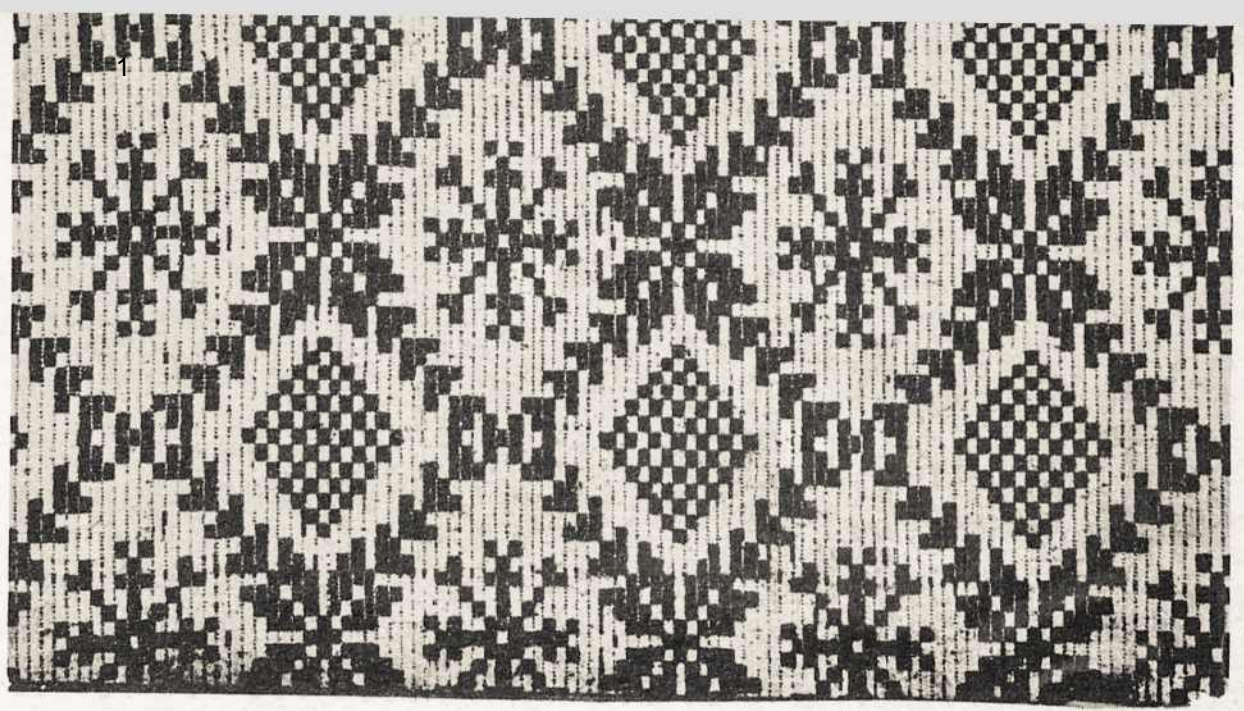


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48th Natl. Convention Committee, at Maironis Statue of Cleveland Cultural Gardens. (See inside cover).

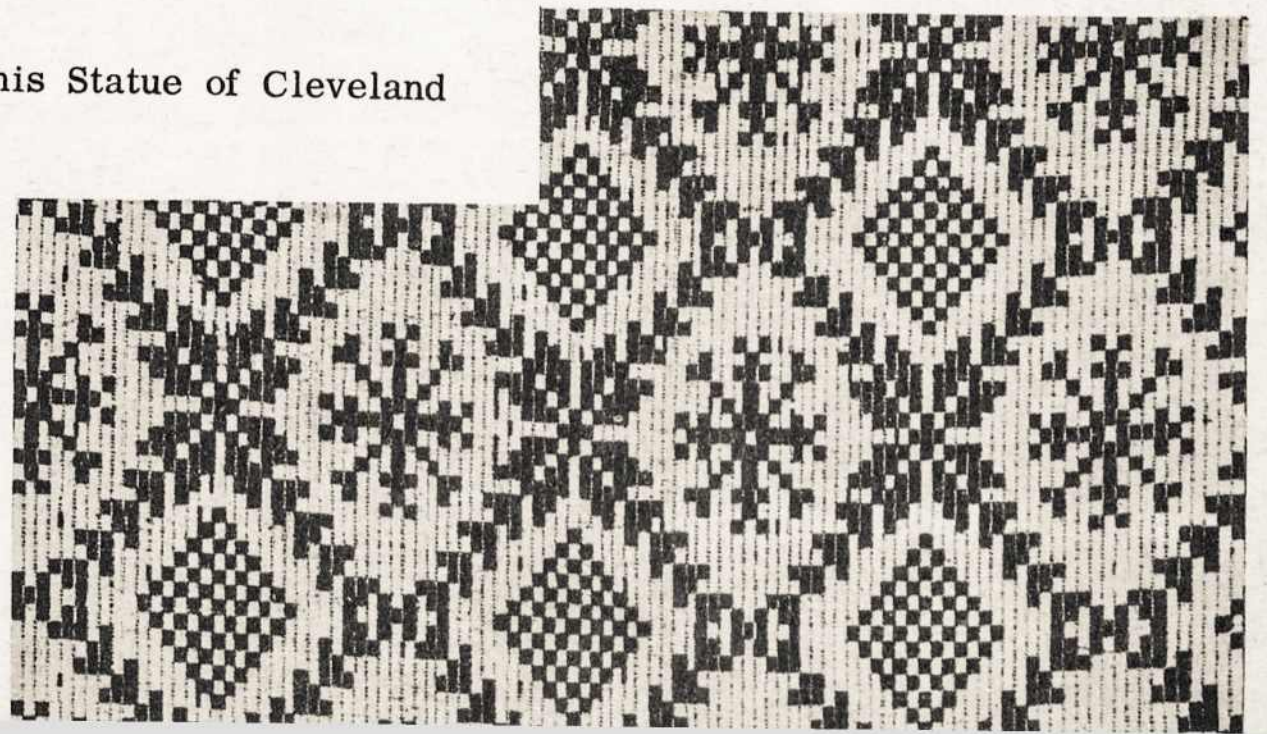
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The Reverend Spiritual Advisors, Officers and Members of The Seniors and Council 25 extend a most cordial invitation to all Clergy, Members and Friends of the Knights of Lithuania to attend the 48th National Convention. We are convinced that you will find this a most worthwhile Convention and we are confident that much will be gained by your attendance.

We have attempted to provide some enjoyable recreational activities and hope those participating will find them a pleasant experience. The Supreme Council has streamlined the agenda of the Sessions and we believe that much will be accomplished here.

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# Europe IS WORTH VISITING

Rev. John C. Jutt  
II (continued)

Austria is an enchanting land, renowned for her many contributions to the musical world, for the exquisite beauty of her many resort areas and for the warm friendliness of her colorfully costumed people. Our first stop was in Salzburg, majestically situated on both sides of the Salzach River. It has many shops which specialize in lovely embroidery work and colorful Bavarian and Tyrolean costumes. In fact, the famous dirndl was first offered the fashion world in Salzburg by Lanz who, before the war, introduced it to America. We visited Lanz' store, and while we must admit that prices were quite steep, none-the-less they were much cheaper than what the same items cost in New York.

Salzburg is the birthplace of Mozart, the great composer of lively operatic and symphonic music, and to honor his immortal achievements, each year in July and August, the famous Mozart Festival is held. We had hoped to attend the Festival but unfortunately we had arrived on the day after the Festival ended. However, we did get a chance to see a wonderful performance of the operetta: Die Fledermaus.

High on a mountain top, we had lunch at the Winkler Cafe where we enjoyed with great delight an Austrian band performing there and from where we obtained a gorgeous view of the city below. By special car, we reached the well-known Fortress of Hohensalzburg, built in 1077, enlarged and strengthened until 1680 and located on a cliff 430 feet above the center of the city. Its many turrets, courtyard

passageways, armor rooms and state apartments offer the visitor many hours of great interest. A restaurant nearby on an open terrace offers delightful meals with superb views of the whole countryside.

The following morning we said Mass at St. Andrew's, a church located in the very heart of the market section. It was rather strange to see so many farmers peddling their goods in the early morning. After breakfast, we took in a number of other sights and then headed for the city of the waltz, Vienna.

We found Vienna rather disappointing. First of all, it has a terrific traffic problem and if one gets caught between the trolley cars and the other cars, one is in a jam of his own. What a relief it is to get out of it. The Danube River is not blue as we have been led to believe. The city has some lovely parks and gardens with areas for picnicking. Its stores on the Kartnerstrasse are real classy and the prices are high, in fact so high that it was not worth buying anything here. We visited the Opera House, but our efforts to get tickets were unsuccessful. Crowds lined up for several blocks waiting for the chance to get in as standees.

Vienna has an imperial park, called the Prater, established in the 16th century and while it is advertised as the city's most imposing amusement park, it seemed to us to be nothing but a carnival place. Its ferris wheel is over 200 feet high. We took a ride on it. It is a very slow ride but the night views of the illuminated city are well worth it.

We said Mass in St. Charles', one of the oldest churches in the city. After a breakfast of typically

Austrian food, we drove to Kahlenberg, a high mountain about 24 miles away, from which distant views of the city and the Danube were obtained. A number of other sights gave us enough of Vienna and we headed by a southern route for Innsbruck.

On the way, we crossed the Simmering Pass, high up in the Austrian Alps. We were glad we took this route because it gave us a chance to see the Alps in all their majestic splendor. The scenery was indiscribable. We stopped at a famous resort town, Zell-am-See, situated on a most lovely lake and possessing some of the most quaint houses and stores in all of Austria. From here we drove to Bruck where we picked up the road which passes over the Grossglockner Pass. This highway, reaching heights of over 10,000 feet, is a remarkable feat of modern engineering. According to European standards, it is so well engineered that driving is considered to be quite easy, but many American tourists, unaccustomed to such heights, find it rather terrifying. Many buses take people on tours here because the views obtained of the high mountains are really superb. One of the rules of the road is that a car must always make way for a bus. Fortunately, we had no trouble going up with our Peugeot but there were many cars parked along the road because of overheating and mechanical trouble. The very summit offers exquisite scenery and we could not help but think of the glory of God Who created all this beauty. Hence, it was not surprising to notice on the facade of one roadside stopping place the following words: SAXA TERRAE LOQUUNTUR GLORIAM TUAM (the rocks of the earth speak Thy glory). The terminus of the drive is Linz, about 54 miles from Zell-am-See. This lovely city was completely destroyed on the very last day of World War II but since that time, it has been completely





Passion Play, Oberammergau

rebuilt. Today it is one of the prettiest cities on earth.

Returning to Zell-am-See, we set out to see as much of Tyrol as possible. In our opinion, this section is the most beautiful of all Austria. Its people are intensely Catholic as is evident from the many wayside shrines one sees along the roads. Its inns are unlike any others in Europe. Completely renovated to include all modern conveniences, they are nevertheless splendidly preserved and still retain their old world charm. With overhanging eaves, blooming flower boxes and possessing beautifully painted and carved exteriors, they represent a style that is native to Tyrol. The food is delicious and the people are so hospitable. Like Bavaria in Germany, Tyrol in Austria should not be missed under any circumstance whatsoever.

The very heart of Tyrol is the lovely city of Innsbruck, lying in the valley of the swift River Inn and with a population of about 100,000. This city offers a warm welcome to its guests. Tyrolean dances and folk songs are featured

in most of the cafes. In an outdoor restaurant, we enjoyed a band playing typical delightful Tyrolean music. The yodelling, the singing and the splendid entertainment are such that one feels that he really gets his money's worth. On the main street is a statue of the Blessed Virgin, artistically lit up at night.

About 10 miles off the main road from Innsbruck to Salzburg, one comes to Berchtesgaden, the place of Hitler's retreat. Its setting is most scenic. Even though today it is in ruins, it is worth visiting. The ride to the ruins is very steep and one must exercise the greatest of caution in driving up, but the views from the very top are beyond description.

Since we had some time before we were to see the Passion Play, we decided to visit the famous ski area of St. Moritz and make a tour of that section of Switzerland. This area is mountainous, as all Switzerland is, but here again, the views are out of this world. From the quaint town of Chur, we took a drive to Arosa which, in the opinion

of many, is the most beautiful spot in all of Europe, particularly in winter. Naturally, when we visited this area, there was no snow, but even in the autumn it is certainly a magnificent spot.

From Chur to the north, we entered the small principality of Lichtenstein, guarded on one side by a wall which gave it a fortress-like appearance. We passed through the gate, and while there were guards on duty, none of them stopped us. This small country has many fine resort areas, particularly in Verduz. We headed back to Austria through the town of Feldkirch to Innsbruck again.

We headed then for Germany where we spent some time in the twin cities of Garmish and Partenkirchen. This area is surrounded by some of Germany's loftiest mountains, the highest of which is the Zugspitze. One can reach the latter by a railway, the result of brilliant engineering. The two cities have many beautifully decorated homes and hotels. Some of the latter are still controlled by the U.S. army, which has its headquarters here. Shopping is worthwhile here for the prices on German cameras, binoculars and Hummel figurines are very reasonable. We had a delightful meal at the Cafe Bauer which features excellent Bavarian music played by a Bavarian band. Audience participation was featured and the results were most entertaining. It was a wonderful way to spend an evening.

The time arrived for us to see the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau. This lovely town is about 60 miles from Munich and lies deep in the Bavarian Alps in a valley encircled by mountains with peaks up to 4500 feet. In fulfillment of a vow made by their ancestors to be spared of the ravages of the black plague which then swept Europe, its people stage a Passion Play every ten years. The first performance was held in 1674. The theatre in its present form was built in 1930 and is capable of holding 5200 people. Its



stage is in the open, but the spectators are under cover. The performance, having 18 acts and 25 tableaux, lasts about 7 hours, 3 1/2 hours in the morning and 3 1/2 hours in the afternoon. There is a two-hour break for lunch.

The people prepare for the play a number of years before the performances. Only unmarried women, under 35 years of age, can take part in the play. It is said that all women want to play a part because none wants to admit that she is 35 years old! Married men are permitted to take part. All males must let their hair grow to make it look as authentic as possible. The boys who take part must do the same and it is surprising how many of them look like girls with their long hair. Those who come to see the play usually stay with local inhabitants. The play itself is very interesting and should not be missed by those with an opportunity to see it. We were informed that only natives may have parts, although this past year, some children of displaced families were permitted to be in it. In the terrific mob scenes which are portrayed on the stage during the play, over 500 people take part. We were told that after expenses are covered, the profits are divided among those taking part. One woman who participated in the mob scenes in previous showings of the play received about 1000 marks for her efforts.

Most of the men are occupied with the trade of woodcarving. We had the good fortune of visiting a wood carving shop. We learned that the men who work here work by piecework. Their salary depends on the carvings they put out. Not too far away we heard someone hacking away, with an axe and chisel. It was a wood carver hacking away at a huge piece of wood. Oblivious to the people who gathered around, he kept stepping back and looking to see what was appearing on the wood. It was obvious that the piece of wood would eventually be a huge ten foot statue of Our Lord.

Oberammergau is a nice town to visit. It has many homes and hotels beautifully decorated on the exterior with paintings on religious themes. The stores with their many woodcarvings are magnificent and one gets a very good idea of the marvelous work their men do. Their work is sent to all parts of the world. After the Passion Play, we left Germany and headed once again for Switzerland.

To be continued

RELIGION HAS NO  
SIGNIFICANCE  
UNLESS YOU . . .

*LET*

*YOUR  
CONVICTIONS  
Shine Forth*

SOON after President Kennedy was inaugurated into office he had the occasion to participate in an annual prayer breakfast in the nation's capitol. All the high ranking officials of our government participated and made significant pronouncements during this breakfast. Defense Secretary, Robert McNamara, read from the New Testament, and a judge from the U.S. Claims Court read from the Old Testament. Billy Graham quoted from Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*. Mr. Kennedy commented during the course of the breakfast: "Religion has no significance unless it is accompanied by conviction. . . No man who enters upon the office to which I have succeeded can fail to recognize how every President of the United States has placed

special reliance upon faith in God. While they came from a wide variety of religious background and held a wide variety of religious beliefs, each of our Presidents in his own way has placed a special trust in God. Those who were strongest intellectually were the strongest spiritually."

No Need To Avoid Religion

There are many who would say: "Religion is my own business and it should never enter into our political or professional life." No matter where one goes or what one does for a living, there cannot be any thought of freeing one's self from religion. Also, there should be no attempts to water down religious views for the sake of harmony. Such harmony is a compromise with religious views and sooner or later the real situation must be met and the price paid.

God's position in political life should especially be prominent and foremost at all times. Political leaders must recognize Him from Whom they have received their authority and to Whom they are held responsible for their actions as leaders of the country. Certainly they should constantly seek the blessings of Him who placed the mantle of leadership upon their shoulders. He cannot fail those who seek His blessings, especially after He has given them the authority to govern.

If the Lord has promised to help all who sincerely seek help of Him for the aid that is necessary for salvation, so much more will He aid those who have the rightful authority and seek His aid in the administration of that authority.

In the Old Testament Our Lord has clearly promised that aid: "For if you will order well your ways and your doings, if you will execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, I will dwell with you in this place, in the land which I gave to your fathers from the beginning and for evermore." (Jer. 7, 5-7).



# OFFICIAL RESULTS MIDWEST BOWLING Tournament



The Traveling Trophy, donated in memory of John Kaminski, was presented by Sophie Kaminski to V. Samoska, 1st place team captain.



**HIGH TEAM SERIES - First**  
C-36, Chicago - Total 2985

Zenon Meizis Loretta Kassel  
Sophia Zukas Vincent Samaska  
Anthony Valek



**HIGH TEAM SERIES - Second**  
C-5, Chicago - Total 2932

Julius Kazunas Steven Manst  
Lucille Yucius Robert Zimmer  
Diane Rekus



**LOW TEAM SERIES**  
C-19, Pittsburgh - Total 2510

P. Ewalt M. Onaitis  
A. Ewalt M. Simailis  
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### INDIVIDUAL WINNERS - Scratch

**HIGH SERIES - MEN** - Zenon Meizis (C36,Chicago) - 667  
**WOMEN** - Donna Pluto (C102,Detroit) - 505

**HIGH GAME - MEN** - Jupe Kazunas (C5,Chicago) - 225  
**WOMEN** - Loretta Kassel (C36,Chicago) - 206

### INDIVIDUAL WINNERS - Handicap

**HIGH SERIES - MEN** - Walter Gregar (C112, Chicago) - 633  
**WOMEN** - Emily Mihaleck (C82, Gary) - 616

**HIGH GAME - MEN** - Ed Sackle (C79, Detroit) - 240  
**WOMEN** - Joanne Cagley (C87, Gary) - 246

**LOW SERIES - MEN** - Len Salas (C79, Detroit) - 417  
**WOMEN** - Marcella Onaitis (C19,Pittsburgh) - 421

**LOW GAME - MEN** - Tony Valek (C36, Chicago) - 144  
**WOMEN** - Mary Eizonas (C79, Detroit) - 117

Some of the Detroit Bowlers take time out to visit the Darius-Girénas Monument.



### H O S T S:

**ILLINOIS - INDIANA Districts**  
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## THE NEW VYTIS



Loretta Kassel

The Knights of Lithuania have a treasure house of talent and beauty. And it seems that Bob Boris, President of the Knights of Lithuania, did make a real strike when he called Loretta Kassel, Marilyn Kareiva, and Eleanore Laurin to temporarily handle the VYTIS editing. The Supreme Council showed its approval of the move when on June 17, 1961, it formally endorsed the appointment of LORETTA KASSEL as Editor in Chief, MARILYN KAREIVA as Assistant Editor, and ELEANORE LAURIN as Business Manager.

All three are well qualified to perform the duties for which they have been appointed and the future issues of the VYTIS will prove that they are truly capable.

### LORETTA KASSEL

Our new VYTIS Editor-in-Chief is a mathematician with a M.S. degree, who has never been able to break away from the field of journalism. LORETTA KASSEL has always had her fingers in editorial work, in school and in most of her extra-curricular interests. Even her position at Argonne National Laboratory, in the Applied Mathematics Division, brought her writing work, in addition to her regular duties as programmer, for she authored a book entitled: "GEORGE Programming Manual". Now this

manual has nothing to do with men, because GEORGE is a high speed digital computer and her manual explains how to use it to solve problems arising in various phases of atomic research when mathematics is needed.

Loretta Kassel, who is an active 3rd Degree member of Council 36, received her master's degree last summer from DePaul University, of Chicago. She worked for it the hard way, combining university work with K of L activities while employed fulltime at Argonne, as head of a group of Systems' Research programmers. Studies at St. Xavier College, Chicago (B.A. Degree in 1954), and at St. Casimir Academy (now Maria High) paved the way for this higher degree.

### Always an Editor

Loretta Kassel studied journalism at St. Casimir Academy and was on the editorial staff of the "SCA Flashes" for two years. While at St. Xavier College, she worked on the staff of the "Xavierite" for four years and then even was co-editor of the college annual: "Camera on the Campus." As an active K of L, she has also been involved in editing various youth club newsletters in Immaculate Conception parish, and the Illinois-Indiana District K of L Bulletin, as well as heading the Publicity Committees of several recent large K of L and Civic activities in Chicago.

Besides, Loretta loves to sing and to use that talent, belongs to three choirs: The Alice Stephens



Marilyn Kareiva

Singers, The K of L Choir (Chicago), which she helped reorganize last winter, and the Immaculate Conception BVM Glee Club. If you think she is not sports-minded, just look at the record to see her 206 game bowled during the last Midwest K of L Bowling Tournament.

Our national secretary's trade mark is a Volkswagen which is famous in every part of the country where K of Lers gather in conventions, meetings or socials.

Loretta brings in many talents of leadership and activity and the VYTIS should benefit much from all of that.

### MARILYN KAREIVA

Take next the case of MARILYN KAREIVA, Assistant Editor of our magazine. She is a member of Council 112 and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William J. Kareiva who are among the most active in the Lithuanian circles of Chicago. With the start the Marilyn has, soon she too should have



# STAFF

as fine a record as her parents.

## A BIT OF TEXAS

Marilyn received all of her education in Chicago and then went off to San Antonio, Texas, where she attended San Antonio College. She qualified for college by attending Holy Cross grammar school and St. Casimir Academy (now known as Maria High).

As a hard-working secretary, she was a civil service employee with the Fifth Army Headquarters in Chicago; The American Guild of Variety Artists; and The Chicago Heart Association.

The avenue of Journalism was laid open for Marilyn three years ago when she was selected to serve as Publicity Chairman for Darius-Girenas American Legion auxiliary, a chairmanship she has held for three years and an experience which has won her and the Unit high acclaim. She won first prize for three consecutive years, 1959-60-61, in the Fourth District and Department (State) American Legion Auxiliary Publicity Contests for the most outstanding coverage of Auxiliary programs and for the greatest amount of published publicity. Her articles appeared in six American newspapers including the Chicago Tribune and three Lithuanian papers. Marilyn also served as Auxiliary Editor of the Post's monthly bulletin for the three years. In 1959 she accepted an award from the American Legion Press Association for her publicity work.

The Legion work is very close to her heart because her dad, Bill Kareiva, is one of the founding fathers and a Past Commander of



Eleanore Laurin

the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post, the largest Lithuanian Post in the U.S., and her mother is a Charter Member, a Past President and has been one of the most active members in the Post's Auxiliary.

Catholic Action has always been the motivating force in Marilyn's life, especially in her selection of affiliations. She is an Honorary Member of the Young Christian Workers; is a goodwill ambassador in the International Student Committee of the Catholic Family Movement, bringing her in contact with youth and adults from all parts of the world. The Confraternity of Pilgrims plus other local and civic organizations hold Marilyn's attention and membership.

Marilyn is a prize winner all the way down the line and should help the VYTIS very ably. Good luck!

## ELEANORE LAURIN

The Illinois-Indiana District of the K of L hasn't been the same, especially since ELEANORE LAURIN of Council 112 assumed the leadership of the district. Things really began to happen, and fast.

As anyone will tell you, if you want a job done ask someone that is busy and it will be done immed-

ately. Everyone thought this young lady was busy enough and here we have her as Business Manager of VYTIS.

At present, Eleanore Laurin makes her living as head of the insurance department of the St. Anthony Savings and Loan Association, where a very fine friend of the Knights of Lithuania, Joseph Gribauskas, is president.

## Business Minded

No one can say that Eleanore is not business minded, for she graduated from DePaul University in 1950 with a Marketing major, Economics and Finance minors. And to prove she is serious about the insurance business she can show you the broker's license which she merited in 1952.

Eleanore attended Holy Cross parish grammar school and was a very active student at St. Casimir Academy (now Maria High) until graduation in 1944.

Our new Business Manager of the VYTIS, Eleanore Laurin, is the proud holder of the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Lithuania, which she earned by holding various offices in council and district, being chairman of numerous events and contributing to the financial success of many functions as Ad Book Chairman "Supreme". She climbed to her post as President of the Ill-Ind. District in quick steady steps upward and her determination to bring much good to the organization can be seen from her already long list of achievements: the Lithuanian Independence Day Banquet of 1961; the reorganization of the K of L Choir; active participation in all city-wide nationality projects as a representative of the district; the organization of the District Lithuanian Folk Dance group; etc.

Eleanore is also a secretary in the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post offices during her spare evenings.

It might be said that Eleanore



seems to be happiest when she is about the business of the Knights of Lithuania. It is a distinct pleasure to see her operate the various connected activities. The most wonderful part of the whole

matter is this: she is never afraid to roll up her sleeves and really get into the midst of things with a cheery: "Hi fellows, let's get going."

From these short biographical

sketches we have proof that the new English staff and Business Manager of VYTIS have the talent for the job and from the photos you will agree about the beauty part of the treasure within the K of L.  
P.P.Č.

## Lietuviškojo skyriaus redaktorius

### IGNAS SAKALAS

Rašant apie dabartinį mūsų žurnalo lietuvių kalbos redaktorių, negalime sakyti, kad jis yra naujas redaktorius, nes jam jau tenka eiti tas pareigas tretį kartą. Nuo jaunystės dienų IGNAS SAKALAS sėdi redaktoriaus kėdėje. Vien tik dienraščio "Draugo" redakcijoje jau yra išdirbęs virš keturias dešimt du metus.

O antra jojo ilgametė meilė visuomeniškame gyvenime yra darbavimasis su Lietuvos Vyčiais, ir už tą nuoširdų pasiaukojimą per tuos ilgus metus jis buvo pakeltas į garbės narius. Šiomis dienomis Garbės Vytis, Ignas Sakalas, vadovauja Lietuvos Vyčių Seniorams Illinois-Indiana apskrityje. Dar be to jam tenka eiti Lietuvos Vyčių istorijos redaktoriaus pareigas.

### Popiežiaus apdovanotas veikejas

Trumpais žodžiais galime aprašyti Igno Sakalo gyvenimo istoriją, jei neįtraukiami jojo redaktoriavimo metai.

Jis gimė Lietuvoje, Knizlaukių kaime, Ukmergės apskrityje, 1896 metais. Sakalas giriasi, kad pirmieji jojo susipažinimai su mokslu įvyko prie kaimo "diraktoriaus". Po to jam teko lankyti Pašilės ir Ukmergės pradžios mokyklas. Prieš atvykstant į Ameriką, 1913 metais, jis buvo studentas Panevėžio mokytojų seminarijoje.

Amerikoje jis apsigyveno pirmiausia Clevelande ir ten padėjo įsteigti savaitraštį "Santaką". Per Pasaulinį Karą jis atvyko į Chicagą darbuotis prie "Kataliko"



Ignas Sakalas

ir 1918 metais perėjo dirbti dienraščio "Draugo" redakcijon.

Pareigos dienraščio redakcijoje niekad negalėdavo išsemti visas jojo energijas. Dviems atvejais jis redagavo "Vytį"; per ilgesnį laikotarpį jis buvo "Muzikos Žinių" redaktorium; jis išvertė nemažą skaičių dramų į lietuvių kalbą ir jas režisavo įvairiose lietuvių kolonijose; per ilgus metus pats rašė ir vedė vieną iš įdomiausių kampelių lietuvių laikraščiuose, "Profesorius Kampininkas." Kiek humoro ir gyvumo jis įnešdavo į tą kampą. Gaila, kad tas skyrius buvo nutrauktas.

Už jojo nuoširdžią katalikišką ir žurnalistinę veiklą Amerikos Lietuvių tarpe, Šv. Tėvas, Pijus XII, pagerbė jį "Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia" ordinu.

### Įvairiu, interesu, redaktorius

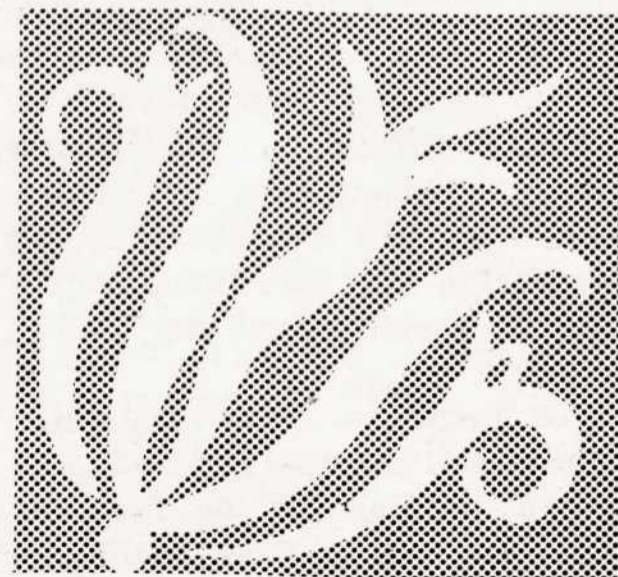
Bendrai, Ignas Sakalas yra nuoširdus veikėjas su visom katali-

kiškom organizacijom, bet antrojo veikimo vietoj randasi Amerikos R.K.Lietuvių Susivienijimas. Su šia organizacija jam šiomis dienomis tenka daug pasidarbuoti ir joje jis yra buvęs įvairiose svarbiose pareigose. Jis vadovauja savo kuopai ir yra uolus Chicagos apskričio darbuotojas.

Net trumpiausias Sakalo aprašymas negali baigtis be paminėjimo, kad jis yra vienas iš uoliausių filatelistų. Vienas kitas pašto ženklų rinkėjas gal ir turi geresnį rinkinį Lietuvos ženklelių. Bet kai reik laimėti prizai parodose, Ignui Sakalui tenka pirmieji, nes retas rinkėjas moka taip meniškai ir smulkmeniškai išrodynėti pašto ženklelius. Ženklelių rinkime jis yra kruopščių kruoščiausias, nes jis geriausiai žino Lietuvos istoriją ir pačių ženklelių istorines detales.

Ignas Sakalas yra vedęs Sofiją Bagdžiūnaitę ir išaugino dukterį Aldoną ir sūnų Ričardą. Jis gyvena garsiam Marquette Parke, Chicagoje, ir šiomis dienomis pasirodė grožio mėgėjas, nes žolė prie kuklaus jo namelio yra gražiausia visoje apylinkėje.

P.P.Č.





# JONINĖS

## HOLIDAY OF LITHUANIAN YOUTH

By Algirdas Budreckis

Perhaps the most beloved holiday in Lithuania was Joninės (pronounced Yoh-nee-nyes). On the Roman Catholic calendar Joninės is the Feast of Saint John, which is celebrated June 24. Not only the Lithuanians, but their neighbors as well celebrate the Feast of St. John: the Poles, who call this feast day Sobotki, and the Germans, who call it Johannisfeier. However, the Lithuanian Joninės, especially the night of the Joninių išvakarės (Eve of St. John, June 23), has non-religious characteristics.

To be sure, the Lithuanian Joninės is a Catholic holiday, but it has pagan and rural elements. The Lithuanians of yore celebrated a seeding holiday in June, similar to the Germanic Walpurga. This ancient holiday's purpose was to overcome evil spirits, to insure a healthy crop and to protect livestock from evil. Since this pagan holiday occurred at the same time as St. John's feast day, these ancient customs survived. Towards the end of the 19th century, the Lithuanian patriot of East Prussia, Martynas Jankuš, revived the ancient ceremony with its altar fires and druids (kriviai) at Rambynas.

The Lithuanian country folk, wanting its youth to socialize in a decent manner, conjured up some special dating customs. Thanks to the rustic wisemen, a country boy had a good excuse to date his girl during Joninės.

On the Eve of St. John (Joninių išvakarės), the youth would band together and go out to look for johnswort (jonazolės) or kupolės (kupolės). This custom was called kupoliavimas. At this time, the youth would sing kupolinės (Joninės songs) and gather herbs and

grasses for medicinal purposes. In some areas, the young people after gathering the grasses would draw lots with them, foretelling who will be the first to marry, who will be the groom, bride, best man, etc.

In some parts of Lithuania, the girls would weave wreaths out of the grass. If there weren't enough grasses, they would use small branches and twigs. During the Eve, there would be many forecasts and much fortune-telling about marriages. The girls would throw their wreaths over their shoulders at a tree, until the wreath would catch hold of a branch. According to an old Joninės custom, it would take a girl that many years to get married as it did for the wreath to catch onto a branch.

The most impressive custom occurred at dusk, when the sun began to sink behind the trees. The whole troop of youths would gather at a still lake. Here, by the light of burning pineknobstorches, the girls would write their names on a small piece of paper, which they would insert in the wreath. After this they would stick a lighted candle in the wreath. Then with song, the girls would launch the wreaths on the lake waters. It is up to the boys now to follow the wreaths and, by using any method, to fish one out. Having retrieved the wreath, the boy would have to return it to its rightful owner. According to custom, the youth must befriend this girl during St. John's eve. The old people say, that this is important from a matrimonial point of view. If a couple becomes friendly during this evening, then a marriage is almost certain.

At last the sun sets. It is dark. The young people gather by pairs and go through the meadows singing; this is done to insure good health. Then the group heads for the Joninių laužas (Joninių bonfire). Near the unlighted bonfire stand two long poles, ten feet apart, upon which burn the Joninių ugnys (St. John's fires).

The group comes through a





birch gate. The purpose of the birch gate is to ward off witches and other evil spirits, who cannot enter through them.

The old people believe that this night is filled with all sorts of witchcraft and enchantment. It is said that when the sun sets, all the witches and spirits prowl through the fields and woods; they want to do harm to the crops, livestock and people. To gain protection from their conjuring and other dangers, the bonfire is lit.

In order to protect the growing crops from evildoers, the kupolinės (gathered herbs), are thrown into the fire. Each couple comes forth to the fire and throws in its grasses or wreaths. To protect themselves from the baubai and maumukai (special evil hobgoblins), who lurk behind the bushes waiting to seize a hapless victim, the youth form a circle and dance around the bonfire while singing.

As the fire burns down, another interesting ceremony takes place. Each couple, while holding hands, jumps through the fire. According to old Joninės traditions, that couple which does not succeed in jumping over the fire, will not have good luck; that couple which jumps through, but lets go, will have good health, but will not marry; and that couple which succeeds in jumping over the fire, still holding hands, will marry before the year is out.

Now that the fire's embers are burning out, it is time to search for the paparčio žiedas or fern blossom. It is said that the fern blossoms on the eve of St. John. It is further said that whosoever finds this blossom, knows everything and sees hidden treasures. But one must be careful, because the evil spirits will try to hinder and mislead the searchers. These spirits want the blossom for themselves.

All night long the youth go around in pairs searching for the paparčio žiedas. No one cares about the late hour. Tradition

holds that no one sleeps this night. In Lithuania many people stay up and even go swimming until sun-up. It is said that if one sees the morning sun dancing in the sky, there will be success and good fortune the whole year through.

Thus we can see why the traditions of Joninės have great importance to an agricultural country such as Lithuania. Even the sophisticated urbanite can appreciate the naiveness and charm of these Joninės customs.

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Since the 1960 National Convention, the following donations have been received for the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund:

ILLINOIS - INDIANA District	\$200.00
Council 29, Newark, N.J.	
(donations by individual members)	48.00
Council 102, Detroit, Mich.	10.00
Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y.	25.00
Council 109, Great Neck, N.Y.	25.00
Council 96, Dayton, Ohio	15.00
New York Seniors	5.00
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TOTAL to date	\$328.00
Needed for 1961 Scholarship	600.00
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DEFICIT	\$272.00

Anthony J. Mazeika, Treasurer

Have YOU - or YOUR COUNCIL - contributed this year to this most worthwhile cause?? Judging from the total donation, most of you must answer no! How about joining the Scholarship Fund Booster Club TODAY? Your support will aid some worthy member in obtaining an education - which in turn will enhance our own organization. Send your donation of \$1.00 or more to:

Anthony J. Mazeika, Treas.  
149-31 120th St.  
So. Ozone Park, N.Y.

or bring it with you to the Convention. But DO CONTRIBUTE!

### JUBILEE YEAR CONVENTION

NOTE: THE 1961 CONVENTION will select the 1963 JUBILEE CONVENTION SITE!. Will you vote intelligently? So far, Boston and Chicago have expressed a desire to host the convention. Consider the merits of both cities - and others - and come prepared to vote for your choice.

The Jubilee Committee has voted that the profits from the 1963 Convention, since it is such a special one, will be divided equally between the hosts and the Supreme Council. . . so remember, this will be YOUR Convention, no matter who hosts it! Get ready now to support it, whatever the decision!



# CONVENTION MODERNIZATION PLANNED BY SUPREME COUNCIL

Tops on the agenda of the Supreme Council Meeting held in Cleveland on June 17, 1961 was a plan to modernize the convention business sessions, to make them more interesting, profitable, and attractive. Following are the tentative proposals to carry out this plan. (TAKE HEED, DELEGATES! Hopefully, this year you can come home much more enlightened and inspired about the work of the K of L than before you left! Be sure to attend ALL sessions. . . you won't be sorry!)

**1. ROLL CALL** will be taken by the Mandate Committee members stationed at the entrance(s) to the session room. They will sign delegates in and out as they enter and leave, resp.

**2. THE HOST'S WELCOME** will be given by ONE person selected by the Convention Committee, on behalf of all Clevelanders.

**3. ALL GREETINGS** will be posted outside the conference room. Only greetings from National, State, City and Church officials will be read. Names of all other greeters would be read during the final session by a member of the greetings Committee.

**4. RESOLUTIONS, NOMINATING, GREETINGS,** and other Committees requiring private discussions during the sessions will be provided meeting space outside the sessions room so as to avoid distracting the Presidium and the delegates.

**5. PRESIDUM NOMINEES** will be obtained in advance, to avoid a delay in electing same at Convention time. The District Presidents will serve as the nominating committees.

**6. MINUTES** of the last convention will be examined in detail by a minutes committee. Their report or summary will be given orally for Convention ap-

proval. This report will replace the reading of the entire minutes.

**7. WRITTEN REPORTS** are required of all Supreme Council officers and the various Committee Chairmen. These reports are to be submitted to the Recording Secretary NOT LATER THAN AUG. 1, 1961. The Secretary volunteered to mimeograph all these reports and prepare report booklets for all delegates. Those officers not meeting the stated deadline will be considered as having no report for the year, and this fact will be entered in the booklet.

**8. ORAL REPORTS** will be optional for all but the Spiritual Adviser, the President, and the Treasurer. Each officer will be allotted a maximum of 3 minutes in which he may summarize his written report or stress some point contained therein. The President will give a comprehensive "State

of Union" report showing progress of the Knights of Lithuania in the past year and commenting on contributions of the various committees to this progress.

**9. VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS** and the Convention Site will begin Saturday A.M. so that Sunday's only business will be the election of officers. This would allow time for a meeting of the new officers before the banquet.

**10. PANEL DISCUSSIONS** of the type held in previous years will be eliminated. Instead, a program of plenary conferences, lasting approximately one hour each, would be assigned leaders. Each leader, alone or with a selected panel of speakers, would present the discussion topic, then invite the audience to offer comments and ask questions. The topics proposed are listed in the program schedule.

## PROGRAM OF BUSINESS SESSIONS: (Tentative)

Fri. A. M.:	Roll Call of Supreme Council Hosts' Welcome Address Approval of Convention Program Election of Presidium Report of Minutes Committee Executive Reports
Fri. P. M.:	Executive Reports, Concluded Conference: Public Relations - Making the K of L Better Known Conference: Programming - Keeping Members Interested
Sat. A. M.:	Conference: Juniors - The Future of the K of L Begin voting on resolutions
Sat. P. M.:	Conference: Catholic Action - Cooperation with the Parish Complete voting on Resolutions Select Convention Sites for 1962 and 1963.
Sun. P.M.:	Election of Supreme Council Officers Complete remaining business. Adjournment.



## FOR YOUR ADDED ENJOYMENT AT THE CONVENTION A BIT OF CULTURE....



The world-wide acclaimed and loved Ciurlionis Ensemble, under the direction of Alfonse Mikulskis, will appear at the 48th National Convention at 8:30 P.M. on Friday evening, August 25th, in the Lorenzo Room of the Carter Hotel.

The tragic invasion of Lithuania in 1940 brought about the organization of the Ciurlionis Ensemble. Their goal was to keep Lithuanian culture and folk songs alive in the hearts of the Lithuanian people and all peoples of the world, and to one day help set Lithuania free.

The originators of the group were Alfonse and Ona Mikulskis, Maria Baronaitė, Kasimieras Tamosevicius, Edward Karnenas and Antanas Kavaliunas. The group took the name of CIURLIONIS in memory of the famous Lithuanian artist, musician, and composer, M.K. Ciurlionis.

The group appeared in concert in Vienna in 1944, followed by appearances in Berlin, Stuttgart, Munich, Baden-Baden, Frankfurt, Hamburg and many other cities where they were warmly and enthusiastically received. In 1950 they appeared in Canada, the Civic Opera House in Chicago and Carnegie Hall in New York.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear and see the beautiful music and dances of our beloved Lithuania!

Čiurlionio ansamblio įsikūrimas yra susijęs su Lietuvos tragedija 1940 m. Sovietų armijai išbrovus Lietuvon, veikimas turėjo sustoti. Vilniaus šaulių rinktinės vyrų ir mišrūs chorai pasivadino: Vilniaus liaudies ansambliu, pasirinkdami garsaus lietuvių dailininko ir muziko M.K. Čiurlionio vardą.

Ansamblio kūrėjai, priešakyje su jo vadovu Alfonsu Mikulskiu, kanklių orkestro vedėja Ona Mikulskienė ir Marija Baronaitė, tautinių šokių mokytoja.

Siaučiant bolševikiškai ir naciškai okupacijai 1940-44 m. čiurlioniečiai, lietuviška daina ragino tautą laisvės kovai.

Čiurlionio ansamblis daug atsižymėjo: Vienoje, Austrijoje, tarp kitų, surengė du religiniu koncertu garsioje Vienos Karlskirche bažnyčioje, ir 1944 m. pabaigoj čiurlioniečiai išsikėlė į Berlyną.

Ansamblis pergyveno daug vargo ir kliūčių, bet karui pasibaigus sunkumai nugalėti, kai ansamblis susilaukė jautrios paramos iš prancūzų kariuomenės okupacinės dalies viršininko "Rhin et Danube" armijos vado Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny. Jo globoje ansamblis dalyvavo vienoje didžiausių švenčių 1945 m. birželio 15 d. Bad Schachene a. Bodensee, kurią generolas surengė pergalės proga aliantų kovotojams pagerbti. Koncerto programą atliko Paryžiaus

simfoninis orkestras ir Čiurlionio ansamblis, kur dalyvavo net 5 tūkstančiai klausytojų, tarp jų žymių ir garbingų karininkų. Vi-soje pasaulio spaudoje buvo plačiai paminėta.

Nuo 1945-46 m. sezono atliko virš dviejų šimtų koncertų.

Dalyvaudami penkiuose tarptautiniuose festivaliuose (Baden-Baden, Bad Schachen, Luebeck, Muenchen, Schwenningen) jie šauniai apgynė lietuvių vardą, laimėdami pirmąsias vietas ir garsėjo tautų tarpe. (Išsireiškimai užsieniečių studentų ir profesorių tarpe: "Mes esame nustebinti lietuvių kūrybine jėga ir tautine kultūra." "Mes neužmiršime šių gražių valandų." ( Prof. Dr. Henkel iš Hannoverio žodžiai.)

JAV bei Kanadoje nuo 1950 m. ansamblis atliko daug koncertų Chicagos Civic Opera House ir New Yorke Carnegie Hall, pirmasis pasirodymas lietuvių meniniu vienetu.

Čiurlionio ansamblis savo 20 metų veikimu, nenuilstančiai garsina Lietuvos vardą tikėdamas, kad galės sugrįžti su lietuviška daina į savo mylimą Vilnių, kuriame gimė ir išbujojo.

Šiuo metu Čiurlionio Ansamblis dalyvaus Vyčių 48-tame seimo koncerte penktadienį, August 25, 8:30 P.M. Lorenzo Room, Carter Hotel.

Nepraleiskite šios progos išgirsti Čiurlionio Ansamblio lietuviškų dainų, kanklių skambinimo ir tautinių šokių!

### CULTURAL GARDENS

A unique chain of gardens known as Cleveland Cultural Gardens is located in Rockefeller Park. These gardens are dedicated to peace and to the culture represented by the sixteen nationality groups which sponsor them.

The Lithuanian Garden was dedicated in 1933 and at that time a bust of the great Lithuanian



scholar and liberator, Dr. Jonas Basanavicius, was presented to the City of Cleveland by the Lithuanian Government.

There you will also find the bust of Vincas Kudirka, poet and composer of the Lithuanian National Anthem. The large stone fountain is dedicated to Birute, vestal virgin of Perkunas.

During the Convention, on Friday morning, August 25, delegates and guests will honor the memory of Rt. Rev. Jonas Maciulis, better

known as MAIRONIS. The bust of this writer, educator and poet laureate of Lithuania was dedicated Sunday, June 25, 1961.

The Lithuanian people of Cleveland have worked long and hard to make their Cultural Garden one of the most beautiful and outstanding in the chain of gardens.

Your visit to the garden will be a memorable one and will remain with you as one of the HIGHLIGHTS of your 48th National Convention.

Bowling will be on a handicap basis, so please send in your average as soon as possible.

There will be trophies for those with the highest scores and a good time should be had by all, win, lose, or booby prize.

Remember, if you plan on coming to the Convention Thursday or earlier, we would certainly enjoy having you bowl with us. CHARLES MACHUTAS, your Bowling Chairman and Committee, will be at the Ambassador to see to your every need. Please send your averages to "Charlie" - 3749 West 129th Street, Cleveland 11, Ohio.

## for the SPORTS-MINDED

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

Beautiful scenic Manakiki Country Club, Willoughby, Ohio, will be the site for the 48th National Convention Golf Tournament, Thursday morning, August 24th.

Manakiki, which is an Indian name meaning "Maple Forest," is one of the finest courses in the country, and until recently was a privately owned club. Many championships have been played here, including the 1954-54 Carlings Open, featuring such players as Sam Snead, Julius Boros, "Doc" Middlecoff, and many others.

This course will be a real challenge to top golfers, however, "Duffers" should not be discouraged as the Callaway system will be used, giving both an equal opportunity.

So whether you're a par shooter or just a "hacker," why not come out and test your skill against the challenging 10th and 18th "Canyon" holes!

Stan Zakas, John Apanavitch and Hedwig Pikturna, our Committee, will be there to greet you.

Green Fees are \$4.50 and locker facilities are available at a nominal fee. Tee-off time 8 A.M.

### BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Below is a bird's-eye view of the Downtown Ambassador Bowling Lanes, Cleveland's newest and most modern downtown establishment, located at 1500 Superior Ave. These alleys have been selected for numerous reasons, but mainly for their convenience to Hotel Carter, which is within walking distance, and also because of the excellent service our Cleveland council received in the past. 36 automatic Brunswick Alleys are available.

Everyone knows that August is usually a very hot month, so bowling in these Air-Conditioned lanes should be a pleasure.

Bowling will be limited to individuals only (no teams) and as usual, experience is not necessary.

### CEDAR POINT OUTING

(Wednesday, August 23rd)

Come to the CONVENTION early and join us at this, the "Riviera of Mid-America". It is located 60 miles from Cleveland and is directed by Mr. E. R. Lemmon, former Director of Operations for Disneyland.

For swimming and sun enthusiasts (DON'T FORGET YOUR BATHING SUIT) here is the world's finest bathing beach. Nowhere else can you find a beach so broad, so never-ending, and nowhere else can you find bathing water so safe, so gently deepening, so inviting. Cleaned and aerated every morning, this wonderful beach will give incomparable pleasure to anyone wishing to spend their day this way.

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# PROFILES .....

## Ursula Yankauskas

by L.Kassel



"Sunshine Girl". . . in most councils and other clubs, this title denotes an office with associated duties of collecting for gift, flower, etc. funds. In Council 25, Cleveland, the title has taken on added meaning - and at present describes most appropriately the office holder - Ursula Yankauskas!

Behind her always smiling face and reserved though friendly manner, lies a vigorous ambition and a remarkable talent for leadership. Ursula's council members have experienced the effect of these qualities for many years - since her entrance into Council 25 in 1948. But to the average non-Cleveland, these talents have become most apparent during the past few months, with the emergence of the plans for the 48th National Convention. . . hosted by Council 25 and chairmanned by Ursula Yankauskas

It didn't take Council 25 members long to indoctrinate Ursula into the goals and ideals of the Knights of Lithuania. Shortly after her entry in 1948, she went to work - as chairman and/or member of a variety of committees and as holder of the offices of secretary and vice-president, and quickly earned for herself elevation to the Third Degree in the K of L.

Like a true K of L'er, Ursula "took to the road" also, attending

most of the Midwest Bowling Tournaments throughout Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania (and coming home with an impressive collection of trophies besides). Her first National Convention, 1957 in Los Angeles must have provided "inspiration supreme" for she returned to become a prime mover in the reorganization of Council 25, and its eventual division into Seniors and Regulars in 1957. She helped the council regain firm footing by serving as president in 1958 and again in 1960. This year, she preferred to restrict her "office holding" to that of "Sunshine Girl" to allow more time to prepare a memorable and enjoyable National Convention.

From whence comes this enthusiasm and talent? It didn't spark up overnight, certainly! St. George's Grammar School Class of (?) had a taste even back then. . . when Ursula was elected Class Valedictorian. She went on to further use her leadership abilities at St. George's as Parish Sodality secretary and prefect, and as a president of the Parish CYO.

At John Hayes High School, Ursula managed to maintain a place on the honor roll, even while actively participating on the Student Council and still more actively dashing around the Volleyball and Basketball Courts with the school teams!

The Brush Beryllium Co. claimed Ursula after her education was completed. Currently, she serves as Executive Secretary to the Vice-President there. As a member of the Brush Beryllium

Staff, Ursula's greatest pride is that of being at least indirectly involved in getting the United States' first man into space. B.B., under its Atomic Energy Commission research project, did major work on the Polaris. Another, slightly more mundane, pastime of Ursula's is her work as correspondent for the company newspaper, "The Brush."

In spite of her ambition and hard work, Ursula is not one to ignore opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment - especially when these involve Lake Erie, located practically in her backyard. A look at the beautiful tan this tall, slender lass wears backs up her avowed love of boating and swimming in summer, and skating in winter. Or perhaps the tan comes from another interest - gardening - also evident from the vast array of beautiful roses, peonies, etc. bedecking the land around her home. She promises to have her other hobbies - the Hawaiian guitar and her choral group talents - around at convention time for a l l to enjoy.

"The binding force of our council". . . "a quiet dynamo". . . "a notable influence in Cleveland's Lithuanian life". . . these are but a few of the sincere compliments C-25ers pay Ursula. Look over this issue's Convention News (primarily her work). . . and attend the convention this year. . . and you'll find out for yourself that these things, and more, are true.

May you continue your outstanding work, Ursula, and may you continue to enjoy it as well!



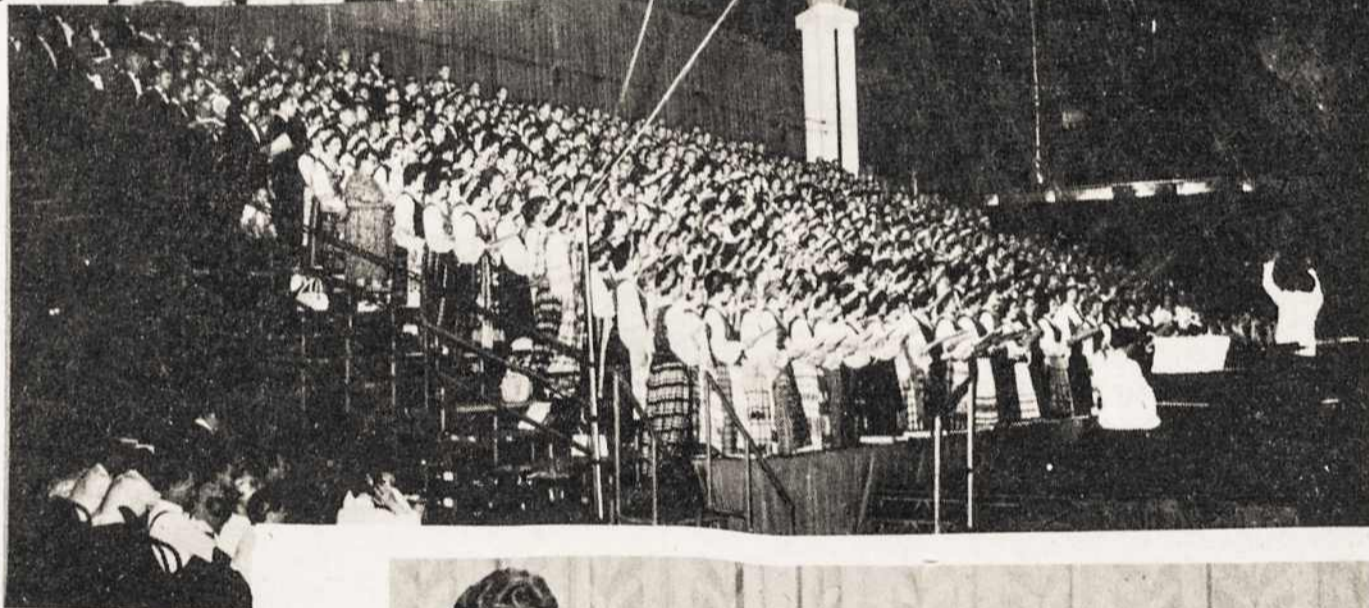
# Dainų Šventė...



JULY 2, 1961

INT'L AMPHITHEATRE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Pictured: The crowd of 10,000 enjoying the combined voices of 30 choirs (almost 1000 singers) representing various parts of the United States and Canada, at the recent Lithuanian Song Festival (Dainų Šventė). The event was the cond of its kind in the United States.



K of L Participates: Left Photo - Prof. Alexander Aleksis (left), K of L. Honorary Member, served as Honorary Director. Other Directors pictured, l. to r. : Alice Stephens; Prof. Joseph Zilevicius, Hon. Director of 1956 Dainų Šventė; Alfonsas Mikulskis, Bronius Budriunas.



Right Photo: K of L's on English Publicity Committee, seated l. to r., L. Labanauskas, J. Dauzvardis; Rev. P. P. Cinikas, M.I.C.; S. Pieza; standing, l. to r. L. Kassel, E. Laurin, I. Sarkus, L. Shotas.

Many other K of L members from various parts of the country participated in the choir.



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For the daring who love the thrill of amusements there is an 80-foot SKYWHEEL - two Ferris Wheels in one. For the people wondering how the Astronauts feel, there is The ROTOR - in which passengers are made weightless by centrifugal force. The TWISTER - is guaranteed to shake the "stuffing" out of you. The thrill seekers who survive the aforementioned will also enjoy the WILD MOUSE, the DODGEMS, and many more rides.

We realize that not everyone enjoys the strain of the rides so far described. If you want to just relax and re-live days of history long past, we have the CRUISE through the lagoons ala Disneyland. The Sternwheel Paddle Riverboats

sail through a Northwestern pioneer setting which has explosive and colorful props that blast off at unpredictable times. They include menacing Indians with up-raised warclubs, a pioneer Fort with guns blazing and many other surprises.

If this is still too thrilling, take a ride on the MONORAIL - see the excitement from 30 feet above the surface traffic - or take the 1865 TRAIN with Passenger Coaches - or how about a HORSE-DRAWN Stagecoach. More conventional means of locomotion include miniature 1910 right-hand drive CADILLACS on a private turnpike.

Here you can find great enjoyment whatever your interests may be.

Transportation will be provided by Greyhound Bus (approximately a 2-hour trip). Private transportation may be used if so desired.

A tempting PICNIC LUNCH will be provided for your hearty "pioneer" appetites, \$5.00 per person.

Departure time to CEDAR POINT 9 A.M. - departure time from the POINT 6 P.M.

Plan to come to the CONVENTION early so that we may have the pleasure of your company on this excursion. We are sure you will plan a return trip to CEDAR POINT for future vacations.

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# IŠ VYČIŲ SENDRAUGŲ GYVENIMO

Red. IGNAS SAKALAS

Pagerbti už didelius nuopelnus. Sendraugiai, talkinami Illinois-Indiana valst. apskrities, liepos 1 d. Vyčių salėj buvo suruošę pagerbimą dviem daugiausiai nusipelnusiems sendraugiams - Jonui Juozaičiui ir Jonui Keruliui, kurie, neskaitant veikimo vyčiuose ir kitose organizacijose, abu daug darbo ir lėšų yra idėję į Vyčių salės reikalus.

J. Juozaitis yra vienas pirmųjų Vyčių namo-salės direktorių, ilgametis Tarybos sekretorius ir buhalteris. Savo iniciatyva ir lėšomis namo-salės viduje įrengęs naudingų pagerinimų. Jo pastangomis namo rūsyje buvo įrengtas ir jaunamečiams klubas, biblioteka ir priemonės sportuoti. Patalpų sienos buvo išdekoruotos daugybe nuotraukų iš vyčių seimų ir Chicagos kuopų sportinio ir kultūrinio gyvenimo. Ši kultūrinį klubą prieš keletą metų sunaikino atogrąžiniai lietūs, užtvindę didelės dalies miesto namų rūsius. Vyčių namui tuomet nuostolių padaryta arti dviejų tūkstančių dol.

Šia proga reikia priminti, kad J. Juozaitis turi didelių nuopelnų ir visai vyčių organizacijai ir už tai pakeltas į garbės narius.

J. Kerulis yra plačiai žinomas ne tik vyčiuose, bet ir kitose lietuvių katalikų organizacijose. Vyčių name jis yra sakytime "general man" (bendrų dalykų meistras). Kur reikalinga dailidės, vandentiekio meistro (plumberio), "elektrišeno", visų mintys nukrypsta į J. Kerulį. Ir jis be jokio išsikabinėjimo darbą atlieka kaip savo nuosavybei, nieko neskaitydamas už savo darbą, o dažnai ir už reikalingą tam remontui medžiagą.

Kitose organizacijose, ypač šalpos ir švietimo bei kultūrinių įstaigų, vienuolynų rėmėjų sambūriuose yra vienas stambiausių aukotojų. Jo namuose Balfo Chicagos apskritis turi nemokamą drabužių sandėlį, kuriame greta kitų veikėjų drabužiams į centrą pasiūsti, daug yra padėjęs ir pats J. Kerulis.

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Nors ir nekviesti, bet prisidėjo. Gegužės 28 d. Jaunimo centre buvo suruošta akademija-banketas Leonardui Šimučiui pagerbti jo 50 metų kultūrinės, visuomeninės ir politinės veiklos sukakties proga. Banketo komitetą sudarė įvairių srovių per 30 asmenų. Nors Sukaktuvinko šakotos veiklos pradžios mokykla buvo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija, tačiau nežinia dėlko nė vyčių Ill.-Ind. apskritis, nė sendraugių kuopa oficialiai nebuvo pakviesti į komitetą. Nežiūrint to, ir apskritis ir sendraugiai nutarė Sukaktuvinką pasveikinti ir įteikti dovanas. Dovanoms įteikti komisiją sudarė Ig. Sakalas, S. Jonutienė ir O. Aleliūnienė.

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\$100 Vyčių sodelio darbams. Vyčių namo sodelyje šiuo metu eina didelis darbas. Kai pagal priimtą planą darbas bus baigtas, sodelis bus viena gražiausių ir patraukliausių vietų piknikėliams, įvairioms pramogoms ir poilsiui. Darban įsijungę būrys savanorių vyčių - jaunių ir sendraugių, kuriems vadovauja Ill.-Ind. valst.



apskrities direkt.pirm. Al.Manst. Sendraugiai sodelio darbams paaukojo \$100. Manoma, kad visas darbas šiemet bus baigtas ir rudenio pavyks naujo sodelio atidarymas.

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Graži S. Rumšo dovana sendraugiams. Pavyzdingas sendraugių narys Stasys Rumšas, gyvenąs Waukegan, Ill., viename sendraugių susirinkime perdavė vyčiams labai gražią dovaną - rankų darbo Aušros Vartų miniatiurinę koplytėlę - altorių, kurią padirbo invalidas Liudas Mantrimas, gyvenąs 817 S. Victory St. Į koplytėlę įvesta elektros lemputė ir jos šviesa altorių daro išpūdingesni.

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Ryšys Chicagos-Los Angeles sendraugių. Chicagos sendraugių veikėja E. Samienė kas met šlapdrības laikotarpu išvyksta į Kaliforniją, kur įvairiose vietovėse yra gražiai išikūrę jos vaikai. Ta proga apsilanko ir Los Angelyje, kur gražiai veikia vyčiai sendraugiai. Taigi, ji yra ryšys tarp Chicagos ir Los Angeles vyčių: losangeliečiams papasakoja apie Chicagos sendraugių veikimą, o grįžus namo tą patį padaro iš losangeliečių veikimo. Jos pranešimai visuomet įdomūs ir laukiami.

Rašo dainą Lietuvos Vyčių Jubilėjiniam Seimui. Organizacijos veteranas, vyčių himno autorius, garbės narys komp. A. Aleksis, atvykęs į Chicagoj suruoštą JAV ir Kanados chorų Dainų šventę, kurioj jis buvo jungtinio choro garbės dirigentas, buvo mielas svečias ir Vyčių salėj suruoštam garbės nariui J. Juozaičiui ir J. Keruliui pagerbime pasakė reikšmingą kalbą ir privačiam pasikalbėjime pasisakė rašas naują dainą vyčių jubilėjiniam seimui, 1963 m.

Minimame pagerbime dalyvavo taip pat Centro v. pirmininkė Helen Shields, kun. S. Raila ir visa ei-

lė New York ir New Jersey valst. vyčių veikėjų priklausančių chorams, kurie atvyko į Dainų šventę. Vakaras buvo labai linksmas: daug dainų išdainuota, šokių pašokta.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio. - Artėjant Lietuvos Vyčių 48-tam seimui, vyčiai čia tiek jaunia, tiek sendraugiai smarkiau juda.

Birželio 9 d. Šv. Jurgio parapijos salėje įvyko bendro 25-tos kuopos ir sendraugių Seimo Rengimo Komiteto posėdis, kuriame priimta seimo programa.

Trečiadienį, rugpiūčio 23 d. atstovų ir svečių iškyla į Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio.

Ketvirtadienį, rugpiūčio 24 d. golfo ir keglių (bowling) tournamentai. Vakare svečių priėmimas.

Penktadienį, rugpiūčio 25 d. 8 val. ryto seimas pradėdamas šv. mišiomis Švč. Panelės Nesiliaujančios Pagalbos bažnyčioj. Po mišių bendri pusryčiai ir turnė (tour) į Lietuvių Kultūrinį Darželį. Čia bus trumpa programa, padedant vainiką prie Maironio paminklo. Po to vykstama į viešbutį seimo atidarymui. Vakare koncertas, kurio programą išpildys Čiurlionio ansamblis susoliste Stempužiene.

Šeštadienį, rugpiūčio 26 d. mi-

šios Šv. Jono katedroj, pusryčiai, seimo tęsinys. Vakare šokiai (semi-formal).

Sekmadienį, rugpiūčio 27 d. iškilmingos mišios Šv. Jurgio parap. bažnyčioj, seimo užbaigimas ir seiminis banketas.

Maironio paminklo atidengimo proga (birželio 25 d.) buvo išleistas atitinkamas leidinys, kurio lėšoms padengti tiek jaunia, tiek sendraugiai nutarė prisidėti. Kartu įdėti ir grupės nuotrauką.

Baigus posėdį, visi dalyviai buvo pakviesti prie vaišių, kurių centrini stalą puošė pyragas, pažymintis septynių narių gimtadienius, būtent A. Mačioko, J. Sadausko, J. Kuzo, B. Karklienės, M. Trainauskaitės, P. Pikturc ir J. Tamulionio.

P.Gludienė

LOS ANGELES, Calif. - Vyčių sendraugių pastarasis susirinkimas įvyko Papšių namuose. Šiame susirinkime pirm. Laudanskas pateikė įdomią paskaitą apie žymų Lietuvos veikėją, publicistą ir rašytoją J. Tumą-Vaižgantą ir jo nuopelnus lietuvių tautai.

Po susirinkimo vaišingieji šeiminkai dalyvius pavaišino lietuvišku nuoširdumu, o fotografas L. Briedis atminimui padarė nuotrauką.



Los Angeles, Calif., vyčių sendraugių susirinkimas šių metų balandžio 23 d., Papšių rezidenci-

joj. Centre (dešinėje) E. Samienė, Chicagos vyčių sendraugių veikėja. (Nuotrauka L. Briedžio)



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

### Pilgrimage to Carey

It was a dewy fresh morning on June 11th as members from K of L councils of Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit and Pittsburgh traveled their separate roads, each converging to one point - Carey, Ohio, Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation.

Everyone met at the Old Shrine Church at 9:15 from whence we began our walk toward the shrine park for the Way of the Cross. The pilgrims all recited the Franciscan Rosary on the way. Upon reaching the park where stands the altar of Our Lady of Consolation, we were awed by its beauty and magnificence. Friar Alan led us in prayers on our Way of the Cross. Each station was punctuated with a hymn from Stabat Mater. Upon completing the Way of the Cross, we started back again for the church reciting the rosary.

Mass was held at 10 o'clock with all K of L members receiving Holy Communion "En Corpore." Following Mass, a short conference was given by Father Carl.

A delicious luncheon was served the pilgrims by the ladies of the parish. We then had some time to relax, enjoy the beautiful surroundings, and visit the relic room containing crutches, wheelchairs, braces and other articles as signs of miraculous cures. At this time we also enjoyed renewing acquaintances and meeting new friends from other councils in our district. After purchasing items in the religious store, we attended another conference during which we were greatly sur-

prised to hear Father lead us in the prayer to Our Lady of Šiluva.

Benediction at 2 o'clock was preceded by a procession with the entire congregation taking part and reciting the rosary as the statue of Our Lady of Consolation was carried around the church grounds.

After Benediction there was the blessing of religious articles, blessing of the sick and enrollment in the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin. We then attended a short closing conference after which pictures were taken and everyone departed for home filled with many blessings and a great satisfaction of having attended this beautiful pilgrimage. It was truly gratifying to see so many K of L members come such long distances for the sole purpose of honoring and paying homage to our Blessed Mother.

Everyone was so impressed with this day of recollection that plans were made to hold a similar retreat yearly.

Dayton, Ohio - 96 "EL"

Our annual May Crowning was very impressive and beautiful. Donna Scott, the May Queen, was attended by Judy Scott, Carol Noreikas and Donna Černevičius. That evening the Mother's Day party took place and was a big success, thanks to the culinary talents of the K of L girls.

Graduation also came during this month and two of our male members received diplomas, Ronald Vanagas and Tony Noreikas. Ronnie will further his studies in science at Bowling Green University in the fall. Tony has enlisted in the Marine Corps and is stationed at Paris Island.

The bowling season concluded

with a banquet arranged by Ann and Elizabeth Scott. Trophies were awarded to the following persons: High game - girl, Joanne Zelinskas; High game with handicap, Eloise Berczelly; High game series, Joanne Zelinskas; High game series with handicap, Mary Kavy; High game-man, Tony Zelinskas; High game with handicap, Jim Richey; High game series, Charles Petkus; High game series with handicap, Stan Vaitkus. Winning team, "The Packers" - John Goldick, Jim Richey, Eloise Berczelly and Mary Kavy. Best improved bowlers were Anita Goldick and John Scott, both were awarded plaques for perfect attendance.

A large delegation from Dayton journeyed to Chicago for the Midwest Bowling Tournament. We extend a sincere "thank-you" to the host councils for an enjoyable weekend. We hear tell that a few of our members were lost in the large Chicago Stock Yards for an hour. What an experience!

Dayton was also well represented at the Mid-Central District Pilgrimage to Carey Ohio, Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, on June 11th. We wish to congratulate Stan Vaitkus for his untiring efforts in arranging this day of recollection.

The family picnic on June 17 was, as usual, a great success thanks to the Sports Committee headed by Anne Scott who also arranged games and activities for the lollypop set. Movies of various K of L functions were shown in the shelter house by our candid cameraman, George Mikalauskas.

We wish to give Pat Zelinskas high acclaim for her catechetical work. She spent a week teaching religion to Negro children in Mississippi and at present is instructor for children's religion classes at our parish.



Detroit, Mich. - 79

### Dot & Dash

Much of our late spring merry-go-round revolved around bowling. Let's look back. How vividly our 79ers remember the bus ride that took about 30 happy, merry-making members from councils 79 and 102 to the "Windy" city of Chicago for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. On arrival, there was a friendly exchange of "Kaip tau... kas nauja... and sveiks" among members of various councils. Our "envoys" did admit they never got any sleep, but the friendliness, hospitality and goodwill of our hosts outshone any lack of winks we missed. Our Chicago hosts practically gave us the key to their big city. We didn't even seem to mind something of short duration called "The Laryngitis Miseries." And what rivalry there was between the cities! No need mentioning Detroit's feelings, much less to say anything of Chicago's sweeping almost all titles!

Besides bowling, there were other things that impressed us very much. The new Lithuanian Church of Nativity B.V.M. is beautiful indeed. The Darius - Girenas mo-

nument nearby is striking as well.

Did you know that Betty Petroski's chartered bus set a new "speed" record from Detroit to Chicago? 9 hours - imagine! Plaudits to Betty and "never again" Frank for their "headaches." Our homeward passengers had some special souvenirs like Ruth Grasha's new Pomeranian pup, "Brangus Jurgis," and George Sinkus' "Chico" quips - and possibly a new romance. We'll keep you guessing! Thanks Chicago for a great time.

On April 29th, councils 79 and 102 honored the Alytaus Baseball Team at a Testimonial Dinner at St. Clement's Hall, sponsored by Manager, Chuck Milo, and Pete Padolski, members of C-79. Notables present were: Father Kundrat; Bob Bruce and Phil Regan of the Detroit Tigers; Vince Banonis, former All-American from the Univ. of Detroit and past championship performer of the Detroit Lions; also, several individuals from the Detroit Baseball Federation. The Alytaus Team were State Champs and were National Runners-up in the playoffs. There were some wonderful dynamic speakers too. Good music, provid-

ed by the Vychus boys, and a fine meal, well served, made an enjoyable evening. Congratulations to Social Chairman, Joe Chaps and ALL the committees. Plaudits also to Dorothe Martin for a beautiful decorating job. And "someone" arranged a birthday surprise for Ruth Grasha at the dinner.

Our bowling banquet, in conjunction with C-102, held on May 13th, was one of the nicest affairs. The Vychus boys again provided lovely dance music. Ralph Valatka, Jr. and Mark Zager were two eager customers who put a hopping glow in our tender feet - OY! This was an awards night. After some strong competition, K of L - 79 bowling team, again, were the top winners in the second division. Congratulations to John and Mary Eizonas, Chet Nashlon and Delphine Stepan. Fr. Kundrat accepted the award on behalf of C-79. Congratulations also to Aquiline Zane and Clare Stepan. Bowling runs high in their family.

June's social honored Fr. Kundrat's 20th Anniversary in the priesthood. The Vychus' baked a beautiful cake to Father's surprise. Hostesses Julie and Pau-



**C-79 BOWLING LEAGUE CHAMPS**  
Left to right: Chester Nashlon; Delphine Stepan; Fr. Kundrat who accepted the C-79 trophy; Mary Eizonas; and John Eizonas, President Bowling League.



**C-102 BOWLING LEAGUE CHAMPS.** Left to right: George Dzbanski; Bill Juodwalkis; Ann Alexs; Leon Galinskas; and Tom Plunkette.



**ALYTAUS BASEBALL TEAM TESTIMONIAL DINNER.** Standing top row, left to right: Phil Regan, Detroit Tigers; Vince Banonis; Bob Boris, Supreme Council President; Bob Bruce, Detroit Tigers; Chet Nashlon and Ed Martin, Committee. Bottom row, left to right: Rev. Kundrat; Mrs. Banonis; and Jerry Chaps.





line Belickas did a terrific job on the Sacred Heart theme.

There are plans being formulated in hopes of organizing a C-79 Junior Council. For the present, Joseph Kazlauskas formed a Junior Hiking Club and he along with John Dargis have been conducting frequent camp-outs with prospective Juniors at Camp Dainava. So this is a pretty good start.

The following members attended the K of L Adult-Youth Retreat at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio on June 11th: Magdalen, Margaret and Marianne Smailis; Gerry, Mark and Tom Zager; Ruth Grasha; Bertha Janus; Estelle Pileckas; E. Paurazas; Bill and Vicki Chapelonis. Those who attended were greatly impressed and hope this pilgrimage will become an annual affair. Plaudits to District President Stan Vaitkas for all his efforts.

Membership drive chairman, Frank Petroski, is making an all-out drive to enroll younger K of Lers and here are the results of his efforts. C-79 welcomes Jim Stanulis, Elizabeth Petroski, Joseph Sackle, Marianne Smailis, Robert Petroski, Mary Ann Tene, John Waseloskus, Joseph Kazlauskas, Lynda Petkus, Bernard Vitchus, and Cassie Bay.

We extend our sympathies to Bill Juodwalkis of C-102, whose mother passed away. Sympathy is also expressed to Julia Medinis, the Arman and Mikalauskas families, Joseph Grazulis, Len, Ed, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Salas upon the deaths of their beloved ones and to Dorothe Martin who lost her father.

Detroit, Mich. - 102 Pelėda

The Mid-Central District Conference at the Shrine of our Lady of Consolation at Carey, Ohio, was attended by Ann Uznis and Bob Boris. They reported that the event was most inspirational and are all

in favor of more activities of this nature.

A Junior Council has been formed at St. Anthony's through the diligent efforts of Rev. Stanievich, Sr. M. Christine and Robert Boris. The 30 boys and girls, who are charter members of the 102 Juniors, are overflowing with enthusiasm and varied plans. At our last meeting we voted to donate \$25. to give their treasury a send off - we couldn't have found a better investment for our money.

President Frank Bunikis found it necessary to resign (those housewifely chores are getting him down) and has been officially replaced by Leon Galinskas, who has been acting president since February.

A crowd of Čikagiečiai plus 4 Jerseyites arrived in town for the golfing tournament in June. They put up a good fight but the traveling trophy, which was donated by Chuck Step, was won by Detroit C. 79. Other award winners were Helen Zimmer of Chicago-Woman's Handicap. Gus Baibak of Detroit - Men's Handicap Sharon Adams of Detroit - Woman's low net and her husband Bill Adams - Men's low net. Surprise of the day - Charlie Oskutis of Elizabeth, N. J. did not take a prize! Must be those stars in his eyes!

The Lithuanian War Veterans entertained in the evening with a dance and a midnight snack at their new hall.

Sunday morning saw all hands at St. Anthony's for 11:00 Mass, followed by a very delicious brunch hosted by Terry Medonis and her able assistants, Jo Jonulate, Ann Uznis and Jody Step and Phyllis Byville

At times we think Eleanore Laurin comes to Detroit just for some of Mrs. Boris' excellent kugeli - doesn't everybody? Belle of the weekend was Ann Uznis, who is also our latest T.V. star. Ann appeared on a local television program on July 8th. The occasion was a fashion show with fashions by guess who? That was some

speech you made, Ann - from now on we'll call her Windy.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill Juodwalkis, whose mother passed away in May.

Where is and Who is Betty Johnson????? Anyone knowing her, please call Lee Galinskas.

A challenge is to be issued to C. 79 for a baseball match between them and us'uns - Spiritual advisors acting as umps. This great contest is to be set up for Sept. 11th.

A "Reunion Dance" is slated for October 7th at the Lithuanian Veterans Hall. We are inviting all former, present, and future K of Lers and friends to reserve this date for a really memorable evening. You will meet all of your old buddies and get acquainted with many new friends. A committee has been selected and is already hard at work to make this the outstanding event of the Detroit fall season. See you there!



CONVENTION BOUND!

Cleveland, Ohio - 25

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Another faithful member is temporarily (we hope) away from Cleveland. Mary Ellen Arunski has joined Northwest Orient Airlines and is now training as a stewardess in St. Paul. We'll be watching the clouds for you, Mary.

The weekend of June 17-18 was a big one for Clevelanders. Most of the Supreme Council members



were in town for their meeting - Bob Boris, Larry Janonis, Frank Vaskas, Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin, Helen Shields, Frank Gudelis, Stan Vaitkus, Julie Aleshunas. Irene Sankus was a guest with the Chicago officers and Ted Sluzas and Frank Ambrose were up from Dayton. Had a grand party at John Andrulis' home with just about everyone attending. Many thanks to Evelyn and John for the use of their home. Was good to see Al Bendokas and Paul Chalko, who we hope will soon be members.

In the wee hours of the morning (after the party), Bill and Helen Jakubs had a little moonlight cruise on their brand new boat (30 feet long no less). Cruising with Helen and Bill were Andy and Val Skarnus, Dorothy Susin, Andy Palzes and his guest. Golly, we miss all the fun.

While speaking of boats, Gene Kunsitis was the cruise master after our June council meeting. Braving the choppy waters (ugh) of Lake Erie with Gene were Gil and Nancy Richmond, Nellie and Mary Ellen Arunski, Charlie and Nelda Machutas, Ursula Yankauskas and Bill Smith. It's good to have Nancy and Gil back with us. Gene's brother, Wally, is quite a water skier but all we hear from Gene are excuses when it's his turn to ski - the water's too cold, the skis are too narrow, there's something wrong with the motor, nobody knows how to steer the boat! Bill Smith tries to get up on the boards but always manages to land on his face or the other end.

A warm welcome to our new members Joanne and Ernie Hauck. Hope to see lots of you. Joanne and Ernie are a sister and brother-in-law of Algie Samas.

Many happy returns to Kathy Samas, Evelyn Andrulis, and Andy Palzes who celebrated birthdays in June. We all hope Kathy has a safe and speedy recovery from the operation she is to undergo. Happy anniversary to Joanne and Al Shigo - incidentally, they're off to California on a vacation trip.

The Convention Committee is working like mad for the big days on August 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. Looking forward to seeing all our old friends and hope to make many new ones.

Ursula Yankauskas and Nellie Arunski attended the banquet at St. George's hall following ceremonies dedicating the bust of Maironis at the Lithuanian Garden.

Stan Zakas is visiting in California but will be back to give the Convention Committee a hand at the golf tournament.

The Clevelanders who went to Carey, Ohio, to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation want to congratulate and thank Stan Vaitkus for arranging and making the trip possible. Those attending were: Nelda and Charlie Machutas and their two children, Ursula Yankauskas, Nellie and John Arunski, Nellie Samas, Tessie Gavanus (Bill Smith's mother), Joanne and Al Shigo and their two guests. Everyone had an enjoyable trip and spent a wonderful day at the Shrine, and are looking forward to another one.

Fr. Bartis is to be congratulated on the beautiful shrine erected on the grounds of St. George's Church. A new statue just completed in Italy was recently placed in the shrine.



Anne Uznis, C 102, Detroit and Ed Sharkey, C 52, Elizabeth, represent "East & West at Midwest Golf Tourney in Detroit

## NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Elizabeth, N.J. - 52 "Nuff Said"

Fran Buzas, Fran Balandis, Ruth Laucius, Ann Baronis and Mary Motecus will begin their vacation in Cleveland and then ramble about the country in Ruth's Rambler. Of course, the boys will be present as "social" and representative delegates. Those serving in the dual roles are: Norb Wysocki, Ed Sharkey, Chas Oskutis, Frank Miller, Stan Naiva, Al Budreckis and Tony Pinkin. Last but not least, Ann Mitchell, Helen Balandis and Ronnie Krezonis will be there in their multi-purpose roles.

Father Walter Karel led us in the impressive consecration prayer to the blessed Virgin Mary at our last meeting.

To those of you who have missed the last few meetings, I might add, complimentary coffee and cake is served by the girls.

The Midwest golf tournament in Detroit had the following Eastern golfers participating: Ed Sharkey, Chas Oskutis, Norb Wysocki and Ed Misikevich.

Chas. Oskutis produced and performed in a successful minstrel show which was sponsored by the local K of C. Just like old times and fun.

Ed & Delores Anilonis have opened their summer home and Ed is commuting.

A happy summer to all!

Newark, N.J. - 29

The Wanderer

From all indications, C-29's new Junior Council is slowly but surely growing to become one of the largest and most active junior groups in our area.



On Mother's Day, May 14th, C-29 took part in the presentation and blessing ceremonies in Holy Trinity Church of a statue of St. Casimir which was a gift from Eva Ellis and Christina Korbet in memory of their deceased parents. The ceremonies took place before Mass with Monsignor Kelmelis and his assistant, Rev. Peter Toraitis, officiating. After Mass, the K of L hymn was sung.

A hearty welcome is extended to our new members, Mr. & Mrs. William Gates.

C-29 will be represented at the National Convention by Joseph Sakevich and Gertrude Janks. Two other members of C-29 are also going as N.Y. and N.J. District Delegates, Frank Vaskas and Albin Janks.

Julia Strolis gave a report at our June meeting on the annual convention of the N. Y. and N.J. District held June 4th at Kearny, N.J.

Don't forget to put a circle around September 30th! That is the date of the dinner-dance to be sponsored by C-29 at St. George's Hall, 180 New York Avenue, Newark. We look forward to a nice attendance that evening. So come one, come all. The committee assures everyone a most enjoyable time. Ticket price \$4.00.

Best wishes are extended to Council President, Charles Strolis, who will pass another milestone on September 21st. Ditto for Frank Vaskas who will add another page to life's journey on September 14th.

Our Pastor and Spiritual Advisor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Kelmelis, celebrated a dual occasion Sunday, June 25th - his 40th anniversary as Pastor of Holy Trinity Church and his 45th year in the Priesthood.

Amsterdam, N. Y. - C 100

Smile - Sparkle

A "Bon Voyage" dinner was

given by a group of the K of L members for the Rev. Robert K. Baltch on June 20 at the Colonial Inn, Galway, New York. The Rev. John Svagzdys, Brockton, Mass., was the guest speaker. Toastmaster for the occasion was Attorney A. C. Stokna. Each person present was introduced and well wishes expressed.

A purse of money was presented to Fr. Bob by Tony Stokna from all who were in attendance. President Don Nikstenas presented Fr. Bob with a gift from our council. And Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shell gave Father a beautiful centerpiece.

Father Baltch was very surprised at the large crowd that attended. He was under the impression (false information from Gene Gobis) that this was to be a small dinner party given him by a handful of the K of L ers. He said, "In the twelve years that I have been in St. Casimir's Church, this is the first time that I didn't know what was going on in the parish." (I guess we can keep a secret quite well, can't we Father?)

Co-chairmen of the dinner were Mrs. Sadie Karbus and Miss Gene Gobis. Assisting the girls in making the arrangements was Eleanor Stakausaks (P.S. Anthony and Edna Stokna can't be overlooked for all the work that they did in making the event a huge success).

On Saturday, May 20, one of our newest members, Ruth Birute Lalas, became the bride of John Coyne. Father Baltch officiated at the ceremony. Another new member, Caroline Kreisel, was maid-of-honor. Prof. Joseph Olsauskas played the wedding marches and Gene Gobis sang "Ave Maria" and "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother." (The K of L was certainly well represented). We all wish the two newlyweds a life of happiness.

Pat Olbie made a lovely bride at a recent fashion show sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Casimir's Church.

Isabelle Dopkus and Milton Mc Kinley plan to tie the knot in September.

The summer outing is planned for August 13 at Sacandaga Reservoir, the camp of our good K of L members Anthony and Ann Beleckas.

Lake George was officially opened Memorial Day weekend by Sophie Olbie, Helen Dombroski and Gene Gobis.

Isabelle Dopkus and her fiance, Milt McKinley, were in Amsterdam visiting Gene Gobis on Memorial Day.

Our deepest sympathies to Sophie Olbie and daughter Pat, and other members of the family in the recent death of Sophie's brother, Walter.

We are praying for the recovery of Pauline Urban's mother who has been in very poor health the past few months.

## ILLINOIS - INDIANA District

Many changes have been occurring at the K of L BLDG. Not only in the remodeling of the lounge and garden, but also in the administration. Our new Bldg. Board Officers are: Pres. Anthony Bacevicius; Treas. Vyt Lubert; Secy. Eleanore Laurin; Bookkeeper Al Kassel. The Bldg. Managers, Kazimiera and Anton Petrulis, have resigned. We will miss their cheery faces and wish them success in any new venture they may undertake.

### FINAL 60-61 BOWLING STANDINGS

Mazeika-Evans Funeral Home; Chgo. Svgs. & Loan; St. Anthony Svgs. & Loan and Liths Clubs; tied for third; Gaiva Restaurant; Marzano's Palace Bowl; Standard Federal Svgs. & Loan; and S. Bloom, Inc. Next season - Cermak Bowl, Fridays at 8 P.M. Contact the Als (Kassel or Manst) for further information.





John Kerulis and Jack Jatis

Recently three of our hard-working Seniors were honored by TESTIMONIAL DINNERS. Leonard Simutis, Sr. on May 29th at the Jesuit Center and John Kerulis-Jack Jatis, July 1st, K of L Bldg. Among the many K of L members present at one or both events were Prof. Aleksas, Bob Boris and Helen Shields.

The 138 bowlers and the many guests proclaimed the MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT a success. From the brunch at the Sahara to bowling at Miami Lanes to buffet dinner-dance at the K of L Bldg. to Sunday Mass at Nativity B. V. M. to the Presentation Banquet at the West Lane Club (with Dizzy Trout as speaker) to the punch-and-beer party at the Bldg, everyone had a terrific time. It certainly was a busy two days. Chairman Al Kassel, his co-chairman and committee are to be congratulated. For all who missed the event, start planning for the 1962 Tournament with Detroit's Council 79 as hosts.

The Chicago Nomads, this time including Al & Dale Shrupsa, Rich & Jean Shlautas, AnnMarie Pupinik, Helen Zimmer, Gerry Mack, Eleanore Laurin, Irene Sankus, Frank Svelnis, Al Kassel, a converted Chicagoan, Bob Paul of Phillie, along with the boys from New Jersey were guests of Detroit's Council 102 at the 2nd Annual MID-WEST GOLF TOURNAMENT on June 23-24. Saturday after golfing at the IdleWyld Club (only Chicago winners: Helen Zimmer, Womens Handicap and Rich Shlau-

tas, Special Award), a summer social was held at the Vets Club. The Sunday agenda: Mass at St. Anthony's, brunch at the church hall, a tour of the new rectory and an afternoon of fun, frolic and food at the Boris Residence. 1962 hosts - Dayton (Invitation issued in 1960).

With Dainų Šventė (Lithuanian Song Festival) held at Chicago's Intl. Amphitheater on July 2nd and with the many K of L members from various cities participating in the choral groups, committees, etc., Chicago took on the appearance of a K of L Convention city. Our guests were entertained at the Darius-Girenas Bldg, K of L Bldg., Kassel Residence, Miller Beach in Indiana, and various other locales. We, in turn, were entertained at the Sahara and its swimming pool. An excellent warm-up for the regular Convention. The only missing events were the convention sessions.

MISLES????? Would you say taht it took Bob Paul a l o n g time to "get with" the Chicago Nomads?? Was there r e a l l y a beautiful wedding ceremony at Miller's Beach??? Bride and Groom???

Gary, Ind. - C-82

E.A.M.

Our congratulations and many thanks for a most enjoyable and well-planned bowling tournament, Chicago. Gary C-82 was proud to have its three teams join in the annual festivities and hopes to have as much fun in Detroit next year. We even hope to bring a few trophies back! One of our members, Joan Cogley, brought back a highly treasured memento - Trophy for individual high game series with handicap. Now she can show it off at her new job in the Indiana License Bureau.

Speedy recovery is wished to two members of the council, Tony Shirvinski and Joe Kurpalis, who is convalescing in Mercy Hospital. Get well quick men, the council needs you.

Our Pastor of St. Casimir's, Father Daniels, celebrated his 15th anniversary in the priesthood. The Council was on hand to join in celebrating such an important milestone in his life. We are very grateful to Fr. Daniels for his contributions in our activities and wish him much reward in the life ahead.

Seems like everyone has the traveling bug these days. Our President, Sophie Kaminski, is likely to win the award for "Traveler of the year." In three weeks she has been to Cleveland twice, to Detroit twice and then managed a trip to Big Bear, Kentucky with her children. She sure does get around.

Mike and Emily Mihaluk and their daughter Arlene, visited the Shigo's, Al and Joanna, in Cleveland, Ohio for their children's graduation.

## NEW ENGLAND District



South Boston, Mass. - C 17

The annual procession and crowning of the Blessed Mother was held on Sunday, May 21, at St. Peter's Church. Some 500 students, clergy and sodalists participated in the procession.

The May Queen was Patricia Plansky, a member of C-17 and her assistant was Frances Daniels, National Trustee.



Athol-Gardner, Mass. - 10

"Vincukas"

On May 30th, members of C-10 ventured out on a "Mystery Ride." The unknown destination turned out to be Forest Park in Springfield. A real good time was had by all during the ride, at the park and at Vincent's Steak House where we finished the day.

Our annual steak barbeque was held at Frank Anoris' camp on Sunday, June 10th. The day's enjoyment began when members feasted on the excellent steaks that were expertly barbequed by our Chaplain, Fr. Al Volungis, and Norman Langlois.

After dinner, the following arrived from Worcester: Ed Daniels, Joe Sakaitis, Rich Korsak, Dot Sinkavich, Rich Svedis, Bob Stevens and Jerry.

Swimming and water skiing were enjoyed by many and attempted by others. Ed Daniels just couldn't make it. Nice try, Ed! Al Rodski and Rich Korsak showed us all up.

Supper was in the form of a hot dog roast. We ended our day listening to Frank's newest records. Nellie Melaika was chairman of the successful outing.

#### BITS OF NEWS ABOUT C-10 MEMBERS:

Sporting new cars are Brownie Kukauskas, a '61 Plymouth; Bill Wisnauskas, '61 Lark; and Howie Beaudette, a Plymouth station wagon.

Several of our members were seen at the square dance Worcester sponsored on June 10th at Throw's Farm, Sterling.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Austin are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child. Mrs. Austin, the former Anne Manewich, is a past C-10 president and was a "Winter Carnival Queen." They are now residing in Mt. Kiscoe, New York.

C-10 President, Alvin Rodski, made the local newspaper recently when his pet squirrel mistook his

finger for a nut and took a big, juicy nibble.

C-10's familiar trio, Howie, Al and Bill were seen at C-26's 45th Anniversary banquet held at the Eden Gardens, May 21st. Those who attended the banquet enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner and later danced to the music of Bob Zinke's band. A party at Rich Korsak's home followed.

Congratulations to Howie Beaudette who was elected Vice Commander of the American Legion Post, Gardner, Mass.

So. Worcester, Mass. - 116

Our Council has been as busy as a beehive these past few months. We have had a full schedule of activities. First a Theatre Party was organized to see the stage production of "My Fair Lady" in Boston. Bernice Kavadaras very ably handled the details. Next we had our Spring Dance at the Bungalow. The lively polka music was provided by Joe Russell and his band. Dennis Sabonaitis was sort of a one-man committee for this affair.

A joint Ice Skating Party was held with neighboring C-26 at the Worcester Arena. Refreshments followed in our clubrooms. Not many skaters showed up, but those who did had loads of fun.

Another joint affair with C-26 was the showing of films and a lecture by Jack Stukas. These films show Lithuania as it is today and before World War II. Nearly all are familiar with the films, especially those who attended the National Convention in Worcester. They are very good and the older folks certainly enjoyed them very much. The proceeds of the film will go toward the Scholarship Fund. Nice work was done by the committee. Richard Korsak, incidentally, makes a wonderful host.

Our council's bowling season was concluded in grand style at the Town & Country Restaurant in Sterling on Saturday, May 27.

But before the banquet could be held, a rolloff for the C-116 Bowling League Champions had to be held. The two participating teams were the Cadillacs, winners of the first half, and the T-Birds, second-half champions. No match could have been any closer. It was a real, rough and tough battle to the very bitter end, with the Caddies winning by one pin. A heart breaker to lose, and a thriller to win.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. & Mrs. Paluses on the birth of their second child, a baby boy. They already have a daughter. A hearty welcome to our two new members, Jo Ann and Dolores Pucilauskas. Ann Miller travelled to Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Derby and reports she held the winning ticket. Mary Klimkaitis has joined the Golf League of C-116. Maryann Sienkiewicz will be enroute to the land of the Rising Sun by the time this appears in print. She has accepted a job in Tokyo and will be there for 2 years. We all wish her well on her new venture. It's good to have Richie Luikey back from San Antonio, Texas. No one can pick a lobster apart better than Marion Lukason. Ruthie Ciras is sporting a new hairdo. Cute we think.



Bernice Kavadaras

Congratulations to Bernice Kavadaras who was awarded a



Master's Degree in Education on June 11th from the University of Hartford. C-116 is very proud and honored to claim her as a member, and what an active member she has been these past 7 years! Bernice, a Third Degree member, held the office of Vice President in 1957 and President in 1958 and 1959. She assumed chairmanship of numerous council activities and displayed much ingenuity as choreographer of council and parish musical shows. However, her K of L activities are not limited solely to council functions, her services are widely recognized in the New England District as well. Offices held in the District included, Corresponding Secretary for 2 years and Vice President last year. She is serving her second year as a Ritual Committee member and is 1961 Chairman of Cultural Activities in the District.

1960 conventioners will remember Bernice as Chairman of Greetings Committee of the National Convention in Worcester. This year, she will attend the National Convention as a New England District delegate.

Bernice is a former high strutting majorette of the Lithuanian War Drum Corps and was Mass. State Majorette Champ for 2 years. She also devotes a great deal of time each year to Worcester's Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration serving as Publicity Chairman and Secretary.

Our best wishes to you, Bernice. May all your ambitions be accomplished. And good luck to you this September especially, when you begin teaching those second graders.

Norwood, Mass. - C-27 Lulu

Hello again! After several years of little activity, Norwood is trying to once again find its place on the K. of L. map. Under the guidance of Father Aloysius Klimas, a preliminary reorganization meeting was held in June, and the following officers were elected: Paul Zukas, President;

John Stadalnick, Vice President; Vincent Kasauskas, Treasurer; Kay Adakonis, Financial Secretary, and Louise Zukas, Recording Secretary.

Our first meeting is scheduled for early September to plan a program of activity that will attract a large number of young people. We hope to see all our old friends during the coming months.

### CALIFORNIA District

Los Angeles, - 133 C. C.

Officers of C-133 and the Senior Council had a get-together with Jack J. Stukas at the residence of Miss Ann Laurinaitis, Vice President of C-133, on June 19, the day after this year's St. Casimir's Parish Day, where Jack was the principal speaker.

Ann, hostess to this gathering, opened this informal meeting and asked Leonard Valiukas to preside. Leonard, one of the past Presidents of C-133, acquainted Jack with conditions under which both councils - C-133 and the Seniors are functioning. He introduced Jack and asked him to make some remarks, placing the emphasis on things that we, K of L'ers, should stress these days.

Jack talked for a few moments about his trip to Lithuania in the spring of 1960 and then switched to our organization's problems. He emphasized very strongly the work of the Lithuanian Culture and Lithuanian Affairs committees; urged both councils to expand, to enroll new members; and encouraged the councils to take a very active part in all Lithuanian-American activities. Jack praised the famous Kuchel-Lipscomb resolution and urged all members to support it. He also expressed very nice compliments on the Lithuanian Days magazine being published by Anthony Skirius, organizer of the Senior Council. Jack's remarks were followed by a question-answer period.

Leonard read letters received

from Bob Boris and Helen Shields urging the organization of Junior Council in Los Angeles. Leonard suggested to both President, Tom Yakutis, C-133, and John Puikunas, Senior Council, to have a joint officers meeting and to work out plans for this big project.

Before adjournment, Leonard presented Jack with a fine bill fold, and John Puikunas presented him with several copies of his book on Lithuanian proverbs and brief sayings.

Nobody was in a hurry to rush home because Ann had some very fine refreshments, so for at least two more hours the Los Angeles K of L'ers chatted with Jack. Needless to say, everyone present was grateful to Ann for making possible this excellent opportunity to meet and talk with one of the leading K of L'ers in the country, Jack J. Stukas.



The Big Three Meeting.

Jack J. Stukas (right), Hillside, N. J., Chairman of the Lithuanian Culture Committee, meets two leading K of L'ers from California: Miss Ruta Lee-Kilmonis of Hollywood, Calif., motion picture and TV actress; and Leonard Valiukas of Los Angeles, Calif., one of the Republican Party functionaries in California.



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>August 23</b>	<b>Cedar Point Excursion and Picnic via Bus</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>August 24</b>	<b>Golf Tournament - Manakiki Golf Course</b> <b>Willoughby, Ohio</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Bowling Tournament - Ambassador Lanes,</b> <b>15th and Superior Avenue</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>
	<b>VYČIU - "Wedding and Reception"- Lithuanian</b> <b>Hall - 6835 Superior Avenue</b>	<b>8:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>August 25</b>	<b>Solemn Opening Mass and Breakfast - Our Lady</b> <b>of Perpetual Help Church - 18022 Neff Road</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Tour of Lithuanian Cultural Gardens</b>	<b>9:15 A.M.</b>
	<b>Opening Session - Rainbow Room</b>	<b>10:15 A.M.</b>
	<b>Sports Luncheon - Presentation of Trophies</b> <b>Terraces A &amp; B</b>	<b>12:15 P.M.</b>
	<b>Second Session - Rainbow Room</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Čiurlionis Ensemble Concert - Lorenzo Carter</b>	<b>8:30 P.M.</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>August 26</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Deceased Members - St. John's</b> <b>Cathedral - East 9th and Superior Ave.</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>
	<b>Third Session - Rainbow Room</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Luncheon - Terraces A &amp; B</b>	<b>12:15 P.M.</b>
	<b>Fourth Session - Rainbow Room</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Semi-Formal Dance - Al Tercek and His Orchestra -</b> <b>Ballroom</b>	<b>9:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>August 27</b>	<b>Solemn High Mass - St. George's Church - 67th and</b> <b>Superior Avenue</b>	<b>10:30 P.M.</b>
	<b>Photographing and Brunch after Mass - St. George's</b> <b>Church Hall</b>	
	<b>Fifth Session</b>	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Closing Banquet - Rainbow Room</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>

