the narrow cracks.
And on the slanting roof it played a roaring game:
Thumping blows, tumbling balls, and tossing jacks.

With whips it thrashed the poplars and the mountain ash;
Flailed the tranquil waters in the bay;
And slender reeds and grasses it would snap and lash;
Nothing remained untouched to check its boisterous way.

Worn out at last from its noisy, rowdyish play,
It rambled away, with the promise of a second visit in the day.

The summer noon was peaceful when the caller came back that day,
Changed the sky into a faded, gloomy blue above the bay,
And made a ragged smudge of the distant shore.
It whooped, and howled, and blew with a lustrous roar;
Swept over the bay's gray tiers of roughened waves,
And scrambled them all into myriads of white-topped watery caves.

Serenely the sea-gulls rode the waves on a wind-tossed course,
As though defying the southwind's mulish force.
Cautiously behind a cloud the sun peeked out
To see what the raging and the tumult was all about.

Still the southwind refused to lighten its blow,
And dashed boldly into the poplars standing in a row.
The leaves snapped and whirled madly around
Moaning with a tormented sibilant sound.
It rocked the tops of the mountain ash back and forth,
And bent all the gold-tipped shore weeds to the north.

The sun ventured another look from its hiding-place,
Only to have a cotton-puff cloud conceal its face.
The golden-rod and the daisies — now undisciplined,
Weary from the bending to the will of the wind,
Looked up to the stormy sky as though,
Begging relief from the coming blow.

The sun peeped through the clouds again,
As we peered through the pane,
And saw this western raider's mane
More fierce and full of rain.

This one was loud and black, with a convoy of cloudy company.
Every tree began to sway and the leaves thrash gustily.
The bay turned gray, and green, and blue.

The sky became a dangerous hue.
And then the stormy combat grew and grew.
The bulging west clouds burst with rain,
The weeds and the rushes were flattened again.
The crescendo of sounds, and the clamorous din
Seemed to echo and reecho within.

As we listened, and waited, and watched inside,
The southwind suddenly died...
The raindrops tapped so softly —
A late apology.
The raging storm now rumbled away;
And peace and quiet are anchored in the bay.

LIETUVIAI SOVIETŲ KONCENTRACIJOS STOVYKLOSE

Atsargiai skaičiuojant ir išvadas grindžiant Lietuvos gyventojų duomenimis antrosios sovietinės okupacijos pradžioje ir atsižvelgiant į prieauglį, prieinama išvados, jog i Sovietų Sąjungos priverčiamojo darbo stovyklas bei užuralio kolchozus sovietinis okupantas bus nutrėmęs apie 275,000 Lietuvos gyventojų.

Tremtiniai buvo pristatyti prie pačių sunkiausių darbų ir juos turėjo atlikti žiauriausiose klimatinėse ir buitinėse sąlygose. Lediniuotjūrio pakraščiu tundraose bei Sibiro taigose tiesė geležinkelius, kasė anglį, kirto miškus.

Nepakeldami sunkių sąlygų, daugybė tremtinių žuvo arba mirė kankinių mirtimi bekurdami sovietinę pramonę. Ant jų kapų buvo pastatyti pramonės centrai, išaugo nauji miestai.

Sovietų Sąjungos priverčiamojo darbo stovyklos buvo dviejų tipų:

- a) pastovios, įsteigtos sunkiosios pramonės žaliavų telkiniuose,
- b) nepastovios arba kilnojamoms, turėjusios paskirti pastatyti miestus, nutiesti kelius, kirsi miškus.

Darbo stovyklos dažniausiai buvo įkurtos ypač retai apgyventuose sunkių klimatinų sąlygų rajonuose. Nors jų nestigo ir Maskvos apylinkėse, tačiau didžiausi telkiniai buvo išiauriausiose Sovietų Sąjungos srityse ir Sibiro platuose.

Lietuviai tremtiniai atsidūrė daugybėje stovyklų, pradedant Karaliaučiaus srityje veikusiomis, kaip pavyzdžiui, Tolminkiemyje, kur Kristijonas Donelaitis sukūrė "Metų" poemą, ir baigiant prie Kinijos bei šiaurės Korėjos. Kol lietuvis tas stovyklas pasiekė, jis turėjo atlikti daugiau kaip 7000 kilometrų tremtinio kelio.

Kamčatkos pusiasalio "Bivak" stovykloje, kuri yra 7250 kilometru nuotolyje nuo Lietuvos, 1954 metais buvo arti 1000 lietuviu. Nemaža jų dirbo prie Volgos - Dono kanalo kasimo darbu. Ypač daug lietuvių tremtiniu atsidūrė prie Lediniuotjūrio Vorkutos darbo stovyklose, o taip pat Taišeto srities, prie Baika-

lo, netoli Mongolijos sienos, miško kirtimo stovyklose. Lietuvių karių dirbo prie Stalingrado atstatymo. Karagandos srities vienoje stovyklų buvo daug lietuvių ir lietuvačių nepilnamečių, atskirtų nuo tėvų.

Dažnoje Sovietų Sąjungos priverčiamojo darbo stovykloje kitataučiai tremtiniai sutiko lietuvių.

Ypač sunkios tremtinių sąlygos buvo karo ir pokario metais. Nepaprastai bloga mityba, nepakankama medicinos priežiūra, sunkus darbas ir neįprastos klimatinės sąlygos didžiumos tremtinių sveikatą palaužė. Nuo 1945 iki 1949 metų kai kuriose stovyklose išmirė daugiau kaip pusė tremtinių. Žiemą mirusieji buvo už stovyklos sukraunami krūvomis ir tik atšylant orui užkamsami bendrose duobėse.

Nuo 1952 metų priverčiamojo darbo stovyklų imtiniams pradėtas už jų darbą mokėti atlyginimas. Iki tol nebuvo jokio atlyginimo mokama. Pradėjus mokėti atlyginimą, kas mėnuo iš tremtinio atskaityta už maistą, aprangą ir priežiūrą. Likusią dalį gaudavo pinigais ir jau galėjo bent kiek pagerinti bei pavairinti maistą.

Po masinio pobūdžio sukilimų 1953 metais liepos pabaigoje Vorkutoje, Norilske ir 1954 Kingyre — pastebimi nauji tremtinių būklė šiek tiek lengvina ženklai: a) numami numeriai, prie drabužių prisūti, b) politiniai kaliniai atskiriami nuo kriminalinių, c) i tremtini pradėta žiūrėti bent kaip i reikalingą darbo jėgą, d) gerėjo medicinos priežiūra.

Kai kurie vertintojai šituos pakitimams bando sieti su Stalino mirtimi. Tačiau šitos išvados greičiausiai bus nutolusios nuo pagrindinių priežasčių, vertusių daugiau vertinti žmogų. Antrojo Pasaulinio Karo pasėkoje Sovietų Sąjunga neteko apie 20 milijonu gyventojų žuvusiais (13,600,000 žuvo karių ir 6,700,000 civilių gyventojų), neskaitant tapusių invalidais.

Priverčiamojo darbo stovyklose vien tik pokario metais taip pat bus žuvę keli milijonai tremtinių. Jie

pastatė naujas įmones Sibiro platuose, sukurdami Sovietų Sąjungos rytiniuose rajonuose pramonę, kuriai reikalingos darbo rankos.

Darbo jėgos nevertinimo klaidą Kremliaus valdovai pastebėjo pavėluotai, kai gavo įsitikinti, jog priverčiamojo darbo stovyklų imtiniai darosi ir nepakankama pajėga aprūpinti augančią pramonę, o taip pat pavojinga — sunkiose sąlygose subrendusiais sukilimais bent kuriam laikui galinti paraližuoti žaliavų tiekimą.

Šitos aplinkybės daugiausiai galėjo didinti atžvalgumą i dirbančiuosius priverčiamojo darbo stovyklose. Galėjo turėti kiek įtakos ir politiniai motyvai, būtent: a) Kremliaus tikėjimas priešsovietinį elementą esant palaužtą ir b) siekimas vadinamojo sambūvio su laisvojo pasaulio šalimis, Sovietų Sąjungą apmėčiusiomis priekaištais dėl priverčiamojo darbo stovyklų buvimo.

Kremlius, siekdamas užtikrinti reikalingos darbo jėgos retai apgyventuose Sovietų Sąjungos rajonuose, o taip pat šituo būdu manydamas likviduosias priešsovietiskai nusistačiusius, įvairiomis priemonėmis tose srityse "kurdino" žmones. Pavyzdžiui, priverčiamojo darbo stovyklų ne visi imtiniai, net ir atlikę jiems primestą bausmę, galėjo grįžti gimtinėn. Tatai priklausė nuo saugumo milicijos. Jei ji laikė bausmę atlikusį asmeni pavojingu, toks tegalėjo apsigyventi darbo stovyklos aplinkoje arba nurodytoje kurioje kitoje vietoje, bet neturėjo teisės grįžti i gimtuosius namus.

SIMAS MIGLINAS

"Pavergtoji Lietuva"

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**Vyčiai be jaunesniųjų vyčių, tai vyčiai be ateities.**

**Todėl visur organizuokime ir remkime jaunesnius vyčius!**

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Mergaičių Pasaulis



**MARIJA PEČKAUSKAITĖ —
ŠATRIJOS RAGANA**

1878 — 1930

Lietuvės moters kūribingumas pasireiškia ne tiktaudinių raštais. Jos užima žymią vietą ir mūsų literatūroje. Nemažą skaičių moterų rašytojų vardu randame vartydami lietuvių literatūros istorijos lapus. Ju kūrybinė forma ir turinys yra labai įvairūs.

Viena iš moterų rašytojų, kuri labiausiai sielojosi mergaičių dvasiniu pasauliu yra Marija Pečkauskaitė. Ji būdama pedagogė ir rašytoja, suprato mergaičių troškimus ir su didele meile mokė jas ne tiktaizodžiu, bet ir plunksna.

Gyvenimas

Marija gimė 1878 vasario 24 d. Medingėnų dvare; augo savo tėvų Labunavo dvare, Telšių apskrityje. Sulenkėję ano meto dvarai, turėjo nemažai įtakos Pečkauskaitės vaikystėje. Gi vėliau, tėvams persikė-

lus į Užvenčių dvarą, kur paveikta lietuvių inteligentų: Žemaitės, P. Višinskio ir kt., tapo susipratusia lietuve. Vidurinį mokslą, dėl sveikatos silpnumo, Pečkauskaitė išėjo privačiai namuose. Be bendrojo gimnazijos kurso, Marija dar buvo išmokusi rusų, vokiečių ir prancūzų kalbas ir mokėjo skambinti fortepijonu. 1905 m. išvyko studijuoti pedagogikos į Ciuricho universitetą pas garsų profesorių Fr. W. Försterį. Vėliau persikėlė į Friburgo universitetą. Forsterio pedagogika davė gilų pagrindą visam Pečkauskaitės pedagoginiam darbui. Grįžusi į Lietuvą, Vilniuje ji išlaikė egzaminus mokytojos teisėmis gauti ir nuo 1909 pradėjo mokytojos darbą Marijampolės "žiburio" mergaičių gimnazijoje, kur ėjo mergaičių bendrabučio vedėjos ir vėliau gimnazijos direktorės pareigas. Didžiojo karo metu nusikėlė į Židikus. Ten gyveno iki mirties, dirbdama švietimo ir labdaros darbą ir rašydama daug pedagoginio ir beletristinio pobūdžio raštų.

Raštai

Šatrijos Raganos raštų išspausdinta 7 tomai ir atskirai išleisti jos versti didieji Forsterio pedagoginiai veikalai: Jaunuomenės auklėjimas, Auklėjimas ir auklėjimasis, Kristus ir žmonių gyvenimas ir kt.

Pirmuosius savo kūrinius Pečkauskaitė spausdino lietuviškuose žurnaluose. Pirmoji jos knyga "Viktutė" išspausdinta 1903 m. Amerikoje Shenandoah, Pa. šiame veikale Šatrijos Ragana atskleidžia mergaitės sielos ir lietuvių tautinės dvasios brendimą sulenkėjusio dvaro aplinkoje 19 amžiuje.

"Vincas Stonis" apysaka jauniui, žadinanti jo idealizmą ir gimtosios žemės meilę. "Irkos tragedija" — novelė iš vaikų gyvenimo, kur pavaizduojama vaiko tragedija pakrikusiame tėvų gyvenime. Knygoje "Mergaitės kelias" skirtoje

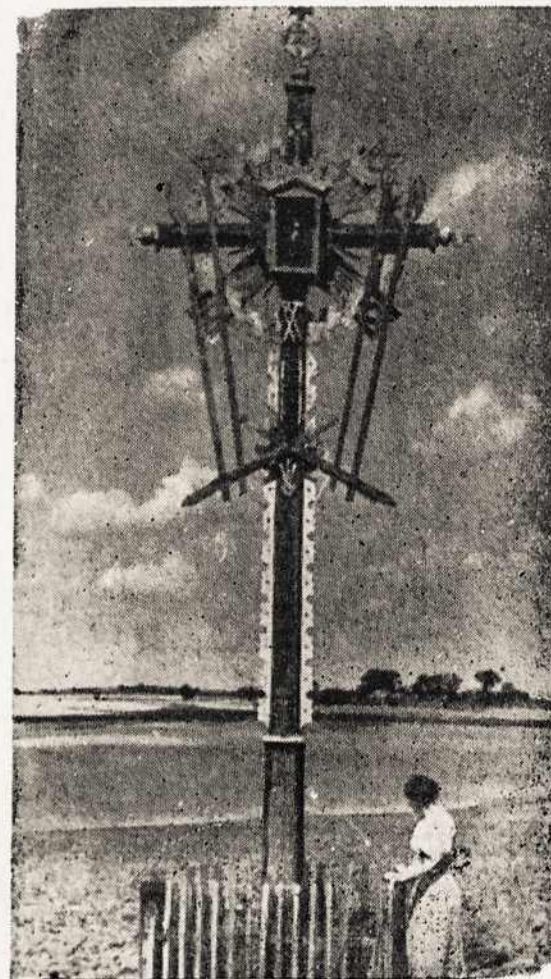
mergaitėms, Pečkauskaitė nurodo šviesų, pilnutinio žmogaus — mergaitės kelią gyvenime. Žymiausiu literatūriniu Pečkauskaitės veikalu laikoma apysaka "Sename dvare". Tai autobiografinio pobūdžio kūrinys, vaizduojas tokią dvaro aplinką, kurioje teko augti ir bręsti pačiai rašytojai.

Idėjos

Pečkauskaitės raštų pagrindinės idėjos yra: tautinės sąmonės žadinimas, liaudies švietimas, teisingumo, darbštumo, pasiaukojimo ir kitų dorybių žadinimas; įvairių negerovių bei charakterio ydų taisymas. Pečkauskaitės idėjos yra įvilktos į realaus gyvenimo vaizdus.

Už nuopelnus pedagogikai ir literatūrai Vytauto Didžiojo universitetas suteikė Šatrijos Raganai 1925 m. garbės daktaro laipsnį.

V. Kulbokienė



Laisvoj Lietuvoj

SELF-PITY DEVASTATES

An underlying cause of depression is ingratitude or a lack of thanksgiving. In our contacts with troubled men and women we have found that three out of every four have more than the average reasons for healthful, happy living. They come from good homes; have families who care for them; wear good clothes and have fairly strong bodies, and yet with all their blessings they build up what they believe to be major problems in their minds.

They allow some triviality to rule their thinking, instead of counting their blessings. Thus they become what psychiatrists call introverts, forever dwelling upon themselves, and their imagined problems.

Nothing is more devastating than a bout of self-pity. It can ruin any glorious day and your chances for health and happiness; it ruins friendships and cuts down ones usefulness in the world, as well as cutting down your happiness quota.

St. Paul had plenty of reasons for self-pity on occasion. He was beaten, buffeted, shipwrecked and weary, but he always bobbed up from the deep waters with a song of thanksgiving on his lips. Tradition indicates that he was not physically robust, but he was enabled to stand up under continued strain. Why was this the case with Paul? It was so

because he refused to dwell upon the shadows and accentuated the blessings in his life.

The habit of perpetual thanksgiving is one of the surest ways of getting victory over your mental and spiritual depressions. We, who live in these United States, where there is plenty of food and comfortable dwellings, sunshine and rain, freedom and culture, ought to be ashamed of ourselves if we fail to thank God daily for the blessings which abound on every hand. Yet, with all these priceless things at our disposal, some of us sit back and feel sorry for ourselves. Why? Because we have become self-centered introverts.

When one begins to count his blessings and to give thanks to God for the good things and the good friends he has, something begins to happen in his mind. He begins to feel that maybe life is not a hard taskmaster after all. Try to form the habit of daily thanksgiving, it will work wonders in your thinking, it will work still greater miracles in your prayers, and it will have a beneficial effect on your physical and mental health.

The master technique for moderns who are wallowing in self-pity, said in modern psychological jargon:

GET OUT OF YOURSELF and get interested in others. The application of this formula revolutionized men and women. It is the habit of thinking only of your

own troubles that leads to depression. God wills to turn your captivity as He turned the captivity of Job, when he began praying for his friends instead of lamenting in his physical, mental and spiritual depression, but just as long as you sit on the ash pile weeping over your losses and indulging in an orgy of self-pity, God cannot apply the remedy to your soul.

"I can't sleep at night", says one. "The nights are awful," another. "I'm afraid to be alone," still another. "What do you suggest to relieve me?"

You can take this suggestion for what it is worth.

Whenever you awaken in the night resort to prayer, not for yourself, but for others, who need the presence and the power of God in their lives. When you pray for those, some of whom are suffering great pain and hardship, like a magic touch the quietness of God comes into our own heart, and a sense of peace and well-being pervades your quiet sanctuary.

If your friends are by-passing you, look within and you will probably find the reason; if God is turning a deaf ear to your prayers, it is possible that your prayers are self-full prayers, and the answers you desire to them would not be for your good.

Your attitude can change if you will turn to God in self-forgetful prayer and thanksgiving. M. J. S.

IŠTRAUKOS IŠ M. PEČKAUSKAITĖS RAŠTŲ

Ši pavasari dažnai sėdžiu gluosnio fotelyje, nes ruošiu dovanėlę mamatės vardinėms. Žiemą pramokau siuvinėti ir išigėdžiau pirmąjį savo darbo vaisių jai atiduoti. Už savo pinigų nupirkau reikiamos medžiagos, ir štai, pasislėpusi fotelyje, kad mamatė nepamatytų, siuvu staltiesėlę spintelei prie jos lovos. Pasirinkau šią dovaną, ne kitokią, gerai viską apgalvojusi. Vakare, maščiau, kai mamatė, baigusi skaityti, norės užgesinti žvakę, jos paskutinis žvilgsnis puls ant mano staltiesės, ir ji užmigs apie mane maštydama... O rytą pirmutinis daiktas jos žiūrimas, yra laikrodis ant spintelės... Ir čia vėl turės mane atsiminti.

Kad jums, mergaitės, tiek rūpėtų jūsų sielos veidas, kiek kūno veidas! Jūs pastebite savo veidą kiekvieną dėmelę, kiekvieną spuogelį ir visokiais tepalais stengiatės juos tuoj pašalinti, kad negadintų jūsų grožio. Kad taip norėtumėt pastebėti dėmes ir spuogus savo dvasioje ir stengtumėtės juos kuo greičiausiai panaikinti! O juk antrasis darbas kiek nuosaikesnis už pirmąjį! Nors ir kažin kaip dailinsit ir saugosit savo veidą, nors ir viso pasaulio kosmetiką vartosite, vistiek jame kasdien atsiras naujų raukšlelių, naujų dėmelių. Vieną kartą jis pavirs į beformę masę ir subirės į pelenus. O dvasia priešingai: jei prižiūresite ją kaip veidą, tai laikui bėgant, ji kasdien gražiau žibės vis didesniu grožiu, kol galų gale šviesi ir spinduliuota pasieks amžinybę.

J. A. V. VYRIAUSIOJO TEISMO TEISĖJAS
WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

TAUTYBĖS IŠLAIKYMO KLAUSIMAS

Š. m. balandžio 17 d. Chicagoje Congress viešbutyje Imigrantų Globos Lygos (Immigrant Protective League) įvykusiame bankete, kuriuo buvo minimas tos organizacijos įsteigimo auksinis jubilėjus, pagrindinę kalbą pasakė JAV Vyriausiojo Teismo teisėjas William O. Douglas. Jo kalba yra verta dėmesio, nes ji liečia daug tokių klausimų, kuriuos mes, lietuviai, savo spaudoje ir susirinkimuose dažnai svarstome. Ji liečia tautybės išlaikymą.

Teisėjas Douglas konstatavo faktą, kad antroji karta, gyvenanti Amerikoje, per greit bandė nusikratyti viso to, ką jų tėvai ar seneliai yra atsivežę į Ameriką. Ir dėl to Amerikai daromas dvigubas nuostolis. Pirmoje vietoje — Amerika nebėra toks demokratijos uostas, koks jis buvo seniau. Amerikos vieta pasaulyje kaip politinė ir religinė užuovėja, yra kiek sumenkėjusi. Antra — tendencija išsižadėti visko, kas iš kitur buvo atvežta, mažina mūsų pajėgumą. "Mūsų žmonėse yra reikalingas įvairumas", kalbėjo teisėjas.

Žymusis teisininkas labai ryškiai pabrėžė, kad "mums reikalingi daugiakalbiai", kurie galėtų kalbėti pasaulio žmonėms tomis kalbomis ir tarmėmis, kurias jie supranta. Anot jo, mums reikalinga Europos ir Azijos žmonių, kurie galėtų perduoti kitų tautų idealus šio krašto žmonėms ir mums parodyti, kad ne visi idealai yra čia, kad esama stiprios demokratinės įtakos net tokiuose kraštuose, kuriuos mes vadiname atsilikusiais. "Imigrantas buvo dideliu ikvėpimu padaryti mus suprantančiais pasauli. Mes esame reikalingi tos gaivinančios srovės, kuri išlaikytų mus gyva, simpatinga pasaulio bendruomenės šaka".

Naujiesiems ateiviams teisėjas kalbėjo: "Mes sveikiname jus dėl to, kad jūs esate skirtingi, kad tame skirtingume mes galime surasti naujos stiprybės. Mes siūlome jums savo idealus — žmogaus lygybę, sąžinės laisvę, teisę pagrįstą valdžią. Mes norime turėti jus savo laisvos visuomenės rėmų viduje ir gyventi kaip individualai pagal Amerikos svajonę. Mes nenorime matyti ant jūsų mašinos antspaudo. Mes norime, kad jūs būtumėte taip aiškiai individualūs galvosenoje, kaip Einsteinas, Fermi, Toscanini ir kiti pabėgėliai nuo tironijos, kurie padėjo mums augti".

Teisėjas labai griežtai smerkė Amerikoje gimusius ir čia augusius, kurie atsisako išmokti savo tėvų kalbą, išsižada savo tautybės. Labai aišku, kad tuo jie ir patys daug kuo sumenkėja ir netenka galimybės praturtinti Amerikos gyvenimą.

Teisėjo Douglas kalba dar kartą išryškina tikrųjų, augštųjų amerikiečių norą, kad nei patys ateiviai, nei jų vaikai ir vaikaičiai neišsižadėtų tėvų kalbos, papročių, jų tautos ir kultūros, nes tuo netenka savo individualumo, susmulkėja ir Amerikai neduoda to, ką galėtų ir turėtų duoti.

Visai panašias mintis reiškė ir buvęs Illinois gubernatorius Adlai Stevensonas, vadovavęs jubilėjinio parengimo programai. Taip pat ir šios organizacijos pirmininkas George Sisler.

PAUL J. JAKMAUH, M. D. Congratulations

*Poem dedicated to
Dr. Jakmauh on his
70th birthday and 45th
anniversary as Doctor of
Medicine. Testimonial
banquet tendered him
at the S. Boston Lithuanian
Citizens Club, May 4, 1958.*

Doctor's life is busy and not an easy one to deal,
Rain, shine, day or night, no time for a quiet meal.

Pains and aches of others you have to listen to,
Always patient and careful for everyone you do.
Up at midnight in a hurry you answer the sick call,
Like a brave soldier, you do not complain at all.

Just a reminder you have done well in life's short space,
Always grateful for your efforts towards the human race.
Knowing your kindness, gladly with pride we say,
Makes us happy to have a friend to this very day,
All of us say Thank you in a big Lithuanian way,
Upon your achievements we congratulate you today,
Happy life for you and yours, may God grant we pray.

Mary Karciauskas,
South Boston, Mass.

K. of L. PINS

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

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

Frank Gudelis
129 Rita Street
Dayton 4, Ohio

ATTENTION!!

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the VYTIS comes to each of you, National Convention is but two months away. Because my annual report will be presented to the Convention body I shall not recount here events and accomplishments of our Supreme Council officers, Standing Committees and Special Committees. This is my opportunity, however, to urge three things.

The first is to encourage each and every one of you to attend the National Convention to receive stimulation from the program which promises to be varied and vital, and to take part in honoring His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania, with our highest award of Honorary Membership during the 500 year Jubilee Anniversary of the Birth of St. Casimir. It is my hope that every Council and District will have many members at the National Convention this year.

Secondly, at the National Convention at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Knights of Lithuania Award Medal will be presented to a Non-Lithuanian who has done a great deal for Lithuania in her struggle to regain her rightful place among the free and independent nations of the world.

Thirdly, my hope for all who attend the National Convention, is that the inspiration will be so great that it will be transmitted to all of our members so that they in turn will wish to share the benefits of K. of L. with other members by increasing membership within their own councils and also founding new ones. We cannot afford to be selfish and "exclusive" in our membership or in forming new councils. The districts have not done too well the last few years, and there is much to be done in our organization. It is quite desirable to expand.

And so, as the fiscal year closes and we initiate our programs for the ensuing year, let us remember that members are the most vital asset in our organization. The best-planned programs and the most praiseworthy ideals have little effect if we do not have members to receive them.

My officers and chairmen of Standing and Special Committees and YOU the members, have been most cooperative, as has been the entire Supreme Board. That is why we have accomplished the few things together that my report will show. Together we can accomplish so much whatever our status in K. of L. may be. The year ahead looks promising.

CONVENTION CALL TO NATIONAL

The forty-fifth annual national convention of the Knights of Lithuania will be held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Broad & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 21-24, 1958.

Registration fee shall be paid by each delegate, alternate and guest at the time of registration, or mailed in advance to Miss Theresa Macy, Secretary, 221 Greenwich St., Philadelphia 47, Penna.

The Pre-Convention Supreme Board meeting will meet Thursday evening, August 21st at the convention headquarters.

The Convention will be officially opened Friday morning, August 22.

Representation and Voting Body: "Each District belonging to the Supreme Council shall be entitled to two delegates and their alternates; each Council shall be entitled to one delegate for the first ten members and one delegate for every additional ten members. Council and District delegates (and alternates) must present their mandates to the convention. Supreme Council officers, Clergy and Honorary Members shall be ex-officio delegates to the National Convention. The membership of the councils shall be determined in accordance with the records of the Supreme Financial Secretary on the thirty-first day prior to the date of the National Convention."

PURPOSE: The national convention is called for the following purposes:

- a) To receive the reports of national officers, district presidents, and chairmen of Standing and Special Committees.
- b) To elect national officers for the ensuing year.
- c) To transact such other business as may properly come before the National Convention.

RESOLUTIONS: Proposed resolutions bearing the endorsement of a District or Council should be sent to the National President at least one month before the opening of the Convention.

Proposed Resolutions adopted by Los Angeles, California, Council 133 at its meeting held April 27, 1958:

1

"RESOLVED, that 25% of all dues should be retained by the Councils, and 75% should be sent to the Supreme Financial Secretary."

2

"RESOLVED, that the Supreme Council should have a balanced budget. Be it further resolved, that the Supreme Council should not spend more than 2/3 of the money received to cover the cost of publishing VYTIS magazine or other publications that it may have; the remaining 1/3 should be allotted for various other operating expenses of the Supreme Council." (Signed by Joseph E. Zichwic, President and Mary Ann Slenis, Secretary. Original resolution sent to National President and copy of same to be published in our official organ — VYTIS.)

RESERVATIONS should be addressed to the hotel. Make your reservations EARLY.

Walter R. Chinik, President

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

103-ji KUOPA

Lietuvos Vyčių 103-ji kuopa veikia Providence, R. I., kur yra susikūrus nors nedidelė, bet pavyzdinga lietuvių kolonija, įsisteigus savo parapiją, o jos klebonas kun. J. Vaitekūnas lietuviškojo veikimo ašis, vienas didžiausių lietuviybės ir lietuviškųjų reikalų puoselėtojas.

Kada kuopa buvo įsteigta, neturima žinių, nebent kuopa turi archyvą ir jame guli pirmosios protokolų ir finansų knygos.

"Vyčio" No. 13, 1931 metais Centro Valdybos paskelbtame sąraše, kiek kuri kuopa pagal konstituciją turi teisės siųsti visuotinin seiman atstovų, 103 kuopos dar nebuvo. Nėra jokių žinių, kad kuopa būtų veikusi ir 1932 metais. Tik tai 1933 m. "Vyčio" No. 2-me Centro Valdybos paskelbtame kuopų, sumokėjusių nario mokesčius, sąraše randame ir 103 kuopą, įnešusi \$10.03. Tad išeitu, kad kuopa buvo įsteigta arba 1932 metų rudenį arba 1933 m. pradžioje.

Bene pirmas viešas kuopos pasirodymas buvo 1933 m. vasario 26 d. Suroštas vakaras parapijos salėj, kur kuopos naujieji aktoriai - mėgėjai suvaidino dvi komedijas "Kurčias žentas" ir "Nesipriešink". Vaidinime dalyvavo Turonis, Cickevičiūtė, Ratkevičius, Kuprevičius ir Kairys. Po vaidinimo sesutės Avižieniutės ir Kuprevičius padainavo lietuviškų dainų.

Atsilankiusių vakaram daugelis nelabai tikėjos ką nors pamatyti ir išgirsti iš jaunųjų aktorių. Tačiau po programos visi pamatė, kad susibūręs kuopon jaunimas turi sceniškų gabumų ir ateityje galima susilaukti gražių rezultatų.

"Reikia manyti, kad tai tik pradžia 103 kuopos darbų. Laikui bėgant mūsų jaunimas labiau pribręs ir susilauksime gražių vaisių", baigdamas korespondenciją apie šį vakarą pareiškė Z. Senelis.

Tų pačių metų įvykusiam metiniam organizacijos atstovų suvažiavime - seime kuopą atstovavo jos dvasios vadas kun. J. Vaitekūnas. Taipgi tais pačiais metais kuopa viešai pasirodė su sporto sekcija. Jos basebolo ratelis buvo vienas žymiausių ir pajėgiausių Naujojoje Anglijoje. Rinktinės metikais (pitchers) ypatingai buvo nepamainomi Verbickis ir Oklavičius.

Baigiantis 1933 metams kuopa buvo suruošus šaunų Naujosios Anglijos apskrities atstovų suvažiavimą, kuriame kuopos narė Teresė Donn išrinkta ir į apskrities valdybą. Taip pat kuopa nutarė suruošti vakarą su vaidinimu. Kun. J. Vaitekūnas ne tik sutiko surasti atitinkamą kuopos meno ratelio pajėgumui ir žiūrovams įdomų veikalą, bet ir

padėti nariams - vaidintojams lietuvių kalboje, tai yra per repeticijas taisyti lietuviškų žodžių tarėną. Tokiu būdu, kun. J. Vaitekūno vadovaujamas jaunimas ne tik organizavosi, švietėsi, lietuviškame veikime sąmoninosi, bet ir lietuvių kalbos mokėsi, praktikavosi. Šitaip auklėjamas jaunimas buvo artinamas prie visų lietuviškųjų reikalų.

1936 metais kuopa buvo suruošus vieną šauniausių metinių organizacijos seimų, kuriame dalyvavo ir kalbėjo valstybės gubernatorius, diecezijos vyskupas ir miesto mēras. Tais laikais tai buvo istorinis seimas.

1937 m. kuopa suruošė vakarą - banketą karo veteranams pagerbt.

Organizacijos steigėjas velionis M. Norkūnas vienam savo paliktame rašte apie 103 kuopą taip atsiliepia:

"Lietuvos Vyčių 103 kuopa visur ir visuomet gražiai pasirodė savo šauniu veikimu. Nors nariais nėra didelė, bet veikime pajėgi. Už tai ačiū jos dvasios vadui kun. J. Vaitekūnui".

Kun. J. Vaitekūno vadovaujama kuopa ir dabar tebėra, nors jos nariai, kaip ir visur, metams bėgant, keitėsi ir keičiasi. Buvę nariai, kad ir čia augę, ne tik nesigėdija lietuviybės, bet stengiasi ją perduoti ir savo vaikams.

104-ji KUOPA

Šiuo numeriu vyčių kuopa veikė Mahanoy City, Pa., įsteigta 1921 metais kovo 20 d. Steigiamajame susirinkime kuopon įsirašė devyni nariai, 1923 metais "Vyčio" sukaktuviniame numeryje rašoma, kad kuopoj jau esame 87 nariai: 65 čia gimę ir augę ir 22 ateiviai. Kad kuopa tikrai buvo didelė liudija ir Centro sekretoriaus finansinė apyskaita ("Vyčio" nr. 9, 1923 m.), kurioj pažymėta, kad narių metinio mokesčio Centras yra gavęs \$113.40.

Antrais gyvavimo metais kuopoj jau veikė scenos meno ratelis ir sporto sekcija. Ruošta vakarai, vaidinimai, o čia augęs jaunimas užsiėmė įvairiu sportu. Kuopa ir nariai pasižymėjo gražiu dosnumu. Tautos Fondo vajuje 1922 metais kuopa aukojo Lietuvos laisvės reikalams \$170.00, o nariai Lietuvos Laisvės Paskolos būnų išpirko net už \$1,200. Ruoštų vakarų ir kitokių pramogų gautu pelnu yra parėmę ir kitus Lietuvos reikalus: \$300 kuopa paaukojo Lietuvos Katalikų universitetui steigti, \$30 Kūdikelio Jėzaus vardo prieglaudai Kaune. Veikta, aukota ir savajai parapijai ir organizacijos Centro reikalams bei Vyčių spaustuvės steigimui. Viso to gražaus veikimo didžiausiu rėmėjum ir skatintoju buvo kuopos įsteigėjas parapijos klebonas kun. Česna.

ATTENTION ALL BOWLERS:**1958 NATIONAL CONVENTION
KING AND QUEEN TOURNAMENT**

Knights of Lithuania Council 3 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, host to the 45th National Convention (August 21-24, 1958), announces that the New York-New Jersey District Sports Committee will conduct a bowling tournament. All members are urged to participate in this tournament to get a reigning King and Queen of the bowling realm of the Knights of Lithuania.

GENERAL RULES:

The tournament is open to all K. of L. members. Participants must come under two categories:

1. *Regular*: Those who have an established average.
2. *Novice*: Those who have no established average or those who have never bowled king pins.

The team make-up is mixed doubles: one male and one female.

DURATION:

The tournament will consist of three games.

DATE:

Thursday, August 21, 1958.

ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee will be \$2.50 per person. This includes three games of bowling and prize money for trophies.

ENTRIES:

All those interested contact Sports Committee Chairman Larry Janonis, 2124 Ellis Avenue, Bronx 62, New York. The entry deadline is August 15, 1958.

HANDICAP:

Your handicap will be based on 75% of the difference between the bowler's submitted average from 180.

AVERAGES:

They will be based on the bowler's highest average as of June 1, 1958

PRIZES:

Team with handicap (Regular)

1st prize: King and Queen

2nd prize: King and Queen

Team without handicap (Novice)

1st prize: King and Queen

2nd prize: King and Queen

Kaip ir kitos Pennsylvania valst. kuopos, taip ir 104-ji nustojo veikusi vieniems nariams sukūrus šeimas ir pasitraukus iš jaunimo veiklos, kitiems išvažinėjus į kitus miestus jieškoti darbo ne anglių kasyklose.

Nors 104-ji kuopa neilgai gyvavo, bet jos kultūrinis įnašas į bendrą Mahanojaus lietuvių katalikų gyvenimą buvo didelis.

**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS PRESIDENT —
A LITHUANIAN**

In June, 1912 at Central High School, Scranton, Pennsylvania, our Lithuanian Consul at Boston, Attorney A. O. Shallna, honored our people by being the only Lithuanian boy in the Class and elected President of the graduating class.

CLASS PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

The moments spent within these walls
Shall cherished be in days to come.
We go from hence where duty calls
And ours shall be a work well done.
Friends, parents, schoolmates gathered here
We welcome you in speech and song.
We cannot part without the fear
That some may not remember long —
That which they are: what they should be
As noble sons of liberty.

Friends of the Class of 1912, we welcome you at this hour! This is to be essentially an evening of festivity and merriment, a feast of reason and a flow of wit; ours is the hope that your enjoyment may be keen and genuine. We are confident that your spirits and ours will be in complete accord and hence none other than genuine good fellowship shall be the frame of mind of you who are our honored and welcome guests, and of us who are to entertain you.

We can never repay our parents, what we owe them for their faith in us, their devotion to us and sacrifice for us. And we shall ever be grateful to our teachers who have guided and so wisely influenced us to reach out for the higher things of life; who have persuaded us to be earnest in the school activities — disliked perhaps at first; and who have fostered the ambition to continue our training and education. Now we appreciate the value of that which we here have received and shall ever consider our progress as most important steps toward the achievement of success in our future lives.

We esteem the close association of our classmates and schoolmates, who, as our congenial companions, have helped to make our high school career brighter and happier.

Twelve in Nineteen Eight in the early Fall, 302 of us entered this spacious hall.

We have endeavored to complete the course of study with credit to ourselves and to the satisfaction of our teachers and parents. Necessity of work, laziness, sad failures, illness, and even death have decreased our ranks until there are only these remaining, of the original 302, who face you tonight. These and others who have joined us and endured all the hardships with us are worthy of receiving their well earned diplomas.

We have reached the time when we will be forced to think and do for ourselves. Let us not turn from the path we face! Nor fail to cast aside all fear, seizing every opportunity which presents itself so that in the years to come we shall not be compelled to say, "It might have been." Now as we are about to face the world, each one must pursue his path alone and push on his journey till the final summons comes and he shall merit the plaudit, "Well done thou good and faithful servant"...

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

Šiaudinukų įvedėja kalėdinei eglutei papuošti atšventė reikšmingą jubilėju. Kukliai, be jokio garsinimosi kovo 13 d. š. m. Rožė Razmaite - Mazeliauskienė atšventė savo 75 metų amžiaus sukaktį.

Kilusi iš Bartininkų, Tauragės apskr., 1905 metais atvyko į Ameriką ir apsigyveno Chicagoj—Bridgeporte, kur per daugiau kaip pusšimtį metų yra nuveikusi labai daug Amerikos lietuvių katalikų kultūrinėje dirvoje. Čia tik keli pavyzdžiai pailiustravimui jos veikimo.

1913 metais šv. Jurgio parapijoj įsteigė šv. Petronelės savišalpos draugiją, kuri daug yra padėjus ir Lietuvai atstatant nepriklausomą valstybę, taip pat pinigiskai parėmus mūs vienuolynus, labdaros ir kitas katalikiškas įstaigas.

Įsteigus Amer. Liet. Katalikių Moterų Sąjungą, R. Mazeliauskienė ne tik steigė kuopas, joms vadovavo, bet ir Centro Valdyboje ėjo ivairias pareigas. Už nuopelnus tai organizacijai 1949 metais buvo pakelta į Garbės nares.

Yra viena steigėjų Moterų Piliėčių Lygos, taipgi Lietuvių Namų Savininkų draugijos, Kat. Federacijoj, Tautos Fonde, Lietuvos Vyčiuose, šv. Pranciškaus ir šv. Kazimiero seserų rėmėjų draugijose buvo viena pirmųjų veikėjų, o ir savo dosnumu yra pasižymėjusi. Pastarųjų dviejų draugijų yra Garbės narė.

Veikdama organizacijose R. Mazeliauskienė pamatė, kiek daug tam veikimui padeda katalikiškoji spauda, dėl to ir čia buvo viena žymiausių veikėjų, spaudos apaštalu. Yra dalyvavus net keliuose "Draugo" naujų skaitytojų vajuose ir laimėjusi dovanas. Draugui istieigus fondą spaustuvei pagerinti, ji pirmoji iširašė Garbės nariu.

1926-7 metais viešėdama savo gimtinėj Lietuvoj taip pat savo aukomis yra parėmus katalikiškas organizacijas, o "Pavasario" Sąjungos Gardamo kuopon iširašė net Garbės nariu. Pamačiusi, kaip Gardamo parapija daug ko reikalinga, grįžusi Amerikon surinko tos bažnyčios reikalams daugiau kaip tūkstantį dolerių.

Paskutiniu metu R. Mazeliauskienė išgarsėjo vadinamais šiaudinukais, kuriais 1946 metais Chicago Mokslo ir Pramonės muziejuje buvo papuošta pirmoji lietuvių kalėdinė eglutė. Tie papuošalai visiems taip patiko, kad jais ne tik kas met puošiama minėtam muziejuje lietuvių eglutė, bet pasirūpina tu papuošalu ir kitos lietuvių ir kitataučių įstaigos.

Vyčių sendraugiai, R. Mazeliauskienė, atšventusiai reikšmingą jubilėju, linkime stiprios sveikatos, kad ir toliau, kiek jėgos leidžia, darbuotusi Amerikos lietuvių kultūrinėje dirvoje.

Viešėjo pas sūnų ir marčią. Jonas Kass su savo žmona ankstyvą pavasari praleido svečiuose pas sūnų Matą ir marčią, išikūrusiu Texas valstybėj, ir ta proga buvo nuvykę į Meksiką, iš kur atsiuntė sendraugiams sveikinimus.

Šiuo metu Kass gyvena kiek toliau nuo Chicago, tačiau dalyvauja sendraugių susirinkimuose ir parengimuose. Anksčiau, kuomet gyveno Chicagoj, Vyčių Namų Taryboj ėjo išdininko pareigas, taip gi buvo išdininku sendraugių kuopos. Taip gi buvo vienas žymiausių Balfu veikėjų ir dalį savo namo buvo užleidęs sandėliui aukotiems Balfu drabužiams sukrauti. Čia tie drabužiai buvo valomi, taisomi ir siunčiami į New York.

Vyčių ir karo veteranas mirė. Širdies ataka mirė Pranciškus Valaitis 61 m. amžiaus. Velionis buvo vienas veikliausių vyčių 5 kuopos nariu ir taip pat žymus tos lietuvių kolonijos veikėjas, priklausė parapijos ir vyčių Chicago apskrities chorams, taip pat buvo vienas žymesnių vaidintojų kuopos ir Chicago apskrities dramos rateliuose, taip pat buvo pirmojo Pasaulinio karo veteranas.

Palaidotas St. Louis, Ill., Kalvarijos kapinėse.

Atostogavo Arizonoj. Ona Aleliunienė, sendraugiu sekretorė, ir Rožė Mazeliauskienė, augščiau aprašytoji sukaktuvininkė, ilgesnį laiką atostogavo Arizonoj pas Aleliunienės žentą Robinson. Aplankė taip

pat žymesnius tos valstybės miestus ir vietas.

Rožė Mazeliauskienė pardavusi savo nuosavybę yra nusistačius ilgiau pagyventi sausame klimato sveikatos atžvilgiu. Šia proga reikia padėkoti R. Mazeliauskienė už stambią auką Vyčių namui, būtent nemažai indų ir kitų gerų virtuvei daiktų, kurie atliko pardavus savo nuosavybę.

Keliaujanti šeima. Taip galima pavadinti Bronę Pivariūniene, dosnią aukotoją lietuviškiems reikalams, ypatingai lietuvių labdarystei. B. Pivariūniene yra keletą kartų lankiusis Europoje. Jos sūnus Algirdas neseniai grįžo iš kelionės po Pietų Ameriką, kur įvairiomis priemonėmis padarė 18,000 mylių kelio, gi duktė Stella Johnson su savo vyru jau yra apkeliavę daugiau nei pusę pasaulio. Paskutiniu metu laiku lankėsi Japonijoje ir Kinijoje.

Pasilieka dvasios vadu. Jau eilė metų, kaip prel. Ignas Albavičius, šv. Antano parapijos Ciceroje klebonas, yra vyčių sendraugių dvasios vadu. Naujai sendraugių valdybai kviečiant gerb. prelatas sutiko ir toliau pasilikti tose pareigose.

Ilgokai serga. P. Čižauskas, vyčių organizatorius, buvęs sendraugių kuopos ir Vyčių namų tarybos pirmininkas, taip pat žymus kitų katal. organizacijų veikėjas, jau ketvirtas mėnuo, kaip gydytoju isakymais gydo — pradžioj ligoninėj, o dabar namuose — savo širdį, kuri pradėjo netarnauti kaip reikia.

Linkime Pranui ko greičiausiai pasveikti ir vėl grįžti į veikimą.

Naudingi patarimai naujų narių vaju. J. M. Jagminas, žymus Roslando lietuvių veikėjas, Vyčių organizacijos veteranas, dabar priklausas sendraugiams, sako, kad šimet minint šv. Kazimiero gimimo 500 metų jubilėju Chicago apskričiai prirašyti 500 naujų narių yra labai lengva, tik, žinoma, reikia daugiau pasidaryti. Dabartiniai apskrities ir kuopų vadovai, sako Jagminas, turi sekti a. a. kan. F. Kemėsio pėdomis, organizacijos reikalais sueiti į glaudžius santykius su parapijū

klebonais, nes gyvenimas yra parodęs, kur parapijos klebonai savo šiltu žodžiu padeda vyčiams, ten ir kuopos tarpsta bei bujoja. Amerikoje dabar turime labai daug gražaus lietuvių jaunimo ir gaila darosi žiūrėti, kaip jis neorganizuotas. Dvasiškija ir pasauliečiai veikėjai turėtų tuo susirūpinti. Pasauliečiai veikėjai turėtų imti iniciatyvos organizuoti, o dvasiškija jiems padėti. Tokiu būdu mūsų organizacija vėl iškiltų dar augščiau negu ji buvo savo pačiame žydėjime 1918-1928 m.

Valdybos posėdis. Pirmas šių metų sendraugių naujos valdybos posėdis įvyko balandžio 8 d. Posėdyje išklaustyti pranešimai, iš kurių svarbiausias buvo knygų revizijos komisijos reportas. Padaryta visa eilė nutarimų ir iškelta keletas naujų sumanymų veiklos pagyvenimui.

Sodelio atidarymas. Gegužės 11 d. buvo suruoštas vyčių sodelio vasarinėms pramogoms — piknikams atidarymas. Kadangi parengimas įvyko Motinos dieną, tad buvo pagerbtos ne tik vyčių, bet ir visos atsilankiusios piknikan motinos.

Konstitucija ir ženklelis. Kiekvienam nariui privalu žinoti pagrindiniai organizacijos dėsniai — konstitucija. Daugelis narių turi senas konstitucijas, kuriose nėra pataisų padarytų pastaruosiuose seimuose. Todėl valdybos posėdyje nutarta parsiųsdinti iš centro naujų konstitucijų, kartu taip pat ir tam tikrą skaičių ženklelių. Ženklelis yra nario pasididžiavimas organizacija, kuriai jis priklauso. Apgailėtina, kad dabar "nėra mada" nešioti organizacijos ženklelį. Sendraugiai duokime jauniems pavyzdį. Juk atsimename, kaip būdami jauni gerbėme ir nešiojome vyčių ženklelį ir juo didžiavomės.

Auka organizacijai paremti. Kovo mėnesį vyčiai gerėjosi tikrai gražiu ir turingu "Vyčiu", išleistu organizacijos globėjo šv. Kazimiero 500 metų gimimo sukakčiai paminėti. Už tai nutarta paaukoti centrui \$25. Jei kiekviena kuopa padarytų tokią auką, mūsų organizacijos centro išdas gerokai būtų papildytas. Tenka patirti, kad šiuo metu centro išdas tuščias ir reikalingas visų narių dėmesio.

Nario mokestis. Besikalbant su nariais, o taip pat ir susirinkimuose,

tenka patirti, kad daugelis narių nesusivokia nario mokesčiuose. Kartais net finansų sekretoriai abejoja, koks šio ir ano nario mokestis. Tiesa, pagrindinį mokestį visi žino, bet tiksliai pavienio nario. Bet nedaugelis gali nedvejodamas pasakyti, koks kiekvieno nario mokestis ten, kur visa šeima priklauso organizacijai — jauniajai jaunių kuopai, o jų tėvai — sendraugiams. Mūsų sendraugių tarpe yra tokių šeimų.

Kad atėjus laikui rinkti iš tokių narių mokesčių nereiktų ginčytis su sekretorium, taipgi lyg abejojančių, sendraugiai nutarė, kad Centro finansų sekretorius bent keletą kartų per metus "Vytyje" smulkiau paaiškintų apie narių mokesčius.

Rekordai iš Lietuvos. Vincas Paukštis, Vyčių salės menedžerius, gavo iš Lietuvos keletą rekordų, kurie pirmą kartą pagroti po sendraugių susirinkimo balandžio 15 d. Visiems nariams įdomu buvo išgirsti dabartinėje Lietuvoje dainuojamas dainas.

Buvo susirgęs. Liga yra nemaloni viešnia šeimoje, taip pat nemaloni žinia ir draugijai, kurios narių liga pasigauna. Tokia žinia savo tarpe dalinasi ir sendraugiai, sužinoję, kad vienas organizacijos veteranų Jonas Lebežinskas netikėtai susirgo ir buvo priverstas net ligoninėje atsigulti. Bet, dėkui Dievui, ligonis pasveiko ir vėl įsijungė į veikimą.

JUNIOR COUNCIL 19

Pittsburgh, Pa. We would like to introduce ourselves. We are members of Junior C-19, majority being students of St. Casimir's and the council has been in existence for two years.

Although our membership is not large, we do have quality. Our council is under the supervision of the Senior Council and from time to time we are invited to their activities, too.

Since our council was formed, we've been holding meetings each week in the school hall; have participated in the Lithuanian Day programs and helped celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuania's Independence (February 16th) by rendering a few folk dances. Following our weekly meetings, we play ping-pong and hold contests.

Our council officers (1958) are: Father Walter Karaveckas, spiritual adviser; Nancy Matthews, president; Joni Brazauskas, vice president; Jeannie Torisky, treasurer and Marlene Serpiskas, secretary. Our honor roll students are Joni Brazauskas, Jeannie Torisky and Larry Smith.

We hope you got to know us a little better. We'll be interested in reading in the VYTIS about other Junior council's activities.

"Nancy"



Lietuvius kankinius Sibire prisimenant

JUNIOR PAGE



LET'S GIVE THE JUNIORS A VOTE!

ANTHONY J. SHALNA, JR.

Although it may seem far off, the National K. of L. Convention will be here almost before we know it. Therefore, it might be a good idea to take into consideration the question of giving the Juniors a permanent right to vote at our National Conventions.

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. This statement is constantly being repeated in the world today, and the reason is very obvious. For ages the prime instinct of man has been, and still is, the instinct for survival. Mankind is constantly engaged in the training and guidance of youth, so that the human race might strive to continue in the manner that was intended by God.

The Knights of Lithuania are also involved in this fight for survival. In the same manner that humanity recognizes the importance of youth, the K. of L. must look to the Junior K. of L. as being one of the best possible types of insurance against failure. We have an obligation to train our Juniors in such a manner that when they become the leaders of our organization, they will possess a thorough knowledge of the aims, purposes, and ideals of the Knights of Lithuania. We must see to it that the Knights of Lithuania will be in capable hands.

The best way to accomplish this goal is to encourage the Juniors to take an active interest in K. of L. problems and give them the feeling of importance that they deserve. And what better way exists than to give the Juniors a vote?

One of the strongest arguments against this vote is the claim by ultra - conservatives that in the past a single vote has been known to decide important elections and that immature people should not have the power to make final decisions on these important matters. This argument is based on false reasoning and a lack of foresight, since it is actually the strongest argument that can be given in favor of allowing the Juniors a vote. What better example of the power of a single vote can we give to our youth?

One of the duties of a citizen of the U. S. is to vote regularly, yet only a relatively small percentage of registered voters ever bother to exercise their privilege on election day. Here, in the K. of L., we have one of the most powerful methods of making our Juniors into useful citizens and fulfilling our motto "For God and Country."

That younger individuals may lack a certain amount of maturity cannot be denied. Yet in a fable entitled "The Emperor's New Clothes," a child was able to see what an entire country couldn't — the Emperor was clad only in his underwear! In like manner, our Juniors may be able to give clear, fresh, unbiased opinions on matters where we, the older ones, cannot "see the forest for the trees."

Given guidance and coaching by a competent group of advisers, the problem of the Juniors helping to make rash decisions can be reduced almost completely. Certainly these decisions cannot be worse than some made possible in the past by a few supposedly "competent" individuals who sometimes even hold office in our organization.

Therefore, it would be best if every K. of L. member examined

the facts. The future of K. of L. depends on the younger people, since they will be the K. of L. leaders of tomorrow. We can interest them in K. of L. ideals and problems now by allowing them to help in solving the problems and pursuing the ideals. We also have an obligation to our country, the U.S.A., to make our members into better citizens who will exercise their voting privileges. We can impress our Juniors with the importance of a single vote and prepare them for the day when they will be able to exercise one of the greatest privileges our country can offer. With proper coaching by the Junior advisers, the chance of the Juniors helping to make a rash decision is negligible, and it must also be remembered that if this remote possibility did occur, exactly half of the ballots cast in favor of this decision would be made by "mature" older members.

We have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. At present we have a weak, comparatively disinterested Junior Knights of Lithuania, and a regular K. of L. membership that is steadily growing older and becoming detrimentally conservative. These, coupled with a dwindling influx of young, new blood point to one thing — stagnation or "fogeyism" which may result in the extinction of our organization.

So let's give the Juniors a vote and thereby do something about insuring the future of the Knights of Lithuania.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Providence, R. I. — 103 Ann Teeks

On February 14, a Valentine party was held for both our council and Juniors in St. Casimir's Church hall. Among guests were Joseph Sakaitis, and Edward Daniels, both of Worcester; George Landanski and Alvir Edler. King and Queen of the party were Robert Dzeckwicz and Maureen Galligan, both Juniors. It was a successful party due to the co-chairmen, Bertha Stoskus and Ruth Krecioch.

On March 2, we observed St. Casimir's day by receiving Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass. A brunch followed in the church hall. Guest of honor was Father Flannery, editor of the VISITOR (Providence Diocese newspaper) who spoke on Catholic Youth in action and the inner soul. Other speakers were Father John Vaitekunas, pastor, Father Martinkus, Father Stepaitis, John Stoskus, master of ceremonies, Veronica Minalgo, president, and Barbara Cyronak, chairman. The food was prepared and served by members of the Mothers' Choir under the direction of Joseph Waitonis.

In observance of National Library Week, a delegation from our council and Juniors, headed by Barbara Cyronak, toured the Smith Hill Branch Library. It was most educational.

The third N. E. district Roll-off was held at the Sullivan Alleys, March 23. Members from both Worcester councils, Hartford, Norwood, So. Boston and Cambridge participated. After bowling, refreshments were served in St. Casimir's Church hall.

Many thanks to John Moricas and his mother for the fine hospitality and delicious refreshments which were served at the March meeting

held at the Moricas' home.

Ritual degrees were bestowed at the April meeting. First degree: Irene Landanski, Veronica Minalgo, and John Moricas; Second degree: Daniel Cyronak, Jr. and Julia Me-ciunas. Third degrees will be given during our October observance of the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir's birth with the exception of Barbara Cyronak who will receive hers during the district convention held in Ansonia, Conn. Congratulations to all!

Father John Vaitekunas surprised the members by providing a buffet supper after the meeting. Our sincere thanks and appreciation, Father...

It certainly was good to see Father Jurgelaitis at the meeting. Haven't seen too much of him lately.

Dan Cyronak spent a weekend in New York City and also ventured to Islington, N. J. for polka dancing.

Vera Minalgo is recovering nicely from a recent automobile accident...

Charles Cyronak, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, is enjoying the warm weather there.

Worcester, Mass. — 116 Ann Miller

Our council honored St. Casimir in March, with an annual Communion Breakfast. Principal guest speaker, Mrs. Kaneb, gave an interesting talk on her recent visit to Rome, where she was a Lithuanian delegate at the World Congress of Catholic Women.

The attendance at our Military Whist was beyond all expectations, thanks to our hard working committee... Our Bowling League ended the season with a bang-up affair at the Sterling Inn. Barbara Mazeika (91.7 average, high single of 125 and high triple of 316) was awarded 1st prize (girls) and Billy Burdulis (92 average) was awarded 1st prize (men's). Louise Totilas, League's secretary, made all arrangements for the dinner.

Our council plans to have some interesting activities throughout the summer months, such as a CLAM BAKE, BEACH TRIP, trip to Boston for a Red Sox - Yankee BASEBALL GAME, etc. We hope our members will enjoy these activities, planned by our energetic Executive Board. Any other suggestions you may have — please present them at our next meeting.

Dis and Data

June wedding is planned by Joan Aksten and Ray Daniels... Barbara Mazeika just became once more "Teta" to baby boy... Congratulations to Shirley (Miller) Rovezzi who gave birth to twin boys... Bill Burdulis has joined the teaching profession — specialty MATHEMATICS... Bob Stevens and Richy Swedis are the ones responsible for the delicious coffee served after our last meeting... How come we haven't seen Jim Gvaz at the clubroom, lately?... Dot Sinkavitch, who said she would never be seen wearing a sack dress, is... Andy Koval, Jr. was named PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK — March 15th issue of "Ascom Legger", a U. S. Army newspaper published in Ascom City, Korea. Andy spends most of his off duty time with Ascom players, a Korea local dramatic group, where he has made quite a name for himself.

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

F. V.

Annual Communion Mass and Breakfast

Our district held its annual convention in Paterson, N. J. (Council 61, host) on March 2nd. Delegates attended 10:30 a.m. Mass which was officiate by Rev. V. Demeikis, asst. pastor of St. Casimir's Church. St. Cecilia's Choir, under the direction of Vincent Yustas, sang during

Mass. Breakfast was held in the parish hall. Among the guests and speakers were Sheriff Hubert A. Hogan, toastmaster; Jules Setnick, president of Council 61; Rev. John Kinta, pastor; Larry Janonis, district president; Police Sergeant Stanley Dutkus; Arthur R. Storm; John Sprainaitis, founder of host council and honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania; Joseph Matachinskis of Tyler, Texas; and representatives of "Ateitininku" and "Bendruomenės" organization. Telegram from Mayor Edward O'Bryne was also read.

Joseph Sable, chmn. of annual district K. of L. Awards Committee, presented certificates to Dorothy Dutkus of Paterson and Frank Vaskas of Newark, two distinguished members in the district, for their untiring efforts in K. of L. work during the past year.

Afternoon program consisted of Benediction, installation of new officers and district meeting, which was opened with a prayer by Rev. Fr. Vladas Karalevicius of Elizabeth, N. J., district spiritual adviser.

Larry Janonis, district chairman of Sports Committee, announced that Linden team held first place in the district bowling tournament.

Frank Vaskas, national chairman of Lithuanian Affairs, commended the district for its fine work; also Ann Klem, district chairlady of Cultural Committee, reported progress.

Highlight of the meeting was a talk given by Father Demeikis on St. Casimir, patron Saint, whose 500th birth anniversary we are celebrating this year.

Delegates and guests expressed their deepest sympathy to Father Karalevicius, who received sad news that his beloved mother in Lithuania had passed on to eternity on January 17th.

Committee in charge of arrangements, consisting of Rev. Fr. John Kinta, Rev. Fr. V. Demeikis, Miss Dorothy Dutkus, chmn., Dalia Slepakovas, Ona Yuskaitis, Joseph Jacobus and George Mondeika, were given a rising vote of thanks at the close of the convention meeting.

Amsterdam, N. Y. 100 Smile & Sparkle

During our annual Communion Breakfast held at Patrick's High-

land House, Father Baltch spoke on the life of St. Casimir, also on the works of "The Divine Comedy" by Dante and "The Human Comedy" by William Saroyan. Among our faithful members who attended were Donald Nikstenas, president, Matthew Kazlauskas, Sadie Karbus, Attorney A. C. Stokna, Sophie Olbie, Marion Jakaitis, Eleanore Stakauskas, Regina Gerutis and Gene Gobis. In charge of the breakfast were Eleanore Stakauskas and Regina Gerutis.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sophie Olbie, in the recent loss of her beloved mother.

Philadelphia, Pa. — 3 The Cuckoo Bird

This year, we celebrated St. Casimir's jointly with other youth organizations of the parish, by a Communion and Breakfast. Our guest speaker was Father Bernard Shimkus, former spiritual adviser, and Joseph Yanulaitis acted as master of ceremonies.

As host to the National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, we are making final preparations in receiving all delegates and guests — August 21-24, 1958. Headquarters: Bellevue - Stratford Hotel.

News Items

Our Minstrel Show was a huge success... We welcome into our fold two new members, Steve Salnaitis and Pete Puodziunas... Joan Kilcheski became engaged and wedding date to be set later... Irene Varevice and Agnes Timmins spent a weekend in the Pocono Mountains — skiing!... Also Theresa Macy spent a week skiing in Canada... Tommy Meron is getting his racing helmet shined up.

Our officers have been working diligently this year — so that the large delegation attending the national convention, will be properly received and entertained. They are Joseph Yanulaitis, president; Irene Varevice, vice president; Theresa Macey, recording secretary; Agnes Timmins, financial secretary and Albert Domeika, treasurer. Also Convention Executive Committee consisting of Helen Shields and Albert Domeika (co-chairmen), Theresa Macey (secretary), Dorothy Barauskas (secretary) and Albert Anona (treasurer).

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52 V. E. Jurkunas

New Officers: James Stokas, president; Al Balandis, vice president; Ronnie Krezonis, secretary; Ann Baronis, financial secretary; Daniel Degutis, treasurer; Charles Oskutis and Norbert Wysocky, Social; Ann Mitchell, Ritual; Helen Balandis and Charles Rusteika, Sports; Algirdas Budrecki, Lithuanian Affairs; and William Senkus, K. of L. Seniors. We greeted our new officers, and also gave a rising vote of thanks to Charles Oskutis, outgoing president and the entire board.

We honored St. Casimir by a Communion Mass which was officiated by Father V. Karalevicius, district spiritual adviser, and Breakfast held in the church hall, March 9th. Following breakfast and program, our new officers were installed.

At our annual Spring Dance held May 3rd in the Lithuanian Liberty Hall, noticed Bill Senkus, chairman of the K. of L. Seniors, jotting down names of prospective Senior K. of L'ers. Those wishing to join the Seniors, contact Bill.

Silver Jubilarian. Our beloved pastor, Reverend Father Michael G. Kemezis is to celebrate Mass on his 25th anniversary in the Priesthood, June 29th, 1958, with Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, seated in the Sanctuary. Following Mass, a testimonial dinner will be tendered the Jubilarian at the Singer Recreation Hall by the combined societies of the parish and the Anchor Club of the Singer Mfg. Co., of which Father Kemezis is its founder and chaplain. The committee also consists of K. of L'ers, namely: Ann Mitchell, Mary Motecus, James Stokas, William Senkus and honorary co-chairmen Rev. Fr. V. Karalevicius and Rev. Fr. J. Pragulbickas.

Bowling. Our team is in second place in the District League. Just one more rung, team! While on the subject — Charles Oskutis boosted his average 10 points from last year, to that of 181.53 — and coveted 1st place in the Downtown Veterans League (one of the strongest leagues in this area — many K. of L. bowlers).

Best of luck to Charles Grinchis, candidate for Councilman in 1st Ward. John Oskutis is his manager.

With warmer weather coming on, we'll be looking forward to outdoor sports, including golf, baseball, swimming, etc. More on these subjects as the season progresses. Vacations make one think in terms of the oncoming K. of L. convention to be held in Philadelphia. I'm certain our representatives will be there in goodly numbers.

Newark, N. J. — 29 The Wanderer

Our annual Communion and Breakfast (March 23) in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Casimir, was celebrated by a Mass and officiated by Monsignor Ignatius Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity Church; and immediately followed by a breakfast in the church hall. Among the guests and speakers were Msgr. Kelmelis, Joseph Sakevich, president of C-29; Rev. Joseph Barkauskas, OSB of St. Benedict Prep of Newark, who spoke on the life of St. Casimir also the 100th anniversary of the appearance of the Blessed Virgin in Lourdes, France; and East Ward Councilman Philip E. Gordon. Toastmaster was John Remeika.

Highlight of the breakfast was the presentation of Ritual degrees by the Ritual Committee consisting of Joseph Sakevich, council president; Vera Laukzemis, John Remeika, Edward Thompson and Frank Vasakas. 1st Ritual degrees were bestowed upon George Basel, Vito Jadelis, Charles Navickas, Stella Andrews and Mrs. Joseph Chepulis; and 2nd Ritual degrees were awarded to Helen Balchiunas, Agnes Borey, Eva Ellis and William Ocealis.

We are most grateful to our committee (Joseph Sakevich, Gladys Douches, Mary Balchiunas, Ann Ocealis, Elsie Kupris, Christina Korbet and Joan Yankauskas) for arranging the day's program.

Newly - Ordained Priests.

On May 31st. at the Cathedral (Newark), His Excellency Archbishop Thomas A. Boland ordained a class of candidates into the Holy Priesthood, and among them were two Lithuanians from our parish — Father Albert Matulis and Father Raymond Thompson, brother of past Council President Edward Thompson. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to both Fathers Albert and Raymond and wish them many blessed years in their labors in the Lord's Vineyard.

25th Anniversary in the Priesthood is being celebrated on June 29th by Father Michael Kemezis, pastor of SS. Peter & Paul Church (Elizabeth) & past N. Spiritual Director of the Knights of Lithuania; also Father Joseph Barkauskas, OSB. To both Jubilarians we wish many more fruitful years in the teachings of God.

Kearny, N. J. — 90 Ta Taradaika

Newly-ordained Priest. We Lithuanians in this community were delighted to learn that Charles Schillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Schillon, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on April 25th by The Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, D.D. The Reverend Simon Anthony Schillon of the Order of Friars Minor celebrated his first Solemn High Mass on the following Sunday at St. Stephen's Church, Arlington, N. J. We wish Father Schillon God's Blessings in all his works.

Recently, we acquired a ping-pong table, thanks to Fred Ditchkus and Lennie Rokas, who lost no time in making one, during their spare time. It's beautiful!

Under the direction of Anne Klem, an egg-coloring party was sponsored by the Junior K. of L., March 24th. The affair was most successful... Also during the Easter holiday — we were pleasantly surprised by a visit of two brothers from Millbury, Mass. — Peter Paul and Joseph Chunis... Recently, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Gelendis were blessed with a baby boy. Sveikiname!... Happy Birthday to Joe Smigelskis (April 19), Anne Klem (April 20), Jane Kelly (April 29), Valentina Bilaitis (May 4), Eleanor Rapsis (May 10), Alfred Ditchkus (May 11), Ann Marut (May 13) and Leonard Rokas (May 21).

MID-CENTRAL **DISTRICT**

Dayton, Ohio — 96 C. Petkus

Your correspondent, while vacationing in Miami Beach, Florida, found time to send in the following council activities:

There was a great turnout at the Communion Mass and Breakfast commemorating the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Casimir,

March 2nd, thanks to Father Walter Katarskis and his assistants, Mrs. Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz.

Our council has increased its Executive Board by naming two committees — **Ways and Means** (Mary Lucas and Charles Vangas) and **Sports** (Ted Sluzas, Alex Pietrzak, John Goldick and Bob Petrokas). Already they are doing a fine job.

Next month I will give you a detailed report on the outcome of the bowling tournament sponsored by our district, May 3rd, in which our council also participated.

At our last meeting, it was voted to donate \$25.00 to the K. of L. Scholarship Fund. As time goes on, we hope to increase our donation.

Our annual picnic will be held August 10th. Please reserve the date.

We wish Bob Petrokas and Frank Ambrose a speedy recovery from an automobile accident while on their return home from the N. & T. Basketball Tournament held in New York... We thank our committee on arrangements — the dance was a success!... Best wishes and happiness to Betty Tucker of Chicago on her recent marriage... Happy Birthday to: Steponas Bucmys, Rita Ann Ambrose, Eloise Berczelly, Elinor Sluzas, Tony Zelinskas, Josephine Rimkus, Leo Razauskas and Patricia Ann Booher (celebrated in April); and Anniversary Greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Romualdas Gineitis.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA **DISTRICT**

Chicago, Ill. — 5 "Lucky"

The new officers for the year of 1958 are as follows: Spiritual Adviser — Reverend A. Valancius; President — Robert Zimmer; Vice President — Lucille L. Yucius; Secretary — Diane Rekus; Financial Secretary — Helen Zimmer; and Treasurer — George Kujawa.

Our best wishes are extended to the new officers for a successful year in all our spiritual & social activities.

On March 2, 1958 the Annual St. Casimir's Day celebration was held with the Senior Council of the Ill.-Ind. District acting as host. On this day two of our members, Helen Zimmer and Lucille Yucius were awarded their third K. of L. Ritual degree. Congratulations!

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A bowling party was sponsored by Council 5 on April 27. Although our district did not have a bowling league this year, the regular Sunday afternoon bowling matches proved to be successful to all the councils that participated in the activity during the past winter. After bowling everyone gathered at the Youth Center for a delicious supper. Prizes were awarded to the "top" bowlers. For those who had plenty of energy left there was still time remaining for some dancing and visiting.

Our Spring dance, held May 24, 1958 at the Club Luchy Hall, was well attended. Music was provided by the popular Starlighters.

We were all happy to hear the good news concerning Loretta Hushka, who now with the aid of a "mechanized wheelchair" is able to visit with the other patients in the hospital, as well as getting some very welcome fresh air out of doors. However Loretta still anxiously awaits visits from some of her old friends. Why don't you visit her some evening?

Wedding bells rang for Dolores Stroga (May 31) and Bob Andrews (April 19) who now makes his home in Wisconsin. Our best wishes are extended to you both for a happy and blessed marriage.

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 133 L. Papšys

On March 9th, our council celebrated the 500th anniversary of St. Casimir's feast day by participating as Honor Guard to Bishop Bell and receiving Holy Communion as a group during the Solemn Pontifical Mass. Immediately following Mass, we breakfasted at the Hotel Statler.

Work and play, Worry and laughter, Excitement and expectation are the ingredients for our Semi-formal Ball to be held on June 7th from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Through the picturesque glass walls of the East Garden Room, Hotel Statler, will be seen yards of bouffant skirts gliding dreamily across the ballroom to the "seventh heaven" music of DANNY

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

45th National Convention

Bellevue Stratford Hotel
August 21 to 24, 1958

Host: Council 3
Philadelphia, Pa.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, August 20th — Tour of Philadelphia — 1 P.M.

THURSDAY, August 21st — Registration, Hotel — 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Bowling Tournament — 4 P.M.
Royal Reception — 8 P.M.

FRIDAY, August 22nd — Opening Mass
Sessions A. M. & P.M.
"Lithuanian Campfire" — Outing

SATURDAY, August 23rd — Mass
Sessions A.M. & P.M.
Luncheon
Convention Ball

SUNDAY, August 24th — Convention Mass
Final Session
Closing Banquet

Members planning to arrive early enough to take in the Tour of Philadelphia on Wednesday, August 20th are requested to notify:

Convention Secretary
Miss Theresa Macey
221 Greenwich Street
Philadelphia 47, Penna.

All Bowling Tournament participants are requested to abide by the rules which appear in this issue of VYTIS, page 17.

STEWER. Oops! Forgot something — the name of our recipe... SPRING BALL. Let's make it a date!

Around Town

I wonder why the weather became warmer when two Californian K. of L'ers, Mary Ann Slenis and her

mother, Mrs. A. Slenis, spent their Easter vacation in Chicago?... Our president, Joe Zichwic, doesn't have time to be present at meetings in L. A., but seems to have a spare moment to indulge in a "Bunny Hop" in Chicago (C-112) with his "favorite little secretary."