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LETTER FROM A STRUGGLING NATION

My dear young Lithuanians,

I am writing this letter especially to you, my young people, who have never known me, and perhaps do not quite understand why your parents and grandparents speak only with sadness of me now.

I was a country of crosses, churches, and chapels; I was a country eminently Catholic. But, on the fifteenth of June, in 1940, the Red Army was on the march and came to occupy my soil. They have tried to tell you ever since that I am dead.

I am not a mythical nation — no, indeed; but I can understand how hard it is for you to visualize what I am like. The size of my land holdings has varied between 20,000 square miles centering about the Nemunas river to the vast empire of Vytautas which extended from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Many have tried to make you forget me, to make you believe that I had ceased to exist. But this is not true, my young people; I do exist, and with your help, will continue to do so. You may not find me listed on some maps, but I am there.

My mighty and ancient people have been bred to hardship and have endured pain and suffering from time immemorial; they are not strangers to sorrow. They loved their God as you do, but the Communists had made the most terrible of decisions — to exterminate Lithuanian Catholic people.

From the first days of the occupation they prohibited all writings of religious nature and took away all works from the Catholic printing presses, libraries, and bookstores. They destroyed everything they could get. They destroyed not only reading materials, but religious art, museums, crosses, churches, seminaries — anything at all that mentioned our Almighty God. They abolished the feasts that you hold so dear; they suppressed Catholic organizations and religious instruction; they arrested, tortured, deported, and murdered priests and bishops. No inhuman or savage act was suppressed to try to rid the God of my people from my land.

This is what happened to my people, your ancestors. They have suffered. But they still have within them a spark of hope. Patience is required of those who would move slowly and surely forward, but my people are eminently fitted for this role in history. Time does not have a great significance if the true ends are eventually served. The fact that my people will never be content without complete and full liberty is sufficient reason to believe that they will succeed. The people of my land are hoping that you, a generation they have never seen, will not believe that I am dead.

Sing my songs. So many have been impressed with my native songs which literally seem to spring from the heart. They are the songs of a nation proud of its past and proud of its ability to persevere through long periods of adversity. My music has sprung from a well that goes deep into centuries; it is a music of joy.

Learn my history and the legends and folk tales and customs. These are a part of your precious heritage.

Speak my language. Its source goes back to the early users of the Sanskrit and Greek. The language has kept alive its flexible spirit so that today one finds many inclusions. At the same time, it has retained the rich, original, and archaic forms so interesting to philologists.

It saddens me to know that you have never known me. I hope that someday you will be able to step on my unrestricted soil; I will be triumphant! But, until that day comes, do not forget me. If your generation forgets me, who will remember that I am not dead?

Pray for my people; they are praying along with you. My people have placed their trust in God, and God will not forsake them.

May God be with you!

Suffering Lithuania

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BARRIER

Why aren't the displaced persons flocking to join the K. of L. in great numbers? This question has often been discussed from time to time without arriving at the answer. The first objection voiced by the refugees was that they did not understand English and that was their motive in forming their own segregated societies. Then in the Lithuanian press, as well as in "Vytis" magazine, statements were published suggesting that the reason our Lithuanian born kinsmen shunned the Knights of Lithuania was because the English language was being used more often than Lithuanian. We were even accused of having broken away from the Lithuanian nationality for that reason.

I believe I can speak for most of the American born that we do not intend to apologize to anyone for this. We are proud of our great country as we are proud of our Lithuanian ancestry. We are different from many other persons of Lithuanian ancestry who have completely severed their ties with their country of origin and, in many cases, have children who do not understand a word of Lithuanian.

Forty-seven years ago the Knights of Lithuania was founded by Lithuanian immigrants who decided to leave their Tsarist ruled homeland. Here they founded a very strong organization where the Lithuanian language prevailed. However, after the passing of time and the cessation on the migrations to a trickle, more American born were entering the society. Any organization, in order to stay alive, has to continuously replace the deceased and delinquent members. Therefore father time eventually placed the reins of the organization into the hands of the American born. It is to their credit that they have carried on the ideals of the old generation to the best of their abilities. Thus, the affairs of the K. of L. were conducted in both the Lithuanian and English lan-

guages. The member was permitted to speak in the language he was best to express himself. May we call this integration?

After World War II, the United States government opened its doors to the displaced persons of Europe. With the many thousands of Lithuanians establishing their homes here the sagging circulations of Lithuanian publications rose after many lean years. Lithuanian schools became filled and even new churches were built to accommodate the swelling parishes. New publications took the place of the defunct ones. Unfortunately the old established organizations here were snubbed to a degree.

These displaced persons have accepted the high standard of living in the U.S.A. — gained jobs, bought homes and businesses, cars and have become American citizens. Some have seen service in the Korean war and have received university educations under the G. I. Bill of Rights. Then these vets joined the American Legion in Chicago. Though the Chicago Seniors conduct their meetings almost exclusively in Lithuanian they cannot boast of gaining 40 members at one crack. Can it be that a veterans organization of a powerful country carries more prestige than an organization representing a tiny nation like Lithuania? It seems to me that any claims that the English language is a barrier to new membership has flown out the window.

It is also to be noted that the Lithuanian students publish an excellent magazine entitled "Lituanus." This publication is published in the English language and some of my kinsmen have proudly showed it to me.

At the last St. Casimir's Day observance, worthy knight, His Excellency Bishop Brizgys, stated that the work of the K. of L. Lithuanian Affairs Committee is known throughout the world. This is a high compliment for the American born who

work for the ideals of the K. of L.— people who have not set foot on Lithuanian soil. Yet we were criticized in the press as having broken away from the Lithuanian nationality because more English speeches were made instead of Lithuanian. It must be said that it would be discourteous to the non-Lithuanian in the audience to have all of the speeches in Lithuanian. It would be foolish for us to turn away people who want to be our friends. A spurned friend often becomes your enemy.

The reason the Lithuanian Affairs Committee is successful is because they have cultivated the friendship of many Americans in high places such as congressmen, governors, mayors and editors. As a result every year governors and mayors proclaim a Republic of Lithuania Day. The president of the U. S. proclaims a captive nations week. Congressmen make speeches in the House and Senate on behalf of the subjected nations of Europe. Editors publish articles on the same subject. If no response was heard from interested persons they might believe their work is in vain. At every national convention of the K. of L. the Gold Medal Award is made to a staunch friend of Lithuania. This medal is presented at the closing banquet to a non-Lithuanian who has aided the cause of Lithuanians or Lithuania. This is our "thank you" and the Lithuanian peoples token of appreciation for splendid efforts on their behalf.

After World War I, Lithuania attained her independence by receiving considerable assistance from the outside. Today, with most of the Lithuanian intelligensia dispersed, the same pattern will have to be repeated. Every free Lithuanian must encourage and work for the benefit of the enslaved people behind the Iron Curtain. It should not matter whether English or Lithuanian speaking people are willing to further the cause.

LIETUVIŲ NAUJŲ METŲ PAPROČIAI

ALGIRDAS BUDRECKIS

Nauji Metai yra didelė džiaugsmo šventė. Naujaisiais Metais užsibaigia visos bėdos, praeitųjų metų rūpesčiai, sielvartai, vargai. Milionai žmonių sutinka Naujuosius Metus, sveikina juos, laukia ir tikisi iš jų daug gėrybių, laimės, džiaugsmo.

Senovės lietuviui Nauji Metai buvo didžiulės pergalės šventė, pranašavo visą ateitį, buvo neišsemiamo džiaugsmo šaltinis, teikė stiprybės, bet ir reikalavo ne mažai rūpestingumo. Nauji metai lietuviui nešė taiką, ramybę, laimę ar nelaimę, gerumą ar blogumą. Lietuvio mintys jungėsi su dangumi, žeme, gyvuliais, paukščiais ir net visu gyvenimu. Žodžiu, lietuvi džiaugsmas buvo artimai surištas su gamtine aplinka. Žvaigždžių mirgėjimas, vėjo ošimas, varpų skambėjimas, snaigių lakstymas ir dienos šviesumas pranašavo ateitį. Naujieji Metai atskleidė ateities didžias paslaptis, pasakė net mažiausias smulkmenas.

Istorikas Simas Daukantas yra užrašęs sekančius senovės lietuvių papročius: žyniams žiūrėjus į žvaigždes ir lėmus ateinantiems metams laimę ar nelaimę, žmonės vilkdavo trinką (storą pagalį) per kiemus, senuosius metus, ir, tabalus mušdami, dainuodavo panašią dainą:

“Tabalai, tai, tai, tai,
Judink seni kaulus,
Up, up, up,
Sudaušk rankų delnus...”

Paskui žmonės tą trinką sudegindavo, kaipo sunkius praėjusius metus, tikėdami, jog ateinantieji metai bus daug lengvesni ir nereikės taip sunkiai dirbti. Sudeginus senuosius metus (trinką) mergelės tuojau parodydavo berneliams iš medžio išdrožtą lėlę, kurią berneliai mėgindavo pagrobtį, o mergelės paslėpti.

Net prieš penkiasdešimt metų Lietuvoj nemaža buvo užsilikusių tu

senų tradicinių liaudies apeigų. Naujų Metų išvakarėse visi spiedavosi krūvon, imdavosi darbo, dirbdavo, sekdamo pasakas, žaizdavo... Mat, esą negalima tinginiauti. Kas išvakarėse tinginiauja, tas bus visus metus, anot žemaičių, “Tinginių pantis”, didelis tinginys.

Didieji, mažieji laukdavo dvyliktos valandos nakties, burdavo, šnekėdavosi su paslapčių pasauliu, stengdavosi sužinoti savo likimą.

Dažnai senesnieji pripasakodavo įvairiausių pasakų apie raganas, kerėjimus, karalaičius iš augštųjų pilių, vaikščiojančias giltines, šmėklas, piktašias dvasias, atėjusias iš gelmių, kurios pridaranti baisiausių nuostolių, ne vieną nuvarančios į kapus, velnius, baidykles, šmėklas, baisiausių atsitikimus. Daugeliui iš tikrųjų akyse pasirodydavo panašios šmėklos, patys išsigąsdavo, kitus išgąsdindavo, net susirgdavo...

Suaugusios mergaitės, galinčios tekėti, eidavo iš žabų krūvos traukti po žabą. Jei ištraukdavo labai šakotą žabą, sakoma, kad būsiąs vyras turtingas, o jei be šakų — atvirkščiai. Vienos mergaitės dvylikta valandą nakties tamsiame kambary uždegdavo 12 žvakių ir vidury pa-statydavo veidrodį. Veidrody pama-

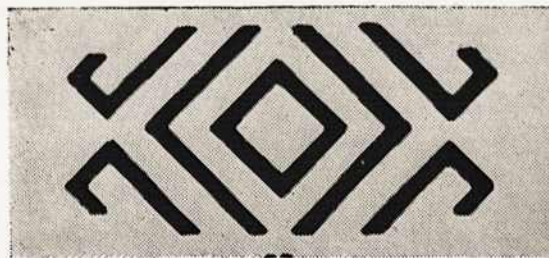
to bernelio veidą. Jei nieko nepamato, tai pasiliks “rugienos grėbsyti” — dar vienus metus turės mergauti. Kaikur Lietuvoje mergaitės spėdavo ateitį su veidrodžiu Kūčių vakarą. Susigavusios vištą statydavo prie grūdų krūvelės, vandens ir veidrodžio. Jei visų pirma lesa — būsimasis bernelis turtingas, jei geria — latras, jei į veidrodį pasižiūri — tuštpuikis. Mergaitės spėliodavo ateitį ir iš daugelio kitų reiškinių, pvz.: ėmesto žiedo į vandens stiklinę, rasto akmenėlio po kojų, pasirodžius pirmą kartą mėnuliui.

Suvoždavo ant stalo įvairius mažus daiktėlius po lėkštėmis. Kiekvienam teikiama atitinkama reikšmė, pvz., žiedas reiškia artimas vedybas, peilis — nelaimę, rašomoji plunksna — mokslą, grabelis — mirtį, vainikas — garbę, veidrodis — tuštybę, duona — sotumą, rožančius — pamaldumą, kryžius — vargą, paukščiai — taiką, meilę, žaislelis — vaiką ir t. t. Kiekvienas šeimos narys versdavo tris kartus po lėkštę. Rastieji daiktai pasakydavo visą ateitį.

Naujų Metų rytą mergaitės žiūrėdavo, kuris bernelis nusišluostys burną jų rankšluosčiu, tas bus jos bernelis.

Seni žmonės žiūrėdavo, kokia bus Naujųjų Metų diena: jei diena giedri — bus geri metai, jei tamsi ir apsiniaukusi — daug mirs, blogi metai. Jei naujų metų vakarą daugiau sninga negu diena, tai daugiau mirs senųjų.

Lietuviai per Naujus Metus mėgdavo ir tebemėgsta pasivažinėti, pasisvečiuoti. Dažnai išvirsdavo iš rogių, net užsigaudavo. Bet išvirtimas reiškia, kad gerai linai užderės. Todėl niekas nebijodavo išvirsti. Per Užgavėnes tai tęsiama. Juo toliau per Užgavėnes važinėsi, tuo ilgesni užaugs linai.



The Den of Wolves

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GRAND MASTER

Chapter VII

Two men sat in the great hall of the castle of Malburg. One was Dietrich, a marshal of the order, and the other, his superior Siegfried von Furchtwagen, Grand Master of the Teutonic Knights.

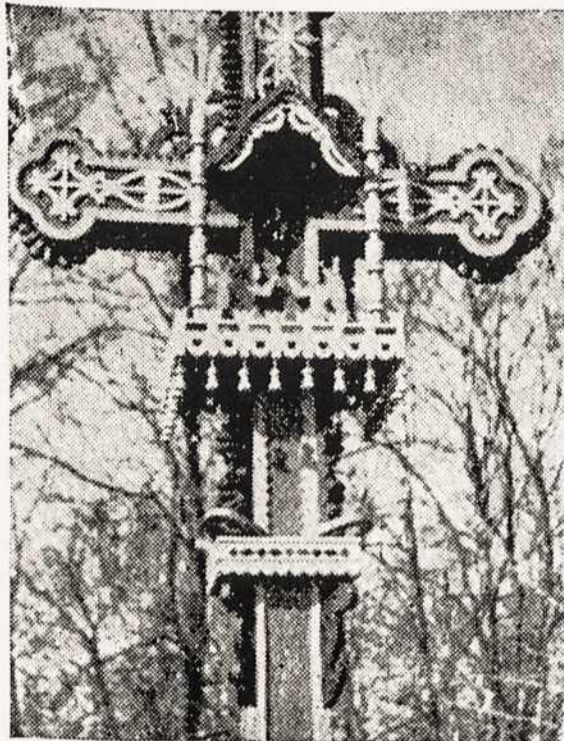
A German knight came in and saluted them. The Grand Master bade him speak.

"Your Highness, Kobolda, wife of Hex, has news. She spent days searching for the wolflings. Finally she found them, and drugged them after some resistance. The boys were too weak to fight much. She then left them and searched for somebody to help her cart them back to the castle.

By chance she came upon Sir Guenter and his knights. He took the lads with him and send Kobolda and me back to tell you the news. She also claims that she saw blind Bernards footsteps in the vicinity."

Dietrich von Altenburg inquired where all of them were at the present time. The knight answered, "As said before Your Highness, Sir Guenter took all of them with his group of knights. He said that he could not spare any of his soldiers and that perhaps they would be necessary for him in his raid into Lithuania."

When the knight was dismissed, Dietrich von Altenburg paced back and forth in the great hall as if trying to calm himself. The Grand Master meanwhile sighed deeply as if a great burden had fallen off his chest. He wanted to rest but Sir Dietrick did not let him. "I do not understand, Your Great Highness, why you permitted that raid at the present time when Poland is nego-



Lietuviškas kryžius
lietuvių dvasios reiškėjas

tiating with Lithuania regarding peace. It is unwise to anger the Lithuanians with such attacks even if they are minor ones."

The Grand Master only sighed again and motioned with his hand as if bored. But Dietrick von Altenburg pressed on, "Now is not the time to fight Lithuania with swords. We should use friendship as a weapon against her. Promises, not soldiers, should be sent to Gediminas. It is only with promises that we can attract the Lithuanians. King Wladislaw of Poland is already friendly with the Hungarians. They will smooth his path to the Emperor and to Rome. If this comes about, the power of the Teutonic Order will begin to disappear!"

"Never shall it disappear!! Never! As long as I am the Grand Master of the Teutonic Knights", and with that statement the leader of the order struck his fist on the table and collapsed.

Dietrick von Altenburg looked at

his commander and said to a servant at the door, "Tell Father Germane that the Grand Master wishes to see him." Then Sir Dietrick left. Father Germane soon came into the great hall calm as always. He found the Grand Master on a bench. Bending over, he rubbed the German's forehead and temples with balsam oil which he had taken out from his priestly robes. Also he massaged the Grand Master's chest with the oil. Immediately the Grand Master began to breath more easily. Upon opening his eyes and seeing the priest, he grabbed the latter's hand and asked for a drink.

Father Germane said kindly, "Such strong drink is not for you now!"

The Grand Master obeyed him but after a moment, he commanded, "I am the Order's power!"

Father Germane calmed him saying, "For the good of the Teutonic Knights and yourself, please do not get upset. Nobody is going to take the command of the knights from you!"

"Nobody?" repeated the Grand Master and looking at the priest eventually fell asleep.

Father Germane left the great hall. On the outside, he met Dietrick von Altenburg with several captains of the Order. Seeing the priest, he shouted pointing at the battle scarred soldiers getting off their steeds, "Look at the Grand Master's work and politics?! Sir Guenter lost all of the best knights. Even the wolflings were captured together with many of our German knights by the Lithuanians."

Sir Dietrick ran to the great hall where he had left the Grand Master but not finding him there, he returned to question the surviving knights as to how the foray into Lithuania had ended with such disaster. Father Germane meanwhile quietly said, "Pax Dei", and slowly went down to the Den of Wolves.

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MOTERŲ IR MERGAIČIŲ ORGANIZACIJOS NEPRIKLAUSOMOJ LIETUVOJ

R. PETRONIENĖ

Jau praėjo dvidešimts metų, kaip Lietuva yra okupuota. Kai pažvelgi atgal, tai nepaprastai malonu prisiminti tą gražų žydinčios laisvos Lietuvos laikotarpį. Tiesa, per trumpas laikas (1918-1940), kad viskas būtų atlikta, kas buvo planuota. Bet vis dėlto buvo daug padaryta visose gyvenimo srityse.

Šioje vietoje malonu tvirtinti, kad tuos visus, valstybei reikšmingus darbus, atliko ne vien vyrai, bet ir moterys. Lietuvė moteris kartu kovojo visame istorijos būvyje už tautos egzistenciją. Ateinančios žinios iš už "geležinės uždangos" rodo, kad ir komunistų pavergtoje Lietuvoje moteris - motina atkakliai kovoja už savo vaikų tautinę gyvybę.

I. LIETUVIŲ KATALIKIŲ MOTERŲ DRAUGIJA

Moterys suprato, kad didesnius darbus atlikti reikia talkos. Todėl jau prieš I pasaulinį karą lietuvaitės ėmė galvoti apie moterų spietimąsi į draugijas. Viena iš pirmųjų draugijų buvo įsteigta lietuvių katalikų moterų draugija. Tai buvo 1908 m. Draugijos veikimui plėsti ir moterims informuoti 1910 m. imta leisti laikraštis "Lietuvaitė", kuris ėjo iki I pasaulinio karo, berods, kartą per mėn. Tada jau buvo įsteigta keletas skyrių įvairiose Lietuvos vietose. Bet I pasaulinis karas buvo laikinai pertraukęs draugijos darbą. Tačiau 1917 m. Dr-jos veikimas vėl atgaivintas ir 1918 m. pradėjo eiti Liet. kat. moterų draugijos organas "Moterų Balsas" (vietoj "Lietuvaitės"). Šiuo metu jau aušo Lietuvai Laisvės rytas. Visame krašte moterys sukruoto dirbti, greitai dygo nauji draugijos skyriai visuose Lietuvos kampeliuose. Nors krašte dar tebėjo kova su įvairiais priešais (bolševikais, vokiečiais, lenkais), bet 1919 m. rudenį buvo sušauktas Kaune pirmasis katal. mot. draugijos kongresas. Jame svarstytas vienas iš svarbiausių klausimų, kad moterys turėtų politines ir pilietines teises, kad galėtų aktyviai dalyvauti kuriamajame valstybės darbe.

Draugijai galėjo priklausyti visos moterys, ištekėjusios ir mergaitės, kaimietės ir miestietės. Draugijos tikslas: kelti religinį, dorinį ir tautinį narių susipratimą; kelti ekonominę gerovę ir profesinį pasiruošimą per paskaitas, kursus, spaudą, mokyklas. Draugijos veikimas buvo labai šakotas. Kad geriau sektusi varyti platūs darbo barai, vėliau buvo įsteigtos sekcijos turinčios specifinius tikslus, pavyzdžiui:

1) **Socialinės globos sekcija.** Jos tikslas duoti visokiariopą pagalbą jaunoms mergaitėms atvykstančioms į miestą ieškoti darbo, mokytis amato ir pan. Taip pat buvo teikiama dorinė bei medžiaginė pagalba moraliai

"paslydusioms" mergaitėms. Tam tikslui sekcija turėjo globos namus, darbo biurą, stočių misijas — Mergaičių globos sekcija buvo narys Tarptautinės mergaičių globos sąjungos ir dalyvaudavo Tarptautiniuose globos kongresuose.

2) **Motinos ir Vaiko sekcija.** Tuo laiku dar buvo gana didelis naujagimių kūdikių mirtingumas, ypač dėl netikslaus maitinimo ir dėl įvairių užkrečiamų ligų. Todėl sekcija turėjo tikslą duoti lietuvėms motinoms pagalbą užauginti sveiko kūno ir dvasios kūdikius. Tam tikslui buvo steigiami **patariamieji punktai**. Punktuose paskirtas dienas budėdavo daktaras ir akušerė (nurse). Iki karo tokių punktų buvo įkurta apie 10. Šios sekcijos rūpesčiu buvo išleista atitinkamų spalvotų plakatų ir spaudos apie kūdikių mitybą bei priežiūrą. Šioji sekcija atliko stačiai gyvybinės svarbos darbą šeimų gyvenime.

3) **Socialinės Globos Fondas**

Šiems visiems darbams, žinoma, reikėjo lėšų. Dėl to prie katal. moterų draugijos centro buvo įsteigtas **Socialinės globos fondas**, kurio tikslas buvo įvairiais būdais telkti lėšas. Buvo daromos viešos rinkliavos, loterijos, renkamos aukos.

Prie draugijos skyrių buvo steigiamos **Motinių tarybos**, kurios irgi prisidėjo prie lėšų telkimo minėtiems darbams vykdyti savo apylinkėse.

4) **Šeiminių sekcija**

Kiek vėliau, berods, 1936 m. dar buvo suorganizuota **Šeiminių sekcija**. Jos tikslas buvo rūpintis profesiniais moterų ūkininkų reikalais. Provincijos skyriuose buvo ruošiami įvairūs trumpalaikiai kursai, kur kaimo šeiminkės gaudavo visokių praktiškų žinių. Draugijos laikraštyje buvo įvestas nuolatinis šeiminių skyrius. Taip pat buvo išleidžiama praktiškai vadovėliai įvairiais namų ruošos bei šeiminkavimo klausimais. Apskritai — Katalikų moterų draugija labai plačiu mastu varė namų ūkio kultūros kėlimo darbą. Čia reikia paminėti, kad draugija buvo įsteigusi net 4 dvimetes mergaičių ūkio mokyklas įvairiose Lietuvos vietose. Per eilę metų per šias mokyklas perėjo apie pora tūkstančių mergaičių, kurios buvo namų kultūros kėlimo pionierės kaimuose. Krašto vaizdas labai keitėsi. Kliūtis tik buvo stoka elektrifikacijos; dėl to negalima buvo daug naujoviškų pagerinimų pritaikinti. Moterys skaitė laikraščius, ieškojo šviesos knygose, radijo paskaitose ir kitur. Iki II pasaulinio karo katalikų moterų draugija turėjo daugiau kaip tris šimtus skyrių, apie 40,000 narių.

(taša sekanciam "Vyties" Nr.)

AFRICA

THE RACIAL QUESTION

Pretoria. Following their plenary Conference, the members of the Catholic episcopate of South Africa published a common Pastoral Letter.

To begin with the Bishops stressed that if one wanted to resolve the social, economic and political problems posed on the African continent by the nationalist pressure it is indispensable to take the principles of the Gospels as guides. Then, they added: "We recognize the legitimacy of political aspirations and the citizens are right to struggle for the recognition of their legitimate rights, but they should use peaceful means". After having warned that feelings of exasperation might lead to acts of violence, the Bishops continued: "While not excusing such acts, we must demand that the causes which provoke them — the injustices and measures of oppression — be suppressed."

Providence has united in the same community populations different by their origin and social standard, but associated in all domains and called to live together in peace and mutual collaboration. In effect, there is only one race, the human race.

Next setting forth the **rights of all**, the Bishops stressed that the differences existing between men neither weaken nor diminish the fundamental rights which each possesses: the right to live, the right to maintain and develop this life from the physical, intellectual and moral points of view, in particular the right to enjoy the benefits of education and a religious training, the right to marry and to have a true conjugal and familial life, the right to use material goods while submitting to the duties and limitations imposed by the social order.

Among these fundamental rights inherent to human nature is also found the right to a just regulation of life in society, including the equality of all before the law and the assurance that power rests with the law. Proper order in society demands that the work of each conform to his personal dignity and



Afrikiečio rytinė malda

A NEW WORLD

ANTONIA M. WACKELL

*How strange this grown-up world appears
From His Father's roomy shoulder.
Where once the empty blue above Him
Glowed with sunset hues and sprinkled stars;
Now everything below is green and brown,
And groups of nodding flowery faces
Look up at Him, as He looks down.*

*How small His birthday lambs appear;
Just pointed ears and fleecy backs.
The cow and donkey — how long they seem
Beside the lively feathered folk
Resorting at the raindrop stream.
His Mother, too, looks up at Him
And Her laughter floats around.
How filled with wonder this new world is
That atop His Father's shoulder He has found.*

that it be paid a just salary in proportion to familial needs.

Next speaking of **necessary changes**, the Pastoral Letter declares that if it is absolutely necessary that changes take place in the national life of South Africa, it is still more urgent that these changes occur in the life of the individual. The members of the Episcopate stressed that different groups of the population of the Union of South

Africa are independent — especially in the economic domain; this independence must be reinforced — not relaxed or, still worse, abolished.

The Bishops demanded political liberty based on justice. It is not the color of the skin which should be the criteria of political rights, but only the capacity to participate in a poll with a sense of responsibility.

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

Ignas Sakalas

(tęsa)

115-ji kuopa

115-ji kuopa buvo įsteigta Lowell, Mass., kun. prelato Pranciškaus M. Juro pastangomis, dviem veikėjams — vietos J. Norkūnaitei ir sobostoniečiui A. Gapučiai padedant. Pirmuoju kuopos pirmininku buvo Al. Versiackas.

Kuopos įsteigimo datos neteko sužinoti. Turint galvoje, kad eilinį 116-ji numerį gavo 1928 metais įsteigtoji Worcester, Mass., kuopa, reikia manyti, kad Lowelly kuopa buvo įsteigta anksčiau. Deja, tikrų žinių neturime, kaip nežinia nei kuriais metais kuopa nustojo veikusi.

117-ji kuopa

117-ji kuopa Hinsdale, Ill., Tėvų Marijonų Kolegijoje buvo įsteigta a. a. kun. dr. Jono Navicko, MIC. Kolegijos direktoriaus pastangomis, 1927 metais.

Kuopai priklausė visi ano meto kolegistai, o jų skaičius tuomet buvo daugiau kaip 50. Dėl formalumo kuopa turėjo išsirinkus valdybą, tačiau visam veikimui vadovavo pats įsteigėjas kun. J. Navickas. Pagrindinis kuopos tikslas buvo palaikyti lietuviškumą jaunujų Amerikos lietuvių tarpe.

Kuopa buvo atstovaujama šiuose organizacijos seimuose: Clevelande, Ohio, 1928 m. Chicago, Ill., 1929 m., ir Kenosha, Wis., 1930 m.

1931 m. Tėvai Marijonai išigijo tinkamą mokyklai nuosavybę Thompsone, Conn., pavadindami ją Marianapolis, ir ten įsteigė kolegiją, kurion buvo perkelti visi buvę Hinsdale studentai. Išvykdami studentai pasiėmė su savim ir visus kuopos veikimo davinius.

Marianapolyj vietoj vyčių kuopos buvo įsteigta Studentų Organizacija su nauju laikraščiu "Studentų Zodis". Hinsdale, Ill., vietoj kolegijos įsteigta Kunigų Seminarija, kur, kaipo mokykloj dvasininkams ruošti, studentams buvo neįmanoma nei vyčių organizacijos veikloje dalyvauti, nei kuopą atkurti.

118-ji Kuopa

118-ji kuopa Hazleton, Pa., buvo įsteigta 1928 metais. Čia vyčių kuopos įsteigimu pasidarbavo buv. Du Bois, Pa., kuopos sekretorius Juozas Šilalis.

Steigiamajam susirinkime kuopon įsirašė 30 narių. Valdybon išrinkta: pirm. J. Šilalis, vicepirm. M. Gavinčiūtė, sekr. Z. Lukašaitė, fin. sekr. Z. Zajauskaitis, išd. A. Balukonis, išdo globėjais J. Ambaravičius ir A. Slanckūtė.

Kuopos veikimas ypatingai reikėsi sporte. Buvo sudaryti krepšinio, tinklinio ir k. sporto rateliai. Greta jų veikė ir scenos mėgėjų grupė, kuri pirma kuopos suruoštam vakare suvaidino dramą "Motinos širdis". Nemažai buvo suruošta ir kitokių pramogų — žiemą salėse, o vasarą — gamtoje. Visas veikimas buvo aprašomas vietos anglų spaudoje.

Kuriais metais kuopa nustojo veikusi, nepavyko žinių rasti.

Išleidimas Lietuvos Vyčių istorijos yra mūsų garbinga pareiga. Paremkime šį projektą savo stambia auka.

LIETUVIŲ KULTŪROS KOMISIJOS PRANEŠIMAI

"Vyčiai už lietuviškumą ir Lietuvą!"

1. Kiekviena Vyčių kuopa turi lietuviškumo vadovą ir pagelbininką, kuriuos parenka kuopos pirmininkas. Vyti, ar žinai kas yra Jūsų kuopos lietuviškumo vadovu?
2. Kiekviena Apskritis taip pat turi savo lietuviškumo vadovą ir pagelbininką, kuriuos parenka Apskrities Pirmininkas.
3. Visos kuopos turi skubiai pranešti savo lietuviškumo vadovus Vyčių Apskrities Pirmininkui — Valdybai. Ar Jūsų kuopa tai padarė?
4. Apskrities pirmininkas ir visa Valdyba sudaro savo kuopų Lietuviškumo vadovų sąrašą, kurio kopiją tuoj siunčia Lietuvių Kultūros Komitetui ir vieną laiko sau.
5. Kuopos pirmininkas yra asmeniškai atsakingas už Lietuviškumo Vadovo ir pagelbininko parinkimą ir pranešimą Apskrities Pirmininkui. Apskrities Pirmininkai įgaliojami pradėti visos apskrities lietuviškumo veiklą, kol jie sudarys lietuviškumo veiklą vadovybę. Bet jie pasilieka atsakingi už visą veiklumą visą laiką. Ar visos kuopos Jūsų Apskirtyje veikia pagal lietuviškumo programą? Ar pranešėte L. K. K. savo lietuviškumo veiklos rezultatus?
6. L. K. K. skaito garbės dalyku būti pirmuoju lietuviškumo programos vykdytoju. Kuri kuopa, kuri apskritis, kuris pirmininkas pirmaus? Mes laukiame visų, visomis jėgomis dirbančių mūsų brangiam lietuviškumui.



K. of L. Juniors

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LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Next month, February 16th, we shall commemorate the 43rd Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Day. If Lithuania, the land of your grandparents were free, there would be a big celebration, something on the order of our own July 4th celebrations. But because it is under the Communists, this day cannot be commemorated in any way in Lithuania. However, since our country, the United States, does not recognize that Lithuania was lawfully occupied by Soviet Russia, we should observe this day in some special way. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Have all the members attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for the intention of all people of Lithuania who died and those who are being denied their God given right to live and worship in freedom.
2. Hold a Commemoration Exercise at your own meeting. Invite someone to your meeting to tell you how Lithuania won her independence — or get a translation of the Independence Act and have one of your members read it. Make up copies of the Lithuanian National Anthem, have all the members sing it, and you can finish by having everyone join in a folk dance. You can do anyone or all of these things suggested, but **YOU SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING** at your meeting to commemorate this event.
3. Wear a little yellow, green and red ribbon on February 16th on your suit jacket or dress. When people ask you why you are wearing this, tell them it is in remembrance of Lithuania, who cannot celebrate its Independence.

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Did your Council have any activities that should of been written up in this space? If so, it's too bad that someone didn't take the time to send your council's report. Don't let another month go by. Have someone volunteer at your very next meeting to see that your council is represented. This section is being published for the benefit of **EVERY JUNIOR COUNCIL**, not just certain ones. Send all contributions to:

Miss Helen Shields
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Philadelpiha, Pa.

How about a Personality of the Month from your Council? Or a picture of some activity that took place in your council. All will be most welcome.

JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA! IT'S UP TO YOU!

With this issue, we begin a "special" Junior K. of L. section in the Vytis. Copies of this section will be in the hands of every Junior each month. How interesting you will find it, will be up to you, Junior Knights! If you contribute articles, poems, short stories, reports of your council activities, illustrations, pictures, etc., then you won't be able to wait until the next month, when your contribution appears! But, if you sit back and let "others" write, you will not find it half as exciting.

Of course, we shall do our best to give you some ideas and suggestions how to have more interesting activities, bring your attention things you, as Junior Knights of Lithuania should get yourselves acquainted with, but, the success of this section will depend largely upon your cooperation. We are prepared to help you, so don't be afraid that you won't express yourself properly or that your spelling is not as good as you would like it to be.

In starting this "special" section for you, Junior Knights of Lithuania, we feel you should be given the opportunity to express your ideas, that you will get to know your organization better by reading about other Junior Council Activities, and use this section to become better acquainted with each other, no matter where you live.

We feel sure, you will want to take advantage of this opportunity, which is being made available, and will want to prove to the Senior Knights that you are, in your own way, just as active and interested in being good members as they are.

Junior Knights — let's all get together and contribute our share to make this venture a success! Let's give it a try, and see how much we can do to make our section of the magazine so interesting, that everyone who gets it, will turn to the Junior K. of L. Section first. **IT'S ALL UP TO YOU! YOU CAN DO IT, IF YOU ONLY TRY, JUNIOR KNIGHTS!**

THE JUNIORS SAY:

LET'S HAVE A CONTEST TO NAME OUR SECTION

That is what the majority of the replies were, when the questionnaires regarding this section were returned. Since a greater number were in favor, here are the rules:

1. All entries must be submitted by February 20, 1961

POET'S CORNER

HOBBIES

By Joseph Beletsky C-3
Philadelphia, Pa.

When building a model,
There is little to do.
Just get your parts,
Paints and a little glue.

Take a plane for instance,
The fuselage comes first.
Then the wings and tail
And you're finished with the worst.

If you're in the modern age,
A missile may be your liking,
That too is quite easy,
A beautiful one is the Viking.

Of course, they have famous people,
They're very nice too,
There's Custer, Lee and Grant,
There might be one of you!

Since I have mentioned some models,
There's still many other kinds,
Ships, animals and people,
They're all for you to find.

GRATEFUL EYES

By Barbara Sacks, C-3
Philadelphia, Pa.

1

I sometimes often wonder
While walking down a road
How dreadful it would be
Never to see that road.

2

N'er to see God's wonders,
Alone in a world of sound,
A dense world of darkness
Kept from the things' around.

3

'Twould be my greatest trial
N'er to see these wonders
Thanks be to God's sweet love
Sight's joy I n'er ponder.

2. Your name, address, and council number must be enclosed.
3. Every Junior Knight may submit as many entries as he or she wishes.
4. The winner will be announced in the April issue of the magazine.

As you see, the rules are very simple, so why not sit down and submit a few names? You can never tell, you may submit The Name that will be selected for our Junior K. of L. Section. This will appear on every issue that comes out, and wouldn't you be surprised and pleased if your name was chosen? Certainly you would — and you should and could be, if you take part in this contest.



JUNIOR K. OF L. RALLIES IN 1960

There were two districts that sponsored Junior K. of L. Rallies in the past year. The New York - New Jersey District Junior K. of L. Rally was held in April, 1960 at St. Casimir's Parish Hall, Philadelphia, Penna. A hundred Junior K. of L's gathered from Elizabeth, Bayonne and the host council of Philadelphia. The welcoming address was given by Helen Shields, National Vice President. Master of Ceremonies, was former Junior, William Wallace of Philadelphia. The Juniors listened to an interesting talk given by Joseph Yanulaitis and enjoyed viewing an exhibit of various works of Lithuanian artcraft, weaving, wood carvings, etc. Each council president gave a very nice report of their respective council's activities for the past year. After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the group assembled for a picture. Upon returning to the parish hall, the Variety Program took place. Each council took part. The Easter Egg Contest was won by two girls from the Elizabeth Council and a boy from the Philadelphia Council. After Dinner,

the Juniors enjoyed dancing and had the opportunity to meet with their friends of last year or make new friends. This was the 2nd Rally for the Junior Knights of the New York - New Jersey District. Plans are now underway for the 3rd Rally which will be held in Bayonne, New Jersey.

The first New England District Junior K. of L. Rally was held at St. Casimir's Hall, Providence, Rhode Island on Friday, November 11th. The Rally was begun with Holy Mass which was offered by Rev. Jurgelaitis of Providence College. In his sermon, Father explained the various ways that Junior Knights could and should serve God. Following the Mass, there was a brief ceremony held in memory of all those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. A member of Jr. Council 26 played Taps. After the ceremony, all proceeded to the church hall for registration. Mr. Edward Daniels, Counsellor of Jr. Council 26 was Master of Ceremonies. We were introduced to the Spiritual Directors, and other K. of

L. dignitaries, among them, the National Vice President, Helen Shields, from Philadelphia. Most of them delivered short speeches offering their congratulations and best wishes to the First New England District Rally.

During lunch, Father Martinkus led the Juniors in a few Lithuanian songs. At one o'clock, Mr. Daniels called the meeting to order. We were addressed by Father Jurgelaitis, Helen Shields, Father Janiunas and Father Martinkus. Father Martinkus announced that there will be a Junior K. of L. Camp this coming summer, and information will be made available as soon as plans are complete. Then followed a few dances and Lithuanian games — led by Father Martinkus. Everyone had fun, but it would have been much more so, if the boys had been a little more willing to join in the fun. Afterwards, we went to the Farm, where we had supper, refreshments, and dancing. All in all, it was an enjoyable day for the 50 New England Juniors who participated at the Rally. We shall be looking forward to next year's Rally, and hope that more Juniors will attend.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

I. Wasthere

Junior Council 67, Bayonne, N. J.

Our newly elected officers are leading our Junior Council of 30 members in a number of various enterprises. We had a very successful Costume Halloween Party on October 31st. Everyone who attended had a grand time. Our treasury hopes to realize some profit from the Decorative Christmas Tree raffle and the Cake Sale we are planning to have after Sunday Masses. We are also selling Christmas cards. Our Lithuanian Folk Dance Group is looking for a new dance instructor since we "Lost" our Counsellor and Dance Instructor to Mr. John Nakrosius of Kearny, N. J. Miss Ellie Miskewitz and Mr. John Nakrosius were wed in October. We wish them both much happiness. Our Council is already beginning to plan for the 3rd New York-New Jersey District Junior K. of L. Rally which will be held in Bayonne. It

shall be a very special event for us, as this year we are celebrated our Junior Council's 10th Anniversary.

Junior Council 3, Philadelphia, Pa.

September saw us not only returning to school, but it was also the month when our K. of L. club-room became a center of bustling activity every Friday night when the Juniors meet to spend a few hours together. Meetings are held the first Friday of the month. The rest of the month we have ping pong, card games such as pinochle, etc., movies, dancing and other things. In November, we held election of officers. The persons elected to office were: Helen Megrail, president, Andrew Seder, vice president, Diane Beletsky, recording

Prie kiekvienos vyčių kuopos būtinai turi veikti ir jaunesniųjų vyčių kuopos. Organizuoškime!

Secretary, Augusta Frasch, Treasurer and Frank Finelli, sgt-at-arms. We wish them a successful year and are confident they will try to lead us well in the coming year. The officers were installed in a special ceremony that was held in our parish hall on December 4th, where both the Senior and Junior Officers were administered the oath of office by our parish Administrator, the Rev. C. Batutis. As you see, by the contributions to this issue, we are doing our best to make this Junior K. of L. Section a success. We hope that other Junior Councils will contribute their share so that we will have the fun and pleasure of reading their articles. We are planning to have an affair to raise money in order that we could charter a bus to attend the 3rd Junior K. of L. Rally being held in Bayonne, N. J. Our members made Lithuanian Christmas Tree Decorations on two Fridays in December and on the Friday preceding Christmas we went Christmas Carolling at two Hospitals.

DR. JONAS BASANAVIČIUS, Tautinio Atgimimo vadas

Jonukas gimė 1851 m. lapkričio 23 d. Lietuvoje, Ožkabalių kaime. Tuo metu Lietuva buvo rusų pavergta. Taip kaip šiais laikais ją turi pagrobę bolševikai.

Namuose Jonukas kalbėjo lietuviškai. Lietuviškai kalbėjo ir jo tėveliai ir draugai. Tik, kai jis ėmė lankyti mokyklą, turėjo išmokyti rusų kalbą. Mokytojas mokė vaikus tik rusiškai.

Kai Jonukas paaugo, pradėjo nerimti, kad nėra lietuviškų knygų nei laikraščių. Lietuviškas raštas buvo draudžiamas skaityti ir spausdinti. Todėl Jonukas nutarė pasiekti aukštąjį mokslą, kad pats daug žinių turėdamas ir kitiems jų galėtų duoti. Baigė Maskvos universitetą ir tapo daktaru.

Dabar Daktaras Jonas turėjo daug mokslo ir daug meilės žmonėms, ypač savo tautiečiams. Jis troško, kad rusai pasitrauktų iš mūsų krašto, kad lietuviai galėtų laisvai kalbėti, rašyti ir skaityti savo kalba. Bet rusų valdžios planai buvo: išnaikinti lietuvių kalbą, iš lietuvių padaryti rusus — surusinti.

Daktaras Jonas su kitais savo draugais nutarė leisti lietuvišką laikraštį "AUŠRA". Tame laikraštyje jis aiškino lietuvių tautai, kaip graži ir naudinga yra jos praeitis. Pasakojo visas skriaudas ir negeroves, kuriomis rusai vargino lietuvius. Jis šaukė visus, jaunos ir senus, visą tautą, kad jie tikėtų Lietuvos išsilaisvinimu. Ragino mokyti lietuviškai skaityti ir rašyti. Kvietė didvyrius į knygnešių darbą. Šie turėjo nešti lietuviškus laikraščius ir knygas iš Prūsų į Lietuvą. Tai buvo labai pavojinga kelionė. Rusų kareiviai sekėdavo tuos knygnešius ir, jei sugaudavo, išstremėdavo juos į Sibirą, arba ten pat nušaudavo. Kartais net labai žiauriai kankindavo, reikalaudami, kad suimtasis išduotų, pas ką yra lietuviškų raštų, taip pat, kad pasakytų ir visų kitų knyg-

nešių vardus. Tokiais didvyriais knygnešiais yra buvęs ir nevienas berniukas, parodęs didvyriškos drąsos ir ištvermės.

Su "AUŠRA" Daktaras Jonas Basanavičius kėlė lietuvių tautą į laisvę ir nepriklausomybę. Jis mirė 1927 m. vasario 16 d.

kaime — in the village
pavergta — enslaved
nerimti — to be ill at ease
laikraščių — newspapers
draudžiamas — forbidden
spausdinti — to print
žinių — information
tautiečiams — his countrymen
pasitraukti — to withdraw
laisvai — freely
surusinti — to Russianize
praeitis — the past
skriaudas — offenses
negeroves — evils
išsilaisvinimas — liberation
knygnešys — book carrier
pavojinga — dangerous
žiauriai — cruelly
kankindavo — tortured
didvyriai — heroes

Skaitykime ir platinkime jaunesniųjų vyčių laikraštėlių ir visur organizuokime jaunesniųjų vyčių kuopas.

All material for the Junior K. of L. Section is submitted to: Miss Helen Shields, 217 Wharton Street, Philadelphia 47, Pa. Don't forget the deadline! It's the 20th of each month — two months preceding the issue.

SKAITYK IR PLATINK "VYTĮ"

FOOTBALL — PAST AND PRESENT

It is partially known to us that football started from soccer. In England, about the 15th century, football games were few. The game consisted of perhaps 2 or 3 hundred people who would try to kick the ball to the opposing team's town. Many people were hurt and much property was destroyed. Finally, the King of England passed a law, forbidding the game of football. But, of course, there were a few daring people who still continued to play in a field, well hidden from anyone.

During the 16th Century, the new King of England, revoked the law forbidding football, and that started the game on its way again. Very little is known of how the idea of carrying, rather than kicking the ball came about.

A few hundred years ago, the idea of equipment was absurd. The players went on the field without any protection whatsoever. Gradually, some means of protection was introduced.

The greatest change in football, was the forward pass which was introduced by one of Yale's players,

Walter Camp. Chris Hall is known for the changes in scoring and the number of downs. Before Mr. Hall made the changes, a touchdown was given 1 point instead of 6, and the offense had to make 3 downs and 5 yards, instead of the 4 downs and 10 yards that are in effect at present.

Even after all the changes, football is still one of the roughest games there is, but to say the least, it is just about the most exciting game of all.

John Gudonis, Jr. C-3
Philadelphia, Penna.

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

ŠIS TAS IŠ CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIU

Stasys Rumšas, vienas tremtinių kartos, atvykęs į JAV ir Chicagoj pradėjęs naują gyvenimą, tuojau išrašė į vyčių sendraugių kuopą ir buvo aktyvus narių gretose. Vėliau kiek laiko gyveno Waukegane, Ill., o paskui persikėlė į Spencerville, Ohio, kur jo žentas veterinarijos gydytojas R. Giniotis buvo įsteigęs smulkių gyvulių gydyklą (ligoninę). Kad ir atokiau gyvendamas Rumšas nenutraukė ryšių su Vyčių Organizacija ir sendraugiais. Negalėdamas dalyvauti veikime, jis švenčių ir kitomis progomis atsiųsdavo aukų: apskrities, kuopos veikimui paremti, Namu Fondui, Pražektoriaus Fondui, ir pirmas buvo aukotojas Lietuvos Vyčių Istorijos Fondui.

Neseniai jis su žentu vėl grįžo į Waukegeną, kur pastoviai įsikūrė, nes žentas nusipirko rezidenciją ir greta jos įsteigė modernišką smulkių gyvulių gydyklą.

Gyvendamas arčiau Chicagos, S. Rumšas, tikimės, dažniau atvyks į sendraugių susirinkimus ir šventes bei parengimus.

Antanas Bacevičius, vienas pačių iškiliausių senosios lietuvių imigracijos veikėjų Chicagoj, ypatingai No. Side lietuvių kolonijoje, kur yra įsteigęs daugelio organizacijų, kaip pvz. L. Vyčių, Federacijos, Darbininkų Sąjungos, Tautos Fondo, Blainininkų Sąjungos, Labdarių Sąjungos skyrius, jiems vadovavęs ir daug veikęs, vėliau keletą metų buvęs Labd. Sąjungos ūkio vedėju. Grįžęs vėl Chicagon, šiomis dienomis Marquette Park kolonijoje nusipirko gražią rezidenciją. Nors jau gerokai amžiaus palenktas, tačiau vis dar veikia organizacijose, ypatingai sendraugiuose. Šiuo metu jis yra Vyčių Namu direktorių pirmininkas ir sendraugių kuopos valdybos narys.

T. Norbutienė, U. Žemaitienė, K. Petrulienė, H. Širvinskienė, J. Klapatauskienė, J. Petkūnienė priklauso ne tik vyčių sendraugiams, bet ir kitoms organizacijoms ir žinomos ne tik savo veikimu, bet ir kultūriniais sugebėjimais. Visos, kaip lietuviškas

priežodis sako, tinka ir prie svečio ir prie pečio. Joks didesnis vyčių — jaunių ir sendraugių — parengimas neapseina be jų.

Sendraugiai didžiuojasi jomis ir linki sveikatos, to brangiausio turto žmogaus gyvenime.

Vyčių nuosavybė įgauna naują "look". Ypatingai daug remonto ir pagerinimų įvesta šiais metais: pertvarkyta virtuvė, pritaikant ją geresniam patarnavimui, nupirka naujų sudedamųjų stalų ir kėdžių, taip pat indų. Lauko pusėj visas namas uždengtas nauju stogu, užpakalinė siena apmušta plytų išvaizdos medžiaga ir perdirbti langai, sodelis aptvarkytas nauja lentų tvora ir pritaikytas vasarinėms pramogoms. Šiomis dienomis salėj įvestos naujos moderniškios šviesos ir lubose įtaisytas didelis vedintuvas. Visoks remontas atliekamas talkos būdu. Daugiausiai darbo įdėda J. Kerulis, N. Karlavičius, A. Petrulis, A. Bacevičius, A. Manstavičius ir k. Ne tik nemokamai dirba, bet dar ir įvairios medžiagos gauna pigesne kaina. Šie ir kiti čia neišvardinti jų talkininkai yra užsitarnavę ko didžiausios pagarbos. Namu išdui jie yra sutaupe šimtus dolerių.

Vyčių sendraugių kuopos istorijoje pastarieji metai buvo liudniausi, nes Dievo siūstas mirties angelas amžinybėn pašaukė eilę veikliausių narių, kurių tarpe ypatingai minėtini K. Jodelis, J. Lebežinskas, V. Paukštis, M. Zizas, B. Pivarionienė, R. Mazeliauskienė.

Visi jie buvo žymios asmenybės šakotame Chicagos lietuvių katalikų veikime. Trumpam rašte negalima išskaičiuoti jų nuveiktų darbų tiek vyčiuose, tiek ir kitose draugijose bei organizacijose. Pvz. pastarosios dvi buvo garbės narės: Pivarionienė Labdarių Sąjungos, o Mazeliauskienė Moterų Sąjungos. Bendrai, nuo pat jaunystės iki slenksčio į anapus karsto visas jų gyvenimas žydėjo darbu, aukomis ir gražiais pavyzdžiais.

Rudeninis parengimas. Jau antri metai, kaip pasibaigia visi piknikai, piknikėliai, vyčiai sendraugiai suruošia sodelio piknikams uždarymo seimo,

pramogą. Šimet tokia pramoga itin buvo miela ir įvairi. Susirinkę nariai ir svečiai bei viešnios vieni bingo žaidė, kiti kortavo, treči prie atskirų staliukų vaišinosi, paskui bendrai pavakarieniavo, o desertui sendraugis, Chicagos didelio anglų dienraščio religinio skyriaus redaktorius Stasys Pieža parodė keletą garsinių filmų. Beje, laimingieji bingo lošėjai gavo gerų dovanų.

Pramogos suruošimui daug pasidarbavo komisija: O. Aleliunienė, E. Samienė, S. Jonutienė, U. Žemaitienė, o joms padėjo T. Norbutienė ir J. Klapatauskienė (virtuvė) ir S. Sakalienė (bingo pravedime).

Pramoga visiems atsilankusiems labai patiko.

J. Kerulis, kuris daugiausiai yra atlikęs nemokamai įvairių darbų ir pataisymų bei pagerinimų Vyčių name - salėj, kuris taip pat daug darbuojasi kitose draugijose, ypatingai vienuolynų rėmėjų draugijose, gausia auka parėmė Nekalto Prasidėjimo Seserų Kongregaciją. Jos užsiimtam dideliu darbu — moderniškai mergaičių stovyklai įruošti ir senelių poilsio namams netoli Putnamo, Conn. pastatyti aukojo tūkstantį dolerių. Beje, tos kongregacijos rėmėjų draugijos Chicagos skyriuje J. Kerulis eina vicepirmininko pareigas.

Cleveland, Ohio

MIRĖ V. M. MAČIOKIENĖ

Spalio 28 d. persiskyrė su šiuo pasauliu viena Clevelando liet. veikėjų, ilgametė vyte ir šių metų vyčių senjorų pirmininkė. A. a. Viktorija labai mylėjo savo tėvelių gimtinę Lietuvą, lietuviybę, jos idėjas, o juo labiau L. Vyčių org. ir jos idealus. Velionė buvo L. Vyčių org. trečio laipsnio narė; žymi L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. veikėja, ilgametė josios finansų raštininkė, scenos mėgėja, choristė, o vėliau susiorganizavus senjorams, ji tapo jų vadove-pirm. Ji dėl jų tiek pasiaukojančiai dirbo, pas save rengdavo "Card party", kurios visuomet buvo sėkmingos. Mieloji velionė dar daugiau ruošėsi pasidarbauti dėl būsimojo L. Vyčių org. seimo, kuris ateinančiais metais

įvyks Clevelande. Bet Aukščiausias sutrukdė Viktorijos visus norus ir pasiryžimus, pasišaukė pas save amžinai ilsėtis ir džiaugtis.

A. a. Viktorija, kada atsigulė į ligoninę operacijai, senjorai vyčiai patys meldėsi, pasiuntė aukeles į liet. seselių vienuolynus, jų dvasios vadas kun. Juozas Angelaitis prisimindavo apie jos sveikatą savo mišiose, kur Mačiokų dukrelė Antanina Mary Gerard būna vienuolyne, už jos mamytės sveikatą meldėsi visos seselės, vienok Visagalis Dievas ką kita įvykdė.

Antanas ir Viktorija Mačiokai, prieš sukūrimą šeimyninio židinio, abu buvo žymūs L. Vyčių 25 kp. nariai. Antanas buvo vienas iš žymiausių Clevelando liet. mėgėjų vaidintojų, o a. a. Viktorija taip pat. Jiedu išaugino dvi dukreles, kurių viena — vyresnioji yra vienuolė, o jaunesnioji Darata, netekus mamytės, gyvena su tėveliu.

A. a. Viktorija ir Antanas, nors abu čia gimę ir auge, bet liet. kalbą kuopuikiausiai naudojo. A. a. Viktorija daug dirbo savoje parap. ir josios draugijose, nors ši parapija buvo kitataučių, bet josios ribose apsigyvenus ir čia įsijungus į jos drauginį veikimą, ją gerbė ne tik narės, bet klebonas ir kiti dvasiškiai.

Laidotuvių metu ne tik gausiai dalyvavo giminės, bet ir visi vyčiai senjorai, draugai ir tų draugijų narės, kuriose velionė priklausė. Bažnyčioje buvo atlaikytos šv. Mišios, kurias atnašavo pats klebonas su dviejų kunigų asista. Klebonas pasakė gražų pamokslą ir palydėjo į katalikiškas Kalvarijos kapines amžinai ilsėtis. Čia vėl klebonas atkalbėjo paskutines maldas ir jausmingais žodžiais prabilo; P. P. A. draugijos pirm. anglų kalboje, o Clevelando lietuvių visuomenės veikėjas L. Leknickas lietuvių kalboj pažymėjo a. a. V. gražiuosius ir didžiuosius darbus. Jo žodžiai visus sujaukino ligi ašarų.

A. a. Viktorija buvo sulaukusi vos 54 m. amžiaus. Ji paliko nuliūdime savo vyrą Antaną, dukrelę vienuolę Mary-Gerard ir dukrelę Daratą; taip pat paliko tris seseris: Magdaleną Rinkevičienę, Eleną Kuzienę, Rožę Sadauskiene, jų vyrus ir du brolius — Praną ir Kazimierą Simonaičius ir jų žmonas ir šeimas.

Brangi lietuve ir vyte, ilsėkis Viešpatyje.

KAIP SENAS LIETUVIŠKAS RAŠTAS?

KUN. J. STEPONAITIS

Pirma žinoma lietuvių kalboj knyga, turimais daviniais, buvo išleista 1547 metais. Tai buvo vadinas Mažvydo Katekizmas. Ir buvo išleistas ne Didžiojoje, o Mažojoje Lietuvoje — Prūsijoje.

Bet toks garsus lietuvių kalbos žinovas, mokslininkas, Profesorius Gerulis tvirtina, kad lietuvių kalbos paminklų turėję būti anksčiau. Ypač jis tvirtina, kad Vytautui D. ir Jogailai krikštijant Lietuvą 1386-87 metais turėję būti lietuvių kalbon išversta ir žmonės mokomi pagrindinių Katalikų Tikėjimo Maldų, kaip persižegnojimas, Tėve Mūsų, Sveika Marija ir kitos. Toks esą buvęs tuo laiku ir anksčiau Katalikų Bažnyčios paprotys, kad jei kurią tautą krikštydavo, ton kalbon būtinai išversdavo tas pagrindines maldas ir jų žmones mokydavo.

Taigi Prof. Gerulis tvirtina, kad tokių maldų turi kur nors būti, ypač Romos, Vatikano, ar Vokietijos archyvuose. Bet iki šiol dar jų neaptikta.

Lietuvių kalbos paminklų yra ir daugiau, ypač seniausiose kaimyninių valstybių kronikose, kurios liečia santykius su lietuviais, kaip rusų, lenkų, kryžiuočių ir kalavininkų kronikose. Jose yra paminėta daug lietuviškų vardų, išsireikškimų, kartais net sakinių. Žinoma, jau ten nėra taip aiškiai lietuviškai išsireikšta. Sakysim vardą Kęstutis vieni rašo: Keystut, kiti — Kinstut. Algirdas rašo: Oligerd, Olgerd ir t.t.

Kaikurie gali nusivilti, kad taip vėlai pasirodė lietuviškos knygos. Toks nusivylimas būtų visai bereikalo. Anais laikais, pabrėžiam, net didelės tautos, nevisos turėjo savo kalbą knygas. Viena, kad to rašto tada tiek nereikėjo. Ana, net toks garsus imperatorius Karolis Didysis, valdęs Prancūziją, Vokietiją ir Italiją nemokėjo nei skaityt, nei rašyt.

O antra daugelis tautų vartojo lotynišką raštą. Toki rusai vartojo ne rusų kalba knygas, o rusų bažnytinės kalbos knygas, o tarp jų di-

delis skirtumas. Ana italai, sena tauta, o tik Viduramžiais pradėjo knygas rašyt itališkai, o anksčiau rašė lotyniškai. Jeigu paimsime kitas tautas, tai irgi rasime panašių dalykų. Taigi nenuostabu, kad ir lietuviai tik vėliau susiprato knygas rašyt lietuviškai.

Žinoma, būt daug geriau, jei su krikščionybe būt atsiradę ir pirmos lietuviškos knygos, bet tai jau ne lietuvių kaltė. O antra dar ir Vytauto D. laikais raštas nebuvo laikomas geresniu ginklu negu kalavijas. Nors, sakysim, toks Vytauto D. senelis Didysis Lietuvos Kunigaikštis Gedeminas prieš kryžiuočius kovojo netik kardu, bet ir laiškais rašydamas įvairiems Vakarų Europos miestams ir šalims, kad tie kryžiuočių kruvinų darbų neremtų nei materialiniai, nei kareiviai.

Nors buvo daryta mėginimų kaikurias knygas spausdint vokiečių gotišku smailiu raštu, nors kaikas bandė rusų kirvukais, bet jie lietuviuose neprigijo. O lietuviai pamėgo lietuvių kalba parašytas knygas lotyniškais raidėmis.

Žinoma, ne visos lotyniškos raidės atitiko lietuvių kalbos dvasią, o dar kitos ir negalėjo išreikšti lietuvių kalbos dvasią, todėl kaikurios raidės, kaip F, H, Q buvo į lietuvių alfabetą neįvestos, o tas alfabetas buvo papildytas naujomis raidėmis, kurios galutinai užbaigė išreikšti lietuvių kalbos dvasią, tarseną, išsireikškimus. Tokių raidžių turim, kaip Č, Š, Ž, Ū ir t. t. Dabar lietuvių alfabetas yra 33 raidės.

Lietuviai šias raides ir tomis raidėmis parašytas knygas labiausia pamėgo ir nors reikėjo net 40 metų kovoti ir mirtinai kovot dėl jų su daug galingesniu priešu, bet lietuviai tą kovą laimėjo ir dabar mes turim lietuviškas knygas su lotyniškoms raidėms (kaip daugelyje valstybių) tik su mažais pakeitimais ar pagerinimais, kad labiau atitiktų lietuvių kalbos dvasią.

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

1961 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The first month of this year's drive is well on the way and if you have not already started canvassing for new members, time's awastin'.... so, to use an old cliché, let's put our shoulder to the wheel and get rolling.

I am again listing my suggestions for conducting a Membership Drive, which have proven to be very helpful in the past and would recommend that they be used as a basis for organizing your drive.

I cannot stress enough how important now more than ever the need for new members is to the survival of our organization.

HOW TO CONDUCT A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

I. CONSIDER YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

1. Do you have the people you want to have as members?
2. If you are a small council, could it be improved, enlivened, made more interesting by additional members?
3. If you want to expand, to get more members in order to add to your funds and your activities, what is the best way of going about it?
4. Is your membership falling off; does it need to be constantly renewed?
5. Where can you find like-minded people to carry on the policies and programs of your council?

II. ANALYZE THE COMPOSITION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

1. Do you need younger or older people?
2. Do you have too many of the same type?
3. Do you think it a good idea to maintain the same type and composition you have now, or should you strive for more variety?

III. LOOK UP YOUR BY-LAWS AND SEE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT MEMBERSHIP:

1. Do you make it difficult to join?
2. Do you encourage new members?
3. How do you treat them when you get them?
4. Do you make them feel at home?
5. Do you assimilate them, get them involved in club activities, make use of their talents, stir and deepen their interests?
6. Do you make them glad they joined?

IV. HOW TO START:

1. Have the President appoint a council chairman; then select a committee to assist him. No campaign can be conducted successfully by one person. Every council member should take an active part in this drive.
2. Appoint a Vice Chairman for this committee; not all organizations follow this policy, but those who do are strongly sold on the idea. Here are arguments in favor:
 - a) The Vice Chairman can take over temporarily when Chairman is out of town or otherwise unavailable.
 - b) He can share the responsibility for the more important duties with the Chairman.
 - c) He is definitely in training for the Chairmanship the following year. This arrangement makes it possible for the council to have continued experienced leadership for its committee.

V. THE COMMITTEE IS THE SPARK PLUG:

The membership committee is responsible for organizing the campaign, keeping enthusiasm high and seeing that it doesn't bog down before it reaches a successful conclusion. It is also responsible for providing prospect leads for members to contact during the campaign.

VI. PROVIDING THE LEADS:

The membership committee should compile a card file of prospects. This committee should make a complete list of all Lithuanian families in their area for possible membership, whether they are eligible for juniors, regular or senior membership. These names should then be distributed to the mem-

bership with the request that they call them on the telephone and discuss possible qualification and interest in membership. Church organizations in your parish are also a good source for prospects.

VII. IDEAS FOR SELLING A PROSPECT:

Prepare your club program for the coming year in advance. An attractive brochure is then prepared containing a calendar of the council's activities that can be presented to a prospect when he is approached for membership.

VIII. INVITE PROSPECT TO CLUB MEETINGS:

Let prospective members see your council in action by inviting them to attend your best meetings. Introduce them around so they'll feel welcome and try to get them to fill out applications for membership before they leave.

IX. PUBLICITY:

To get a campaign in high gear maintain full publicity during the drive period. Publicity must stand on its own feet. Make it colorful; be original if possible, but hold to the facts. Here are a few time-tested publicity devices:

Newspapers:

1. Write a good article on just what the organization does in your community. Feature any prominent and attention - compelling activity. Print the names of the new members if possible during the campaign.

Radio:

2. Local radio time usually can be used by good local speakers with a brief message. Boys and girls of high school often give talks which out-class their seniors. Have well known people to speak but brevity is essential.

Exhibits and Displays:

3. Visual aids are important sources of information. Window displays, posters, Lithuanian cultural exhibits, will all make vivid impressions. Consider such aide to your campaign.

X. LOOK TO YOUR MEMBERS:

In the final analysis, it is the present council members who represent the greatest potential source for getting new members. The enthusiasm with what they go about bringing in new members will be in direct proportion to benefits which they themselves feel they are getting out of their association with the organization.

DON'T DELAY — START YOUR DRIVE TODAY!

If you missed the last month's meeting of your Council, you missed an important letter about the K. of L. History soon to be published. Find out from your secretary how you too are involved in this once-in-a-lifetime project.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL CULTURAL COMMITTEE

We now have definite information that our Lithuanian language instructional records will be available the early part of January. These records are being produced by Foreign Language Studies, Inc. under the coordination of Jack J. Stukas, Cultural Committee Chairman.

Each set consists of two records, accompanied by booklets giving the Lithuanian and English texts. The records have the two speed feature, and can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM. Normal conversational speed is 45 RPM. The slower 33 RPM speed is more suitable for beginners. The price is \$2.00 per set post paid.

We have written to all of our councils regarding these records, and have tried to reach the persons who would be interested in this project and who would bring it to the attention of the other members. Please combine individual orders into a single shipment whenever possible, as that will reduce our shipping expense.

Orders for these records and requests for additional information should be sent to *Frank Gudelis*, 129 Rita Street, Dayton 4, Ohio

ANNOUNCEMENT:

THE ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT
HAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO
COME TO CHICAGO FOR THE 1963
GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION.

The members and 1961 Officers extend their best wishes for a successful K. of L. year.

Board Chairman — *Albin Manst, Sr.*
President — *Eleanore Laurin*
Vice-Presidents — *Albert Kassel*
Walter Tenclinger
Secretaries — *Irena Sankus*
Loretta Macekonis
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Edward Pocius
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Edward Krivickas

SEND VYTIS A WRITEUP EACH MONTH by the 5th

Everybody benefits when VYTIS correspondents send writeups of the activities of their Councils to the VYTIS each month. Members of the local councils are kept informed about coming events and enjoy reading about socials and meetings that have been held. Officers of other councils gain ideas they can use to bring members a varied social and welfare program.

So get into the habit of sending a writeup each month — together with photos and snapshots whenever possible. (cost of making "cuts" — minimum \$3.25.)

With another indoor season started, VYTIS correspondents or Council secretaries will have plenty to write about. Coming events should be described in detail well in advance of the event, so that members will have plenty of notice and will have full information about all the attractions planned for them. Full details — where and when the event was held, how many attended it, what was served, who won the prizes, etc. — should also be included in the account of the event sent to the VYTIS after it has been held. Special attention should be paid to the correct spelling of names.

Writeups should be sent to VYTIS, 395 W. Broadway, South Boston 27, Mass. promptly so that they are received before the 5th of the month, which is the deadline for the following month's issue.

A coming event of great significance — the publication of the history of the Knights of Lithuania. What are you doing to make this reality?

If only 99 percent of the K. of L. membership support the publication of a K. of L. history, it would still be an undesirable blot on our record that there can be among us those who are indifferent to this project; who are not moved by the importance of the occasion; who are not grateful for the privilege of living in these historical years; who are not excited over the prospect and opportunity of taking an active part in the preparation for the 50th jubilee.

Jeigu kiekviena kuopa iš savo išdo paaukotų \$25.00 Lietuvos Vyčių istorijos fondui, tas būtų gražus pavyzdys mūsų pavieniams nariams.

YOUTH'S RESISTANCE IN HUNGARY

Since the insurrection of 1956 the Regime has made every possible effort to make believe that only old people — still full of false ideas — continue to resist its influence. This is why Budapest authorities flattered the younger generations and tried to convince them that a Communist future would be their future. But the latest news from Hungary, mostly based on Communist information, shows that the strongest opposition to Communism is found in youth circles.

Radio Budapest has organized a new broadcast called "Young Observer", created to allow young people to express their criticism and in the hope that criticism would first of all be directed towards enemies of the Regime. Such was not, in most cases, the result obtained. Letters to this broadcast were, of course, unsigned. One of them quite frankly asked the following question: "After listening to your program on patriotism I have decided to ask you how it is possible for you to talk about patriotism at all, when you try to convince us at the same time that Marx is a great **Hungarian** patriot and that our fatherland is not Hungary, but the socialist world? For years you have talked about the International. Why do you now suddenly reverse to the subject of patriotism unless you are using this expression for propaganda purposes? —

Parents' Sins...

Not knowing how to reach the younger generations the Regime has decided to intimidate the parents, who are considered to be responsible of bad influence on their children. This is why new "Schools for Parents" have been created, where — contrary to standing rules — parents and pupils are convoked together. Thus a double aim is reached; the terrorized parents do not dare to openly contradict the communist teacher, and the children's faith in what they have been taught at home is seriously shaken, as well as their respect for parents who no longer show any strength of character, but silently listen to principles contrary to those they used to profess.



WATERBURY, CONN. — Most Reverend Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan and the Honorable U. S. Senator Thomas J. Dodd contributed immeasurably to make the 47th Knights of Lithuania National Convention at Worcester historically memorable. Pictured at the Bancroft Hotel after the closing banquet with Senator Dodd and Worcester's Congressman Harold Donohue, some of the council delegates who were the only official K. of L. representatives from the State — Miss Marcella Andrikis, Mary Undraitis, Lillian Paulauskas, Walter Petcavage, Peter Kudzma, John Alanskas and Alfred Greblunas.

K. OF L. CALENDAR

January 14 — Testimonial Dinner tendered Larry Janonis, National Vice President and President of New York-New Jersey K. of L. District, sponsored by the District, St. George's Hall, 180 New York Ave., Newark, N. J.

January 15 — SUPREME COUNCIL meeting, Newark, N. J.

January 21 — Brockton, Mass. (1) ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL, Walkover Club.

March 5 — NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY K. OF L. DISTRICT to commemorate Feast of St. Casimir, our Patron Saint, High Mass offered at Holy Trinity Church, 10:30 a. m. Breakfast—St. George's Hall, 180-182 New York Avenue. District meeting — St. George's Hall, 3 p. m. HOST: Council 29, Newark, N. J.

May 27-28 — Midwest Bowling Tournament, Chicago, Illinois. Host: Illinois - Indiana District.

August 24-27 — 48th K. of L. National Convention. Host: Senior Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio.

BENDRUOMENĖS KELIU

Kiekvienas turime privatų savo gyvenimą: pastogę ir darbą, politikus ir troškimus, artimuosius ir draugus. Tai natūralu, ir į privataus gyvenimo teises niekas nesikėsina.

Bet kiekvienas priklausome taip pat ir platesniam etniniam vienetui — esame pažymėti bendru kilmės, kalbos, kultūros, istorinio likimo ženklais. Šiuo atžvilgiu kiekvienas esame ir savo tautos dalis. Tai gi kiekvienas taip pat turime tautinį gyvenimą, kuris yra bendras visiems tos pačios tautos nariams. Tai irgi natūralu, nes prigimtoji teisė leidžia kiekvienam žmogui laisvai išpažinti ir ugdyti savo tautybę.

Tautybės ugdymas atliekamas tautoje. Tam tarnauja šeima, mokykla, draugija, spauda, valstybė ir bažnyčia. Tautybė ten ugdoma organizuotomis priemonėmis bei būdais.

Svetur atsidūrusiai tautos daliai

nevisos šios priemonės yra galimos ir prieinamos. Čia tautinis gyvenimas neturi valstybės globos ir paramos, čia negalima normali tautinė mokykla, čia kiekvieną plauna gyvenamojo krašto dvasia.

Tautybės išlaikymas svetur tegalimas tik mūsų pačių apsisprendimu ir pastangomis. Bet našesnių vaisių tegali duoti organizuotos pastangos. Tokias pastangas šiandien vadiname:

LIETUVIŲ BENDRUOMENĖS VARDU.

Iš tikrųjų Bendruomenė svetur atsidūrusiam lietuviui turi būti ta jungtini, kokia tautoje gyvenančiam jos nariui yra tėvynė.

Štai kodėl po Bendruomenės vėliava stengiamasi sutelkti ko daugiausia lietuvių, nes juos reikia išlaikyti gyvus savo tautai. Štai kodėl Bendruomenė imasi tų darbų, kuriuos reikia atlikti visų mūsų jė-

gomis. Štai kodėl Bendruomenė pagrindinį savo dėmesį kreipia į tas vertybes, kurios mus kaip lietuvius praturtina ir palaiko bei pratęsia tautinę mūsų gyvybę.

BENDRUOMENĖ

turi tapti tuo gyvuoju tautiniu židiniu, kuriame spiestūsi visi lietuviai. Ne tik paskiri asmenys, bet ir jų organizacijos, klubai, meno vienetai, mokyklos, parapijos. Tai mūsų ateities siekimas. Ar pagalvojame, kokia didelė jėga tada būtų tautinė mūsų Bendruomenė?

Tesame tik savo siekimų ir darbo pradžioje. Bet pirmieji mūsų žingsniai mus džiugina ir drąsina. Laimingos vietovės, kuriose atsiranda bendruomeninės dvasios žmonių su užsimojimu, ryžtu ir iniciatyva.

Upelių vandenys sudaro upes, upės — vandenynus. Bendruomenė sudaro visi lietuviai. Todėl visai čia turi atitinkamai ir reikštis.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

South Boston, Massachusetts — 17
Ann Onimus

G-17 extends a sincere and joyful thank you to all who made the Fall Dance — a fall spectacular. The number of guests far exceeded our modest expectations. With a flex of their muscles, Al Jaritis and Rudy Rudis set additional round tables up. The Happy Aristis kept the dancers dancing and, the Lithuanianly generous bartenders helped keep spirits high. "Barmaid" Janet Gideck glided between tables collecting empty glasses while Loretta Kontrim and Mary Kraunelis glided between tables collecting quarters for the raffle. First prize of the raffle was won by Aldonna Jakubauskas. She took the bottle home and put it in her closet. Third prize, a bottle of wine, was won by Charlie Marcinkevicius. Wonder what he did with his? Second prize candy slipped away to a Worcesterite named Ann Miller.

Not only was C-17 representation stellar at this dance, but also the representation from distant councils—namely Hartford, New Jersey, and New York. Financially, we did well from the dance; socially it was even more of a success. Truly, one good time was had by all. The committee deserves a commendation. Take a bow Edmund Rudis, Rita and Jerry Venis, Janet Gideck, Loretta Kontrim, Alice Zaremba, and Al Jaritis.

The celebrating that night went on long after the band had stopped playing. Rudy Rudis and Frances Daniels entertained with parties at their homes.

Recalling the modest words of Lith. Club manager Peter Dumas ("That was a good turnout — a good crowd"). We of C-17 say thank

you again to those who "turned out" and made it the good crowd that it was. Yes, C-17 is thinking ahead to a Spring Dance, too.

The regular monthly meeting held Sunday, November 13th, was brief. Two new members were sworn in—Joseph Casper and Joseph Lubinas. The council says welcome. Neither Joe is a stranger to the K. of L. realm but neither had been formally admitted. Joe Casper, incidentally, is running for Council President. Several other council newcomers are in the contest for office. Loretta Kontrim and Albina Rudziunas aspire to trustee: Janet Gideck seeks marshal. Time — and a ballot count will tell who the victors are. Certainly, the 1960 slate worked hard and well. Any council has its ups and downs. For C-17 the 1960 trend was up.

Following the November business meeting, Florence Zaleskas of the Ritual committee examined Al Jaritis, Loretta Lescinskas, and Wanda Yelmokas for second degree. Frances Daniels was examined for third. No results of this cross-examination yet — but all applicants emerged optimistic.

A committee was formed for the Christmas party. It's a tradition now that the council celebration should take place after Christmas Day. The pre-Christmas season, as the Church reminds us, is a period of serious spiritual preparation. It is difficult, if not impossible, to keep the spirit of Advent and be party merry at the same time. By saving our celebrating until immediately after Christmas we can give both times their proper due. Also, we have a history of two very pleasant Christmas — tide parties. This year's will be on the 28th — the Wednesday night following Christmas Day.

Bowling continues Monday nights at eight. The four teams have been titled: The Frogs, the Rangers, the Rodents, and the Giants. Everyone

is welcome and the atmosphere is most informally conducive to high scores. Joe Svagda hit a 137. How's that!

To digress to a chattering vein, there are these tid-bits to report.

Loretta Lescinskas received a strikingly lovely diamond from Joe Casper on Thanksgiving. Our best wishes to this K. of L. couple on their engagement.

Vic Whitkens (Lorraine's brother) was named to the all-Scholastic football team by the Boston Globe. This high school senior is one of the chosen few. It is especially significant in Vic's case. His father recently died. He helps out in the family business, plays excellent football, and still maintains his high scholastic average.

Larry Svelnis is still doing his utmost to interest K. of L'ers and non K. of L'ers in backing the K. of L. history. The fund needs financial help.

Joanne Neviera lost graciously (along with Boston College) and bought El Daniels (C-26) his toast to the football victory of Holy Cross. For years it was Ed who owed Joanne.

Al Jaritis reported that a careful of C-17ers attended Worcester's bowling roll-off the 20th. They, plus many others, plan a return visit in December. That speaks well for Worcester hospitality.

Mark Edward Yelmokas must receive profound apologies. He was mis-named Mark Andre in the "Vy-tis" issue that announced his birth.

At least two C-17ers are contemplating a return to school in the New Year. Both Al Jaritis and Wanda Yelmokas as sprouting academic ambitions. Frank Averka has been faithful to his studies but in the comfort of his home. He is doing Correspondence work in art. Recently, he signed on for a course in biology.

John Olevitz is doing some research work into the possible places for our annual ski weekend. Ann Kleponis and Rudy Rudis are the ski-conscious ones. Skating, or just relaxing is sport enough for practically everyone else.

So much for the council business and past events. The long-range plans include a spring reunion. Early though it seems, Alice Zaremba, Jerry Venis, Rudy Rudis, Norma Razvad, Diane Plevock, Mary Kraunelis and Loretta Kontrim are undertaking the organization of this affair.

The next issue of VYTIS will have the outcome of our Council's Elections!

Worcester, Mass. — 26

Since our Election of officers will take place the 6th of December meeting, and the deadline for January issue is the 5th of December, the results of the Elections will be reported in the February issue of VYTIS, together with other activities which took place in December.

Our next Roll-off will be held on January 8th in Providence, R. I. This date has been changed a few times and at this time, we believe the "date" will stand!

Council 1, Brockton, the home of the live wires, will hold its ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL January 21 at the Walkover Club. Some of their dances in the past have been the best in the District. Let's plan to attend the affair.

The weekend of January 27th, we are sponsoring an Annual trek to Purity Springs, East Madison, New Hampshire. Our Ski wacks will make many hours of fun and pleasure on the sloping slopes at this resort.

This year, our Council will be celebrating its 45th anniversary. It should be a memorable year for us all!

Happy New Year!

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. — 79 Dot & Dash

Things started to happen right from the beginning. Your reporter

was trying to beat the deadline for the "Vytis" publication when "instantaneously" emerged a Zager crisis — a school shoe suddenly developed a flapping sole... Think-and-Do Book urgently needed checking... Latin book completely disappeared and the youngest Zager 'un calmly announced "Mother, our Sister is having a Christmas party and we have to bring some candy tomorrow" — Time: 9:10 p.m. But every K. of L'er must have a variety of crisis. Why continue this tale of woes when we have some enjoyable occasions to report in our council like Fr. Kundrat's Testimonial dinner held on December 4. When we speak of feminine "Jets" that's exactly what we mean. It was an affair where all the combined organizations of Divine Providence Church pooled their heads together and prepared a memorable fifth Parish Anniversary for Rev. Kundrat. Our capable toastmaster, Ralph Valatka, led things most admirably. Father Stanievich from St. Anthony's was the principal speaker. Although claiming to be "at a loss for words", Fr. Stan was quite nostalgic and entertaining. Everyone had a great time — the food was good — and Fr. Kundrat obviously had fun (He is the inquisitive type so we couldn't pull a Surprise Fest). Because Father was honored by so many distinguished guests, and due to space, we will not go into enumerating them all. We enjoyed their presence and appreciated their participation. A fine choral rendition by the Choir provided an added attraction. Father Kundrat was given a beautiful gift, which we hope would serve an appropriate purpose in his priestly duties, plus a "little something" representing each parish organization. Heaps of praise should be given to Chairman, Jos. Chaps, and his committee for a very fine job. Plaudits to co-chairman, Frank Zager, who "plotted" the celebration. Thanks to Tony Dainus for 'behind-the-scenes' contribution. And, congratulations to all the wonderful workers representing the Altar Society, Choir, Holy Name, Moteru Sajunga, Ushers Club and several other groups. We thank you all sincerely.

The following delegates from C-79 attended the Mid-Central District Convention in Detroit on No-

vember 19-20. — Vicki Chepelonis, Ruth Grasha, Helen Petocki, Margaret Smailis, Len Salas, Delphine and Lillian Stepan, and Frank Zager. As a result of the convention, congratulations are due to Vicki Chepelonis upon being elected as first Vice President and to Ruth Grasha as Recording Secretary.

Now, we are a bit embarrassed to say that we need better attendance at the monthly Sunday Communion. Where is your spiritual obligation? Let's remember the K. of motto "Gyvenk Tautai ir Bažnyčiai."

Our drawing at the December meeting was most appropriate for the holidays. Congratulations to all the happy winners! Frank Petroski, the raffle chairman, did a commendable job and thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. Election of officers, also,, took place at this meeting and we let you know the results in the next issue.

This & That

"The Night They Sang Bon Voyage", if you'll accept the song title, couldn't have been much gayer in honor of Kazys Gogelis. Charlie flew to Argentina over the Christmas holidays to visit with his brother of many years separation. The party was hosted by Estelle Pileckas at the home of Frank and Sophie Zager... Attention: Are the Stepan girls keeping away from those goalies at the Detroit hockey games? We don't want any "accidents" this year... Best wishes to John and Mary Eizonas upon their third wedding anniversary... Well, after doing a commendable job as M. C. for Fr. Kundrat's dinner on December 4, Ralph Valatka "dashed" into the hospital for surgery. Our best wishes for quick recovery. And, may we mention lots of good health to everyone in this New Year!

Dayton, Ohio — 96

"El"

The members of our council who attended the District convention in Detroit wish to thank the host council for a wonderful weekend. Twelve members represented our council. We congratulate our Stan Vaitkus who was re-elected District president. It seems Charles Vangas was over excited about his fourth degree and was caught by the radar patrol,

returning from Detroit. On November 11th, our folk dance group performed at the State Hospital, and again on November 14th together with the Holy Cross Choir participated at a banquet held by the Dayton Women's Club.

For the first time we had a casualty in our dance group. Elaine Lucas fractured her leg while doing the "Lenciugėlis." We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petkus on the birth of their third daughter; and to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mikalas with a fifth child, a son.

The "girls" of the sewing club really outdo themselves in preparing delightful snacks every other Thursday at which we do nothing but eat and talk and little sewing gets done.

We wish to welcome Eileen Pierzak and Elizabeth Zelinskas into our midst.

Officers for the coming year are: Spiritual Adviser Fr. Titus Narbutas; President Ted Sluzas; Vice President George Mikalauskas; Second Vice President Charles Petkus; Corres. Sec'y. Kitty Prasmantas; Treas. Frank Gudelis; "Vytis" Correspondent Elaine Lucas; Financial Sec'y. Pat Zelinskas; Sgt.-at-Arms Joe Kavalauskas; Junior Advisers — Anne Sinkwitz and Eloise Berczelly; Lithuanian Affairs — Frances Mikalauskas, Ann Scott, Rita Ambrose and Frank Gudelis; Ritual — Frank Gudelis; Cultural — Charles Vangas and Frances Vangas; Photographer — George Mikalauskas; Condolence Sec'y. — Elinore Sluzas; Sports Committee — Ann Scott, John Scott, Anita Goldick, John Goldick, Ernest Omlor and Charles Vangas; Sąryšis Rep. — Mary Lucas, Elizabeth Sinkwitz and Frank Gudelis; Trustees — Stan Vaitkus and Fred Kondrotas; Spiritual Program — Joan Kavalauskas.

NEW YORK -

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Brooklyn, N. Y. (Queens) — 41

Joan Mazeika

Mass and Communion Breakfast held in honor of Christ the King at the Annunciation Parish, Brooklyn was well attended. Father Stan Ralla of Philadelphia was the guest speaker. After breakfast, Nick

Dzvonar entertained us with a variety of music on his accordeon.

At this writing, final plans for our annual Christmas Dance (Christmas night at the Annunciation Hall) were being made. Music to be provided by Nick Dzvonar and his Lithuanian Knights Orchestra.

Chatterbox

...One of the most surprising costumes at our Halloween party was a U. S. Army uniform worn by Tom Michalski! He made a surprise visit from Fort Dix... Who was that dark, mysterious Arab carrying a machine gun? (Not our President!?)... Stanley Dedinas certainly looked becomingly cute in his Little Lord Fauntleroy costume!... Nick now has a new saying since the Breakfast "...bernužėle, negaliu užmikt."... We wonder whether Claire will ever break 133 (or is it 33?) at bowling.

Linksmų Naujų Metų.

Elizabeth, N. J. — 52 "Nuff said"

We wish all our friends a Happy and Joyous New Year! We dispensed with holding an annual Christmas party and decided to divert funds to more practical use.

At our annual Communion Breakfast, to be held in March, the Ritual committee will bestow degrees upon qualified candidates. Our Juniors have been invited to be our guests.

Ann Baronis and Mary Motecus enjoyed their pilgrimage to Europe which was sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania under the directorship of Father Contons, National Spiritual Director. Fran Balandis and Fran Buzis are already making plans to make a similar trip in 1961.

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Al Balandis on the birth of a little son, Robert... Ruth Laucius is enjoying her new blue Rambler... Our Prexy Charles Oskutis is spending the New Year's weekend in Detroit!... Delores and Ed Anilonis look very happy, just having returned from their honeymoon. Ed is our Social Chairman and his wife, Dolores, is a recent transfer from Detroit. Welcome aboard, Delores! Bowling every Sunday. Even if you don't bowl, come and root for your team! Just a reminder — council meetings are held every third Sunday of the month, after the ten o'clock Mass.

CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 133

President's note (Ann Laurinaitis): Wish to thank each and everyone who attended our movie-dance dinner. It was a big success. Alice Dotts, our Chairman, did a splendid job. Our Seniors had a big hand in the food department. We thank all the ladies for their hard work. George Rudelis deserves credit for his job — running the film off.

The October meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dombrosky, and their daughter, Carol. Our December meeting is scheduled to take place at the newly-acquired Lithuanian Community Center, where a good number of our K. of L'ers are members.

News about our Members: Mary Ann and Joe Zichwic have been blessed with a son, Brian, born September 21st... Loretta Papsys, treasurer, is driving a new car; she received her B. S. degree in chemistry last June... Rita (she is no longer Miss Medziukas) but Mrs. Bureika since last summer; by profession she is a teacher and a graduate of the University of Berkeley. Nida Balsys has left for Chicago and is working for an M. S. degree in engineering. Dominic Balciunas is doing very well in his own business — 3-dimensional letters, signs and displays... Ed and Helen Bartkus recently visited Mary Ann and Joe Zichwic (Sunnyvale, Calif.) and were godparents of their son, Brian John... Anthony Vosylius was our council's official delegate to the K. of L. National Convention held in Worcester, Mass... John Antanavich has moved to Monterey Park... A good number of our K. of L'ers campaigned for Dick, Jack and many other candidates. So, we have a good number of winners and losers among our members... Ruta Lee-Kilmonis, our lovely and charming TV and movie star is back from San Francisco. She had one of the leading parts in the "How Boat." This musical was staged for six weeks at the Philharmonic in Los Angeles and for four weeks in San Francisco. A very fine write-up about Ruta appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

1961 District Officers

The District officers felt they had a successful year and the membership agreed by reelecting many of the officers: Chairman of the Board — Al Manst, Sr. (C-5); President — Eleanore Laurin (C-112); 1st Vice President — Albert Kassel (C-36); 2nd Vice President — Walter Tenclinger (C-36); Secretary — Irene Sankus (C-112); Corresponding Secretary — Loretta Macekonis (C-5); Treasurer — Joseph Stanaitis (C-99); Trustees — Alexander Mockus (C-112) and Edward Pocius (C-112); Sgts.-at-Arms — Albert Dagis (C-112), John Chaplin (C-112) and Edward Krivickas (C-112). The entire membership congratulates them and extends wishes for continuing success.

Plans are being formulated for reorganizing our District CHOIR. All interested parties — contact Estelle Rogers, 6958 S. Rockwell (29) — WA 5-3948 (evenings only).

The District approved a motion that we sponsor a ONE - YEAR DRIVE To "BURN THE MORTGAGE" on the K. of L. Building. The Drive officially begins this month, but we have a head start with \$500 in pledges already re-

ceived. The Committee consists of Eleanore Laurin, Loretta Kassel and Ierne Sankus and they are formulating an "easy-payment plan" for those who will pledge \$50 or \$100 as well as a means recognizing all smaller donations. This is your project! Give it serious consideration!

Loretta Kassel, Chairman of the "Lithuania, 1960" Movies is happy to announce that a substantial profit was made and that the ENTIRE PROFITS will be donated to the K. OF L. SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Bowling - Supper Club. Our regular party was held at Queens Recreation, 3:15 p. m. and the supper club at the K. of L. Bldg., 7 p.m. Our host, Council 36, planned a surprise menu.

"Christmas Around the World". The Museum of Science and Industry annually sponsors this affair with each country having a special day. The Lithuanian Christmas program was presented on November 27th at 2, 3:30, 7 and 8:30 p.m. A Lithuanian meal was served at the Museums' cafeteria and dining rooms (5 to 8 p.m.). There was also an exhibit - Christmas trees decorations by various groups.

C-112 Quarterly Communion Sunday took place at the Nativity B.V. M. Church, December 11th, followed by a breakfast. That same day, the District's Ritual Committee presented 1st and 2nd Ritual degrees to all qualified candidates. Imme-

diately following the Ritual presentation, the December business meeting of the District was held.

On December 17th, C-112 held a Christmas party at the K. of L. building; December 18th, Council 5 was host to the Bowling-Supper Club. That same day, the Chicago Bowling Association Tournament was held. The top five bowlers (men) as of the end of October were entered in the Tournament at MIA-MI BOWL. Participating were: Al Kassel, Tony Gendrolis, Al Kachinskis, Al Manst, Sr., Tony Valek and sub, Vince Samoska.



Council 41, (Brooklyn, N. Y.). Girls at Convention and Tom! Left to right: Joan Mazeika, Helen Matusevičius, Regina Marcia, Eleine Donowitz, and Tom Michalski.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

During the several months that have elapsed since the national convention at Detroit, Michigan, considerable progress has been made in establishing Lithuanian language classes. Several K. of L. councils are now conducting such classes. We urge the others to follow this good example.

On a related front, authorization has been given to a firm in New York City to prepare Lithuanian language instructional recordings. These recordings will be available at a low price, and should be a great help to many of our members in learning Lithuanian.

The Supreme Council Cultural Committee has also been in touch with a number of qualified persons regarding the preparation and publication of an English text book for learning the Lithuanian language. We feel certain that this project will be brought to a successful conclusion.

Additional details on these items is announced this "Vytis" issue (see page 18).

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