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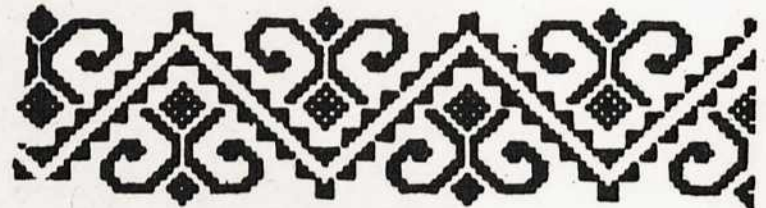
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JUBILIEJINIŲ METŲ ŽENKLE

Leonardas Šimutis

Amerikos lietuviai savo jaunimo organizavimu rūpintis pradėjo prieš apie 60 metų. Maždaug prieš tiek pat metų pradėta ieškoti priemonių paimti į savo rankas ir lietuvių atžalyno - vaikų švietimą ir auklėjimą. Augant savųjų parapijų skaičiui, kilus reikalui prie jų steigti savąsias, lietuviškas mokyklas, reikėjo joms parūpinti mokytojus bei mokytojas. Todėl buvo padėta labai daug pastangų sukurti lietuvių kongregaciją, kuri parūpintų mokytojų lietuvių parapijų mokykloms. Kun. dr. Antanui Staniukynui vadovaujant, kun. Antanui Kaupui, "Draugo" redaktoriui, ir kun. Antanui Milukui, "Zvaigždės" redaktoriui, padedant, kitiems klebonams ir lietuvių katalikų visuomenei pritariant ir remiant, įskūrė Šv. Kazimiero Seserų vienuolija, kuri paruošė lietuvių pradžios mokykloms kompetentingų mokytojų. Tai buvo atliktas didelis ir svarbus darbas lietuviybės išlaikymo baruose.

Lietuvių parapijos mokykla negalėjo patenkinti visų reikalavimų jaunimo globos ir pilnesnio auklėjimo atžvilgiu. Tas mokyklas užbaigusieji reikalavo tolimesnės priežiūros, reikalavo tolimesnės globos. Todėl beveik tie patys anų laikų veikėjai, kurie sielojosi mokyklų steigimu ir parūpinimu joms mokyklų, pradėjo galvoti ir apie jaunimo organizavimą. Tokių tarpe buvo kun. A. Kaupas, kuris visu savo svoriu, kaip idealistas veikėjas, redaktorius ir sociologas, stovėjo Lietuvos Vyčių organizatorių (Mykolo Norkūno, Stasio Būgnaičio) ir kitų pirmųjų veikėjų užnugaryje. Jis ir vardą davė šiai pirmajai lietuvių katalikų jaunimo organizacijai (Amerikos Lietuvių R.K. Federacijos kongrese 1913 m., Pittsburgh, Pa.).

Reikia tad laikyti, kad tiesioginiu ir praktišku Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo organizavimu rūpintis pradėta prieš 50 metų. Ir tai pirmieji buvo Lietuvos Vyčiai, kurie šiuos metus pavadino savo organizacijos jubiliejiniais metais. Pagristai ir teisingai.

Labai gražu, kad didesniosios organizacijos apskri-tys bei apygardos jau pačioje savo jubiliejinių metų pradžioje surengė šaunius minėjimus. Tačiau reikia manyti, kad pats didysis Vyčių veikloje įvykis šiemet bus jubiliejinis seimas Bostone. Bet atrodo, kad pervisus šiuos metus ši mūsų jaunimo organizacija veiks, judės, prisimindama savo vaisingą darbais praėitį, pla-

nuodama ateitį, į ją drąsiai žvelgdama. Taip ir reikia, nes jaunimas neprivalo stovėti vienoje vietoje. Jis turi judėti, veikti, būti dinamiškas.

Ką Vyčių organizacija yra nuveikusi?

Ji nuveikė labai daug. Jau vien tas faktas, kad organizacija išsilaikė per 50 metų, išsilaikė ir lietuviška, ir katalikiška, labai daug pasako. Nei vienu atveju ji nesuslubavo, nenuklydo nuo tų idealų, kuriuos parinko jai jos organizatoriai, pirmieji veikėjai ir vadai. Kitas labai svarbus dalykas, kad ši organizacija, pradėjusi leisti savo organą - žurnalą VYTI 1915 metų rudenį, pajėgė jį ligšiol išlaikyti. Nors šiuo metu žurnalas spausdina daugiau rašinių anglų kalba, tačiau jie yra persunkti lietuviška dvasia ir apimę lietuvių tautos aktualesius kultūrinius, socialinius ir Lietuvos išlaisvinimo reikalus. VYTIS yra daug padaręs prilaikyti arčiau tautos reikalų šiame krašte gimusių ir augusių jaunimą.

Plačią vagą Lietuvos Vyčiai yra išvarę lietuvių išseivijos kultūrinėje dirvoje. Jie yra sukūrę ir išlaikę visą eilę chorų. Per daug metų kaikurie skyriai turėjo sukūrę ir išlaikę dramos ratelius, kurie pastatydavo scenoje daug vertingų kūrinių. Jie taip pat steigė lituanistikos kursus. Jie rėmė visus bendruosius visuomeninius kultūrinius sąjūdžius. Jie yra gana stipriai parėmę ir Lietuvos jaunimo organizaciją - pavasarininkus.

Tenka džiaugtis ir tradiciniu vyčių nusistatymu remti Lietuvos išlaisvinimo pastangas. Pirmojo Pasaulinio karo metu ir po karo vyčiai išsijuošę dirbo padedant telkti aukas Lietuvos išlaisvinimui ir šalpai nuo karo nukentėjusiems. Jie turėjo savo atstovus ir Amerikos Lietuvių Taryboje, kur drauge su kitų organizacijų vadais darbavosi, kad paveiktų JAV vyriausybę padėti Lietuvos žmonėms išsilaisvinti. Matome, kad ir dabar vyčiai nedaug teatsilieka nuo anų laikų savo brolių. Jie ir dabar ne tik domisi, bet ir veiksmingai ir drausmingai dirba su Lietuvos išlaisvinimo veiksniais.

Tenka tad palinkėti, kad vyčiai ir toliau dirbtų ir gyventų tokia pat dvasia ir energija tiems patiems kilniems tikslams, kaip buvo dirbta per 50 metų. Šie reikšmingi jubiliejiniai metai vyčius dar labiau tesustiprina ir narių verbavimą ir veiklos atžvilgiais.



Ignas Sakalas, compiler of the K of L History and author of the Lithuanian version.

Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacija šįmet mini auksinį įsteigimo jubiliejų. Jos penkiasdešimties metų veikimo broožų knuga - LIETUVOS VYČIAI AMERIKOJ - šiomis dienomis išėjo iš spaudos. Tos knygos autorius L.V. Garbės Narys Ignas Sakalas taip pat mini auksinį jubiliejų, jo atvykimo į Jungtines Amerikos Valstybes jubiliejų. Įdomus sutapimas.

1913 metais niukiantis Europos padangei pirmam Pasauliniam karui, kad išsisukus iš prievartos Rusijos kariuomenėn, Ignas Sakalas, kaip ir dauguma ano meto jaunų vyrų, slapta pabėgo į Ameriką. Apsigyveno Cleveland, Ohio, tuojau įsijungė į lietuvių katalikų veikimą, o 1915 metais buvo vienas Vyčių 25-tos kuopos organizatorius, pirmas kuopos sekretorius ir pirmas kuopos atstovas į Lietuvos Vyčių 3-jį seimą Chicagoj 1916 metais. Seime buvo prezidiumo pirmasis sekretorius.

1918 metais persikėlęs Chicagon kartu su žmona Sofija Bagdziuniute, Ignas Sakalas įsijungė į Vyčių 36-os kuopos veikimą. Jis buvo kuopos, o vėliau ir Chicagos apskrities, Dramos ratelių režisierius, paruošęs scenai visą eilę didesnių veikalų. Su jo išverstu lietuvių kalbon veikalu "Sibiro žvaigždė" 36-tos kuopos Dramos ratelis atliko gastrolę visose Chicagos ir apylinkių lietuvių kolonijose. Vyčių 36-tos

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kuopos Dramos ratelis anais metais buvo plačiausiai žinomas ir įvairių organizacijų kviečiamas jų vakaruose atvaidinti scenos veikalą - dramą ar komediją.

1928 metais per Vyčių seimą Chicagoj, McKinley parko salėje, Ig. Sakalas suruošė tautinio meno parodą, labai gausią įvairiais eksponatais, kurių dauguma buvo gauti iš Lietuvos Junimo Sąjungos "Pavasaris".

1945 metais Chicagoj Sakalas įsteigė pirmą vyčių vyresniųjų (sen draugių-seniors) kuopą, kurioniškart subūrė daugiau poros šimtų narių. Šios kuopos iniciatyva, kartu su Chicagos apskritim, buvo nupirktas namas, kuris dabar yra žinomas, kaip Vyčių salė, (2453-5 W. 47th St.). Chicagos vyčiai yra vienintelė organizacija turinti ir išlaikanti savo salę.

Spaudos darbą Ignas Sakalas pradė dirbti 1911 metais Seinuose (Lietuvoje) Laukaičio, Narjausko, Dvaranausko įsteigtoje spaudos bendrovėje, kuri leido tris laikraščius.

Atvykęs į Ameriką, 1915 metais Clevelande Sakalas, su spaustuviniu Povilu Šukiu įsteigė katalikišką savaitraštį "Santauka", kuri dėl finansinių sunkumų neilgai ėjo. Vėliau į Sakalo-Šukio pramintą spaudos kelią įstojo grupė laisvamanių, kurie įsteigė spaudos bendrovę ir pradėjo leisti katalikams priešingos pakraipos laikraštį "Dirvą".

Ignas Sakalas dirbo "Draugo" redakcijoj nuo 1918 (su trumpomis pertraukomis) iki 1961 metų. Dviem atvejais buvo "Vyčio" redaktorium ir keletą metų redagavo ALRK Vargoninkų Sąjungos laikraštį - organą "Muzikos žinios".

Jis yra parašęs Clevelando lietuvių draugijų istoriją, Juozo Baltruoknio su kun. J. Halaburda teismo bylos satyrinį vaidinimą "Laimėtas doleris", pašaipinį vaidinimą iš antro-

jo Pasaulinio karo "Trubelmeikeriai": Hitleris, Stalinas, Musolinis ir Hirohito, taipgi suredagavęs kun. Juozo Čužausko atsiminimus ir spaudai paruošęs kun. Antano Tamuliūno vertimą "Meilės galybė".

Be Lietuvos Vyčių, Ignas Sakalas veikė visose lietuvių katalikų organizacijose ir bendrame katalikiškame veikime.

Už nuopelnus katalikų akcijai ir spaudai 1952 metais Ignas Sakalas popiežiaus Pijaus XII buvo apdovanojotas "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" ordinu.

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The compilation of the K of L History, released this month, was the result of the almost single-handed efforts of IGNAS SAKALAS. Besides spending years gathering and sorting the History's contents, Mr. Sakalas also wrote the Lithuanian version of the book.

That all readers may know their historian, we present these few excerpts of his profile in English. More details appear in Lithuanian, above.

- He is the editor of "Lietuvos Vyčiai Amerikoj," published to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Knights of Lithuania.

- By happy coincidence, Sakalas observes the 50th anniversary of his immigration to the United States.

- His most important move came when he escaped Czaristic tyranny in 1913 and came to the United States.

- In 1915 he helped establish the 25th K of L council in Cleveland, of which he became a secretary and the council's first delegate to the third K of L convention in Chicago in 1916.

- His happiest moment was when he married pretty Sophia Bagdziuniute and to come with her to Chicago,

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OF THE HISTORY

STANLEY PIEZA

Stanley Pieza starts the day by wondering where he'll be "sent."

That's the plight of this veteran newspaperman of Chicago who is at present special European correspondent, feature writer and religion editor of Chicago's American.

It's not unusual for Pieza to get a phone call, say at around 6 a.m., and have the editor politely telling him to pack his bags for a jet flight to New York, Los Angeles, Ottawa, Peoria, Rome, London, or Athens. Once on a quick flight to New York he had only time to grab his tooth brush.

His overseas assignments started in 1946, when he flew in a T.W.A. Constellation to Rome, Italy, to cover the consistory called by Pope Pius XII for the purpose of adding 32 members to the college of cardinals. Pieza accompanied the late and beloved Samuel Cardinal Stritch to the Vatican at that time. He then met the saintly Pope Pius XII in several special audiences.

In his fifth trip to Europe, made in 1956, Pieza toured Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Austria and made an attempt to reach Budapest during the Hungarian revolt for freedom for the purpose of interviewing Josef Cardinal Mindszenty. Pieza could not get around the Russian tanks and so he returned to Vienna after some 50 miles in Hungary.

In 1955, Pieza went to another part of the world, to cover the International Eucharistic Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

On his seventh trip to Europe in 1962, Pieza covered the opening session of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. He then talked to the genial and beloved Pope John XXIII.

Pieza also has the unique distinc-

tion of talking to three popes in his life time. He first met Pope Pius XII in 1936 in Chicago when he was Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli. He talked to Pope John XXIII both in 1959 and in 1962. He met Giovanni Battista Cardinal Montini - now Pope Paul VI - at the 1960 Notre Dame University commencement in which both the new Pope and President Eisenhower received honorary degrees.

As a newspaperman, Pieza has met not only popes, but also kings, presidents, Hollywood stars, and top echelon gangsters and murderers when he was a police reporter back when he started working for the Hearst Chicago Evening American. That was way back - in 1934. He also wrote many front page stories about Lithuania.

One of the proudest moments of this Chicago newspaperman is the time he pitched a no-hit game for the Chicago Knights of Lithuania Council 36 baseball team. This was when he was in high school - way back when.

Pieza has been associated with the Knights of Lithuania ever since the early days of Council 36 in Chicago's Brighton Park parish of the Immaculate Conception Church. He was president of the council for several years, led in the council's cultural and sports activities and wrote during that time many articles for the VYTIS. He and his wife, Anne Rezgaite, also edited a Council 36 publication, called the TARADAIKA. Some of the Council 36 members cherish old copies of this vignette of Council 36 in their libraries.

Pieza and his wife are fourth degree members of the Knights of Lithuania, and continue as members in the Chicago K of L Seniors.

In the golden jubilee book you'll find that Stanley has helped organize



Stanley Pieza, author of English version of the K of L History.

the K of L sports activities on a national basis, and he has led in organizing the Chicago district baseball league which became one of the K of L greatest sports enterprises. The league spearheaded the growth of similar activity in each of the K of L councils across the nation.

Pieza was also active in organizing basketball teams in the Chicago districts, and Council 36 had an unbeatable team.

Anne Pieza, a lyric soprano of note, sang Lithuanian folk songs on the radio and appeared in leading roles of Gilbert-Sullivan operettas staged by the Chicago K of L district choir in Chicago.

It also can be recorded here that the K of L Choir then was the first Lithuanian choral group to appear on a radio program in Chicago. It was Stanley and Anne who interested old WLS radio station to invite the choir.

K of L knighthood means a lot to Pieza and his wife Anne.

"We grew up in the K of L's and we are proud of that," says Mr. Pieza.

When you talk about the K of L's with Anne and Stanley Pieza, you touch something dear to their hearts.

THE "WEEPING VIRGIN" OF SILUVA

By Carolyn A. Nagin



Among the least known of Mary's appearances on earth, are her apparitions at Siluva, Lithuania.

Siluva is a Catholic village in Lithuania. When many of its people became Calvinists in the sixteenth century, the parish church of the Nativity of Our Lady in the village was destroyed. But before its destruction, the famous image of Mary which it contained was hidden in a field.

Many years later on a summer day of 1608, Our Lady appeared to a group of children near Siluva. She was a young woman holding the Divine Infant in her arms. She was clothed in a pure white garment and her brown hair streamed over her shoulders. She was crying.

The children did not know what to

think. They became frightened and ran back to their homes to tell their parents what they had seen.

The only clergyman in their town was a Protestant minister, who heard that the people of the town were going to the scene of the apparition with the children on the following morning. So, he decided to go with the children and their parents.

As the group neared the rock in the woods, they saw a Lady seated on the rock weeping bitterly. The villagers stood by silently and waited for the minister to take the initiative. He strode forth and asked: "Madam, why do you weep?"

In a soft, tender voice the Lady answered: "Because my dearly loved Son was worshipped on this very spot.

Now the place is given over to the plow and heresy." This answer puzzled the minister and he bade the people to scatter and go home while he pondered over the answer of the Lady.

This did not stop the talk that went on in the village. Soon it came to the ears of an aged blind man who insisted on being led to the next village where there was a Catholic priest. He had lived in the days when the entire village was Catholic and he recalled a church standing near the site which marked the spot where the Lady had appeared.

To the old man's regret, the village priest would not listen to his story and sent him back. The old man would not be discouraged and he gathered about himself a group of men who volunteered to dig in a spot to be pointed out by himself.

As they dug and started to strike wood, some of the neighbors ran off to the next village to warn the priest. He came in a hurry and found that the men had unearthed an oaken chest that contained an altar plate and documentary evidence to prove the true ownership of the land, together with a large picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

At the base of the rock whereupon the Virgin appeared, two extraordinary events took place: the old man who led the people to the scene received his sight miraculously and the people of the village got their land back from the Calvinists and began their plans for the restoration of their Catholic church.

Over the years the apparition and subsequent miracles at Siluva have been recognized by the Church. Pope Pius VI in 1775 proclaimed the picture miraculous, granted plenary indulgences on Sept. 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin and permitted the celebration of an entire octave. The Pope also permitted the picture to be crowned.

The events at Siluva sparked the religious revival of the Lithuanian nation.

Today, Lithuania is behind the Iron Curtain. Many of her people are wasting away in labor camps or in Red prisons in the cold reaches of Siberia.

Perhaps, some day, they will be able to kneel and pray in a free land and once more honor their Heavenly Mother of Siluva.

GOLDEN JUBILEE PROJECTS

MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

Council 29
Newark, N. J.

June 16, 1963

Dear Miss Kassel,

As a 50 year anniversary project, the Mid-Central District held a "Golden Jubilee Raffle". It was decided that the proceeds would be given to the Vytis.

The enclosed check for one-hundred and eighty-nine dollars is the total amount made. We hope that this will help in some way.

All members of the Mid-Central District send their votes of thanks for an interesting and informative Vytis. May it continue in the same manner for, at least, another fifty years.

Vytiškai

Mary Trainy
Mid-Central District Pres.

August, 1963

Dear Mid-Central District Knights:

What an overwhelming and most welcomed surprise! Our sincerest thanks to the entire Mid-Central District for this generous gift to the VYTIS.

We are especially honored that you have selected the VYTIS to benefit from your hard work on your "Golden Jubilee Project."

Your gift will help us fulfill one of the long-standing needs of the VYTIS - the establishment of a reference library. The library will be of great help both to editors and contributors, in providing for "an interesting and informative VYTIS."

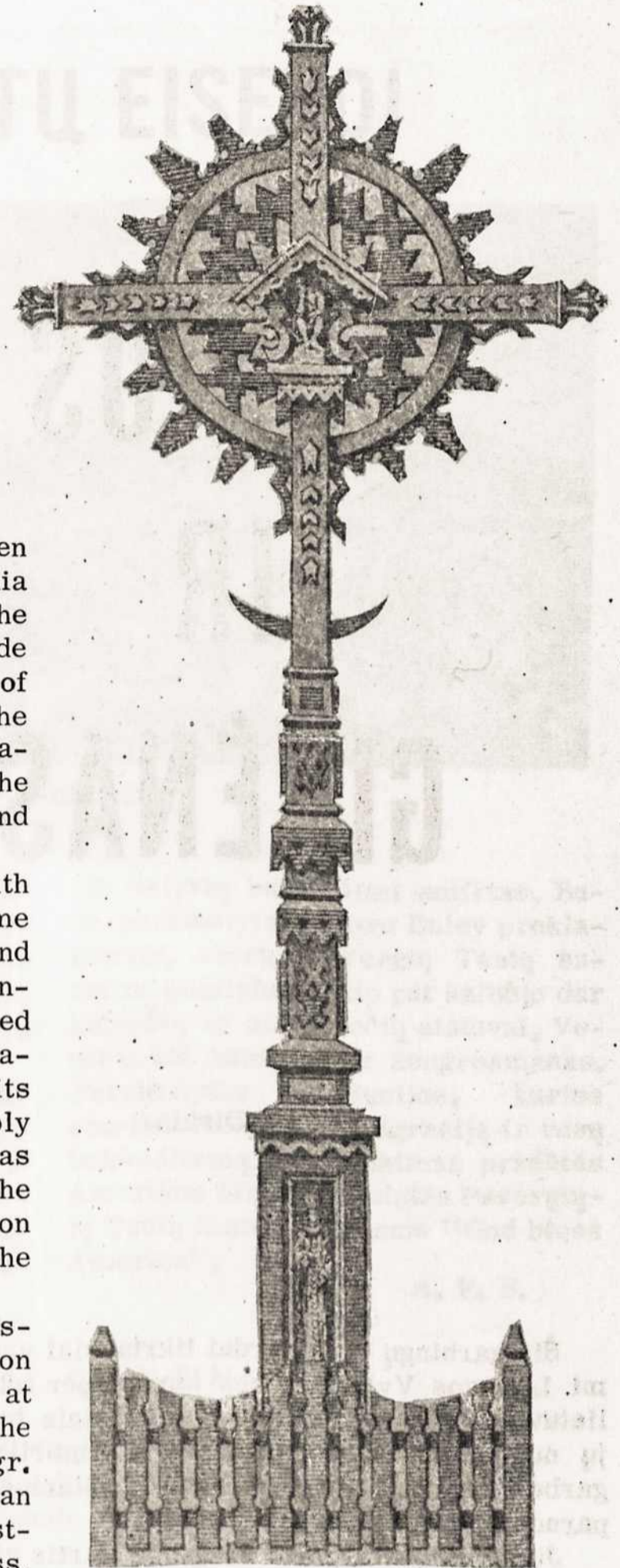
The VYTIS Staff

Council 29 celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Knights of Lithuania on Sunday, June 16, 1963, with the dedication of a Lithuanian Wayside Cross, erected on the grounds of Holy Trinity Parish of Newark. The Cross, the work of artist John Subacius, was made possible by the donations of C-29 members and friends.

Joining in the celebration with the local Knights was the Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Church and K of L members from other councils of the N.Y.-N.J. District. Led by the color guard of the Lithuanian American Veterans Post and its auxiliary, the group marched to Holy Trinity Church, where High Mass was offered by Rev. Peter Totoraitis. The St. Cecilia Choir, under the direction of Clement Bagdonavicius, sang the Mass.

After Mass, there was a procession to the Cross where dedication ceremonies took place. Officiating at the blessing of the cross was the pastor of Holy Trinity, Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Kelmelis. Joan Yankauskas and Joan Tatoris, attired in Lithuanian costume, presented a wreath at the cross. A prayer was offered by Rev. Totoraitis for all who sacrificed their lives in Lithuania's struggle for independence and freedom.

Following the singing of the hymn "Marija, Marija," Jack J. Stukas, chairman of the Wayside Cross committee, spoke a few words and then placed at the foot of the cross a mound of earth that he had brought back from Lithuania. The singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the Lithuanian Anthem, and the K of L Anthem ended the ceremony. A luncheon followed at St. George's Hall, where C-29 Vice-President Jack Remeika was toastmaster.



The Lithuanian Wayside Cross Committee of C-29 expresses its deep thanks to all who made possible the erection of this beautiful tribute to Lithuania's heroic dead. The following were on the committee. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman; Kazys Sipaila, Treasurer; Joan Yankauskas, Secretary; Joseph Balchunas, Anthony Malakas, Eva Ellis, Joseph Chepulis, Jack Remeika, Julia Strolis, Frank Vaskas. The fence for the cross was erected and donated by Anthony Malakas in memory of his father, Jurgis Malakas.

The Wanderer

MES SKRISIME Į LIETUVĄ

DARIUS IR GIRĖNAS

Povilas Dirkis

Šių garbingų vyrų vardai tikriausiai yra gerai žinomi Lietuvos Vyčiams, nes beveik per trisdešimt metų lietuviškoje spaudoje liepos mėnesiais buvo iškeliami jų nuopelnai tėvynei Lietuvai ir Amerikai. Be to, jų garbei kasmet Chicagoje buvo ruošiamos iškilmės su paradais, eisenomis ir t.t.

Jų ryžtingas žygis ir traginga mirtis visados mums lieka neužmirštami. Nesinorėtų pro tokį ytin reikšmingą istorinį įvykį praeiti tylomis, nepanagrinėjus tų pasiryžėlių žygio prasmės bei reikšmės.

Dauguma iš mūsų, ypač sendraugiai, prisimename, kaip prieš 30 metų, du drąsūs, ryžtingi, nepalaužiamos valios lietuviai lakūnai, kpt. Darius ir lt. Girėnas, perskridę audringą Atlantą, žuvo prie pat Lietuvos sienos, Soldino miške, Vokietijoje. Ta netikėta ir nelaukta tragedija įvyko 1933 m. liepos 17 dieną.

Pagrindinis jų žygio tikslas buvo nugalėti Atlantą ir be pertraukos nuskristi iš New Yorko į Kauną. Jie nugalėjo Atlantą, tačiau jų lėktuvo "Lituanicos" sparnai palūžo audringos nakties tamsumoje, nepasiekę Lietuvos žemės.

Nors jie savo tikslo pilnai nepasiekė, tačiau vis tik jie atnešė didelių laimėjimų savo tautai. Nors jie žuvo, bet jie įamžino ne tik savo, bet ir lietuvių vardą. Jų žygis

Lietuvių tauta laukia iš savo sunų ir drąsesnių žygių. Butinai reikia ir jos sunums prisidėti prie bendrojo darbo — tirti dar mažai žinomas Žiemų Atlantiko vandenyno oro sroves, o taip pat naujai išrastus navigacijos budus ir priemones pritaikinti kasdieniams reikalams. Mes, gyvendami tokiomis laikais kada oras stengiamasi panaudoti žmonijos reikalams, laikome sau už pareigą tautos vardu tą darbą garbingai atlikti.

Jaunoji Lietuva! Tavo dvasios įkvėpti, mes stengiamės šį pasirinktą uždavinį įvykdyti. Musų pasisekimas tegu sustiprins Tavo dvasią ir pasitikėjimą savo jėgomis ir gabumais! Bet jei Neptunas ar galingasis audrų Perkunas ir mums bus rustus — pastos mums kelią į Tavo kraštą ir pašauktų "LITUANICĄ" pas save, tada Tu, Jaunoji Lietuva, turėsi iš naujo ryžtis, aukotis ir pasirengti. Tavo pastangomis, pasiryžimu, kad nekviestų Tavęs į Didįjį Teismą.

"LITUANICOS" laimėjimas tegu sustiprina jaunųjų Lietuvos sunų dvasią ir įkvėpia juos naujiems žygiams!

"LITUANICOS" prašaimėjimas ir nugrimzdimas į Atlantiko vandenyno gelmes tegu auklėja jaunųjų lietuvių atkaklumą ir ryžtumą, kad Sparnuotas Lietuvis butinai įveiktų klasingąjį Atlantiką Tėvynės Lietuvos Garbei!

Tadgi šį savo skridimą skiriame ir aukaujame Tau, Jaunoji Lietuva!

Tą didįjį bandymą pradėsime, tikėdamiesi Dangaus palaimos!

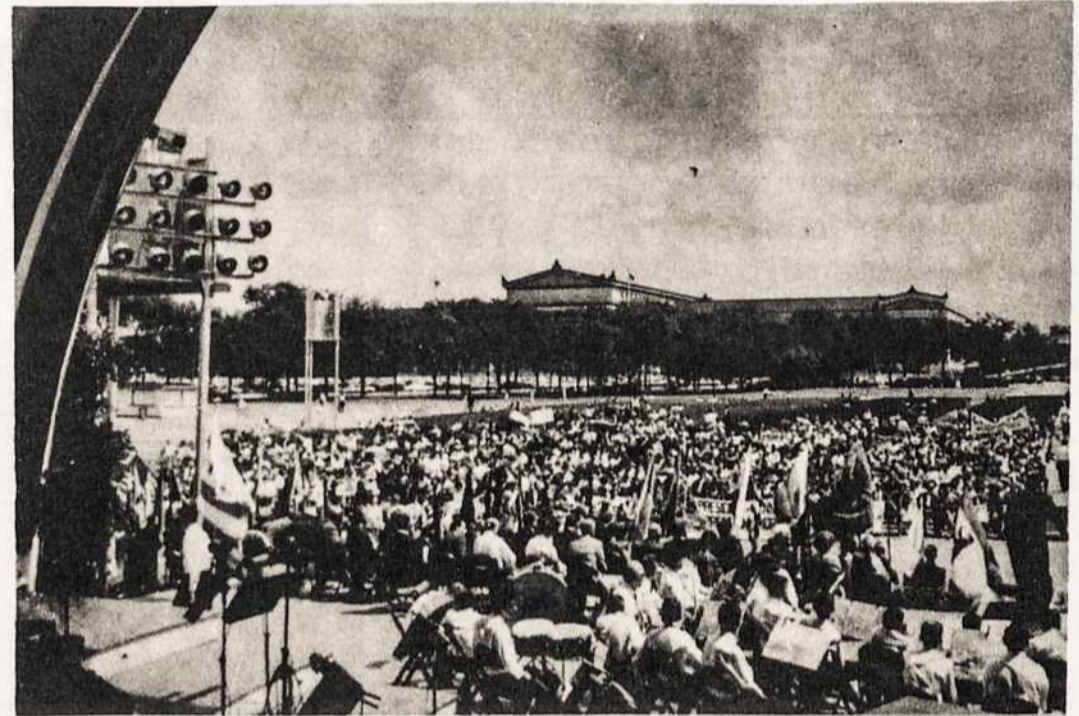
*Lakunas Kapitonas STEPONAS DARIUS,
Lakunas STASYS GIRĖNAS.*

liks gyvas lietuvių tautoje, kol tik plaks lietuvių širdis. Beto, jie tuo žygiu savo vardus įrašė į aviacijos istorijos lapus, kaip Atlanto nugalėtojai be sustojimo ir su vienmotoriniu lėktuvu.

Tikrai galima pasakyti, kad iki tol niekas nepakėlė taip tautinės lietuvių širdies, kaip Darius ir Girėnas tuo savo ryžtingu ir garbingu bei tragiškuoju finalu. Dariaus ir Girėno karžygiškas žygis ir tragiška mirtis yra vienas iš gražiausių paveikslų, vaizduojančių, kaip reikia savo tėvų kraštą mylėti ir už jį aukotis. Jie tuo žygiu parodė ne tik didelės drąsos pavyzdį, savo heroizmą, bet ir konkrečiai išreikštą jauno žmogaus žygio formą. Darius ir Girėnas visai aiškiai įrodė, kad lietuviškas genijus dar gyvas ir kad jis pats gali apsispręsti ir savo gyvybe rizikuoti.

Pagaliau kas gi juos vertė vykdyti tą rizikingą žygį? Juk niekas jiems jokių premijų nebuvo paskyręs, niekas aukso kalnų nežadėjo ir iš niekur jokio garantuoto atlyginimo už tą žygį nelaukė. Tai įvyko dėl to, kad Darius ir Girėnas mylėjo tėvynę Lietuvą skaisčiau ir labiau, negu sužadėtinę, negu savo tikrąją motiną. Todėl jie dėl tėvynės garbės nepabūgo jokių pavojų, nei mirties.

VYČIAI PAVERGŲJŲ TAUTŲ EISENOJ



Pavergtų Tautų minėjimas Chicagoje. Fotos - V. Noreikos

S.m. liepos 14 d. Pavergtųjų Tautų antibolševikinis blokas surengė Čikagoje Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitės eiseną ir minėjimą. Jau kelinti metai Centro ir Rytų Europos išeiviai bei pabėgėliai renkasi į Grant Parką protestui prieš imperialistinį bolševizmą. Šiais metais itin gausiai dalyvavo pavergtųjų tautų išeivių minios, o jų tarpe jau buvo ir kiniečiai, kubiečiai, armėnai ir kiti. Buvo malonu matyti ir pasidžiaugti, kad

lietuviai savo plakatais ir vėliavų gausumu pralenkė visas tautas. Jų tarpe Vyčiai dalyvavo su savo, tautine ir Amerikos vėliavomis ir plakatais. Daug studentų ir moksleivių dalyvavo eisenoj ir nešė plakatus.

Programa buvo ilga, kalbėtojų gana daug. Iš lietuvių dalyvavo Sv. Kryžiaus parapijos klebonas kun. E. Abromaitis, kuris atkalbėjo invokaciją. Pagrindinis kalbėtojas buvo buvęs kongresmanas Ch. Kersten, ku-

ris dalyvių buvo šiltai sutiktas. Buvo perskaityta majoro Daley proklamacija, skirta Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitei paminėti. Taip pat kalbėjo dar kubiečių ir ukrainiečių atstovai, Venecuelos konsulas ir kongresmanas. Perskaitytos rezoliucijos, kurios smerkė komunistinę agresiją ir rusų kolonializmą. Susirinkimas pradėtas Amerikos himnu, užbaigtas Pavergtųjų Tautų himnu ir giesme "God bless America".

A. P. B.

APSIVYLIMAS

A.P. BAGDONAS

Buvo dienos šviesios,
Buvo laimės burtai,
Ugnimi žėrėjo pasakų sapnai,
O šiandien iš viso
Vienatinis turtas:
Laimės atminimas
- Palaužti sparnai.

Lūpos šnabžda malda,
Akys gręžia dangų,
Sielą blaško kančios
Skausminga lemtis,
O varpų gaudimas
Tolumoje žvanga:
- Nesugriš gyventi,
Kam skirta mirtis.

K of L CALENDAR

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| Aug.14-18 | National Golden Jubilee Year Convention, Hotel Bradford, Boston, Mass.
C-17, South Boston - Host Council. |
| Oct.5-6 | C-96, Dayton, Ohio Golden Jubilee Celebration. |
| Oct. 13 | C-36, Chicago, Ill. Golden Jubilee Year Reunion Dinner and Dance. Log Cabin Restaurant, Chicago, Ill. |
| Oct. 19 | C-27, Norwood, Harvest Dance. Lithuanian Hall, Norwood, Mass. |
| Oct. 19 | C-109, Great Neck, K of L Reunion Dance. Church of the Transfiguration Hall, 64-14 - 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y. |
| Nov. 17 | ILL.-IND. DISTRICT K of L Choir Jubilee Concert and Dance. Darius - Girenas American Legion Hall, 4416 So. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill. |

by Loretta I. Kassel

TEENAGER'S REFLECTIONS OF HOMELAND LITHUANIA

an interview

July 7 was "Sokių Sventė" (Lithuanian Dance Festival) Day in Chicago - and Chicago's Lithuanian population increased considerably during the days preceding that Sunday. Visitors from many parts of the United States and Canada arrived in the "Windy City" to participate in, or to watch, this spectacular event.

One of the more interesting - and interested - guests was ERDVILAS JANULAITIS, of Los Angeles. Erdvilas, a handsome, softspoken young man of 19, came to Chicago as a member of the Lithuanian American Community Youth Dance Ensemble. With the group, he arrived early, and left late, so as to spend some extra time enjoying Chicago's sights. For Erdvilas, these sights had a more-than-average appeal, for they were sights of a free world. . . one still relatively new to him. Less than three years ago, on Oct. 12, 1960, Erdvilas arrived in the U.S. from Communist-enslaved Lithuania, to join the parents he couldn't remember and the brothers he had never met.

His parents fled Lithuania during the start of the Communist occupation there. As Erdvilas was only 6 months old at the time, his parents felt it safer for him that he remain behind, in the care of an aunt. Their hopes of having their son join them later materialized only after 16 years of constant work and prayer.

Erdvilas very graciously agreed to share his impressions, ideas, and memories with VYTIS readers. Following are some of these thoughts, as expressed to "yours truly" during a most enjoyable interview.



WHEN DID YOU FIRST LEARN THAT YOU HAD PARENTS ELSEWHERE?

When I was about 12 years old. Earlier, my aunt raised me as her own son. To do otherwise would have been dangerous. Had the Communists known that I was the son of Lithuanian exiles, both my aunt and I might have been killed or deported to Siberia. As I grew older, I began to hear rumors about the existence of my parents. Later, I learned the entire story.

DID YOU THEN CORRESPOND WITH YOUR PARENTS?

Not directly, as the situation was still dangerous. They wrote to me via my neighbors, using "coded" messages and pseudonyms, and I did likewise. But once mail began coming more freely from the U.S., they sent messages and packages frequently. This made my life and that of my relatives there much easier and happier.

HOW DID YOU EVENTUALLY MANAGE TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO THE U.S.A.?

My parents had been trying to arrange the permission for me to leave Lithuania for a long time - to no avail. Finally, when they heard that Nikita Krushchev was to visit the United States, they wrote to Richard Nixon, then U.S. Vice-President, and asked his help in obtaining from Mr. Krushchev permission for my exit. Through Mr. Nixon's efforts, the permission was granted. After much correspondence and red tape, I was notified that I was to leave for the U.S. From Lithuania, I went to Moscow, where I spent three weeks awaiting final arrangements. Then I flew to the U.S., where I met my parents and younger brothers.

WHERE DID YOU LIVE IN LITHUANIA?

I was born in Siauliai, and lived there most of my life. Later, as a student, I lived in Kaunas.

WHICH DID YOU PREFER?

Kaunas. Country life in Siauliai was very primitive and hard. Food was scarce; most meals centered around potatoes. The homes are poorly built. Most floors are made of dirt, so get muddy after a heavy rain, and are extremely cold in winter. Conditions in the city are much more favorable. Buildings are in better condition; food and commodities are easier to get, and life in general is happier.

WHAT IS THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE IN LITHUANIA?

They still hope with all their hearts for freedom from Communism and the eventual independence of Lithuania. Most of them look to the United States for liberation. Many even hope for a war, as they prefer death or destruction to a continuation of the oppression under which they now live. Communist leaders are fully aware of the feeling of unrest and discontent and do what they can to combat it. For example, Lithuanian boys called into service are usually shipped to desolate spots outside of Lithuania. This way, they can't use their training to turn against Communism and start revolts. Also, Russians and people of other nationalities are constantly being brought into Lithuania, to "mix up" the Lithuanian nationality and destroy the Lithuanian spirit. But the spirit still exists, and is very strong, especially among the youth.

Next to freedom, the people await changes in government and government leaders, hoping that a new regime will ease restrictions and make life freer. Much improvement was felt after the death of Stalin. Under him, bread lines were seen everywhere, and many went hungry. Often, one would stand in line all day for food only to find it all gone when his turn came up. Under Stalin's successors, breadlines ceased, more food was available, and communications with the outside world became slightly more relaxed.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF RELIGION IN LITHUANIA?

It is allowed, but frowned upon. Churches are not plentiful, but those that exist are open and Mass and other services are held. Formally, anyone is allowed to go to Mass, but students who do, notice that their grades fall off. Anyone holding a responsible position with the government or as a teacher may find it difficult to advance, if he or she is a known churchgoer. This does not deter most, however. We often went to church in the villages, where there was less chance of being seen. Even there, however, I often saw many friends - also from the city. Even professed communists were sometimes seen there. It was hard to tell

whether they were there as spies, or as sincere churchgoers, also not wanting to be seen by their superiors.

YOU SPENT THE BETTER PART OF YOUR TEENAGE YEARS IN LITHUANIA. WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A "TEENAGER" IN LITHUANIA, UNDER COMMUNIST RULE?

To be a teenager in Lithuania is to be a part of a very spirited, vital, and serious group of people. Perhaps because of their plight, Lithuanian youth stick together much more than American youth seem to do. One of their greatest aims is to keep the Lithuanian spirit alive at all costs, and they must join forces to do so. Marriages by Lithuanians to non-Lithuanians are severely frowned upon.

Students have been successful in staging several minor "revolts", without serious reprimands. Perhaps it is because there are so many participating in demonstrations that none are punished. To punish participants would be to punish perhaps all the students of a city. One revolt I recall was staged because of lack of food. Placards, requesting bread, were carried, organized shouting and calling was heard throughout the city. This revolt was quickly broken up, very few were reprimanded, as the crowd dispersed very quickly and the "guilty ones" were hard to find. Another demonstration was staged to protest a sports event decision which was rendered against a Lithuanian team and considered unfair by the students. After much effort and "noise", the decision was changed.

HOW DO STUDIES IN LITHUANIA COMPARE WITH THOSE IN THE U.S.?

Students, in general, are more serious in Lithuania than they are in America. Perhaps this is because the curriculum imposed is much harder. Students must follow a set course of study in high school (or its equivalent). . . . electives are not permitted. Class hours are longer, and often school is in session six days a week. By the time a student finishes his high school work, he has gone through extensive work in languages, math (through calculus), and the sciences.

CAN ANYONE GO ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION, AFTER COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL?

To enter a university in Lithuania, one must have good grades in high school and must pass a series of entrance examinations. Students wishing to further their education must also join the Communist Party. Otherwise admission is not granted, and; of course, good jobs can be had only by those who have done some university work. Fortunately, I was allowed to leave Lithuania for the United States several months before I would have been faced with the decision of signing the "papers" or not, as I came to the U.S. before having completed high school.

DO MOST STUDENTS "JOIN THE PARTY?"

Most of them do, in one way or another, because there seems to be no other choice. Many join in name only. . . . they sign the required papers, but continue to go to church (on the sly), and to engage in secret plans to keep Lithuanianism alive and to try to liberate their land. One student was so bothered by the decision he faced. . . . whether or not to join the party. . . . that he committed suicide.

WHAT DO STUDENTS DO FOR ENTERTAINMENT?

They enjoy meeting at one another's homes for parties of singing and dancing. They sometimes stage small Dance Festivals in open fields. Most of all, the "teenagers" enjoy American dances, but complain that they learn them too late. Only after a particular dance craze has subsided in the United States does news of the dance reach Lithuania. Of course, the Communists frown on these dances, and often punish or jail those found performing the dances in public. This is considered to be "catering" to capitalism. But the dances are done nonetheless, - and greatly enjoyed.

The Lithuanian youth have a great interest in reading early Lithuanian history. Of course, these books are banned in the libraries, but one can usually obtain use of such books through friends or friends of friends. The Voice of America is also very popular in Lithuania. Although most

ammed, many students have discovered ways of "un-jamming" them, or places where jamming is not effective.

IS ANY RESTORATION OF MONUMENTS, ETC. BEING DONE IN LITHUANIA?

Yes, some. Considerable work has been done in recent years on the many forts, particularly "Trakų Pilis." They have not been renovated completely, but enough to prevent further deterioration. Some churches also have undergone improvement and renovation. Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Vilnius, for example, has been recently refurbished. Not much is being done with other monuments.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE WORST PART OF LIVING UNDER COMMUNISM?

Perhaps lack of freedom. . . and constant fear. One must always be careful not to say or do anything publically to oppose the State. And it is difficult to know whom to trust and whom to fear. The communists are constantly seeking to "buy" people and stories. Many people, to earn some extra money or food, will agree to spy on their friends and report any slanderous remark made against the government or any possible secret plans being made against the state.

Stealing also became very prevalent in Lithuania, especially by those whose incomes could not meet the requirements of keeping one and one's

family fed and clothed. Stealing has now become a major offense in Lithuania, punishable by immediate execution. Sentences are even less for murder than for stealing.

HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WERE TOLD YOU WERE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES?

Very strange and very happy! I found it difficult to believe, at first. One gets acclimated to a form of life, no matter what it is, and finds it hard to believe that life can be anything else. I was a bit frightened at the thought of meeting my parents and my brothers, but looked forward to it, and the prospect of seeing the United States. Of course, I was the envy of all my friends. . . and even a known communist wished me well and assured me that I had a wonderful life ahead of me. It is the dream of almost every student in Lithuania to see the United States. Naturally, their picture of it is highly exaggerated, for they expect streets of gold, very high wages for very little work, etc. But mostly, they envied the freedom I would enjoy in America. . . to say and do what one feels is right, without fear of reprisal.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RETURN TO LITHUANIA?

Not while it is in its present state. But I would like someday to return to visit my old friends, and to see and enjoy the many beautiful forests, sea shores, and the many other sights of beautiful Lithuania.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW THAT YOU ARE IN THE UNITED STATES?

I live with my parents and two brothers in Los Angeles. . . and am still getting acquainted with them. I spent one year in high school here upon my arrival, and received a high school diploma. Now I am studying pre-dentistry at El Camino College in California.

HOW DID YOU ENJOY BEING PART OF THIS GREAT DANCE FESTIVAL IN CHICAGO?

I was greatly impressed with the beauty and the magnitude of it. I was especially impressed with the number of Lithuanian people that came to see it. I like Chicago, and the wonderful Lithuanian spirit that exists here, and the fact that so many people here speak Lithuanian. Even those born here of Lithuanian parents speak and understand the language, and are not afraid to use it.

DID YOU ENJOY SEEING RUTA LEE?

Oh, yes. . . and I got her autograph!

I would venture to say that ERDVILAS JANULAITIS has all the makings of an outstanding American young man. . . who will never forget to be proud of his Lithuanian heritage! May he enjoy a wonderful life here, and may he someday get his dream to revisit Lithuania, but this time a FREE Lithuania.

I. SAKALAS (Continued from pg. 4)

where both were active with the K of L council 36.

He became a famous impresario of stage plays, which were presented by him and his actors' company on tours in Midwest.

- In 1928, he organized and directed a Lithuanian folk art exhibit.

- In 1945, he organized the first K of L seniors council, which, together with the Chicago K of L district, purchased a building and established the K of L hall and head-

quarters in Chicago.

- His career in journalism began in Lithuania. In Cleveland he helped establish a Lithuanian Catholic weekly, and from 1916 to 1961 he was an editor of the Lithuanian Daily Draugas. He also edited the Vytis and the "Muzikos Žinios."

- A gifted writer, Sakalas has translated works from other languages into Lithuanian, written several books and has conducted a column of satire and humor in the Draugas.

- For his outstanding work in the organization, Ignas Sakalas was elevated to Honorary Membership in the K of L, the organization's highest honor.

- Recognition for his civic, cultural and church activities among American Lithuanians came in 1952 from His Holiness Pope Pius XII, who bestowed on Sakalas the order of "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice."

ŠOKIU ŠVENTĖ - LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

July 7, 1963

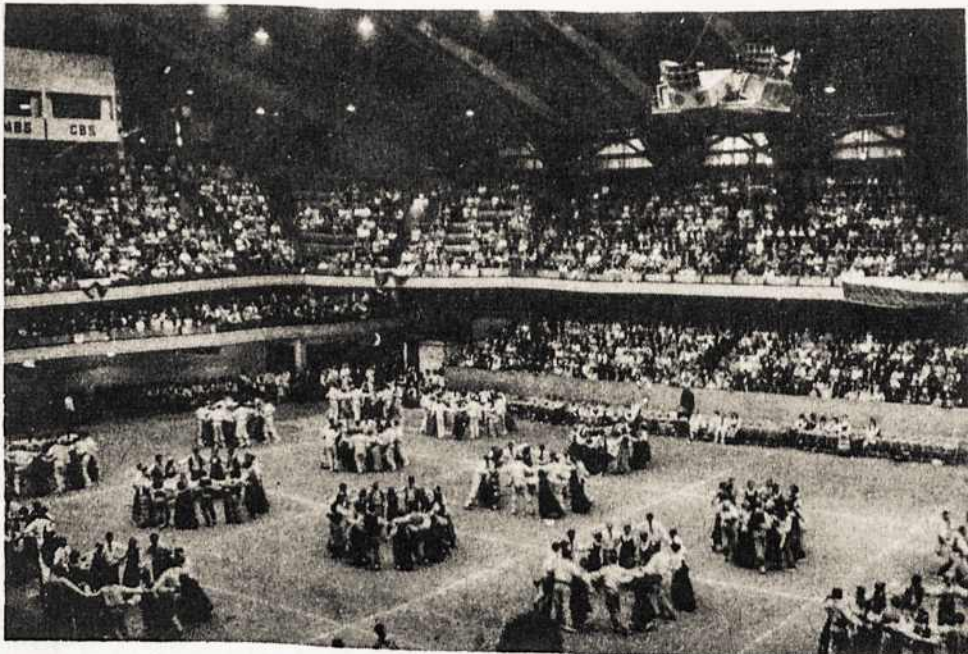
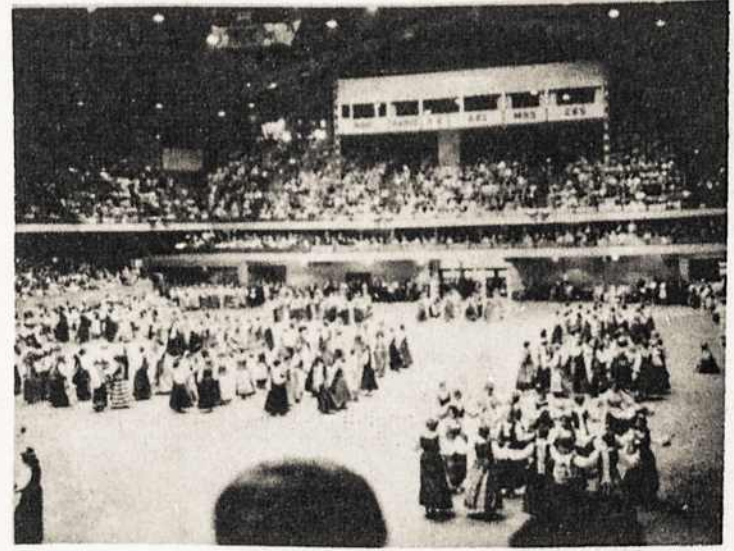
Chicago, Illinois



On the eve of the Dance Festival, Regina Cesnaite of Chicago and Laimė Stancikaite of Los Angeles placed flowers at the monument dedicated to Lithuania's War Dead at Chicago Lithuanian Jesuit Youth Center.



Ruta Lee, star of television and movies, is congratulated by members of Dance Festival Committee and guests after her sparkling performance as Mistress of Ceremonies.



Photos by: J. Slabokas and Vyt. A. Rackauskas

Lithuanians in The News

Waterbury Pastor Marks 35th Anniversary

On June 2, 1963 the 35th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. A. Edward Gradek, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Waterbury, was marked by a dinner in his honor, co-sponsored by the K of L and 26 other church societies.

U.S. Rep. John S. Monagan and his wife were among the 500 guests at the celebration who paid tribute to Rev. Gradek. A special program was presented by the Church Choir, St. Joseph's Fife & Drum Corps, and the Choir Octet sang American and Lithuanian songs and National Anthems.

A folk dance specialty was presented by students of the Lithuanistic classes. Anthony Janusauskas made the presentation and Atty. Vin-

cent Matasavage was the master of ceremonies. Rev. Walter Vichas, curate, gave the benediction, and among the speakers were many other priests of other parishes.

A Spiritual Bouquet was presented to Rev. Gradek by St. Joseph's Parochial School children.

Rev. Gradek was ordained June 2, 1928 in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, Conn, by Bishop John J. Nilan. He was assistant pastor of St. Joseph's church from 1934 to 1940 and returned here in 1959 from New Haven Parish he had been assigned to previously.

Rev. Gradek has worked hard and diligently and during the four years as pastor at St. Joseph's Church he has burned the mortgage on build-

ings in the parish, made major repairs on the church and built a new convent for the nuns next to the new school.

The redevelopment plan of Waterbury has forced many of Rev. Gradek's parishioners to leave "Brooklyn" thereby diminishing the number of supporters to any plans that he might have, but in the face of this non-promising future he is co-sponsoring plans to rebuild the "Brooklyn" section and thereby get some of the Lithuanian businessmen and people back in the parish again.

We wish Rev. Gradek the best of health and success in any plans he makes for the future years, may they be as fruitful as the first 35 years have been.



1st row, l. to r.: Atty. Vincent Matasavage; Kate Sulauskas, Jas Valaitis, C-7 President; Marcella Andrikis; Rev. -Gradek; Patricia Richards; Al Alanskas; Mrs. Raymond Snyder and Mr. Aleksis. People in background are members of the K of L.

BERNADETTE PIEZA, daughter of journalists Stanley and Anne Pieza of Chicago, has recently become a member of the PEACE CORPS. After a training period at the University of Oklahoma, where she studied Arabic and French, Miss Pieza is spending two years in Tunisia serving with the Corps. Bernadette's particular assignment is teaching post-operative techniques to the doctors of the hospitals in Tunis. She is one of twenty graduate nurses serving in this capacity, essentially acting as internes. Miss Pieza completed her crash program of language and medical study in early May, and left for her assignment on May 15. She is a graduate nurse of St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, Ill. Her father, Stanley, a 4th Degree K of L, is Religious News Editor of the Chicago American while her mother, Anne, is an editor with the Southwest News Herald of Chicago.



Peace Corps member, Bernadette, is bid Bon Voyage by members of her family and a close friend. Front row, L. to r., The Rev. Joseph Borevicius, S.J.; her mother Anne; Bernadette; her sister, Joanne Mc Glone; her aunt, Mrs. Mary Spetta. Back row, her brothers, Tom and John and her father, Stanley. Also pictured are Mrs. Mc Glone's children, Matthew and Catherine.

Pictured is the Lithuanian Wayside Cross erected at the summer residence of Jack Stukas, Chairman of the K of L Cultural Committee.

The cross was built by John Subacius. Anthony Malakas assisted with the fence. Both are K of L'ers.

The cross, which was blessed on Memorial Day during a large Dedication Ceremony, is 18 feet high and has four hand-carved wooden statuettes - The Pensive Christ, St. Casimir, The Virgin Mary, and St. Francis. The inscription at the foot of the cross reads "Pray for Oppressed Lithuania."



Aloyisas Rastutis (second from right) with fellow members of his dance group.

ALOYSAS RASTUTIS of Los Angeles, Calif., was awarded a full four-year scholarship to Cal. Western University, San Diego, California, for his outstanding achievements in basketball. As a high school student, Aloyisas merited several "best player awards" for basketball in local and state competitions. He is also the proud owner of several tennis trophies.

In addition to his sports and studies, Aloyisas also enjoys being a part of the Lithuanian American Community (Bendruomenė) Youth Dance Ensemble. The group, led by Mrs. Ona Rasutienė (Aloyisas' mother) participated in the Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival of the United States and Canada held in July in Chicago. Aloyisas plans to use his scholarship to prepare for a career in Chemistry.



Three-time laureate, and author of the prize-winning book "HOUSE UPON THE SAND," JURGIS GLIAUDA is pictured at his home with his wife. Mr. Gliauda's book was recently made available in English. A \$100.00 reader award is being offered for early subscribers. See the March, 1963 issue of VYTIS for information.

LIETUVIŲ KALBA

A. P. Bagdonas

Kad mūsų kalba sena ir graži, mes nelabai seniai apie tai sužinojome. Prieš 80 metų, kada pasirodė pirmasis lietuviškai tautinės minties laikraštis "Aušra", lietuviai tenai ėmė kelti iš paniekinimo mūsų gimtąją lietuvių kalbą, kuri tada buvo išvyta iš viešojo gyvenimo: dvarų, mokyklų, ir didesnių miestų. Tik mūsų kaimas - ta lietuviškumo tvirtovė, išlaikė ją gražią ir mažai tesužalotą svetimybėmis.

Lietuvių kalbos grožį moksliniu atžvilgiu pirmieji išskėlė mūsų kaimynai, vokiečių mokslininkai, prof. Becenbergeris, Leskynas, vėliau jau ir kiti, latvių prof. Endzelins, rusas Fortunatovas, net lenkų prof. Otremskis, kuris, grožėdamasis lietuvių kalba, pats greitai ją išmoko ir net pavydėjo jai jos senumo ir skambumo. Vėliau prisidėjo ir mūsų pačių kalbininkai: prof. K. Būga, Pr. Skardžius, A. Salys, P. Jonikas. Jie visi, lygindami lietuvių kalbą su kitomis indoeuropiečių kalbomis, nustebė atradę, kad lietuvių kalba yra seniausia iš visų gyvųjų indoeuropiečių

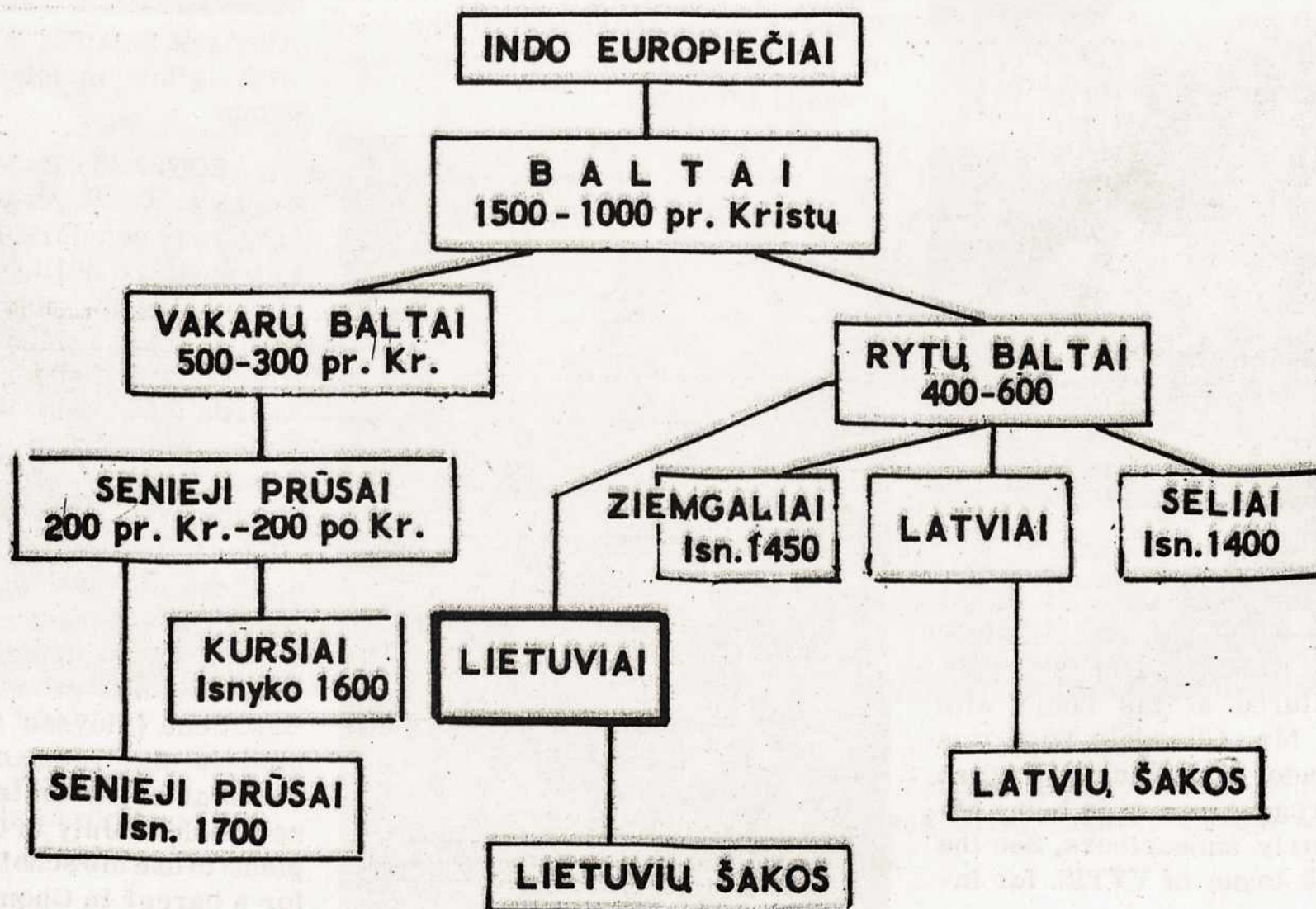
kalbų, o jos žodžių formų senoviškumas ir gausumas yra pralenkę net lotynų ir graikų kalbas. Tik mes, eiliniai žmonės, nesigiliname į tuos klausimus ir dėlto nesuprantame ir nevertiname to turto, kuri esame paveldėję iš savo sentėvių.

Kad lietuvių kalba yra nuostabi, parodo ir tas faktas, jog, pav., Šveicarijoje prieš 40 metų buvo išsikūręs šveicarų inteligentų gūrelis, kurio tikslas buvo pažinti ir išmokti lietuvių kalbą ne dėl to, kad ji būtų praktiškai naudinga, bet dėlto, kad graži, sena ir mokslui labai brangi. Tris to būrelio narius pažinojau ir aš pats, kai studijavau Kauno universitete, tai prof. prof. Brenderis, Studerus (abu mirę) ir prof. Eretas, kurie vėliau atvykę Lietuvon gyveno Kaune ir čia profesoriavo V.D. Universitete, visi puikiai buvo išmokę lietuvių kalbą, kaikurie vedę lietuvaites, buvo sukūrę lietuviškas šeimas. O prof. Sennas ir dabar gyvena J.A. Valstybėse ir profesoriauja, o jo sūnus parašė du veikalus anglų kalba apie Lietuvą. Argi jie nėra pa-

vyzdyzs ir mums, vyčiams, kurie kartais mažiau kreipiame dėmesį į savo gimtosios kalbos vartojimą.

Lietuvių kalba stebina visus savo skambumu. Turėdama dvejetainį ilgusius ir trumpuosius balsius, kuriuos paveldėjo iš seniausių amžių, išlaikė juos mažai tepakeistus ir dėlto nusipelnė visų mokslininkų dėmesio ir pagarbos. Lietuvių kalba, turėdama tiek daug balsių (12), skamba ausiai nepaprastai maloniai, lyg muzika. Ypačiai gražiai skamba populiarius balsis a ir nepalyginamai sunkiai (kitataučiams) ištariamas atvirasis balsis e, kuris žodžių viduryje pailgėjęs sudaro sunkumų net ir daininkams. Pav. žodžius bernelis, mergelė, kai kurie čia gimę lietuviai jau nebegali aiškiai ištarti tų žodžių, kur toks atviras e pasitaiško, nes jie permažai atidaro burną (dėl anglų kalbos įtakos) ir jiems išseina bernėlis.

Taip pat yra sunkūs ištarti ir dvibalsiai, bet apie tai kitą kartą.



VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

So. Boston, Mass. C-17

Birželio Grūdas

The first item on the agenda is to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope John XXIII. We have lost a great man and leader. Also remember in your prayers Pope Paul VI, who also needs our spiritual support.

The Spring Dance was a successful affair, thanks to the efforts of the many council members who devoted so much time and hard work.

The first annual "mountain-hiking-cookout" trip with councils 10, 26, 116, 27, 103, 17, and 1 to Mt. Monadnock, N.H. proved that our K of L's are not "soft." Seeing the way they climbed the mountain trails, one would have thought they had mountain-goat blood in their veins. Chef Butch Venis and his culinary skills made sure that all those hearty appetites were satisfied. This was a wonderful afternoon, which shows that by combining councils we can make these affairs a real success.

Two members of our group have been awarded sheepskins. Joanne Antonellis received her Bachelor's and Florence Zaleskas her Master's. Florence said she is ready for a short rest and then, on towards her doctorate.

Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Anthony (Buddy and Mary) Zaremba. A wonderful time was had by all at the wedding feast. . . Alyce Zaremba, incapacitated for a short while, is now on the road to good health. Frank Stankus recently returned to the hospital for another operation and is also recovering at this time. . . Ann and Mary Kleponis toured the shrines of Canada and drove through Maine on their vacation. . . Helen Suprin and her cousin, Mimi Raskauskas, came back from a

short vacation touring Cape Gaspe, Quebec, Montreal, and Niagara Falls. . . Looks like Wanda Yelmokas will be home for the convention this August. She is returning after two years of teaching in Europe. . . Al Jaritis broke down and exchanged his old green Ford for an aqua Impala. . . Six council members made the trip to Cleveland for the Midwest Bowling Tourney and the Supreme Council meeting: Johnny O., Butch Venis, Larry Svelnis, Al Jaritis, and last, but not least, Bernice Kavadaras. They all claimed the good time was worth the long drive.

We will shortly be losing one of our hardest workers to the Far East. We shall miss Ed Rudis, whose job is taking him there for eighteen months. Good luck on your new venture, Ed. We shall miss your smiling face at the convention.

The horseback smorgasbord is still in the planning stages. More later.

The NED Co-ed Retreat held at Kennebunkport, Me. was a huge success. Let's hope that 1964's retreat will be even bigger and better.

This is the last column until after the convention, so here's hoping that one and all will attend this great event.

So. Worcester, Mass. C-116

Onytė

It's the time of year again for vacations. But, our council is not taking one as far as activities are concerned. The cultural committee is working diligently for it's display to be held at the Worcester County National Bank during the week of Sept. 16-23. . . Already Bob Paluses has announced that bowling will resume on Sept. 6th at the 20th Century Alleys on Friday evenings. . . Our Lithuanian Affairs Committee is still going strong. They had to run several

affairs to raise money for all the stamps and envelopes they've been using.

IN MEMORIAM - Mrs. Ciras, beloved mother of Ruth and Frank Ciras, passed away in June. Council members and friends extend their condolences.

WELCOME - to new members, David Garbauskas and John Balkus, Jr. It's nice to have you. . . Hidden Talent. . . Bob Platukis qualified for the State Junior Golf Championship playoff. . . and now we hear Tony Markvenas will be giving Arnold Palmer competition real soon. He's that Good. HONEYMOONING after his marriage to Virginia Haddad is Jimmy Gvadauskas. . . CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Cyonick (Virginia Miller) on the birth of a baby daughter.

As we said in the beginning, it's vacation time. Our members are heading in all directions for their rest and relaxation. Cape Cod seems to be the most popular spot. Jack and Aldona Kasper with their three children spent three weeks at Bass River. (Congratulations to Jack on his promotion to head engineer for Teland Tel.). . . Al Krasinskas was sent to the Cape as manager of an A & P store for the summer. Julia and the children joined him on weekends. How lucky can you get? . . . Bee Bee Kavadaras is at West Falmouth. Some weekends it was like a K of L Convention at Bee Bee's. . . Richard Sinkavich spent the summer at the Cape. . . Trudy Zibinskas was at Wellfleet. . . One weekend at Falmouth Heights, Ann (Millbury St.) Miller, Dot Sinkavitch, and Rita Skamarock could be seen on the beach trying to beat the city heat, as were the boys from Gardner, Bill, Al, and Vyt. . . The Vic Mrozinski's are off on a cruise again, this time to Jamaica. . . Aldona Lapinskas spent the summer working at the Mason Research Institute before returning to college. . .

Mildred Buda is off to the Lake George area. . . Helen Daltwas and Ann (Paxton) Miller visited Hyde Park and toured upstate New York. . . Mildred and Charles Lapinskas are house hunting. . . Barbara Mazeika is doing a good job with the Juniors. . . And, Marion Lukason is beginning to doubt that swimming is good for the figure. "Did you ever have a good look at a whale?" she asks. You have something there, Marion. . . Hope you all had a nice summer.

Westfield, Mass. C-30 Genovaite

Jubilee Year aims of C-30 are fast becoming a reality! After a group of young people from our church attended a Jr. K of L rally in the Spring at Athol, Mass., they were encouraged to start a Jr. council. The group was accompanied by Seniors Doris Tarnauskas, Ann & Joseph Sabonis and Benedict Coach. The Jr's now have 26 members and show promise of being an active group.

The second aim of increased membership is also being accomplished. Welcome to new members Mrs. Ann Koziol, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Duda and Mr. & Mrs. William Waiwat.

Our annual outing held at Lake Congamond on Sunday June 30th was a tremendous success. Everyone one had a grand time and delicious things to eat, thanks to all the hard work and organization of Dolly Kisonas and Margaret and Frank Wallis. John Kucharskis and John Tarnauskas also did a good job cooking over the charcoal. The Jrs. also attended this affair, but it was a toss-up as to the better water skiers. Doris Tarnauskas, Bob Smyk and Frank Bernadicius all did well for the Seniors. Dolly Kisonas taught the "kids" a thing or two about diving through an inner tube.

C-30 Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Puidokas, expressed his thanks to all members for their generous support at the Parish Picnics held June 23 and August 4th. A K of L sponsored booth was well managed by Frank Bernadicius and Frank Wallis, while other members helped in the kitchen and on the grounds.

"Going to the Sea in '63" are C-30's delegates to the National Convention Ann Sabonis and Mary

Minkus and Alternates Joe and Alice Descarage.

Happy Birthday to Helen Alexik! Happy 16th Anniversary to John and Doris Tarnauskas!! Happy Birthday to Theresa Atkocaitis and an especially Happy Anniversary to her parents Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Atkocaitis on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary! May you enjoy many more.

Athol - Gardner, Mass. C-10

Vincukas

Our council was well represented at the NED Convention held in Westfield. In attendance were Fr. Jutt, Al Rodski, Wm. Wisnauskas, Dr. H. Gailiunas, Bill Waslaske, and F. Anoris. Thanks for the fine hospitality, Westfield!

Some of our members attended the District Bowling Banquet held in Boston. Others were seen at spring dances in Worcester, Providence, and Brockton. . . Al Rodski was hospitalized during Holy Week, but is back to his polka dances, so all must be well. . . Lennie Davidonis has returned to his duties at Union Twist Drill. . . Dr. Gailiunas is planning to build a new dental office on Exchange St., Athol, this summer. Good luck, Doc. . .

Our annual steak barbeque was held at the Lithuanian Outing Club in Gardner on Sunday, June 3rd. It was an ideal day. The weather was best in all respects. Father Jutt said grace, and the seventeen of us ate steaks expertly barbequed by Dr. Henry. We all enjoyed the sun and water. A weiner roast was held at supper-time. Father Jutt took some interesting pictures during the day. Will any be censored, Father? Dr. Gailiunas was chairman of the successful affair.

We are all looking forward to our next weiner roast at Frank's camp.

Ansonia, Conn. C-135

Helen

Our spring activities began with our annual Communion-Breakfast on March 3rd in honor of St. Casimir's Day. Arrangements for the breakfast which all enjoyed, were made by Violet Bragitis.

We attended a testimonial dinner on April 28th in honor of Judge Jo-

seph Chernauskas, who has recently been appointed as Judge to the Circuit Court of Connecticut. We are proud to say that the Judge is a fellow member of C-135. Congratulations!

Our 13th Anniversary was celebrated in April with a Pot-luck Supper. Golly, what healthy appetites! - But everything was so delicious. Arrangements for the supper were made by our president, Lillian Norwid, and Helen Gumbulevich.

For the last few months the members of our council have been busy helping to make the Parish Bazaar the huge success it was. . . We are happy to have with us Walter Arbachauskas, a new member. . . Those who recently received their second degree include S. Bujanauskas, D. Poebailas, L. Poebailas, and L. Norwid.

Several members were able to attend the District Convention in Westfield, which they reported was very interesting. At the Convention, Leon Barauskas was named a delegate to the National Convention.

Our best regards for a speedy recovery to "Casey" Svelnys, who was recently hospitalized with pneumonia. Our regards also to his wife, Donna, and son, Lennie, both of whom have also been on the sick list. . . Congratulations to Lillian and Donald Poebailas on the birth of their baby boy, Peter, this April. . . Happy Birthday to Millie Driznus and Pete Gumbulevich. How many does that make now, Kids???

MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

Cleveland, Ohio C-25

"NEPASIDUOK!" was the inscription on the trophies presented to one of the C-25 bowling teams who had the "distinction" of ending up in last place in the K of L Midwest Bowling Tournament held in Cleveland May 24-26. Bowlers on that team were Nellie Samas, Al Shigo, Sandy Paskevice, Frank Rasavage, and Bill Jakubs.

After bowling, in which teams from Dayton, Detroit, Gary, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Cleveland were represented, a good time was had by all at

St. George's Church Hall, where we danced to the music of Al Neuman's band. Guests were served a delicious homecooked dinner at the Sunday Banquet held in the Church Hall.



Mrs. Hedwig Pikturna and Mary Trainy conducting the raffle.

Congratulations to Gary, Indiana, C-82 who placed 1st in the Tournament with a 2971 with handicap series, Charlotte Pazera, Al Pazera, Arlene, Emily and Mike Mihaluk were the lucky bowlers. Charlotte was the lucky lady who walked away with FIVE trophies at this event: High Actual 209; High 3 Actual 519; High Hdcp. 261; High 3 Hdcp. 675. C-79-Detroit placed 2nd with a 2858 Series with J. Kolinske, M. Vale, J. Zilvitis, A. Zilvitis and R. Lukas rolling away. C-25 came in 3rd with a 2856 Series. Joanna Shigo, Bruno Bartkus, Evelyn Andrulis, Ernie Hauck and Charlie Machutas scoring.

Not to be outdone by their spouses (who took 3rd place), Joanne Samas Hauck and John Andrulis walked off (?) with the trophies for bowling the lowest game, 67 and 91 respectively, BUT WATCH OUT FOR THESE TWO IN DAYTON IN 1964.

High Actual was taken by Andy Rozger - C-19 - Pittsburgh with a 211; Al Kassel - Chicago -C-36 took High 3 Actual with a 581; Andy also took High Game with Handicap with a 238; Fr. Stan - Detroit, our National Spiritual Advisor, took High 3 with Handicap with a 669, and we might add that Father did rather well financially, walking off with a number of cash prizes (three to be exact). Congratulations there, Father!

The Cleveland Juniors rolled a

2502 Series with the Detroit Juniors rolling a 2400. High 3 with handicap was won by Patty Juskiwicz of Cleveland for the girls (534) and High 3 with handicap for the boys was won by Vyto Kutkus of Detroit (543).

We want to congratulate the BOWLING TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE who did a wonderful job to make the Tournament a success. Our hats are off to Ursula Yankauskas-Chairman; Ernie Hauck - Co-Chairman; Nellie Arunski, Joanne Hauck, Charlie Machutas, Sandy Paskevics, Joanna Shigo and Al Shigo. Not to be forgotten, we want to thank all the C-25 members who chipped in and helped. Many thanks also to Joe and Helen Zeledonis our hard-working SCORE-KEEPERS.

Our appreciation and thanks go to Sr. Mary Francita and Sr. Mary Valeria who along with Theresa and Bill Abromitis planned a get-acquainted party for the Detroit and Cleveland Juniors during the sporting event.

And where do you suppose our faithful Treasurer, EUGENE KUN-SITIS, was during all this fun - in the hospital recuperating from surgery!! We understand all is well now and are glad to see Gene in our midst again!

We're proud of our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Balys Ivanauskas (Fr. Ivan to most of us) for adding the gay, light touch to our Banquet and for his Blessing at the K of L Mass on Sunday. We missed his bowling on Saturday, and are sure we would have taken FIRST PLACE if he were in position to bowl - next year Father!

Seen at the dance were such distinguished guests as John Olevitz, General Chairman of the 50th National Convention; Larry Svelnis - the Ash Tray Man; Bernice Kavadaras, National Secretary; we also understand the Venis boys were in town, but were not in a dancing mood! Al Jaritis was there, though! That New England group really like to put on the miles!

It was nice to see some of our Cleveland Seniors at the Tournament affairs: Joe Sadauskas, Mary Trainy, Mr. & Mrs. Pikturna, Tony Buknis, Alice and Ben Karklius, Mr. & Mrs. Salkis, and Adele Greb.

Thank you one and all, Bowlers and Non-Bowlers, for attending the MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, we really enjoyed having you

in Cleveland and hope that your trip here will bring back many pleasant memories!

We understand our Northwest Airline Stewardess, Mary Ellen Arunski is planning an August 31st Wedding and will be well represented by the K of L. All the happiness in the world, Mary Ellen and Russell!



Ernest Hauck, Joan Shigo and Emily Mihaluk.



Mrs. Joan Hauck and John Andrulis, the "Booby Prize" Winners!



More trophy winners

Pittsburgh, Pa. C-19

Mitzi

The best laid plans often go astray, and they sure did for Mildred and Julia, who had planned to join the bowlers in Cleveland on May 25th and 26th. Julia's mother became suddenly ill and was rushed to the hospital for an operation. We are glad to report that she is out of danger and coming along just fine.

Andy Rozger, however, represented us in the tournament very well. He came home with two individual trophies 1st Single (211) and 1st single handicap. Margaret Papeika and Ann Salnoris were our other Pittsburgh entries.

On May 19th twenty-two Pittsburghers journeyed to Carey, Ohio, to Our Lady's Shrine for the Day of Recollection sponsored by the Mid-Central District. We hired a bus for the day, and we all felt the trip was most successful. Father Walter said it was one of the most enjoyable trips he's ever taken. (Could the reason have been that we sang Lithuanian songs all the way home?) We are all ready to sign up for next year's trip.

Eleanor Aleliunas didn't advertise the fact (her father recently passed away) but she earned her coveted bachelor's degree from Duquesne University on Sunday June 3rd. Congratulations to Eleanor, all the more, because it was all done at night school while holding a responsible job during the day.

On June 23rd C-19 members met at St. Casimir's Church at 10 o'clock Mass for their quarterly joint Communion days. After Mass the group lunched at the Hotel Roosevelt. Many went on to Father Susinskas' Braddock Church Picnic afterwards. Father Susinskas is one of our members and is often a speaker at different events for us.

Father Walter is again sponsoring a trip to the Shrines in Canada, including St. Anne de Beaupre, this summer, Aug. 2 to 10th. If any of you are in Canada at this time look for Father Walter and his Pittsburgh contingent. He's also planning to stop and visit the Franciscan Fathers in Kennebunkport, Me.

Plans are also afoot for a card party to be held at the home of Mildred Chinik - a benefit for the Lithuanian Catholic Hour Radio Program being sponsored by the Lithuanian Parish Priests in Pittsburgh.

Also being planned is a picnic for members and friends at a country home of the sister of one of our members. We're all looking forward to it.

Our members are bursting with pride over a few family developments. Mildred Chinik's niece, Barbara Katella won not one, but two scholarships in competitive examinations. She has chosen to attend Mt. Mercy Academy, a brand new school in Monroeville. Her sister, Mary Ann graduated from St. Wendelins High School with a 91 average. She will attend Robert Morris Junior College this fall.

Joan Aleliunas has accepted a scholarship to St. Francis Academy. Joan recently graduated from St. Casimir's grade school. Congratulations to all our younger Lithuanians.

Gloria Bazis, who has been attending Duquesne University for a year now, has been awarded a full scholarship to that University. Congratulations, Gloria!

Detroit, Mich. C-79

Plikas

At our May meeting we had an attendance of only about 50 members. This is far from our usual monthly average. Come on 79'ers and attend our meetings. The social was capably handled by two of our active members, Mrs. V. Panavas and Mrs. H. Mykolaitis. They served an assortment of rolls and doughnuts plus coffee and tea.

Communion Sunday was also poorly attended, and here again I request all members to attend 8:30 Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Come up to the choir and help with the singing. Our blessings to the same few who attend every month, and who also have breakfast with the Juniors after Mass. Remember, the breakfast is served and sponsored on these Sundays by our Juniors.

Mother's Day brought out all the K of L mothers in their flowers and smiles for 8:30 Mass. "Motery Sąjunga Draugystė" sponsored this event. Mass was offered for all members and their daughters, and a breakfast at Cregar's Restaurant followed the Mass.

Our Catholic Action Chairman advises this writer that about nine mem-

bers attended the Carey, Ohio pilgrimage. This is a poor showing for our council. It has been suggested that a later date might be better, possibly some time in the fall. Please attend the monthly meetings, so that we may know your opinion on this matter.

The C-79 Juniors held their roller-skating party on May 20th at the Arena Skating Club, and here again it turned out to be far from successful. Come on, Parents, and help out with your juniors. Without the Juniors we have no future K of L.

At the Mid-Central Bowling Tournament C-79 made a fine showing, as did our sister council, 102. Gary, Ind., was again first place winners. But a strong bid was put in by one of our own teams, coming in second. Congratulations to Ann Zilvitis, her daughter, Joan, Ray Lukas, John Kolinke, and Mike Vale, the second place team.

It is my honor to announce the formation of the "Golden Age Group" which was inaugurated a year ago by C-79. Some of our more active members decided to have our elderly parents meet once a month for relaxation and a chance to discuss common problems. The group which started with only a handful now has 17 members. It was sponsored by C-79 and started financially with a small loan. Today the loan is repaid and their own treasury exists. They elect their own officers and have their own programs and entertainment. Mrs. P. Bandza, who is presently the Golden Age president, tells me that a birthday is celebrated monthly by some member. Most recently a member celebrated her 95th birthday, and is still able to attend and participate in this monthly affair.

Congratulations to the Golden Age Group, who are all close to our hearts, and to the group of individuals who had enough time and patience to help organize it. Due to their modesty, I was asked not to mention their names, but to credit this wonderful achievement to C-79.

We were pleasantly surprised by the announcement of the engagement of Ona Kase to Bill Wells. Our congratulations and best wishes to both of them. . . A search still continues for a trophy cabinet to hold the council's many awards. If anyone has an old bookcase or shelves to donate, please contact Ed Martin. . . Our wishes for a speedy recovery

are extended to Mr. W. Adams and Mrs. B. Janus' father, who are in the hospital. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dargis on the birth of their son on April 30th.

Our first weiner-roast was held on June 15th at Hemlock Park. Approximately fifty members were present, and we were lucky to get through the evening without any rain. A good time was had by all, and loads of thanks to our good friend, Frank Petroski, and his committee for all the food and refreshments.

Congratulations to Phillis Martin and Sharon Gillis on their graduation from high school.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT DISTRICT NEWS

Zelda

Due to the many activities taking place May 25-26, Al & Ann Marie Kassel, Irene Sankus, Vince Samaska and Helen Zimmer were the only Chicagoans attending the Midwest Bowling Tournament. They really tried for first place but were very happy when they came in fifth. They did come back with one trophy, though, won by Al Kassel for High Series Actual.

The traveling trophy was won by those Gary champs, Emily, Arlene, & Mike Mihaluk, Charlotte & Al Pazera. I believe Charlotte Pazera's suitcase was a bit heavier going home, after winning trophies for High Single & Series, Actual and Handicap. Congratulations to you all. Michaline & Joe Kurpalis and Gertie & Homer Carver made up the other team from Gary.

A hearty "Thank You" to our hosts in Cleveland for their gracious hospitality. There is something that still has us puzzled though "Who was the man peeping through the stage curtain during lunch Sunday?"

It was decided at our last District meeting to donate a percentage of profits from coming functions to the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva in Washington, D.C. Thus far we have donated \$200.00 to this drive. We hope other Councils and Districts will do likewise, so that the Shrine can be erected in the name of the Lithuanians.

Our K of L Choir performed at the St. John's Day Celebration on June 22 held at Spaičio Darže in Willow Springs, Ill. The Choir was again invited to perform at the International Trade Fair on June 25. If by chance you still do not have the Choir's record, contact your council president or Loretta Kassel.

The Annual I-I District Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, June 12th, at the Palos Country Club. A change from our usual Saturday date to a Wednesday proved most profitable. (Seems that many K of L'ers managed to attend even though it was a working day for most.) It was a beautiful, sunny day, perfect for golfing and sun-burning. (Ask Eleanor Laurin, Irene Sankus and Al Raubiskis about the latter.) Approximately 40 golfers participated with many other K of L members and friends joining them for dinner and dancing to Wally Tenclinger's music in the evening. All dinner guests received door prizes. Some of the skilled (or lucky) golfers received awards at the dinner. Trophies were presented to: Konnie Savickas, M-Low Gross; Elaine Pakal Phillips, W-Low Gross; Rev. John Savukynas, M-Low Net; Estelle Rogers, W-Low Net and Tony Vanek, Putting Contest. Paul Kassel, winner of the Blind Bogey, received a Golf Cart for his efforts. Chairmen Al Brazis and Al Kassel plus their committee deserved a "big hand" for promoting this most successful event.

Chicago, Ill. C-36

'Blogas'

Now that summertime is upon us, our council has participated in several activities. Our Annual Luau at Lakeside Villa in Beverly Shores, Indiana was a huge success. Many thanks go to Joe and Willie Ulevicius and Al and Ann Marie Kassel for their efforts which made the Luau a great success. More than 50 malaheni's brightly garbed in Hawaiian attire feasted Polynesian style while strains of the Island's magic melodies flowed through the air. The accommodations were excellent and our hosts at the Villa were most cordial.

During June the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club presented their 3rd Annual Amber Ball where six beautiful Debutantes were presented.

Our own Gigi Giedraitis was the dance coordinator for the Presentation dance of "Vainykinė" while Wally Tenclinger and his Musical Cordovox provided the accompanying music. This gala affair was held at the South Shore Country Club and attracted many prominent Chicago Lithuanians. Also attending from our council was Helen Zimmer. Miss Giedraitis was presented with an amber pendant and a beautiful bouquet of roses, amber colored, as a token of esteem from the Debutantes.

The District Fourth of July picnic took place at Willow West Grove. Included in the working committee were Marty and Emily Gestautas, Joe and Willie Ulevicius, Tony and Kay Wallunas, Al Kassel, Bob Paul, Frank Svelnis, Vince Samaska, Wally Tenclinger, and the mother of Willie Ulevičius. Many others participated in the KUGELIS brigade where many, many pans of Kugelis were donated by our council members to the picnic committee. There were many unsung heroes and our thanks go out to them.

Many of our council members participated in the Second Sokių Sventė which was held in July at the International Amphitheatre. Frank and Eleanor Zapolis, Genevieve Giedraitis, Helen Pius, Wally Zemgulis, Joe Ulevicius, Cecilia Matul and Kazys Ulevicius were among the hundreds of dancers from various groups around the country who danced their hearts out to further the cause. They are members of the Ateitis and Sauliai Folk Dancing groups. Wally Tenclinger provided the musical accompaniment for the General Rehearsal as well as for the children's portion of the actual program which was directed by Faustas Strolia. Speaking of Faustas, we congratulate him upon becoming a member of Council 36. How patriotic of him to join the organization on the Fourth of July. We welcome this most talented person to our council and hope that he will continue to support the K of L in the manner which he has in the past. He and his lovely wife, Terry (Pupinik) Strolia will make one of the most active couples in the K of L from our council. Also joining our council are Petras Bagdonas, the Lithuanian editor of the VYTIS, and Napoleonas Sapkus. Congratulations to our newest members.

A committee for the Council 36 Golden Jubilee Year Reunion Dinner

Dance is being formulated and is headed by Wally Tenclinger, Joan Jakunas, and Loretta Kassel. Tentative plans reveal that the date for the reunion is scheduled for Saturday October 19, 1963 and will be held at a prominent restaurant on the Southwest side. We wish to send an S.O.S. for all names and addresses of former Council 36 members who can reunite with us on that day. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of former C-36 members please contact your president, Wally Tenclinger (Sycamore 8-6800) at your earliest convenience. Your attendance at committee meetings will be helpful in planning the affair. The first meeting was held in July and a subsequent meeting will be held every month until the reunion.

Delegates to the Golden Jubilee Convention: President Wally Tenclinger, Loretta Kassel, Albert Kassel, Ann Marie Kassel, Genevieve Giedraitis, Helen Zimmer, Richard Shlaustas.

Best wishes are extended to the convention committee for a job well done in promoting the convention.

Sympathy is extended to council member Walter Gregor upon the recent passing of his beloved father. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Good to see Jack Stukas in town again. Jack along with his brother Louis, Prof. A. Kačanauskas, Marty Ruzgi, and Tony Mankus attended the Sokių Sventė and were hosted in Chicago by several council members.

NOTE: There will be NO COUNCIL NEWS in the October VYTIS, as that issue will be devoted to the Convention. Please hold your articles and submit them for the November issue (deadline Oct. 5)

A note of recognition was received from the committee for the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva for our recent donation to the Chapel fund. Our council committee for the Chapel fund is headed by Terry and Zenia Federovics who solicit your support financially in helping the committee.

Chicago, Ill. C-112 GEM

Our annual council picnic was held on Sunday, August 4 in Marquette Park.

Don't forget our next council Communion Sunday and Brunch which will be held on September 8. The mass is at 10:45 a.m. at Nativity B. V. M. Church. The place of brunch will be announced later. Also, don't forget the Siluva Procession later in the day.

Let's wish a Happy Birthday to the following members having birthdays in August: Dolores Rupp, Al Zakarka, Aldona Guest, Eleanore Laurin, George Jonikas, Mildred Jagiella, Barbara Gedvilas, Betty Bozecz, and Julie Zakarka.

N. Y. - N. J. DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWS

F.V.

The N.Y.-N.J. District celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the K of L organization with a dinner-dance on Saturday, June 15th in the new Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Chairman of the dinner, Anne Klem, opened the evening's doings and then turned the rest of the program over to Jack Stukas, toastmaster. The invocation was offered by Msgr. Kelmelis, pastor of Holy Trinity parish. Guest speaker was Judge Charles Paulis, Jr. of Warren County, who dwelt on the early history of the organization and urged his listeners to further their ideals and the cause of Lithuanianism.

Greetings on behalf the District were given by Dorothy Dutkus, president. Another speaker was Msgr. Kelmelis.

Other honored guests included Rev. Peter Zemeikis, district spiritual advisor, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, C-29 spiritual advisor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mazeika, Sr. Mrs. Charles Paulis, and honorary members Ann Mitchell and Frank Vaskas.

A musical program was presented with Louis Stukas as soloist, accompanied by Algirdas Kačanauskas.

The program was brought to a close with the singing of the Lithuanian Anthem and the K of L Hymn.

On Sunday, June 16th a district meeting took place in Holy Trinity



Ill. Ind. District Knights and their cars participate in Darius-Girenas American Legion Post Memorial parade in Chicago.

Hall. It was opened with a prayer by district spiritual director, Rev. Peter Zemeikis. Important items on the day's agenda included the election of officers and the selection of delegates to the National Convention. The results of the elections saw the present executive board returned to office for another term. Chosen as delegates to the convention were Joseph Sable and Albin Janks; the alternate is Anna Pocius. Five councils were represented at the gathering.

The district voted to give a donation of \$100 to the Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington. Honorary member, John Sprainaitis, of Patterson gave a fifty dollar donation towards the chapel fund in the name of the K of L.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Msgr. Kelmelis.

Elizabeth, N.J. C-52 Nuff Said

We had a nice turnout at our annual Communion Breakfast in March. Msgr. M. Kemežis, nicely tanned from the winter sun of Florida, spoke to us on his visit to Rome. It was a most interesting talk.

We are very proud to have had one of our members ordained to the priesthood. Rev. Alfred Zemeikis was ordained on May 26th. Father is a brother of Rev. Peter Zemeikis, spiritual director of the NY-NJ District.

Our sympathy goes out to Bill Shimonis on the death of his mother. . . Charles Oskutis, who has had two broken ribs and now a sprained ankle, is coming along fine. "Užgis kolek apsižanisi!" Come September, Chas is going to leave the Board of Water Commissioners of Elizabeth and undertake a business venture, a confectionary store with a laundromat adjoining. That's keeping things sweet and clean! Good luck, Chas!

Our Conventioneers are polishing up their Boston accents. Those who are going to join in the fun are Jerri Kern, Ann Mitchell, Ann Baronis, Ruth Laucius, Mary Motecus, Fran Balandis, Norb Wysocky, Ed Sharkey, Charles Chiponis, and Chas Oskutis.

We had a nice gathering on May 30th at this writer's back yard. It was for the benefit for the Supreme Council and was a financial and social success. Ann Mitchell and Val Jur-

kinas had the place looking and tasting Lithuanian. The girls wore "vainikas" and the men had red, yellow and green bow ties. The menu consisted of sauerkraut, hot dogs, barbecued beef, "suris", kugelis, decorated eggs, beer, soda, and other goodies. A painting of this year's Vytautas, by Val, was won by Fran Buzas, and a basket of cheer was won by Ruth Wolent. Everyone enjoyed the day. Why, some of the fellows found it "very restful."

Our best wishes to Fran Buzis on her marriage to Ron Alexander. Carol Bowen was the soloist at the Nuptials.

Philadelphia, Pa. C-3 "Sunshine"

At our May meeting, our social directors surprised everyone with a cake and celebration in honor of Founder's Day. Also observed the same evening was the Birthday of one of our most active members, Agnes Timmins.

Despite the inclement weather, our Annual Picnic on May 26 at Bellmawr Gardens, Bellmawr, New Jersey turned out to be quite a success. Although most of the time was spent indoors, everyone had a ball. We were glad that our families and friends weren't frightened away by the rain and especially glad that Ed Rudis flew down to spend some time with us before leaving for the Far East.

Practically all of our members enjoyed barbecued chicken, hot dogs, and kilbasai at our Memorial Day Wienie roast at Harper's Meadow. After filling up on the goodies, we spent a relaxing afternoon playing soft ball, volley ball and cards. Later everyone gathered by the fire for singing - what better way to end a picnic?

Congratulations to Terry and Al Dameika who are the proud parents of a bouncing six pound boy. . . Lots of luck to the new land owners, Ginny Ozalis. We just can't wait for those house warming parties to begin. . . Safe motoring to Joe Simmons, who is the owner of a 1963 Mercury and Charles Petronis who's sporting a 1963 Chevy Bel Air. . . Two C-3 vacationers weren't too happy about coming home after their wonderful trip to Bermuda in May. They were Dianne Beletsky and Margie Gestite

. . . We were glad to see Joe Yanalaitis (New), recently on one of his few visits to Philly. . . Welcome to Charlie Zemaitaitis, who recently joined C-3 - We're glad to have you with us. . . Birthday greetings to: Pete Puodziunas, Hedy Sarcewicz and Charles Petronis (July) . . . Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Carl Kazakauskas on the death of his beloved mother; and to Carl Kazakauskas and Ginny Salnaitis on the death of their grandmother.

Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100

Smile & Sparkle

Playing host and hostess for the K of L Outing Planning Committee meeting on June 3rd were Sadie and Charles Karbus. Attending the "Pow-Wow" were Ann Yunker, Eleanor Stakauskas and Gene Gobis. The phone was the intermediate for many other members.

An interesting menu was prepared. The outing will have taken place at Dr. Kindar's camp at Lake Galway on June 30th.

Matt Kazlauskas recently made the headlines on the sports page of the "Amsterdam Evening Recorder." He posed for a Recorder photo with the largest fish he ever caught in 20 years of fishing - Northern Pike, 42' long and weighing 14 lbs. - place Sacandaga Reservoir.

On June 2nd Matt's son graduated from medical school - Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y. Matt is really surrounded by doctors - his brother-in-law, Dr. Adam Kindar, his son - young Matt, and his son-in-law, Dr. Andrew Fleck.

To Margaret Boccio and her family, we extend our sympathies in the passing of their beloved mother on July 6th.

A speedy recovery is wished John Gerutis' mother who recently underwent surgery.

Visiting Amsterdam on July 8th were Rev. John Grigonis, his mother, father, and sister Ann, from Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Grigonis expressed to Gene Gobis great interest in the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of the Knights of Lithuania.

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WEDNESDAY

REGISTRATION 10 to 8 AT HOTEL
REGISTRATION 7 to 10 AT SO. BOSTON LITHUANIAN CITIZEN'S CLUB
BOWLING & GOLF
GET TOGETHER 7 to 1 at SO. BOSTON LITHUANIAN CITIZEN'S CLUB, 3rd FLOOR

THURSDAY

REGISTRATION 9 to 6 AT HOTEL
9:30 BOARD BUS FOR LAWRENCE
11:45 MASS AT ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, LAWRENCE, IN MEMORIAM
MYKOLAS NORKUNAS
12:30 BUFFET
1:30 COMMEMORATIVE SESSION
3:30 VISIT TO M. NORKUNAS' GRAVE
EVENING - CLAMBAKE

FRIDAY

8:00 MASS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH
REGISTRATION 9 to 6 at HOTEL
10:00 SESSION AT HOTEL BRADFORD, EMPIRE ROOM
12:30 LUNCHEON
2:00 SESSION, EMPIRE ROOM
8:00 to ? DANCE - MAIN BALLROOM - MUSIC BY AL SOYKA

SATURDAY

8:00 MASS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH
REGISTRATION 9 to 6 AT HOTEL
10:00 SESSION, EMPIRE ROOM
12:30 LUNCHEON
2:00 SESSION, EMPIRE ROOM
8:15 CONCERT - POPS

SUNDAY

10:00 MASS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH
12:00 BRUNCH
2:00 SESSION, IF NECESSARY
6:00 BANQUET, MAIN BALLROOM

MONDAY

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